

Ghadafi's four-year-long try to conquer Chad crumbles

Stories tell of desolation across countryside

FAYA LARGEAU, Chad (AP) — A wrecked loudspeaker van, a larger-than-life-size photo of Libya's Moammar Ghadafi pasted on one window, stands with all its wheels removed in the yard of a disused school building.

The scene seems to symbolize Ghadafi's four-year-long attempt to impose a form of Libyan colonialism in neighboring Chad. His efforts in Faya Largeau collapsed in disgrace last month when highly mobile Chad forces handed the Libyan army its most crushing defeat, chasing it from most of the 500,000-square-mile northern Chadian desert.

Faya Largeau, 600 miles northeast of the capital, N'Djamena, is Chad's largest oasis. The homes of rich merchants and camel traders are still visible in walled gardens, amid palm trees and oleander bushes. But most are in ruins, looted of everything, even window panes and light switches. All but 3,000 of Faya Largeau's 25,000 inhabitants fled from the Libyan occupation. Two weeks after the Libyan defeat, they began trickling back in trucks carrying relief supplies. Women wept when they saw their wrecked homes.

Those who stayed behind tell of a ruthless regime that tried to Libyanize them against their will with the help of local collaborators.

In the once-thriving market, many stalls remain deserted. Women squat on the ground selling dates and vegetables. A handful of fresh tomatoes costs three Libyan dinars (\$4).

In August 1986, all trade in consumer goods stopped when former rebel leader Goukouni Oueddei defected from the Libyan side. The Libyans had considered Goukouni a trusted ally and had left it to his guerrillas to protect Libya's supply routes through the Tibesti mountains.

A month later, three leaders of the Goukouni faction were arrested, driven out of town and summarily executed, Doumi said. The Libyans suspected them of planning to join Goukouni, he said.

"Fifteen minutes after the arrested men left town, we heard three bursts of machine-gun fire, and no one ever saw them again," Doumi recalled.

Doumi said that Adoum Aba-

kar, a pro-Libyan political leader, suffered the same fate last January and that barely two weeks before their collapse, the Libyans summarily executed Oumar Moussa Bokori, chief of Goukouni's military police.

Habre's local military commander, Gaille Emchi, said "the only Chadians on the Libyan side were there under duress, and virtually all of them have now rallied to the government. I don't know about any being shot."

Habre apparently has no wish for those who once opposed him to be martyrs. Furthermore, a minority of Chadians led by Achikh Ibn Omar continues to fight for Ghadafi's colonized version of Chad.

Emchi said Libyan troops in Faya Largeau sneaked out without firing a shot the night of March 27. "After we overran their main base in Ouadi Doum, 100 miles to the east, they became completely demoralized and fled in panic," he said.

Eleven Libyan tanks in brand-new condition, Czechoslovak-made T-55s, stand in line on the edge of the oasis. Their Libyan crews apparently jumped into faster vehicles and fled.

Pope draws criticism in Argentina for not denouncing government

ROME (AP) — Pope John Paul II denounced human rights abuses in Chile, but he disappointed those who hoped for the same in Argentina, where the church has been criticized for not condemning torture and killing under past military rule.

During the two-week tour ending Monday, the pope spoke firmly against the conduct of Chile's right-wing government.

In neighboring Argentina, which is adjusting to a 3-year-old democracy and struggling with economic crisis, John Paul provoked criticism for not saying more about the military juntas that governed for nearly nine years and had a close relationship with the Argentine church.

"I believe there were serious deficiencies . . . because Pope John Paul II did not make contact with the human rights organizations," said Adolfo Perez Esquivel, an Argentinian who won the 1980 Nobel Peace Prize.

He said local Roman Catholic leaders "organized a beautiful tourist trip but not a pastoral visit."

After arriving in Rome on Monday, the pontiff said of Argentina, "You don't see the tension that you saw in Chile."

Chilean church officials keep meticulous records of presumed kidnappings, allegations of torture and harassment of labor activists, priests,

nuns, lawyers, social workers and others who have denounced the 13-year-old military government of President Augusto Pinochet.

The church in Argentina has the reputation of doing little during the

military's "dirty war" on leftists in 1976 to 1983.

President Raul Alfonsin's government says at least 9,000 people appeared, presumably killed, human rights groups say the number may be four times that.

Faculty

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could cause reverse discrimination. A case-by-case evaluation, he said, would better serve the women experiencing unfair salary disparity.

"We don't have salary discrimination, to the best of my knowledge, in the College of Engineering," Russell said. "If you give across-the-board raises to the women in the College of Engineering, you will have a woman in at least one department — a lower-ranked individual — making more than half to three-quarters of the people in the next rank. And that doesn't make any sense."

In other business, the Senate:

- Concluded its approval of University Rules and Regulations changes. The remaining changes, approved with very little argument, include rules dealing with computer security, an official University policy on sexual assault and a rule prohib-

ing the use of an A&M-style political campaign.

One regulation says that a student has the right to consult an attorney at a disciplinary hearing, but the attorney cannot represent the student.

Bill Kibler, chairman of the Rules and Regulations Committee, said that this change just makes it more difficult for attorneys to appear at a disciplinary hearing, but that the attorney cannot represent the student.

• Heard an address from Simms, former student body president. Simms emphasized that the student and Faculty senates should continue to work together on successful compromises, such as the core curriculum.

• Simms suggested a roundtable discussion on the final committee with Vandjver and members of the Student and Faculty senates.

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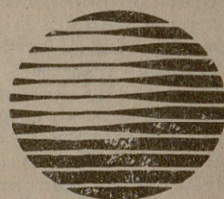
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