

**WORLD AND NATION**

# Westmoreland 'gets what he wants' from CBS

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Retired Gen. William C. Westmoreland ended his \$120 million libel suit against CBS on Monday, but not before the 18-week trial subjected the television network to a public and sometimes embarrassing inspection.

Although the defendants were CBS and three of its employees — correspondent Mike Wallace, producer George Crile and consultant Sam Adams — Westmoreland was in fact challenging the network's documentary, "The Uncounted Enemy: A Vietnam Deception."

The network was forced to yield an internal study which found violations of its own standards in the way the program was produced. Crile was suspended for a year when it was revealed that he tape-recorded conversations with some sources without telling them.

The network also changed its policies to require more involvement by big-name correspondents who narrate documentaries, after Wallace conceded he relied to a considerable degree on the work of Crile and others.

"The Uncounted Enemy" charged that to avoid undercutting support for the war, Westmoreland, who commanded U.S. forces in Vietnam from 1964 to 1968, concealed the fact that communist forces were much stronger than leaders at home believed.

Westmoreland denied that any information was suppressed or even that the earlier, lower estimates of enemy strength were wrong. He said CBS exaggerated an honest disagreement among intelligence analysts, and falsely accused him of deceiving his superiors.

Ironically, the network's executives originally were skeptical of the documentary's value, but eventually had to spend many times the program's \$350,000 cost to defend a story that wasn't even new.

The settlement was announced to U.S. District Judge Pierre N. Levai on Monday, a few days before testimony was to have ended in the 18-week trial.

Both sides believe "their respective positions have been effectively placed before the public for its consideration" and continuing the case "would serve no further purpose," a joint statement dated Sunday said.

The statement said CBS "respects General Westmoreland's long and faithful service to his country" and never meant to imply that Westmoreland "was unpatriotic or disloyal in performing his duties as he saw them."

"If that statement had been made after the CBS program had been aired, it would have fully satisfied me," Westmoreland said later.

"I got what I wanted," he said. "I consider that I've won by virtue of that statement."

Without the statement, "we would be going back to court tomorrow," said Dan Burt, Westmoreland's attorney.

The general has wanted one thing from the beginning of the case," Burt said. "He wanted his reputation back. He believes he has that now."

Three months after the CBS documentary was aired, a TV Guide article charged it was a smear. This prompted an investigation by CBS executive Burton Benjamin, which disclosed violations of CBS's own standards. Among his conclusions:

- "There was an imbalance in presenting the two sides of the issue," with insufficient time given to Westmoreland's side.

- The "conspiracy" alleged in the broadcast "was not proved."
- Sources who supported Adams were not asked as many tough questions as those who did not.

Though it acknowledged most of Benjamin's findings in a press release, CBS withheld the text of the report for a year.

# 18 Mexicans seek asylum after rally

Associated Press

EAGLE PASS — Eighteen Mexicans who fled a violent political demonstration remained in the United States Monday seeking refuge out of fear of police reprisal, authorities said.

Most of the more than 100 people who stampeded across the international bridge after Sunday's violence had returned home, but three asked for political asylum in this country and 15 sought temporary refuge, said C.E. Cunningham, a supervisor with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The stampede began after gunshots left up to four people, including possibly three police officers, injured during a political rally in Piedras Negras, Mexico, authorities said.

David Carmichael, border patrol agent in charge at Eagle Pass, said all but 59 had returned home by late Sunday.

Two of the aliens were detained for questioning by immigration officials about possible involvement in shootings at Sunday's rally, said Cunningham. Another was given permission to stay in Eagle Pass to visit his wife, who was wounded at the rally, Cunningham said.

Meanwhile, across the border at

Piedras Negras where the violence occurred, tension was running high Monday as hundreds of plain clothes federal and state police officers roamed the streets keeping gatherings to a minimum.

About 2,000 demonstrators — members or supporters of the opposition National Action Party — had gathered to protest what they claim was voting fraud during the Dec. 2 mayoral elections, according to PAN spokesman Jose Gabriel Espinoza.

Mexican state police reported three people were wounded in the violence, while Mexican municipal police reported four injuries.

A U.S. immigration intelligence official, who declined to be named, said American officials have been able to confirm only one woman and one police officer shot. The woman, 31-year-old San Juana Montes Garza, was reported in stable condition at the Maverick County Hospital in Eagle Pass.

Espinoza, who earlier said dozens of the Mexicans would demand political asylum, was one of three or four who formally asked for asylum, Cunningham said.

The immigration intelligence agent said an additional 15 Mexicans had asked to remain in the United States for at least 30 days.

# Polish official links Solidarity with CIA

Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — The Interior Ministry's top investigator says he has evidence linking people in the outlawed Solidarity labor movement with Western intelligence operations, including the CIA, Polish newspapers reported Monday.

They quoted Col. Zbigniew Pudysz as saying some Solidarity members were being investigated for treason.

Pudysz, director of the ministry's investigative office, accused Solidarity activists in Poland and abroad of cooperating with the CIA, the papers said.

He was quoted as saying documents carried by Polish exile Jacek Knapik when he returned home after 10 years "show the ties of Solidarity abroad with the Temporary Coordinating Commission (Solidarity underground leadership) in Poland and ... Western intelligence services."

Pudysz identified Knapik as vice president of the Union of Poles in Austria and said the military prosecutor's office is investigating the

Solidarity office in Brussels, Belgium, on charges of "state treason."

In Brussels, a statement issued by the Solidarity Coordinating Office accused Polish authorities of using forged documents to try to discredit Solidarity and said the organization does not know who Knapik is.

In another development Monday, a Warsaw human rights monitoring group charged Communist authorities manipulated the trial of four secret police officers convicted in the kidnap-murder of a pro-Solidarity priest to cover up the involvement of other Interior Ministry officials.

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, who was warned by a state prosecutor that he faces up to five years in prison if he continues his union activities, reported Monday to his job as an electrician at Gdansk's Lenin Shipyard.

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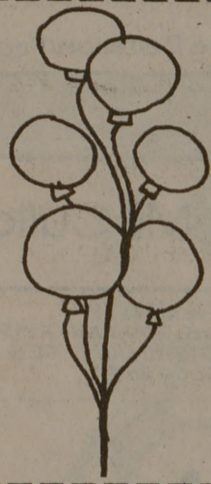
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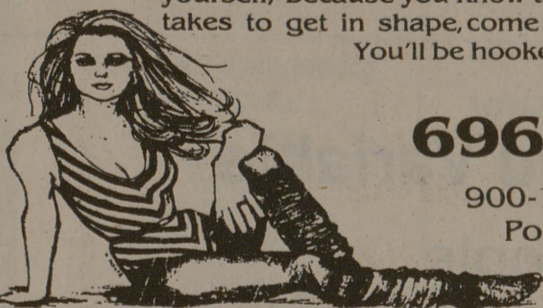
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