

News Digest

Marcos' forces attack demonstrators

Reagan threatens cut in aid for government aggression

MANILA, Philippines — Battle-dressed marines, firing tear gas and swinging truncheons, attacked civilians manning street barricades outside a military camp at dawn Monday.

They dispersed hundreds of people supporting two senior military officials in an adjacent military camp who are demanding that President Ferdinand Marcos resign and hand over power to Corazon Aquino.

Witnesses said some students tried to link arms to stop and block the marines.

Many people tumbled and fell as they tried to escape the troopers, according to radio reports from the scene. There were no immediate reports on casualties.

The assault took place on a side street near Camp Crame, where ousted Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile and Lt. Gen. Fidel Ramos, former dep-

uty military chief of staff, were entrenched with troops loyal to them.

The marines entered Camp Aguinaldo, but not Camp Crame across the street, where Ramos and Enrile have set up their rebel headquarters.

After the initial assault that dispersed hundreds of pro-rebel civilians the marines remained in Aguinaldo but did not make a move against Camp Crame.

In Washington, White House spokesman Larry Speakes said Sunday evening, "The president appealed earlier today to President Marcos to avoid an attack against other elements of the Philippine armed forces. Regrettably, there are now reports of an attack."

Speakes said Reagan sent Marcos a message through diplomatic channels saying America "cannot continue our existing military assistance if the government uses that aid against other ele-

ments of the Philippine military that enjoy popular backing."

Meanwhile, the Philippine Roman Catholic church radio station put rebel military officials on the air Monday to claim that "tyranny" had been defeated, and a station announcer said Marcos was leaving the country, but Marcos appeared on national television Monday in a live broadcast, and said the claims were an effort to frighten the people. Marcos declared a "state of emergency" and said public utilities can be taken over by the government. He said he wasn't leaving the country.

"Don't believe any of these stories," said Marcos, calling the reports "propaganda lies they are peddling through the air waves."

"They (the reports) are completely without basis. They are intended to frighten our people," Marcos said, directing his men to "use all necessary

force" to defend their installations.

He directed soldiers to use small arms to defend themselves but said big weapons like tanks and armored personnel carriers should not be employed "as yet."

Several local and foreign reporters were in the hall with Marcos, and the president said this would prove the broadcast was not taped in advance.

Radio Veritas had broadcast statements by the two rebel military officials, former Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile and Lt. Gen. Fidel V. Ramos, the former deputy armed forces chief, who said "tyranny" had been defeated. Just hours before the attack, a furious Marcos accused Enrile and Ramos in a television speech of trying to seize power and threatened to "siege the tanks and artillery on them."

An Associated Press correspondent reported that at about the same time,

four Philippine air force helicopters landed on a grassy field inside the Camp Crame compound. A man aboard one waved a white flag and about 24 men left the helicopters as rebel national police manning the headquarters camp applauded.

Air force officials refused comment on the helicopters' arrival, but a police sergeant, Eduardo Sanchez, said the air force men had come "to protect General Ramos and Minister Enrile."

Enrile and Ramos have insisted since they began their rebellion Saturday that Marcos stole the special presidential election by fraud and demanded he step down.

Earlier Sunday, an attempt by hundreds of pro-Marcos soldiers and eight armored troop-carriers to rout the rebels was foiled by about 25,000 demonstrators who blocked them from reaching the military camps.

Gramm-Rudman a 'planned' wreck

Senator says it's 50-50 Congress can beat deadline

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the Senate budget committee told the nation's governors Sunday that the balanced-budget law is "a planned train wreck," but he said Congress would act to avoid scheduled, automatic spending cuts.

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said the odds are better than 50-50 that Congress will "pull the switch and the wreck will be avoided," by passing its own budget that meets the deficit-reduction targets of the Gramm-Rudman balanced-budget law.

"It is best analogized as a planned train wreck. No one would plan a train wreck, but we did," Domenici said.

Domenici, speaking to the executive committee of the National Governors Association, said the final budget solution may include some additional tax revenues to "glue it all together."

But Domenici, who offered few details of what he thought the budget would

look like, said a major increase in taxes for the purpose of reducing the deficit is unlikely, even if included in a package of overall tax reform.

Domenici spoke as the governors began their annual winter meeting. They were attending a black-tie dinner and reception at the White House in the evening, and were going back to the executive mansion this morning for a meeting with President Reagan.

The governors, mostly Democrats, arrived at the meeting after their leaders attacked Reagan's budget proposal for fiscal 1987. But there was some agreement with Reagan on the major budget issues of taxes and Social Security.

An Associated Press survey of the governors found a substantial majority opposing a federal tax increase to whittle at the federal budget deficit, or at least saying any boost in taxes ought to be only a last resort. They were also

opposed to cutbacks in Social Security to lower deficits.

With federal aid to states and local governments both targeted by the president's proposal, however, there is some sentiment for higher federal taxes among the governors.

Arkansas' Democratic Gov. Bill Clinton said Reagan's budget would cut more domestic spending than even the automatic cuts of Gramm-Rudman, and questioned why revenues could not be raised through a tax-reform package.

"All of us would be better off with the train wreck than the president's budget," Clinton said.

The governors released a report before the meeting denouncing Reagan's proposal as a "one-way street" that shifts responsibilities to the states without providing the money to pay for them. It repeated the governors association's position in favor of some kind of tax increase to balance the budget, if necessary.

Federal pornography panel called biased

WASHINGTON — A constitutional rights group charged Sunday that a pornography commission established by Attorney General Edwin Meese dwells on "bizarre sexual practices" while disregarding fair fact-finding methods.

"Our worst fears have been surpassed," said Barry Lynn, legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union.

In a 31-page report on the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography, Lynn wrote: "Even though many commissioners concede they have only a rudimentary understanding of the law, they continue to spend more time discussing bizarre sexual practices than in learning anything about the First Amendment."

The Justice Department issued a statement from commission Chairman Henry Hudson, Arlington County, Va., prosecutor, saying the commission has been fair and has considered a wide variety of opinion.

ACLU allegations were "not supported by the record of the hearings conducted by the commission," the statement said, adding that since the commission has made no final decisions on recommendations, specific comment on the ACLU criticism would be "premature and inappropriate."

The 63-year-old civil liberties group said hearings in six cities over the past 11 months have featured biased witnesses, "limited" social science data and "inordinate attention to aberrant sexual practices."

"The commission staff was directed

to purchase several glossy, interracial sex publications and a magazine called "Young Girls in Bondage" while on a Sept. 11 visit to "three Houston peep shows," the report said.

"It is as if by finding the single most despicable scene of sexual conduct ever photographed the commission would be justified in urging suppression of all sexually oriented material," it said.

The 11-member commission named by Meese in March 1985 meets next week in Scottsdale, Ariz., to draft recommendations due in June.

Meese established the panel after President Reagan called in May 1984 for a study of new evidence that has become available since a 1970 federal commission found no links between pornography and anti-social behavior and urged repeal of numerous obscenity laws.

Lynn said Friday he expects the commission to urge approval of sweeping Senate legislation that would violate constitutional rights. In specific, he criticized a measure sponsored by Sen. Paul Trible, R-Va., to outlaw use of home computers to transmit sexual information about children.

Lynn said the ACLU would not oppose a ban on plotting crimes against children but believes Trible's measure overshoots that target.

Trible responded, "The ACLU apparently believes that anything can go. Most Americans would agree with me that child pornography and child abuse is wrong and something should be done about it."

In Brief

Reagan drafts arms control plan

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In a formal reply to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's arms control proposal, President Reagan has drafted a sweeping plan urging elimination of medium-range missiles in Europe as first step, a U.S. official says.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Reagan's proposal was contained in a letter signed over the weekend that would be mailed to Gorbachev at the beginning of the week. A presidential statement to the nation also is planned, he said.

White House spokesman Ben Jarrett confirmed Saturday that the White House was circulating Reagan's plan to U.S. Allies, key Congress members, and the U.S. arms negotiating team in Geneva. He declined to say when the letter would be sent to Gorbachev or discuss its contents.

Reagan's proposal to eliminate medium range missiles "holds out the hope of earliest progress," the other official said.

The official said Reagan also proposed that the more than 100 mobile SS-20 missiles the Soviets have deployed in their Asian territories be drastically reduced. These missiles are targeted on China and Japan and were not included in the disarmament proposal Gorbachev made Jan. 15.

Reagan's letter also discussed long range nuclear weapons, space-based defense systems and other aspects of the complex arms race, he said.

Reagan based his plan on the premise advanced by most of his senior control advisers that the most likely way to break the deadlock at the Geneva arms talks is through agreement on U.S. and Soviet medium range missiles — those with a range of about 3,400 miles, the official said.

Study says 'workfare' saves money

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Programs to put welfare recipients to work not only give people jobs but also save taxpayers money, said a major study released Sunday.

The Manpower Demonstration Research Corp. has tracked the fortunes of 35,000 welfare recipients in 11 states since 1982 in a Ford Foundation-backed effort to seek ways to help people climb out of poverty.

The group's latest report found that "workfare," unpaid jobs that some states, cities or counties require welfare recipients to take "has not turned out to be either as punitive as its critics feared or as praiseworthy as its advocates claimed."

"The majority of all participants agreed that a work requirement was fair," the study said. The welfare recipients generally liked the clerical, park or maintenance jobs they were placed in, although the work itself did not teach them any marketable skills.

The most widely used technique in the 11 states was not workfare, but formal "job serach" efforts to line the welfare applicants or recipients up with work.

Wedding brawl: love at first fight

CHERRY HILL, N.J. — A family feud at a wedding reception erupted into a free-for-all that involved about 200 guests and required about 60 police officers to restore order, authorities said Sunday.

"There were fights all over the place," said Sgt. John Vaughan, one of the first officers to respond to the call Saturday night at the Ashland Fire Hall. "Windows were broken, drapes were pulled, chairs knocked over."

No one was seriously injured, Vaughan said. An argument between the groom's family and the bride's family caused the fight, he said.

Michael Rappo, the bride's uncle was charged with disorderly conduct and defiant trespassing.

The bride and groom, Patricia and Richard Remsing, could not be reached for comment. Rappo said they had left for their honeymoon at Niagara Falls.

Ferraro list may be used in arrests

MIDDLEBURY, Vt. — A list of names found after police arrested the son of former vice-presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro on drug charges may be used to arrest other students at Middlebury College, police said.

"There's a lot of students who have a lot to worry about," police Sgt. David Wemette said Saturday. John Zaccaro Jr. pleaded innocent Friday in Vermont District Court to a charge of possession of a regulated drug with intent to sell. If convicted, he could be sentenced to five years in prison, fined \$5,000 or both.

Zaccaro, a senior at the \$13,000-a-year school, was known on campus as "The Pharmacist," police said. He had been under investigation for several months before being arrested last week after selling one-quarter gram of cocaine to an undercover police officer, authorities said.

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