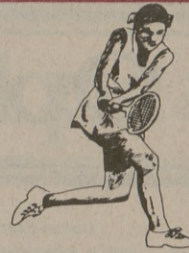




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Bomb found at Embassy in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — After deactivating a powerful homemade bomb outside the U.S. Embassy here, Mexican police said Sunday they are looking for those responsible for leaving it in a car parked near the downtown diplomatic mission.

Embassy press attache Vincent Hovanec said the device was deactivated Saturday afternoon and is the first time a bomb has been found near the Embassy, although it has received numerous bomb threats in the past month.

Mexico City Police spokesman Alejandro Ortiz said authorities still have not determined who left the bomb in the truck of a small, blue car parked on a side street between the Embassy and the fashionable Maria Isabel Sheraton Hotel.

The car was parked about 25 yards from the Embassy and if it had exploded probably would have caused damage to one side of the building and the rear of the embassy.

Hovanec said there are several offices on the five floors on that side of the building, but added the offices of U.S. Ambassador John Gavin are located elsewhere in complex.

Ortiz confirmed reports published by La Jornada newspaper that the bomb contained a gelatin explosive, was about two feet in diameter and weighed between 20-30 pounds (10-15 kilos). The bomb was found in the car truck wired to a battery.

"Effectively, these reports are true," he said, adding the Federal Judicial Police also are investigating. There were no answer Sunday at the press office of the Federal Attorney General's Office, which oversees the judicial police.

La Jornada said a caller, claiming to represent a group calling itself the Simon Bolivar International Command, telephoned the newsroom Saturday afternoon to report a bomb was set to explode in 50 minutes and asked the newspaper to advise workers remodeling a section of the hotel to leave the area immediately.

The newspaper Excelsior reported that some city newspapers received calls from a group claiming two names — the Command of the Bolivar Army and the Simon Bolivar International Front. The newspaper reported the caller took responsibility for the bomb threat and said it was in protest to U.S. aggression against Libya and U.S. interference in Nicaragua.

La Jornada said it notified the police bomb squad, known as Zorros o lobos, who found the device about 7:30 p.m. (7:30 p.m. EDT), deactivated it and carried it away in a specially-built bomb squad truck.

The Embassy was closed at the time, with only security personnel and maintenance employees in the building, Hovanec said. Police made a 30-minute search of the Embassy and reported "all is well."

Asked about increasing security at the Embassy, Hovanec said, "We would hope the present security will

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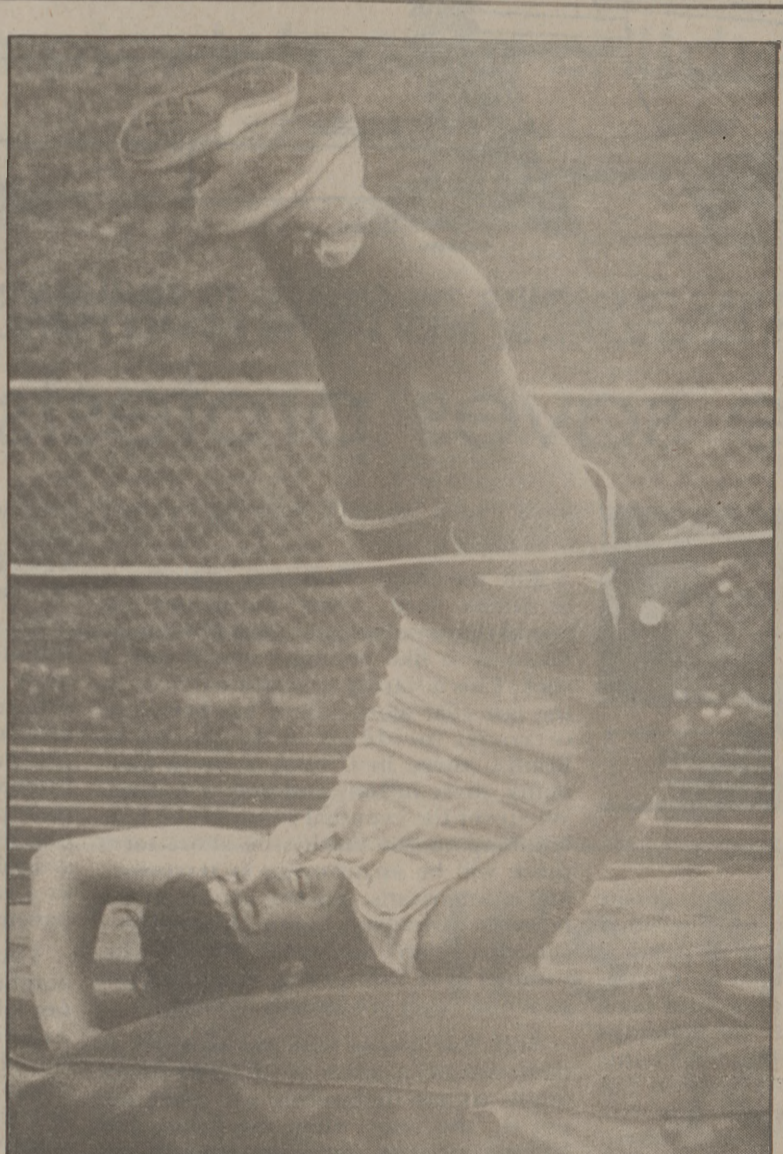


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Over Easy

Greg Bell, a Special Olympics participant, clears the high jump bar with a winning jump of 5 feet, 4 inches. Bell of the Corrigan-Camden Bulldogs and other area students met at Bryan High School to compete in track and field events. See story, page 3.

Marcos tells Filipinos he's legitimate ruler

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Ousted President Ferdinand E. Marcos told 12,000 followers Sunday he was the legitimate president of the Philippines and urged them to keep demonstrating against the government of Corazon Aquino.

He urged that they keep their protests peaceful and avoid violence. "I am healthy . . . I am ready to fight," Marcos, speaking by telephone from Hawaii, told a cheering crowd that gathered for a rally at Manila's Rizal Park.

His wife, Imelda, referred to herself as "your first lady" and sounded in tears as she told the crowd she and her husband "will do everything" to return to their homeland.

At the rally, Marcos spoke for 20 minutes in a pre-arranged call to a former aide, Lito Gorospe, who

hooked up the receiver to a loudspeaker.

Some people sobbed as Marcos' voice boomed out at them.

Led by former government officials and some film celebrities, loyalists rallied for the third straight Sunday to demand Marcos' return.

For the past two weeks, Marcos supporters also have staged vigils on the lawn in front of the U.S. Embassy, accusing the United States of kidnapping Marcos from his former palace.

Marcos urged supporters to go ahead with a planned rally on May 1, which he said was not only a day for workers, but also the anniversary of his marriage to Imelda in 1954.

During Marcos' 20 years in power, thousands of Filipino workers marked May Day each year with rallies to protest low wages, Marcos'

ban on strikes and alleged military brutalities against workers.

As in previous speeches, Marcos accused the Aquino government of illegally confiscating his personal property.

"I will get even," he said in Tagalog. "I do not mean I will exact vengeance, but I will get even with their cruelty, their abuses and their thievery."

The government has said Marcos, his family and associates amassed from \$5 billion to \$10 billion by plundering public coffers, through kickbacks, and the like.

Government officials seized property he has left behind and are trying to track down his holdings in other countries.

Marcos has denied charges he obtained his property illegally.

Reagan, ex-Philippine chief talk

HONOLULU (AP) — Deposed President Ferdinand Marcos indicated in a telephone conversation with President Reagan that he would like to return to power in the Philippines, but Reagan said nothing to encourage him, a senior U.S. official said Sunday.

The official, speaking on condition he not be identified, described what he called an emotional conversation between the two on Saturday after Reagan arrived in Hawaii, where Marcos has been in exile since he was ousted by Corazon Aquino in February.

Marcos, the source said, got a lot off his chest in the 10-minute talk initiated by Reagan. The former Philippine president knew Reagan

would be calling and prepared what he wanted to say, the official said.

The source said Reagan was sympathetic and listened quietly as Marcos spoke. But the president told the 20-year ruler of the Philippines, whom he regards as an old friend and ally, that "the Philippine people have made their decision and ultimately it is their decision" to make, the official recounted.

The source added, Reagan said nothing to encourage Marcos to think a return to power was possible.

A source in Manila, who called Marcos on Saturday, quoted Marcos as saying the talk with Reagan was "friendly, congenial, productive and fruitful." The two men discussed Marcos' situation realistically, but

Marcos did not elaborate, according to the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

After Reagan and Marcos spoke, the men's wives came to the phone and spoke privately for several minutes. A local television crew recording the Marcos' end of the conversation showed Imelda Marcos weeping, as she often has in public since the ouster.

The U.S. official said White House staff members were disturbed and surprised to learn Marcos had permitted a television crew to witness the conversation, which the source said was arranged as a private talk between friends.

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Landscaping incentive spurs Texas city cleanup

AUSTIN (AP) — They're picking up fertilizer sacks in Whitewright. They're finding old love letters in the litter piles of Muenster. They're shaping up the ship channel in Houston.

Texans in 191 cities are cleaning up their hometowns in an effort to get some of the \$700,000 in landscaping the state is offering as an incentive. The prizes, offered this year for the first time, have made a big difference in a program that began in 1969.

"We've seen a 1,000 percent increase in entries," said Mary Ellen Shoop, executive director of Keep Texas Beautiful, which is coordinating the effort.

The contest is divided into eight categories. For example, 55 cities with population up to 2,500 are competing for \$20,000 worth of highway department landscaping. On the other end, four cities with more than 300,000 people are competing for \$285,000 in landscaping.

"Instead of using it (the money) to pick up litter, they decided to try to put it into prevention."

— Mary Ellen Shoop, executive director of Keep Texas Beautiful.

"This is money that had been spent on picking up litter on the highways," Shoop said. "Instead of using it to pick up litter, they decided to try to put it into prevention."

The winners will be announced in June.

Muenster insurance agent Gary Fisher is the head of Operation Clean Sweep in his Cooke County town of 1,410 near the Oklahoma border. They take their litter seriously in Muenster, which has a particular problem with liquor bottles.

"We're a wet town in a dry county," Fisher said.

The "March Against Trash" in March netted 8,000 pounds of picked-up litter, including everything from fish heads, billfolds, and \$20 bills, he said.

"We found mostly the trash that blows out of the back of pick-up trucks," Fisher said. "We found a love letter written by a local girl and she's not married to the guy she wrote it to. It was written in 1955. It came out of a pick-up on the way to the dump."

The city of Whitewright, near Sherman in Grayson County, is competing in the same category as Muenster. Martha Dollarhide is in charge of the Whitewright effort.

"We have a committee of five people and we wrote everybody in town a letter and asked them if they would check the things they felt they could do to help," she said.

"We have the problem like they do in any farm community. We have so many fertilizer sacks that blow off the pick-ups."

— Martha Dollarhide, Whitewright cleanup supervisor.

The response has been great and Whitewright gives itself a good shot at winning.

"We have the problem like they do in any farm community," Dollarhide said. "We have so many fertilizer sacks that blow off the pick-ups."

Houston is competing against Austin, San Antonio and Dallas in the big city category. The Houston

effort is a bit more formal than those in Whitewright and Muenster.

"Good afternoon. Clean Houston," a very proper-sounding woman tells phone callers.

Houston's effort includes a ship channel clean-up, trees for downtown and the addition of Victorian trash receptacles that match historic light posts.

Robin Blut, Clean Houston's director of public relations, said, "We want to win."

Blut said, "We've always been excited about the program. We've won in the past. But this year we are particularly interested because Houston does have some needs."

Dollarhide said \$20,000 worth of landscaping would have landmark importance for Whitewright.

"We don't have money for that kind of thing," she said. "We do good to plant the planters downtown. It would be the greatest thing that ever happened to Whitewright."

'Captain Midnight' hacker interrupts HBO broadcast

NEW YORK (AP) — A video hacker calling himself "Captain Midnight" startled cable television viewers from Maine to the Plains early Sunday when he interrupted a movie on Home Box Office with a printed message protesting HBO's scrambling of its satellite-to-earth TV signals.

"It's a criminal, willful interference of a government-licensed satellite broadcast," fumed David Pritchard, an HBO vice president, who said the cable system had received sabotage threats in recent months.

Pritchard said HBO planned to report the incident to the Federal Communications Commission.

The message, printed in white letters on a color-bar test pattern background, read: "Good evening HBO from Captain Midnight. \$12.95 a

month? No way! (Showtime-Movie Channel Beware.)"

Greg Mahany, who was watching in Middletown, Ohio, when the message interrupted "The Falcon and the Snowman," said that at first the picture flipped back and forth between the message and the movie, making it seem like "HBO was trying to get its signal back. . . . It looked like a fight for control of the microwave beam."

The message appeared at 11:30 a.m. CST and remained on the air about five minutes. It was seen in the eastern two-thirds of the nation, which accounts for more than half of HBO's 14.6 million subscribers.

Pritchard said the hacker, apparently with the use of a satellite dish and a powerful transmitter, replaced HBO's signal with his own.

3rd British tourist, 28, killed in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (AP) — A 28-year-old British tourist was shot to death Sunday outside a Christian holy site and an Israeli leader denounced the murder as an attempt by terrorists to scare away visitors.

It was the third shooting of a tourist in six weeks in predominantly Arab east Jerusalem.

The two other victims survived. Jerusalem police spokesman Rafi Levy said Paul Appleby of Bristol was shot once in the back of the head with a small caliber pistol near the Garden Tomb shrine, revered by some Protestants as the hilltop where Jesus was crucified and buried.

Police sources, who insisted on anonymity, said they were investi-

gating whether the attack was meant as retaliation for Britain's allowing U.S. planes to take off from British soil two weeks ago to bomb Libya.

The victim carried papers indicating he was a British citizen, police said, declining to give his identity immediately.

Israel radio identified him as Paul Appleby of Bristol, England. He was shot in an isolated alleyway just outside the gate of the Garden Tomb shrine, which is administered by a British-based foundation.

Protestants believe the hilltop is where Jesus was crucified and buried. Catholics, Greek Orthodox and most other Christian groups believe

the Church of the Holy Sepulchre inside the Old City is the site of the crucifixion and burial.

The Garden Tomb shrine borders on the Old City, which was crowded Sunday with those observing the eight-day Jewish Passover commemorating the biblical Israelites' escape from Egyptian bondage.

The Rev. William White of Dorset, England, a chaplain at the site, said a woman heard a shot ring out around 12:50 p.m. and he ran to call the police.

Military sources said last week they were trying to uncover four terror gangs operating out of Jerusalem's Old City and the occupied West Bank.

The sources said the gangs were responsible for recent attacks in and around Jerusalem, including the March 2 assassination of the Israeli-appointed mayor of Nablus, Zafer al-Masri.

As news of the shooting broke, Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir noted that recent attacks have reduced tourism to Israel by 40 percent since January, said ministry spokeswoman Orly Yegoro.

The loss has cost the troubled Israeli economy \$30 million in lost revenues, Sharir said, urging American Jewish leaders "not to surrender to terrorism and to come visit Israel now."