

# U.S. warns Libya to cancel plot

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration has contacted Libya through a third country and warned it to drop a purported plot to kill top government leaders in the United States, it was learned last night.

An authoritative source said the administration's message spelled out at least some of the evidence which President Reagan said the United States has obtained about the alleged plot. Beyond that, the source said, it contained a warning of what would happen if Libya followed through with the reported plan.

The source, who refused to be identified, did not spell out further details of the message or disclose which country the United States used as an intermediary.

Word of the warning came late on a day in which Reagan conferred again with his security advisers, and Sen. Majority Leader

Howard Baker Jr. said, "There will be a decision within the next 24 to 48 hours" on what the United States would do.

Baker, R-Tenn., said the options include a ban on further U.S. oil purchases from strongman Moammar Khadafy's government.

Soon after Baker's statement, however, White House spokesman David Gergen summoned reporters and said the administration had not promised any decision within 48 hours — but merely committed itself to delivering a status report on a two- to three-month-old review of U.S. political and economic relations with Libya.

Gergen did not exclude the possibility that a decision would be reached that quickly. He said the review is "narrowing down now" and, "We'll be in a little better shape to talk to them (congressional leaders) in 24 to 48 hours."

Imports of Libyan oil already have shrunk

to less than one-third of the level earlier this year.

Baker said Reagan may soon ask Congress to impose some sanction against Libya, but had asked in the meantime that legislators hold off any moves on their own.

Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., urged a non-binding resolution declaring that Congress "would support and act favorably on a decision" to suspend oil purchases. "We are paying for Libyan terrorism. Period," Hart said. "I think that is outrageous."

"Whether or not there is a hit team in the country, we are paying for terrorism."

Baker said he had spoken with White House Chief of staff James Baker and had been advised that Reagan needs more time to decide what to do, and so requested that Hart withdraw his resolution.

"This is a delicate moment," Baker said. Sen. Charles Percy, R-Ill., chairman of the

Senate Foreign Relations Committee, promised secret hearings on the Libyan terrorist threat.

But Hart said there is already a public record of Libyan terrorism which is enough to warrant an embargo on the \$4 billion in annual U.S. oil purchases from Libya.

"I know what the facts are from the newspapers," Hart said. "We don't have to go behind closed doors."

The Colorado senator nonetheless agreed to pull back his amendment.

On Oct. 21, the Senate defeated 47 to 44 an amendment sponsored by Hart which would have stopped Libyan oil purchases by the United States.

There was increasing pressure on the administration to disclose at least some of the evidence that Reagan claimed to have Monday about an assassination plot.

Christopher J. Dodd, D-Conn., said, "This thing has become so hyped up it is taking on a life of its own."

At the White House, Gergen refused to discuss the substance of Reagan's meeting with the National Security Council, but confirmed that Libya was a topic.

"It's wrong to assume this has been the sole focus of these two meetings," Gergen said. "Clearly it's being discussed by the president with his highest advisers."

Deputy Press Secretary Larry Speakes, asked about the scheduling of two NSC meetings in two days, said, "I don't suggest that it's a crisis atmosphere."

Gergen said he knew of no plans to make any evidence public, and reacted sharply to suggestions that the administration was promoting the story to lay the groundwork for some action against Khadafy.

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## Mine explosion kills 13

Third Appalachian disaster in 5 days

WHITWELL, Tenn. (AP) — An explosion ripped through a coal mine shaft yesterday, killing 13 miners 1,200 feet underground, authorities said. It was the third mine disaster in the Appalachian coalfields in the last five days.

Emergency rescue teams equipped with air tanks and masks had to crawl through a shaft that is only 36 inches wide in some places to reach the men, a mine company spokesman said.

William B. Allison, president of Tennessee Consolidated Coal Co., said in a statement that all 13 men had been found "and there were no survivors."

The disaster left 24 men dead in coalfield mine accidents since last Thursday.

Mike Caudill, an assistant operations officer with the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, had said earlier that there were problems "with the atmosphere

inside the mine," which is about 30 miles northwest of Chattanooga in a mountainous area of southeastern Tennessee, and their conditions were unknown.

He said an explosion caused part of the half-mile mine to collapse.

Jack Richesin, the state Labor Department commissioner, said the miners had been trapped 1,200 feet into Whitwell Mountain, in a half-mile deep shaft.

Steve Blackburn, a spokesman for Tennessee Consolidated, said no one answered when officials tried to call the miners through an underground telephone from an office three miles from the shaft. None of the miners were identified, but their families were gathering at the company's office.

Blackburn said rescue personnel from the company and the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration were forced to crawl

on their hands and knees in some places because the shaft is so narrow.

Blackburn said the Tennessee Highway Patrol had blocked the road leading to the mine.

Caudill said the Tennessee Mine Disaster team from the state Labor Department was also on the scene, along with the Marion County Sheriff's Office and the Emergency Management Agency — the new name for the state Civil Defense.

Roy McCarter, deputy commissioner of the state Labor Department, said in Nashville that the explosion occurred at about 1 p.m.

The mine is about seven miles north of Whitwell, and Tennessee Consolidated is headquartered in Jasper, about 10 miles southwest of Whitwell.

Judy Humphreys, dispatcher at the Grundy County Sheriff's Office, said some deputies were sent to the mine, which is in Marion County.



Spray-on season

'Merry Christmas' shows out from the window of Brothers Pizza, 202 E. College Ave., as David T. Winger of Julian decorates for the holidays.

## Fans pay tribute to Lennon

By **JEFF BRADLEY**  
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LIVERPOOL, England (AP) — Thousands of Beatles fans paid tribute yesterday to John Lennon, on the first anniversary of his slaying, at a three-hour outdoor concert and vigil in his native Liverpool.

The crowd of 3,000 people roared and clapped as five local bands played a succession of Beatles classics. Like their predecessors in the Fab Four's heyday in the mid-1960s, teen-agers in the audience — a new generation of Beatles fans — jumped up and down and screamed.

Only at the end of the free concert in a square outside Liverpool's St. George's Hall did the crowd quiet down, observing five minutes of silence. Many lit candles and raised

hands in a peace sign in the cold, clear night air.

"His truth and his music in the end can be stronger than bullets and stronger than bombs," the Rev. David Arnott, chaplain at Liverpool Polytechnic where Lennon was once an art student, said in a eulogy.

Organizers had expected a larger turnout, but said sub-freezing temperatures and a soccer game kept the numbers down.

From the beginning with "Eight Days a Week" to its conclusion with a tape of Lennon performing "Give Peace a Chance," the concert was a nostalgic journey.

"I'm memory lane-ing, if not Penny Lane-ing, tonight," said emcee Bob Wooler, a local disc jockey.

## State House opts for strong abortion bill

By **TIM PETTIT**  
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HARRISBURG (AP) — The state House overwhelmingly rejected an attempt to weaken a restrictive abortion bill yesterday, setting the stage for the bill's passage today.

"It's pointless to offer any more amendments," Rep. Joseph Hoeffel, D-Montgomery, a prime opponent of the bill, said after his bid to tone down the bill was defeated 152-44. "I expect the same vote tomorrow in favor of the bill."

A final vote on the legislation was postponed until today because House leaders felt they could not squeeze one in before the House Democratic Campaign Committee held its 8 p.m. fundraiser.

The legislation is designed to make it more difficult to obtain an abortion, an opponents have called it the toughest anti-abortion bill in the nation.

Rep. Stephen Freind, R-Delaware, a prime sponsor of the bill, said he was surprised by how many

lawmakers voted against Hoeffel's amendment.

"It puts us in excellent shape for the final vote," Freind said.

The Hoeffel amendment would have removed the requirement for a 24-hour cooling-off period for women seeking an abortion.

Under the bill, during the 24 hours women would have to receive counseling about the medical and emotional effects of abortion.

Hoeffel wanted to remove the provision requiring parental consent before a female minor could get an abortion. His amendment also would have eliminated the requirement for having a second doctor present to treat a baby when an abortion might result in a live birth.

In addition, the Hoeffel amendment would have restored state-paid Medicaid abortions, which were prohibited last year by the Legislature.

The vote on the Hoeffel amendment came after about six hours of debate on the measure, and was the

strongest vote all day in favor of the abortion bill.

Earlier, the House rejected two parliamentary maneuvers designed to kill the bill, but the margin of victory was never greater than 23 votes.

Supporters of the bill expect to amend the abortion legislation into a bill already approved by the Senate. That strategy would send the bill immediately to the Senate floor and avoid possible burial in a Senate committee.

The legislation also would restrict access to abortions by prohibiting public hospitals and clinics from offering abortions except when the mother's life is endangered or if pregnancy resulted from rape or incest.

Also, except in cases when the mother's life is endangered, the woman would have to pay for special health insurance to cover abortion costs.

In a final effort to derail the bill, leaders of national women's and abortion groups came to the Capitol yesterday morning to lobby against the legislation.

## Students phone to support financial aid

By **ANNE CONNERS**  
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U.S. congressmen and senators received phone calls yesterday from a segment of their constituencies they don't hear from too often — students.

Using phones provided by the Undergraduate Student Government, 50 University students contacted 150 legislators, urging them to oppose further cutbacks in financial aid.

"Tomorrow, Congress will vote on a 2 percent across-the-board cut from the continuing resolution. The legislation was a 25-day stopgap bill that was passed after President Reagan vetoed a \$427.8 billion emergency funding measure before Thanksgiving.

The appropriations bills, which amend the continuing resolution, will probably be the budget Congress ends up voting on Dec. 15, said Mark Heuer, news secretary for U.S. Rep. William F. Clinger, R-central Pa.

However, Heuer said there would be no specific vote for student aid tomorrow.

"It would be a 2 percent across-the-board cut," he said. "All domestic programs would be cut in order to get four billion in savings."

While budget skirmishes were being fought in Congress, concerned University students were calling Sen. John H. Heinz, R-Pa., Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and their own congressmen to protest further financial aid cuts.

"The reason I'm calling is I'd like to go to grad school when I get out of here, and I can't afford to foot the bill myself," said Steve Brodict (11th-plant science). "If I can't get a grant, I can't afford to go."

Students would have a hard time coping if further cuts in financial aid were made, said Carol Koehler (8th-American studies).

"I don't want funding cut from higher education," she said. "It's hard enough to get through school with what we have now."

Another student said most students depend on some form of financial aid.

"I don't know many people who go to school without a loan of some form," said Jane Curran (10th-public service).

Heuer said students had contacted Clinger's office.

"There have been several people calling our office to talk to the

legislative assistant who handles education issues," he said.

"In general, there have been a lot of calls and quite a few of them have been from Penn State," he said. "That's

usually the case — it's following a typical pattern."

The proposed 2 percent reduction could be just the beginning of the cuts in store for higher education.

The Washington Post reported yesterday that the \$500 million block grant Congress approved this year for several federal education programs would be cut by 40 percent.

## Education cuts: More budget slashing

By **JOHN SCHLANDER**  
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Even though Congress has yet to pass a budget for fiscal 1982, which is now more than two months old, the Office of Management and Budget has proposed deep cuts for federal education programs in fiscal 1983.

The office proposed cutting Pell Grants, the basic grant for low-income students, by more than one-half, and eliminating the National Institute of Education by 1985, according to an article in yesterday's Washington Post.

Funding for Pell Grants would be cut from \$2.6 billion to \$1 billion, the Post reported.

Mark Heuer, news secretary for U.S. Rep. William F. Clinger, R-central Pa., said, "I hope people aren't getting too worked up about the OMB plan for deep cuts in education."

"The last two or three weeks have witnessed a lot of these trial plans to sort of float an idea out to see what the reaction will be."

President Reagan will present his proposed budget for 1983 in January.

"There can be a big difference between what the

president asks Congress to pass and what Congress does pass," Heuer said. "It's going to be a long process of working out priorities."

At this point in the process, Cabinet officials and department and agency heads are voicing their opinions to President Reagan concerning the 1983 budget, Heuer said.

More cuts for fiscal 1982 are closer to realization.

Congress will vote tomorrow on a 2 percent across-the-board cut for all domestic programs in 1982, including student aid, Heuer said.

The federal government is operating with a continuing resolution — in other words, operating at the same funding levels as were in effect at the end of fiscal year 1981.

Tomorrow's vote will be an attempt to change the continuing resolution as a way of working toward a 1982 budget that both sides of Congress can agree on.

The government has operated under a continuing resolution since the fiscal year began on Oct. 1.

Congress will try to pass these funding levels into law — the formal budget — by Dec. 15, when a vote is expected, Heuer said.

Dec. 15 is the deadline target for passage of the budget.

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## weather

Mostly cloudy, very windy and cold today with snow showers. High temperature near 28 degrees. Mostly cold tonight with a few flurries. Low temperature of 20. Variable cloudiness, windy and cold tomorrow with a chance of flurries. High temperature of 30.

—by Mark Stunder