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**Earthquake**

*Chileans camp in streets, curfew imposed*

**Associated Press**

SANTIAGO, Chile — Thousands of people camped in debris-strewn streets Monday, driven from their homes by aftershocks of a major earthquake that killed at least 124 people and injured 2,000 in central Chile. Authorities imposed a curfew to stop looting.

The quake crumbled the front section of a church in San Bernardo, just outside the capital, killing 10 people who were attending Sunday evening Mass. It knocked down walls, cut communications and swayed skyscrapers in Santiago and other cities in an 800-mile stretch.

Officials said they expected the death toll to rise as communications were restored and reports came in from outlying cities and towns.

Authorities said the hardest-hit

areas outside Santiago were Valparaiso and Vina del Mar, coastal cities in this narrow country that stretches 2,600 miles along South America's western shore. The three cities have a combined population of about 6 million.

Deaths also were reported in the cities of Rancagua and San Antonio.

The quake struck at 7:47 p.m. Sunday and the National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo., said it measured 7.4 on the Richter scale. Within six hours, Santiago residents had felt about 48 aftershocks, some strong enough to rock tall buildings. Milder tremors continued Monday.

The quake was felt in Argentina, across the Andes Mountains, particularly in the foothill cities of Mendoza, San Juan and Tucuman, but

no casualties or major damage were reported. Some residents of high-rise buildings in Buenos Aires, 600 miles east of the Chilean border, reported slight movement.

Argentine federal police said the quake caused landslides that blocked the Andes highway to Santiago at the frontier town of Las Cuevas, about 120 miles west of Mendoza.

The Chilean government imposed a midnight to 5 a.m. curfew in much of the earthquake zone to prevent looting, which was reported overnight in some heavily damaged commercial districts.

Francisco Cuadra, chief spokesman for the military government, said Monday that the death toll had risen to 124, counting only newly found victims in Santiago and Valparaiso.

**EPA orders reduction in lead content of gas; costs may rise**

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency on Monday ordered the nation's refiners to take 91 percent of the lead out of gasoline this year. EPA said it might speed up a complete ban because of new studies tentatively linking it to high blood pressure.

"There is no doubt in my mind that lead in the environment is still a national health problem and that gasoline is a major contributor to lead exposure," EPA Administrator Lee M. Thomas told a news conference.

Unleaded regular gasoline costs more than leaded regular gasoline by about 7 cents to 10 cents per gallon, and EPA said Monday's action means the cost of producing all gasoline will rise by an average of 2 cents per gallon. However, EPA had no estimate on how companies would pass along to consumers this extra cost. But the agency expects the 7 cent to 10 cent difference to narrow.

Lead, a powerful poison, long has been known to cause insanity and death in high concentrations and kidney damage, anemia and mental retardation at lower levels. It has been used in gasoline since 1923 to increase octane ratings. EPA has been working since 1973 to reduce the lead content of gasoline.

Monday's action requires refiners to reduce the maximum lead concentration in leaded fuel from 1.1 grams per gallon to 0.5 grams by July 1 and 0.1 grams by Jan. 1, 1986.

The agency also said it will seek public comment on a total ban on lead in gasoline by 1988.

Since last summer, studies have been reported "that suggest a strong correlation between blood lead and blood pressure, and that reductions in blood lead levels would result in substantial health benefits," Thomas' statement said.

The decision was welcomed by environmental groups.

"This is a turning point in one of the nation's most protracted environmental disputes," said Eric Goldstein, an attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council.

But the principal manufacturer of lead compounds for gasoline, Ethyl Corp., said in a statement by vice-chairman Lawrence E. Blanchard Jr. in Richmond, Va., that the action was "just another chapter in a long and sordid novel written by EPA to try to make lead the scapegoat for real and serious environmental problems."

**Judge orders extradition of man accused of aiding Nazi crimes**

**Associated Press**

LOS ANGELES — A U.S. magistrate on Monday ordered Andrija Artukovic extradited to Yugoslavia, but specified that the man accused of helping the Nazis carry out war crimes may be tried for only one murder.

U.S. Magistrate Volney Brown gave the government a 60-day stay of his order, allowing prosecutors to produce evidence of further killings which might warrant a change in the extradition order.

Assistant U.S. Attorney David Nimmer said the government would attempt to produce information from Yugoslavia which would require Artukovic to be put on trial in that country for World War II exterminations numbering in the thousands.

The magistrate, however, said he

anticipated that Secretary of State George Shultz, who has the final say on whether Artukovic is sent back to Yugoslavia, would consider several issues, including "whether it is fair to surrender him some 42 to 45 years after the events occurred."

Brown specifically ordered extradition for the 85-year-old ailing Artukovic in the 1941 murder of Jesa Vidic, a former government official in the Independent State of Croatia, a Nazi puppet government.

Artukovic was interior minister of the state, and an affidavit submitted by a witness named Franjo Truhar was cited by the magistrate as the chief reason for extradition.

Truhar told of being present when Artukovic was implored by the wife of Vidic to release him from a

concentration camp in return for 150 acres of land. He said the woman had come to him, and he had taken her request to Artukovic.

"I brought this request in person to Artukovic at Zagreb and handed it to him, to which he answered me, 'What did you bring this petition to me for? I will kill him and take not 150 but 300 (acres) of land,'" Truhar said in his affidavit. "Later, Artukovic himself sent the order for Dr. Jesa Vidic to be killed, which was also carried out, and all of the land was taken...."

Brown had shocked both sides in the case on Friday when he declared he probably would not order Artukovic extradited because the indictment did not state specifics as to victims' names and details of their deaths.

**Report knocks military pensions for helping small, affluent group**

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — Military pensions, criticized by budget director David Stockman, generously benefit only a small, affluent group and actually work against defense readiness by encouraging skilled personnel to retire early, a private study group said Monday.

The observation was contained in "The Military Payoff," a report issued by the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, a non-profit organization founded in 1981 which specializes in analyzing federal benefit programs and military spending.

"The military retirement system, with an annual cost larger than food stamps, Aid to Families with Dependent Children and Supplemental Se-

curity Income, provides high levels of benefits to a small and largely affluent segment of society," the center said.

"It is a far more generous pension system than Civil Service retirement or virtually any private pension system," the report said.

"The military retirement program, as now constituted, also works counter to our nation's defense readiness needs. It encourages the armed forces' most skilled personnel to retire at a young age when they are just reaching the peak of their careers."

The report was issued nearly a month after Stockman told the Sen-

ate Budget Committee that he considered the military retirement system "a scandal...an outrage."

"The institutional forces in the military are more concerned about protecting their retirement benefits than they are about protecting the security of the American people," Stockman told the senators. "When push comes to shove, they'll give up on security before they'll give up on retirement."

The center said that while the Reagan administration has cut most federal benefit programs for the poor from 10 percent to 30 percent, spending for military retirement has been trimmed only 4 percent.

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