

# Brazilian land minister, 7 others believed dead after jet crashes

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — An air force jet carrying Brazil's land reform minister and seven other people exploded Tuesday night after taking off in the Amazon jungle. Officials said there was little hope anyone survived.

The minister, Marcos Freire, four top ranking reform ministry officials and a crew of three were aboard the small plane when it exploded shortly after takeoff from the Carajas iron ore mine in the northern state of Para, according to an air force statement.

The cause of the explosion was not known, the air force said.

Freire, 56, and the others were returning to the capital of Brasilia after a visit to Belem, Para's capital.

With Freire were Jose Eduardo Viera Raduan, 34, the president of the National Institute of Land Reform, and Dirceu Pesa, the secretary-general of the Land Reform Ministry, the air force said.

Freire was the third land reform minister in two years. He took office June 5, following the resignation of Dante The Oliveira. Before that, Freire had been president of the Federal Savings Bank.

On Friday, Freire and Viera met with reporters in Rio De Janeiro and expressed optimism that the government's agrarian reform program would succeed.

There have been delays and pressures from the conservative Rural Democratic Union led by wealthy landowners opposed to any kind of land distribution program.

When President Jose Sarney took office in 1985 after 21 years of military rule, he promised sweeping changes in land distribution among the people.

In Brazil, a country larger than the continental United States, 1.6 percent of farmers own more than half of the land.

Sarney pledged to distribute 88 million acres of land among 1.4 million peasants over four years.

So far only about 20,000 peasants have benefited.

Freire and Viera said last week they were confident that the constituent assembly presently drawing-up a new constitution would approve an agrarian reform plan.

Only large unproductive land would be expropriated and distributed to landless peasants under the plan.

# Last flurry of preparations under way to welcome pope on upcoming visit

AP — The Sunbelt cities that will host Pope John Paul II bustled with activity Tuesday, as Miami's archbishop blessed a rosary dangling

Kippenberger, special agent in charge of Miami's Secret Service office.

The pope arrives in Miami on Thursday afternoon for a 10-day tour of nine cities. From Miami, he flies to Columbia, then New Orleans, San Antonio, Phoenix, Ariz., Los Angeles, Monterey, Calif., and San Francisco. His final U.S. stop is in Detroit, but before heading back to Rome, he will visit Fort Simpson in Canada's Northwest Territories on Sept. 20.

In Miami on Tuesday, Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy blessed the rosary draping the Falls, a downtown office building just north of the route the pope's bulletproof car will follow Thursday.

Earlier in the day, Cuban exile activists delivered a parchment petition with replicas of 70,000 signatures to the archdiocese. Roberto Pimental of Cubanos Desterrados (Cubans without a home) said the

petition urges the pope to lash out at Cuban President Fidel Castro's persecution of the Roman Catholic Church.

While in Miami, the pope, who survived a May 1981 assassination attempt in St. Peter's Square in Rome, will be protected by 2,000 Dade police officers, 1,000 Miami officers, 2,400 National Guardsmen, 900 state troopers, scores of Secret Service agents and a contingent from the Vatican's own Swiss Guard. They'll be equipped with high-powered rifles, bomb-sniffing dogs, 9mm semi-automatics and pistol-grip grenade launchers.

In Columbia, city workers have trimmed trees, cut grass and repaved streets along the pope's motorcade route from the airport to the University of South Carolina football stadium. City spokesman John Spade said that for the next two days, workers would concentrate on sweeping the streets.

Spade said the city also was build-

ing a force of business, license and zoning inspectors to enforce the ban on the sale of souvenirs along the motorcade route. "We're going to crack down on that," he said.

In New Orleans, workers at the University of New Orleans tested the sound system for a papal Mass with 30-second bursts of religious music and set up some of the 1,725 portable toilets to be clustered around the site.

In San Antonio, crews placed banners on twin 150-foot altar towers at a 144-acre site for an outdoor mass on Sunday that is expected to draw a half-million people.

Mike Lanford, an architect with Alamo Architects, which designed the site at Westover Hills, said carpeting and altar furniture will be placed later in the week as well as a helium-oxygen-filled plastic cloud that will hover 20 feet above the pope, to shield him from sun and rain and provide the illusion of a cloud.

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# University to host pope for speech

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Pope John Paul II will speak to administrators from the nation's 232 Catholic colleges and universities at the only predominantly black school in the bunch — Xavier University.

"I am not sure there's another Catholic college in the United States that has our diversity in student and faculty," Norman Francis, the first lay president of the 72-year-old school, said.

The faculty and staff are about half black and half white and at least 40 percent of the faculty members are women. Whites make up 12 percent of the 2,000 students attending classes on the campus near a poor black neighborhood called Gert Town.

Xavier began in 1915 as a high school founded by Katherine Drexel of Philadelphia, who had organized the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament to teach blacks and Indians. It is the only college to grow from that order.

For decades, Xavier's main function as a college was to educate teachers for segregated school systems.

Graduates include seven of the United States' 11 black Catholic bishops — one of them Francis' brother, Bishop Joseph A. Francis of Newark, N.J.

They also include New Orleans' first black mayor, the first black to hold a seat on the New York Stock Exchange and the first black president of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

# Corporation hosts 27,000 visitors for 11-day computer sales pitches

BOSTON (AP) — The sultan of Oman's personnel director was there Tuesday. So were four gentlemen from the Taiwanese national Bureau of Investigation, as well as the chief of a data center for an Indiana maker of diesel engines.

They were among the first of 27,000 guests from 25 countries expected to go computer shopping at Digital Equipment Corp.'s 11-day sales pitch called DEC World '87, the largest trade fair in city history.

About 15,000 Digital workers also were on hand.

While they were checking out the goods at the World Trade Center on Boston Harbor, the ocean liner Queen Elizabeth 2 came rolling up alongside, one of two ocean liners summoned by Digital to help accommodate guests.

The event is costing Digital about \$20 million but is expected to bring in \$1 billion in contracts, Digital spokesman Elizabeth Slattery said.

Boston and surrounding commu-

nities are expecting to make some money too. The exhibition is expected to bring \$26 million in direct spending, with a multiplier effect that could pump up to \$55 million into the area's economy.

To put visitors in a buying mood, there was soft lighting, soft couches and potted plants.

There were queues of men and women in pin-striped suits waiting for lunch passes on Tuesday, and more lines to book their berths on the QE2, where one of the 930 rooms normally costs \$180 a night, per person. The other vessel, the Star Ship Oceanus, has about 1,100 rooms.

Mary Jo Anderson, front office manager of The Bostonian Hotel, said rooms in the city are scarce. She said her 153-room hotel was full for most of the next two weeks and that a check of her computer showed space available at only five of 30 other hotels in the city.

"I expect the others will be filled

by tomorrow," Anderson said.

Digital, a leading supplier of networked computer systems, will display 400 of its models during the show, and also plans to unveil new products company officials say should help the company maintain its record earnings pace.

By midday, Hassan Al-Raessi looked fazed by all the possibilities.

"It's just too much," said the man in charge of the 13,000 employees for Sultan Quaboos ben Said of Oman. He was accompanied by the sultan's computer expert in a search for equipment to keep a better accounting of the royal household.

Each participant in DEC World received a password to try out one of the dozens of computers on display. With that key the person could check for messages on the DEC World's electronic mailbox, order materials on Digital equipment, review the scheduled events and see a list of Boston attractions.

# Oil prices plummet below \$19 a barrel because of world supplies speculations

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil prices dropped below \$19 a barrel for the first time in nearly two weeks Tuesday, pressured by speculation that world supplies are continuing to outstrip demand.

The downward move was accelerated by nervous traders unloading contracts they had held over the weekend in anticipation that prices


would remain within the \$19 range, analysts said.

Among refined products, October contracts for wholesale unleaded gasoline settled at 49.40 cents per gallon, down 0.77 cent from Friday, while wholesale heating oil closed at 50.85 cents per gallon, down 0.98 cent.

Meanwhile, the International En-

ergy Agency, a group representing 21 Western oil-consuming nations, said in Paris Monday that August production by the Organization of Petroleum Countries totaled 19.7 million barrels daily.

The figure, which jibes with other recent estimates, is 3.1 million barrels a day more than OPEC's official aggregate quota.



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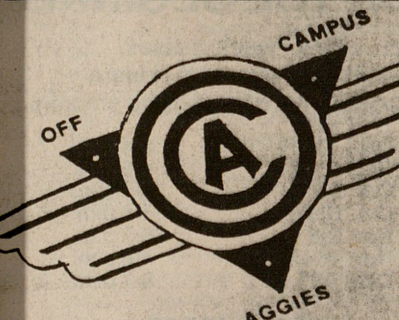
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