

Dukakis and Bush trade barbs on drugs, military

Democrat Michael Dukakis charged Monday that an unsteady George Bush botched his assignments in the battle against drugs and terrorism, while the Republican nominee challenged Dukakis to state his views on the U.S. strike against Libya and invasion of Grenada.

Bush also named a panel of national security advisers including former Secretaries of State Henry A. Kissinger and Alexander M. Haig as well as Zbigniew Brzezinski, who was Democrat Jimmy Carter's national security adviser.

Dukakis, launching a three-day counter-offensive against Republican charges he would cripple American defense and foreign policy, told 200 supporters at a union hall in Phila-

delphia that Bush was "disastrously and completely and unforgivably wrong" for not warning President Reagan against selling arms to Iran in an attempt to free hostages.

Dukakis said he would restore respect for America, which he said had been undermined by Reagan-Bush failures to combat terrorism, come to grips with the trade deficit and stop "the avalanche of drugs ... pouring across our borders."

"In each of these areas, George Bush has failed," the Massachusetts governor said.

"I want to beat our foreign competitors; he's willing to settle for second best. I want to crack down on terrorism; he knuckled under to the ayatollah. I want a real war on drugs;

his answer to drug kingpins like (Panama leader Manuel) Noriega is J. Danforth Quayle," governor.

Bush, at a news conference in Washington and later at a rally before 1,000 flag-waving Cuban-Americans in Union City, N.J., cudgeled Dukakis on defense and foreign affairs as well as the economy.

"I will really admit that I am having trouble pinning down the liberal governor of Massachusetts on his defense," Bush said in New Jersey.

Bush demanded that Dukakis spell out whether he supported the 1983 U.S. bombing raid on Libya and the invasion "to free Grenada from its Cuban masters."

"I support those things. Now, does

he support them? Let's ask him that question," said Bush. If the answer is no, he said, Dukakis would show himself to have "veered outside the bipartisan mainstream" on national security issues. He also asked whether Dukakis would admit "that your support for a nuclear freeze was a mistake."

Dukakis had his own questions for Bush, ranging from the Iran-Contra affair to why the Reagan administration cut funds for the Coast Guard and aid for state and local drug agencies while it put "General Noriega on its payroll." Noriega is under indictment on drug trafficking charges.

"What kind of judgment is this?" Dukakis asked. "What kind of priorities are these? ... We need better

leadership from the next president."

Earlier, introducing Brzezinski as one of his advisers, Bush said his objective was "to shape a foreign policy built on the principles of bipartisanship ... realism, strength, dialogue and engagement."

"The U.S. must live up to its responsibilities in the world. At times, this means being willing to take action, liberate a Grenada, teach a terrorist like (Libyan leader Moammar) Gadhafi a lesson, keep the oil flowing through the Persian Gulf," Bush said. "My opponent's view of the world leads him to question such actions, to see them as a misuse of America's power, and to prefer that international organizations take the lead. ... That's just wrong."

Opposition demands interim government in Burma

RANGOON, Burma — Thousands of anti-government demonstrators marched through Rangoon on Monday, and opposition leaders demanded that an interim government be appointed to supervise multiparty elections.

In other developments, more than 1,000 school children fasted in support of the protesters, and the military said it would shoot demonstrators spreading a report that two armed forces commanders had threatened to join the protest.

Gen. Saw Maung, Burma's defense minister and armed forces chief of staff, said in a nationwide broadcast Monday night that the public and military should support the government's plan to supervise multiparty elections soon.

Saw Maung said the military had allowed protesters to demonstrate freely "to avoid possible misunderstandings amidst various attempts to discredit the armed forces by way of spreading false rumors, propaganda and exaggerations."

Many thousands of student-led demonstrators marched through the capital, shouting demands for an interim government and multiparty democracy. At least five separate groups were counted, and estimates of the total number of protesters ranged from 10,000 to more than 100,000.

More soldiers were seen on the streets Monday, but they did not interfere with the protesters, who dispersed peacefully.

In their first joint statement, oppo-

sition leaders again demanded the formation of an interim government to lead the transition to democracy.

Opposition leaders Aung Gyi, former Defense Minister Tin Oo and Aung San Suu Kyi listed their demands in a letter to Maung Maung. A copy was given to The Associated Press. The government did not immediately respond to the letter.

None of the opposition leaders have specified who should be in the interim government, saying only it should comprise people outside the

ruling Burma Socialist Program Party and who are "acceptable to all the people." They also have not said if they would be willing to serve in a transitional government.

President Maung Maung has rejected the call for an interim government.

But on Saturday he bowed to weeks of nationwide protests and announced that the ruling party would relinquish its 26-year monopoly on power and hold the first multiparty elections since 1960.



Bangladesh calls for more aid

DHAKA, Bangladesh — The president of Bangladesh appealed Monday for more foreign aid to feed more than 40 million people left homeless by the flood, and doctors tried to halt an epidemic of diarrhea.

More than 250,000 people were suffering from diarrhea, the health center said, with nearly 36,000 new cases reported in the last 24 hours. Many got the disease by drinking water contaminated by raw sewage and flood waters.

A senior doctor who declined to be identified said about 5 percent of the diarrhea patients have contracted cholera.

President Hussain Muhammad Ershad said the \$280 million in aid so far promised to his country was not enough even to rebuild roads washed away by flood waters that cover three-fourths of the country.

He said it was too early to estimate the total amount of funds needed.

"For centuries the people of Bangladesh have lived with floods, but never before have the rivers unleashed such fury on her people," the 59-year-old former army general told a news conference.

The government puts the official death toll at 881 from the floods, which started June 13 and reached new heights in late August. The health control center said 138 deaths were from diarrhea, while the others were caused by drownings, houses collapsing and snake bites.

Daily tallies in Dhaka newspapers, however, put the death toll at 1,647, without giving a breakdown by category.

A substantial amount of emer-

gency flood relief arrived Monday in a giant U.S. military cargo plane.

The C-5a Galaxy contained water purification units, water storage tanks and 10,000 five-gallon water containers.

Dhaka newspapers also have reported isolated cholera cases from people drinking flood-polluted water.

Ershad said there are only 8,000 doctors in Bangladesh, a nation of 110 million people. He said 30 million to 40 million people were marooned by the flood or in need of help.

He also said the flood had destroyed or damaged 8 million houses. Since the average size of a family in Bangladesh is six people, that would appear to mean that 48 million are homeless, up from the 25 million reported previously.

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Diary details events leading to murder-suicide

Delmar Coe, who killed a man then took his own life, stalked his victim for nearly four months, according to a diary he kept.

Coe, 46, a Lincoln Telephone Co. operator and former teacher, kept a detailed account of the activities of Allie Sommer, 38, from May 12 until Thursday, according to accounts of the diary contained in police reports. The bodies of Coe and Sommer

were found near a kitchen table late Friday in Sommer's home, where he lived with his parents, said Chief Deputy Lancaster County Attorney Gary Lacey.

"I offer no explanations or justifications," Coe wrote in a note police found in his residence. "The truth is known only to Allie and me. Only he and I know who is guilty and of what." Coe wrote elsewhere in the diary

that he was upset with Sommer for ending their homosexual relationship and because Sommer was dating a woman.

Various notes found in Coe's residence indicated he feared Sommer, a construction worker whom neighbors described as having a gymnast's build, would overpower him.

"I will have to make the first shot count or he will overcome me, and

then I will take my own life," Coe wrote in the diary.

Sommer was shot twice, first in the back and then in the side of the head, Lacey said. Sommer was found lying face down and he appeared to have been leisurely walking away from the table when he was shot, Lacey said.

After shooting Sommer, Coe shot himself with the .357 Magnum pistol

West German hostage freed

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Shiite Moslem kidnappers freed West German hostage Rudolf Cordes at midnight Monday, after declaring that they were ending his 20-month ordeal in response to Syrian and Iranian intervention, an official said.

The official, an aide to Interior Minister Abdullah Rassi, said the 55-year-old businessman was freed at midnight in the luxurious Verdun neighborhood of west Beirut, outside the minister's home.

It was unclear why the captors chose to free Cordes there. Earlier statements Monday said Cordes would be released at the seaside Beaurivage Hotel, close to the command headquarters of the Syrian army's peacekeeping contingent in west Beirut.

Gottelmann arrived at the hotel an hour after the 9 p.m. deadline. After a 20-minute stay at the hotel, he was whisked away by Syrian escorts and driven in his bullet-proof Mercedes car to an undisclosed destination.

Syrian troops rescue American

DAMASCUS — Syrian troops today rescued an American engineer who was abducted by gunmen in Lebanon, and turned him over to the U.S. Embassy in Damascus, a source close to the Foreign Ministry reported.

The source identified the man as an engineer working in Saudi Arabia. His name was given by various sources as Kenneth Paul Wells, Keith Weiss and Paul Weels.

The U.S. Embassy in Damascus refused comment.

The Syrian source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the engineer went to Lebanon to marry a woman whose family lives in Baalbek. He said the American was kidnapped Sunday by unidentified gunmen before he reached his fiancée's home. He said the man was found by Syrian troops after an all-night search.

The American was freed and taken to Damascus, where Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa turned him over to U.S. Charge d'affaires John Craig, the source said.