

News Digest

By The Associated Press

Arms debate in Washington

Shultz says no more weapons should be shipped

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State George Shultz said Sunday the United States should make no more arms shipments to Iran, contending "I don't see any need for further signals" of U.S. good faith to moderate Iranians.

Meanwhile, John Poindexter, President Reagan's national security adviser, said the U.S. arms embargo against Iran still stands and said he remains optimistic that more hostages may be released by pro-Iran forces in Lebanon.

Senate Democratic leader Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.V.,

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urged the administration to state publicly that there would be no more arms shipments to Iran "or any other terrorist state." A congressional investigation into administration dealings with Iran, which Reagan denies were direct negotiations for the release of hostages, is to begin this week.

Shultz, interviewed on CBS' "Face the Nation," did not specifically criticize past arms shipments but said Reagan's decision to send a signal to Iran with an arms shipment was a subject for debate.

"When you get elected president, that's one of the things you get the right to do, to make decisions of that kind," Shultz said. He declined to say what advice he gave Reagan on the shipments.

Asked if more arms would be sent, he said, "It's certainly against our policy, and I think the signal has been given... As far as I'm concerned, I don't see any need for further signals."

Pressed further on whether more arms will be sent, Shultz said, "Under the circumstances of Iran's war with Iraq, its pursuit of terrorism, its association with those holding our hostages, I would certainly say, as far as I'm concerned, no." He said, however, he did not speak for the entire administration.

Poindexter, appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," did not say specifically that no more arms would be shipped to Iran, but said, "The arms embargo still continues. We do not feel it in our national interest to allow the floodgates to be thrown open to allow arms to be shipped (to Iran)."

"We still list Iran as a state that sponsors terrorism," he said.

The administration denies that the arms shipments were in exchange for the release of David Jacobsen two weeks ago.

In Brief

Israeli jets attack guerrilla base

SIDON, Lebanon — A squadron of Israeli warplanes attacked Palestinian guerrilla bases near south Lebanon's port city of Sidon on Sunday, destroying a command post and wounding at least three people, police reported.

Ambulances and fire engines raced to the village of Darb el-Sim on Sidon's southern outskirts, police said.

The jets made four bombing and rocketing runs against a naval base for Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat's Fatah guerrilla goup at 4:35 p.m., destroying a three-story command post, according to police.

In Tel Aviv, the Israeli military command said the planes attacked a naval base used to launch attacks against Israel. It did not specify which organization used the base.

The brief announcement said the pilots reported direct hits and returned safely.

The jets dropped smoke canisters once the bombing runs were over, police said.

The attack came a day after a 22-year-old Israeli seminary student was stabbed to death in the Moslem quarter of the walled Old City of Jerusalem.

It was Israel's 14th air attack in Lebanon this year.

The last air raid was Oct. 16, when Israeli jets struck at guerrilla targets near Sidon. One Phantom F-4e Israeli jet was shot down, and an Israeli flier who bailed out was captured by Shiite Moslem militiamen. Israel rescued another pilot.

Nicaragua: no parole for Hasenfus

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Justice Minister Rodrigo rejected on Sunday the possibility of pardoning American Eugene Hasenfus, who drew 30 years in prison for his part in a weapons delivery flight to U.S.-backed Contra rebels.

"There is no reason to pardon him," Reyes, chief prosecutor in the case, told The Associated Press by telephone one day after a political court handed down the verdict and the sentence. "The Nicaraguan penitentiary system will guarantee that he fulfills his sentence."

Earlier remarks by President Daniel Ortega had fed speculation that Hasenfus, 45, of Marinette, Wis., might eventually be pardoned.

Ortega has not commented on the case since the American mercenary was convicted and his stand on a possible pardon is not known.

Pro-government newspapers on Sunday billed the verdict against Hasenfus as a conviction of the United States as well.

"The 30 years for Hasenfus are a penalty of Yankee interventionism," El Nuevo Diaria said.

It quoted unidentified Nicaraguan legal authorities as saying "this sentence should hit the eardrums of President Reagan (who should) observe that his obstinate intention of destroying the revolution will have severe responses."

The government earlier rejected a Contra offer to swap 30 Sandinista prisoners for Hasenfus and five other captives.

The sentence handed down Saturday by the three-member People's Tribunal includes the maximum 30 years in prison for violating the maintenance of order and public security and the maximum three years for criminal association, with the sentences to be served concurrently.

The 30 years also includes an unspecified sentence on a charge of terrorism, which carries a maximum two-year penalty.

The American pilot and copilot and a Nicaraguan radio man were killed. Hasenfus was captured a day later, after parachuting from the burning aircraft.

State Department spokesman Pete Martinez said, "The Nicaraguan government's treatment of Mr. Hasenfus violated many of his basic due process rights under both international and Nicaraguan law."

Syrian president denies involvement in terrorism

DAMASCUS, Syria — President Hafaz Assad denied that Syria was involved in terrorism and accused President Reagan and Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on Sunday of being the "real terrorists" and trying to bully Syria.

"We are against terrorism, we don't practice it and do not allow anyone to hatch terrorist plots from our territory," Assad told about 7,000 people at a Damascus stadium on the 16th anniversary of the coup that brought him to power.

Britain cut ties with Syria last month after a Jordanian, Nezar Hindawi, was

convicted of working with Syrian diplomats in trying to plant a bomb on an Israeli airliner in London.

The United States announced Friday it would impose diplomatic and economic measures against the Damascus government, citing Syria's alleged support for terrorist groups.

Assad said Reagan and Mrs. Thatcher were "the real terrorists who practice state terrorism against the freedom of the people."

He cited as examples the U.S. invasion of Grenada, U.S. support for Nicaraguan guerrillas and "British army practices" in Egypt and the rest of the Arab world during the 1950s.

Official: Guns may be needed to defend Filipino democracy

MANILA, Philippines — Thousands of demonstrators marched through downtown Manila on Sunday denouncing Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile, and a labor official told them guns may be needed to protect democracy.

Nick Eiman, an official of the leftist May 1st Movement labor union, also said the 500,000-member union would strike nationwide Thursday to coincide with the funeral of its slain leader, Rolando Olalia, a supporter of President Corazon Aquino.

The union, the Philippines' largest, has also called for a general strike for Monday in Manila.

"But it is not the workers alone but the whole population that must move, if necessary with guns, to defend democracy," Eiman, the union's secretary for mass actions, told about 3,500 demonstrators.

The demonstrators chanted slogans accusing Enrile in last week's killing of Olalia. They shouted, "Mr. Enrile, Killer of Olalia!" "Redeem Military Blood Debate!" and "Welga, welga!" meaning "Strike, strike!" in Tagalog.

At a rally by about 15,000 people in downtown Manila on Sunday, Aquino said: "I want to be known as a leader of peace, but if there is no other choice, I am ready to lead a war."

Before his death, Olalia warned that his union would launch a general strike if the military attempted a coup. Rumors have been widespread that officers linked to Enrile planned to overthrow Aquino's government because of her peace overtures to communist rebels.

Gen. Fidel V. Ramos, the armed forces chief of staff, said on Sunday that Olalia's killing should not be "aggravated by hate and reddened with further

Shultz says foreign policy could suffer Allies face military cuts

WASHINGTON — A number of close U.S. allies face sharp cuts in military aid because of congressional budget reductions that Reagan administration officials say could seriously damage American security interests.

Officials are now making final decisions on which countries will bear the brunt of the cutbacks, which left the administration \$1.6 billion under its \$6.5 billion request for fiscal 1987. Countries where the United States has military base agreements may be hit hardest.

Secretary of State George Shultz has expressed serious concern about the budget cuts, contending that

the administration's foreign policy cannot function properly unless there are substantial resources to back it up.

A U.S. official, who asked not to be identified, said he believes that some of the countries with which the United States has base agreements will undergo the largest aid reductions.

Specifically, the official mentioned Portugal, Spain, Turkey and the Philippines. He added, however, that aid to virtually all of the 70 countries which take part in the military grant program or the foreign military credit sales program will be cut back.

Study: White-collar criminals spend little time behind bars

WASHINGTON — More than 80 percent of convicted white-collar criminals are sentenced by judges to little or no time behind bars, the federal government reported Sunday.

In a study of forgery, counterfeiting, fraud and embezzlement in eight states containing more than a third of the nation's population, the government found that 60 percent of the people convicted of white-collar crimes were sentenced to prison terms.

However, only 18 percent of those convicted were sent to prison for more than 12 months, said the report by the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

More than 40 percent of those convicted were given sentences of less than one year and the study did not measure the amount of time the prisoners actually served. Actual prison time generally is shorter than the sentence imposed because of factors such as sentence reduction due to good behavior.

In contrast, violent offenders received prison terms of more than a year 39 percent of the time, the study found. Property crime offenders received prison terms of longer than 12 months in 26 percent of the cases.

Forty percent of convicted white-collar criminals were given probation or other non-prison penalties, the survey concluded.



White-collar criminals tended to be older and more of them tended to be women, the survey found. Thirty-seven percent of the convicted white-collar criminals were women, compared with 8 percent of violent offenders and 13 percent of those committing property crimes. More than 40 percent of the white-collar criminals were at least age 30 while only a third of the violent offenders were in that age category.

The study covered crime in California, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, Utah, Virginia and the Virgin Islands.



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Presidential spokesman Teodoro Benigno announced Sunday what he said were important leads in the killing. Olalia's body was found last Thursday off a highway in northeastern Manila.

Benigno said police have pieced together a composite picture of one of

five men seen near Olalia's home before his disappearance Wednesday. Three vehicles used by the five have also been identified.

Aquino came to power last February in a civilian-military revolt that overthrew President Ferdinand E. Marcos, who fled to Hawaii. Enrile and Ramos, who had both served under Marcos, helped lead the revolt.

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