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### Sports



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**Full high school coverage**  
Evanston's Steve Tinch shoots over Ryan Nord in New Trier's 64-61 Class AA sectional upset. Sec. 4, pg. 1.

**UIC nears NCAA tourney**  
Illinois-Chicago tops Eastern Illinois 91-75 in a conference semifinal to move within a game of an NCAA bid. Sec. 4, pg. 1.

**Bulls nipped at wire**  
Derek Smith hits a layup with 3 seconds to play that gives the 76ers a 90-88 victory over the Bulls. Sec. 4, pg. 1.

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**Pre-summit planning**  
Secretary of State James Baker will visit Moscow in May to work out a date for the first Bush-Gorbachev summit. Page 4.

### 2d Democrat for Tower

"The proof is simply not there to deny John Tower this nomination," said Sen. Christopher Dodd of Connecticut as he became the second Democrat to defect to Tower. Page 3.



Dodd

**Protesters 'expel' Atwater**  
GOP national chairman Lee Atwater resigns from Howard University's board of trustees after a student sit-in. Page 8.

**Ex-Japan official arrested**  
Japan's former vice minister of labor is arrested on bribery charges in the stock-trading scandal. In Business.

**Fashion from Europe**  
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**Fresh and funky**  
The 17th Century "Rover" play at the Goodman Theatre wanders with a view that's fresh today, and the funk band War shows it has plenty of battle left. Page 18.

### Weather

**CHICAGO AND VICINITY:** Wednesday: Mostly sunny, milder; high 35 degrees. Wednesday night: Clear to partly cloudy; low 15. Thursday: Partly sunny, warmer; highs 41 west, 36 by Lake Michigan. The national weather report is in Sec. 2, pg. 11.

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## Sports agent case puts Iowa on trial, too

By John Gorman

Former University of Iowa running back Ronnie Harmon testified Tuesday that he played football his senior year even though he was on academic probation, and that he believed he was in violation of NCAA regulations. Harmon, the first athlete to take the witness stand in the trial of New York sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom, also disclosed that he secretly tape-recorded Walters as the agent attempted to persuade

Harmon to hire Walters as his agent.

On the tape played in court, Walters could be heard bragging to Harmon and his father, Jesse, that he was the "No. 1 salesman of black entertainment in the world."

At that meeting, Walters and Bloom handed Harmon \$2,500 after he signed a secret contract for Walters to represent him in negotiations for a professional contract.

In all, Harmon testified that he received more than \$64,000 from

Bloom and Walters before he dumped them as his representatives a few days before he signed with the Buffalo Bills in August, 1986. Included was a \$29,000 downpayment on a \$64,000 Mercedes that Harmon still drives.

Harmon's disclosures about his academic background and the existence of the tape recording became the focal point of the day's testimony before District Judge George Marovich and a jury.

Walters, 58, and Bloom, 29, are on trial on multiple charges that

include extortion, mail fraud, racketeering and obstruction of justice.

The prosecution has charged that the schools were defrauded of scholarship money conferred on the athletes who accepted cash from the agents in violation of NCAA eligibility rules.

Testifying under cross-examination by Dan Webb, an attorney for Bloom, Harmon said that to play football, he had to be on good academic standing with Iowa.

He recalled that after he was put on academic probation in May,

1985, he enrolled in a "water colors painting" course that summer to raise his average. Harmon said he received a "D" in the course.

"So you were on academic probation, but played that fall, played every game. Is that right?" Webb asked.

"Yes," Harmon said. "Are you aware that the university certified you to play?" Webb asked.

"I know I played," Harmon replied. See Trial, Sec. 4, pg. 9

## Stricter college standards OK'd

### Foes will urge legislature to delay new rules

By John Camper

Despite opposition from high school and college educators, the Illinois Board of Higher Education voted unanimously Tuesday to impose tougher admissions requirements on the state's public universities.

But opponents intend to take their case to the state legislature, which already has delayed the effective date of the standards from 1990 to 1993 and is considering a bill to push it back until 1998.

The board's 13-0 vote Tuesday reaffirmed a stand it first took in 1985: To be admitted to a state university, students must have taken four years of high school English; three each of social studies, mathematics and laboratory sciences; and two of foreign languages, music or art.

The requirements were cheered at the time by purists riding the initial wave of educational reform in the mid-1980s. But they ran into so much opposition—from school officials in rich suburbs and poor cities and small towns—that the Board of Higher Education staff sought last January to make the standards advisory rather than mandatory.

Board members said Tuesday they could not do this without looking like educational wimps.

"This is a board of higher education," said board member Bruce Chelberg of Arlington Heights. "It is not a board of remedial education. ... It's time to start the process of putting some realism into the educational system."

Gov. James Thompson, who came to the meeting to describe his education budget, also encouraged the board to stand fast.

"It would be a mistake to change what this board has done before, even if there

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## Judge: Pilots may support Eastern strike

By Carol Jouzaitis and Janet Cawley

A federal judge refused Tuesday to order Eastern Airlines pilots across machinist picket lines, though the 60-year-old carrier said it would have to file for bankruptcy if pilots stay off the job.

Eastern furloughed 2,500 more workers on the fourth day of the strike while it continues to lose millions of dollars a day from the loss of business.

U.S. District Judge Edward Davis in Miami ruled that the Air Line Pilots Association could continue a sympathy strike supporting the International Association of Machinists.

The ruling was a victory for Eastern's three unions, which have managed an unusually strong show of solidarity, and a crushing blow to crippled Eastern's efforts to get its planes back in the air.

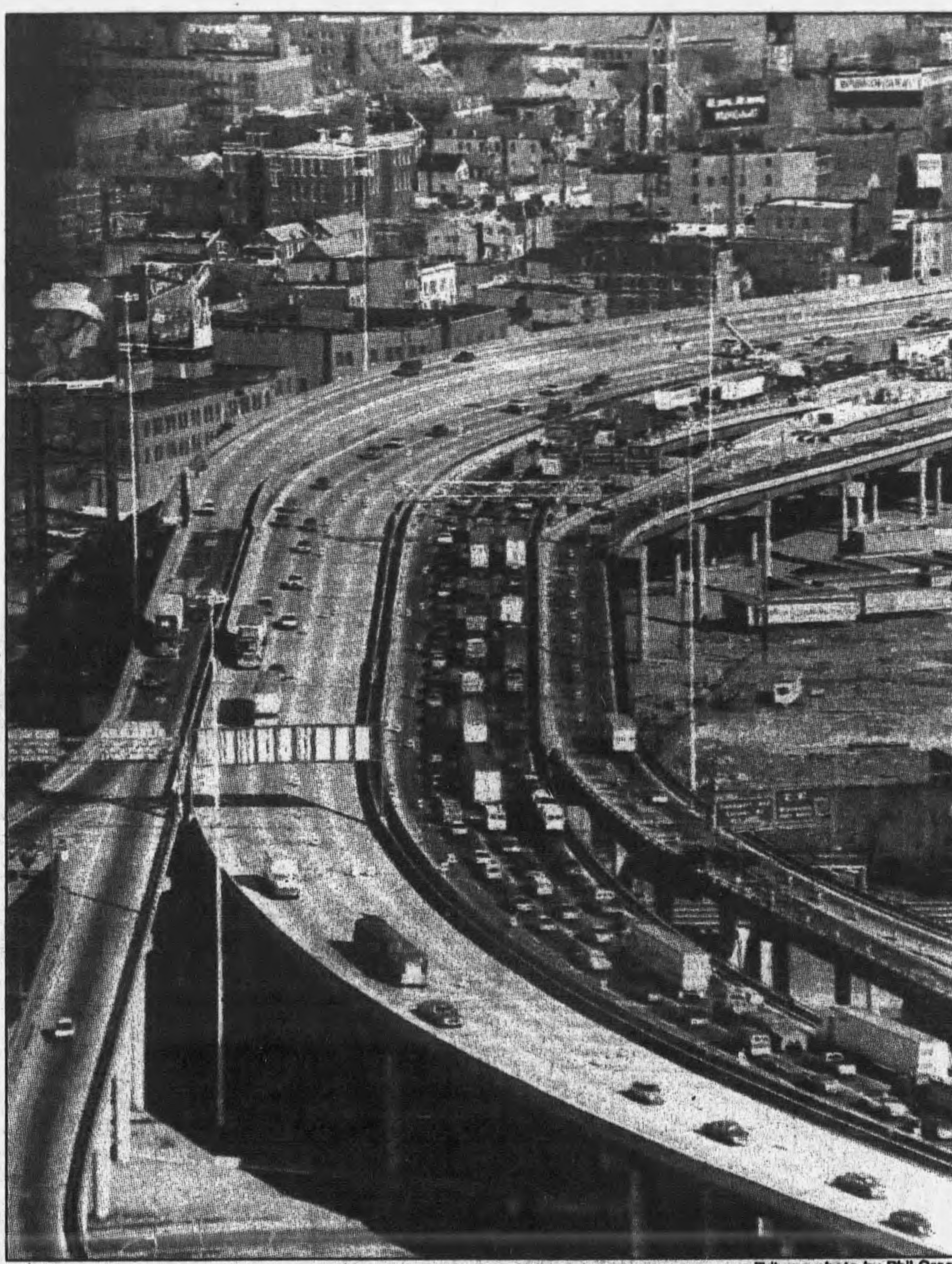
In Washington, President Bush quashed any hopes he might intervene to end the strike and appealed to pilots of other airlines not to make the "innocent traveling public a pawn" by staging sympathy slowdowns.

Nearly all Eastern's pilots have honored machinist picket lines, forcing Eastern to ground all but a few Northeast shuttle and South American flights since Monday. The carrier is prepared to replace striking machinists but cannot find replacement cockpit crews.

Eastern's flight attendants also have supported the strike by mechanics and baggage handlers.

A threatened nationwide slowdown by pilots in support of the Eastern strike apparently failed to materialize. The only noticeable traffic delays were attributed to bad weather on the East Coast. The union

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### D-day for the Dan Ryan

At 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, traffic crawls along the northbound lanes of the Dan Ryan Expressway south of the Loop. It was the first day some ramps were closed for reconstruction; by next week half the lanes will shut down.

## Poland charges Soviets with WWII massacre

By Paula Butturini  
Chicago Tribune

**WARSAW**—For the first time, Polish authorities charged Tuesday that the Soviet Union, not Nazi Germany, was responsible for the Katyn Forest massacre of World War II in which more than 4,000 Polish officers were killed.

Government spokesman Jerzy Urban accused Stalin's secret police, the NKVD, of murdering 4,443 officers.

"We think everything indicates that the crime was committed by the Stalinist NKVD," Urban said during his regular weekly news conference.

Urban also urged the Soviets to speed up their investigation into the atrocity, which has been under study by a joint Polish-Soviet historical commission since 1987.

He said Polish historians had documents pointing to Soviet guilt, but Soviet historians considered the evidence circumstantial.

"The Soviet historians want to find Soviet archive sources," Urban said, adding, "We are for speeding up the process of looking for them."

Foreign Minister Tadeusz Olechowski, addressing parliament last month, also urged the joint commission to finish its work quickly and asked Moscow to say outright whether Soviet forces were guilty.

Moscow has yet to respond. The official Soviet media have suggested that Soviet dictator

● Premier: Reform concept predated Gorbachev. Page 11.

Josef Stalin's secret police may have killed the Polish officers, but Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev did not confirm that when he visited Poland last July.

Urban's statement marked the first direct accusation of Moscow by Poland's communist government.

The victims were among 15,000 Polish officers captured by the Soviet army when it invaded Poland at the start of the war in 1939. The mass graves in the Katyn Forest near Smolensk, Russia, were discovered four years later, in 1943, but the remaining Polish officers—nearly 11,000—have never been located.

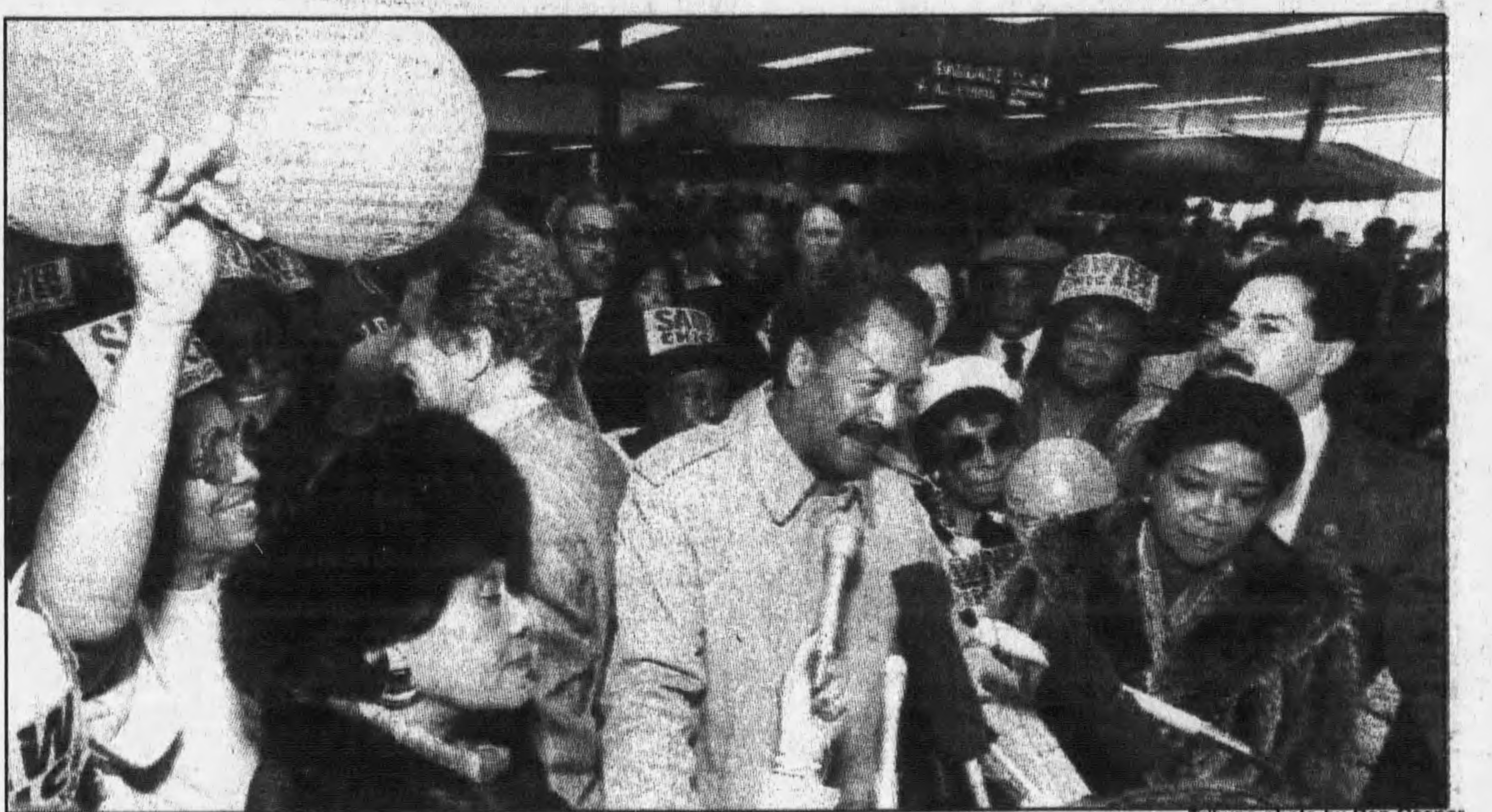
For more than four decades, Poland's communist leaders supported the Soviet version of the massacre, which holds that Hitler's troops executed the officers.

But the vast majority of the Polish nation has never accepted Moscow's version, widely viewing it as historical manipulation by the Soviets and a Stalinist cover-up.

The issue has been a major source of Polish anger and distrust toward the Soviet Union since the war.

Before Gorbachev's policy of openness, or *glasnost*, the issue had been taboo, a so-called "blank spot" in relations be-

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Tribune photo by Don Casper

Mayor Eugene Sawyer is welcomed by supporters and reporters Tuesday at Midway Airport. "I've got to look at my options," he said when asked if he will back a candidate April 4.

## City's labor leaders back Daley

### Sawyer's back in town, but mum on endorsements

By Robert Davis

Chicago's most powerful labor organization, which officially sat out last month's mayoral primary, threw its clout and money Tuesday behind the candidacy of Cook County State's Atty. Richard M. Daley.

At a news conference after the Chicago Federation of Labor Committee on Political Education met in the Chicago Hilton and Towers, Robert Healey, president of the labor federation representing 222 Chicago area union

● Jesse Jackson makes an offer. Sec. 2, pg. 4.

locals, said the group had voted "overwhelmingly" in favor of endorsing Daley's mayoral bid.

A few hours later, Mayor Eugene Sawyer, looking more like a winner than a loser, was greeted by a chanting crowd of supporters as he returned from a postelection Bahamian vacation, and made comments about his future political plans that were even more enigmatic than com-

ments he made before he left.

At that time, Sawyer said he was leaning toward supporting none of the candidates in the April 4 general election. On Tuesday, looking rested and relaxed as he stood at a lectern set up in a makeshift news conference in the main terminal at Midway Airport, Sawyer said,

"I've got to look at my options. There are a number of things I'm considering."

More than 75 people gathered See Daley, pg. 2

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**Trial**

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sponded. Then he volunteered, "Are you saying I was ineligible?" Webb did not reply.

Iowa football coach Hayden Fry vehemently denied later Tuesday that Harmon ever played while academically ineligible.

"A lot of guys are on academic probation from semester to semester, but they are still eligible," Fry said. "It depends on what the cumulative [grade-point] total is; it depends on how much a 'D' would bring it down. It might still be enough to be eligible. There hasn't been anyone who's ever played here who was academically ineligible by NCAA rules. No one at the university would permit that."

Webb produced a copy of Harmon's transcripts, which showed that Harmon never graduated from Iowa despite taking courses such as "billiards," "coaching football," "soccer" and "bowling."

Shortly after playing in the 1986 Rose Bowl game against UCLA, Harmon dropped out of school and began traveling back and forth from Iowa City to his home in New York City. Despite his absence, Harmon

received a "B" in one course that final semester, according to his transcript.

UCLA defeated Iowa 45-28 with Harmon fumbling four times, the most of any game in his career.

Fry said Harmon was "an intelligent person who wasn't that bad of a student."

Webb's cross-examination of Harmon served as a harbinger of his strategy to put the schools on trial along with Walters and Bloom.

Earlier, U.S. Atty. Anton Valukas played tapes Harmon secretly recorded of his initial meeting with Walters and Bloom in their Manhattan offices in March, 1985. Harmon's leg, broken in a game against Wisconsin the previous season, was still in a cast.

Bloom called Harmon and told him, "This was my lucky day," Harmon said. "He said he represented big-time stars and wanted me to come to New York."

After receiving a plane ticket, Harmon flew to New York, where he was whisked to the agents' office by limousine. He testified he talked briefly to the agents and arranged to bring his father to a meeting the next day. Then he was taken to his home in Queens by limousine.

The next day, Harmon and his father took the subway to the Manhattan office carrying a tape recorder concealed in a briefcase.

The jurors listened as Walters, in his distinctive staccato voice, gave his pitch: "I grew up in a very poor situation. It gives you a hunger. It gives you a strength to make it happen."

"I'm the No. 1 salesman of... black entertainment in the world today. I feel that I'm the No. 1 dealmaker. I made a deal every couple of months. I'll make a multi-multi-megamillion deal for one of my musical people."

Walters lamented the lack of endorsements garnered by black athletes.

"They still don't want black," he said. "They'll take it only reluctantly when it's forced down their throat like good medicine."

"It goes to show you [Dallas Cowboy] Herschel Walker won the Heisman Trophy and got no endorsements and he didn't make any magazine cover except for sports covers. [New England Patriot] Doug Flutie makes the Heisman Trophy and everybody's after him now."

Walters pressed the Harmons to ignore the NCAA rules barring such deals and sign a contract that day.

Harmon's father interrupted, saying, "A rule is a rule, it's just like



AP Laserphoto

Ronnie Harmon testified Tuesday he played at Iowa though he was academically ineligible.

that... They got rules."

But Walters was undeterred. "Yeah, it's just like income tax... but the name of the game is we don't give them their money unless we have to," Walters said.

Walters, Bloom, Harmon and Harmon's father agreed to keep the contract secret and postdated it to Jan. 2, 1986, the day after Harmon would finish his football career, Harmon testified.

Then the agents urged Harmon to help sign teammates Devon Mitchell, a defensive back, and Larry Station, a linebacker. For setting up a telephone call between Mitchell, who signed up, and Walters, Harmon was paid \$1,000, he said.

Despite an offer of \$2,000, Harmon balked at approaching Station, he said.

After Harmon dumped the agents, they filed suit and eventually settled for a repayment of \$5,500.

"So you took the famous Norby Walters to the cleaners, didn't you?" Webb asked.

"No, how could I take him to the cleaners?" Harmon responded. "It was an investment for them. He said he was gambling on me."

Webb then asked Harmon if he "stuffed" Walters for \$49,000.

"I don't think I stuffed him," Harmon answered.

"You wound up with \$49,000, didn't you?" Webb asked. "Yes," Harmon replied.

"You set him up from Day 1 with the tape recording, didn't you?" Webb asked.

"I didn't set him up," Harmon replied.

Ed Sherman contributed to this report.

**Bulls**

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timeout with a jumper. The Bulls then forced the 76ers into a poor inbounds pass and had shot as the 24-second clock expired. Next, Sam Vincent made two free throws and Jordan connected with a jumper. It was 88-87 Philadelphia with 19 seconds left when Horace Grant blocked a Barkley shot. Bulls ball.

What to do?

"I thought we could come down and make something happen," Collins said. "I didn't want us to piddle around with the ball."

"As soon as we took the ball out," Jordan said, "I asked the coach when to shoot and he said at the first opportunity. So that's what I did."

Jordan drove the middle against four 76ers and was fouled. He made one of two free throws for an 88-88 tie, but 11 seconds remained. That enabled the 76ers to inbound the ball full court, where it was easier. The Bulls converged on Barkley near midcourt, but he spun and found Henderson near the free-throw line.

"I was watching Gerald," Smith said. "I was like a free safety; reading his eyes. And he gave me a nod to go to the basket."

As Henderson drove, Pippen left Smith to stop Henderson. Henderson bounced the ball to Smith, who laid it in with 3 seconds left. The Bulls, with no timeouts, were only able to get off a futile full-court shot as time expired.

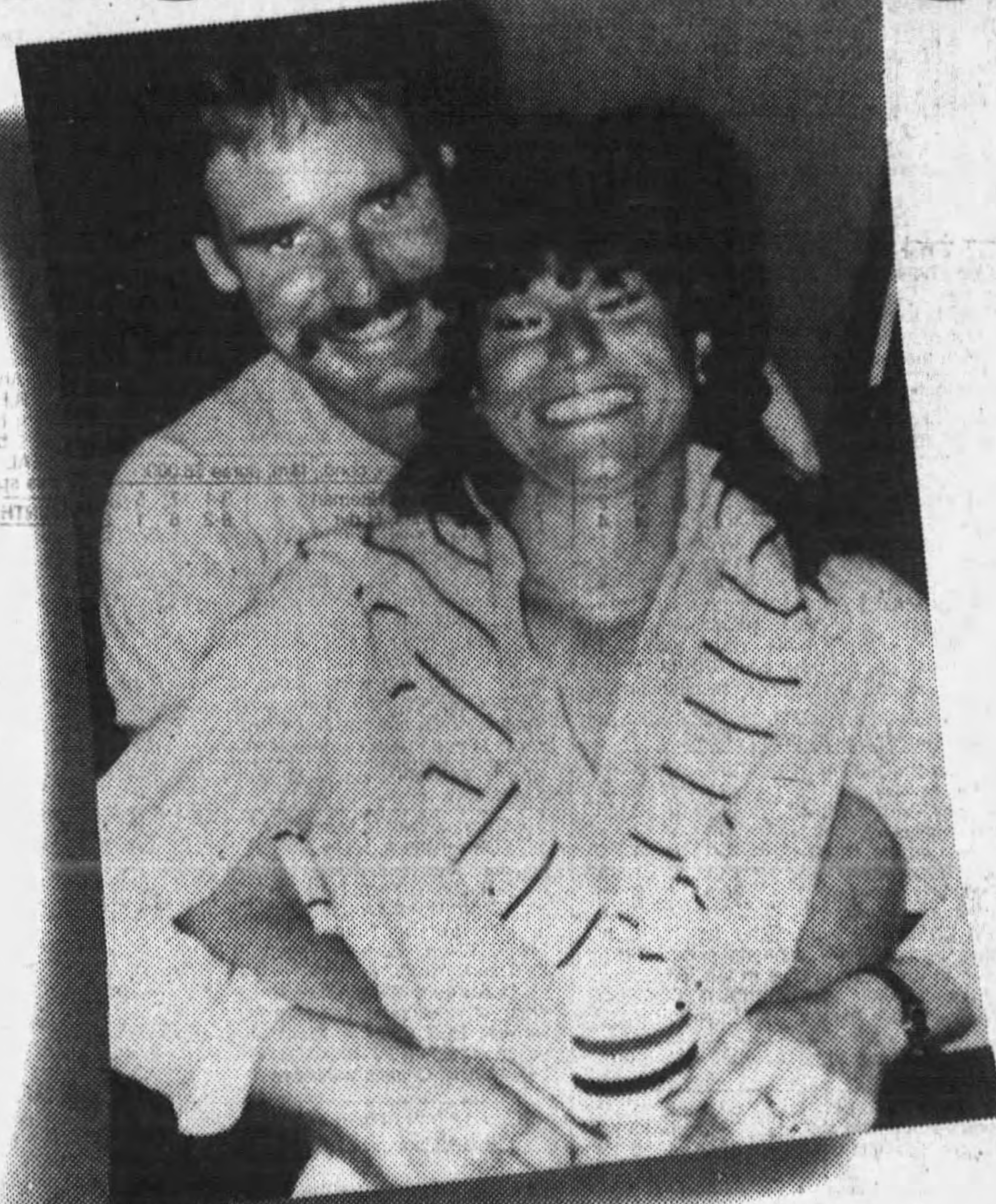
"Thank God I practiced layups for 15 years," Smith said.

But if anyone is calling on him for help now, it might be the Bulls.

Tables for Bulls and 76ers statistics including FG, FT, REB, etc. Bulls (89) vs 76ers (90).

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At a glance. SHOOTING: Horace Grant had not shot below 50 percent from the field in any of the 10 games since the All-Star break before Tuesday. He's been under 60 percent just twice. In that stretch, he's shooting 66 percent.

Bulls notes. The 76ers' Hersey Hawkins missed Tuesday's game with a sprained ligament in his left knee, which is expected to sideline him 7-10 days. The injury, which occurred Saturday and is similar to the one that put him out of part of the Olympics, is not deemed as serious as the one he suffered with the Olympic team.

Tomorrow, March 9, is DOLLAR DAY! \$1 bets, \$1 hamburgers, \$1 parking, \$1 beers, \$1 grandstand admission, \$1 hot dogs, \$1 soft drinks. SAT., MARCH 11 ON-TRACK-\$50,000 ADDED THE LACE GARTER STAKES. Thoroughbred racing Monday through Saturday. Gates open 10:30 AM, grandstand admission \$2.00, clubhouse admission \$3.25.

POST TIME 1 PM SPORTSMAN'S PARK CHICAGO'S PREMIER IN-TOWN TRACK. Includes photo of a horse race.