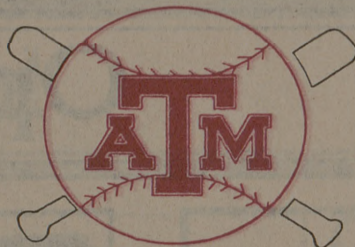




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## Rebels led by Aquino forming government

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — An embattled President Ferdinand E. Marcos declared a state of emergency Monday in an effort to quell a revolt led by two top military leaders and went on television to scoff at reports that he was preparing to flee the country.

But ousted Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile, one of the two rebellious military officials, declared he was forming a provisional government led by opposition presidential candidate Corason Aquino.

Aquino, broadcasting over the Roman Catholic station Radio Veritas, claimed triumph over Marcos and asked for massive demonstra-

tions around Enrile and Lt. Gen. Fidel V. Ramos, deputy chief of the armed forces, "to consolidate that victory."

"I call upon people to be considerate, even with the last remnants of the Marcos military," she said.

A military helicopter made a pass at the presidential palace and fired a grenade at the building, according to soldiers on the grounds. They said a tank fired at the helicopter. Associated Press reporter Miguel C. Suarez said he heard several explosions and M-16 rifle fire from the palace grounds.

One soldier said he had been hit by shrapnel and Col. Vicente Tigas of the presidential security command told journalists to leave the

palace grounds. "We cannot guarantee your safety," he said.

Marcos, in the broadcast over government television station Channel 4, declared, "I intend to stay on as president." But the broadcast went off the air abruptly, cutting off the Marcos statement in the middle of a sentence.

A rebel force led by Col. Mariano Santiago took over the station after a clash in which at least four people were wounded. The station remained off the air and a soldier used the muzzle of his gun to tear down pictures of Marcos.

Enrile and Ramos announced Saturday they had broken with Marcos

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## Reagan urges Marcos to resign presidency

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration today, for the first time, called on embattled Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos to step down.

A statement read by White House spokesman Larry Speakes said: "Attempts to prolong the life of the present regime by violence are futile. A solution to this crisis can only be achieved through a peaceful transition to a new government."

The administration has taken an increasingly tough stance against Marcos in recent days. But the latest statement broke from the policy an-

nounced by Reagan a day earlier. In that statement, Reagan warned Marcos not to use force against his rebellious opponents and threatened to halt \$55 million in U.S. military aid to the island nation if violence there continued.

At that time, Reagan stopped short of urging Marcos to resign, saying that "the matter of effective government in the Philippines is a matter to be determined by the Philippine people...."

Speakes emphasized, after reading the official statement this morn-

ing: "We've never called for a transition before. That is new."

The statement also said U.S. officials had received "disturbing reports of a possible attack by forces loyal to Gen. (Fabian) Ver," the former armed forces chief of staff and Marcos loyalist, against the leaders of the military mutiny against Marcos.

"We urge those contemplating such action to stop," the statement said. "President Marcos has pledged to refrain from initiating violence and we appeal to him and those loyal to him and all other Filipino people to continue to do so."

## Some victims of flood still homeless in California

LINDA, Calif. — Floodwaters from nine days of nearly relentless rains continued to recede Sunday in ravaged northern California communities, but thousands of people were still unable to return home.

Spokesman Dale Follas of the Sutter County Office of Emergency Services said a leaking 400-foot ridge in a levee at Robbins that spurred the evacuation of 400 residents Saturday showed only "minor seepage" Sunday.

The sag in the west levee of the Sutter Bypass was shored up and was close to being stabilized. "When that is confirmed, we can allow people back in," Follas said.

Robbins is about 10 miles south of Yuba County's Linda-Olivehurst area, where 26,000 people fled Thursday night after a levee broke on the south fork of the Yuba River. The levee was repaired Saturday, and by Sunday as many as 16,000 residents were back in their homes beginning the cleanup.

The estimate came from Yuba County Undersheriff Dennis Moore, who said the news was not as good for the approximately 11,000 people at West Linda, whose homes were still in standing water.



### Head First

Scott Southard, a freshman general studies major from Irving, dives for an interception Sunday during the annual football game between the residents of Dunn and Aston dormitories.

Photo by ANTHONY S. CASPER

## Texas Air agrees to purchase ailing Eastern Airlines Inc.

Associated Press

MIAMI — Eastern Airlines, facing a shutdown threat from creditors demanding labor concessions, announced early Monday that it had reached an agreement to be taken over by Houston-based Texas Air Corp.

The company, which had faced a midnight Sunday deadline for the purchase offer about which it would reveal no details, blamed an uncooperative union for forcing the sale, Eastern spokesman Glenn Parsons said in a news release.

He said a press conference would be held later Monday to announce details.

The decision to sell the carrier, which faced looming strike deadlines and threats of being declared in default on some loans by major creditors came following a meeting of Eastern's board of directors at which they considered an offer made Friday by Texas Air, Parsons said.

"There is tremendous potential in this agreement to make Eastern a much stronger and more competitive airline," said the news release signed by Eastern Chairman Frank Borman. "There is no question that the sale was in the best interests of our employees and shareholders."

Eastern's board had set an unspecified deadline Sunday to either obtain concessions or accept the buyout offer, said Eastern spokesman Mark Vogel.

"As far as we can determine, the choices offered to all union groups presently are to reach a negotiated settlement or have the airline sold to outsiders," the pilots' union said in a statement early Sunday afternoon.

Eastern, which is \$2.5 billion in debt, had faced a Wednesday pilots' strike deadline and a March 1 flight attendants' strike deadline, while its lenders had threatened to put Eastern in default and seize its assets if it did not obtain the labor concessions by Feb. 28.

National Mediation Board Chairman Walter Wallace and federal mediators Robert Brown and Harry

Bickford brought Eastern and negotiators for the pilots and flight attendants together in meetings that began late Saturday, mediation board spokesman Meredith Buel said.

The meetings with the Transport Workers Union, which represents 6,200 working flight attendants along with 1,010 who were laid off Feb. 4, were the first since talks broke off Jan. 20. Eastern angered its unions when it imposed un negotiated wage and benefit cuts on flight attendants and increased their working hours when talks with them broke off.

Since last summer, Borman has taken a buyout plan to several companies, including Trans World Airlines, Ozark Air Lines, Northwest Orient, USAir and the Marriott Corp., the official confirmed.

Borman approached Texas Air Chairman Frank Lorenzo through an intermediary, the official said.

Under Lorenzo's leadership, Continental filed for protection from creditors under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Act in 1983, and a bankruptcy judge allowed the carrier to throw out its union contracts and cut wages in half.

In 1985, when Lorenzo offered to buy TWA, two of the airline's unions gave \$150 million in concessions to stop him from gaining control of their employer.

Though stripped down and making money, Continental remains in Chapter 11 but hopes to emerge this year. Continental and its parent company both earned their highest-ever annual profits in 1985, despite fourth-quarter losses for both companies.

## Income tax preparation aid offered

A variety of materials aimed at helping in income tax preparation are available in the Government Documents Division of Texas A&M's Sterling C. Evans Library.

A video-cassette tape, "How to Prepare Income Taxes," explains in detail the preparation of 1985 tax form 1040 as well as supplemental forms. The tape can be checked out from the Government Documents Desk on the second floor and viewed in the library's Learning Resource Department on the sixth floor.

According to David Gay, government documents librarian, "the tape is ideal for individual use because it is set up for the user to stop the tape at intervals and work on the form."

An audio-cassette tape explaining the 1040A and 1040EZ also can be checked out from the Documents Desk.

For more information call 845-2551.

## Metal piece could aid investigators

# Challenger's tank believed found

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A submarine recovered a 15-foot-long piece of jagged metal from the Atlantic Ocean floor that officials said Sunday appears to be part of space shuttle Challenger's external tank, a key item in the investigation of last month's explosion.

In addition, an unmanned submersible has spotted motor parts be-

lieved to be from the spacecraft's main engines.

A top NASA shuttle official, speaking on condition of anonymity, had said late Friday that the accident's cause could not be positively determined unless additional physical evidence is retrieved from the ocean bottom. The most important evidence being sought, he said, was the right solid-fuel booster, followed by the external fuel tank.

The booster and tank are deemed important because theories of the cause of the explosion now center on the O-rings used to seal segments of the booster.

The seals may have been made less resilient by cold temperatures either from the air blowing off the external tank or from a leak of super-cooled liquid hydrogen or liquid oxygen from the external tank, investigators have speculated.

Richard Feynman, a physicist at California Institute of Technology, said calculations he supervised during the past week put the temperature of the suspect booster joint at 29 degrees Fahrenheit, plus or minus two degrees, at launch time.

NASA officials have said their criteria allowed launches when temperatures on the pad were between 31 and 99 degrees.

# Tax return changes won't affect '85 filing

Editor's note — This is the first in a series of five articles written to help taxpayers prepare their 1985 income tax returns. This installment covers changes from last year.

By JIM LUTHER  
AP Tax Writer

WASHINGTON — As you start work on your 1985 tax returns, don't waste a lot of time worrying about the proposed changes that the president and Congress have been talking about for a year. They won't have an effect on the return that you must file by April 15.

The brackets, personal exemption and standard deduction have been adjusted to account for inflation, and you won't have to suffer any new complexities to get those tax breaks. Instead of a \$1,000-per-person exemption, you get \$1,040. And the

standard deductions were raised by about 4 percent.

Those who do not itemize deductions will find they are able to deduct a larger share of charitable contributions than they did last year. The deduction is for half the total you gave in 1985.

Itemizers and non-itemizers alike will have to file a separate Form 8283 if their total non-cash contributions exceed \$500. The recipient of a cash donation of \$3,000 or more must be listed on the return. If you gave more than \$3,000 to one charity or made any non-cash contribution, you won't be able to use the ultra-simple Form 1040EZ.

Many people will find it easier than before to qualify for the lower tax rates available to unmarried heads of household.

The maximum earned-income

credit, which benefits lower-income families with children, has been increased to \$550, and some benefits may now be available to those whose earnings exceed \$10,000.

There are some relatively minor

revisions in the tax forms, primarily to catch cheats. Among them:

- Social Security recipients whose 1985 incomes were large enough (\$32,000 for a couple, \$25,000 for a single person) to require them to pay tax on part of their Social Security pensions must list their tax-exempt interest on Page 1 of Form 1040. That interest is considered in calculating how much of the pension is taxable.

- If you paid alimony, you'll have to list the name and Social Security number of your ex-spouse.

- Parents must list any dependent children who did not live with them in 1985.

Schedule 1, which is used by millions who file the "short" Form 1040A, has been juggled but there are no substantive changes. And there's one minor step toward sim-

plification: You no longer have to make a separate entry on your return to show that a portion of your Individual Retirement Account contribution for 1985 was made in 1986.

Two changes in the law will affect taxpayers who buy a car for business use and investors in real estate. Most real estate placed in service after May 8, 1985, must be depreciated over 19 years (rather than 18). The maximum amount of investment credit allowed for a car placed in service after April 2, 1985, generally is \$675; the maximum first-year writeoff is \$3,200.

And the tax consequences of divorce have been reduced. Under the new law, a husband, for example, may turn over his share of a home to his wife as part of a divorce settlement without having to pay capital-gains tax.

