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U.S. forces knock out 2 more Libyan ships

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. jets destroyed two Libyan patrol boats and damaged a radar site Tuesday, and the Pentagon declared the renewed American defense against "hostile intentions," even though no hostile provoked it.

against Libyan missile attacks aimed unsuccessfully at U.S. planes. Later, the administration said there had been no new fire from the Libyans. One of the patrol boats was sunk by the cruiser Yorktown, marking the first time a Navy ship had used its surface-to-surface missiles against a Libyan vessel.

ready demonstrated "hostile intentions." The attacks came even though the Libyan boats and missile installation did not fire on American forces. But U.S. officials said the battle force had standing orders that declared any Libyan plane or boat approaching them to have hostile intentions.

Libyan intentions... and we will defend ourselves." There were conflicting reports, meantime, as to whether the United States might end its maneuvers below Libya's so-called "line of death" before the scheduled deadline of April 1.

Adm. Frank Kelso, could decide to end the exercise before April 1. The United States has three aircraft carriers and 27 other combat ships operating in the region. Three surface ships remained inside the gulf, but the carriers remained outside it to the north.

of the Soviet ships, although he indicated at least four were near the American vessels. • Libyan air forces remained absent from the combat arena. Weinberger said Libyan fighters had been detected in the air, but all had remained over land and had made no move toward the gulf.

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U.S. strike on Libya praised

Texas leaders say response justified

WASHINGTON (AP) — Members of the Texas congressional delegation supported U.S. military retaliation against Libya, calling it a justified response to Libyan aggression.

Rep. Charles Wilson, D-Lufkin, a member of the Defense Appropriations subcommittee, said, "It was a fair case of Libyan aggression."

Texas legislators reacted to Monday's missile attacks on U.S. planes operating in the Gulf of Sidra that led to retaliatory raids against some patrol boats in the gulf and missile batteries on the Libyan shore.

"The Libyans deserve what they get," Wilson said.

Democratic Sen. Lloyd Bentsen said, "You can't let (Libyan leader Muammar) Khadafy close down international waters."

"We can't let pirates go around the Gulf of Sidra when we can't operate in the Mediterranean Sea."

Republican Sen. Phil Gramm, chairman of the Armed Services Committee, said, "I think our reprisal is totally justified."

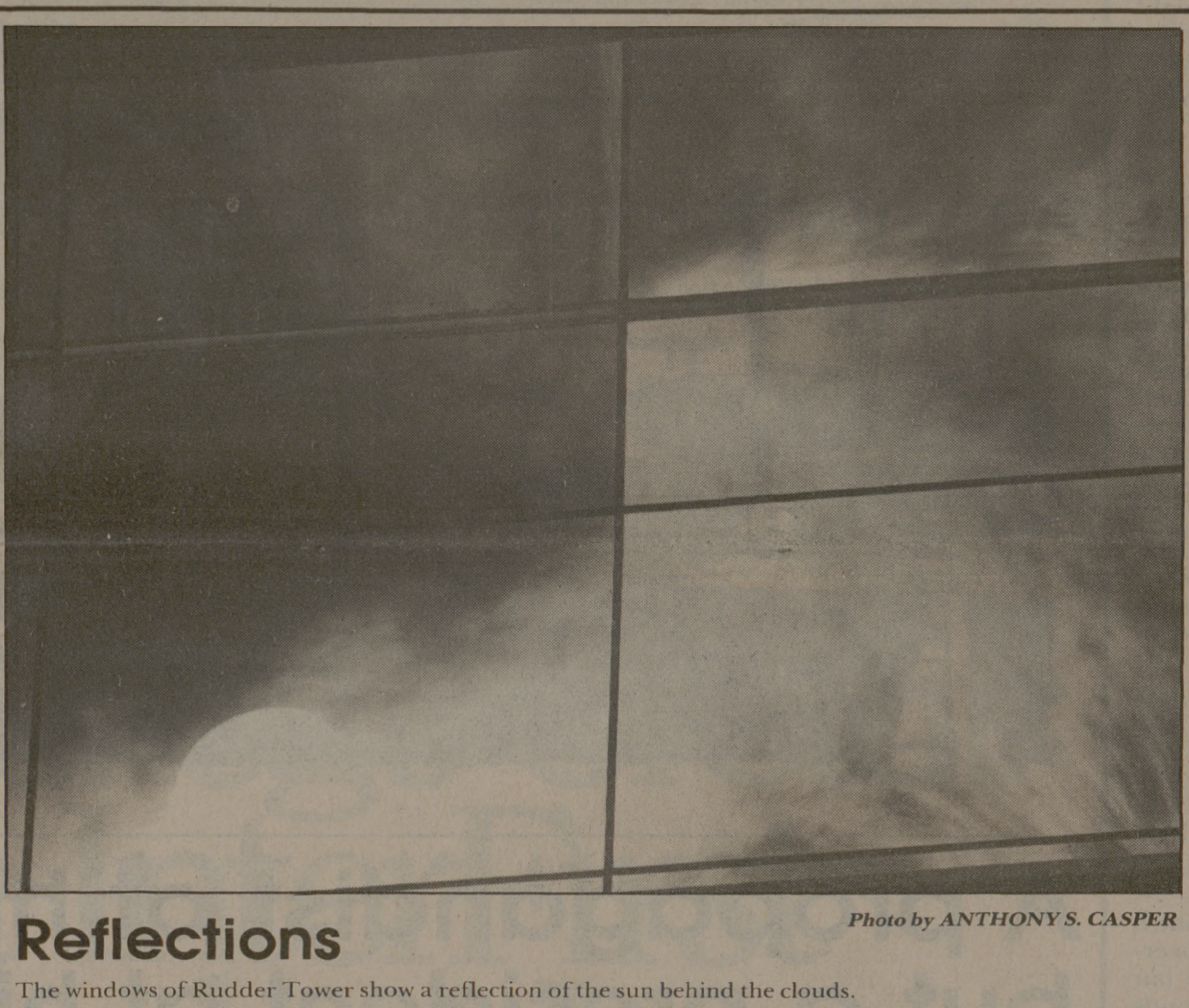
"He has no more right to shut off the Gulf of Sidra than we would have to keep everybody out of the Gulf of Mexico, and when he fires missiles at U.S. airplanes you have to take steps to protect the people flying them."

Republican Rep. Dick Army of Denton said, "If you take a loud-mouth bully like Khadafy and call him bluff, he'll pull in his horns."

Rep. John Bryant, D-Dallas, agreed, but added that there could be no more such incidents.

"Anytime you confront a bully, you run the risk of losses," Bryant said.

"And I think our whole nation is faced at risk, but the price of not confronting a bully is much higher than the price of facing one," he said.



Reflections

The windows of Rudder Tower show a reflection of the sun behind the clouds.

Photo by ANTHONY S. CASPER

Reagan gives emergency aid to Honduras

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan gave \$20 million in emergency military assistance to Honduras on Tuesday and agreed to the use of U.S. helicopter pilots in response to an incursion by troops of the Marxist-led government of neighboring Nicaragua.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said as many as 1,500 Nicaraguan troops had crossed the border into Honduras. The Honduran government confirmed the incursion and said it had requested U.S. aid.

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Classes to meet on Friday

Students anticipating another Easter surprise from Gov. Mark White can sit back, relax and prepare for classes on Friday.

Mike Schneider, assistant press secretary for White, said the decision to close state agencies on Good Friday last spring was made by the Texas Legislature, which was in session during the week before Easter.

The resolution was proposed by Sens. Ed Howard and Grant Jones.

The Legislature is not in session this week and, under Texas law, White can't cancel classes without a resolution from the Legislature.

The question of honoring Good Friday is now up to each individual state agency, Schneider said.

Dr. Gordon Eaton, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said since the governor has already designated San Jacinto Day a state holiday, cancelling classes would affect the University's required number of class days.

"We will not be taking that day off," Eaton said.

Khadafy philosophy one of Arab unity

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Despite his reputation as an erratic leader, Moammar Khadafy has consistently steered his nation of some 3 million people according to a philosophy of Arab unity marked by hostility to Israel and to "imperialism."

verse groups as Indians in the United States, Moslem rebels in the Philippines and the Irish Republican Army. He has backed radical factions of the Palestine Liberation Organization opposed to a peaceful settlement with Israel, financed opponents of deposed President Gaafar Nimeiri in Sudan and is believed to have supported a bungling coup attempt against the late President Anwar Sadat in Egypt in April 1974.

dafy shuns formal titles and holds no office beyond "guide of the revolution." He calls his country "the Socialist Peoples' Libyan Arab Jamahiriya," roughly translated from Arabic as "state of the masses."

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Police still looking into student's death

By BRIAN PEARSON Senior Staff Writer The Bryan Police Department has not closed the case involving an apparent suicide by a Texas A&M student.

Walling said no autopsy was performed on Holmans. In most suspicious deaths an autopsy is ordered to determine the cause of death, he said. "We didn't see anything that we could gain from the autopsy," Walling said. "What is an autopsy going to show us? It's going to tell us that he died from the knife stab to his sternum."

'KLS computers should sue A&M'

System official files reply to suit

By SCOTT SUTHERLAND City Editor Attorneys for Texas A&M University System Vice Chancellor Bill Wasson filed a response Monday to the multi-million dollar lawsuit filed in January by local computer store owners who want to shut down the Texas A&M Micro Center.

computer outlet that decimated competition. Wasson was served with the KLS petition on February 28. Texas law allows the defendant 20 days and a Monday to file a rebuttal to the lawsuit.

contend that Wasson was acting in his official capacity with A&M and therefore is entitled to protection from antitrust lawsuits. "All of (Wasson's) actions and activities complained of were pursuant to proper authority and well within the course and scope of his employment," the answer states.

for unfair trade practices unless the Legislature agrees it can be sued. Robert Henderson, general counsel for the Legislative Council of the Legislature, says getting the Legislature to grant permission to sue isn't as complicated as it sounds. Passage of a concurrent resolution that states why the plaintiff is suing is generally routine, he said.

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