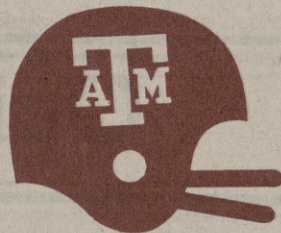


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Commandos storm jetliner, over 40 killed

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VALLETTA, Malta — Egyptian commandos stormed a hijacked Egyptian jetliner Sunday night and shot, explosions and a fire during the assault killed as many as 50 people, a government spokesman said.

"There are about 50 dead by bullet or fire," spokesman Paul Mifsud told reporters two hours after the assault. The wounded pilot, Capt. Hani Galal, told a news conference that all eight children aboard the plane were among those who perished.

Mifsud said the hijackers hurled hand grenades at the passengers when they realized the Boeing 737 was being stormed, and the resulting

fire destroyed the inside of the jetliner.

The victims "were trapped inside and couldn't get out," he added.

Mifsud said there were four or five hijackers, possibly four Palestinians and one Syrian.

Most passengers on the plane, commandeered Saturday over Greece with 97 people aboard and diverted to Malta, were Egyptians or Greeks. One of the three American passengers was killed and the other two were wounded and thrown from the plane by the hijackers before the commando assault.

Malta's state-run television said about 80 people were on the jetliner when the commandos attacked. It

said 28 wounded people were taken to hospitals.

Mifsud said Prime Minister Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici authorized the assault because "the situation was getting out of hand." He added that it was totally an Egyptian operation.

Mifsud quoted Galal, as saying the hijack leader was "a madman" who sang and danced each time he shot a hostage and tossed the body from the plane onto the tarmac.

Galal, 39, earlier told authorities by radio that the hijackers had killed seven people.

As the commandos stormed the plane, Galal killed the hijack leader with an ax, Mifsud said. Both the pilot and the co-pilot were wounded in the struggle.

The pilot, his head bandaged and his jacket and white shirt spotted with blood, told a news conference that the hijack leader singled out Americans and Israelis "for execution."

It was "awful. . . . But our only hope was the storming," Galal said. The assault troops "were facing first-class killers. They were desperate and would not hesitate to blow up the plane."

Galal, a pilot for 15 years, said he fully agreed with the decision to storm the plane.

"I think the storming operation (was) very, very well conducted, but we were not lucky," Galal said.

Pasadena woman shot in head in ordeal

Associated Press

PASADENA — The parents of a U.S. passenger aboard the hijacked Egyptian 737 say their daughter was shot by gunmen before the plane was stormed at the Malta airport.

Jackie Nink Pflug, 30, was taken to a Valleta, Malta, hospital for treatment, said Eugene Nink. Family spokesman Eric Beaver said the woman was shot in the head, and

that doctors removed bone fragments and a bullet Sunday night.

"They shot her in a kneeling position and threw her out of the airplane," Nink told Houston television station KPRC. "She landed on her face, busted her nose — broke her nose."

Beaver said Pflug was listed in good condition at St. Luke's American Hospital in Malta. Beaver said

she was conscious and was talking.

"She can move all her limbs but she is having problems seeing out of her left eye," said Beaver, adding that the bullet embedded just above her right ear.

"The important part is the next 36 hours to see if there are any compli-

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The Ball Stops Here

Texas Christian University's David Rascoe is brought down by Texas A&M defender Johnny Holland (right) during Saturday's game in

Fort Worth as teammates Sammy O'Brien (center) and Todd Howard (left) show up to ensure a complete tackle. See story page 11.

Photo by JOHN MAKELY

SAA wants A&M's money out of S. Africa

Student group calls for divestment

By MONA L. PALMER
Reporter

Students Against Apartheid is calling for the divestment of the \$2.95 million that the Texas A&M University System has invested in South African companies.

"We think that a university such as Texas A&M should not support apartheid or things that indirectly support apartheid — like investments," says Marty Schwebel, divestment committee chairman for SAA.

A&M's investments in South Africa amount to 1 percent of A&M's total investment portfolio, Schwebel says. It wouldn't hurt A&M economically to divert that \$2.95 million to other companies that don't support apartheid, he says.

"We want students to be aware that money that deals with them, that is in their name, is supporting apartheid," Schwebel says. "If the students care about where Texas A&M money goes, then I think they

need to make their voices heard." Norman Muraya, president of SAA, says, "They say all it takes for evil to advance is for a few good men to sit still. But your money does not sit still. That money is actively supporting the government in South Africa."

"A&M could easily withdraw its money without going through a lot of drastic changes. If they did that it would be of strategic and leadership significance."

Schwebel says the A&M Board of Regents should consider divestment for moral and political reasons.

Universities are moral institutions and one of their purposes is to further humanitarian ideals, he says. By supporting apartheid, a system he says has left 75 percent of the South African population without basic civil rights, A&M is not protecting the values of a free world, Schwebel says.

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Dangerous chemicals polluting Texas air

Associated Press

DALLAS — Millions of pounds of dangerous chemicals, including almost 40 tons of known or suspected cancer-causing agents, fouled the state's air this year as a result of plant mishaps, state records show.

"Anything like this is of concern," said Herbert McKee, who heads the environmental control division of the Houston Health Department.

According to records examined by the Dallas Morning News, most of the emissions occurred in the Houston area, the center of the state's huge petrochemical industry.

The chemicals ranged from more than 46 million pounds of carbon monoxide to 45 pounds of hydrogen cyanide, which can be

deadly in concentrations as low as one part per 10,000.

Other chemicals that escaped this year included hydrochloric acid, sulfur dioxide, ammonia and chlorine.

McKee and other officials say Texas could suffer a disastrous chemical leak such as the one at a Union Carbide plant in Bhopal, India, or the pesticide leak at a Union Carbide plant in Institute, W. Va., in August.

"I'm amazed, really, that we don't have more accidents like Bhopal or Institute," said Jerry Crowder, an associate professor of environmental engineering at the University of Texas at Dallas. "But the potential is definitely there."

Texas Air Control Board records show that

some of the nation's largest oil and chemical companies — including units of Union Carbide, Dow Chemical Co., Shell Oil Co., Chevron Corp., Exxon Corp. and Diamond Shamrock Corp. — are among those responsible for the dangerous emissions.

Spokesmen for the companies and for the Chemical Manufacturer's Association defended the industry, saying it has an exemplary record.

"You can't eliminate the risk," said Ed Van Den Aemele, Union Carbide's manager of media relations. "Hazards are part of the chemical industry. But what we can do is reduce the risks." Tim Scott, spokesman for Dow Chemical USA's plant in Freeport, the largest petrochemical complex in the nation,

said emissions from the plant — which included 14,000 pounds of chlorinated hydrocarbons, which are suspected carcinogens — "have had no impact on the safety of our workers or the environment."

Scientists say it is difficult to assess the health effects of toxic air emissions in Texas.

"The chronic effects are our biggest worry," said Bob Love, chief of the Air Control Board's emissions inventory system. "No one knows for sure what happens when humans are exposed to small amounts of these toxic substances over a long period of time."

"We know there are effects," he continued. "How severe they are, we don't know with any certainty. Therein may lie the biggest danger."

34 hurt in blast from car bomb at military post

Associated Press

FRANKFURT, West Germany — A powerful car bomb exploded outside a busy U.S. military shopping center Sunday, injuring 34 people, most of them Americans, authorities said.

The blast at 3:20 p.m. damaged 42 cars in the center's parking lot, shattered windows and blew a gaping hole in the back wall of one shop.

"We suspect leftist terrorists because the attack was similar to the car bombing at the U.S. Air Force Base in August," said spokesman Alexander Prechtel of the Federal Prosecutor's Office in Karlsruhe.

That Aug. 8 car-bomb attack at the U.S. Air Force Rhein-Main Air Base killed two Americans and injured 20 people.

The terrorist Red Army Faction asserted responsibility for the August attack but there was no immediate claim of responsibility for Sunday's bombing.

"Like in August, Americans were the target of the attack," Prechtel said.

Frankfurt police spokesman Kurt Kraus said the bomb was packed in a blue BMW sedan that was bought by a "Moroccan-looking man" Saturday at a second-hand car dealership near Frankfurt.

He said police were looking for witnesses who may have seen the car or the man since Saturday.

Kraus said the BMW was bought at the same dealership that sold the car used in the August bombing.

Bill Swisher, a spokesman for the U.S. Army's 97th General Hospital in Frankfurt, said 34 injured people were treated at the hospital. He said 27 had been released by late evening.

"Seven people are still here and they are listed in fair to good condition," Swisher said.

He said a three-year-old American child was among those released but could give no further details.

The injured included 19 U.S. military personnel, 11 American civilians, a West German civilian and a Filipino, Swisher said.

"For the other two who were treated here we still don't have any personal details," he said. The iden-

ties of the injured were not released.

"Many people just walked off and took themselves to the hospital," said a U.S. Army spokesman, Maj. Christopher Chalko. "Most of the injuries seem to have been bruises and cuts from flying glass."

The BMW was parked in a lot behind the shopping center that is for the use only of U.S. military personnel and their dependents.

A witness, not identified, described the scene to the American Forces Network.

"All of a sudden there was a real loud crash. I turned around to look and see where it came from. Automatically I put my hands over my head. I looked and there was a big yellow flash from between the two buildings."

Chalko said those entering the shopping center must pass by a military police checkpoint five yards from the blast site.

"A guard who was on duty at the time was one of the people injured in the blast," he said.

Chalko was asked how much explosives might have been used and he said, "We assume it's as much as you can load" into the luggage compartment.

West German police and U.S. soldiers in full battle gear immediately shut down the shopping center and sealed off the area.

Future of tax bill now up to Reagan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Reagan, who has called tax reform the spark that will ignite a "second American Revolution," must decide whether to keep the movement alive by endorsing a House Ways and Means Committee tax bill that falls short of his demands.

Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., the committee chairman and chief congressional backer of a tax overhaul, pleaded with Reagan not to make a snap judgment that could kill the bill, which Rostenkowski said "is a victory of cooperation over confrontation."

While members of Congress take a week's recess for the Thanksgiving holiday, Ways and Means aides will write the committee's proposal into legal language. The plan is likely to be debated in the House the week of Dec. 8. The Senate will not consider it this year.

The bill would shift a significant portion of the tax burden from individuals to corporations. Over a five-year period, individ-

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