

British to sail to Falklands; Argentina declares a fight

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BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — President Gen. Leopoldo Galtieri declared early yesterday his nation was prepared to fight to defend the Falkland Islands seized from Britain.

"If the Argentine people are attacked by military forces — be they land, naval or air forces, the Argentine nation in arms will present battle with all the means at its disposal," he was quoted by the official Argentine news agency Telam.

On Saturday, Defense Minister Amadeo Frugoli said "Argentina will not retreat from its position as regards the steps already taken." He added that the rights and property of about 1,800 British shepherders on the South Atlantic archipelago "will be respected."

Argentina renamed the capital city of the islands — which it calls the Malvinas — after a national hero. In the United Nations, the Security Council voted 10-1 for a British-sponsored resolution calling for Argentina's immediate withdrawal from the territory. Argentina's Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Menéndez said the vote showed support for "an obsolete colonial situation."

The Argentine government froze British assets Saturday night hours after Britain had frozen Argentine assets. Economy Minister Roberto Alemann also said the foreign exchange market had been closed "to avoid speculation against the (Argentine) peso that would be inappropriate at this time."

Alemann said payments to Britain "are suspended until the extent of the measures announced by the (British) prime minister are known."

The independent Argentine news agency DYN said the British nuclear submarine Superb was detected in international waters off Mar del Plata, 250 miles south of Buenos Aires and 1,000 miles north of the Falklands, seized by Argentina Friday after 149 hours of British rule.

Several thousand Argentine troops, spearheaded by marines, seized the Falklands and the dependent South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands early Friday, suffering one dead and two wounded.

Rescue workers searched for victims of Texas tornadoes

PARIS, Texas (AP) — National Guardsmen kept watch for looters Saturday as rescue workers searched for victims of a pair of tornadoes that killed eight people and left hundreds homeless in a 3-mile swath of destruction.

The capricious twisters destroyed more than 100 homes and businesses and injured at least 200 people. At least 50 people were hospitalized.

In an emergency session Friday night, council members set a weeklong 10 p.m. curfew and canceled city elections. Officers patrolled the debris-littered streets overnight and arrested 10 people for looting, officials said. National Guard troops were called in to reinforce the 150 officers from other Texas cities and southern Oklahoma manning roadblocks around the devastated area.

Residents, many of whom stayed with friends overnight, emerged at daybreak to survey the ruins of their homes and businesses.

At least 300 families were left homeless by the twisters. Paris City Manager Bob Solari said Friday. He estimated it would take workers two to three days to restore utility service to the area.

Lamar County Chief Deputy Sheriff Ted Gibson said the city's emergency warning system was "inadequate" because it consisted only of police and fire sirens in various parts of Paris. The City Council was scheduled to vote on a new warning system at its next meeting, Gibson said, adding the council turned down a proposal to install warning sirens last year.

"I don't think it would have made any difference," said Paris Mayor Billy Joe Burnett.

The tornadoes were among 78 reported eight-day Friday and Saturday that claimed 29 lives in five states. One more Texan was killed as at least one twister followed U.S. Highway 82 through several other communities Friday, officials said.

Rescue workers feared more bodies would be found in Paris.

Great Britain

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LONDON (AP) — A British armada will sail today for the Argentine-occupied Falkland Islands, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told angry Parliament members demanding her resignation. Prince Andrew, a helicopter pilot, will be aboard a carrier leading the 40-ship fleet on the more than two-week voyage.

"It is the government's objective to see that the islands are freed from occupation and returned to British administration at the earliest possible opportunity," Thatcher told the House of Commons at its first Saturday session since the 1956 Suez Canal crisis.

"The Falkland Islands remain British territory. No aggression and no invasion can alter that simple fact." Several thousand Argentine troops seized the South Atlantic archipelago from 79 British marines Friday. Argentina vowed Saturday to hold it and renamed the capital in honor of an Argentine hero.

The United Nations Security Council approved a resolution Saturday calling for the immediate withdrawal of Argentine troops from the islands. The United States was among the 10 nations voting in favor of the resolution; Panama was the lone dissenter. There were four abstentions.

British Ambassador Sir Anthony Parsons said the vote was a "valuable demonstration that whatever view the non-aligned may have on the substance of problems, there is a very widespread objection to their being settled by the use of force."

Argentine Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Menéndez said the vote was lending support to "an obsolete colonial situation."

An Argentine news agency said the British nuclear submarine Superb was already off Mar del Plata, 1-900 miles north of the Falklands and that hospitals in Mar del Plata had red crosses painted on their roofs and were told to prepare for casualties in the event of hostilities.

There was no official comment on the report and Thatcher and Defense Secretary John Nott stopped short of an outright commitment to attack. But Nott said it "is diplomatically futile" and "that they probably will" — to dialogue with the Argentines.

"We will then have no choice but to press forward with our plans, retaining secrecy where necessary and flexibility to act as circumstances then demand."

Press Association, the British domestic news agency, quoting authoritative sources, said the task force would leave from Portsmouth, England and the British naval base at Gibraltar off Spain's southern tip. It said the fleet would rendezvous at Ascension Island. The tiny South Atlantic island, 3,000 miles from the Falklands, is the nearest British possession to the islands.

Thatcher said Britain must preserve the islanders' right to stay British. "Their way of life is British. Their allegiance is to the Crown. They are few in number, but they have a right to live in peace. They do not want to be Argentine," she said.

Thatcher said Falkland Islands Governor Rex Hunt, flown to Uruguay, told her on the telephone that the 79 Royal Marines had tried to defend his residence against overwhelming Argentine forces. The defenders killed one Argentine and wounded two. Hunt and the others were to fly to London yesterday.

world news briefs

PLO blamed for shooting of Israeli diplomat

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel yesterday called on all countries where the Palestine Liberation Organization has offices to shut them down to protest the assassination of an Israeli diplomat in Paris.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir called for the closure of PLO offices to help stop "an incessant chain of murders and terrorist actions in many countries," Barsimantov, a second secretary of the Israeli Embassy in Paris, was shot to death by a woman as his wife and daughter looked on in horror. The shooting took place in the lobby of a Paris apartment building. Memorial services were held for him yesterday at the Israel Embassy in Paris.

His body was flown to Israel yesterday in a flag-draped coffin for burial today. The United States has not supported Israel's view that attacks on Israelis abroad are violations of the cease-fire with the Palestinians.

For several weeks Washington has feared that Israel would launch a military operation in Lebanon before it completes its return of the Sinai to Egypt. Israel has occupied the Sinai since the 1973 Middle East war.

Israeli security lifts curfew in Golan Heights

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Israeli security forces Saturday lifted the remaining curfews imposed on Druse Arab villages in the Golan Heights two days earlier, the military command said.

The army ended the curfews in the villages of Masad and Majdel Shams Thursday following demonstrations and the refusal of the Arabs to accept the military papers. Curfews ended Friday in the villages of Buqata and Ein Qunya after all the residents accepted the new papers.

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Wedding brings Kennedy allure to Indiana

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — The groom's family brought the Kennedy mystique and the bride's family added Hostess hospitality for the wedding Saturday of Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Emily Ruth Black.

The couple, who met while attending the University of Virginia's law school, were to exchange vows in a joint Catholic-Protestant ceremony Saturday night at First Christian Church.

A string trio was to play classical music, including Handel's march from "Suite No. 1," instead of the traditional wedding march. During the ceremony presided over by the Rev. Terry Ewing, the church pastor, and Rev. Gerry Creton, a Catholic priest from Arlington, Va., and a friend of the Kennedy family. The reception was set for the Indiana Memorial Union on the wooded campus of Indiana University. Many of the 25 people on hand, including Ethel Kennedy, the groom's mother, and his four sisters and six brothers, stayed overnight in the Union.

Federal agency arranges mergers for banks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators on Saturday helped arrange two more rescue mergers of ailing savings institutions, in Philadelphia and Chicago. The one in Philadelphia created the nation's largest savings bank.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. put together the takeover of Western Savings Bank, based in Haverford, Pa., by the Philadelphia Savings Fund Society to keep Western from failure, an FDIC announcement said.

The combination will have assets of \$8.5 billion, restoring PSFS to the position of largest savings bank it held until the New York Bank for Savings was merged into the Buffalo Savings Bank last month.

An announcement from the Federal Home Loan Bank Board said First Financial Savings and Loan of Downers Grove, Ill., would be merged into First Federal Bank of Chicago.

The Chicago combination will have assets of more than \$4.3 billion.

Saturday's deal will cost the FDIC \$224 million in notes, special interest concessions and other financial inducements granted to PSFS to complete the merger, the FDIC said.

GM workers approve contract concessions

DETROIT (AP) — United Auto Workers locals have voted so far to approve a contract concessions package with General Motors Corp. by a 57 percent margin, according to unofficial returns released yesterday.

Workers at 10 GM plants and warehouses voted Saturday in favor of the tentative pact, while two other plants in Ohio and New York rejected the contract, according to returns from local leaders.

The UAW leadership is not releasing a running tally of the returns, as it did during ratification of a new contract with Ford Motor Co.

"We're not making the vote total public until the vote totals are in," UAW spokesman Dave Mitchell said yesterday. The announcement of vote totals "could be as soon as Friday."

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state news briefs

5 Pa. residents killed in 2-car collision

ELYSBURG, Pa. (AP) — Five Northumberland County residents were killed when two cars collided on Route 54 near here, police said.

The cars collided head-on in the southbound lanes at about 7 p.m. Saturday, but the cause of the accident was not known, police said yesterday.

The cars' drivers, John Schmidt of Elysburg and Chester Stutzman of Mount Carmel, were pronounced dead at the scene Saturday, according to a statement from the Northumberland County district attorney's office.

Three passengers in Stutzman's vehicle died a short time later at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, the statement said.

They were identified as Mrs. Stutzman, whose first name was unknown, and Harry and Elizabeth Jones of Mount Carmel, the statement said.

Penn charter purchased at London auction

NEW YORK (AP) — The new owner of William Penn's copy of the Royal Charter of Pennsylvania is Benjamin Coates, whose ancestors once owned the only other copy of the document.

The acquisition was "significant to me and to my family, for it completes the circle, so to speak, first circumscribed by my great-great grandfather through his early possession of the charter bearing the Great Seal," Coates told the New York Times in London.

The charter was purchased anonymously for \$48,000 during an auction of historic documents Thursday at Christie's auction house here.

It was then disclosed that it was purchased by Coates, president of Coates Brothers Ltd., a real estate and banking firm with offices here and in London. It will be added to his private collection.

John Reynal Coates gave his copy to the state in 1812, and it is displayed at the Pennsylvania Historical Museum in Harrisburg.

The Penn family copy just bought is not as ornate as that in the Pennsylvania museum and the Great Seal is missing, but Christie's officials say it is in better condition.

Coates' great-great grandfather was John Reynal Coates, who was agent for the family. He became the owner of the only other copy of the 1680 document.


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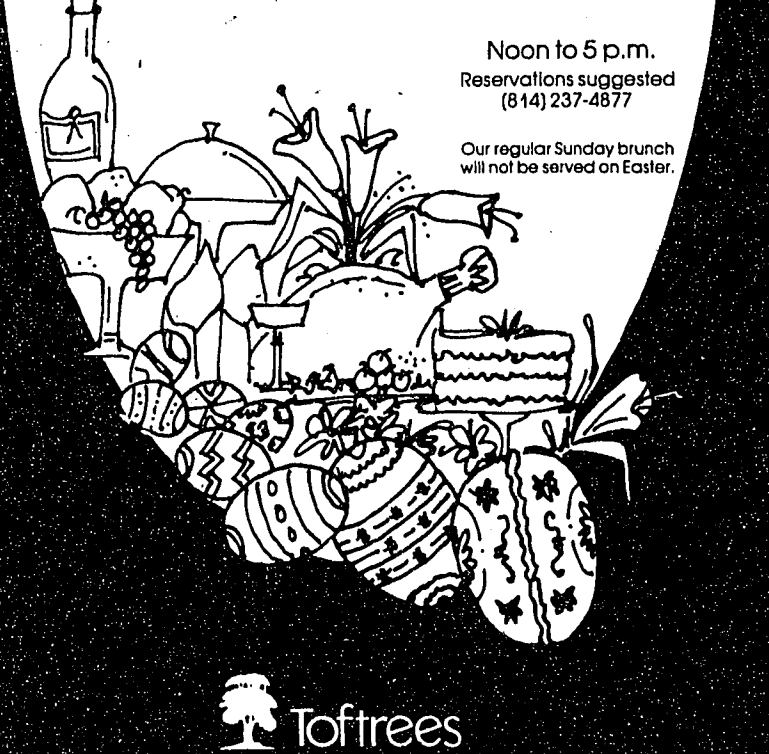
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Mexican volcano erupts, lava hurled

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PICHUICALCO, Mexico (AP) — El Chichonal volcano hurled hot rocks, burning lava and debris for miles Saturday night, injuring at least 12 people in the biggest eruption since the southeastern Mexico peak turned active last week.

Earth tremors and loud underground rumblings preceded the eruption at 8:10 p.m. (9:10 p.m. EST), visible eight miles away in villages near Pichuicalco, a poor village of 15,000 people about 20 miles from the mountain. Minutes later hot volcanic debris began pelting the village's huts, most of them built with thatch and flimsy tin.

"All those who have cars or trucks are leaving here," said Carmen Carballo, wife of Pichuicalco's Mayor Manuel Carballo. She said others were seeking refuge in the municipal hall, built of brick and concrete roofing, where the mayor set up an emergency center.

At Villahermosa, the capital of Tabasco state, 35 miles to the north of the volcano, the smoke and volcanic dust was so dense it covered the night sky and the moon stopped being visible.

Commander Rosendo Martell, the area's Red Cross chief, said at his headquarters in Villahermosa the rain of hot ashes and debris — mostly hot pebbles — was falling over an area where 70,000 people lived. He said the debris was falling in all directions around the peak.

Twelve Red Cross ambulances arrived at Villahermosa after the volcano blew, each carrying at least one injured person, drivers told reporters. They refused to give more details and so other immediate reports of casualties were reported.

Martell said the Red Cross has set up a radio network throughout the area for emergency aid.

El Chichonal turned active last Monday and several big eruptions have occurred since. But geologists here and in Villahermosa said Saturday night's was the biggest to date.

Hundreds of poor farmers, their roots deeply planted in the mountains around a volcano, have been trying to return to their ash-covered homes while others violently refuse to be evacuated.

"I don't know what we are going to do now, but we were born here and we want to die here," a campesino, or peasant farmer, said as he stood by the side of the road earlier Saturday trying to sell his three lambs. "It's going to be impossible for them to survive here."

Defense Minister Gen. Felix Galvan Lopez said Saturday the death toll was 21 from El Chichonal's major eruption Monday and a lesser one Wednesday. Hundreds of others were injured.

An estimated 5,000 people in settlements on the slopes of the volcano had not been reached by rescuers by Saturday, five days after the first eruption. Planes dropped supplies into the area, but rescuers did not know if they reached their targets.

About 45,000 heads of families have been left without work because an estimated 250,000 acres of agricultural land will no longer be productive, Galvan Lopez said.

In the first few days after the initial eruption, some campesinos fled. But by the end of the week, groups who were returning home, either for their belongings or to stay, were seen walking along the roads.

"This is ours, where are we going to go?" a woman asked as she swept the porch of her house on the edge of this city. Three of her seven children played with volcanic sand as if they were on the beach.

The ash reached a depth of 20 inches in some places.

In Chupultenango, a town of 3,000 people 12 miles from the base of the volcano, rescue workers said villagers hurled rocks at them when they were told they should leave.



In mourning
An aunt of one of three men found shot to death in San Salvador mourns yesterday. The men were security guards for a nearby shopping center.

Storms ravage nation; tornadoes reported in East

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A merciless storm carried high winds, rain and fierce tornadoes to the East on Saturday after unleashing dozens of twisters on the nation's midsection and blasting the West with snow and rain. Nationwide, 31 people were killed and hundreds injured.

The tornadoes — some 79 were reported within a triangle bounded by Texas, Ohio and Georgia — wrecked millions of dollars in property, left hundreds homeless, cut off power and snapped utility poles and trees. The storm derailed part of a train, blew apart a post office, and swooped down to kill 39,000 chickens in its coop.

While the northern Plains shivered under a blast of high winds, hail and snow that closed

schools and slickened roads, residents of San Jose, Calif., got a brief break from the week of rain and floods that has forced 1,800 people from their homes.

The ominous clouds that rumbled into the mid-Atlantic states Saturday brought thunderstorms early in the day and at least one tornado in Georgia, where one death was reported. Although forecasters said the storm would not be as severe in the East as it was in the Plains, a severe thunderstorm watch was issued Saturday night for parts of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and Virginia.

Nolan Duke of the National Weather Service in Kansas City, Mo., said 79 twisters were reported Friday and Saturday. "It's the right time of year for this kind of thing," he said.

The twisters were spawned by the collision of cold air from the north and warm air from the south. They killed nine people in Texas, 13 in Arkansas, three in Mississippi, two in Missouri.

A 9-year-old boy Scout died in Ohio when high winds blew a tree onto the tent where he was camping out, and a 70-year-old Wisconsin man was killed when he lost control of his car on a slippery Minnesota road. In Georgia, high winds on Saturday blew a mobile home on a 66-year-old man, killing him. A Virginia man died when his boat was overturned by winds gusting to 50 mph.

Tornadoes also were sighted in Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Louisiana and Illinois. In Washington, D.C., Red Cross spokesman said volunteers had been sent to tornado sites in six states — Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Ohio and Indiana.

As thunderstorms pushed east Saturday, scattered power outages blacked out thousands

of people in New York, New Jersey, North Carolina and Connecticut.

Winds up to 60 mph blew two forest fires of 100 and 600 acres out of control in North Carolina. "The winds are so high we can't fly the aircraft," said Dane Rolan, spokesman for the state Forest Resources Division.

A twister knifed through a 3-mile-wide stretch of Paris, Texas, flattening everything in its path, killing eight people and injuring at least 200. A 200-unit apartment complex was wrecked.

"It was a dark cloud billowing from the north," said Margaret Sotterman, who was dug out from under a collapsed wall of a church.

State police patrolled 100 demolished homes and businesses to guard against looters, while paramedics dug for more bodies. Survivors wandered around what was left of their homes — the foundations.

Ten tornadoes struck 20 sites across Arkansas, authorities said. Storm and flood damage statewide exceeded \$8 million, said Leon McGoogan, director of Emergency Services in Arkansas.

In Peru, Ind., a tornado ripped through downtown at 2 a.m. Saturday, causing three injuries and ripping out gas pumps, blowing apart the post office and damaging 11 businesses, 150 homes and at least 50 cars.

In Indiana's Carroll County, 35,000 chickens were killed when winds destroyed their coop. High winds derailed a few cars of a Central train, which spilled dry chlorine, and 200 people were evacuated for a few hours while it was cleaned up. No injuries were reported. Statewide, at least \$2 million in damage was reported, officials said.