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Latin jet hijacked

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MEXICO CITY — A hijacked Colombian jetliner landed today in Mexico City on the fourth stop of what was called a spectacular attempt to disrupt a Latin American summit honoring the George Washington of South America.

The Boeing 727 Avianca Airlines jet, with 59 hostage passengers and eight crew members, touched down at Benito Juarez International Airport after a three-hour flight from Panama City, Panama.

Federal Judicial Police and Mexico City officers kept reporters and photographers away from the jetliner, parked about a mile from the international flight terminal after it landed in thick fog.

But airport officials said air traffic was normal early today as most holiday season travelers were oblivious to the drama going on outside the bustling terminal.

Twelve leftist guerrillas seized the jetliner, initially carrying 137 people, in an attempt to break up a Latin American summit honoring Simon Bolivar, sometimes called the George Washington of South America.

Armed with hand grenades, the guerrillas took off today from Panama City for Mexico City with 59 male

hostages and eight crew members aboard an Avianca Boeing 727, leaving behind a scattered trail of passengers, Panamanian officials said.

The hijackers, who seized the jet on a domestic flight originating in Bogota, released a total of 78 passengers in their three stops — seven in Santa Marta, Colombia, 47 in Barranquilla and 24 in Panama City.

The armed guerrillas, identified as members of the April 19th movement, which conducted the spectacular Dominican Embassy takeover last February, apparently issued no demands, other than fuel, food and navigation maps.

The hijackers seized the Boeing 727 destined for Pereira, a town in west central Colombia, and forced the crew to land in Santa Marta, 40 miles northeast of Barranquilla.

Next, the hijackers were flown to Ernesto Cortizo Airport in Barranquilla, where the airliner was refueled and resupplied in return for the release of 47 passengers, mostly women and children.

The craft then put down in Panama City where authorities negotiated with the hijackers at Panama's Tucuman International Airport.

Earthquake-damaged hospital collapses on patients in Italy

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NAPLES, Italy — A 400-year-old hospital building damaged by last month's major earthquake collapsed early Monday, burying about a dozen elderly patients under the rubble, police said.

The hospital, housed in the former Bourbon Royal Palace in the center of the city, collapsed without warning in the predawn hours.

Officials said about a dozen elderly patients, many of them in their 80s, were covered by the rubble. Several nuns who worked in the "Hospice of the Poor," housed in the collapsed palace wing, were also buried.

Three elderly patients were pulled out of the rubble in satisfactory

condition shortly after the collapse, police said.

The noise of the collapse caused quake had hit the city.

Fire department and army rescue teams rushed to the building but said

The latest earthquake tragedy came a day after the government commissioner in charge of disaster relief operations accused the Mafia and common profiteers of taking advantage of the earthquake and carrying out massive fraud in the Naples area.

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Relief Commissioner Giuseppe Zamberletti threatened Sunday to force into exile Mafia bosses running a network of fraud throughout the earthquake zone, following the arrival of an eight-member U.S. delegation sent to determine how to spend \$50 million in aid.

The group was led by Italian-American businessman Jeno Paulucci and included U.S. Reps. Mario Biaggi and Geraldine Ferraro, both D-N.Y., and Silvio Conte, R-Mass., as well as New York Lt. Gov. Mario Cuomo; Robert Georgine, Building and Construction Trade Union president; Benjamin Palumbo, director of government relations for Philip Morris Inc.; and Nancy Pelosi, San Francisco Democratic Party chief.

Chairman Hua appears out

Hu Yaobang likely successor of China's party boss

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PEKING — Mao Tsetung's hand-picked successor, Communist Party Chairman Hua Guofeng, has submitted his resignation, unconfirmed reports — which Chinese officials refused to deny — said Tuesday.

The official refusal to deny the report was the strongest indication that Hua was on his way out as the head of the party, the job bequeathed to him by the late Chairman Mao.

Hua has already given up the government premiership in a power struggle with China's strongman, Deng Xiaoping.

The report of Hua's resignation as party chief came as his most likely successor, Secretary General Hu Yaobang, announced a total repudiation of Mao's 1966-76 Cultural Re-

volution, during which Hua rose from obscurity to eventually head both the government and the party.

"It is the unanimous view of our party that the decade between 1966 and 1976 of the so-called Cultural Revolution was a period of catastrophe," the likely successor Hu told a Greek Communist newspaper Sunday. "Nothing was correct or positive during these 10 years. The whole thing was negative."

Unconfirmed reports said Hua, 61, has already submitted his resignation to the party secretariat because of irreconcilable differences with the ruling pragmatists led by Vice Chairman Deng.

When asked about the reports, a spokesman of the information department of the Foreign Ministry replied, "We don't know about it."

When told his reply fell short of a denial, the spokesman repeated his answer.

Vice Foreign Minister Han Nianlong told reporters Saturday Hua still was chairman and denied rumors that he had been arrested. Asked whether Hua would soon be replaced, he said he didn't know.

Observers speculated Hua might have submitted his resignation, but the Central Committee has not yet approved it.

Analysts said that the reference by Hu — who has been handling the affairs of the party — to unanimity in the repudiation of the Cultural Revolution indicated the Deng-led pragmatists have clinched a victory over Mao loyalists, and that Hua might have resigned after losing the debate.

Beatles unknown

China sees Lennon

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PEKING — Millions of Chinese heard about the Beatles for the first time Tuesday in a news program showing memorial meetings in honor of John Lennon.

Viewers, around China's estimated five million television sets tuned in to the Central Television Station's evening news, were treated to several minutes of film on mass gatherings in Liverpool, home town of the Beatles, and at New York's Central Park to commemorate Lennon.

Segments of some of Lennon's songs were played on the program.

The commentator introducing the Beatles to the Chinese viewers — most of whom have never heard of the pop group — said Lennon put poetry to song and expressed the discontent of young people of his generation.

China was virtually closed to the outside world at the time the Beatles reached the peak of their popularity. China's young people of the 1960s were more concerned with Cultural Revolution than with rock music.

Mid-East peace talk cooperation promised by Reagan and Sadat

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CAIRO, Egypt — U.S. Middle East envoy Sol Linowitz told President Anwar Sadat Monday that Ronald Reagan's new administration will play the role of "full partner" in peace-making under the Camp David formula.

Afterward, Linowitz said Sadat had pledged cooperation with the Reagan forces in seeking Middle East peace.

Sadat said he gave Linowitz messages for Reagan and President Carter as well as Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who the envoy will see later this week.

Sadat and Linowitz made brief statements to reporters after they met for 70 minutes at the presidential Nile-side Barrages resthouse 15 miles north of Cairo.

"I conveyed to President Sadat a message from President Carter and I was able to assure him on behalf of President-elect Reagan that when he is in office, Presi-

dent-elect Reagan will support the Camp David process, and that there will be no change in the process without the consent of Egypt and Israel," Linowitz said.

"I was once again impressed by the commitment and dedication of President Sadat and his assurance that he is deeply devoted to do what he can to move toward (Palestinian) autonomy in negotiations, recognizing that we are engaged in what is the only viable path to comprehensive peace in the Middle East."

Sadat said he asked Linowitz "to convey three messages: one to President Carter, the second to President Reagan and the third to Prime Minister Begin." He said nothing about the contents.

Linowitz, who arrived Sunday and went to Israel Tuesday, expressed hope that his talks with Sadat and Begin will provide new momentum for the Palestinian autonomy talks that have been deadlocked since last summer.

Campus fire does little damage

A small fire in the Chemistry Building on campus was extinguished by the time firefighters arrived Tuesday night.

A spokesman for the College Station Fire Department said an electric motor on an exhaust fan burned up. People in the building put out

the fire, he said, adding that the flame caused little damage.

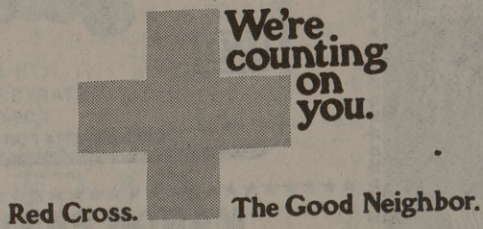
No one was injured in the fire, which was reported at 7:33 p.m.

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