

The world
BRIEFLY

S. Yemen
president
steps down

ADEN (Reuter) — President Abdul-Fattah Ismail of South Yemen has resigned because of poor health and has been replaced by Prime Minister Ali Nasser Mohammed, the Aden news agency said today.

The agency said Ismail, 41, asked the central committee of the South Yemeni Socialist party to accept his resignation, both as secretary-general of the committee and as chairman of the presidential council.

The committee accepted Ismail's resignation at a meeting Sunday night because his health prevented him from carrying out his duties as head of the party and the state in the required manner, the agency said.

Walkout ends

CHICAGO (AP) — After almost six months on the picket line, members of the United Auto Workers union today began returning to work on the early shifts at International Harvester Co. plants across the United States, ending the longest major walkout in UAW history.

The return to work followed ratification of a new three-year contract with Harvester. The contract was approved by a margin of about 4 to 1 in three days of balloting. Nearly complete unofficial returns showed 15,494 in favor and 3,877 against.

2,500 arrested

NEW DELHI (Reuter) — Troops and police seized control of oil installations in Assam state Sunday and arrested 2,500 pickets who had prevented supplies of crude oil from flowing to the rest of India for four months. The pickets were later released.

Workers at the Narengi installations went on strike when security forces threw barricades around the complex and it was not clear when the oil would start moving again, the Press Trust of India news agency reported.

Proposals rejected

BOGOTA (AP) — An official source said Sunday the Colombian government considers unacceptable guerrilla-proposed negotiations in Panama on the hostage crisis here.

The source made the statement on the 54th day of captivity for 17 foreign diplomats the guerrillas hold at the Dominican Republic's embassy.

Tito fading

BELGRADE (AP) — Yugoslav President Tito's condition has worsened and some doctors not connected with the treatment of the 87-year-old leader said Sunday he might not survive longer than a few days.

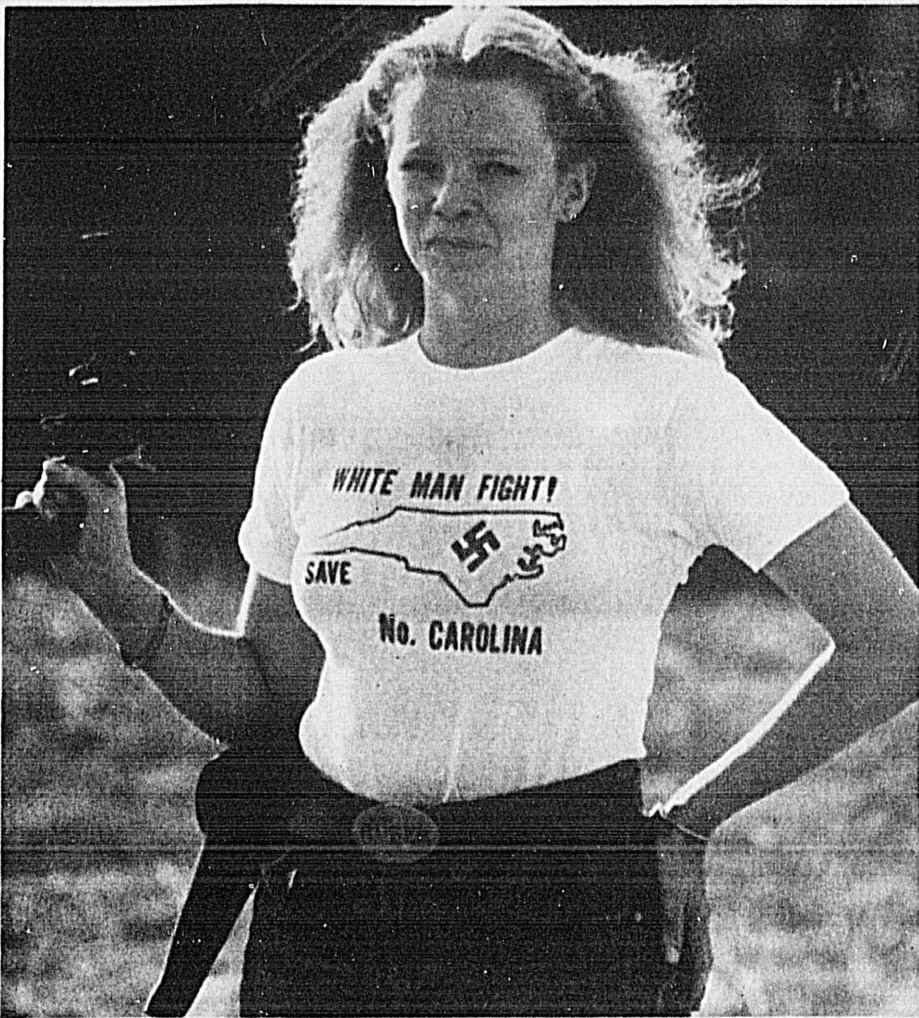
The team of eight physicians treating Tito in a medical clinic in Ljubljana, about 650 kilometres northwest of here, said bleeding to the stomach as well as liver damage — regarded as his two gravest ailments — are both spreading.

Permission denied

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) — Five Iranian students stranded in Canada when the U.S. broke diplomatic relations with Iran have been denied permission to return to their studies.

John Cooper, foreign student adviser at the University of Idaho, said Friday he had been told by the U.S. state department the students' applications for revalidation of their visas had been denied.

Meanwhile, the Iranian Embassy in Ottawa assumed responsibility for the students while they decide whether to request an extension of their stay in Canada.



Racist rally

This unidentified woman holds a hand gun during a Hitlerfest rally held near Benson, N.C. Saturday. About 50 Nazis, Ku Klux Klansmen and right-wing sympathizers attended the event, staged in support of Klansmen accused of slaying five people last fall.

HAITIANS DROWNED

Prosecution will seek
180-year prison term

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Prosecutors say they will seek a 180-year prison sentence for a boat captain convicted of manslaughter in the deaths of a Haitian refugee and her five children who were forced into the sea a mile from the Florida shore.

The captain, Jeffrey Hastings, and Bahamian deckhand James Knowles were convicted on six counts of manslaughter each Friday after the jury rejected prosecutors' pleas for first-degree murder convictions.

No date was set for sentencing by Judge Robert Hewitt. Manslaughter carries a maximum 15-year term on each count. The defendants could have been sentenced to die if convicted of first-degree murder.

"Hastings has cheated death too many times," said Assistant State Attorney Bill King. Under Florida's repeat-offender law, Hastings could be sentenced to twice the maximum sentence. He served time for manslaughter in the 1973 death of his wife, and also has been convicted of escape.

Knowles, 19, was recruited by Hastings in Bimini to help ferry 17 Haitians, who paid upwards of \$500 each, to Florida.

The defence argued Knowles and Hastings did not intend to kill Elaine Lorfils and her children at dawn last Aug. 13.

"We didn't feel there was intent to commit murder," said jury foreman Morris Gordon of Delray Beach.

Haitians who survived the trip on the Lemma Cat from Freeport on Grand Bahamas Island said Hastings and Knowles hastily handed out life jackets and forced them off the boat a mile from shore after they saw a police cruiser's headlights. They said Hastings fired a shot to frighten them.

Rabony Charles testified he saw Mrs. Lorfils plead with Hastings.

"She was begging him, 'Please do not throw them in the water. If you throw them in the water, I get dead because I can't swim,'" Charles said. "But the captain, he say he do not care."

Charles said he heard the woman wail, "Oh, my Lord... all my children are dying and I'm dying. Is there anyone here to help me? My children are dying."

Hastings' lawyer, William Staab, said the deaths were accidental.

"My client did not want to get caught and wanted them off the boat," he said. "But that's a damn sight different from wanting to kill someone... You don't give someone a life vest if you intend to drown them."

PENNSYLVANIA PRIMARY

Hopefuls hustle votes

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Ronald Reagan campaigned with a Republican rival-turnedally, George Bush said he has the makings of a comeback and Senator Edward Kennedy insisted that his Democratic challenge is neither divisive nor done, as candidates hunted votes on the eve of the Pennsylvania presidential primary.

Kennedy has spent 12 days campaigning for the pivotal Pennsylvania election, drawing sizable crowds but shying away from any forecast of the outcome on Tuesday. The pollsters rate Carter the favorite. Kennedy vowed that defeat would "absolutely not" lead him to quit the race.

The competition is for 185 Democratic nominating delegates, apportioned in line with popular vote showings by congressional district.

In the Republican race, 83 delegates are at stake, and while they will be legally uncommitted, the Reagan camp

claims at least 50 of them will be supporters of the former California governor, already the faraway leader in delegate strength.

Senate Republican Leader Howard Baker, who withdrew his own presidential candidacy after the first three primaries, endorsed Reagan on Sunday night.

The Republican numbers read Reagan 411 delegates, Bush 96, Representative John Anderson, who is not on the Pennsylvania ballot, 57. Anderson is on the verge of declaring himself an independent presidential candidate.

It will take 998 delegate votes to win the Republican nomination.

Reagan gained a half-dozen delegates in Minnesota on Saturday, and picked up 19 delegates by sweeping Alaska's state Republican convention.

TWO IRISH SOLDIERS KILLED

Lebanese vow blood feud

BEINT JEBAIL, Lebanon (Reuter) — Southern Lebanese villagers who claimed responsibility for murdering two Irish soldiers serving with the United Nations declared a blood feud Sunday and vowed to kill any more Irish troops they might capture.

"We killed the Irish soldiers in revenge for the death of our brother, Mashud, whom they shot down in cold blood last week," villager Mahmoud Bazi told a party of Israeli-backed news correspondents.

"We had to kill them because his body would not rest until his blood was avenged."

The 35-year-old Mahmoud, a Shiite Moslem, came with other members of his family to talk to reporters in the village square of this southern Lebanese community.

They spoke under the eye of Maj. Saad Haddad, commander of Israeli-backed Lebanese Christian militias which cooperate with many Shiite Moslems in opposition to Palestinian guerrillas.

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The killing of the two Irishmen following an ambush last Friday stirred widespread international protest and brought demands for Israel to exert tighter control over the Christian militias which they support with materiel and money.

Haddad has denied that his forces were responsible for the killings of the Irishmen, who were serving with the UN peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon.

A third Irish soldier was fatally wounded in another incident.

Haddad and the Shiite Mos-

lems claim the Irish died to avenge the deaths of 16-year-old Mashud Bazi and three other Lebanese who, their account says, were taking part in a peaceful demonstration when the Irish opened fire.

Mahmoud Bazi said that until a souha, or traditional reconciliation, is effected then a blood feud will continue between his family and the Irish troops.

"If we catch any more Irish soldiers we will kill them too," he said.

The Israeli-based journalists were invited into southern Lebanon by Haddad. He told

them he could not punish the killers of the Irish without stirring up a revolt.

To effect the reconciliation, Haddad suggested that he and Gen. Emmanuel Erskine, Ghanaian commander of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon, should act as mediators.

"The families will demand money for the deaths of their children," Haddad said. "The reconciliation will be sealed when both sides kiss each other."

A UN spokesman in Jerusalem said that Irish troops serving at UN headquarters in Naqoura have been ordered to stay off the roads because Haddad's militiamen have been stopping vehicles and asking whether the occupants were Irish.

Naqoura lies on the Mediterranean coast about 24 kilometres from the area where the bulk of the 700-man Irish UN battalion is stationed. It is situated in the strip of border territory controlled by Haddad's men with Israeli backing.

COSTA RICA OFFER

Cuba wants negotiations

SAN JOSE (AP) — Cuba wants to negotiate directly with Costa Rica over evacuation of the 10,000 Cubans still trying to leave Havana via the Peruvian Embassy, a Costa Rican foreign ministry official said today.

The Costa Rican government sent an official request to Cuba on Sunday offering permanent residence to all the would-be exiles who wanted to stay in this Central American country, and appealing for resumption of the evacuation flights that Castro had cancelled.

Costa Rica made its offer after Castro insisted the refugees go directly to the countries taking them in instead of to the Costa Rican staging point. In its offer, Costa Rica did not rule out the possibility the exiles could leave for other countries if they chose to do so.

Foreign ministry official Carlos Aguilar said Cuba had not said resumption of the flights would be allowed: "At least they didn't say no," he said.

A Cuban communique said "Costa Rica cannot utilize the flights programmed in its statement to us April 20 (Sunday) because it has no agreement with the Cuban government," Aguilar said.

Castro did not lift the ban he imposed Friday. But he did allow 32 of the would-be exiles to fill empty seats on an Iberia Airlines flight from Havana to Madrid.

Since most of the Cubans who crowded into the Peruvian Embassy's grounds two weeks ago want to go to the United States and flights between Havana and Miami would be difficult to arrange, Costa Rica offered to give the refugees temporary haven until asylum could be arranged for them.

After about 700 had been flown to San Jose and half of those had been flown on to Peru, the Cuban government barred the use of Costa Rica as an intermediate stop and said that henceforth the Cubans must be flown directly to those countries accepting them as refugees.

Costa Rica responded Sunday by offering to accept all of those fleeing from Cuba.

"The doors of Costa Rica remain open for all those who seek a corner in the world wherein to fulfil their aspira-

tions of liberty and peace, without taking into account their origin, ideology or color of their skin," the foreign ministry said in a statement.

"We will allow them to stay here but they can also go to other countries if they want to," said one Costa Rican official.

In addition to Peru, which has agreed to accept 1,000, and the United States, which has said it will take up to 3,500, Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Ecuador, Spain and Sweden have offered to accept some.

VOLCANO THREAT FEARED

Old school is closed

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — Scientists say continuing earthquakes indicate instability on the north flank of Mount St. Helens, and an aging elementary school near the volcano has been closed.

Robert Weller, the superintendent of schools in nearby Washougal, said 55-year-old Columbia elementary school was closed because it doesn't meet modern earthquake codes.

No quakes from the volcano have been felt in Washougal, about 60 kilometres south of the peak, but the school board decided "it may be better to get out and not worry about a

sudden change in quake activity," Weller said.

The 110 students will complete the year at a nearby school.

Meanwhile, the volcano continued to belch gas and ash, but "activity at St. Helens exhibits little or no change," the U.S. Geological Survey said in a statement Friday. "The eruptions were small, mildly explosive emissions of steam and ash."

The survey also announced it is discontinuing its daily statements on conditions on Mount St. Helens, shifting to releases twice a week.

CHRISTIAN
HIGH SCHOOL

A committee of parents are interested in establishing a Christian High School in Prince George as an addition to Cedars Christian Elementary School. Any interested parents please call 564-1306 or 563-4278 or 563-0749 for further information.

PSYCHIATRIST SAYS

'Hitler was speed freak'

VANCOUVER (CP) — Adolph Hitler's bizarre behavior towards the end of the Second World War was caused by dependence on methamphetamine, also known as "speed," says an American psychiatrist who has spent seven years studying the former German dictator's medical history.

Dr. Leonard Heston, a University of Minnesota professor, told a University of British Columbia seminar audience Thursday his research has confirmed that Hitler regularly took tablets later shown to contain the drug.

The drug, he said, changed the course of the war.

Heston's research, which included study of recently declassified documents in the U.S. National Archives and interviews with many ex-Nazis who knew the dictator, showed Hitler may have started using the drug as early as 1936.

But mental deterioration first became

obvious during the war. He was then receiving morning injections of the drug and taking four to 10 tablets during the day. At night he would come down on barbiturates to get sleep, Heston says.

Hitler also received periodic injections to combat a gallstone condition and he also took large quantities of laxatives in an attempt to control his weight.

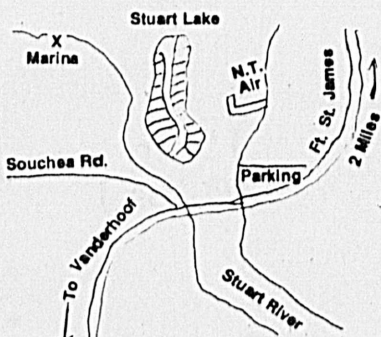
But Heston contends the main damage was done by amphetamines.

Hitler retained his good memory but lost his flair for innovation. He became impulsive, flying into rages over trifles. His language became repetitive and his adherence to stock phrases such as no retreat led to military disasters like el-Alamein in North Africa.

Heston's work is to be published soon in a book called The Medical Casebook of Adolph Hitler.

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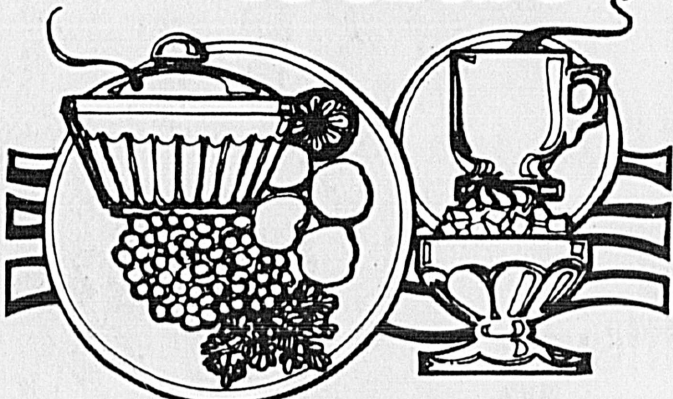


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