



Lithuanians resist increased Soviet pressure

VILNIUS, U.S.S.R. (AP) — Dozens of newly arrived Soviet military vehicles lumbered through Lithuania's capital Sunday, but defiant republic leaders resisted the increased pressure to renounce their declaration of independence.

The Lithuanian parliament's Presidium met to consider its next moves, and Deputy Prime Minister Kazimieras Motieka told reporters the government "remains ready to negotiate and discuss any questions with the Soviet Union except that of independence."

The last Western correspondents were ousted from the Baltic republic Sunday night on orders of the Soviet government, leading some Lithuanians to express fears of an impending crackdown by the Soviet military.

Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev

urged the rebellious republic in an appeal Saturday night to renounce its March 11 declaration of independence and enter into talks with the Kremlin on the basis of the Soviet Constitution. He warned that a refusal may result in "grave consequences for all of us."

The Lithuanian parliament was scheduled to meet Monday morning to forge a response.

Lithuanian President Vytautas Landsbergis rejected Gorbachev's appeal, saying the Soviet leader was demanding "impossible things."

"It cannot be now demanded that we annul everything that we bore in our hearts," he said in remarks carried Sunday by the official Soviet news agency Tass.

But Landsbergis said he would send ne-

gotiators to Moscow on Monday to try to set up a meeting with Soviet officials.

Western reporters counted almost 30 armored vehicles being unloaded from trains that arrived near the Vilnius airport. Others drove through the city, their treads slicing into the asphalt, apparently on their way to a nearby base. Soldiers peered out of the lookouts.

The reinforcement of the Vilnius garrison came in broad daylight when many residents were out for Sunday strolls to savor the spring sunshine.

Motieka complained that the Soviet army had refused to inform the Lithuanian government about its activities.

An additional column of some 15 armored personnel carriers had moved through Vilnius in the early morning

hours, Lithuanian officials said.

Eduardas Potashinkas, an activist and Lithuanian TV editor, said many concerned residents had called the television station and Lithuanian radio to report troop movements overnight.

Western journalists saw 30 to 40 armored personnel carriers, or APCs, full support vehicles and soldiers being unloaded from a train near the airport north of Vilnius at about noon Sunday.

"There was a big transport that came by train," a local photographer said on condition of anonymity. "There were a lot of APCs, over 20 of them at least, and also trucks. It looked like they were beginning to unload."

Later Sunday, 28 APCs, eight trucks, two jeeps and a tanker could still be seen at the

station, while other vehicles were driving through the city.

Gorbachev, in his first formal appeal since the Lithuanian crisis began, said the republic's chosen path towards independence was "ruinous and will only lead to a dead end."

In an 18-line statement addressed to the Lithuanian Supreme Soviet, Gorbachev charged Lithuanian leaders with taking steps that "are openly challenging and insulting to the entire (Soviet) Union."

"I propose that the Lithuanian Supreme Soviet immediately annul the illegal acts it has adopted," Gorbachev wrote in his appeal, which was prominently played Sunday on the front pages of major Soviet newspapers.

List names residence halls, classes exposed to measles

The following is a list of residence halls and classes that possibly have been exposed to measles. The A.P. Beutel Health Center will provide free measles-only vaccines to students who live in the affected floors of these residence halls or attend these classes.

Residence Halls Possibly Exposed To Measles:

Mosher Hall: First and third floors
Spence Hall: Third floor
Krueger Hall: Third floor

Classes Possibly Exposed To Measles:

AERS 102-502
BIOL 114-502

BIOL 114-503
BIOL 124-528
CHEM 101-501
CHEM 102-502
CHEM 111-515
CHEM 237-503
CPSC 320-501
CPSC 462-500
ELEN 305-500
ENGL 104-561
ENGL 212-502
HIST 106-509
HIST 105-512
JOUR 102-500
KINE 199-218
KINE 199-400
MATH 161-503
MATH 417-502

MATH 417-503
MATH 433-500
PETE 413-500
PETE 415-501
PETE 417-500
PHIL 240-501
POLS 206-502
POLS 206-511
POLS 207-505
PSYC 107-501
PSYC 107-507
SCOM 305-500
SCOM 404-507
SOCI 205-505
SOCI 404-500
SOCI 420-501
VPAT 412-501
VTPP 429-500

London riot blamed on extremist groups

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and opposition politicians on Sunday blamed extremist groups for turning a carnival-like anti-tax protest into one of London's worst riots this century.

The new local tax went into effect Sunday in England and Wales despite Saturday's protest by 40,000 people in Trafalgar Square, which went amok when militants smashed windows, torched cars and battled police. Hundreds of people were injured.

The so-called community charge replaces a property tax with a levy on each adult and increases the amount many pay by up to a third. Critics say it's unfair because Britain's richest man, the Duke of Westminster, pays the same rate as his gardener.

Thatcher told reporters of her "absolute horror" at Saturday's violence as she left church at her country residence at Chequers.

"People have a right to demonstrate peacefully," she said. "This was taken over by some extreme groups who used violence with no consideration for others or their property. Let us hope that justice will be seen to be done."

Labor Party chief Neil Kinnock said those who caused the violence must be "treated as criminals" and punished.

"As always, they damaged freedom and like every other democrat, I regard them and treat them as ene-

mies of freedom," said Kinnock, whose party is 28 points ahead of the Conservatives in opinion polls.

Scotland Yard launched a top-level investigation into the six-hour street battle which sent 58 police and 75 civilians to the hospital, injured 22 police horses and caused hundreds of thousands of dollars of damage.

Detective Chief Supt. Roy Ramm, leading the investigation, said 341 people had been arrested for offenses including arson, robbery, serious assault, criminal damage and looting.

The heart of London looked like a war zone after a battle on Sunday. Clean-up crews cleared rubble and burned-out cars from the streets and strollers wandered past boarded-up restaurants, pubs and shops whose windows had been smashed.

Many victims were among Britain's most exclusive names: Liberty's, Burberrys, Mappin and Webb, Dickens and Jones.

The Independent on Sunday newspaper called it the worst riot in central London this century. Scotland Yard said it was one of the worst but nobody had yet researched whether it was the worst.

David Meynell, Scotland Yard's deputy assistant commissioner, blamed the "sustained and savage violence" on about 3,500 people who were among a crowd of 40,000 at a rally in Trafalgar Square.

Photos by Mike C. Mulvey

Members of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets held their annual March to the Brazos Saturday to raise money for the March of Dimes.

Right: Talon 12 members Jermei Nobling (L) and Clay Graves (R) carry their new first sergeant Mike Sutherland through a pool of water.

Below: Members of K-1 walk arm-in-arm at the campsite.

March to the Brazos



Law students at UH seek equal funding

HOUSTON (AP) — University of Houston Law School students, tired of the carpet being plusher at the University of Texas Law School, say they'll ask the Legislature for more equitable funding.

"We're kind of lost in the backwash of UT," said Ron Ortman, 37, a second-year UH law student who helped form a political action committee, Student Union. "We're chronically underfunded."

"I would not stand up and say they should fund the University of Houston at the expense of the University of Texas," Ortman said. "It's not realistic. It's not practical. What they should do is find some method of funding us up to par with the University of Texas at Austin."

The three-member PAC, organized in early March, started a newsletter, initiated a letter-writing campaign and made a video to send to legislators and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The video shows Ortman standing in a hallway under an umbrella, some chalk boards spewing water and leaky roofs allowing water to

flow over electric sockets and overhead lights.

Dean Robert L. Knauss said the UH Law Center facilities need about \$1 million in immediate structural repairs and maintenance, including a new roof.

"Most of the safety-hazard ones have been taken care of," Knauss said. "It's not as if (repairs) haven't been happening. Repairs have constantly been going on, but it's kind of Band-Aid repairs."

University officials say they began deferring maintenance policy with financial cutbacks in the mid-1980s. They say the university needs at least \$17 million in repairs.

Mark G. Yudof, dean of UT's law school, said Texas students have not been exempted from cutbacks, but he said both law buildings are in "very good condition."

"UT's been on a rather low-maintenance budget," Yudof said. "We've had a lot of problems with that."

But, he said, "I think the (UH) students are barking up the wrong school."

Students to help redevelop suburb

Architecture students contribute designs to Houston Heights

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Texas A&M architecture students are putting their skills to work and gaining practical experience in their field by helping redevelop an area of Houston.

David Ekroth, a professor in the architecture department, is heading the program in which 11 environmental design and 16 landscape architecture students are contributing their design ideas to residents of Houston Heights, the oldest suburb in Houston. Ekroth lives in Houston, and said he is glad to have the opportunity to be involved in this project.

"The Heights area is architecturally rich," Ekroth said, "It is a

planned community, so the growth is not haphazard. We're looking at areas within the Heights that are primed for redevelopment."

Ekroth said both students and

have an impact on the community," he said. "They (the community) can't afford to pay professionals to do feasibility studies, so we're doing this for them."

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—David Ekroth, professor

Houston Heights residents benefit from this arrangement.

"This is a chance for university architecture students to engage in a real project where their work does

The environmental design students helping with the restoration project are in Ekroth's senior design class. The landscape architecture students involved are in Phil Pregel's

fourth year design class. The students get 6 hours credit for the class.

Creighton Bennett, a senior landscape architecture major from Waco, said he enjoys the cross-disciplinary nature of the project.

"This is the first time we've been able to work with the environmental design students," Bennett said. "The collaboration is beneficial to us both, because we can learn from each other. We can come up with more effective designs if we have input from different backgrounds."

Tom Troegel, executive director of the Greater Heights Chamber of Commerce, said he is pleased to have the services of the A&M architecture students. Troegel works

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