

## Govt. rehires 3 air controllers

### Not a policy reversal, administration maintains

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration acknowledged yesterday it has rehired three air traffic controllers to the nation's flight system, but insisted that it was not reversing a general policy barring reinstatements.

White House communications director David Gergen said he assumed that any controllers being rehired were found to have been victims of harassment during the strike. "I am not aware of any change in policy, certainly," he said.

The Federal Aviation Administration acknowledged that it rehired Joan Plummer, an air traffic controller from San Antonio, Texas, who was among 11,500 striking controllers Reagan fired early last August for ignoring the president's order to return to work within 48 hours. It also confirmed that two others have been rehired.

FAA spokesman Fred Farrar also said the agency is reviewing 1,000 such "hardship cases" and that "some of" these fired controllers might be reinstated.

At the White House, Gergen said, "Shortly after the incident (strike) occurred, we said that individuals who had been subjected to harassment and were not able to meet the 48-hour rule were allowed to come back in."

Linda Gosden, spokeswoman for Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis, declared, "There has been absolutely no change in President Reagan's or Secretary Lewis' position on rehiring the striking controllers."

In a telephone interview from San Francisco, she said, "From day one, we have said we will always look at those cases where the people may have been harassed or intimidated" into joining the Aug. 3 strike by the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization.

Farrar emphasized that Plummer would not be returning to her flight tower job at the Fort Worth Air Route Traffic Control Center. He said she would work at the Houston Air Route Traffic Center, one of several such facilities across the country that direct airplanes in flight corridors between airports, but not at the airports themselves.

The other two reinstated controllers had worked in the Great Lakes region and in the Atlanta area, Farrar said. He did not identify the others.

Transportation Department officials, declining to be named publicly, said they expected no more than "a couple hundred" reinstatements among the 1,000 controllers whose hardship cases are being reviewed.

These officials said they could talk only of the record because of litigation pending before the Merit Systems Protection Board.

Jeff Miller, a spokesman for Lewis, said yesterday that "in a small number of cases," the government might choose to reinstate fired controllers rather than risk losing appeals filed with the merit review panel.

"We want to avoid adverse decisions," Miller said. "We want to avoid back pay awards. The legal burden of proof always rests with the agency."

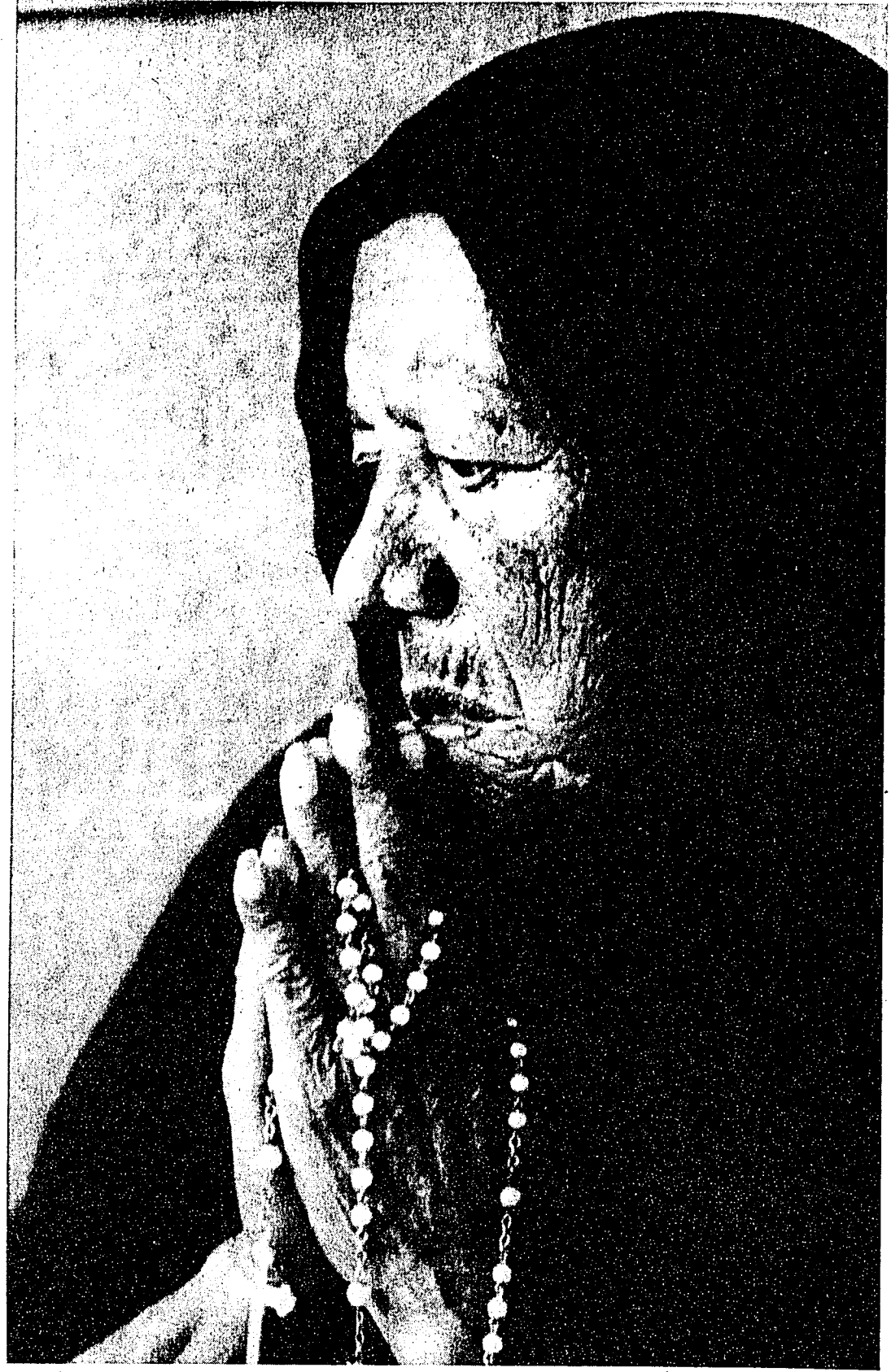
In a gesture to the AFL-CIO, Reagan agreed last December to waive a three-year debarment period so that the 11,500 air traffic controllers could apply for other civil service jobs.

At the time, both Reagan and Lewis emphasized that they opposed reinstating controllers to airport tower jobs. They said that would be unfair to controllers who remained on the job during the strike.

Reagan, Lewis and FAA Administrator J. Lynn Helms said at the time of last summer's strike that the controllers had forsaken their jobs by violating a no-strike oath.

Gary Eads, president of the decertified PATCO, said he viewed the rehiring of some controllers with caution "because of the circumstances involved."

"I don't personally know of anyone who went (on strike) against their will," Eads added. "I don't buy that argument. The government obviously will, because they need air traffic controllers back in the system."



In remembrance  
A woman prays at the Metropolitan Cathedral in San Salvador during a Mass on the anniversary of the death of Archbishop of El Salvador Oscar Arnulfo Romero. Romero was killed two years ago Wednesday.

## Leftists attempt to disrupt election

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SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Leftist guerrillas launched hit-and-run attacks near El Salvador's election headquarters and outside the capital yesterday in a new drive to disrupt upcoming elections.

The guerrillas fought to within a few hundred yards of the Central Elections Council building in San Salvador last night and ended with the rebels withdrawing under government fire.

Guerrilla troops returned to the same area last night and had a 15-minute shootout with soldiers, officials said. There were no injuries reported.

Shooting also erupted for a second day on a mountain overlooking the principal air base outside the capital, and the government confirmed a rebel radio broadcast that guerrillas had captured the town of Yososquin and three

surrounding villages in Morazan province, 100 miles east of San Salvador.

The Defense Ministry spokesman, Col. Eusebio Coto, said eight soldiers were killed, that the rebels remained in control of the Yososquin area and that the army had dispatched reinforcements for a counterattack.

The National Guard said the guerrillas also marched through three villages near the town of San Sebastian and had occupied a radio station in Santa Ana, the country's second biggest city, and broadcast warnings to the people not to vote in the elections Sunday.

"In different parts of the country, the guerrillas are committing all kinds of sabotage and harassment to intimidate people against voting," Coto said. "There is no pattern to this subversive campaign. It's like a lottery. Nobody knows where they will hit next."

In Washington, State Department spokesman Dean Fischer said the attacks were "a very clear example of the kind of concerted effort the

guerrillas" are making to disrupt the elections. He said it shows the left "fears the electoral process and is willing to resort to still more violence in an attempt to destroy it."

The elections pit the centrist Christian Democrats of President Jose Napoleon Duarte against five leftist parties that oppose land reforms and other measures instituted by the civilian-military junta Duarte heads.

They blame Duarte and the Christian Democrats for the economic decline El Salvador has suffered during a 2 1/2-year war with the guerrillas in which some 28,000 lives have been lost, Duarte says the rightists would return the country to the conditions of oligarchy which spawned the guerrilla movement.

The left is boycotting the elections, claiming it is a "farce" during a civil war, and that even if they wanted to compete they would face murder at the hands of rightist death squads linked to the security forces.

## 17 convicted in Dozier kidnapping

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VERONA, Italy (AP) — An Italian court yesterday convicted 17 Red Brigades terrorists of kidnapping U.S. Army Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier, and sentenced them to prison terms ranging from 26 months to 27 years.

Antonio Savasta, ringleader of the gang that abducted Dozier from his home here Dec. 17, was sentenced to 16 1/2 years in prison — 2 1/2 years more than the prosecution had demanded.

He had turned in state's evidence and police said his information led to the arrest of 200 terrorists suspects.

The lightest sentence — two years — and two months — went to Ruggero Volinia, who led police to the Padua hideout where Dozier was being held.

All defendants will be eligible for parole after serving half their terms.

After seven hours of deliberation, a three-judge panel of the Verona tribunal returned to the hushed courtroom and Chief Justice Francesco Palmieri delivered the verdict without comment.

The defendants, held in steel cages in the 13th-century courthouse, were quiet and serious as the sentence was read out. Savasta appeared nervous and shook his head.

The sentence was the clicking and whirring of photographers' cameras.

Members of the kidnapers' families paced the wooden floor or leaned against the rail separating the public from the judges, lawyers and defendants.

The convicted men and women tried to console each other with pats on the

## Soviets denounce NATO position

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union yesterday denounced NATO's decision to continue plans for deploying nuclear missiles in Western Europe and repeated threats against the United States.

The official news agency Tass, in a commentary by military analyst Vladimir Bogachyov, said NATO defense ministers showed a "negative attitude" in accusing Moscow of trying to "consolidate the Russian monopoly on missiles" in Europe.

"It is difficult to say whether ignorance or deliberate falsehood prevail in such a statement," Tass asserted.

Bogachyov said the North Atlantic Treaty Organization "would be well advised to remember" that Moscow intends to put the West, particularly U.S. territory, "in an analogous position" if the alliance adds to its arsenal aimed at the Soviet Union.

Some observers have said the "analogous position" warning may be a Soviet threat to send nuclear missiles to Cuba or Nicaragua.

The NATO defense ministers, meeting in Colorado Springs, Colo., said they will continue their schedule toward deploying 572 U.S. medium-range Pershing 2 and cruise missiles in Western Europe late next year.

The original decision for deployment, made in 1979, also called for U.S.-Soviet talks on restraining deployment of nuclear weapons in Europe.

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there would be no new NATO deployments if the Soviets dismantle their Western Europe-aimed arsenal.

Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev last month said the Soviets were freezing deployment of their triple-headed SS-20 medium-range missiles in the European part of the Soviet Union until NATO starts deployment or an agreement is reached with the United States.

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Sweet victory  
Guatemalan new junta leader, Gen. Efraim Matti, celebrates his takeover of the country following a news conference Wednesday. President-elect Gen. Angel Guerrero was ousted Tuesday after a coup.

## Shuttle's mechanical arm works well

By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL  
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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Astronaut C. Gordon Fullerton nudged the shuttle closer to its future as a space freighter yesterday, waving Columbia's robot arm and demonstrating it has the muscle to lift a payload and eventually place it in an orbit of its own.

"It there were any surprises, they were all pleasant," the pilot said. "I'm really impressed with that piece of machinery."

Said Mission Control: "We were impressed too."

Columbia, sailing smoothly, neared the halfway point of its seven-day voyage. Fullerton and commander Jack R. Lousma apparently had overcome their motion sickness and got some needed rest.

But in mid-afternoon Fullerton requested a medical conference on a private radio channel. Mission Control said he complained of an upset stomach and a flight surgeon suggested he take an antiacid pill.

The grab-and-lift was the first test of the Canadian's capacity to do the job it was built for: depositing and retrieving satellites in space and waving scientific instruments into place outside the orbiter. The arm is assigned its first for-hire duties on Flight 7, currently scheduled for April 1985, when it will release a German scientific satellite.

Canadian developers of the arm were "ecstatic, or at least as ecstatic as engineers can be," a spokesman said.

The arm acrobatics occupied most of the day. The pilots shot electron beams at the instruments while Mission Control measured the effects, and they used the elbow camera to take one more look at this

missing thermal tiles on the ship's nose.

Columbia was flying yesterday with its nose to the sun, its tail in the cold shadows. On Saturday, after 80 hours in that position, the astronauts are to fire three sets of engines in the tail to determine if they have been affected by long exposure to temperatures down to 215 degrees below zero.

The 116-orbit mission would be half over by bedtime and National Aeronautics and Space Administration workers were putting the last logistical touches on the burgeoning spacecraft being erected on the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico.

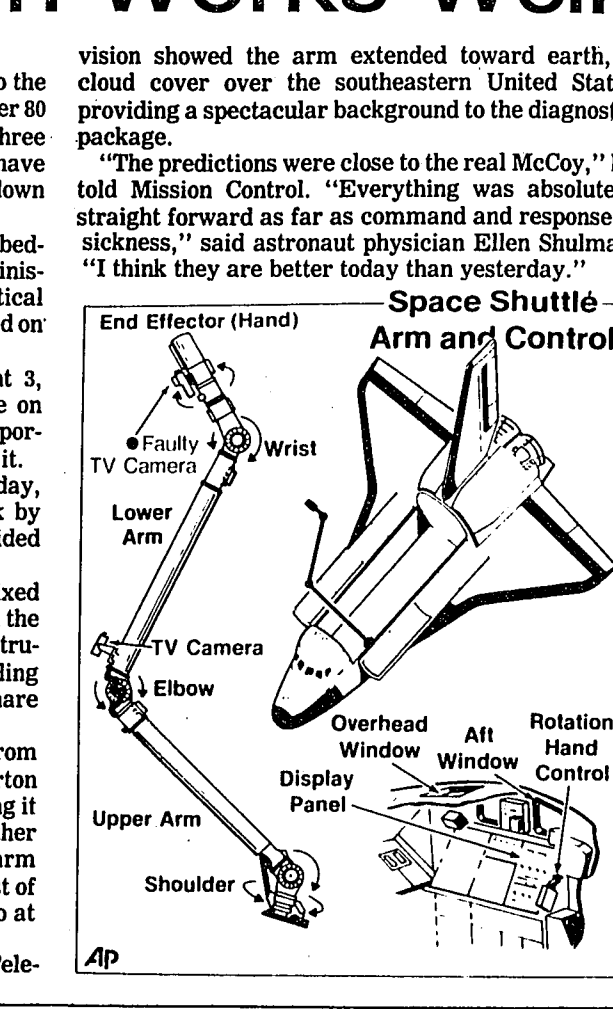
The arm test was a turning point for Flight 3, because it had been delayed by a video failure on Tuesday and there were some fears that the important demonstration might be impossible without it.

In exercising the Canadian-built arm yesterday, Fullerton was handicapped in his exacting task by the malfunction. The TV picture was to have guided him to his target.

Using a pair of binoculars and video from fixed cameras in the cargo bay, Fullerton maneuvered the arm gingerly over a package of scientific instruments in the cargo bay, lowered it onto a grapping fixture, and locked on with the crane's wire-snare hand.

Flinging the spindly arm's metallic muscles from his post at the rear of Columbia's cockpit, Fullerton lifted the 353-pound payload from its berth, moving it around the cavernous bay, careful not to hit other instruments stored there. (Eventually the arm should be lifting up to 65,000 Earth pounds — a test of mass more than weight since gravity is near zero at this altitude.)

Then he lofted it high out of the cargo bay. Tele-



## state news briefs

### Philadelphia hoogie orbits earth with shuttle

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — How better to spice up space travel than to sandwich a Philadelphia tradition — the hoogie — amid the freeze-dried and dehydrated fare aboard Columbia?

With the reusable shuttle aloft on its third mission, a suburban hoogie shop owner, a university biologist and two of his students are busy purifying hoogies, a project that could add a new taste sensation to future space flights.

They want to come up with a hoogie that meets NASA's microbiological specifications but is still, in essence, a Philadelphia hoogie: a tangy concoction of meats, cheeses, lettuce and peppers on a long, hard roll.

"Obviously the idea is that the space shuttle is the first attempt to make space travel more like air travel, with a more normal environment," said Widener University professor Richard St. John. "I assume people would rather eat a hoogie than K-rations."

St. John took the hoogie challenge from Fred Catona, who owns Swardhmore's Country Grocer Hoogie Shop. Catona has shipped his hoogies to 49 states and 18 foreign countries, but he'd like to significantly extend the range of his long-distance catering business.

Astronauts have frozen turkey or ham on two slices of rye available during the mission's first hours.

"I know I could beat that," Catona said.

### Pittsburgh approves sex education courses

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh School Board has voted 6-3 to approve a controversial sex education curriculum for the sixth through 12th grades.

The vote occurred at Wednesday's legislative meeting without discussion and happened so quickly that opponents of the measure didn't realize what happened until the meeting was half over.

Parents have rights! Parents have rights! A small group of protesters shouted in unison.

The protesters were escorted from the meeting by a security officer.

The new curriculum supersedes one created in 1967. But the revised version allows outside agencies, such as Planned Parenthood, to give lectures if the group has received district permission and has submitted an outline to the instructor.

Board member Jean Fink, who voted against the proposal, said she didn't disagree with biological aspects of the program.

"But I don't like outside agencies coming into the schools. Last year one came of with contraceptive devices. That is one thing that many parents cannot go along with," she said.

Board President David Engel said sex education is necessary because it counteracts misinformation children are exposed to.

He said he believes most parents support the curriculum. "We had a good indication of that at the last public hearing when more people testified in favor than against it," he said.

## nation news briefs

### Democrats challenge Salvadoran aid plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats yesterday challenged President Reagan's \$350 million Caribbean Basin aid package, questioning why war-torn El Salvador is to get almost 88 percent of the funds though it has no Caribbean coastline.

"Many in the Congress and the country at large see the Caribbean initiative, rightly or wrongly, as little more than a cover for increased assistance to El Salvador," said Sen. Edward Zorinsky, D-Neb.

Two Reagan administration officials, however, denied in testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the emergency economic relief program is a "cover" for stepped-up assistance to El Salvador.

"Let me assure you that is wrong; there is no such intention," U.S. Trade Representative William E. Brock told Zorinsky.

Walter J. Stoessel, deputy secretary of state, said violence and economic sabotage in El Salvador have brought its economy to the point of collapse.

Despite misgivings about El Salvador's \$128 million share, most members of the committee said they supported the main thrust of the initiative. Some, however, said they felt that trade concessions designed to stimulate the economy of Central American countries could hurt industry and labor in the United States.

### Democrats propose radical rule changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — With an unusual degree of harmony, Democrats set aside their differences yesterday and cleared the way for adoption of new rules that will radically change the makeup of the 1984 Democratic National Convention.

The full Democratic National Committee will meet today to complete action on the proposed new rules.

The new rules would roll back some of the changes adopted in the 1976 to increase grass-roots participation at conventions. Now the party is moving to give elected and party officials a stronger role in choosing the 1984 presidential nominee.

Discussing the need for unity, Lynn Cutler, vice chairman of the party, told the women's caucus, "It is critical that we form a firing squad, for once, in a straight line, not in a circle."

## world news briefs

### Conservatives lose British parliament seat

GLASGOW, Scotland (AP) — Roy Jenkins, co-leader of the young Social Democratic Party, won a special parliamentary election today in Glasgow's Hillhead district, taking a seat held by the ruling Conservatives for 63 years.

His victory in yesterday's vote could determine the future of a new alliance that is pledged to change the face of British politics.

The former chancellor of the exchequer polled 10,106 votes, a victory margin of 2,038 over his Conservative opponent, reversing a 2,000-vote Tory edge in the last election.

"The outcome is a triumph for the new deal of sense, moderation and hope we have offered," Jenkins, 61, declared to wild cheering supporters as the result was announced.

Jenkins desperately needed a victory at Hillhead to become, as widely expected, alliance leader in the fall and take the new 12-month-old centrist movement into the next general election due in two years' time. Hillhead was his last forerunner's seat in returning to the Commons before fall.

SDP co-leader Shirley Williams, 51, cast aside walking sticks she has used since a Christmas tobogganing accident, and declared: "I shall walk home on my own. We've got back into Parliament the man who will lead the alliance and will be prime minister in waiting."

### Latin Americans ready for talks with U.S.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Nicaraguan junta leader Daniel Ortega told the Security Council yesterday his Sandinista government, Cuba and leftist Salvadoran rebels were ready for immediate talks with the United States to settle differences.

Ortega, who has repeatedly accused Washington of plotting a Central American invasion, addressed a special council session convened at his urgent request.

U.S. Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, president of the council for March, said Washington was skeptical about Nicaragua's avowed interest in peace while it serves as "an active conduit" for the flow of war material to El Salvador and its other neighbors. Nicaragua has denied the American allegation.

Kirkpatrick told reporters later she did not want to comment on Ortega's peace proposals until she had time to study them. In her address to the council, she called Ortega's charges of an impending U.S.-backed invasion of Central America "as extravagant as they are baseless."

Ortega demanded that the Reagan administration "voice its commitment not to attack Nicaragua" and stop what he said was the U.S. policy of aiding armed Nicaraguan forces in Honduras and the United States. Nicaragua has accused the CIA of supporting and financing armed bands of exiles operating inside neighboring Honduras.

### U.S. consulate in Bombay attacked by 50

BOMBAY, India (AP) — Fifty people attacked the U.S. consulate with rocks and gasoline bombs yesterday. Authorities said one attacker was shot dead by police.

Police and consulate officials said at least eight cars belonging to the consulate were burned. No injuries were reported among the American staff and officials said the consulate would be open today.

Vice Consul John R. Malott requested a meeting with Chief State Minister Babasahab Bhaisale to protest what he called a lack of police protection for the consulate and slow response to the attack yesterday.

"They would have liked to gain access to the building and burn it down," Malott said. "But it was difficult to make out what their beef was against the United States. . . I would conclude they were basically looking for publicity."

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