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Research: star war possible

United Press International

LONDON — President Reagan's proposed "Star Wars" defense system could incite an enemy to launch a massive nuclear attack or even lead to a space war, a peace research in-

stitute said Thursday. In "Countdown to Space War," a book published by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, Dr. Bhupendra Jasani and British journalist Christopher Lee call for a ban on testing and possessing anti-

satellite weapons.

"A laser beam aimed at a ballistic missile easily could be turned to attack an enemy satellite," Jasani said. It's a very attractive idea to defend ourselves by laser weapons, but unfortunately they have this offensive capability."

Lee said Pentagon sources estisput up, one of the environmental

mated "Star Wars" weapons could stop about 40 percent of incoming ballistic missiles, possibly convincing an enemy the only way to win a nuclear war was to unleash a massive

onslaught of missiles.

"Sixty percent of 10,000 is a lot of missiles," he said.

The authors said that a space war could, ironically, begin on the ground because satellites are useless without their ground stations.

"It is certainly understood that Soviet Special Forces, known as 'Spetz-naz,' have reconnoitered many U.S. satellite ground stations," the book

Jasani and Lee also said the space weapons could jam the world's com-

pulse that, carried through on earth, could destroy all computer memories and everything that depends

on electronics," Jasani said. But Lee said it would probably be

well into the next century before the advanced laser and X-ray beam weapons would be ready for use.

"People I have spoken to at the Pentagon tell me it could be four or five years before the research is even finished and then, if Congress agreed to develop the weapons, it could be another 20 years before they're ready to be deployed," he

Reagan, in his "Star Wars" speech last year, announced plans for an anti-missile system to be based on laser, particle beam and satellite technology. Lee said that Reagan's sag to share U.S. space-weapon to ogy with the Soviet Union as a end the arms race would pro

The authors said the States was well ahead of the Union in conventional anti weaponry. Early this year the States tested an anti-satellite launched from an F-lb plane. This system is quid more flexible than the ground-launched "hunter-kille

Soviet scientists could been the United States in beam w research, however, they said

"The Soviet Union is around flying biplanes," Lee has a large amount of resoun icated to space activities."

Two Texans killed, six still missing in blaze

Fire destroys visit to Philippine 846

United Press International

MANILA, Philippines — A group of American war veterans began a somber trip home Thursday after a sentimental journey to the Philippines ended in a hotel fire that "killed 25 people, including a Dallas" miles north of Manila, officials said. couple, and injured 67 others.

The U.S. Embassy in Manila said two members of the American Legion the death toll to 25. Officials said delegation were confirmed dead and many bodies were charred beyond six were unaccounted for in the

Tuesday night blaze.

The embassy identified the American dead as H.M. Cosnahan and his

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The embassy identified the American dead as H.M. Cosnahan and his wife, Cindy, of Dallas.

Two of the missing and presumed dead were brothers from Illinois. Eight people of other nationalities also remained unaccounted for in

Firefighters recovered more bodies from the debris Thursday, pushing recognition, causing confusion in

The Legion group was at the Pines commemorate the 40th anniversary of the return of Gen. Douglas Mac-Arthur to liberate the country from Japan, fulfilling his "I shall return"

pledge.
"We lost some good friends," said
Legionnaire D. Coiner Rosen, 56, of
New Market, Va. "And a lot of us who got out lost everything we had

The missing were identified as Charles and June Clark of Tustin, Calif.; Charles and Genevieve Delameter of Vacaville, Calif.; Joseph Llewellyn of LaGrange, llam Llewellyn of Western

Nearly all group members bed when the fire erupted fourth floor of the woo building around 11:30 p.m.

Twenty-five Americans hospitalized there in condition, the embassysald Baguio Fire Chief Benjam nueva said a preliminary tion blamed the fire on a fa trical fixture. Damage colonial-style hotel was e \$15 million.

Protesters demand president's resignation

United Press International

MANILA, Philippines - Thousands of protesters demanded President Ferdinand Marcos' resignation Thursday as special prosecutors drew up charges against top military officials accused in the murder of opposition leader Benigno Aquino.

Led by Aquino's widow, some 5,000 people marched through Mapila to protest a report by a procinal of the control of the cont

nila to protest a report by a special commission that named the armed forces chief in a wide-ranging military conspiracy to kill Aquino, but made no mention of Marcos.

Spectators jammed overpasses and sidewalks to cheer the demonstrators as they marched along a 3mile route, which ended with several

hours of anti-Marcos speeches.

The findings of the five-member civilian commission, reached after a 10-month inquiry, were turned over to a-Marcos-appointed investigator, who formed a panel to draw up spe"We are using the Agrava Board legal panel's familiarity with existing evidence to help us take a short cut in formulating the charges," said former Judge Bernardo Fernandez,

who heads a prosecution arm called Tanodbayan or Ombudsman.

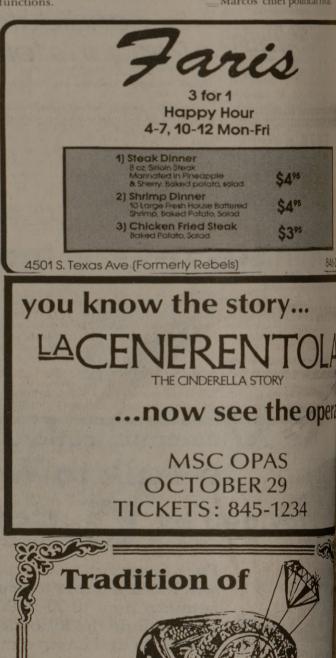
He said the three-man panel will decide if evidence justifies filing murder charges in the Sandiganbayan or People's Court, which tries cases involving abuse of official

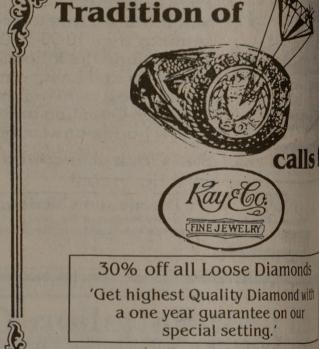
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The majority report Web by four members said Amer Chief Gen. Fabian Ver, 24o itary men and a civilian were able" for the assassination.

But the findings by its dar retired Justice Corazon Am sued separately a day rate solved Ver. Agrava blamed and and six soldiers for the more Marcos' chief political rival







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