

## Panama's deposed president still hiding from Gen. Noriega

PANAMA CITY, Panama — Deposed president Eric Arturo Delvalle stayed in hiding Sunday and defied Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, the military strongman who ousted him and ordered him out of the country.

The ex-president's whereabouts were a closely guarded secret, but family members said he was in a "safe and secure place" in Panama, in "good spirits" and determined to regain his job.

"I am going to stay here (and) stick it out," Delvalle told ABC television in a telephone interview. "I'm going to fight it all the way."

Delvalle did not reveal his hiding place.

Roderick Esquivel, Delvalle's vice president, was also in hiding.

Both men were ousted early Friday in an action by the National Legislative Assembly orchestrated by Noriega, the Defense Forces

chief.

Delvalle ignited the latest crisis in eight months of continuing civil unrest in Panama on Thursday when he tried to fire Noriega, who is charged in Florida with corruption and narcotics trafficking. The United States also has urged Noriega to step down as military chief.

On Friday, Delvalle returned to his home in an upper-class neighborhood. Police surrounded the house

Friday evening and Delvalle's telephones were cut, leaving him incommunicado and under an undeclared house arrest.

Sometime that night, he reportedly climbed over a patio wall at the rear of the house and escaped through a neighbor's yard, avoiding the policemen who had been posted on the street in front of his home.

Raul Diaz, a brother-in-law, and other family members said military officials had warned Delvalle that if

he didn't leave the country voluntarily, he would be arrested and forcibly deported.

The Panamanian government Sunday claimed U.S. officials were hiding Delvalle at an American military installation in Panama.

Delvalle's hopes of regaining the presidency suffered a setback Saturday night when the Permanent Council of the Organizations of American States, meeting in Washington, declined to take any action on Panama.

### In Brief

#### Justice changes account of Meese's role in case

WASHINGTON — For nine months, the Justice Department has given the impression Attorney General Edwin Meese removed himself from the Pollard spy case. But now it acknowledges he was briefed twice about the case and says he never was excluded.

In what chief department spokesman Terry Eastland called a correction, he said Meese is only excluded from the espionage case against the Israeli Air Force officer who recruited counterterrorism analyst Jonathan Pollard as a spy.

#### Elephants kill one man, hippo wounds another

NAIROBI, Kenya — Rampaging elephants trampled a man to death in southeastern Kenya, and a hippopotamus emerged from a sewage pond and attacked a bicyclist on the capital's outskirts, a newspaper said Sunday.

The elephants rampaged through Vuria village near the Tsavo National Park in southeastern Kenya, crushing to death 60-year-old John Mwakise, the Daily Nation said. It did not say how many elephants were in the Friday attack.

In Embakasi, on the capital's eastern edge near Nairobi National Park, a 35-year-old man riding by a sewage plant was bitten on the head, buttocks and thigh Thursday by a hippopotamus that emerged from the waste water, the paper said.

The man was reportedly hospitalized in serious condition.

#### Death toll in rockslide climbs to 52

FEZ, Morocco — The death toll from a rockslide that demolished a squatter's camp climbed to 52 on Sunday, and rescue workers were searching for more victims beneath the debris, officials said.

At least six people were injured, one seriously, when a rock wall overhanging the camp collapsed Saturday after a week of heavy rains.

Officials said the victims, asleep at the time of the disaster, included 27 males and 25 females. They did not specify how many of the dead were children.

The camp is in an old quarry outside Fez, which is about 125 miles east of the capital, Rabat.

Several hundred inhabitants of the squatters' camp were evacuated to emergency centers around the city.

#### Congress faces new battle on Contra aid

WASHINGTON — Congress faces a confusing choice this week between two rival versions of a plan to help the Nicaraguan rebels.

A vote is scheduled for Thursday to decide whether the U.S.-backed Contras will get an aid package drafted by House Democrats, a similar one drawn up by House Republicans, or nothing at all.

Current authority to aid the Contras expires at midnight Monday, and the rebels are said to be rapidly running out of items like food, clothing and medicine that the new aid plans would provide.

## U.N. in session to condemn U.S. move

UNITED NATIONS — The United States, its U.N. prestige and influence already at an all-time low, faces a showdown Monday when the General Assembly convenes an emergency session to condemn U.S. efforts to close the PLO mission.

Some Arab leaders say they want to shift the next General Assembly meeting to Geneva to punish the United States for harassing the Palestine Liberation Organization, which the United Nations recognizes.

The entire U.N. operation here, including the General Assembly, funnels \$400 million to \$700 million

a year into the U.S. and New York economies, according to the U.S. mission.

One reaffirms the PLO's right to operate and calls on the United States to honor its treaty obligations, the other calls for a ruling by the International Court of Justice.

The move to shut the PLO mission comes as Secretary of State George P. Shultz is on a critical Middle East visit aimed at initiating Middle East peace talks and ending the 11-week Palestinian uprising in Israel's occupied territories.

State Department and United

Nations lawyers say Congress' new anti-terrorist legislations, which would close the PLO's U.N. observer mission, is illegal and violates the 1947 Headquarters Agreement.

Former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, legal adviser to the PLO, told the Associated Press Saturday, "We assume the United States doesn't want to be an international outlaw and will, therefore, honor its obligations."

PLO Ambassador Zendi Labib Terzi told the AP that the U.S. action against the PLO mission is harming Shultz's chances in the Middle East.

## Swaggart thanks many for support

BATON ROUGE, La. — Television evangelist Jimmy Swaggart, who stepped down from his pulpit after allegations of immoral conduct with a prostitute erupted, thanked members of all religions Sunday for their support during "the darkest week" he has experienced.

During a brief appearance before his congregation at the Jimmy Swaggart World Ministries center, Swaggart thanked about 4,000 worshipers for their backing.

"I'll never have the words to express to you how much that I care. If it hadn't been for you, we would not

have made it. It's just that plain and simple," said Swaggart.

Swaggart, who last week confessed to unspecified sins, reportedly paid a prostitute to pose naked and tried to make a deal with a minister who confronted him about it.

Although Swaggart again did not specify his sin, he said he had received the love and prayers of members of various denominations and religious groups.

"That is what is so beautiful about it . . . not only Pentecostal, but Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Lutherans and Catholic. . . . Even my

Moslem friends, I'm serious, have called and said 'we love you, we pray for you,'" Swaggart said.

Swaggart, who on Saturday received support and sympathy from presidential candidate Pat Robertson, a former television evangelist, said his worldwide ministry would continue.

Making only brief reference to action the Assemblies of God denomination has taken against him, Swaggart said he would spend the next three months away from the pulpit receiving "some meat of the word."

## Athletes look for help after Olympics

CALGARY, Alberta — In the wake of one of the United States' worst Winter Olympics, American athletes are looking dubiously at George Steinbrenner's plans to fix the mess.

The New York Yankees boss won't find it as easy as firing a manager or swinging a trade, they say, and he might even have his priorities backward.

One area where he may be able to help, everyone agrees, is in finance. Money can't buy love, happiness or Italy's Alberto Tomba, but a lot more hard cash can go a long way to ending America's Olympic woes.

Officials and athletes say it will take millions and a wholly revamped training program to put U.S. Olympic athletes on the same level with their top rivals.

There is considerable debate, though, about how the money can be raised, how it should be spent and whether the United States ought to put as much emphasis on winning in the Olympics as the leading medalists — the Soviet Union and East Germany.

However, by any measure the U.S. team had a feeble showing this year and everyone feels the time has come to act.

No American team in the Winter Olympics ever won fewer medals relative to the total number awarded.

Steinbrenner, named by the U.S. Olympic Committee to head a panel to find ways of improving American fortunes in the Summer and Winter Games, said "the bottom line" is the medal count.

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The Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women invites you to attend a social event on Tuesday, March 15, 1988, in the City Campus Union. The event will begin at 4:30 p.m. with refreshments followed by a keynote address at 5:15 p.m. given by Dr. Ellen Baird entitled: "Learning the Ropes (Without Getting Hung Up)." A miniworkshop by Dr. Teresita Aguilar on "Initiation to Publication: A Necessity for Graduate Students" will begin at 6:30 p.m. Reservations for this event must be made no later than Tuesday, March 8 (please phone Maureen Moeglin at 472-5227). The cost is \$2.00 per person payable at the door.