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# Official says U.S. will withdraw warheads if missile offer stands

WASHINGTON (AP) — If West Germany makes good on its offer to retire its Pershing 1A missiles, the United States will withdraw the rockets' American-owned nuclear warheads from German territory, the State Department said Wednesday.

It declined, however, to specify whether the warheads would be destroyed or stockpiled for future use.

Repeating to a barrage of questions about the 72 Pershings, department spokesman Phyllis Oakley restated the U.S. position that their future "is not subject to any form of negotiation with the Soviet Union."

"The warheads of the Federal Republic of Germany Pershing 1As are controlled by us, and always have been," Oakley said. "They are part

of our program of cooperation with our West German allies."

After the Pershings became a sticking point in U.S.-Soviet medium-range arms negotiations, West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl last month offered to remove them in the interests of a superpower agreement.

"If the conditions laid out by Chancellor Kohl are met, and the Federal Republic of Germany consequently retires the 72 Pershing 1As, we would, of course, withdraw the warheads," Oakley said.

"We really don't get into the definition beyond that of what would happen to them," she continued. "They would be withdrawn . . . I am not defining what withdrawal means. We are simply saying that we

will withdraw them from the Federal Republic of Germany."

Soviet officials said that the Pershings' nuclear warheads should be eliminated as part of the pending agreement on medium-range missiles.

The pending treaty involves missiles, which is the launch vehicle, rather than warheads. Oakley agreed to check further when it was suggested that this could open the door to the Soviet Union redeploying on other weapons the nuclear warheads from the SS-20 missiles it would destroy under the agreement.

Asked if the Pershing issue and apparent disagreement over warheads and missiles appear to be a serious obstacle to U.S.-Soviet agreement, the spokesman replied,

"The proof of the pudding test is in Geneva," where the negotiations are continuing. "There we will see if progress can be made," she said.

On another nuclear issue, the State Department reacted coolly to a Soviet offer to permit explosion of an American nuclear device on Soviet soil.

Col. Gen. Nikolai Chervov, in outlining the proposal Tuesday, said the Americans could bring along their monitoring equipment to check its accuracy in measuring U.S. or Soviet underground tests.

The State Department, responding to a request for comment, said "other possibilities would offer greater potential in the near term for progress" in improving verification methods.

# Protestors denounce Naval actions involving fellow injured demonstrator

CONCORD, Calif. (AP) — Angry demonstrators returned Wednesday to the Concord Naval Weapons Station where a veteran protesting U.S. arms shipments to Central America lost both legs when he knelt in front of an oncoming munitions train.

The protesters, in a news conference held at the site of the incident, denounced the Navy for failing to stop the train that hit S. Brian Willson on Tuesday.

"That train that ran into us . . . was a death train," said Duncan Murphy, who was standing beside Willson while the train approached. "It was quite obvious that there was no intent to stop." Murphy and another man jumped away a moment before the train hit Willson.

"They were thinking it was a game of chicken," he said.

Capt. Lonnie Cagle, commander of the base 45 miles east of San Francisco, said the train engineer "was under no orders" to proceed through the demonstrators without stopping. Public affairs officer Dan

Tikalsky said the train crew had been instructed to stop if anyone was on the tracks.

cluded anti-war activist Daniel Ellsberg and author Alice Walker. About 50 demonstrators listened

the knee, said Sandra Ryan, spokeswoman for John Muir Hospital.

Willson, who was at the base Tuesday to start a 40-day fast, also had a skull fracture and numerous other injuries, officials at the hospital reported.

The Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department is investigating, said sheriff's Capt. Russell Pitkin. He said his department had jurisdiction because the protesters were on a railroad right-of-way a few feet off the base property.

One demonstrator shot a videotape of the incident and Pitkin said he hoped to turn that tape over to the county crime lab to establish how fast the train was moving.

Several demonstrators said the train seemed to accelerate as it approached the group of protesters at a speed of at least 10 to 15 mph. However, Navy officials disputed that, claiming a preliminary investigation showed the civilian engineer was moving at 5 mph and had applied the brakes.

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— Rep. Ron Dellums, California

Willson's wife of 11 days, Holly Rauen, quoted her husband as saying, "Well, I'm a real peace agitator."

"I'm very deeply angered," she said. "I feel a deeper conviction than ever . . . to do whatever it takes to stop our barbaric policy."

Rep. Ron Dellums sent a telegram to the protesters, saying, "I am shocked to learn of the Navy's reckless action . . . I am upset and angry because there is absolutely no excuse for what happened."

Other speakers Wednesday in-

along with 30 to 40 reporters.

After the news conference, five protesters attempted to block a passing truck by sitting in the roadway. But a Marine Guard ran to warn the truck, which swerved to avoid the demonstrators.

Willson is 47 and has participated in a frequent activist. Last September, he participated in a 47-day fast on the Capitol steps. Willson is now listed in serious condition. One leg was severed below the knee and surgeons amputated the other leg below

## Market drop continues stock slide

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market took another broad drop in a volatile session Wednesday, extending the slide that began last week in the face of a weak dollar and rapidly rising interest rates.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, down nearly 30 points at its lows of the day, closed with an 8.93 loss at 2,602.04.

Volume on the New York Stock Exchange came to 199.94 million shares.

In the week since it hit a record closing high on Aug. 25, the Dow Jones industrial average has fallen 120.40 points.

The dollar remained under pressure in foreign exchange. Interest rates kept climbing in the credit markets, with prices of long-term Treasury bonds falling more than \$10 for each \$1,000 in face value.

# Regulation forces major airlines to provide consumer information

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Transportation Department, trying to spur the airlines into improving service, directed major air carriers Wednesday to provide consumers with monthly information on flight delays and lost baggage.

The airlines will have to provide its on-time performance record to the department for public distribution and include each flight's on-time record in the computerized reservation systems used by most travel agents, officials said.

"We believe that disclosure of this information will help reduce consumer frustration with airline delays," Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole told a news conference.

She said the disclosure requirements "should make the carriers more responsive to consumers and give them additional incentives to compete on the basis of better performance."

The airlines agreed to cooperate, but William Bolger, president of the Air Transport Association which represents the major carriers ac-

caused the department of being "pre-occupied with reporting on problems rather than solving problems."

The airlines have argued that many of the industry's problems stem from shortcomings in the government's air traffic control system and overburdened airports.

Airlines will begin providing the monthly performance information to the department next month, but officials said they do not expect the first summaries to be available to the public until early next year. The on-time information is expected to be available to travel agents through the computerized reservation systems in December.

The requirements apply to the nation's 14 largest air carriers and to flights to and from 27 major U.S. airports, covering 63 percent of domestic flights.

Delays caused by mechanical problems will be exempt from the reporting requirement because of concern that pressure to report such delays might pose safety problems, Dole said. She said all other delays —

whenever a plane departs or arrives at least 15 minutes after the scheduled time — must be reported, including those caused by severe weather.

The government acted amid a soaring number of complaints from travelers about poor airline service in recent months and as Congress is considering legislation aimed at forcing the airlines to improve service.

Rep. James Howard chairman of the House Public Works and Transportation Committee, said the new rule will not affect plans to push for passage of a broader airline consumer protection bill later this month.

In addition to requiring airlines to disclose consumer information, the House legislation calls for penalties against airlines when flights are delayed for other than safety reasons and requires each airline and the Transportation Department to establish toll-free telephone hotlines for complaints.

# Aquino: Conspirators plotted to kill Americans

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Conspirators in plots leading to last week's bloody coup attempt discussed killing Americans and burning CIA headquarters in Manila, the government said Wednesday.

A general who commanded the army under deposed President Ferdinand E. Marcos was involved in plotting a military takeover, said the report, prepared by President Corazon Aquino's security force and released by the Presidential Palace.

Aquino, in a national broadcast Wednesday, said 53 people were killed in Friday's coup attempt, including 12 loyal soldiers, 19 rebel troops and 22 civilians. Hundreds were wounded, including her son, Benigno Aquino III.

Col. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan, who led the coup attempt, remained at large, and the military intensified air and ground searches for him in Manila and north and east of the capital.

The "after battle" report said Marcos loyalists met July 14 at a Manila restaurant to discuss "CIA support for destabilization," bombing campaigns, the assassination of three unidentified Americans and "burning of CIA headquarters." It did not elaborate.

It named Maj. Gen. Josephus Ramas, former army commander, as being involved in plotting a military takeover. Aquino fired Ramas after taking power in a February 1986 civilian-military uprising that ousted Marcos, who fled to Hawaii.

The report said intelligence agents learned

that Ramas and Honasan planned a "blitzkrieg attack" last June, but it was postponed.

The charges about killing Americans and the CIA were in the background part of the report, and it was unclear whether all the alleged plots were part of the same conspiracy and why other plots were postponed.

Aquino said 50 officers and 1,300 enlisted men took part in the revolt, but did not say if that included those who joined in Cebu City, San Fernando and southeastern Luzon. She said 1,033 mutineers were in custody.

The mutineers "turned their backs on their duties and pursued their own goals," Aquino concluded. "They ignored the lives of our brothers because all they wanted was to kill me and ruin our government."

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