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Reagan: Allies favored all-out attack on Libya

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan said Monday that after he decided to launch a limited military strike against Libya, some U.S. allies suggested a coordinated, "all-out" attack to force a change in foammar Khadafy's policy of exporting terrorism.

In an interview with The Associated Press and other news agencies, the president said the suggestions were "that we look seriously together at real major action" against Libya.

He did not name the nations or the leaders who offered that advice, but the Washington Times, in a report published Monday, quoted a senior administration official as saying French President Francois Mitterrand told U.S. envoy Vernon Walters he would support the mission only if it were strong enough to be aimed at overthrowing Khadafy.

Walters made a whirlwind tour of European capitals in the days just before the April 14 air raid to inform the allies of U.S. intentions and seek their support.

Only Britain publicly backed Reagan's action and permitted use of British air bases by U.S. Air Force planes participating in the attack.

"We found that some of them were suggesting that — not that the answer be nothing of that kind — but that we look seriously at, together, real major action against Libya," Reagan said. "Some of them suggested that, . . . if we were going to resort to force, that then perhaps it should be a wider-based and a more all-out effort to change the Libyan policy."

Walters consulted with leaders in Great Britain, West Germany, France, Italy and Spain between April 11-15. The bombing raid occurred early on the morning of April 15, Libyan time.

In Paris, there was no immediate official reaction to Reagan's remark, with a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry saying only, "We have noted the comments."

In The Hague, a Dutch foreign ministry spokesman said his government "knew nothing of such a suggestion."

Reagan said he expects to discuss the matter further next week when he meets other allied leaders at the seven-nation economic summit in Tokyo.

"This has simply been in conversation with some of our representatives that have been over there," he explained. "I think it would be the kind of thing they would want to talk about at the summit as to whether we had reached that point or not."

Meanwhile, Pentagon officials said they were convinced that Libya is "blowing smoke" with claims to have retrieved an F-111 bomber missing from last week's raids.

But these officials, declining to be named publicly, acknowledged that

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'Spirit at A&M sets it apart'

By Sue A. Krenek Reporter

Monday night's Aggie Muster drew a near-capacity crowd to G. Rollie White Coliseum for the traditional ceremony honoring Aggies who have died during the past year.

A.W. "Head" Davis, in his Muster address, told the crowd A&M is distinguished from other good universities by its spirit, a spirit he said comes from A&M's traditions.

"How often does one hear the word 'greatness' used as a descriptive adjective in referring to this University?" he asked. "I assure you, one of the first things I was told when I was a freshman here in 1941 was, 'Fish Davis, let me tell you something. You're at the greatest college in the world. If you don't believe that, we'll help you out of here the same way we helped you in.'"

"That was the beginning and end of my orientation to Texas A&M University."

Davis said since graduation he has learned a great university must have three things: a great faculty, great students and great facilities.

"These are indisputable," he said. "A university cannot achieve greatness unless all three are a reality."

A&M has all of these, he said, and something more.

If great faculty, students, and facilities are the only qualifications for a great university, Davis said, there's a great university in every state.

"Yet you and I know that in the entire world there is no other university such as Texas A&M," he said. "At Texas A&M there is a spirit that can ne'er be told."

Davis said spirit in this context includes frame of mind, desire and character as well as esprit,

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Photo by John Makely

Friends console one another at Aggie Muster in G. Rollie White Coliseum Monday.

Reporters tour city hit by U.S.

BENGAZI, Libya (AP) — Officials showed foreign reporters Monday what they said were the casings of cluster bombs, designed to kill and maim, that were dropped in the U.S. air raid on Benghazi's airport.

Pentagon officials say the raid at Benghazi hit Benina Airport, a missile site and other military targets. Benghazi, 630 miles east of Tripoli, is Libya's second-largest city and one of five targets hit by U.S. warplanes last Tuesday.

The leader of Libya's Roman Catholics, freed after 10 days of detention, said in Tripoli that he was questioned about church activity in this Moslem country and the air strikes probably delayed his release.

Bishop Giovanni Martinelli, arrested April 10 in Benghazi with four priests and a nun, said he was released Saturday and returned to the capital Sunday. The others were freed over the weekend, he said.

Nearly 200 foreign journalists were taken on the first tour of Benghazi since the raids. It focused almost exclusively on damage to civilian areas, and Libyan officials would say nothing about military damage or casualties.

Blid Queri, an engineering professor who led the tour, said 24 people were killed in the raid on Benghazi.

The tour started at the airport.

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'Texas border easy access to U.S. for terrorists'

EL PASO (AP) — Sophisticated and determined terrorists easily could cross the border into the United States, according to federal officials whose agencies are on alert after the bombing of Libya.

The vast, open spaces of the 1,952-mile border between the United States and Mexico coupled with limited manpower of federal agencies has made it relatively easy over the years for illegal aliens to slip in, officials said Monday.

It would be just as easy for a professional terrorist, the officials said.

Authorities along the 4,139-mile border between the United States and Canada also are on the watch for impostors and false passports

that could give away a potential terrorist.

Larry Richardson, the chief Border Patrol agent for the El Paso district, said Monday, "The best we can do is be alert to the possibility of terrorist activity. An unarmed terrorist, someone handled routinely, would have a lot of odds in his favor."

Terrorist profiles have been given to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, the U.S. Customs Service and the Border Patrol.

But a terrorist trying to enter the country would probably have a physical appearance that would make him blend in with the rest of the population, Richardson said. Richardson said, "The most dam-

aging thing a terrorist can carry is his armament."

"But if you provide it in the country, and mix him in with the population," the actual crossing of the border would be a relatively minor problem, he said.

Al Giugni, INS district director in El Paso, said legal documents, such as passports, birth certificates and visas, are being checked more thoroughly.

Officials said sealing the border airtight against potential terrorists would be a difficult task.

John J. Ingham, INS deputy district director in Buffalo, N.Y., which monitors the U.S.-Canada border, said, "If you're talking about terrorist-proof as in waterproof — to make

an impregnable barrier — I think that's unrealistic."

Ruben Saenz, chief Customs inspector in El Paso, said that along the Mexican border, customs inspectors look for possible terrorists using the same techniques as drug smugglers.

"We look at their luggage," Saenz said, "is it expensive, where was it made, does it go with the type of person; the amount of clothes, does it go with the length of stay."

"It's a matter of asking questions until they (inspectors) are satisfied."

However, it's probable that a terrorist would shun ports of entry and

attempt to cross the border at desolate locales, Giugni said.

John Miller, public affairs specialist for the U.S. Customs Service Pacific Region, said American border agents have been conscious of the terrorist threat for quite some time.

To help guard against terrorists infiltrating border ports, American agents have access to the Treasury Enforcement Communication System, Miller said.

The huge computer file allows Customs officials to check for possible drug traffickers alien smugglers, possible terrorists and other criminals through a number identification system, he said.

About 100,000 attend festivities

Texans celebrate birthday

SAN JACINTO STATE PARK (AP) — Cannon blasts and cheers resounded through the park Monday as thousands of Texans celebrated their 150th anniversary at the site where the bloody victory over the Mexican army occurred.

"Freedom — that was what it was all about — freedom," said former congresswoman Barbara Jordan. The battle marked the ending of an era of repression, and the beginning of a new friendship between Texans and Mexicans.

More than 21,000 people attended the afternoon ceremony, and thousands attended evening festivities. Standing in the shadow of the San Jacinto monument, they bowed

their heads in tribute to the heroes who fought for freedom on the same land 150 years ago.

In 18 minutes the battle was over. Gen. Sam Houston's troops had defeated the forces led by Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna — securing Texas independence from Mexico. The fireworks Monday evening, culminating the end of the two-day celebration that brought about 100,000 people to the park, also lasted 18 minutes.

A 21-gun salute was fired as Texas Air National Guard jets flew in the missing man formation over the monument Monday afternoon. Afterward, cannon blasts echoed through the park as thousands of

balloons were released into the blue sky.

Vice President George Bush said, "It's a proud day to be a Texan. Today we remember when 150 years ago, 835 men in Sam Houston's army charged across the open field at San Jacinto and charged into history."

Bush also honored present day heroes Chris Sweet and Gilbert Chavez — the men who dove into Houston's Buffalo Bayou on Friday and rescued six children police who were allegedly thrown into the water by their mother. Two of the children have since died.

The vice president told the crowd that the fight for freedom continues.

"Today I'm very pleased to announce that next October the U.S. Navy will christen a brand new San Jacinto," Bush said, adding the Aegis cruiser will join the Navy fleet in January 1988.

During the ceremony, Texas Gov. Mark White laid a wreath at one end of the monument, which on one side was draped with a huge flag that had a white "Lone Star."

"Tough times never last, but tough people always do," White said, referring to the state's economic problems. "The people of Texas have never been stronger than they are today."

Gorbachev: Warsaw Pact, NATO should be disbanded

BERLIN (AP) — Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev stepped up his courtship of Western Europe on Monday by saying he would support disbanding the Warsaw Pact and NATO alliances.

At the same time, Gorbachev voiced readiness to meet again with President Reagan if "the appropriate international atmosphere is created."

The Soviet leader, on a visit to East Germany, also charged that the United States had ignored the opinion of its West European allies by sending warplanes to bomb Libya last week.

In a speech to workers in East Berlin, the Soviet Communist Party general secretary said Moscow was ready for "a simulta-

neous disbanding of the Warsaw Pact and NATO, or, for a start, their military organizations."

The Soviets have previously said they were prepared to scrap the Warsaw Pact if the West dissolved the NATO military alliance. The offers have been viewed with skepticism in the West.

On the possibility of a superpower summit this year, Gorbachev said, "We are ready for a Soviet-American meeting so long as the appropriate international atmosphere is created, and real disarmament steps are possible."

His remarks were reported by

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