

# U.S. - Libya Conflict

## New violence by terrorists follows U.S. air raid of Libya

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House on Tuesday proclaimed U.S. air raids on Libya a success that "struck a blow against terrorism," but the attacks were followed by a new incident of violence against an American — the shooting of an employee in the U.S. embassy in neighboring Sudan.

The bombing raids may have put in jeopardy plans for a U.S.-Soviet summit meeting this summer. The Soviet Union called off a mid-May meeting at which arrangements for a summit were to have been made.

President Reagan, speaking before the Khartoum shooting, told some businessmen "the United States won but a single engagement in the long battle against terrorism" and pledged to continue with more strikes if necessary.

"We would prefer not to have to repeat the events of last night," he told a group of business executives. But he said that would be up to Libyan leader Moammar Khadafy, whom he labeled an arch-terrorist.

"What is required is for Libya to end its pursuit of terror for political goals," Reagan said. "The choice is theirs."

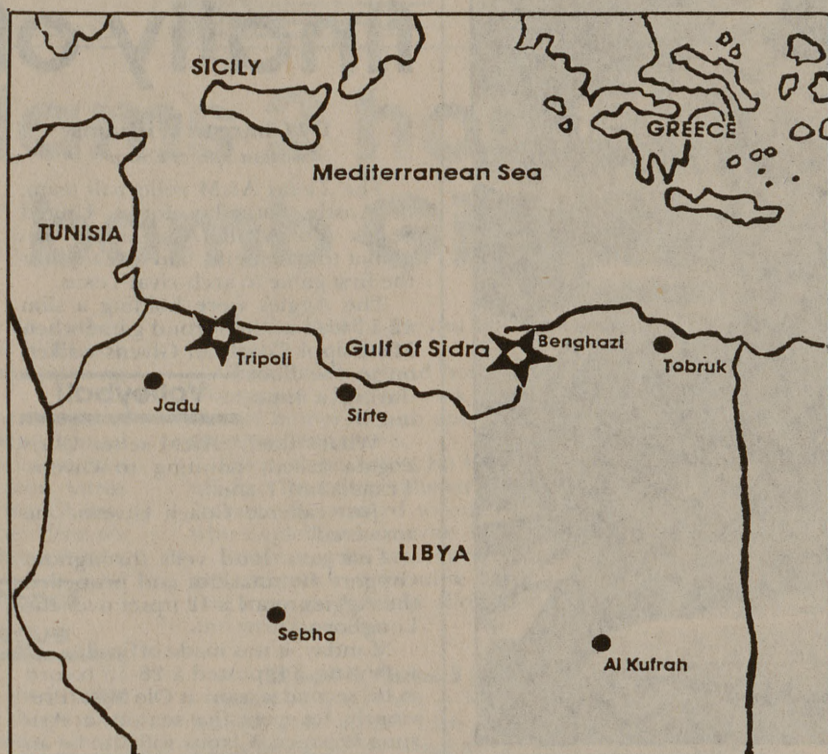
The State Department said the Khartoum embassy victim, whose identity and occupation were not disclosed, was hospitalized in serious condition with a gunshot wound to the head. A spokeswoman, Anita Stockman, said U.S. officials did not know who was responsible and no group claimed responsibility. National Public Radio said an administration source said it was thought Libya was involved.

Last November, the State Department brought home some U.S. personnel and their families from Sudan because of the presence of Libyan terrorists in Khartoum. Americans were advised to stay out of the city.

Presidential spokesman Larry Speakes said the nighttime U.S. bombings "successfully accomplished" their twin objectives of damaging Khadafy's ability to perpetrate terrorism and showing him the United States would strike to punish him for past attacks on Americans and to pre-empt future ones.

Pentagon spokesman Robert Sims said rescue planes continued to search over the water off Libya after dark Tuesday but had found "no evidence of survivors, no beepers, no strobes" to indicate where the lost plane went down.

He said the search-and-rescue op-



eration was not drawing fire and no other U.S. forces were in the area, despite Libyan reports of a renewed attack.

The Soviet Union, responding to the bombing raids, called off a planned meeting next month between Secretary of State George P. Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze, casting doubt on plans for a second summit this year between the leaders of the two countries.

The White House called the Soviet decision "a mistake." Shultz and Shevardnadze were to have discussed arrangements for Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's visit to the United States to meet with Reagan, a trip the two leaders agreed on last November but for which no date has been set.

Speakes said, "The Soviet decision shows where they stand on the important issue of international terrorism. It also says something about their commitment to work constructively on issues on the U.S.-Soviet agenda, including arms reductions and regional crises."

Barely 15 hours after the bombing of targets in and around Tripoli and the western port city of Benghazi, Libya announced a retaliatory

strike of its own against a U.S. telecommunications station on the tiny Mediterranean island of Lampe-  
dusa.

A U.S. Coast Guard spokesman said at least two missiles were fired from an unidentified ship or plane at a Coast Guard long-range navigation station on the Italian island north of the Libyan coast.

The spokesman, Nicholas Sandifer, said a report from the island indicated the missiles landed in the water just off the island, causing no damage or casualties.

Speakes said the United States was still assessing the situation and he could not say what the response might be. He said there were 31 Coast Guard personnel at the long-range navigation site and that they had no weapons other than personal small arms.

Speakes also confirmed that a truck laden with rocket launchers had exploded outside Yokota U.S. Air Force Base in Japan at 6:10 a.m. EST but said it was too early to say whether the incident was the result of a terrorist attack. He said there were no injuries.

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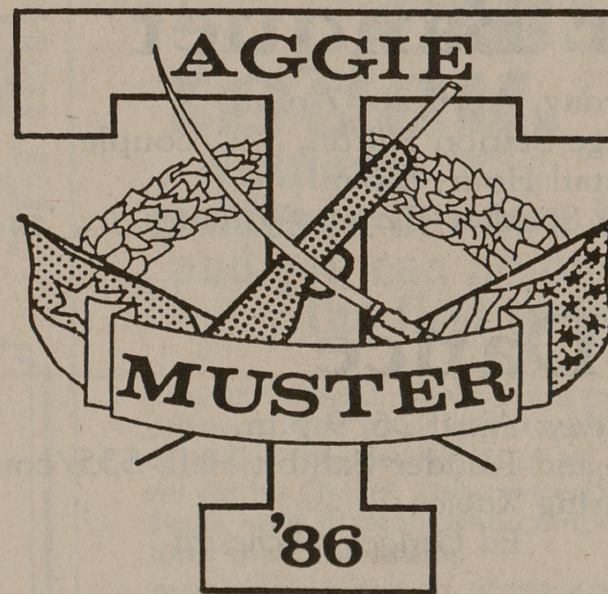
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