

## Embassy explosion death count rising

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BEIRUT, Lebanon — Searchers recovered six more bodies from the bomb-shattered U.S. Embassy yesterday and continued their grim task with at least 47 people believed killed in the worst attack ever on a U.S. facility here.

There were 24 confirmed deaths and 23 other people were missing and presumed dead.

Embassy spokesman John Reid said eight Americans were confirmed dead and eight others were missing from the massive explosion at lunchtime Monday. Among the confirmed dead was Robert Clayton Ames, the CIA's Near East and South Asian analyst, officials said in Washington in a rare case of naming a CIA agent who worked abroad.

There was no clear picture of how the attack was carried out, but most accounts said a terrorist drove an explosives-laden vehicle into the compound and perished in the blast.

Ten Lebanese embassy employees, visa applicants and visitors were confirmed dead, while 20 others were missing, said Reid. The 47th victim listed was an embassy visitor of unknown nationality, he said.

The privately owned Central News Agency said the bombing was an attempt to kill U.S. presidential envoy Philip C. Habib and his assistant Morris Draper. It quoted unnamed government officials as saying Habib and Draper had been scheduled to be at the

embassy when the bomb exploded at 1:05 p.m., but were delayed by talks with Lebanese leaders at the presidential palace in suburban Baabda. U.S. Embassy officials were not available for comment on that report.

Habib went to the embassy at midday yesterday and later flew to Israel. He did not attend yesterday's session of the U.S.-Israeli Lebanese talks on troop withdrawals from Lebanon, but Draper did. After the meeting at Netanya, Israel, Draper said the bombing "just makes us more determined to press on" for an agreement.

After Reid's announcement, workers recovered six more mutilated bodies and parts of bodies from the destroyed embassy cafeteria, but it was not clear how that affected the breakdown of casualties.

Police said 120 people were wounded in the explosion, including 22 Americans. American University Hospital, where most of the victims were taken, said 66 injured had been discharged while another 19 remained hospitalized.

The bodies were removed from beneath chunks of masonry and concrete left in huge piles by the bomb. It blasted off the center facade, collapsed all seven floors in the central section and caused heavy damage to the two wings.

A crane lifted workers on a platform to the fifth-floor level where they removed a torso that could be seen from the street. The bodies were wrapped in plastic sheets and taken away in ambulances.



An aerial view of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut shows damage done after a bomb exploded outside the building Monday. There have been 24 confirmed deaths, including eight Americans, resulting from the blast. Twenty-three people are still missing.

## Government won't impose new truck routes

Some Pennsylvania highways to be free of double-trailer trucks

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WASHINGTON — The federal government yesterday pulled back from imposing highway routes for double-trailer trucks in Pennsylvania and three other states that challenged the regulations in court.

While the decision affects only Vermont, Pennsylvania, Georgia and Alabama, administration officials acknowledged that routes opened to the larger trucks in some other states also might be changed because of complaints from state officials.

Ray Barnhart, federal highway administrator, said in a statement the agency "will continue to work with the other states to address any of their concerns regarding the... route designation."

He said the administration will begin a separate rule-making procedure to

determine by next October the final routes in the four states that filed suit.

The federal highway officials set off loud protests in more than a dozen eastern states April 5 by opening almost 140,000 miles of non-Interstate highways to the double-trailer trucks, 40 percent more miles than the states had agreed to open.

The states that filed suit said many of the roads selected by the highway administration were unsafe for the large double-trailer rigs.

Faced with temporary restraining orders in some cases, the Transportation Department agreed to withdraw the regulation in the states that have gone to court.

"For the immediate future we're returning to the routes that the (four) states had designated," said Mark Rutnick, a lawyer in the Justice Department.

For Vermont, the change means the double trailers will continue to be prohibited on all roads but the Interstates; in Pennsylvania, it cuts the designated route from 2,221 miles to 493 miles of non-Interstate highways; in Georgia, it reduces the miles from 2,909 to 49; and in Alabama, it prohibits the trucks on virtually all non-Interstate roads.

The regulations designating 180,000 miles of highway, including about 40,000 miles of the Interstate system, for the double-trailer trucks were widely condemned by a conference of state legislators last week. The group called on Congress to overrule the Transportation Department.

Congress legalized the twin-trailer trucks nationwide as part of legislation passed just before Christmas that increased the federal gasoline tax by 5 cents. Fourteen states had prohibited the trailers, which are widely used in the West.

## Gandhi's ideals ignored at home

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NEW DELHI, India — Thousands die in a violent state election campaign. Hunger strikes last an hour with protesters fasting in "relay teams." Politicians who cannot draw a crowd can rent one.

At a time when an Academy Award-winning movie epic is acquainting millions of people around the world with the beliefs and values of Mohandas K. Gandhi, many

of his ideals have eroded at home. Gandhi, India's "great soul" and a leader of the independence movement, for years urged his countrymen to spin and wear khadi (homespun cotton cloth), both to weaken the British textile industry here and because he believed people should work for what they receive.

Today, synthetic "terico" is fashionable. Khadi is out.

Dozens of Indian government employees, stripped to their underwear, paraded through the streets

## MX: Reagan supports new plan

By TERENCE HUNT  
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WASHINGTON — President Reagan embraced a plan yesterday to build 100 MX missiles and put them in existing launch silos, predicting it "will mean a safer, more secure America" and put pressure on Moscow to negotiate nuclear arms cuts.

Even congressional critics conceded the proposal has a far better chance of winning approval than Reagan's first two attempts to deploy the MX.

"Preserving the peace requires more than wishful thinking and vague good intentions," Reagan said. "Concrete, positive action is required to free the world from the spectre of nuclear conflict."

The plan, drafted by the President's Commission on Strategic Forces, calls for putting the MX, armed with 10 nuclear warheads, in Minuteman missile silos near Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming, and beginning work on a new, single-warhead missile to be ready for deployment in the early 1980s.

Deploying the MX missile and developing the smaller, single-warhead weapon, sometimes dubbed "Midgetman" would cost \$18.9 billion over the next five years, according to commission estimates. That would be in addition to \$4 billion already spent on MX research.

"Make no mistake," Reagan said. "Unless we modernize our land-based missile systems, the Soviet Union will have no real reason to negotiate meaningful reductions. If we fail to act, we cannot reasonably expect an ac-



Although Mohandas K. Gandhi believed that civil disobedience — including spinning one's own khadi cloth — could change India, these government employees recently stripped to their underwear for another reason: They demanded that they be issued synthetic cloth uniforms, instead of the out-of-fashion khadi ones.

When Gandhi called for massive civil disobedience, hundreds of thousands of Indians stopped work and demonstrated, paralyzing the country.

Today, there is India's version of the "rent-a-crowd," which for a word of banknotes can lend weight to a protest. Just before the elections, Gandhi's political party was declared dead or missing from February election violence in Assam state. Sikhs in Punjab state are raising a 100,000-man "do-or-die" army to battle for religious and political concessions from Mrs. Gandhi.

Officials of the Gandhi Peace Foundation here maintain his teachings still are relevant. Most Indians would agree in principle but not in practice.

ceptable negotiations in our arms control negotiations.

Rep. Joseph Addabbo, D-N.Y., who helped marshal a 69-vote margin of defeat for Reagan's MX plan in the House last December, predicted it would be rejected again. "I don't believe it will be as wide a margin as we had last year," Addabbo said. He predicted MX foes will win by less than 10 votes this time.

Rep. Jack Edwards, R-Ala., a key backer, said: "I'm going to get a lot of Addabbo's votes. I think it's going to pass by a squeaker."

House Republican Leader Robert Michel, an MX supporter, said that if Addabbo was counting on winning by less than 10 votes, "I have to be optimistic about it."

Standing in the driveway outside the White House, Michel said: "We only elect one president at a time. Members of Congress are going to think a second and a third time before really cutting the legs out from under our negotiating team in Geneva."

House Democratic Leader Jim Wright predicted the plan would be approved.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said Addabbo, chairman of the Appropriations defense subcommittee, has agreed to separate the MX plan from the defense budget, and to begin work on it next week.

The administration is trying to sell the MX package as the product of a bipartisan commission, just as it promoted the Social Security bailout plan drafted by a bipartisan group.

## state news briefs

**Philadelphia major crime down 6%**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Mayor William Green, citing FBI statistics that show crime in Philadelphia declined 6 percent last year, said the nation's fourth largest city also is its safest big city.

The FBI said major crimes — homicides, rapes, robberies and larceny, aggravated assault, burglary and auto theft — declined 4 percent nationally.

The statistics showed Philadelphia was last among the nation's 10 largest cities, with 5,610 offenses per 100,000 population. In 1981 the city was fifth.

The FBI reported that Detroit had the highest crime rate last year, with 12,858 major offenses per 100,000 persons.

## Pulitzer winner Uplike honored

HARRISBURG (AP) — Pulitzer Prize winning author John Uplike became the fourth recipient of the Distinguished Pennsylvania Artist award yesterday. Gov. Dick Thornburgh announced.

Uplike, a native of the Berks County community of Shillington who now lives in Beverly Farms, Mass., has written 26 books over the last 25 years. He received the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1982 for "Rabbit Is Rich," the last of three novels about the fictional exploits of Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom.

"This award, representing the highest honor the commonwealth can bestow upon its artists, is in recognition and appreciation of the literary and personal contribution John Uplike has made to our people," Thornburgh said.

## nation news briefs

**Personal income up 0.6% in March**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans' personal income rose a healthy 0.6 percent in March, its biggest gain since last fall, the government figures showed yesterday. Economists welcomed the report as a signal consumers will increase their recently sluggish spending and keep the recovery going.

In fact, personal consumption spending did increase 0.4 percent in March after declining slightly in February, the Commerce Department said. Income had risen just 0.1 percent in February.

Commenting on the income gain, Robert Ortner, the department's chief economist, said, "The best part is that a large chunk of it is wages and salaries."

Government officials and private analysts have said repeatedly that although recovery from the log recession was clearly under way, continued increases in production depended heavily on consumers beginning to spend more on stores.

## Abortion amendment sent to Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate judiciary committee voted yesterday to send to the Senate floor, without recommendation, a proposed constitutional amendment to undo the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion.

The action came after the committee tied 9-9 on the amendment, sponsored by Sen. Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, which says: "The right to abortion is not secured by this Constitution."

The amendment, if passed by both houses of Congress and ratified by 38 states, would not outlaw abortion, nor would it restore old laws struck down by the 1973 decision. But it would empower both the states and Congress to enact new bans or restrictions.

Under committee rules, the legislation could not be sent to the floor with a tie vote. However, Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr., D-Del., the ranking committee Democrat, whined against the amendment, proposed that the panel send it to the floor without recommendation, which it did by voice vote.

Hatch said: "For the first time in our history, we will have a vehicle to debate the issue of abortion on the floor of the Senate."

## world news briefs

**Officials in Poland warn protesters**

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Poland's Communist leadership issued a sharp warning yesterday that May Day protests called by the Solidarity underground could jeopardize the planned visit of Pope John Paul II in June.

The statement, issued jointly by the Communist Party Politburo and the government, came hours after Gdansk police released Solidarity chief Lech Walesa from four hours of interrogation. It was the third time in a week he had questioned him about his contacts with the underground.

Former Solidarity spokesman Janusz Onyszkiewicz, meanwhile, was arrested and accused of underground activity and preparation for "illegal" May Day demonstrations, Warsaw television reported. Onyszkiewicz was released Dec. 23 after more than a year of internment by martial law authorities.

By calling worker's day demonstrations May 1, the government said, the underground sought to "cast a shadow over the preparations for, and put into question, the conditions necessary for a papal visit."

The communiqué, distributed by the official Polish news agency PAP and read over state-run television, was the strongest official warning yet that unrest could force postponement of the papal visit June 16-22.

## Vietnamese troops fight Cambodians

By The Associated Press

Vietnamese troops battled Cambodian guerrillas for five hours yesterday near the Thai-Cambodian border for control of a water hole. And on the northeastern side of Indochina, the Cambodian guerrillas' Chinese allies claimed their gunners "severely punished" Vietnamese troops to blow up a Chinese hospital and school.

The Vietnamese and Khmer Rouge guerrillas fought for control of a water hole east of Phnom Chat, the Khmer Rouge border stronghold from which the Vietnamese drove the guerrillas three weeks ago, a Thai officer in the border area reported. He said he did not know the outcome of the fighting.

Sporadic clashes were also reported south of Phnom Chat, near main base. But in the central sector opposite the Thai border town of Aranyaprathet, the Vietnamese had withdrawn six to nine miles from the border, a Thai army spokesman in Bangkok reported.

## stock report

**Indexes surpass previous record**

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock prices turned downward in a profit-taking yesterday ending a run of eight straight gains that carried the market to record highs.

Many of the day's stable advances and declines stemmed from earnings developments as the quarterly reporting season neared its peak.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, up 110 Monday, dropped back 8.70 to 1,174.54.

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