

From the wires News from the world and the nation

Guardsmen admit shooting

(CLEVELAND, Ohio (AP)) — Two former National Guardsmen now on trial on charges stemming from the 1970 Kent State shootings told FBI agents they shot men advancing on them, according to statements read in court yesterday.

In a statement read to the jury by the prosecution, James E. Pierce, 30, of Amelia Island, Fla., said he feared he "would not get out alive." He said he saw a man with a rock in his hand within 10 feet of him, fired at the man, and that the man fell. He said he saw another man with a rock in his hand, and fired at him but missed.

Lawrence A. Shafer, 28, of Ravenna, Ohio, said in a similar statement that students began to surround the Guardsmen as the troops moved up the hill. "The mood of the mob was hostile and I felt I was in danger," Shafer said.

"There was a man advancing towards me with his hand upraised in a gesture" and his other hand was hidden, Shafer said. He said he fired at the man because he believed the man was planning to injure "someone on the hill." The man fell, grabbed his stomach and rolled over.

According to the prosecution, Pierce and Shafer gave the statements to agents on May 7, 1970, three days after the shootings. Much of the material heard by the jurors were similar statements or stipulations read into the record by the prosecution or related by FBI agents who interviewed the defendants a few days after the shootings.

Fake bomb part of robbery

(QUINCY, Mass. (UPI)) — Three men yesterday clamped a bomb on the wrist of a woman bank manager and, holding three persons hostage at her home, ordered her to get money from the bank and give it to them.

The scheme failed when Margaret Curran flipped a business card from her car window while driving by an alert policeman

who promptly notified his superiors.

Curran was afraid to stop and say anything to the policeman because the robbers had attached a microphone to her coat. It too proved to be fake.

Officers met her at the bank, carefully cut the briefcase from her wrist and placed it in the parking lot of a shopping center where the bank is located. A demolitions expert opened the case five minutes before it was set to go off.

It was found to contain flares bound together.

Officers rushed to her apartment in nearby Braintree and freed the hostages who were tied with electrical cord and had their mouths taped but otherwise were unharmed. The three men, two white and one black, all in their early 30s, had fled.

Jordan to give up land

By United Press International
King Hussein has announced plans to overhaul the Jordanian constitution to give Palestinian guerrillas, once his bitter enemies, the right to the Israeli-occupied half of his divided kingdom.

Hussein said Tuesday he would call both houses of parliament into special session to fulfill his promise at last week's Arab summit conference to recognize guerrilla authority over the West Bank region.

Political sources in Amman said parliament would be dissolved after Saturday's session approves a new constitution excluding the West Bank from Jordanian sovereignty.

The sources said all officials of the new parliament and cabinet will be East Bank residents. Half the current ministers and members of parliament come from the West Bank, where some 670,000 Palestinians live.

The move will be Hussein's first step in fulfilling his agreement with other Arab leaders last week to renounce Jordan's claim to West Bank lands seized by Israel in the 1967 Middle East War.

The Arab summit in Morocco called for the Palestine Liberation Organization to set up a state on the West Bank and Gaza strip if Israel gives up the regions.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin Tuesday rejected any dealings with the PLO, which he branded a terrorist organization "whose avowed policy is to strive for Israel's destruction and whose method is terrorist violence."

Rabin told parliament in Jerusalem that the Arab decisions were "designed to disrupt any progress towards peace, to encourage the terrorist elements and to foil any step which might lead to peaceful coexistence with Israel."

He said Israel has enlarged its army and has embarked on a massive weapons procurement program. Diplomatic sources in Washington said the United States is speeding up its weapons shipments to Israel.

U.N. pledges MIA search aid

UNITED NATIONS (UPI) — The U.N. General Assembly took an unprecedented step yesterday in appealing for help in accounting for the dead and missing from "armed conflicts, regardless of their character or location."

Adoption of the American-sponsored resolution was 85-0 with 32 abstentions. It was the first time the United Nations has made a formal declaration on those missing in action.

The Assembly action was aimed at putting pressure on the Vietnamese Communists to fully account for Americans missing in Indochina.

The Department of Defense lists 954 Americans as missing and another 1,446 dead, but whose remains have not been recovered.

The United States has blamed the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese for their refusal to allow American search teams behind their lines despite the Jan. 27, 1973 peace agreement providing for cooperation on the issue.

The Assembly said the lack of information on the fate of combatants and civilians is "one of the tragic results of armed conflicts."

OAS may end Cuba embargo

(QUITO, Ecuador (UPI)) — The Organization of American States, with tacit approval of the Ford administration, is expected to reopen the hemispheric door to Cuba when its foreign ministers meet here Friday to decide the fate of sanctions imposed on the Fidel Castro regime 10 years ago.

Diplomats said yesterday the final vote will be close but most expect the Cuban embargo will probably be lifted when the five-day OAS conference ends next Tuesday.

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, now in the Middle East, will not attend and the United States delegation will be headed by Deputy Secretary of State Robert Ingersoll.

Diplomats said the U.S. delegation will not oppose ending the Cuban ban, which has overshadowed almost every aspect of inter-American relations in recent years.

The three nations that asked the OAS to call the meeting — Colombia, Costa Rica and Venezuela — argue that the sanctions have become obsolete cold war relics that have no place in an era of detente between the superpowers.

Arabs hijack Jordanian plane

BEIRUT (UPI) — Arabs claiming to belong to a "Jordanian Free Nationalist Officers' movement" hijacked a Jordanian airliner from Jordan to Libya yesterday about 14 hours before Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's scheduled arrival in the Jordanian capital.

The Libyan news agency said the hijacked Royal Jordanian Airlines Caravelle with its 18 passengers and crew members, minus the hijackers, left the Libyan port of Benghazi later in the day to return to Jordan.

The agency, quoting a Libyan foreign ministry statement, said the hijackers requested political asylum in Libya. The Libyans did not disclose the number and identity of the hijackers.

Libya has never refused asylum to Arab hijackers. The Libyan leader, Col. Moammar Khadafy, is an outspoken critic of Jordan's King Hussein.

Jordanian officials said the plane's passengers were six Jordanians and two Italians. They said the plane also carried a crew of six and four security agents.

It was only the second case of Arab vs. Arab hijacking this year and the first time since 1971 that a Jordanian airliner had been hijacked.

Argentina declares seige

(BUENOS AIRES (UPI)) — The Argentine government, plagued by leftist guerrilla attacks and political assassinations, yesterday declared a nationwide state of siege for an indefinite period after seven school children were threatened by violence.

The move was announced by Interior Minister Alberto Rocamora five days after the terrorist killing of federal police Chief Alberto Villar and his wife and the murders of four leftist activists over the past weekend.

Rocamora said the state of siege was declared for an indefinite period to combat a wave of violence that has threatened even school children.

Education Minister Oscar Ivanissevich said yesterday that some teachers and school children had received threats in the past few days. Rumors of widespread threats against teachers and children caused large absenteeism in "Buenos Aires schools in the past two days."

Rocamora said the threats and rumors were part of a campaign "against the family in its most sensitive area."

The state of siege limits civil liberties and gives police increased arrest powers.

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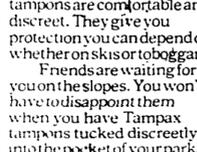
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Incompatibility may end 'marriage' New Congress may fight Ford

WASHINGTON (AP) — That good marriage President Ford proposed to Congress may be headed for a quick divorce. The election returns point to incompatibility as the likely grounds.

The voters have confronted the Republican President with the most heavily Democratic Congress since Lyndon B. Johnson's landslide election a decade ago.

And while Ford said he is confident he can work with the new Congress to deal with inflation and the economic slump, all the signs signal a heightened struggle over economic measures.

Against the background of Tuesday's election outcome, it is likely to begin almost immediately, when the current 93rd Congress returns for its

lame duck session beginning Nov. 18.

For one thing, any slim prospect that Congress would act this year to give Ford the middle and upper income tax

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surcharge he proposed as an anti-inflation measure appears to be gone now. And given the shape of the new Congress that will convene in January, if Ford ever gets the surtax through, it likely will be altered so as to apply only to high income brackets.

The new Congress will be more aggressively liberal, more likely to challenge Ford on foreign and defense spending, more attuned to domestic programs.

House Speaker Carl Albert

of Oklahoma, an old friend of Ford's but a Democrat first, said his party had a mandate, not just a victory.

Albert said the Democrats now can move with more confidence of such programs as national health insurance, tax reform and public service employment.

He also said the White House had focused on inflation while neglecting the problem of recession. "We believe we can meet both problems simultaneously," Albert said.

Ford said there was no argument that inflation was the No. 1 issue.

"The mandate of the electorate places upon the next Congress a full measure of responsibility for resolving this problem," he said. "I will work with them wholeheartedly in this urgent task which is certainly beyond partisanship."

But other politicians put in-

flation squarely in the partisan arena. Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., who is virtually certain to seek the White House in 1976, and who said the election outcome will push up his time-table for an announcement, argued that the voters are fed up and want action now.

Another Democratic prospect, Sen. Lloyd M. Bentsen of Texas, said Ford had better change some of his economic policies. "If he doesn't we will win the White House in 1976," Bentsen said.

The economic argument can only escalate as the maneuvering begins for presidential campaign position in 1976.

If the economy was the overt issue, Watergate was the undertow for Republicans in the Tuesday balloting. Republican National Chairman Mary Louise Smith said the backlash of scandal led to GOP defeats.

"I think this election is probably a final chapter of those difficult times," she said.

It also was a final chapter for Republicans who had, until the waning days of his presidency, defended Richard M. Nixon. Charles W. Sandman Jr. of New Jersey, Earl F. Landgrebe of Indiana, Dan H. Kuykendall of Tennessee, those congressmen and many more will be missing when the new Congress assembles.

All told, the Democrats won 276 House seats, led for 15 more, for a new total of up to 291 seats.

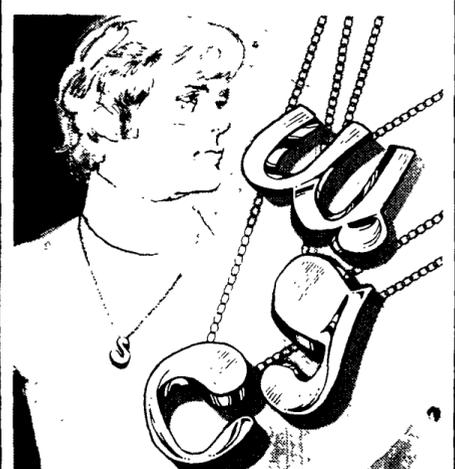
In the Senate, they picked up four seats and boosted their strength to at least 62.

The Democratic House gains compare with a post-war average in off-year elections of a 30-seat loss from the party of the President. In the Senate, the President's party has lost an average of four seats.

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