

WORLD AND NATION

SHOE



by Jeff MacNelly **Law officers scour U.S. for cannabis**

Associated Press

About 2,200 law enforcement officers Monday joined in a nationwide marijuana search-and-destroy mission that Attorney General Edwin Meese III hailed as a government effort to eradicate "a gateway narcotic" that leads users to harder drugs.

Federal, state and local agents and police officers across the country used helicopters, fixed-wing aircraft and four-wheel-drive vehicles to locate marijuana crops and destroy the cannabis plants with fire or machetes.

There were no early reports of violence in connection with the large-scale raids coordinated by the Drug Enforcement Administration. Agency spokesman Con Dougherty said in Washington that by late afternoon, some 50,000 to 60,000 cultivated marijuana plants had been eradicated in 12 states.

Dougherty also said there had been 15 to 20 arrests, although he stressed that the figure was "very preliminary."

An estimated 7.1 million marijuana plants were discovered in northern Indiana by state and federal authorities, but this huge estimate involved wild marijuana.

The raids, which are expected to continue for several days, were less productive in other states.

Authorities said before the operation that they had a dual mission: to eradicate marijuana crops and to emphasize the Reagan administration's determination to enforce drug laws.

Authorities had said in advance of the operation that roughly 12 percent of the 15,000 to 17,000 metric tons of marijuana consumed in the United States last year had been grown in this country.

Espionage trial begins for former Navy officer

Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — Arthur J. Walker's admission of funneling secrets to the Soviet Union should seal his conviction on espionage charges, a prosecutor said Monday as the non-jury trial opened, but the defense argued that there was no proof the data ever reached the Soviets.

Walker, 50, a retired Navy officer of Virginia Beach, is the first of four defendants in the alleged family spy ring to stand trial. He faces seven counts of espionage in the trial before U.S. District Judge J. Calvitt Clarke Jr.

Walker is charged with passing documents from his employer, defense contractor VSE Corp. of Chesapeake, to his brother, John A. Walker Jr., an alleged Soviet agent.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tommy E. Miller told the judge Arthur Walker admitted his involvement to the FBI after his brother was arrested May 20 in Maryland.

Arthur Walker is accused of copying classified documents on Navy ship repair for his brother in September 1981 and April 1982 and being paid \$12,000 for his role.

J. Brian Donnelly, one of Arthur Walker's two court-appointed attorneys, said the government does not have enough evidence.

He also said the government cannot prove the documents handled by Arthur Walker ever reached the Soviets.

John F. Wittman, security officer for VSE, testified

that company records show Arthur Walker had checked out the documents in question.

Walker's supervisor, Emil Popa, testified he never authorized Walker to photograph any classified documents or give them to his brother.

Popa said Arthur Walker oversaw one to three other employees and knew a great deal about Navy ship repair.

"I thought he did an outstanding job," he said.

Walker listened quietly and conferred occasionally with his lawyers.

For the first time in court, Walker did not wear his toupee. This created a brief stir when Popa testified that he did not see Walker in the courtroom. Popa finally recognized the defendant after Miller asked if Walker wore a toupee to work.

As the trial began, Clarke granted a defense motion to waive Walker's right to a trial by jury. Defense attorney Samuel W. Meekins said Sunday that Walker believed he would receive a fairer trial from the judge than from a jury.

Also charged with espionage in the case are John Walker; his son, Navy seaman Michael L. Walker; and Jerry A. Whitworth, a former Navy friend of John Walker's, of Davis, Calif.

Arthur Walker is a retired Navy lieutenant commander and his younger brother, alleged to be the mastermind of the ring, is a retired chief warrant officer.

John Walker and his son face trial in Baltimore and Whitworth is awaiting trial in San Francisco.

Bounty

Survey says Americans favor offering money for capture or killing of terrorists

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Two-thirds of Americans would favor the offering of a bounty for the capture or killing of terrorists such as those who hijacked the TWA jetliner in June, a Media General-Associated Press poll says.

Respondents in the nationwide telephone poll were asked, "do you think it is a good idea or not a good idea for the U.S. to offer a substantial bounty — dead or alive — on kidnapers and murderers such as the recent hijackers of TWA Flight 847?"

Sixty-six percent said it was a good idea, and 24 percent said it wasn't. The rest were unsure.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said last month the Reagan administration considered offering \$500,000 for the capture of the Shiites who took over the flight and killed Navy diver Robert Dean Stethem. Speakes said he didn't know if the offer would be available to someone who produced the hijackers "dead-or-alive."

The poll was conducted July 5-13, shortly after Speakes made his announcement. The hostage siege ended June 30.

If the American government got directly involved in efforts to capture the terrorists, the actions could endanger other Americans, includ-

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ing seven who remain hostage in Lebanon, said Robert H. Kupperman, an expert on terrorism at the Georgetown Center for Strategic and International Studies.

A bounty may be seen by Americans as a "cheap way out," Kupperman said.

"In a way, we'd like someone else to do our dirty work, and a bounty says, we'll give you the one thing we can give you — cash," Kupperman said.

Speakes never confirmed whether the idea was accepted or rejected but suggested that a decision might be made only when and if the hijackers were captured and convicted.

When it comes to dealing with terrorists, Americans are about evenly divided over whether officials

should negotiate for the release of hostages or not, the Media General-Associated Press poll found.

Forty-four percent of the respondents said they believed the United States should negotiate for the release of American hostages "even if it means giving in to terrorist demands." Forty-two percent opposed negotiations "even if it means some Americans taken hostage are injured or killed."

Young people were more likely to favor negotiations than older people, blacks were more likely to favor negotiations than whites, and women were more likely to favor negotiations than men.

The poll also found:
• Fifty-two percent of Americans consider the possibility of terrorist acts when they decide where — or where not — to go on vacation.

• Six in 10 said they believe developing nations hate the United States.

• Fifty-one percent said they worried about terrorism at home, while 42 percent believe it is a problem only overseas.

Respondents in the Media General-Associated Press poll included a sampling of 1,517 adults across the country July 5-13. As with all sample surveys, the results of Media General-AP telephone polls can vary from the opinions of all Americans.

Springsteen performs in U.S. capital

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bruce Springsteen was rocking the nation's capital Monday on the home stretch of a global "Born in the U.S.A." tour that has made the blue-collar troubadour from New Jersey the undisputed Boss of rock 'n' roll.

The town was gripped by a frenzy for Springsteen tickets, with scalpers running classified ads demanding \$100 to \$200 for tickets in a 55,000-seat Robert F. Kennedy Stadium that originally sold for \$18.50.

Springsteen performed at the same time Tina Turner played in the Capital Centre, an indoor arena a few miles from the football stadium.

Springsteen, who has lionized laid-off steelworkers and factory workers in his songs, may face a dilemma Wednesday in Cleveland, his next stop, where stadium workers were threatening to strike over management threats to cut their wages \$2 to \$3 an hour.

There were conflicting reports from the local concert producer and a spokesman for Local 85 of the Service Employees International Union in Cleveland over whether Springsteen would cross picket lines to put the show on.

Bomb

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killed when the "Fat Man" bomb hit Nagasaki. Japan surrendered on Aug. 14, ending World War II.

Pennsylvania activists kicked off six days of observances late Sunday by whitewashing shadows on Pittsburgh sidewalks, a reminder of the black shadow-like outlines left on streets and buildings in Japan by those vaporized by the bomb. Other "shadow projects" were planned in

13 Oregon cities and in San Francisco.

Church bells were to toll in Philadelphia at 6:15 p.m. Monday — the hour, Eastern Standard Time, that the bomb fell. In New York, Christian and Jewish leaders planned to toll church bells and blow ram's horns for 10 minutes beginning at 7:15 p.m.

Churches in Portland, Eugene and other Oregon cities planned to ring their bells 40 times at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday.

Artists, musicians and dancers gathered Monday in New York's Central Park for the second annual Universal Peace Day, to end with the lighting of 1,000 candles at 7:15 p.m.

The Soviet Union marked the anniversary Monday by citing Moscow's initiatives to limit nuclear testing and criticizing the West's "absence of readiness" to eliminate nuclear arms.

Communist Party Leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev said in a letter to a Japanese group representing victims of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings that "The Soviet Union will not start nuclear war," according to the official news agency Tass.

Demonstrations were planned at the Nevada Test Site; General Electric Co. corporate headquarters in Fairfield, Conn.; the GE plant in King of Prussia; a Williams International Corp. facility in Walled Lake, Mich.; the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the Lockheed Aircraft Corp. plant in California.

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