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## Terrorists strike back against U.S., Britain

(AP)— Terror struck back against the United States and its friends on the two continents Thursday, in an extension of vengeful fury ignited by the American bombing of Libya. Terrorists "executed" three kidnap victims in Lebanon, tried to blow up an El Al jetliner in London, and tossed firebombs at U.S. targets in Tunisia. In city after city around the world, angry crowds swirled around U.S. embassies and screamed their hatred "U.S.A. Aggressor." Bomb-disposal squads scurried around European capitals in response to threats. American embassy members were being airlifted from Sudan. In Libya itself, ner-

ous Westerners looked desperately for ways out of the country. And in Moscow, in a possibly ominous development, the Soviet Union summoned foreign ambassadors and formally asserted its right to free passage through the seas and air around Soviet-aligned Libya, a move that might signal Kremlin intentions to move naval vessels or other military equipment into the tense Mediterranean. The Reagan administration was clearly braced for further shocks. "We are prepared for an increase

in terrorism," White House spokesman Larry Speakes said in Washington. But he said the U.S. leadership believes its bombing of Libyan cities Tuesday will "in the long run... reduce the risk to Americans" from terror attacks. In Lebanon, retaliation for the U.S. raid was swift and bloody. The bodies of three kidnap victims — identified as writer Alec Collett, 64, and teachers Leigh Douglas, 34, and Philip Padfield, 40, all Britons — were dumped on a highway, each shot once in the head. A note found nearby claimed they were U.S. and British spies and had been executed by Arab commando

cells in reprisal for the attack on Libya. Collett was kidnapped 13 months ago and Douglas and Padfield were abducted last month. Arab anger has been directed at the British government because it allowed the United States to mount the air attack on Libya from a U.S. air base in Britain. Soon after the bodies were found, a British television cameraman was abducted by gunmen in Beirut. Eighteen kidnapped foreigners, including six Americans, are still missing in Lebanon. In London Thursday, an alert se-

## Reagan: Raid on Libya 'the right thing to do'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration, facing a spiral of international terrorism, defended its bombing raid on Libya as "absolutely the right thing to do" and said Thursday that the world will benefit in the long run from a hard-line stance against terrorists. President Reagan called the slaying of three Britons in Lebanon a tragedy that demonstrates that "terrorism is something that we have to deal with once and for all, all of us together."

The administration said it still was not certain about the whereabouts of Khadafy, who appeared on state-run television late Wednesday and pledged "to stand and fight U.S. aggression." Speakes said information from various sources, including news reports, indicates that shooting continues in Libya and that some elements of the army were "involved in mutinous type of activity."

A note found by the hostages' bodies on a mountain highway outside Beirut claimed one of the victims was a CIA agent, and said the killings were in retaliation for the British-supported U.S. attack on Libya. Presidential spokesman Larry Speakes said he did not know of any ties between any of the victims and the CIA. Another Briton was seized by gunmen en route to the Beirut airport and a previously unknown group claimed responsibility. Elsewhere, firebombs were thrown at a U.S. Marine post in Tunisia, and police in London arrested a woman as she tried to board an Israeli jetliner with plastic explosives hidden under a false bottom of her luggage.

Speakes said information from various sources, including news reports, indicates that shooting continues in Libya and that some elements of the army were "involved in mutinous type of activity." He added, "We do not know how widespread it is and (we) cannot draw any conclusions about dissension in the Khadafy ranks." Reagan, posing for pictures with visiting Australian Prime Minister Robert Hawke, said Khadafy was "staying under cover while the shooting's going on." Khadafy, whose infant daughter was reported killed in the attack, said in his television appearance that "we do not bomb children like the United States does."

While refusing to link the attacks to Monday's bombing of Libya, Speakes said, "We were aware there was a potential for increased activity." Speakes said, "We are prepared for an increase in terrorism. That is why we have issued the alerts" to embassies and military installations around the world. "We are not certain it will happen, but it is a possibility."

Speakes was openly skeptical that Khadafy even had an adopted child. "We were not aware previously that there was an adopted Khadafy infant," he said, adding, "We had not seen the adoption papers." The president's spokesman was the first government official to publicly question whether Khadafy had such a daughter since a physician in Tripoli said Tuesday that she had been killed and that two Khadafy sons were injured.

Reagan "believes that his action taken in Libya was absolutely the right thing to do," Speakes said. "The U.S. had no choice but to drive the point home to (Libyan leader Moammar) Khadafy that he would have to pay for terrorist activities. We believe in the long run that this will reduce the threats, danger to Americans and other citizens worldwide."

Defending the U.S. bombing, Speakes said 938 people were killed worldwide in terrorist attacks last year, "many of them attributed to Libya and Khadafy." In another development, the Pentagon announced that the two crewmen from the F-111 missing in the attack have been declared killed in action, instead of missing. The two crewmen were Capt. Fernando L. Ribas-Dominicci of San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Paul F. Lorence of San Francisco.

Speakes announced the evacuation of up to 500 Americans — non-essential diplomatic personnel and dependents — from Khartoum, Sudan, following the shooting Tuesday of an American embassy employee and a flag-burning demonstration Wednesday by thousands of people there in protest of the U.S. military strike.

At a Pentagon briefing, spokesman Robert Sims said the U.S. raids involved more than 100 strike and support aircraft and succeeded in damaging all five designated targets. The bombing runs were mounted during the dead of night at altitudes of less than 500 feet and speeds in excess of 575 miles per hour, he said. "This was a near-flawless professional operation under extremely difficult circumstances, in the middle of the night, long distances from bases..." Sims said. "It was rather extraordinary and I don't think we've had anything like it in U.S. military annals, frankly."

He said the shooting "bears the marks of Libya" and "our suspicions are very great that this was a Libyan type of operation." Of the hostage slayings in Lebanon, Speakes said, "We do not know who is responsible but it bears the marks of the type of activity engaged in by Abu Nidal," an accused Palestinian terrorist with a base of operations in Libya.

The mission was not without problems, however. Sims disclosed that five of the 18 Air Force F-111 bombers and two of 14 Navy A-6 attack jets were forced to abort their bombing runs either because of equipment problems or for other, unexplained reasons. The House last month had voted down Reagan's plan, but the Senate approved a different version and O'Neill agreed to reconsider it only if the package were attached to an unrelated spending bill that Reagan has threatened to veto. Rather than vote for Contra aid attached to the spending bill, Republicans joined with Democrats to approve the amendment which had the effect of temporarily killing Reagan's plan. "We didn't have anything to lose," Michel said Thursday. "The spending bill isn't going anywhere anyway." Michel said the GOP will now try to gather the necessary 218 signatures to bring a separate Contra aid package to the floor.

## 2 arrested in theft of auto

By Brian Pearson Senior Staff Writer

A stakeout by the Texas A&M University Police Department ended Thursday with the arrest of two men in connection with the theft of an automobile.

Bob Wiatt, director of security and traffic at A&M, said officers on the stakeout saw two men slumped down in the front seat of a 1975 Malibu Classic, which was cruising slowly through Parking Annex 61 across the railroad tracks from Kyle Field.

Wiatt said Detective Will Scott of University Police saw them stop, enter a 1976 Monte Carlo and drive off with it.

They then drove south on Olsen Road, Wiatt said, and were followed by University police. He said although the two men didn't attempt to outrun the officers, neither did they pull over when police turned on the lights and sirens.

According to Wiatt, "They (suspects) got caught in some traffic and officers boxed them in."

The police apprehended the men near the intersection of Olsen Road and Jersey Street.

Rogelio Sanchez Garza, 25, and Mario Alfaro Lozano, 17, from Houston were taken to the Brazos County Jail and charged with felony theft.

Felony theft carries a prison sentence of from two to 10 years and a fine of up to \$5,000.

Brad Mercer, a sophomore biomedical science major from Fort Worth and owner of the Monte Carlo, said he was lucky his car was recovered.

"I was extremely surprised," Mercer said. "I can't believe anybody would want that car."

Mercer said University police did an excellent job of handling the situation.



Photo by Bill Hughes

Texas A&M University police officers escort Rogelio Sanchez Garza (center) to a squad car.

"I am pretty impressed," Mercer said. "I use to think all they did was write tickets."

Wiatt said the stakeout was initiated because four motor vehicles had been stolen last week from the same area.

"Stakeouts pay off," Wiatt said.

A similar stakeout occurred in January when University Police arrested three men in connection with the theft of two motor vehicles.

Wiatt said students should be

careful about parking cars on campus and leaving them unattended for long periods of time.

"The students that leave their cars over there need to go out and check it every once in a while," Wiatt said.

## 600 students at A&M face possible arrests

By Brian Pearson Senior Staff Writer

Texas A&M University Police will list the Place 1 and Place 2 Justice of the Peace offices in the possible arrests of 600 A&M students.

Bob Wiatt, director of security and traffic at A&M, said that starting April 28, about 200 students with pending warrants and 400 outstanding warrants may soon be arrested if they don't pay off their University Justice citations filed with the Justice of the Peace.

These warrants are for all outstanding University Police citations except parking tickets.

University Police will receive a list of all students with warrants filed with the Justices of the Peace, Wiatt said.

He said these students will be listed first, made aware of the war-

rant and warned about the possibility of being arrested.

"If you don't heed, then we'll have to go out and drag you in," Wiatt said.

He said the University Police will be responsible for arresting on-campus students while the Bryan or College Station police departments will handle the off-campus students.

Wiatt said any student who has received a University vehicle citation other than a parking ticket is going to be on the Justice of the Peace list.

"I am requesting all students to go down memory lane and recall getting a ticket and probably throwing it out the window," Wiatt said.

Students having questions concerning the citations should call 693-3006 or go by the Justice of the Peace office at 303 University Dr. on weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and noon or 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

## O'Neill: Reagan lost best chance

# 'Odds of reviving aid bill slim'

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. said Thursday he thinks the Republicans face long odds in their gamble to win an up-or-down vote soon on President Reagan's program of aid to Nicaraguan rebels.

O'Neill told reporters he thought Reagan had his best chance on Wednesday, when consideration of the issue was halted abruptly by a GOP tactic aimed at divorcing the vote from an unrelated spending bill that Reagan wants to veto.

Told of O'Neill's prediction that the GOP would have problems in getting the Contra aid issue considered as a separate measure, House Republican leader Robert Michel, R-Ill., said, "I don't think we'll have

difficulty. We're going to come down hard on our own people."

Michel said his goal is a free-standing bill limited solely to the question of giving military and other assistance to the Contra counterrevolutionaries.

Both leaders agreed that the political fight has delayed for at least a month any new vote on Reagan's plan to send \$100 million to U.S.-backed guerrillas fighting Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government.

To win their gamble, the Republicans will need the support of some Democrats, who hold a 252-182 edge in the House. One seat is vacant.

On Wednesday, the Republican minority pulled its surprise tactic by

voting for an amendment that would have ended Reagan's program of assistance to the Contras — an amendment that had been widely expected to fail. As a consequence, the amendment passed overwhelmingly — stopping any further immediate consideration of other amendments, including one which would have attached several strings to any such continuing assistance program.

Democratic leaders admitted they were surprised, but said the GOP tactic reflected deepening divisions in Congress over the contentious issue. Both sides traded charges after the move, with Democrats saying the GOP used "offensive" and "cynical" tactics and Republicans calling Democrats "corrupt" and "fraudulent."

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