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Bombs leave 52 wounded in London

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LONDON — Police warned Britons to be alert for more Irish Republican Army attacks and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher ordered an intensive search for guerrillas whose bombs killed nine soldiers and wounded 52 other people.

"We shall not rest until they have been brought to justice," Mrs. Thatcher told Parliament on Tuesday.

She called the bombings, the deadliest terrorist attacks in London in nearly eight years, "callous and cowardly crimes committed by evil and brutal men who know nothing of democracy."

The IRA took responsibility for the two separate blasts Tuesday and mounted a cavalry parade and a band concert that left bleeding wounds and bits of flesh scattered over Regent and Hyde parks.

A lance-corporal in the Household Cavalry seriously wounded in Tuesday's explosion in Hyde Park died in a hospital today, bringing the death toll to nine, a Scotland Yard spokesman said.

Scotland Yard confirmed it had issued a "general alert" 10 days before the blasts, warning public figures thought to be possible targets a new terrorist offensive might be in the offing.

The IRA's campaign of terrorism to force the reunification of Northern Ireland with the Irish Republic had been relatively dormant in Britain for

almost a year and was overshadowed recently by the Falkland Islands war.

Police, fearing the blasts heralded a new upsurge of violence, called on the public for vigilance. A close watch was put on all air and sea routes leading out of the country, particularly to Ireland.

"I appeal for everyone to be on the alert and urge them that if they see anything suspicious to get in touch with us at once," said Cmdr. William Hucklesby, head of the anti-terrorist branch.

Officials declined to say what led them to issue the alert 10 days ago. But Dublin police sources said they expected some form of retaliation after the conviction of IRA explosives expert Gerard Tuite last week.

Tuite, sentenced to a 10-year jail term, was the first Irishman ever found guilty in his own country of crimes committed in Britain. Police in London dismissed the theory as "speculation."

Other sources said the IRA wanted to attract attention from Mrs. Thatcher's Falklands triumph and timed the attacks to coincide with a U.S. visit of Secretary of State for Northern Ireland James Prior.

In a message claiming responsibility for the blasts, the IRA referred to the war to keep the Falklands, saying the people of Northern Ireland demanded the same right of self-determination Britain wanted for the islanders.



Happy Birthday Diana

staff photo by David Fisher

Surprise birthday parties aren't that unusual but not many get thrown on Kyle field complete with punch and cake. Sandra Robertson, Stella Wright and the Super Summer Singers got together Tuesday and threw a surprise party for their mutual friend Diana Steelman (behind the table in striped shirt). She is the new accompanist for the Singing Cadets. Robert Boone leads the group in 'Happy Birthday' while Diana recovers from the shock of the surprise.

Ideas offered for PLO, Israel

Reagan meets with Arab envoys

United Press International
WASHINGTON — President Reagan is hinting that there may be reason to hope a solution to the crisis in Lebanon is closer.

"I think so," he told reporters who asked if progress had been made in the various Middle East negotiations Tuesday. Moments later, he crossed his fingers, adding, "I hope so."

Reagan met with a pair of top Arab envoys Tuesday, and an administration official said they offered him some "helpful" new ideas for dealing with the tense situation in west Beirut, where Israeli forces have trapped remnants of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

But an administration source at the White House denied a report from an aide to Yassar Arafat that the PLO is ready to approve an amended United

Nations' Security Council resolution that recognizes Israel's right to exist.

"Such a message has not been brought to the president," the White House aide stated, deflating the possibility it may have been given to Reagan when he met with the foreign ministers.

The aide said Reagan would be passing the information of his Tuesday meeting along to Philip Habib, the U.S. mediator on the scene. Deputy White House press secretary Larry Speakes said, "Communications which go forward to Habib have the personal imprint of the president."

Prince Saud al-Faisal of Saudi Arabia and Abdel Halim Khaddam of Syria, the foreign ministers of their nations, had a 70-minute meeting at the White House, speaking candidly with Reagan and Secretary of State

George Shultz.

Saud told reporters the Arab world feels the "withdrawal of the aggressor Israel" from Lebanon, and not relocation of the PLO, has top priority for ending the crisis.

"The issue from our point of view primarily is the independence and territorial integrity of Lebanon," Saud said.

After Israel pulls out, he said, it should be the "decision of the Lebanese government and the Lebanese people" whether the PLO should leave. He added, PLO leaders have stated "they were willing to go."

An administration official said the meeting between Reagan and the two Arab representatives produced "some new ideas that will form the basis of further discussion."

"I think it adds a new element of

possible movement in the right direction," he said, but would not be more specific. "We talked about some new ideas that will be helpful, we're sure."

"The president reiterated a renewed commitment to making progress within the framework of the Camp David accords," he said. "The other side reiterated their well-known concerns on the Palestine issue and Lebanon."

Saud described the talk in the Cabinet room as "very good and frank and friendly."

The Saudi foreign minister declined to say if other Arab nations had agreed to accept the 6,000 PLO fighters trapped by Israeli troops encircling West Beirut. News reports from Beirut said Iraq and Algeria have offered a haven.

Polish leader says activists to be freed

United Press International
WARSAW, Poland — Polish leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski said Tuesday he will release most of the 2,000 Solidarity union activists but he blocked Pope John Paul II's planned pilgrimage to his homeland until later in the year when martial law might be lifted.

In Vatican City, Polish primate Archbishop Jozef Glemp later said that the pope himself had decided not to visit Poland in August for the 600th anniversary of the country's holiest shrine, the Black Madonna.

"The majority of internees will be released, including all women," Jaruzelski said in a speech broadcast live on military radio. He did not say when they would be released and whether Solidarity union leader Lech Walesa would be among them.

Jaruzelski, the Polish premier and defense minister who had imposed military rule last Dec. 13, told Poland's Parliament that if conditions were correct he might lift martial law

by the end of this year.

"If favorable changes take place without any return to tensions, if the situation will become calmer and the internal situation is normalized, the military council will ask Parliament to suspend martial law," Jaruzelski said.

"The enemy has not given up his counterrevolutionary attempts," he added, in a rebuke to the resistance movement.

Jaruzelski said he was postponing the pilgrimage that John Paul had hoped to make.

The visit would have coincided with the second anniversary of the legalization of the Solidarity union, and martial law authorities had frequently expressed reluctance to allow the Polish-born pope to visit his homeland for fear of antigovernment demonstrations.

"The intention of the military council is to make conditions for suspension of martial law ripe by the end of this year," he said.

Mitsui charged with conspiracy

United Press International
SAN FRANCISCO — One of Japan's largest and most respected financial conglomerates, Mitsui & Co., has been charged in a federal grand jury indictment with defrauding the U.S. government in a steel-dumping conspiracy.

The indictment handed down Tuesday was the third blow to Japanese-American trade relations in less than three weeks. Hitachi Ltd. and Mitsubishi Electric Co. have been indicted on charges of trying to steal computer secrets from IBM.

U.S. Attorney Joseph Russoniello said the objective of the alleged conspiracy was to avoid provisions of the Anti-dumping Act of 1921 and the "trigger price" mechanism of the Treasury Department, which monitors the price of foreign products sent

to the American market.

The government alleged that during the course of the conspiracy, credits and secret rebates of some \$1.3 million were provided by Mitsui, its employees and unnamed conspirators to the American steel customers of Mitsui to lower the prices listed on invoices to the actual prices secretly agreed to between the firm and its customers.

The steel-dumping investigation surfaced in December, 1980, when some 40 customs agents conducted simultaneous raids on the New York and San Francisco offices of Mitsui & Co. (USA) and carried off hundreds of boxes of documents.

A special federal grand jury was convened to study the documents and consider Customs Service allegations

Mitsui was submitting false customs declarations on the prices of its steel.

A spokesman for Mitsui noted the indictments were filed following a year and a half investigation concerning disclosures of information on custom entry forms.

"Mitsui (USA) has a strict policy of full compliance by its employees with the laws of the United States. We hope we will be able to reach an agreement or a settlement with the United States' government to resolve the case promptly," the spokesman said.

Various schemes of kickbacks, credits and secret rebates were used to accomplish the goals of the alleged conspiracy, Russoniello told a press conference in San Francisco.

The trigger-price mechanism is used to determine whether foreign

steel firms are selling their products in the United States at unfairly low prices, undercutting domestic suppliers.

If a foreign firm sells its products for less than what the U.S. government determines is a "fair market" value, a duty tax of the entire difference is added to the product.

Two criminal cases stemming from the investigation have been filed in U.S. District Court as a result of the investigation, charging American firms with filing false reports with the U.S. Customs Service.

The American defendants — Ralph A. Falk and his company, Pacific Steel, of San Leandro, Calif., and Supply Co., and VSL Corp of Los Gatos, Calif. — have all pleaded guilty and were assessed fines by the U.S. District Court.

Pool hours shortened

Suntanning and socializing at the Wofford Cain pool will be cut short this weekend.

The Wofford Cain pool will be closed from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and all-day Saturday and Sunday due to the Texas A&M swim team's spon-

sored Gulf Swim Committee Championships.

The indoor pool will be open regular pool hours (1 p.m. to 8 p.m.) during the weekend for recreational swimming.

The outdoor pool will reopen Monday.

Binge, purge habit can destroy health

Editor's note:
Carol and Martha are fictitious names for two Texas A&M students who wanted to tell of their experiences with the condition of bulimia and alert others to the condition's dangers. Their names were changed to protect their privacy.

by Rebeca Zimmermann
Battalion Staff

It sounded like a great way to lose ten pounds and control weight to Carol. She saw an article that mentioned purging as a way to lose weight but the article didn't mention side effects.

Carol was trying to lose weight so much that she tried any method she could find.

She tried so hard she developed what doctors call bulimia (or bulimarexia). Bulimia means "insatiable appetite." People who have this condition go on food-eating binges.

They will eat whole packages of cookies, gallons of ice cream and anything else they can find.

After a binge, bulimics will usually feel guilty and critical of themselves. Both binge eating and purging set up a cycle of guilt, says Dr. Fran Kimbrough, a counseling psychology intern at the Personal Counseling Service.

Bulimics may induce vomiting, take laxatives, use diuretics, take amphetamines or exercise to purge themselves of the "binged" food.

Some starve themselves.

"It's a vicious cycle," Carol says. "You punish yourself by making yourself eat and throw up."

Bulimia is an ancient practice. In the age of the Roman Empire it was an accepted practice to gorge one's self and then induce vomiting.

But, recognition of bulimia as an illness is recent. According to the Nov. 2, 1981, issue of "Newsweek,"

the American Psychiatric Association identified bulimia as an eating disorder separate from anorexia in 1980. Both eating disorders are results of an obsession with thinness, but they have distinct differences.

Kimbrough says there can be a fine line between anorexia and bulimia. The anorexic shies away from food and people, she says, and may stop menstruating as a result of excessive weight loss.

The bulimic, she says, usually maintains a normal weight and normal body functions. They eat normal meals between periods of binge eating and purging. Frequency of the binge eating and purging varies from person to person.

Bulimia can cause scarring in the esophagus and throat, hernias, ruptured blood vessels, eroding of the teeth enamel from acids, heart problems and emotional scars, Kimbrough says. Sometimes the action

of vomiting becomes so habitual that the bulimic no longer has control over it.

It also can cause depression and carries a high risk of suicide.

"This isn't an answer to a diet aid; it doesn't work," says Carol, who has scars in her throat and blood sugar problems from binge eating and purging. "Don't do it; it can take over your life."

Carol is a 19-year-old student at Texas A&M University. At one time, she was so under the control of this sickness that she went on binge/purge sprees four times a day.

"I was totally out of control," she says. "The whole thing is a blur."

She said she was eating so few calories a day that she couldn't think clearly.

Carol had been binge eating and purging herself for about a year and was contemplating suicide when she came to the Personal Counseling

Service for help.

"It's kind of like being gay — coming out of the closet," she says. "People are repulsed by it."

Carol felt guilty about her parents' sacrifices for her education. When she was considering killing herself, she says she got out her calculator and figured out that a funeral would be cheaper than staying in school.

Kimbrough and Dr. Kerry Hope, a counseling psychologist at the Personal Counseling Service, have started a therapy group for bulimics at the Personal Counseling Service. Individuals interested in attending the meetings should call the Personal Counseling Service (845-4427) for information. All services are confidential.

Martha, another bulimic, says: "Realizing I'm not by myself has helped." By meeting other girls who

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forecast

Partly cloudy and hot through Thursday with highs in the 90s and lows at night in the 70s.