

News Digest

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Filipinos to vote

Aquino confident constitution will pass after failed coup

MANILA, Philippines — Filipinos decide whether to accept President Corazon Aquino's proposed constitution Monday in a crucial test of her strength after last week's failed coup. The military put 79 battalions on alert to prevent trouble. Her government expected overwhelming approval of the 20,000-word document. On the eve of the vote, Manila police said they arrested two men and seized 120 sticks of dynamite after getting a tip about a plot to disrupt the balloting. The new charter was completed in October by a 48-member commission she appointed, despite opposition from both leftist and right-wing critics. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 3 p.m., but final results are not expected for days. Voting is mandatory and failure to do so carries a \$5 fine. Ramon Felipe Jr., chairman of the Commission on Elections, predicted an 80 percent turnout of the 25 million registered voters.

The plebiscite asks voters to respond "yes" or "no" to the question: "Do you vote for the approval of the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines as proposed by the Constitutional Commission?" The proposal would sharply reduce the power of the president, re-establish a two-chamber legislature, provide civil rights guarantees and ban the military from political activity other than voting. It would confirm Mrs. Aquino in the presidency for a six-year term. It is unclear what would happen if the proposal were rejected. Aquino's opponents say she should then resign and call new elections, but there is no legal requirement to do so. State radio and television mounted an aggressive ratification campaign, featuring appeals by Mrs. Aquino as well as politicians, athletes and entertainers.

Walkout ends; steelworkers return to work

PITTSBURGH — United Steelworkers members, ending a six month work stoppage at USX Corp. plants, begin returning to work Monday under a newly ratified contract that swaps pay concessions for job security. The industry's longest work stoppage ended on its 184th day. Workers were to be called for orientation briefings Monday and production would resume within several weeks at the company's biggest operations, the Gary Works in Indiana, the Mon Valley Works near Pittsburgh, the Fairless Hills Works near Philadelphia, the Lorain Works in Ohio, and the South Works at Chicago, said USX spokesman Thomas Furrell. The two sides were unable to agree on wage and work-rule concessions, reduction in health benefits and subcontracting certain jobs to non-union workers. The shutdown surpassed the previous record, a 116-day strike in 1959 in which 500,000 union members paralyzed the U.S. steel industry.

In Brief

Plane crash kills two near Central City

CENTRAL CITY — Local and federal authorities are investigating a fiery airplane crash which killed two people early Sunday. A small airplane crashed about 3 a.m. in a cornfield adjacent to U.S. 30 about six miles west of Central City, according to Merrick County officials. County Attorney Dale Shotkoski said the identity of the victims and the origin and destination of the plane were not immediately known. He said the investigation was hampered because of the fire. Harold Scott, a Federal Aviation Administration official in Kansas City, said the FAA has confirmed the aircraft was a Cessna 150 and it crashed at 3:13 a.m. The plane apparently hit power lines just south of the highway before crashing into a cornfield owned by Jack McMahon.

Taiwan hotel fire kills 18; guests jump into safety nets

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Fire swept through a hotel filled with Taiwanese celebrating the Chinese New Year on Sunday, killing 18 people and injuring 13, authorities said. Twenty people jumped into safety nets to escape. Most victims in the southern Taiwanese hotel died of smoke inhalation, apparently unable to escape because of blocked exits, according to officials. No foreigners were among the dead, firefighter Lin Yi-chao said in a tele-

phone interview from Kaohsiung, site of the fire. Kaohsiung is 204 miles south of Taipei. Fire officials said emergency exits were locked and blocked by mattresses and by hotel supplies piled in front of them. Lin said the fire began around 1 a.m., apparently on the third floor of the four-story, 27-room hotel. Lin said 20 of the hotel's 70 guests saved themselves by leaping into safety nets from rooms on the third and fourth floors.

Militia begin "hush hush" talks to find hostage negotiator

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Intensive "hush-hush" negotiations involving Syria, Iran and Lebanese militia leaders have started to determine the fate of missing hostage negotiator Terry Waite and to ensure his safety, a senior militia official said Sunday. "These hush-hush talks are in high gear," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "The parties concerned are burning up the (telephone) wires trying to secure Mr. Waite's safety. Plenty of Syrian and Iranian emissaries are shuttling back and forth."

Waite, personal emissary of Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie, flew to Beirut Jan. 12 on his fifth trip to Lebanon to win freedom for foreign hostages. The Anglican Church envoy has not been seen publicly since he left the Riviera Hotel in west Beirut on Jan. 20, presumably to negotiate with Islamic Jihad, a pro-Iranian Shiite faction that holds Americans Terry Anderson and Thomas Sutherland. Both men were abducted in 1985. Various reports have said Waite may have been

taken prisoner. "The lack of direct word from Mr. Waite since his disappearance two weeks ago has alarmed all sides concerned and every effort is being made to find out about him," said the knowledgeable militia source. Iran is believed to wield influence with some of the groups in Lebanon that have claimed responsibility for abducting western hostages. Syria is the main power-broker in Lebanon and has about 25,000 soldiers in north and east Lebanon under a 1976 Arab League peacekeeping mandate.

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