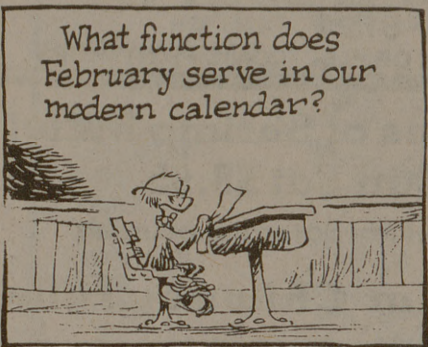


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Goodwill gesture to Anglicans

**Libya releases 4 Britons**

Associated Press

LONDON — As a goodwill gesture to the Church of England, Libya today freed four Britons held prisoner in Libya since May 1984 in the aftermath of the Libyan Embassy siege in London, a Libyan government spokesman said in the Libyan capital, Tripoli.

At a news conference televised live in London, the spokesman said the four Britons "henceforth ... are

free either to stay in Libya or leave for any other country."

The prisoners, two of whom were never charged, were turned over to Terry Waite, special envoy of Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie, head of the Church of England.

The release, originally scheduled for Monday, had been delayed for 24 hours, apparently because of Libyan anger over a memorial service held in London for the British po-

licewoman killed during the Libyan Embassy siege in April 1984.

The four Britons — engineers Malcolm Anderson and Robin Plummer and teachers Michael Berdinner and Alan Russell — appeared at the news conference after the decision was announced.

Waite, a towering soft-spoken man, had made four trips to Libya since Christmas to secure release of the men.

**Pentagon budget seeks money to build new chemical weapons**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon budget unveiled Monday includes yet another request to build new U.S. nerve gas bombs, the only weapons system Congress has denied President Reagan during his defense buildup.

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said in his annual report that new U.S. chemical weapons are needed to counter an expanding So-

viet threat and give the Soviets an incentive to agree to a new treaty banning chemical weapons.

Pentagon officials, who spoke only on condition they not be identified, said they expect the Democrat-controlled House to refuse to produce new weapons again this year.

The issue is expected to be closer in the Republican-controlled Senate, but an aide to a senator opposing the weapons, also speaking on condition

of anonymity, said, "We feel pretty good about the vote this year."

The United States has not built any chemical weapons since 1969 when President Nixon ordered an end to the U.S. program. The U.S. stockpile is composed of gas weapons built before 1969, but the Pentagon says about 90 percent of the U.S. weapons are so old they are dangerous to use or store.

**Communications chief named by White House**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Patrick J. Buchanan, a hardline conservative columnist and commentator known for his pugnacious style and blistering attacks on the press, was installed Tuesday as White House communications chief in charge of media relations and speech writing.

Making his debut as White House chief of staff, Donald T. Regan readily acknowledged Buchanan's reputation as a tough-talking critic whose targets have included administration moderates such as Secretary of State George P. Shultz and Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III.

"You may not like what he says but you understand what he's saying," said Regan. "His philosophy in many ways parallels that of President Reagan."

Regan said Buchanan specifically agreed that while he could speak his mind in administration councils as policies are being debated, he would

support decisions once they are set by the president. Regan, in his second day on the job, announced two other key appointments:

• Edward J. Rollins, 41, to become chief of political and governmental affairs. Rollins was Reagan's political director until moving out of the White House to run the president's re-election campaign.

• Max Friedersdorf, 55, to be legislative strategy coordinator. Friedersdorf, now a vice president of Pepsico Inc., was Reagan's first chief White House lobbyist who helped push the president's 1981 economic program, with its budget cuts and tax reductions, through Congress.

All three appointees will hold the rank of assistant to the president, which pays \$75,100 a year.

Regan also announced that James S. Brady, who has not worked full-time since he was critically wounded in the 1981 assassination attempt

against Reagan, will retain the title of press secretary, while Speakes will continue as chief of denial spokesman.

While saying Buchanan will be in charge of coordinating all communications coming out of the White House, Regan said Speakes will report directly to the president and chief of staff and that Buchanan is not Speakes' boss.

Buchanan, Friedersdorf and Rollins all worked in the Nixon administration — Friedersdorf and Rollins as lobbyists and Buchanan as White House press aide, executive assistant, speech writer and special

Buchanan, 46, stuck by through his resignation, and returned to his earlier career in political and social commentary. His thrice-weekly column was published in 125 newspapers. He has been a radio and television viewer and commentator.

**Pope's stop in Trinidad ends Latin American pilgrimage**

Associated Press

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad — Representatives of this Caribbean nation's varied religions and races greeted Pope John Paul II Tuesday on the final stop of his 12-day, four-nation Latin American pilgrimage.

After a day of tropical showers, bright sunshine broke through overcast skies just before the Peruvian jetliner carrying the pontiff landed at 4:38 p.m.

Leaders of this former British colony's elected government met the pope on a red carpet as a military band played. The heads of the Roman Catholic Church here, which claims about one-third of the 1.2 million people of Trinidad and Tobago, stood with leaders of the Hindu, Moslem, Anglican and Protestant faiths.

The Vatican's special Alitalia DC-10 had arrived in Port of Spain on Monday to be readied for the pope's return flight to Rome late Tuesday.

Some 4,500 army, police and coast guard personnel, virtually all the nation's security forces, were on duty for the pontiff's brief visit.

Authorities said they were concerned about possible foreign terrorists, but stressed the papal visit was welcomed by most people in this diverse nation.

More than 40 percent of the population is of African descent and 40 percent East Indian, and there also

are sizable Chinese, Arab and Anglo communities.

Earlier, a sunburned and hoarse pontiff spoke to crowds of Peruvian slum dwellers and later to Amazon jungle natives in Iquitos, Peru, before departing for Port of Spain. He urged them to defend themselves and their heritage, but to reject the path of violence.

Those have been his recurring themes in the journey that began Jan. 26 and is his sixth to Latin America and 25th abroad. He visited Venezuela, Ecuador and Peru before stopping here.

Leftist guerrillas known as the Shining Path responded to the pontiff's call to lay down their arms by knocking out power Monday night in Lima, the capital of Peru. Vatican officials said Tuesday that the pope will donate \$50,000 to widows and orphans of the guerrilla war centered in the Andes around Ayacucho, where more than 4,000 people have been killed.

President Fernando Belaunde Terry's press secretary, Frank Valcarcel, said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press that Belaunde did not mention the blackout in conversation with him Tuesday at the palace. He said the power failure did not appear to be "very serious," and the president was not concerned about it.

Speaking to tens of thousands of faithful in the sweltering jungle of Iquitos, the 64-year-old pontiff urged the people to defend their rights without violence. This theme was repeated several times during his stay in this troubled nation of 19.5 million people.

John Paul traveled to Ayacucho on Sunday and pleaded with Maoist guerrillas to lay down their arms. The group replied with blackouts, which occurred at the Pope arrived in Lima Monday and by burning a hammer and sickle on a Lima mountainside.

Shining Path says its goal is to overthrow the democratically elected government and install a Marxist state.

The pontiff also spoke to the Amazon crowd about defending their own interests and peace.

"Defend, yes — your forests, land, your culture and something that is legitimately yours, but do not forget the common condition of the same God, who loves violence, revenge and hate,"

pope said, standing on a platform beneath a thatched roof.

The church wants "strong forms," he said, adding: "Every justice has to be denounced and rected, but the road is not one ends with deprivation of spiritual oppression, violence, totalitarianism."

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