

### Libya, Abu Nidal seem to be resuming terrorism

WASHINGTON — Abu Nidal, after lying low in 1987, appears to be resuming his terrorist campaign with support from Libya, the top U.S. counterterrorism official said Tuesday.

L. Paul Bremer, ambassador-at-large for counterterrorism, also told reporters that the number of terrorist incidents appears to be headed for a record level of 1,000 this year, although the number of Americans killed in such attacks has fallen.

"Any effort to make an assessment of where we are in terrorism leads you to the inevitable good news and bad news," he said.

"The bad news is that terrorism is certainly continuing. According to the figures that we keep, ... 1987 was the worst year in history. We had 832 recorded incidents in international terrorism" up from 774 in 1986, he said.

For the first six months of 1988, "terrorism is up substantially over last year, perhaps by as much as a third. So it is possible that we will end this year with as many as 1,000 incidents, maybe more, which would make 1988 the worst year," he said.

The number of Americans killed in

terrorist incidents has fallen from 38 in 1986 to 12 in 1987 and three in the first half of 1988, he said.

Most of the increase in terrorism consists of attacks in Pakistan by agents of the Kremlin-backed regime in Afghanistan, he said. He said he had no evidence that the Afghan government was responsible for an airplane disaster that claimed the life of Pakistani president Mohammad Zia ul-Haq and the U.S. ambassador to Pakistan on Aug. 17.

The good news in the battle against terrorism is increased cooperation among the United States and its allies,

said Bremer.

"We estimate at least several hundred incidents have been stopped by steps that we and our allies have taken over the last three years ... maybe as many as 300 ... some major and some not," he said. He declined to give specifics.

About half the terrorist incidents last year took place in the Middle East, and there has been an upsurge in attacks in Peru and Colombia, he said.

Abu Nidal, a Palestine-born terrorist whose real name is Sabri Bannah, spent a quiet year in 1987 after sponsoring machine-gun attacks which

killed 22 people at the Rome and Vienna airports in December 1985, said Bremer.

And in April 1986, the United States bombed Libya, an act that U.S. officials say caused Col. Moammar Gadhafi to suspend his support of terrorism temporarily.

The air raid and Western pressure "has had the effect ... in the case of Libya ... to drive the terrorism that Libya supports into different channels, so that instead of using diplomats and business," Gadhafi is "doing it more through surrogates, like Abu Nidal and the Japanese Red Army."

### Study shows AIDS virus hits victim a minute

LONDON — The AIDS virus appears to be spreading at the rate of one victim a minute worldwide, with 150,000 new AIDS cases likely this year, according to a report published Tuesday by an independent study group.

The Panos Institute report, "AIDS and the Third World," also said an increasing number of countries are imposing AIDS-related restrictions

on the entry of foreigners or citizens returning from abroad.

"Worldwide, it seems likely that a new person becomes infected with the HIV (AIDS) virus every minute," said the 200-page report.

"During 1988, 150,000 new cases of full-blown AIDS are expected — as many as are thought to have occurred in all the years of the epidemic

so far."

Last week, Dr. Jonathan Mann, director of the World Health Organization's AIDS program, said in Vienna that he estimates 1 million new AIDS cases will be reported within the next five years, a number consistent with the Panos Institute's projections.

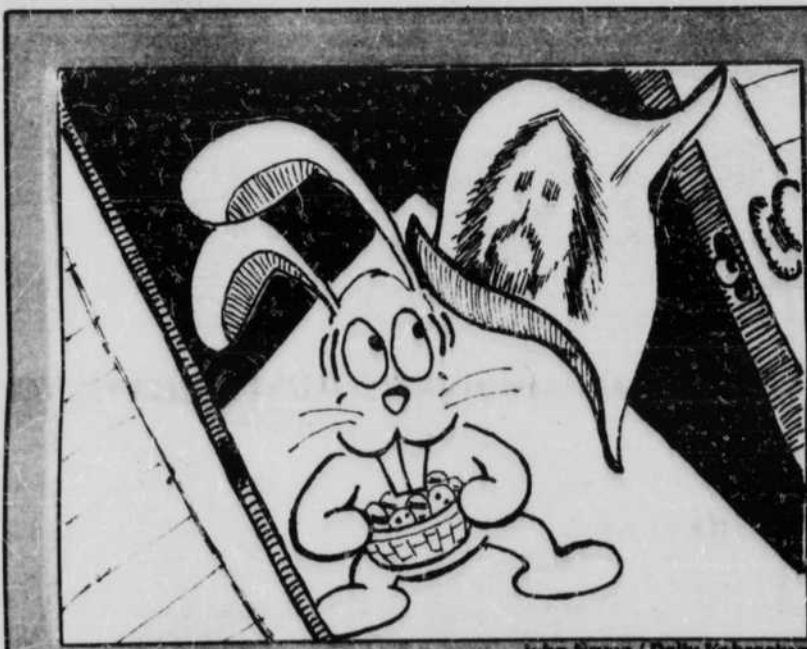
Mann said 111,000 cases have been reported to the health organiza-

tion so far. He estimated the total number of cases in the world is at least 250,000. Between 5 million and 10 million people are infected with the virus but have not yet developed AIDS, he said.

AIDS, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, weakens the body's defenses against disease. It is spread primarily through sexual contact and the sharing of syringes by

drug addicts. In countries where blood is not screened, it can also be spread through blood transfusions. No cure has been discovered.

By mid-1988, 176 countries had joined the World Health Network's AIDS reporting network, 138 had reported cases of the disease and 151 had established national AIDS committees, the Panos Institute report said.



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### Shroud of Turin dated to 14th century

ROME — The scientific adviser to the archbishop of Turin said today that he was told laboratory tests show the Shroud of Turin was made in the 14th century and could not be the burial cloth of Christ.

Professor Luigi Gonella said he has not yet seen the official report from the three laboratories that conducted the carbon-14 dating tests, but that all the leaks to the press dated it to the 14th century and "somebody let me understand that the rumors were right."

"All the leaks were too exact, too concentrated to be a pure invention," he said in a telephone

interview from the archdiocese in Turin.

The shroud, 14 feet, 3 inches long and 3 feet, 7 inches wide, bears the faint, blood-stained image of a whipped and crucified man. Some have maintained the linen is the burial cloth of Christ, while others have dismissed it as a clever forgery.

Gonella refused to identify who had told him about the shroud but expressed anger that the person did not apologize for the leaks to the press.

"It is quite evident somebody sold out to the press," said Gonella. Gonella said it was not the

church that demanded secrecy and denied they were holding back the results.

"They (the labs) asked for the blind test. They said they would make no effort to determine which sample came from the shroud. The raw data was to be sent back to the British Museum where the key to the code would identify the samples from the shroud. Then they would write up the scientific result," he said.

"It is now clear somebody, I don't know who or how many, made a deliberate effort to determine which sample was the shroud and released it to the press," said Gonella.

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### Some swoon, some ask if Quayle can type

WASHINGTON — Some may swoon, but others demand, "Can he type?" Indiana Sen. Dan Quayle is making an impression on women but it's not always the one Republican strategists may have had in mind.

When Quayle catapulted to prominence as the GOP vice presidential nominee, it was hard to ignore two facts: Other Republicans were far more experienced, and Quayle, blond and fresh-faced, possessed striking good looks.

"I can't believe a guy that handsome wouldn't be attractive in some respect" to women, said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., at the GOP convention in August.

"Anyone that good-looking must stand for really good things," said a supposedly surveyed woman in a recent Doonesbury comic strip. "I think most women want a really hot guy to be in charge of the country," agreed her friend.

McCain wasn't kidding. But the mock Doonesbury poll should have been "adjusted for sarcasm," according to the strip.

Experts disagree on whether Quayle will help attract women to the GOP ticket headed by Vice President George Bush. He's been credited with narrowing the gender gap, but he's also been compared to a "Ken" doll — "Barbie" doll's friend — and labeled a hindrance rather than a help for Bush.

When actor Tom Selleck escorted

Nancy Reagan to the podium at the convention, "I saw grown women faint and moan," said GOP consultant Ann Stone. "There are a lot of women where (physical appearance) still is important. ... I don't think Quayle has the charisma of Selleck. But that still has some impact."

Ann Lewis, a Democratic consultant and Ms. Magazine columnist, sniffed at the thought. "Candidates that would pass a Hollywood screen test do not do noticeably better than candidates that would flunk it. Looking at the House of Representatives will bear this out," she said.

On the other hand, former actor Ronald Reagan has had some political success.

Recent polls showed Bush had erased a 20-point gender gap and was winning as much support from women as Michael Dukakis, the Democratic nominee.

Democrats say Quayle had nothing to do with this development. But GOP consultant Eddie Mahe said Quayle has been the only variable in the race since the conventions; thus "you could hardly make the case that he's not a factor."

At rallies across the country, Quayle has encountered a mixed reception. Some placards carry messages such as "But Can He Type?" and "Women Don't Vote For Men Prettier Than They Are." But many women eagerly press forward to hear and touch him.

Lewis predicted Quayle would attract women who would have voted for the GOP ticket anyway.

"He may cause some excitement at parties and gatherings, but he doesn't cause vote-switching among undecided or independent women voters," she said. "Right now he is the biggest single danger to George Bush's election. He is a land mine that George Bush planted in his own territory."

Republicans claim Quayle has more than sex appeal to offer women voters, and hold up his marriage as exhibit A. Quayle's wife, Marilyn, is a lawyer taking off more than a decade to raise the couple's three children.

"A lot of women in that age group of his wife, professional women staying home to raise the children, can relate to that family," said Mahe. "They feel that he understands working wives, women as professionals."

Marilyn Quayle is "the epitome of the modern woman," said Stone. "That says a lot about him, that he has a partner that strong."

Lewis said, "If I were a partisan Republican desperately looking for something good to think or say about Dan Quayle, Marilyn Quayle would be the best example I could think of."

Mrs. Quayle herself blamed the pretty-face controversy on the news media and recently declared, "George Bush wouldn't have selected someone who could not stand in his stead

for president."

But Democrats beg to differ.

"He just goes to prove that the word airhead is not sexist," said Democratic media consultant Bob Squier. "It's like Dorian Gray for vice president. There's this pretty face out there campaigning, but someplace up in an attic somewhere is a portrait of this guy which is painted by his record."

Some women have reacted with outrage to the notion that they would vote for a candidate because he's cute. And despite heated denials that Quayle was chosen for that reason, some Democrats see the possibility of a backlash against him.

"Women will look at this thing as an appalling, cynical, sexist decision," said Squier. "In the end, his negative rating will be higher among women than Bush's."

"What is off-putting is that everything in his life has been so easy for him," said Lewis. If Quayle were less handsome, she said, "at least it would have been one thing in life he had to overcome."

Well, maybe there is something Quayle has had to overcome: his good looks.

Jim Ciccone, an issues strategist for Quayle, says the senator "fights the pretty face thing almost like a woman does. There's a predisposition to think he doesn't have a brain. He's really very intelligent and that's going to come out in the course of the campaign."