

One slain, 74 injured

Phillipinos riot in Manila

United Press International
MANILA, Philippines — Police clashed Thursday with anti-government demonstrators in the streets hours after two million mourners attended the funeral of slain opposition leader Benigno S. Aquino. One student was killed and at least 74 people injured.

nand Marcos' chief political opponent, was gunned down Aug. 21 at Manila International Airport while under military guard after he returned from a three-year exile in the United States.

Police said some 3,000 demonstrators, mostly students, hurled homemade bombs and stones at a police barricade near

Marcos' Malacanang Palace, broke windows and built bonfires in the street Wednesday night before helmeted riot troops carrying plywood shields moved to disperse them with clubs and fire hoses. Hospital and police sources said forty-three demonstrators were wounded by police batons and gunshot.

Hospital sources identified the dead youth as Kareem Dimakuta, 22, a civil engineering student from the southern Philippine island of Mindanao.

Two companions said Dimakuta had ducked into a courtyard as club-swinging police chased demonstrators through streets just blocks from the palace. They said Dimakuta was shot in the stomach as he stood in the courtyard.

Opposition leader Salvador H. Laurel today repeated his call for Marcos to step down in favor of a caretaker government.



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Levy, 45, born in Morocco, and the Polish-born Shamir, 68, emerged as the country's two leading candidates in the frenzied power struggle that erupted after Begin announced Sunday that he intended to resign.

The vote Thursday involved

some 900 Central Committee members of the Herut Party that Begin, 70, founded in 1948.

On the eve of the vote, Shamir and Levy voiced confidence in winning what has developed into a battle of the generations — between the younger Sephardi, or North African Jewish candidate, and the veteran Ashkenazi of European Jewish descent.

Both Levy, a former construction worker and father of 10, and Shamir said they would shake the winner's hand and wish him well.

The affable manner of two contenders masked a fierce struggle, in ways reflecting what has come to be called the "Israeli" — the generally poor Sephardic community and better established Ashkenazi Jews.

Levy, a strong party member, assisted during two days of meetings with Herut Cabinet members that the decision be made by the larger Central Committee rank-and-file party workers and not by eight Cabinet members.

Witness says water torture used to get confessions

United Press International
HOUSTON — A former sheriff's deputy and a convicted burglar testified Thursday that an east Texas sheriff and three of his deputies used water torture to make suspects confess.

Former San Jacinto County Sheriff James "Humpty" Parker, 47, and former deputies Carl Lee, Floyd Allen Baker and John Glover, are charged with civil rights violations to at least six prisoners between 1976 and 1980. Prosecutors said the men coerced confessions by putting a towel over suspects' faces and pouring water over it.

Vernell Harkless, who was

jailed in 1976 as a burglary suspect, testified Wednesday he feared he was going to be smothered three different times as the sheriffs and deputies tried to extract information about burglaries in Walker and San Jacinto counties, 60 miles north of Houston. Testimony was scheduled to resume today.

"I thought I was going to be strangled to death. I couldn't breathe," Harkless testified, demonstrating for the jury how the defendants treated him during questioning.

Sitting in a chair, he placed his arms through slats in back of chair and held his hands as if

they were handcuffed. A towel was wrapped around his face and tied behind his head. A steady stream of water was poured over the towel, he said.

He said Glover told him, "When you get ready to talk, you kick your foot."

Harkless was convicted in 1977 of two burglaries in Walker County.

Former San Jacinto County Deputy Gregg Magee said he witnessed Harkless' interrogation.

"I really didn't know what to think. It worried me. I knew this wasn't something that was supposed to be going on. It was a

frightening ordeal," Magee testified. Magee said he often considered about the legality of torture, but Glover told him to ask questions.

"What he was saying was it wasn't necessarily right but was done," Magee said.

The government contends the defendants frequently sped motorists along U.S. 59, conducted illegal strip searches on the roadway. The prisoners they took were individuals who were black, appeared to be "pies" or those with a Houston rock station bumper sticker on their cars.

Gasoline tank explodes

United Press International
CHALMETTE, La. — At least two people were taken to hospitals Thursday night when a gasoline storage tank explosion shook the Tenneco Oil Re-

finery at Chalmette, Louisiana. Details were sketchy after the 9:30 p.m. explosion and blaze, which sent fireballs shooting as high as 300 feet into the air, lighting the night sky along the

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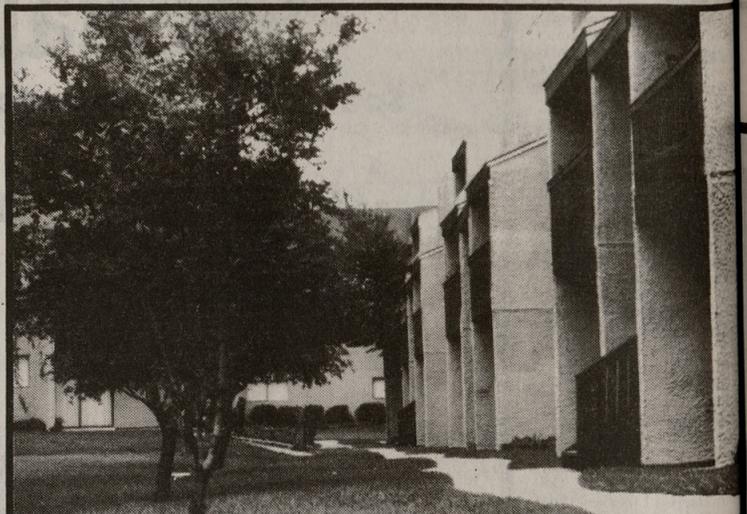
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