

# Ugandan troops retaliate after ambush on Amin

NAIROBI, Kenya (UPI) — Ugandan troops loyal to President Idi Amin have gone on a "rampage of killings" following an assassination attempt against Amin in which the dictator was wounded, the Kenya news agency said yesterday.

The agency said Amin was wounded during an ambush attack against his car last weekend and quoted sources close to Amin as saying he had been hospitalized in Uganda, thus explaining his mysterious disappearance.

It said hundreds of Ugandans were fleeing to Kenya to escape "certain death" at the hands of Amin's troops.

In Luxembourg, British Foreign Secretary David Owen said Amin "is alive and well" but would not elaborate or give the source of his information.

Uganda Radio mentioned Amin for the first time in three days last night, saying he had received last Saturday the Uganda delegation to an OAU meeting and thanked them for its work. It did not explain why a report of a Saturday meeting was delayed until last night.

A statement issued at a Common

Market meeting in Luxembourg said any European aid to Africa must not prolong the "denial of human rights in Uganda." Asked after the meeting if the statement was made on the assumption Amin was still alive, Owen replied, "Amin is alive and well."

The Kenyan news agency report said hundreds of Ugandans, including senior civil servants and army officers, had fled to Kenya to escape "a rampage of killings of innocent people suspected of having taken part in the assassination bid."

"Hundreds of Ugandans, including military and civilian personnel have defected to Kenya, running away from certain death during the current purge in Uganda following the assassination attempt on President Idi Amin late last week," the government agency said.

The agency quoted diplomatic sources in Kampala as saying there "certainly is a massacre taking place here."

Thousands of Christians and Acholi and Langi tribesmen were reported murdered earlier in the year after Amin allegedly uncovered another plot to

topple him. Amin implicated the Anglican archbishop of Uganda, Janani Luwum, and two of his cabinet ministers in that alleged plot. The three were later killed in what Amin called a traffic accident.

Radio Uganda last night made its first direct reference to Amin in several days.

The radio said Amin last Saturday had received the Uganda delegation to the Organization of African Unity liberation committee meeting in Angola and thanked the group for its work.

The radio did not explain why it reported the Saturday meeting only yesterday.

In Kampala, the Uganda cabinet held a regular session but made no mention of Amin's whereabouts.

The Kenya agency said there was a "mass movement of troops within Uganda," particularly the capital of Kampala. Roadblocks remained in place in the capital and armored personnel carriers were on station at Entebbe airport.

## Toughens health, safety rules

# U.S. Senate okays mine laws

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate voted yesterday to toughen federal health and safety laws for coal and hard rock mines in a move proponents considered critical because of President Carter's plan to double coal production.

Final passage of the legislation came on a 78-18 roll call vote after the Senate rejected several Republican-sponsored weakening amendments.

The legislation, which has yet to pass the House, would also transfer enforcement of federal mine safety laws from the Interior Department to the

Labor Department July 1, 1978, and bring hard rock mines under stronger standards for coal mines.

The administration and organized labor strongly supported the bill, which would affect an estimated 212,000 coal miners and 274,500 hard rock miners.

A substitute amendment by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, which would have voided the transfer, kept the coal and hard rock standards separate, and allowed state enforcement of the laws, was rejected by a 66-30 vote.

Sen. Harrison Williams, D-N.J., floor

manager for the bill, said it was vital because Carter's energy plan relies heavily on increased mineral production.

Williams said an effective mine safety and health program must be a foundation as the nation builds a national energy program.

"Otherwise, we will continue to pay for our energy and minerals with the dreadful currency of human lives and limbs," Williams said.

Throughout the floor debate, Williams alluded to the Scotia coal mine disaster in eastern Kentucky last year which killed 23 miners and three federal mine inspectors, and also the Tower City, Pa., mine accident in February, which killed 9 men.

Several of the tougher standards were a direct result of the Scotia disaster, where two methane gas explosions rocked the mine. It had been cited numerous times by the Mining Enforcement and Safety Administration, (MESA) for law violations, but was allowed to remain operating.

One new provision would allow MESA to close a mine that has a "pattern of violations" of a substantial nature.

## Quinlan's condition worse

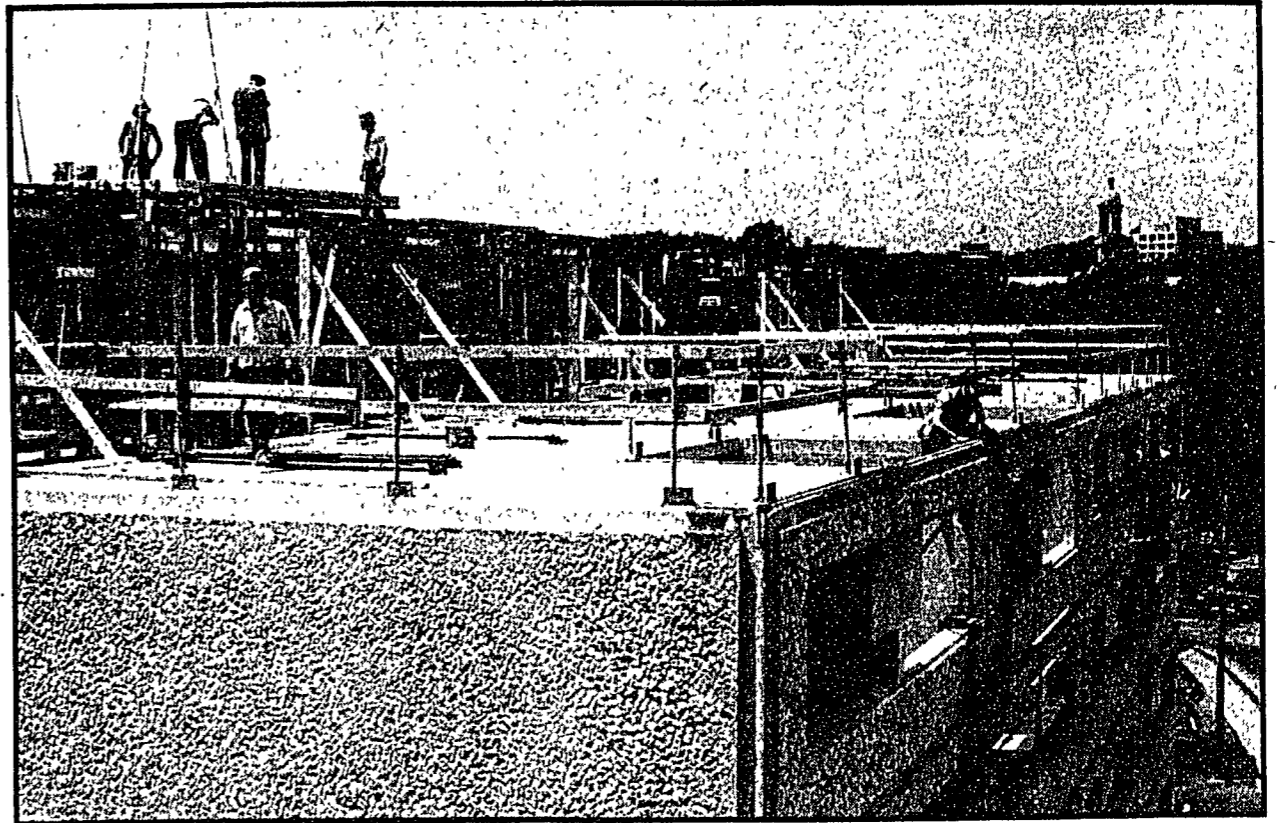
NEW YORK (AP) — Karen Anne Quinlan, who has lingered in a coma ever since her parents won the right to turn off the machinery they thought was keeping her alive, is in deteriorating health and is near death, The New York Daily News reported.

"All I can say is she's having a pretty rocky time at this point," said the administrator of the Morris Plains, N.J., nursing home, Fred Swanson, as quoted today by the New York paper.

He declined to specify what caused the

reported deterioration. But the newspaper said there was speculation that a serious infection developed.

Quinlan collapsed April 15, 1975, and suffered brain damage after ingesting a combination of alcohol and barbiturates. She was kept alive for six months by a mechanical respirator before her parents, convinced that their daughter had no hope of recovering, asked a superior court judge to let Karen die "with dignity and grace."



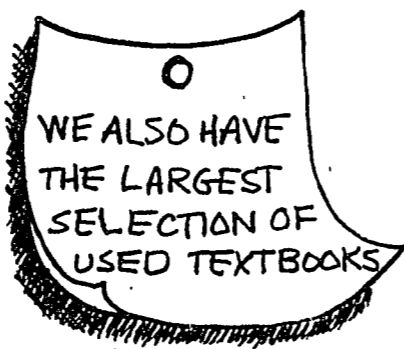
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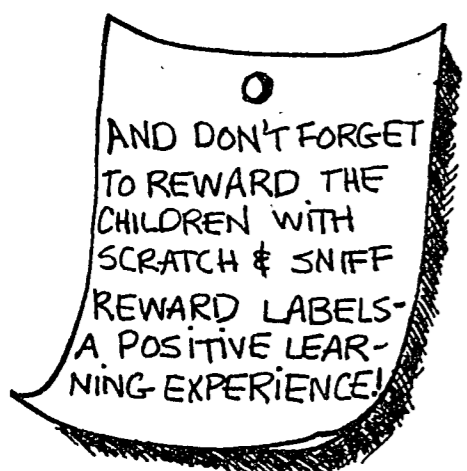
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