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Libya kicks out pro-sanction officials

U.S., allies lack statesmanship in dealing with problem, Arab nations say

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Libya, showing no signs of backing down in the face of U.N. sanctions, on Thursday began ordering the expulsions of diplomats representing countries that supported the measures against it.

The sanctions, which took effect Wednesday, are meant to pressure Libya into turning over suspects in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.

Meanwhile, Arab nations, while largely complying with the sanctions, criticized the United States and its allies for lack of statesmanship.

The sanctions prohibit all flights to and from Libya, ban arms sales, and call for the expulsion of most Libyan diplomats abroad. The Libyan Foreign Min-

istry said at least six heads of embassies had been ordered to cut down staff in retaliation for similar action by their governments.

The United States has no diplomatic relations with Tripoli. But as host of the United Nations, it was expelling three of the 12 diplomats at Libya's U.N. mission.

Italy said Thursday that six of its envoys had been ordered to leave Libya, and Belgium, which looks after U.S. interests in Libya, said it had been told to reduce its diplomatic staff.

"They told me some embassy members would have to leave soon and they will be in the next few hours notify me of the names and the deadline," Belgian Ambassador Leon Doyen said. He said he had no new information

about the status of Americans in Libya.

About 1 million foreigners, including 500 to 1,000 Americans, live in the nation of 4.2 million people. Many said they were not afraid and did not plan to flee.

However, Russia began evacuating about 3,000 of its citizens — military advisers, technicians and their family members — from Libya, Radio Russia said Moscow was concerned about the "threat of terrorist attacks against foreigners of states which have supported the U.N. sanctions against Libya."

Despite the grounding of flights, land and sea links remained, including ferry service to the nearby island of Malta. Traffic through Saloum, the Egypt-Libya border crossing point, was report-

ed normal. At least 400 foreigners working in Libya arrived Friday aboard the first Libyan ship to dock in Malta since U.N. sanctions cut flights to and from Libya. Many of the foreigners they departed as part of the usual leave, rather than out of over staying.

In Tripoli, residents went about their business as usual and was normal. Despite wide cooperation with the sanctions, there was criticism from governments. The head of Arab League mission in Ghayth Armanazi, said "seems to have been a statesmanship in the way Western powers have approached this problem."

Oil, gas theory causes controversy

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which Kennicutt said is a key point — involves new analytical techniques to document compounds in oil that are traced to biochemicals.

Skeletons of plankton, biological organisms found in the oceans, have been found in oil. Plankton use chlorophyll, a chemical found in living organisms, during photosynthesis.

"Finding the remnants of these organisms in oil provides a link," Kennicutt said.

The A&M Ocean Drilling Program (ODP) has found data to support the biological theory that also involves phytoplankton, although the program's primary work is in understanding the geology of the ocean.

Dr. Timothy Francis, deputy director of the ODP, said oil drilling in the ocean is largely conducted in sedimentary rock basins, which have the rock types that will hold oil.

"Where oil is generated is usually in areas where stagnant seas were in the past, so there was no oxygen reaching the bottom," he said. "Organic remains were part of the sediment, and converted into oil over a period of time."

"If you look at the chemical composition of plankton creatures, you'll find the same elemental composition you find in oil," he said.

Other organisms provide additional evidence. Specific structures, such as cholesterol, are formed when organisms synthesize biochemically. This is an energy-storage compound produced

by living organisms, and a compound similar to cholesterol has been found in oil, Kennicutt said.

Another part of the controversy in Gold's theory is caused by the drilling site.

Holditch said a reason Gold picked that area to drill is because there is no normal organic rock there, only granite. Gold supposedly found oil in the granite,

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-Dr. Stephen Holditch, Texas A&M Petroleum Engineering Department

which most scientists say cannot generate, hold or store oil.

"A lot of people have assumed it's the core of the earth," Holditch said.

However, sometimes sheets of granite are thrust between organic rocks in complex geological settings.

Explorers can drill further and hit sedimentary rocks that can store fluids like oil. Holditch said this is a very rare situation, and usually once explorers reach granite, they stop drilling.

One thing that scientists — including Holditch — do agree with about Gold's theory is that if it were true, the entire planet could benefit.

"If it did pan out, there would

be a large source of energy for the world," Holditch said. "In truth, it's probably a little of both. Major oil and gas fields are produced like we say now, but there could be some deep gas that could be discovered."

Robert McCabe, an associate professor of geophysics at Texas A&M, agrees with many professors across the country who question Gold's theory.

McCabe said oil taken from different areas has a different organic composition. He said researchers can study the oil and name the area the organisms contained in it come from.

"Different organisms have different organic signatures, which are consistent with living organisms today," he said. "The mantle doesn't have any way of having different isotopic signatures."

McCabe said that he has done some work with oil found in granite rock, but the oil seeped in from other sources.

"Oil and gas is almost always associated with sedimentary rock," he said.

In addition, McCabe said that rocks coming from volcanoes have extremely small amounts of methane.

"The only way we know what's going on in the mantle is to study what's coming from volcanoes," he said.

The fact that these rocks do not have much methane, or any oil and gas, provides evidence against Gold's theory that these hydrocarbons are coming from the earth's mantle.

"His theory certainly is not proven," McCabe said.

Imports carry translation troubles for Poles

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Consider the perils of dyeing your hair following French instructions, fighting an ant infestation with instructions in Arabic or ending up with a can of squid rings in garlic sauce by accident.

Scrutinizing packages has become a national pastime for Poles newly confronted by a dazzling

array of imported products. The problem: only a few are labeled in Polish.

Nearly 2 1/2 years into Eastern Europe's most dramatic economic reforms, Poles can choose from a well-packaged plethora of goods that could hardly have been imagined during the 1980s, when leaky vinegar bottles — labeled in Pol-

ish, to be sure — were virtually all that was piled high.

But there is already resentment that even routine marketing trips resemble a "Let's go shopping" lesson in a foreign language class.

Some Poles are responding with the first hints of a "Buy Polish" drive, others simply with confusion.

Serbs defeat Muslims in Visegrad

U.N. envoy, Vance, attempts peace talks

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The Serb-led army crushed Muslim resistance in the key town of Visegrad, Bosnia-Herzegovina on Thursday as U.N. envoy Cyrus Vance sought to negotiate peace in the republic.

The federal army, coming from the neighboring Serbian town of Uzice, "took control of the whole city," the Tanjug news agency reported.

Radio Sarajevo said at least four people were killed and 17 wounded during the 24 hours of fighting in Bosnia, including at least one army reservist reported killed at Visegrad.

There were some hopeful signs from Vance's mission to get the warring parties to accept a cease-fire and negotiations.

The leader of the Serb minority in the republic said his talks with Vance had been fruitful.

In Helsinki, Finland, the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe accused Serbia of stirring up violence in Bosnia, and Germany threatened Serbia with "serious steps" if it does not halt its bloodshed.

Germany's Foreign Minister expressed support for a U.S.-backed proposal to suspend Serbia's membership in the security association if Serbia and the Bosnian-dominated army do not follow recommendations of the United Nations, the European Community and the CSCE. The aim was ending the violence.

Breast-cancer patient favors availability of gel implants

Disagrees with FDA for imposing limits

(Associated Press) — Rep. Marilyn Lloyd, D-Tenn., a breast cancer patient who was forced by the moratorium to wait for reconstruction with a silicone gel implant, said she was pleased the implants will now be available to others in her situation.

But she expressed concern about the limitations being imposed, saying, "it is not the FDA's role to make value judgments."

Others on Capitol Hill, including Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., chairman of the Labor and Human Resources Committee; and Reps. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce health sub-

committee, and Ted Weiss, N.Y., said the policy was not plugged," that means

Mentor Corp. of Santa Barbara, Calif., one of only two companies still making silicone gel implants it was pleased with FDA's decision.

The company stopped making the implants during the moratorium.

However they said they would be widely available for breast reconstruction in the next three months.

The other manufacturer is McGhan Medical Corp. of Santa Barbara, Calif.

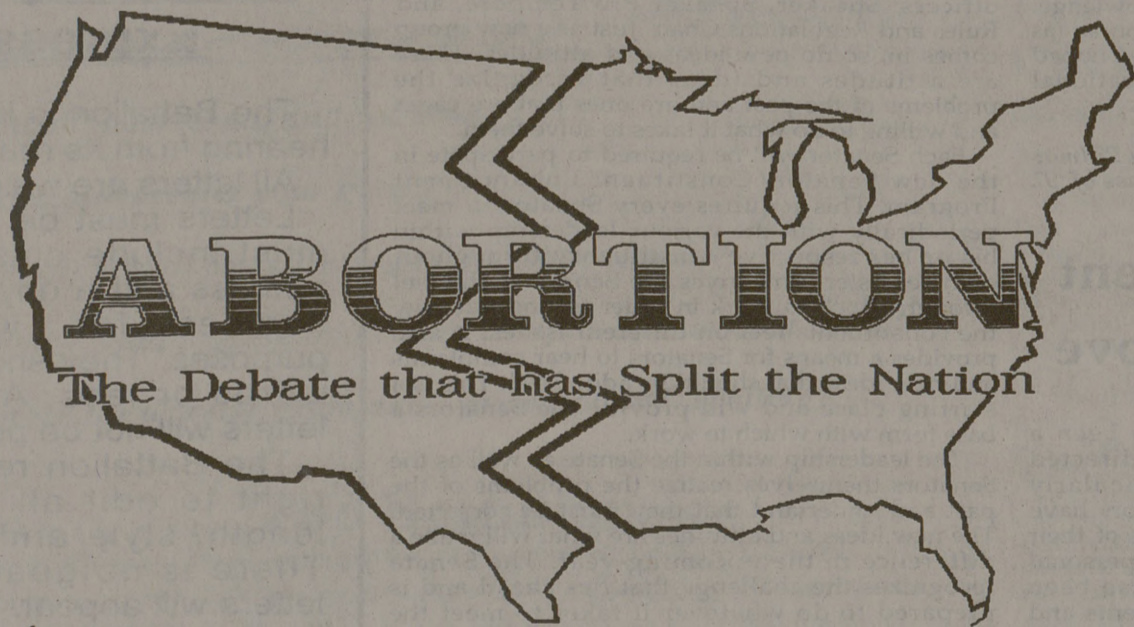


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