

Explosions shake London

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LONDON — At least three bombs exploded in central London today, killing two cavalymen of Queen Elizabeth's ceremonial Royal Horse Guard and another killing six people and wounding 20 others in Regent's Park, police said.

A spokesman for the outlawed Provisional Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility for the first blast in a call to the British Broadcasting Corp. in Belfast.

Horrified tourists fled in panic when one of the bombs exploded in a blue private car in Hyde Park, less than a mile from Buckingham Palace, as about 25 guards rode past wearing their high plumes and burnished breastplates.

Scotland Yard said both the dead were cavalymen of the Blues and Royals of the Royal Horse Guards, the only horse cavalry still active in the British army. One of the dead men was an officer, a spokesman said.

Two hospitals near Hyde Park reported treating 23 injured, including four guardsmen. One guardsman and a policeman were undergoing surgery for severe blast injuries.

Following the explosion, pistol shots rang through the park as the injured horses were shot to end their misery.

The carcasses of dead horses covered with black tarpaulins littered the South Carriage road, a traffic-free road inside the boundaries of the park, and firemen and detectives in-

spected the debris scattered over 50 square yards.

A Scotland Yard spokesman at the scene said the bomb, in a private car, exploded as the cavalry platoon passed by wearing their ceremonial armor.

The platoon, familiar to millions for their part in ceremonial processions, was on its way to the Changing of the Guard ceremony at Buckingham Palace.

"It went off several hundred yards from the gate of the Hyde Park barracks," the spokesman said.

Streets between Buckingham Palace and Hyde Park were cordoned off by hundreds of uniformed officers, some of them spattered with blood.

Police said the bomb may have been touched off by remote control. The cavalry troop was an easy target.

"They pass this spot at roughly the same time every day," a cavalry spokesman said.

A Cabinet meeting at Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's residence of 10 Downing Street, where the blast was heard, was interrupted for a report of the explosion, a spokesman for her office said.

The Royal Horse Guards, comprising two regiments, are Queen Elizabeth II's mounted palace guard. Its troops of horsemen take part in ceremonial processions at Buckingham Palace and parade at royal occasions.

The horsemen are professional soldiers who carry out regular tours of duty.



staff photo by Octavio Garcia

And for my next feat

Physical Plant employees demonstrate their acrobatic prowess as they replace air filters in Neeley Hall. When dust clogs the filters, campus air conditioners are overworked and must be cleaned to avoid wasting energy.

CSISD inquiry may result in suit

by Hope E. Paasch

Battalion Staff

An investigation into the recent expansion of A&M Consolidated High School was authorized Monday night by school board trustees. The investigation will determine if the College Station school district has sufficient grounds to file a law suit.

In June, the school board found the expansion at the high school did not satisfy city fire codes and had to take emergency action to remedy the problems.

The Austin-based law firm of Doyal, Hairston, Henslee and Ryan was hired to conduct the investigation.

Also during Monday night's regular session, the board voted to delay site improvements at A&M Consolidated Junior High School until next summer.

Trustee Bill Fitch asked the board for the postponement because he said the timing was bad. If it had not been delayed until next summer, the construction would have started right before school starts in the fall.

The board did agree to finalize the site plans, which will include modification of the parking area.

Procedures for selecting a new superintendent were also approved Monday night. Nominations will be accepted for the position beginning

today. The deadline for receiving applications is Oct. 1. Board members have tentatively set Dec. 1 as the date for selecting a superintendent. Several board members said they hope to finish ahead of schedule, completing the process by as early as Nov. 1.

Board members also approved a drug-sniffer dog policy Monday night. The policy, which refers only to students, authorizes the use of the dogs to locate alcohol and drugs on school property.

The question of searching property belonging to teachers, administrators and visitors was not addressed by the board in the policy.

Terry Hammond, a junior high school teacher, asked the board to clarify the policy and specify that teachers be exempt from any searches. He said some students may seek revenge on teachers by planting illegal substances in their cars.

Another teacher at the meeting, Sarah Bednarz, said teachers hope the board will show their trust in the teachers by not using sniffer dogs to search their personal property.

In closing, the board tabled action on the principalships at the high school and middle school until Wednesday night, when the board will hold an emergency session. The meeting will be held in the Oakwood Middle School library at 7 p.m.

Israel arms shipments put on hold

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WASHINGTON — For the second time in a year, the United States has suspended some arms shipments to Israel because of allegations Israel used U.S.-purchased weapons for prohibited purposes.

President Reagan put a hold on cluster-bomb type ammunition for Israel Monday, pending a review of whether Israel misused the weapons in its invasion of Lebanon last month against the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The action coincides with meetings in Washington between the Reagan administration and representatives of Arab nations about the Lebanon crisis.

Last week, the White House notified Congress Israel may have committed a "substantial" violation of U.S. law by using American-supplied weapons in an operation that goes beyond the strict definition of self-defense.

However, no action was ordered by the administration, and Congress is not likely to take any.

But the so-called cluster bombs are covered by a separate agreement, which bans their use on civilian targets and in cases where Israel faces

fewer than two Arab opponents.

Deputy White House press secretary Larry Speakes told reporters that until a review by an inter-government agency is completed, "there will be no shipments of projectiles or other cluster-bomb related materials" to Israel.

Last summer, Reagan temporarily held up sending warplanes to Israel, after Israel used U.S.-purchased F-16s to bomb Iraq's nuclear reactor and to hit PLO targets in Beirut that reportedly killed 300 civilians.

Israel had no comment on Monday's action.

Immediately involved was a shipment of 4,000 155mm artillery shells that had been scheduled to be turned over to Israel Monday. The shells splinter into hundreds of small bomblets that then rain down over a large area.

Other U.S. military supplies to Israel will not be affected. Pentagon officials said the Israelis have some other items on order, but nothing for delivery any time soon.

Reagan has asked Israel repeatedly for more than a month for information regarding charges that the use of cluster bombs during the invasion of Lebanon violated a secret agreement with the United States.

Elderly woman causes shootout

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COQUILLE, Ore. — An 82-year-old woman stroke victim who attacked her husband with a straight razor, fatally shot a friend and was wounded in a police shootout was taking drugs that "caused some emotional problems," authorities say.

Pattie Nevin was in critical condition today, hospitalized with a bullet wound suffered in the gunfight with two Coos County sheriff's deputies.

"She's 82 years old and has been shot in the chest with a .357 Magnum revolver — nobody knows if she's going to survive at this point," said District Attorney Paul Burgett.

If she lives, however, Burgett said she would prosecute Mrs. Nevin in the killing of Bernice Leaton, 74, who had been caring for her.

Sheriff Veral Tarno said Mrs. Nevin had been under a doctor's care and recently had a stroke. "That was the reason for her friend staying there. She (Mrs. Nevin) was under medication, which recently had caused some emotional problems and apparently was unable to cope with the medication."

The drama began Monday when

Mrs. Nevin's husband, James, 71, told deputies she had threatened him with a straight razor.

Deputies arrived, failed to talk Mrs. Nevin into leaving the house and fired tear gas shots inside.

Tarno said deputies broke into the home and tried to take the elderly woman into custody. He said one shot was fired that narrowly missed the head of a deputy and Mrs. Nevin then pointed a rifle at another deputy.

The second deputy, the sheriff said, fired once at Mrs. Nevin, who was wounded in the upper right chest.

The sheriff said Mrs. Leaton was found dead with gunshot wounds. Nevin and the deputies escaped injury, he said.

Tarno said Mrs. Nevin was "the oldest murder suspect I'm aware of in 23 years in law enforcement. Things never cease to amaze me."

Burgett said he would give information about the case to a grand jury on Friday.

"Essentially, we have someone who's been shot to death. If it appears the suspect is going to survive, I'm going to file the appropriate charges — it's my job."

Computer error results in tuition overcharge

A problem in the computer program which assesses fees for attending summer school courses has resulted in a number of students being overcharged for tuition.

Thomas Taylor, director of accounting services, said some students who had registered for an 11-week course and who had paid the \$50 tuition were charged another \$25 for tuition when they signed up for a second summer session course.

"They're not really supposed to be billed for the \$25," Taylor said.

A computer program error "created a fairly small overcharge."

But, Taylor said, it "is a limited problem. It didn't happen to all 11-week people."

Taylor said he doesn't know exactly how many students have been affected but after an audit of the fees, the students who have been overcharged will be identified.

"Those students who were overcharged will be contacted and refunded," he said.

Local officials: insanity plea must go

by Terry Duran

Battalion Staff

The latest Texas murder defendant to plead innocent by reason of insanity was found guilty Monday afternoon in Taylor.

Arcadio Torres, 27, was convicted of the March 30, 1982, stabbing death of Regina Reichenbach, 18, of Taylor. Reichenbach, who would have been a high school senior next year, was killed on the school athletic field.

The jury took only about three hours to bring back the guilty verdict after hearing conflicting testimony by mental health experts.

Those testifying for the defense said Torres was unable to control his actions, but experts on the stand for the state said Torres was simply angry that Reichenbach rejected him.

Torres received a 99-year sentence and a \$10,000 fine, the maximum penalty possible.

Torres had been committed several times to various mental health facilities, including within the penal system, but was released each time.

Taylor Police Chief Stafford Bengtson says the state's case was solid:

"We took the position that twice

we had committed him and twice he had been released and therefore he had to be sane," Bengtson said. He said two state psychiatrists had examined Torres, one a few days after the killing and one shortly before the trial; both found him competent to stand trial.

"We've got a good court system here in Williamson County," Bengtson said. "Juries are just not going to stand for this kind of crime being committed."

The Torres conviction stands out against the background of a recent wave of defendants escaping conviction due to insanity.

To be found not guilty by reason of insanity, a defendant must be proven to have suffered from a mental disorder or disease which made him incapable of distinguishing right from wrong or unable to keep his actions within the bounds of the law.

On June 22, John W. Hinckley, Jr., was judged innocent by reason of insanity — and therefore not criminally responsible — for the March 30, 1981, shooting spree which wounded President Ronald Reagan and three other men outside the Washington Hilton Hotel.

In accordance with the District of

Columbia's mandatory commitment law, Hinckley has been committed to a mental hospital for evaluation.

On June 11, Vivianne H. Cook, 57, a Houston interior decorator charged with murdering her husband, was acquitted by reason of insanity by a state judge after a non-jury trial.

On June 18, a jury acquitted Emmett White, 32, a Houston architect, of murdering his brother-in-law. The verdict was innocent by reason of insanity. The judge in the case has since ruled that White is now sane and does not require com-

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staff photo by Colin Valentine

James Hallers

cessing Center facilities is a letter of reprimand in the student's file and a grade of F in the course for which the computer work is being done.

The use in question here is what the memo terms "unauthorized account number usage."

Industrial Engineering Department Head Newton C. Ellis said today the grade change penalty has been used "six or eight times" since the policy took effect in 1979.

Hallers, however, says he thinks he is being treated unfairly.

"What the biggest problem is," he said, "is that I went along with the administration. Now I feel like it's double jeopardy — they've gone back and added something extra."

"If I'd done something involving my computer classes, sure. But I worked real hard to get those A's. I'm going to contest this as much as possible."

Hallers said the matter is "currently resting" with Assistant Dean of Engineering Stan H. Lowy, with whom he will meet in early August.

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forecast

Partly cloudy skies through Wednesday with highs in the upper 90s and lows in the upper 70s.