

Protestors attack embassies in Libya

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Young Libyans with firebombs sacked the Venezuelan Embassy and tried to storm the Russian mission Thursday during a day of protests aimed at countries that voted for a U.N. air and arms embargo on Libya.



Diplomats said the attacks appeared to have been orchestrated by Col. Moammar Gadhafi's government.

Hundreds of students smashed furniture and ripped up the garden at the Venezuelan mission. Others tried to storm the Russian Embassy and destroyed four cars when they were turned back. Peaceful but boisterous protests were held outside the Belgian, French and Italian embassies, but rocks were thrown at the Austrian mission.

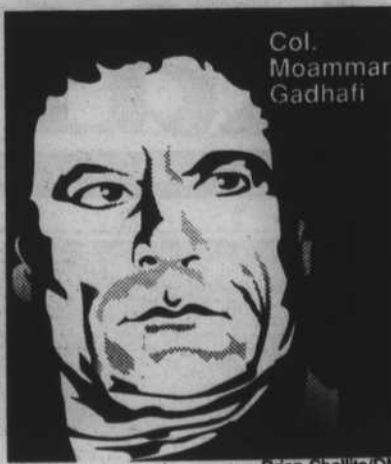
Women and schoolgirls carried flowers to the embassies of India and Morocco, two of the five U.N. Security Council members that abstained in Tuesday's 10-0 vote to impose sanctions after Libya refused to turn over suspects in the bombings of two airliners.

Venezuela's Foreign Ministry issued an unusually harsh protest to Libya, angrily denouncing the assault on its embassy and demanding an official explanation within 48 hours.

The U.N. Security Council held an emergency session in New York to draft a statement demanding an immediate halt to the attacks in Tripoli.

"This is so transparently and obviously directed to bring pressure on members of the Security Council," said U.S. Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering.

The United Nations later issued a



Col. Moammar Gadhafi

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statement saying Libya had apologized for the embassy attacks and claimed Gadhafi opposed the violence.

Libya refused to surrender six alleged intelligence agents sought in the bombings of Pan Am Flight 103 in 1988 and a French airliner in 1989, which killed a total of 441 people.

The sanctions will take effect on April 15 if Libya does not hand over the suspects.

Many Arabs reacted with anger to the vote. But Thursday, President Hosni Mubarak of neighboring Egypt said his nation would honor the embargo.

It was only the second time the Security Council voted to punish a country for ignoring its demands on peace and security. The council took similar action against Iraq after the Kuwait invasion.

The official Libyan news agency JANA said dozens of demonstrators

were hospitalized after clashes with riot police. Western diplomats said they had no reports of injured protesters or embassy personnel.

Diplomats said the protests appeared well planned. They said that police reinforcements turned up early at several of the targeted embassies and that many demonstrators arrived in buses.

In this tightly supervised country, demonstrations generally are organized by the government.

About 300 students climbed over a wall and broke down a gate at the Venezuelan Embassy compound after two busloads of teen-agers arrived about 10:30 a.m., Ambassador Miguel Raidi said. They hurled gasoline bombs, wrecked furniture, smashed liquor bottles and scattered files. Four rooms burned.

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from \$150 to \$170, and faculty reserved-parking permits would increase from \$265 to \$285. The money would be used to finance campus safety improvements such as lighting and better security.

Mulnix said the way the announcement was made was a "mistake," and said the administration would now "slow down, back up and get input."

"You don't go through millions of dollars of budget cuts and then suddenly come up with \$250,000 to \$300,000 worth of improvements without discussing it with people," he said.

Mulnix said a hearing was scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday at the Wick Alumni Center to give those concerned about the raise a chance to be heard.

The hearing will be part of the

regularly scheduled Parking Advisory Committee meeting.

While the decision to raise the fee is ultimately Spanier's, Mulnix said he hoped the hearing would provide the chancellor with a good idea of what students and faculty members think about the issue.

"If there's an overwhelming outpouring of resentment at this hearing, we may have to take another look at the proposal," he said.

Mulnix also said the sudden announcement was not an attempt on Spanier's part to "railroad something through," without getting input from students and faculty, as some had charged.

Mulnix said he had spoken with Andrew Sigerson, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, and George Tuck, president of the Academic Senate, among others, and told them the

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administration was in favor of the proposal but not the way it was presented.

"This is not just a tricky way to tack on \$20 to parking fees," Mulnix said. "It's just a one-year thing, and I hope people will come around and begin to see it as a good idea."

Mulnix said he thought the proposal still would be approved, but he said it also might be put off a year or

be canceled, depending, in part, on the input given at Thursday's hearing.

"I hope the proposal's chances won't be hurt because of the way it was released," he said. "Trying to make UNL one of the safest campuses in the country should be a positive issue."

He said the administration had agreed to announce the raise three weeks ago, but both he and Spanier

were surprised when the proposal was announced Tuesday.

The administration approves of the proposal because it is the only way to pay for better lighting, more phones and better security, Mulnix said.

"But now, instead of presenting this as the positive proposal it is, it's become a negative issue, and we have to make up for lost ground," he said.

Tom Johnson, who was elected chairman of the Parking Advisory Committee Tuesday, said he was in favor of the open forum, even though the committee already had taken action on the proposal.

"We felt that what we did as a committee was right and that we were properly representing all of the organizations we are supposed to represent," he said. "But once the question has been raised, I think it is incumbent upon us to hold an open forum."

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