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Two U.S. soldiers, 2 others die in rebel attacks in Philippines

ANGELES CITY, Philippines (AP) — Suspected communist rebels shot and killed two U.S. airmen and two other people Wednesday in separate daylight attacks near the giant U.S. Clark Air Base.

U.S. officials said the dead included two Air Force sergeants, a Filipino retired from the U.S. Air Force and a Filipino businessman of U.S. ancestry. Assassins also fired on an Air Force captain.

The attacks came within 15 minutes of each other and followed by several hours the slayings of two policemen and the wounding of an army colonel in Manila. Authorities also blamed those on the rebels.

Names of the victims were not immediately available. Base spokesman Maj. Thomas Boyd said both airmen were in uniform.

Maj. Gen. Donald Snyder, commander of the 13th Air Force, said the motive for the killings were unknown. But Col. Manuel Caranza, security officer of the Philippine military's Clark Air Base Command, said he suspected communist rebels were responsible.

He said the style of the attacks and the weapons used — .45-caliber pistols — pointed to rebel assassination teams known as "sparrow units" for the swiftness of their assaults.

Francisco Nepomuceno, mayor of Angeles City, also said he suspected communist assassination squads because of recent U.S. arms shipments and statements of support for President Corazon Aquino's government.

A statement by the Philippine military said the first attack came at about 3:45 p.m. when three assail-

ants shot dead an Air Force sergeant in front of a McDonald's less than two miles from the base.

Moments later, up to 15 gunmen ambushed the car of another Air Force sergeant, killing him instantly. The Filipino businessman, who stopped to investigate, was also slain.

The retired Air Force sergeant was shot dead as he drove his station wagon near a military housing area, the statement said.

The Air Force captain was attacked near another housing area at about the same time, the statement added. When the captain returned fire, the rebels fled.

Boyd said the attacks occurred on a day when the base was conducting an exercise to test responses to emergencies "from a plane crashing on

the runway to robbery to a terrorist attack."

At the Pentagon, officials who spoke on condition of anonymity said the attacks "were obviously coordinated."

"Can we say for sure who's responsible? No," said one source. "Does this look like the insurgents? Yes."

The rebel New People's Army operates in the Clark area, about 50 miles north of Manila. Rebels generally had avoided attacking Americans during their 18-year insurgency.

The communist leadership recently warned it would target Americans and American interests if the United States continued supporting the government's counterinsurgency program.

Kidnappers release Korean, receive \$1 million ransom

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Kidnappers released a South Korean diplomat for a \$1 million ransom after holding him for 21 months, the leader of the mainstream Shiite Moslem militia said Wednesday.

Do Chae-Sung was released Tuesday, Nabih Berri, leader of the Shiite Amal militia, told reporters at his residence in Moslem west Beirut.

"Amal did its job to protect him after his release," Berri said in English. He did not disclose further details.

No information was immediately available about who provided the money and who was paid.

Do, 33, the second secretary at the South Korean embassy in Beirut, was kidnapped in the city's Moslem sector on Jan. 31, 1986. A group calling itself Revolutionary Cells claimed his abduction, but has made no public demands.

A Lebanese employee at the South Korean embassy also said the diplomatic mission does not have information about Do being released.

Do's release leaves 22 foreigners, including eight Americans, held hostage after kidnappings in Lebanon.

Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite is among them. He's been missing since January.

There have been several kidnappings for ransom in Lebanon during recent months. A West German engineer was taken hostage and reports said Siemens, an electronic company from West Germany, paid his ransom.

Do's release came one day after kidnapped American journalist Terry Anderson, the longest-held foreign hostage, turned 40 in captivity.

Anderson, chief Middle East Correspondent of The Associated Press, was kidnapped in west Beirut March 16, 1985. One day later, the pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad, claimed his abduction.

"Happy Birthday doesn't seem appropriate," Anderson's sister, Peggy Say, told a ceremony Tuesday at the Jefferson Memorial in Washington.

"Let me tell you something about my little brother," Mrs. Say said. "He's not an ordinary man. ... In the latest picture, his head is held high and he has the look of utter defiance on his face. Terry Anderson will survive."

The ceremony in Washington was sponsored by No Greater Love, a private humanitarian organization, and the Journalists Committee to Free Terry Anderson.

House votes to postpone waste decision

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Interior Committee approved by voice vote on Wednesday a bill that would delay for at least 18 months any major decisions on how to dispose of the nation's high-level nuclear wastes.

The legislation, drafted by Chairman Morris K. Udall, D-Ariz., calls for the appointment of a three-member independent commission to review the Energy Department's controversial site selections to date and report back to Congress in a year.

It also calls for a "special negotiator" to attempt to work out voluntary siting agreements with states or Indian tribes, both for permanent nuclear waste repositories as well as an interim cooling and packaging facility known as an MRS — for monitored retrievable storage.

Since the multibillion-dollar program began in 1982, the Energy Department has tabbed three western states, Washington, Texas and Nevada, as candidate sites for the first repository, and it has picked Tennessee for the MRS. All have vehemently protested the department's decisions. Several eastern states are equally unhappy at the prospect of being tabbed as the site for a second repository.

Udall's bill would impose an 18-month moratorium on sinking exploratory shafts at the three western sites — the Hanford nuclear reservation in Washington, Yucca Mountain in Nevada, and Deaf Smith County in Texas — and on any major work on an MRS. It also would force the department to scuttle a preliminary list of eastern sites and begin anew the search for a second repository.

Federal budget deficit lessens by 33 percent in 1987 fiscal year

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal budget deficit, helped by a revenue bonanza, shrank by 33 percent in the budget year which ended Sept. 30 even though the U.S. government spent \$1 trillion for the first time in history, the Reagan administration reported Wednesday.

The administration's final accounting for the past budget year showed the imbalance between revenues and spending fell to \$148 billion, down from the record \$221.1 billion in the 1986 fiscal year.

The improvement came in a 12-month period in which the federal government spent a record \$1.002 trillion, up 1.2 percent from fiscal 1986 when federal spending was \$990.2 billion.

Revenues shot up at a much faster clip than spending, rising by 11.1 percent to total \$854.1 billion. The increase was due in large part to higher-than-expected individual tax payments resulting from the changeover to the new tax law.

The 1987 budget figures were announced as the ad-

ministration and congressional budget negotiators got down to serious bargaining, which they hope will result in substantial deficit reductions aimed at calming stock market jitters over the federal government's unending flow of deficits.

There have now been deficits in 26 of the past 27 years, running up a total accumulated national debt of \$2.37 trillion. Servicing that debt cost U.S. taxpayers a record \$195.4 billion in 1987, up from \$190.2 billion in 1986.

The flood of government red ink has been cited by some analysts as a prime cause for the plunge on the stock market as fears increased that the higher interest rates needed to meet the government's borrowing obligations would trigger a recession.

President Reagan, in an effort to calm those concerns, has announced a willingness to bargain with Congress over ways to reach the Gramm-Rudman deficit target of \$144 billion for the current fiscal year.

Chinese delegates want leader to keep post

BEIJING (AP) — Several delegates to the Communist Party Congress said Wednesday they want top leader Deng Xiaoping to retain his posts, reflecting doubts about the future of China's reform policies without his leadership.

"Efforts are being made on both fronts, by Comrade Deng Xiaoping and by the deputies to the party congress, to persuade and be persuaded," Liao Bokang, party secretary of the city of Chungking and a delegate, said at a news conference.

Deng, 83, has been China's top leader since 1978 and has spearheaded the country's market-oriented economic reform and open-door policies.

In recent months, he has said repeatedly that he plans to retire from the five-man Politburo Standing Committee, the party's highest decision-making body, and as head of the party's Central Advisory Commission, an influential group of elderly officials.

But he is widely expected to retain

his post as head of the party Central Military Commission.

China's leaders were believed to have agreed in prolonged discussions before the congress to have Deng and three other Standing Committee members in their 70s and 80s step down. But the delegates' statements Wednesday indicated that a final decision has yet to be reached.

A report in the state-run *People's Daily* on Wednesday said Sichuan peasants watching the live telecast Sunday of the congress' opening ses-

sion were delighted to see Deng looking well.

Deng hopes that his retirement will force other elderly, more conservative leaders to follow suit, allowing younger officials who support his economic and political reforms to take over.

In addition, observers believe Deng wants to ensure a smooth transfer of power during his lifetime to avoid a struggle and possible return to the extreme leftism that devastated the country during the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution.

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