

Amnesty International blasts nations with cruelty charges

LONDON (AP) — Amnesty International on Wednesday accused a record 135 nations of human rights abuses ranging from the jailing of draft evaders in Western Europe to the massacre of unarmed civilians in Iraq and Sudan.

The international human rights group said the list of offenders in its annual survey was the longest it has published since its establishment in 1961.

Amnesty, which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977, recorded abuses last year in more than 80 percent of

the 159 U.N. member states. But it said it was encouraged by the emergence of more than 1,000 human rights groups in recent years and the proliferation of laws to protect prisoners' rights.

"In at least half the countries of the world, people are locked away for speaking their minds, often after trials that are no more than a sham," the 278-page report said.

"In at least a third of the world's nations, men, women and even children are tortured. In scores of countries, governments pursue their

goals by kidnapping and murdering their own citizens."

It added: "More than ever before in world history, governments are exposed to the glare of international publicity — the greatest weapon we have."

The report cited the United States, where 25 prisoners were put to death last year, for executing John Brogdon, a man diagnosed as mentally retarded, and Edward Earl Johnson, despite "substantial doubts" about his guilt. Amnesty opposes the death penalty.

In China, more than 200 convicted criminals were put to death, but that represented "only a fraction of the total number of death sentences and executions," it said.

The report said at least 760 political prisoners were executed in 39 countries in 1987 but estimated the number probably was much higher because of secret executions.

It said governments used a variety of methods to deflect criticism, including death squads in Latin America.

It said India, Britain and Israel set up inquiries into human rights abuses that were not made public or that amounted to a whitewash.

Turkey, Czechoslovakia and East Germany closed channels of information to hide violations, it said, and China, Haiti, Syria and South Africa clamped down on the reporting of abuses by denying prisoners access to lawyers or families.

"Today, even one death can set

off waves of anger and protest worldwide... It doesn't always happen but it can," Amnesty said, citing the death in January 1987 of South Korean student Park Chong-Chol. The death sparked widespread protests that resulted in the prosecutions of eight police officers and the resignation of government ministers.

On the other hand, communist North Korea didn't even reply to Amnesty International's questions about legal practices, the report said.

Among other alleged abuses were reports that Sudanese forces massacred hundreds of unarmed Dinka tribespeople; the summary execution by Iraq of hundreds of unarmed Kurds; the disappearance of hundreds of Peruvian farmers seized by government forces; and court-ordered executions in China, South Africa and Iran.

The report alleged politically motivated killings by pro-government assassins in Brazil, El Salvador and the Philippines, and arbitrary arrests, torture and killings in Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Uganda.

In Western Europe, Spain was cited for allegedly torturing Basque separatist prisoners, Britain for failing to publish a police inquiry into the killings of six unarmed Irish Republican Army guerrillas in 1982, and France for jailing draft objectors.

In Israel, the report said, a court permitted the secret service to use "a moderate measure of physical pressure" in interrogating suspects.

Government plant covers mishaps

WASHINGTON (AP) — Serious mishaps over 28 years at a government plant in South Carolina that produces materials for nuclear weapons were kept secret for national security reasons and not reported to Washington, federal officials said Tuesday.

But the situation is changing, in part due to pressure from Congress, they said.

One senior Energy Department official has compared the attitude toward safety at the Savannah River facility near Aiken, S.C., to that which led to the explosion of the shuttle Challenger on Jan. 28, 1986.

"There has always been a mind set, a culture, that we are doing work that is important for national security and perhaps that may override any obligation toward public accountability," Will Callcott, a spokesman for the Department of Energy, said Tuesday.

Since taking office in 1985, said Callcott, Energy Secretary John Herrington has called attention to the area of environmental safety and health for the first time placing these issues in the hands of an assistant secretary.

E.I. du Pont Nemours & Co. runs the Savannah River facility under contract for the energy department. The plant, which has five reactors, produces plutonium and tritium, which are used in making nuclear weapons.

According to a 1985 memorandum, 30 "reactor incidents of the greatest significance" occurred there and were not disclosed to the public.

One of the most serious was the melting in November 1970 of a rod used to start an atomic chain reaction, causing radioactive contamination of an adjacent room. It took 900 people three months to clean up the contamination, according to the memo, which does not specify

whether radioactivity escaped from the facility.

Energy Department officials said on Friday that they had not been informed of the incidents, but on Monday senior department spokesman C. Anson Franklin said those statements were incorrect and that the incidents had been reported to the department's regional office in Aiken.

He said that the information apparently had not been relayed to headquarters from the regional office.

The reactors at Savannah River were closed after the most recent incident, in August, and had been scheduled to reopen on Tuesday. But Energy Department officials assured members of Congress last week that production would not resume until safety was assured, possibly after 30 to 45 days.

"If they restart those things without having briefed us and without having convinced us they have solved the safety and health issues, they will be in serious trouble in the Congress," Rep. Mike Synar, D-Okla., said.

Synar, chairman of the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources subcommittee of the Government Affairs Committee, held hearings on the Savannah River facility last Friday.

He reacted angrily Tuesday to assertions that national security considerations ever justified keeping mishaps secret at Savannah River.

"Just because they claim it is national security doesn't make it national security," he said. "I didn't know that the health and safety of the workers and the surrounding citizens was a national security issue."

Synar challenged assertions that Herrington had improved the Energy Department's system.

Group urges boycott of Nestle over formula

WASHINGTON (AP) — The people who engineered a seven-year boycott against the Nestle company to fight the promotion of infant formula in Third World nations called on Tuesday for a renewal of the protest on an even larger scale.

Douglas A. Johnson, chairman of Action for Corporate Accountability, called for a resumption of the boycott at a news conference, arguing that Nestle has failed to live up to the agreements it signed in 1984 that ended the original action.

This time, Johnson said, the group is expanding the boycott to American Home Products, which it said is the second largest distributor of infant formula in developing nations.

While urging an across-the-board boycott of the two companies' prod-

ucts, protest leaders are asking their followers to focus on two products from each company: Nestle's Taster's Choice Instant Coffee and Carnation Coffee-mate Non-Dairy Creamer, and American Home Products' Anacin and Advil across-the-counter pain relievers.

Action for Corporate Accountability accused both companies of violating at least the spirit — and by Johnson's interpretation, also the letter — of the World Health Organization and UNICEF Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes.

The code — which Nestle agreed to as a condition of ending the earlier protest — permits donations or sales of formula for distribution to infants needing breast milk substitutes, and says the formula may not be used for sales promotion.

Abortion activists continue protests

ATLANTA (AP) — Police carried or dragged about 250 anti-abortion demonstrators away from three clinics Tuesday, making good on a threat of gloves-off treatment for a planned week of similar protests.

Some of the sit-in protesters screamed or cried as they were hauled off and left in piles by jail bus doors to be carried aboard by other officers. Many supporters watching the arrests sobbed or prayed quietly. Others sang hymns or songs from the civil rights movement.

Police asked the demonstrators if they would walk to the buses and dragged them there when they would not.

Since summer, hundreds of anti-abortion protesters in Atlanta have identified themselves upon arrest as Baby John Doe or Baby Jane Doe. Since authorities will not release people on bond without identification, those arrested have crowded jails. Three summer demonstrators remain jailed, one for more than 70 days.

The stated aim of the protests Tuesday was to close the clinics for the day, although some women entered at least one clinic during the protests. The demonstrators did not enter the buildings.

The protests were organized by Operation Rescue, a New York-based group that started demonstrating in Atlanta on July 19 during the Democratic National Convention and continued to do so through the summer, landing more than 750 people in jail.

At two locations police used disposable plastic handcuffs on those arrested and in one case tackled a man who had been loaded into a van but tried to escape.

Some were urged along by police putting thumbs under the ears and lifting. The demonstrators offered no resistance, and most remained limp while they were carried off.

A few officers were in riot gear or on horseback.

Operation Rescue, which has opened what it says is a permanent office in Atlanta, charged that excessive force was used.

Gene Guerrero, executive director of the state chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, who watched the arrests, said, "I've been to a lot of demonstrations and I've seen a lot of police brutality. I haven't seen that today."

Police officials announced last week that they would not use the relatively gentle arrest methods they used during the convention.

Police tactics already had grown rougher during the summer as a series of anti-abortion sit-ins taxed city and county resources, costing more than \$500,000 in police overtime, jail expenses and court time.

Late Tuesday, Fulton County Superior Court Judge Joel Fryer barred Operation Rescue from harassing or assaulting anyone going to or from any abortion clinic or from recruiting others to do so.

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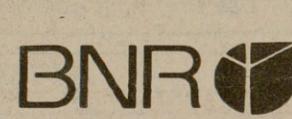
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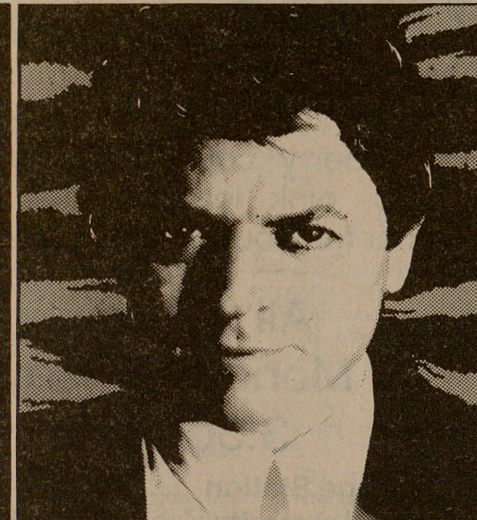


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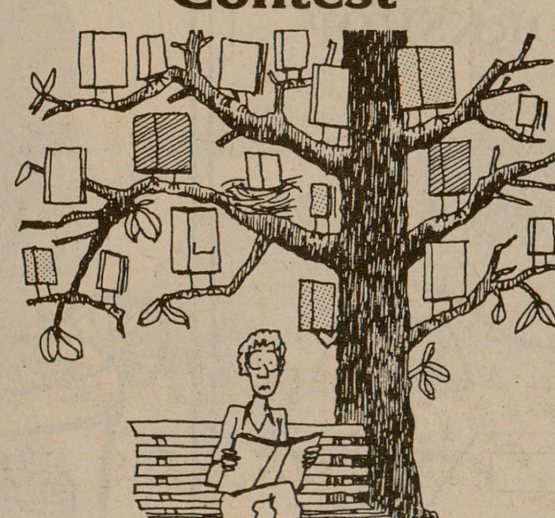


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