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# Anti-government attack in Tunisia provided support for its president

United Press International  
TUNIS, Tunisia — A guerrilla attack on a Tunisian mining center has not been all bad for the regime of president-for-life Habib Bourguiba. The Jan. 26 attack cost 41 lives and more than 100 wounded around the town of Gafsa.

But it also brought a groundswell of national solidarity, muting complaints for now about Bourguiba's political domination of the nation despite a semi-retirement forced by ill health and age.

The Tunisian guerrillas, trained across the border in Libyan camps, sought to revive memories of riots in

the capital two years ago over prices and jobs that caused up to 150 deaths.

"I think Bourguiba should leave with all his clique and claque," said a recent university graduate — one of the 70 percent of Tunisia's burgeoning population now too young to remember the bulldog-chinned president's role as a George Washington in gaining independence from France in 1956. "But we won't accept interference from a foreign country."

Skyscrapers mingle with faded colonial buildings in Tunis. Streets bustle with traffic and crowds through sidewalks. Nobody goes hungry. But young people are hardest hit by unemployment that hovers around 25 percent.

A nation of 6.4 million sandwiched between Algeria and Libya on the Mediterranean coast, Tunisia ranks among the top-most developing nations in economic growth.

"But there is a very vocal group of semi-educated people who couldn't get the jobs they want and who wonder where they're going," says a diplomat. "That's an explosive situation."

The guerrilla attack has been attributed to Libyan strongman Moammar Khadafy's rancor over Bourguiba's refusal to unite Tunisia with Libya in 1974. There also was a dispute over offshore oil rights and

apparent irritation by Islamic hard-liner Khadafy at having pro-Western Tunisia, among the most open of Arab societies, as an "oasis of moderation" next door.

The well-planned attack came partly through the back door from Algeria, trapping an unsuspecting military garrison on a weekend. Many of the guerrillas originally had gone to Libya in search of jobs. Most were from Gafsa, a phosphate mining town with a history of anti-government actions.

Most attackers were captured after a number of hostages were killed. But some held out for several days and were sheltered by relatives or sympathizers.

Western nations quickly came to Tunisia's aid: France with the loan of transport planes and helicopters, the United States by speeding up arms shipments. The Carter administration also promised credit for more weapons likely to total more than \$100 million and include rocket-armed helicopters.

The biggest fear now is a campaign by Khadafy-trained terrorists, some of whom may be slipping in with Tunisian workers now being thrown out by Libya.

Officials are particularly worried about possible attacks on hotels at beaches where 1.5 million tourists flock each year. Tourism ranks only behind oil and Gafsa's phosphate

mines as a foreign exchange earner. Bourguiba, officially 76 but believed to be past 80, has been bedridden in recent years but has improved in past months. He is again taking an active part in all major government decisions.

Labor unions whose strike led to the 1978 riots have been broken. Student activists have been systematically excluded from university life or drafted into the army, although campus strikes continue.

The most recent crackdown came against leaders of a budding Islamic fundamentalist movement spurred by the rise of Khomeini in Iran and known as the "Moslem Brothers." A number were jailed in the weeks

leading up to Jan. 26. Bourguiba's hand-picked Prime Minister Hedi Nouri, former central bank director, succeeded for much of Tunisia's success in the last nine years.

He lacks Bourguiba's pragmatism and is described as a technocrat, nothing more in Tunisia, but is rated by some as a shrewd political operator.

"After Noura, political success is a complete blank," says an observer, adding that as soon as a figure gains political stature, it is stifled at Bourguiba's behest. "Treat them all like kids," says a Tunis resident.

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"Minors possess a constitutionally protected right of privacy," the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Tuesday. "As with adults, the minor's right of privacy includes the

right to obtain contraceptives." The 3-0 decision reversed the 1st district court finding that practice violated the constitutional rights of parents.

"The desire of parents to limit such activities by their children is understandable," said the appeals court. "However, the only issue before the court is whether there is a constitutional obligation on (family planning) centers to inform them."

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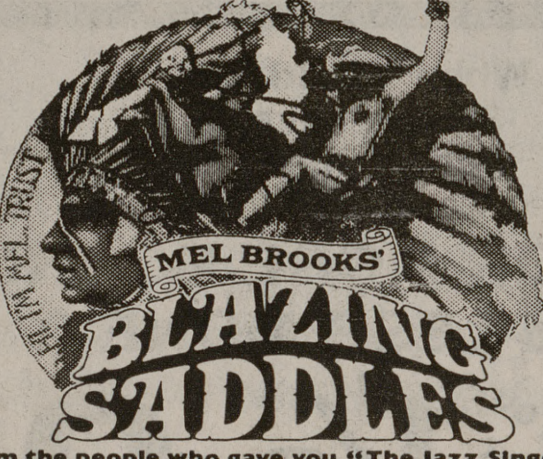
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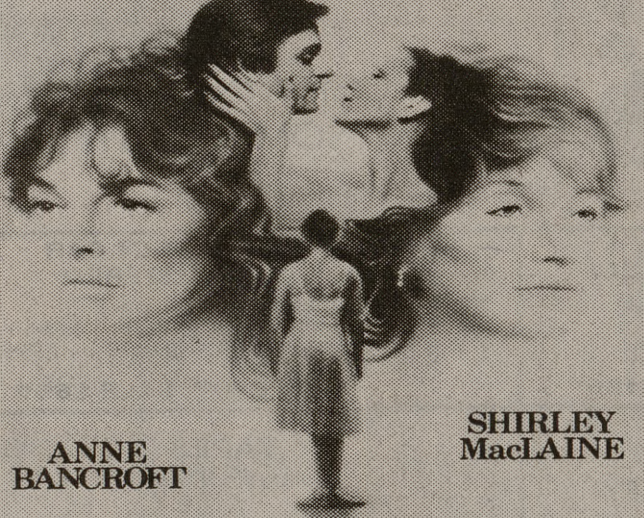


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