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Aquino says she'll call people to defend rule

MANILA, Philippines (AP) cople into the streets if needed to fend her rule.

It was her strongest statement yet n persistent coup rumors and came uring a televised speech on the eve her four-day visit to Japan.

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lert. Guards increased security at he Defense Ministry and at armed amp Aguinaldo.

The Manila Chronicle newspaper neanwhile said a threat continued rom officers linked to Defense Minter Juan Ponce Enrile who were isenchanted with Aquino's governnent and its peace policy toward ommunist rebels.

esident Corazon Aquino warned of labor, professional and other self-appointed messiahs" in the mil-ary on Sunday that she will call tionwide general strike if a coup occurs. Bayan claims I million mem-bers and led street protests against President Ferdinand E. Marcos before a military-civilian revolt ousted Marcos in February and he fled into Hawaiian exile.

At a downtown rally Sunday atry to "repel any attacks against our tended by about 15,000 government supporters, Aquino's brother-in-law, Agapito Aquino, called for diligence ur people" while she is gone. Gen. Fidel V. Ramos, the chief of taff, put the military on maximum president's foes.

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> She promised to prevent the destruction of the armed forces by "a few misguided elements" and said a threat would persist until Aquino soldier's duty was to "fight the ene-

Khomeini, 86, says

won't die with him

Iran's revolution

Bayan, an umbrella organization the very government it is ordained to serve.

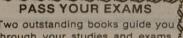
"If it should be necessary, I shall once more ask you to take to the streets," she said, alluding to the popular revolt that overthrew Mar-

Coup rumors grew last week with publication in *Business Day* newspaper of a reported plan, code-named 'God Save The Queen," to take over the government, dump "inept and left-leaning" ministers and keep Aquino as a figurehead.

These rumors, fueled by a few self-appointed messiahs, are an inpresident's foes. In her speech, at a dentists' con-vention, Aquino, 53, vowed to spare no means to defend "my contract with my people and my commitment to God." ment

Philippine newspapers credited Ramos with heading off the coup.

But the Manila Chronicle said the toughens her stand against the commies of government and not fight munists and fires several ministers.



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Missing Israeli under arrest

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel revealed Sunday that Mordechai Vanunu, a former nuclear technician who allegedly leaked state atomic secrets, is in detention and will be tried. But it denied that secret agents kidnapped Vanunu in England to bring him to justice.

The brief government com-muique ended weeks of specu-lation about Vanunu's wherea-bouts. He disappeared in London nearly six weeks ago, after the Sunday Times of London published photographs and informa-tion he reportedly supplied an Israeli nuclear weapons plant.

A senior government official said the 32-year-old Israeli could be tried for treason, a crime pun-ishable: by death. The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

The communique, read to reporters by Cabinet secretary Elyakim Rubinstein, appeared de-signed to prevent damage to Israel's ties with Britain and ease pressure on the government from the news media and Parlia-ment. But it left many questions unanswered, including how or when Vanunu got from London to Israel.

The statement said, "All runors as if he was kidnapped on British soil are baseless.'

In London, the Observer newspaper reported Sunday that theninister Shimon Pere alled Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Britain Sept. 23 to warn her that Mossad, Israel's intelligence agency, planned to kid-nap Vanunu and request that British security agents not inter-Thatcher told Parliament on Friday that neither she nor any members of her staff had been in contact with Israeli officials about Vanunu

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Aya-tollah Ruhollah Khomeini, Iran's ailing, 86-year-old spiritual leader, said Sunday his death would not end the country's Islamic revolution. He apparently was trying to defuse a power struggle within the clergy-led

regime. "Our enemies must understand that the Islamic Republic . . . has been stabilized and is not dependent on any person, but on the people and the armed forces," Khomeini said in a speech to military men at his residence in Jamaran, north of Tehran. The speech was carried by Tehran radio and was monitored in Nicosia.

Widespread reports said Khomeini, who had a heart attack in 1980, recently suffered one or two more attacks. Rumors that he is in declining health are common, but this time people in power seem to be taking the reports seriously.

The reports come at a time when academic, diplomatic and business sources say a struggle for survival is under way in Iran's leadership, nearly eight years after uprisings inspired by Khomeini ended the reign of the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

"Every day there are rumors . .

Ahmad Madani, who was defense minister in the early days of the revolution and now lives in exile in Paris, said of the groups, "They say one thing in the morning and another thing in the evening."

Iran specialists say at least two hardline groups of clergymen are pitted against each other, each claiming to speak for Islam and the revolution.

The hard-liners include such uncompromising figures as Seyyed Mohammad Musavi Khoeiniha, 45, who was in charge of militants who occupied the U.S. Embassy in Tehran for 444 days in 1979-80 and held 52 Americans hostage.

Other hard-liners are Ayatollah Ali Meshkini, head of the Assembly of Experts which rules on appointments to government posts, and Khomeini's son, Ahmad.

Safa Haeri, a Paris-based Iranian journalist, said,"Ahmad is very am-bitious and feels intimidated by his father, who has reduced him to a secretary." There are reports that Ahmad, with the help of such hardline friends as Information Minister Mohammad Mohammadi Reyshahri, arranged for the arrest of rival hard-liner Mehdi Hashemi,

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that so-and-so is on his deathbed," Khomeini said. "So let it be.

"Of course, death comes to everyone, and to me too. They (Iran's enemies) should not rejoice.

the Íslamic Republic will remain, whether or not I stay." Adviser Robert The struggle for power in Iran is visited Tehran.

not a simple affair between right and The U.S. government has not left or moderates and hard-liners. confirmed or denied the visit, which some switch sides frequently.

an aide to Avatollah Hussein-Ali Montazeri, Khomeini's designated successor and trusted friend.

One Iranian official, who spoke This is something that happens on condition of anonymity, said it and you will see that, God willing, may have been announced last week that former U.S. National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane secretly

Numerous groups are involved, and reports linked to efforts to free American hostages in Lebanon.

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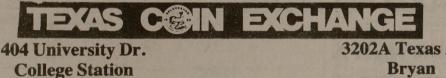
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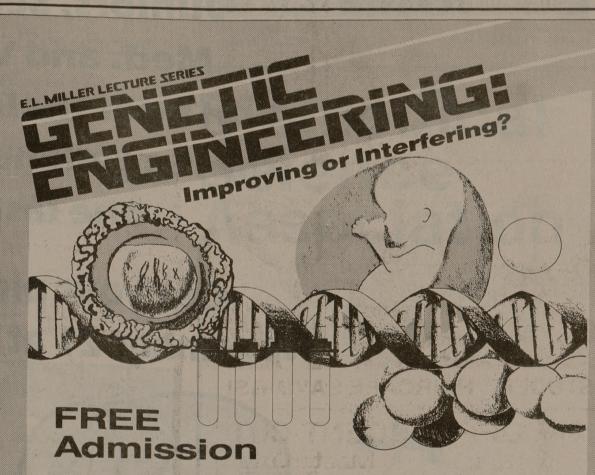
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