

Pope improves, does not hold grudge

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VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II improved sufficiently yesterday from terrorist bullet wounds to take Communion, listen to Mass and receive three cardinals and a Polish nun in his hospital room. One cardinal said the pontiff felt sympathy for his attacker and held no grudge.

Doctors said the pontiff, who turns 61 Monday, was still in serious condition but called this a "guarded" prognosis, meaning they would not commit themselves firmly.

Meanwhile, Ann Ode, 58, of Buffalo, N.Y., one of two women wounded in the attack by an escaped Turkish assassin in St. Peter's Square Wednesday, was reported in serious condition after the removal of her spleen.

Rose Hall, 21, wife of a Protestant minister serving U.S. forces in Wuerzburg, West Germany, was reported in good condition with a severed nerve in the elbow. First reports said she was from Jamaica and was wounded in the leg.

The Rev. Romeo Panciroli, chief Vatican spokesman, said the pope chatted with nurses, thanking them for their concern and exhorting them to be courageous.

Telegrams and letters reached the Vatican from all around the world. Well-wishers included Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev and President Reagan, himself a victim of an assassination attempt in March. Italian President Sandro Pertini went to the hospital for the second

time. From the pope's Polish homeland came a cable saying the attack "has profoundly upset our nation and authorities." It was signed by Polish Communist Party Chairman Stanislaw Kania and other top party figures.

Thousands of faithful, many carrying flowers, streamed into St. Peter's Square to pray at the spot where the pontiff was shot.

As the day progressed, doctors relaxed the sanitary cordon they had put around the pope and allowed visitors to his bedside.

Shortly after 6 p.m., the Rev. Stanislaw Dziwisz, the pope's Polish secretary, said Mass in the hospital room and gave Communion to the pope. Also attending were three nurses and an unidentified Polish nun.

Vatican sources said the pope confessed and received last rites from Dziwisz before surgery Wednesday night.

At least three cardinals including Vatican Secretary of State Agostino Casaroli visited the pope. Hospital sources said John Paul was alert and spoke in a soft but clear voice.

The dean of the College of Cardinals, who has visited the pope twice since the shooting, said the pontiff did not bear a grudge against his attacker.

"There is no resentment in him (the pope), but a sympathetic pardon toward the one" who gave him "this new test of having high-minded feelings and of setting a shining example in tolerating an offense," Cardinal Carlo Confalonieri told worshippers in St. Peter's Basilica.

Dr. Francesco Crucitti, one of the pope's surgeons at the hospital, said the pontiff was making an "excellent" recovery. He said the pope was under mild sedation, receiving intravenous feeding, and that the main worry was infection over the next few days. "If we can control this one, we may be able to say we are out of the woods," he said.

Crucitti said another operation might be necessary within a month to reroute the intestine, closing a hole in the colon that was opened to serve as an artificial anal opening.

Another attending surgeon, Dr. Francesco Wiel Marina, told The Associated Press that the risk of infection was "quite high" because there was food in his colon at the time of the operation. Marina said the pope seemed a "little bit depressed."

But the physical toughness and ebullient spirits that won the admiration of millions in the pope's frequent and demanding trips abroad since he was elected pope in 1978 were thought likely to help John Paul's recuperation.

The pontiff's warm, personal approach to his flock has led to worries about his security, but Casaroli said he doubted John Paul would allow Wednesday's events to "separate him from the people."

But a papal aide said as soon as the pontiff's condition permits it was likely he would deliver the Sunday noon blessing or the Lord's Prayer from his hospital bed with a direct sound hookup to St. Peter's Square.

The Rev. Andrew Kelleher, a Rome-



More than 30,000 people crowd into St. Peter's Square yesterday to give prayers for the recovery of Pope John Paul II. The pontiff was the target of an assassination attempt in Vatican City on Wednesday.

based priest from Dublin, predicted that the pope would continue to greet crowds openly when he recovered from the shooting.

"When he comes back, it will be just the same. He'll meet the people," the priest said, adding that there would have to be "airport type security" to prevent an attack of this nature.

Meanwhile, Italian police officially identified and charged the suspect arrested after the shooting. They named him as escaped Turkish terrorist Mehmet Ali Agca, who had threatened the pope's life once before.

Convicted in absentia and sentenced to death in April 1980 for murdering a noted

Turkish newspaper editor, the 23-year-old suspect was described by interrogators as a "stoic, real quiet type."

Agca began then quickly ended a hunger strike, said a spokesman for Rome's central police headquarters where he has been interrogated by Italy's top magistrates handling terrorist cases.

Soviets launch 2 cosmonauts

MOSCOW (AP) — A Romanian cosmonaut and his record-holding Soviet commander were launched into space yesterday aboard a Soyuz 40 spacecraft, the official news agency Tass announced.

Tass said Dumitru Prunariu, a 28-year-old senior lieutenant in the Romanian air force, and Leonid Popov, 36, were launched at 1:17 p.m. EDT and were in good condition.

Popov set a world space endurance record of 185 days last year with fellow Soviet cosmonaut Valery Ryumin.

The flight was the ninth involving a Soviet cosmonaut and one from another country.

The last international flight under the Soviet bloc's Intercosmos program, which carried a Soviet mission commander and a Mongolian "cosmonaut-researcher," ended in March.

Tass said the cosmonauts will dock with the Salyut 6 space station, where cosmonauts Vladimir Kovalyovok and Viktor Savinykh have been working since March 14.

Yesterday's launch completed the first round of flights in the Intercosmos program, which since March 1978 also has orbited cosmonauts from Bulgaria, East Germany, Poland, Cuba, Hungary, Vietnam and Czechoslovakia.

Now that cosmonauts from each Intercosmos member nation have flown once, the Soviet space program is expected to turn to preparations for launching cosmonauts from two nations outside the Soviet bloc — India and France. Both countries have selected cosmonaut candidates for training here.

The Soviet Union has not officially explained the order in which cosmonauts from various communist countries have been sent aloft. Western diplomats here speculated the Romanians were scheduled last because of that country's independent foreign policy line, which has sometimes irked Moscow.

Soviet television carried delayed coverage of yesterday's launch from the space center at Baikonur in Soviet central Asia.

Before the liftoff, Prunariu expressed personal gratitude to Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu "for the trust shown in me."

The Soviet Union has described Intercosmos as proof of the scientific and political cooperation among communist countries. In a speech in February, President Leonid I. Brezhnev said cosmonauts from communist nations "are not working for science alone. They are also performing a tremendously important political mission."

The launch yesterday was the third manned liftoff from Soviet territory this year. The Soviets sent six crews into space in 1980, while the United States has not had a manned space flight using a standard one-shot space vehicle since the Apollo-Soyuz mission by the United States and the Soviet Union in 1975.

Although the Soviet Union continues to claim one-shot capsules are the most efficient economically, the United States began flights in mid-April of its space shuttle, which can be used many times.

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Paterno to McKean: Do it for the team

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Residents of McKean Hall last night were asked to volunteer their rooms for two days in the fall to the football players.

Joe Paterno asked residents of the first three floors of McKean Hall to move into their rooms late Sept. 2, instead of Aug. 31, as stated in the dorm contracts, after explaining that it was important for the football players to reside together to ensure a successful preseason.

"We're in a jam — if you can help us out fine," Paterno said. "If you can't, that's OK too."

Because the success of the preseason determines the success of the regular season, Paterno said he would have preferred to have the team together 14 days, but because of the circumstances would compromise to 12 days, if the residents agreed to the proposal and 10 days if they do not.

"Preseason is a trying time, we'd like to keep them (the football players) all together and it's a time to really make a football team," he said.

Paterno also said this was not the first time this situation occurred.

"A couple of years ago, we had the same problems. We stayed in Nittany Halls and had them spruced up with air conditioners, so the guys could sleep at night," he said.

"It would be terribly tough for us if we had to house five players in Hamilton (Hall), five in Pollock (Halls),

10 here (McKean Hall) and 20 somewhere else," he said. "We could not do as good as a coaching job as we would like."

"We want two days from you," he said.

Paterno explained that the football players would vacate the rooms by noon, Sept. 2, giving residents time to get settled before the first day of registration, Sept. 3. "A lot of colleges have athletic dorms for athletes," he said. "I don't believe in that. They (football players) have a right to be in the mainstream with other students."

Although Paterno said he would accept the residents' position if they decided to reject the proposal, he said he would not be comfortable entering the regular season, having practiced 10 days.

"If the majority of you decided not to volunteer your rooms, we'd just drop it and try to go with 10 days," he said. "But I would not be comfortable with that."

Paterno added that he would not blame an unsuccessful season on the residents if they rejected the proposal.

"I'm not going to say the reason we did not play well is because you would not volunteer your rooms to us," he said.

Officials decided that the best proposal was for the residents to volunteer their rooms to the team.

In closing, Paterno said, "I want to emphasize: first, it's up to you; second, it would be a big help to us; and third, the rooms would be ready noon, Sept. 2 for you to

move in and adequate alternative housing will be available (if needed)."

William McKinnon, assistant vice president for the Office of Housing and Food Service, said if the proposal is accepted, students who wish to return to their rooms before Sept. 2 should notify housing officials and they would provide alternative housing arrangements.

"We would house them in the football players' rooms," he said.

McKinnon added that residents were notified of the situation Tuesday, when they received notices in their mailboxes. He said housing and football officials wanted to give the residents presently living in McKean Hall a chance to examine the proposal before they contacted students moving into McKean Fall Term.

Residents were asked to return a housing survey, asking whether or not they accept the proposal, on May 18 to the Findlay Hall Post Office.

Some students said they planned to volunteer their rooms because they did not plan to come back to their rooms before Sept. 2.

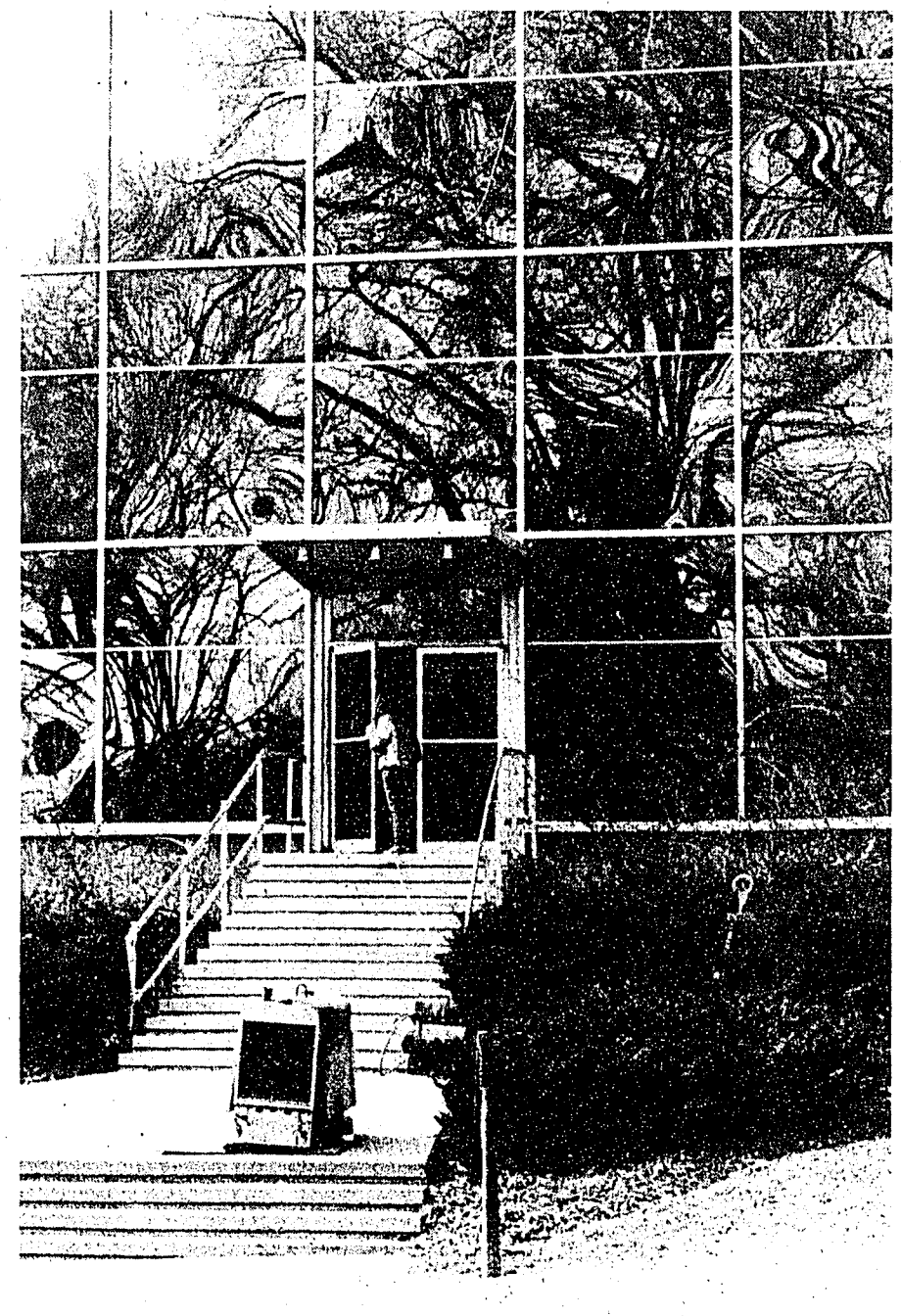
"It doesn't seem unreasonable coming back the 2nd," Robert Eslinger (6th-electrical engineering) said.

Mark Kutz (6th-environmental engineering) said, "Seems reasonable to me."

When asked what he thought would happen if he would come back before Sept. 2, Kutz said, "They'll put me in another place, I imagine."

Reflections

The trees of the mall become silvery outlines reflected in Hammond Building as the spring sun interrupts recent days of rain.



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weather

Cloudiness and damp today with occasional showers and thundershowers. Today's afternoon high should be near 67. Turning cooler and remaining cloudy tonight with a few showers and a low of 50. Variable cloudiness, breezy and cool tomorrow with a sprinkle possible as the high approaches 60. Sunshine and milder temperatures on Sunday.

RAs: Friends or disciplinarians?

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Editor's Note: This is the second of a three-part series dealing with the University's Resident Assistants. Today's article deals with how students view their RA. All names have been changed.

One experience most University Park students have shared — whether they've wanted to or not — is at least one year of dorm life.

The food isn't the best, the rooms aren't very big and privacy is hard to come by. But living in the dorms can be a growth experience, and Resident Assistants can be an important factor in that growth by setting the mood and pace according to the type of floor.

Beth is a junior who lived in the dorms for two years before moving off-campus. She had a different RA each year, and found that each had a very distinct style.

"My RA freshman year was pretty cool and she seemed to know all the answers, but I never considered going to her for help. But my sophomore year RA was totally different — friendly and enthusiastic," she said.

The relationship an RA develops with the students on the floor depends on the personality and behavior of students themselves as well as on the RA's personality.

Beth said her floor was primarily freshmen her first year, and the women were unsure of the role of an RA. The second year, everyone on the floor was closer, and it was easier to become involved with the RA in various floor activities and projects.

Occasionally the personality of an RA and the needs of a floor do not coordinate, creating a difficult situation for everyone.

Diane lives in a very large house with one RA in charge of all the women. Recently, her RA contradicted a decision made by the majority of house members, and a confrontation occurred.

Diane was reluctant to give details about the incident because she was afraid her RA might retaliate, but she did say her RA acted in an unprofessional manner.

"She saw me in the hall and started yelling. It was pretty emotional, but I don't think that's any way for an RA to act," Diane said.

"This wasn't the first problem we had with her. She's never around when you need her, and when we tell her to keep the floor quiet she always finds an excuse not to do it," she added.

"She's just not cut out for the job."

Situations like Diane's are rare; most RAs take their jobs seriously and try to avoid conflict.

Kathy, a sophomore, said her RA has helped her and her friends solve several problems they had getting along with each other.

"She's always friendly and really interested in talking to us. We thought our situation was kind of stupid, but she took us very seriously," she said.

The personality of a floor also determines the students' perceptions of the RA's role.

Sue is in a sorority, and views her RA mainly as a source of information and a disciplinarian.

"We have each other for counseling — we're much closer than a regular dorm floor. But we need someone to enforce the rules and tell us general information," she said. "And she's pretty important to the independent girls in the house."

The atmosphere in men's houses is often very different from that in women's houses. The role of the male RA is also very different, and is much more of a trade-off between friend and disciplinarian.

Greg, a sophomore who has lived on the same floor two years, sees the RA he has had this year as more of friend than a counselor or disciplinarian.

"He's just like one of the guys, which is good in some ways. But sometimes if you have a really personal problem you hesitate because he's not that objective," Greg said.

"Also, it has to make it tough on him when he has to yell at us. I'm sure he overlooks a lot of things," he said.

Greg added that the RA he had during his freshman year was also very casual about discipline.

"He wasn't as friendly as my RA now, but he did hold back on discipline. I think he might have been afraid that if he busted one of us, the whole house would come down on him; we were pretty tight."

Discipline is also often overlooked in the case of seniors, like Tom, who has lived in the dorms for four years. His RA is younger than he is, and Tom thinks he may feel uncomfortable about disciplining him or the other seniors on the floor.

"We're not really rowdy or anything, but if it came down to it, I'm not sure he would really bust us," he said.

Not all male RAs are lax about discipline. Tom said his RA two years ago was very strict, and his floor never had any parties because they knew they would be busted.