

News Digest

By the Associated Press

Americans still living in Libya

TRIPOLI, Libya — For hundreds of Americans working in Libya, life has become a shadow existence. They are shielded by nervous businesses and a host government that needs their services while issuing daily threats against the United States.

Now, after the U.S. air attack on Libya on April 15, Washington is raising the stakes with a threat of indictment once the U.S. citizens return home. Americans remaining in Libya could be imprisoned for up to 10 years and fined on their return.

Despite the air strikes Libya still officially welcomes Americans who work in business and the vital oil industry.

An estimated 800 Americans live in Libya. About 100 of them, women married to Libyans, are in the country legally.

The American's employers and the government have erected a protective wall of silence around them.

"We don't stamp Americans' passports if they don't want it. This is a favor we do for them," said Information Department official Mustafa Ahmed.

Businesses believed to be employing Americans told reporters no such workers were there. Libyan officials refuse to take journalists hundreds of miles into the desert to see Americans, many of whom work in rotating month-long shifts, leaving their families outside the country. Some Americans reportedly earn as much as \$100,000 a year and enjoy tax breaks.

The government has posted a guard outside the Tripoli compound where some Americans are believed to be living. Americans also enjoy special privileges, such as the ability to get meat during a recent nationwide shortage.

Marcos to followers: 'I'm your president'

MANILA, Philippines — Ousted President Ferdinand Marcos told 12,000 followers Sunday he was the legitimate president of the Philippines and urged them to keep demonstrating against the government of Corazon Aquino.

He urged that they keep their protests peaceful and avoid violence. "I am healthy ... I am ready to fight," Marcos, speaking by telephone from Hawaii, told a cheering crowd that gathered for a rally at Manila's Rizal Park.

His wife, Imelda, referred to herself as "your first lady" and sounded in

tears as she told the crowd she and her husband "will do everything" to return to their homeland.

Earlier Saturday, Marcos talked by phone with President Reagan, who stopped in Honolulu on his way to Bali, Indonesia, where he will meet leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations this week.

A source in Manila called Marcos later and quoted him as saying the talk with Reagan was "friendly, congenial, productive and fruitful."

Reagan had called Aquino last week.

It was their first conversation since she assumed the presidency shortly after Marcos fled the presidential palace on Feb. 25 during a popularly backed military rebellion. Marcos has been in exile in Hawaii since then.

At the rally, Marcos spoke for 20 minutes in a pre-arranged call to a former aide, Lito Gorospe, who hooked up the receiver to a loudspeaker. Some people sobbed as Marcos' voice boomed out at them.

Led by former government officials and some film celebrities, loyalists re-

lied for the third straight Sunday to demand Marcos' return.

For the past two weeks, Marcos supporters have also staged vigils on the lawn in front of the U.S. Embassy, accusing the United States of kidnapping Marcos from his former palace.

As in previous speeches, Marcos accused the Aquino government of illegally confiscating his personal property.

"I will get even," he said in Tagalog. "I do not mean I will exact vengeance, but I will get even with their cruelty, their abuses and their thievery."

Vet's death shows complexity of Vietnam defense

LAKE WORTH, Fla. — David L. Funchess was a victim of Vietnam, just as surely as if he had died in a jungle firefight instead of Florida's electric chair, say fellow veterans and those who study the war's lingering psychic wounds.

Tuesday's execution of Funchess, 39, was the first of a veteran diagnosed as suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. It rekindled deep emotions among Vietnam veterans and debate about the 6-year-old stress disorder defense by veterans accused of crimes.

"They could have helped him; at least let him live in prison," said Ron Hanna, a 34-year-old Army veteran still trying to deal with the emotional damage from two years of combat 15 years ago.

"They taught him to kill indiscriminately. It's not fair that they kill him now," he said.

Peter Erlinder, a Minnesota law professor who has researched crimes by

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veterans afflicted with the stress disorder, said its symptoms weren't recognized by the American Psychiatric Association until 1980.

Funchess stabbed a man and woman to death in 1974 at a Jacksonville lounge where he had been fired. He was convicted in 1975. During a 1982 cle-

mency hearing before Florida's governor and Cabinet, expert testimony stated that Funchess suffered from the newly recognized post-traumatic stress disorder.

Gov. Bob Graham refused to recommend mercy. Last week, he said he believed PTSD exists but it did not justify clemency for Funchess.

Testimony showed Funchess was a battered child from a poor Jacksonville family but had no history of violence. He enlisted in the Army in 1967 and was absent without authorization during training after his brother was murdered.

He stepped on a land mine in Viet-

nam 2 1/2 months into his war tour and was discharged after going AWOL two other times. When he got home, Funchess became a heroin addict and bounced through several jobs before the murders.

William Weitz, an Army veteran and clinical psychologist who heads the Vet Center here, said PTSD doesn't excuse all crimes.

Erlinder says every war has produced sufferers of the syndrome, a delayed, sometimes-violent reaction to traumatic, violent events. He said it is particularly prevalent among Vietnam veterans who have never dealt with a war incident.

We interrupt this program . . . for a viewer protest

NEW YORK — A video hacker calling himself "Captain Midnight" started cable television viewers from Maine to the Plains early Sunday when he interrupted a movie on Home Box Office with a printed message protesting HBO's scrambling of its satellite-to-earth TV signals.

"It's a criminal, willful interference of a government-licensed satellite broadcast," fumed David Pritchard, an HBO vice president. Pritchard said HBO planned to report the incident to the

Federal Communications Commission.

The message, printed in white letters on a color-bar test pattern background, read: "Good evening HBO from Captain Midnight. \$12.95 a month? No way! (Showtime-Movie Channel Beware.)"

Mahany said that at first the picture flipped back and forth between the message and the movie, making it seem like "HBO was trying to get its signal back . . . It looked like a fight for control of the microwave beam."

Setting it Straight

In an article titled "Nebraska climate cooling off; Plains states plunging into a mini-ice age, scientist says" (Daily Nebraskan, April 25), Bertrand Schultz' correct title is paleontologist.

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