

# World and Nation

*Decline in tourism expected*

## Tourists cancel trips to Europe

NEW YORK (AP) — American travel agents are reporting increasing cancellations to Europe following the bombing raid on Libya, and a European official said Thursday that tourism had been expected to drop by as much as 30 percent even before the raid occurred.

"It's an absolute shame, a tragedy, that one man that President Reagan has called 'the Mad Dog of the Middle East' is restricting the freedom of Americans to travel," said Donald McSullivan, chairman of the North American Committee of the European Travel Commission.

McSullivan, whose group represents 23 European national tourist offices, said travel to Europe in 1985 was up about 16 percent over 1984, but that rough estimates indicated a

decline of 20 percent to 30 percent could occur this year.

The group's estimates were made before the bombing raid. McSullivan said it was too soon to predict what additional effect the raid might have on European tourism, already hurting because of recent terrorist acts in that part of the world. Northern European countries were not expected to suffer as much as countries closer to the Mediterranean, he said.

Even with the cancellations, large numbers of Americans are still expected to go to Europe, some travel officials said.

"The perception on the part of people is that terrorism is rampant. But 6½ million Americans go to Europe every year and 10 get killed. The chances of getting murdered in the U.S. are much greater," said

Conrad Blomberg, president of the Rocky Mountain chapter of the American Society of Travel Agents.

Several cruise lines have abandoned or reduced their Mediterranean schedules and are concentrating instead on the Caribbean and the Pacific Northwest. Americans are expected to flock to Florida for Disney World and to Vancouver, British Columbia, for Expo '86, and cruise operators say their bookings in those areas are high.

Costa Cruises said its Mediterranean cruises generally include about 50 percent Americans, but only about 30 percent of passengers are expected to be Americans this summer.

If some Americans have changed their travel plans out of fear of ter-

rorism, others are doing it out of anger.

Sherri Goodwin, a South Bend, Ind., travel agent, said, "I did have somebody who was planning a trip to Paris. But they said since the French would not allow the U.S. to fly their planes over on Monday night, they did not want to spend their money there."

Mike Drake, general manager of Empress Travel, a franchise with 75 offices, primarily on the East Coast, said he wants tourists to boycott France.

"I have a retail office and I told my agents to try to dissuade someone who wants to go to France," he said. "I'm specifically saying don't go to France only in light of France's refusal to allow us to fly in their airspace."

## Bomb explodes in front of U.S. Consulate, injures three

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) — A bomb exploded Thursday night in front of the U.S. Consulate, shattering windows and injuring three passersbys with flying glass, authorities said.

Police said three people, including a Panamanian, were detained in connection with the 9 p.m. (10 p.m. EST) explosion in downtown San Jose. They were not identified.

The U.S. Embassy, which is located on the opposite corner of the intersection where the explosion occurred, was not damaged. U.S. Ambassa-

dor Lewis A. Tambs, who appeared at the site of the explosion, called it a terrorist act.

James Tull, deputy chief of the embassy, told AP Radio by telephone to Washington: "A device of some kind went off in the middle of a downtown commercial street in San Jose, between the building that houses the American consulate and commercial buildings."

"There was glass damage on both sides of the street, but aside from glass damage there was no damage whatsoever to the consulate. There were no Americans injured. The police tell us that

there were three passersbys that have been taken to the hospital with injuries from the explosion or the falling glass."

Investigators were searching for an individual who may have carried the device in a small suitcase. They said the explosive appeared to be homemade.

Mark Krishchik, spokesman for the U.S. Embassy, said the explosion may have been caused by a hand grenade dropped across the street from the consulate.

## Man's war service has double twist during World War II

MADERA, Calif. (AP) — Jake Sang was in the wrong place at the wrong time during World War II.

When Germany invaded the Soviet Union, Sang was serving in the Russian Army.

But when Germany neared defeat, Sang was fighting for the Germans.

Sang, now credit manager for an FMC Corp. plant near this central California city, didn't have any choice either time.

He was a native of Estonia, which in 1940 came under the control of its eastern neighbor, the Soviet Union. Sang, then 18, had spent a year in the Estonian Army and was ushered into the Russian Army before the German invasion.

When the Germans took over roads he and other Estonians were supposed to guard, they headed back home, Sang recalls. But the Germans caught up with the Estonians at the border and sent them to a prison camp, he adds.

Eight months later, the Ger-

mans decided the Estonians weren't the enemy and let them go home.

Sang got married, became an accountant and let the war progress without him until 1943.

The next twist was a German invasion of Estonia and a mobilization of healthy young men like Sang into the German Army.

He was shipped to the Russian front to fight his former comrades, and suffered a minor wound at the River Narva as the Russians chased the Germans after the battle of Leningrad.

Sang was sent home to recuperate. Worried that the Russians might consider him a traitor, he took his wife and son to Germany on a hospital ship.

Again, he was conscripted into the military.

He wound up in Czechoslovakia and surrendered during a local uprising against the Germans as the war neared its end in 1945.

Sang spent the next four years as a prisoner before being released and reunited with his family. They came to the United States in 1950.

## Boy, 17, dies after drinking cyanide on college TV show

AMHERST, Mass. (AP) — A 17-year-old boy drank cyanide-laced Kool-Aid on live, closed-circuit television and died on the floor of the Hampshire College studio while his brother and friends laughed and urged him to quit joking, students said Thursday.

When Andrew L. Hermann refused to quit his "act" on the comedy show, students carried him to a hall.

Security guards later found he was dead.

According to Philip Jackson, 23, production manager of the student broadcast, "Everyone thought it was a joke. No one realized he had actually done it. We've had some rather extreme things on the show. One time a group of Arabs came on and hijacked it. Everyone just thought he was fooling."

Hermann's older brother, Ste-

phen, a Hampshire student who served as co-host of the program, said, "I thought, like everyone else, that it was just an act."

Hermann described his younger brother as a very intelligent youth who was bored with high school and had "other problems."

Lt. David Jankowski said police were notified of the death by Hampshire County Medical Examiner Donald Abel after the teen-ager was

pronounced dead on arrival at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton shortly after 11 p.m. Wednesday.

Jankowski said, "Cyanide-laced Kool-Aid is suspected and we feel at this time the youth mixed and drank the liquid knowing it was lethal." The youth died of acute cyanide intoxication, according to pathologist's tests.

Dr. Thomas Smith, associate chief

medical examiner for western Massachusetts, said it would be some time before laboratory tests would be completed to determine how much cyanide Hermann took and whether there were any other drugs in his system.

Police refused to comment on the suicide reports by Jackson and other students involved in the production, which was broadcast live to dormito-

ries at the 1,200-student liberal arts college.

"All I know is that he died shortly after a TV show in which he took part," said college spokesman Russell Powell. He said college officials were declining comment on the incident on the advice of counsel.

He said college administration had not made a decision on canceling the student show, "Voice of the Top Two."

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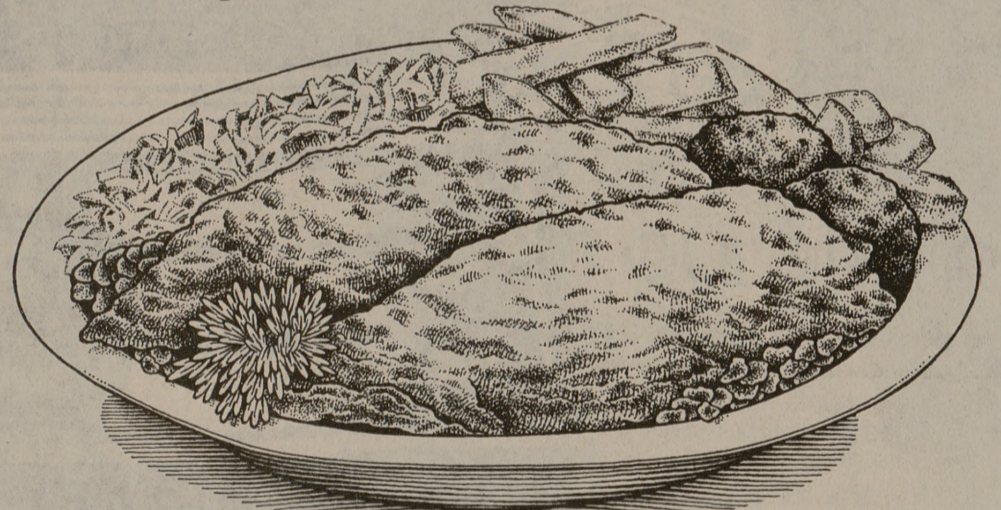
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