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Jeri Singer, of San Gabriel, offers some vocal support to the rock group "Quiet Riot" at Sunday's US

Festival show. A sellout crowd of 300,000 attended the festival. Additional stories, photos, A-5, B-1,2.

US Festival sellout marred by death

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DEVORE — It was the best of days and the worst of days for the US Festival '83 on Sun-

A sellout crowd of 300,000 -- the largest ever for a single day at the event — jammed the concert area at Glen Helen Regional Park. The rock fans, drawn by a lineup of "heavy metal" bands, completely filled the bowl area and even persons along the extreme perimeters were pressed together.

But the jubilance was marred by the festival's first-ever crime-related fatality.

James Estell, 23, of Pomona, died at 3:25 p.m. at San Bernardino County Medical Center, 12 hours after he was clubbed in the head with a pipe or crowbar at a festival campground, San Bernardino County Sheriff's deputies said. The assault reportedly stemmed from an argument over a drug transaction.

David M. Planton, 22, of Stanton, was held for investigation of murder. His 17-year-old girlfriend also was taken into custody for questioning.

Deputies said that they made 15 arrests early Sunday for a total of 89 since the festival started. Of those, over half were felonies but most of a minor nature, such as drug possession and being under the influence.

But during an afternoon press conference, Sheriff Floyd Tidwell said the crowd was keeping his department on "pins and needles."

"What's going on out there is an absolute zoo," he said, adding that it was a different type of crowd than last year. He said there were more narcotics arrests and more violent crimes than at last year's festival.

"The music — hard metal, punk rock —attracts this kind of crowd. I'd prefer they weren't here," he said.

But festival promoter Steven Wozniak said, "It's to be expected. When you have more people you have more arrests."

Still, Wozniak said the size of the crowd alarmed him.

"I'm worried. I don't like it," he said.

Tidwell said his deputies had confiscated "everything that goes into the mouth, the nose, the arm, everything."

Still, Tidwell acknowledged that the number of arrests was relatively small compared to the size of the crowd and said most of the arrests had been along the perimeter, not inside the concert area.

"But tomorrow night, it might not be so peaceful if they decide to grab a piece of the goal post," he said.

Two North Hollywood men were in serious condition at Loma Linda Medical Center following two unrelated traffic accidents.

California Highway Patrol spokesman Tony Scott said that 19-year-old Anthony Allison was evacuated by medical helicopter after he was struck by a hit-and-run driver in the Sycamore Flats area early Sunday morning.

Delbert Johnson, also 19, was in critical

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mmit leaders approve accord on nuclear arms

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) — glasses and talking with aides. President Reagan and the leaders of six other nations at the economic summit conference over- United States, no acrimonious' came a dispute Sunday and reached agreement on an agenda for reducing nuclear weapons in Europe, while also maintaining the need for "sufficient strength" in allied defenses.

The conference had hit a snag when the French and Canadians, Sixers beat with some support from the Italians, objected to a strong statement supporting Reagan's Lakers again planned deployment of mediumrange nuclear missiles in Europe, according to U.S. and European 76ers moved within one game of the sources, who declined to be identified by name.

But after hours of wrangling, 94 victory over the Los Angeles the leaders of the seven major industrialized democracies arrived at an arms control declaration apparently turning back French, Canadjan and Italian objections.

European sources said the dispute erupted almost as soon Reagan sat down with the other heads of state.

Canada, in a direct challenge to the United States, argued for inclusion of the British and French nuclear forces in the negotiations with the Soviet Union over limiting medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

The French objections were based on their desire to address economic problems at the ninth conomic summit before producing a statement on arms. In addi

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the second and final summit session of the day. The session, held at the Williamsburg Inn, broke up more than one hour late. Afterwards, Reagan walked to his nearby quarters, twirling his

Meanwhile, a U.S. source said "there was no beating up on the debate over economic issues.

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Los Angeles — The Philadelphia National Basketball Association championship on Sunday with a 111-Lakers. The 76ers took a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven series, and can wrap up the championship with a win at the Forum on Tuesday.

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access law

New York Times News Service WASHINGTON — Lawyers for the Central Intelligence Agency and the American Civil Liberties Union say they may be close to agreement on a formula for amending the Freedom of Inforfiles relating to the agency's clar

ments that must be disclosed u

der current law. The CIA's support for the plan previous insistence that it should be entirely exempted from the disclosure law, according to Ernest Mayerfeld, deputy general counsel of the intelligence agen Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz. chairman of the Senate Selec

The statement was read after "operational files," which how it gathers intelligence, would be exempt from disclosure and files in response to information requests under the act. But unclassified political, economic and scientific information obtained