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Chile anti-govt. protests over

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SANTIAGO, Chile — Two days of anti-government protests that claimed nine lives ended early yesterday and newspapers called on the military regime of President Augusto Pinochet to resume talks with opposition political parties.

Pinochet, an army general who will celebrate his 11th anniversary in power next Tuesday, has declared he will rule for another five years.

'The country will continue protesting however many times it is necessary to recover our democracy. There will be new days of protest and mobilization.'

—Juan Claudio Reyes, protest coordinating committee

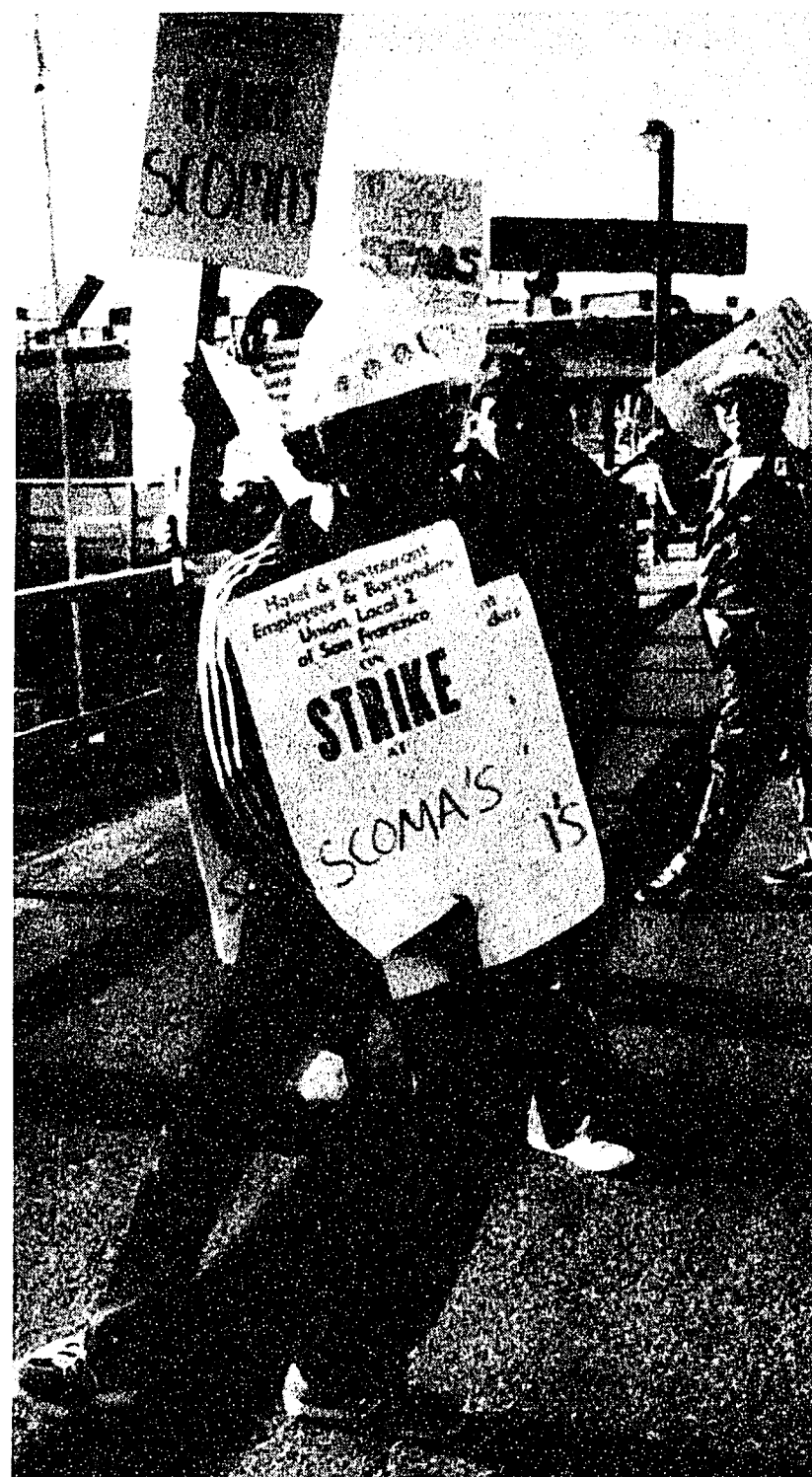
Pro-government newspapers urged him in editorials to open talks with the non-Marxist opposition about a gradual transition to democracy. "If the regime doesn't take orderly steps, the process will escape its control," said one newspaper, El Mercurio.

town funeral Mass Friday for a French priest who was shot to death during demonstrations in a slum neighborhood.

A communist-led slum dwellers organization, which can mobilize thousands of followers, called for massive turnout at the service for the Rev. Andre Jarlan and "other victims of the dictatorship." The priest was killed Tuesday in his office by a bullet fired from the outside, where demonstrators were battling armed riot police.

The protest, called by Marxist and centrist political parties, was one of the strongest actions against the government in 16 months of growing opposition, even though many Chileans ignored the call to stay home and tried to go to their jobs. Thousands of truckers and shopkeepers stopped working to press their economic demands and university students boycotted classes.

Most of the deaths resulted from clashes between riot police and young people in the working class districts around Santiago. Commuter buses were withdrawn from the streets Wednesday night to avoid the demonstrations, and many neighborhoods were blocked off by burning tires and tree trunks used as barricades manned by rock-throwing youths.



Walking the line
Picketers show their views in front of Scoma's Restaurant on San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf. Scoma's is one of eight major eateries that 300 members of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union Local 2 have "struck."

Police blame agitators for S. African riots

By TOM BALDWIN
Associated Press Writer

SHARPEVILLE, South Africa — Four senior Cabinet members, peering out through the steel mesh on police bus windows, inspected riot-scarred black townships south of Johannesburg yesterday.

The rioting broke out during a one-day boycott of classes and of jobs to protest the rent increases.

After seeing Sharpeville, the ministers flew by helicopter to nearby Sebokeng and Evaton, where they again traveled by bus. Their convoy approached a crowd of young blacks in Sebokeng and turned down a side street and drove around the crowd. Le Grange said police wanted to avoid any confrontations.

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"There are individuals and other forces and organizations very clearly behind what is happening in the Vaal Triangle. More than that I would not like to comment at this stage."

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state news briefs

Worried mother finds son alive

MEADVILLE (AP) — The mother of a 17-year-old Pennsylvania boy, who rushed to Meadville City Hospital when told that her son had been killed in a traffic accident, was in the emergency room when the boy walked through the door, authorities said.

Friends of Herbert Jolly, 17, of Meadville, apparently mistook him for a 23-year-old man who died Wednesday after the bicycle he was riding collided with a car on a city street, police said.

Word reached Jolly's mother before the victim's identity was established, said Robert Montgomery, a friend of the Jolly family.

"When the young man walked through the door, the family was relieved to see it was him and quietly left our emergency room," said Catherine Maynard, a nursing director at City Hospital.

Police identified the victim of the accident as Mogologolo David Mchabeleng, 23, of Pietersburg, South Africa.

Mchabeleng, a student at Allegheny College, apparently failed to heed a stop sign Tuesday night and drove his bicycle into the path of a 1976 GMC, said police Lt. Robert Mullen.

Jacksons to give 'rain check' show

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Vowing to accept "rain-soaked" ticket stubs from the canceled Labor Day show, promoters announced yesterday that the Jacksons will return their "Victory" tour to this city for two concerts Sept. 28-29.

"People showed such tremendous loyalty sitting through that rain so long Monday night, the Jacksons felt the least they could do is reciprocate," said Jim Murray of Stadium Management Corp., the national promoter.

Murray said those presenting ticket stubs from Monday's show, "rain-soaked or not," would be admitted to the Sept. 28 show. Tickets for the additional concert Sept. 29 go on sale next Tuesday at Ticketron and other outlets that handled sales for last weekend's three shows, he said.

Refunds from the Labor Day show will be available at least through Sept. 15, Murray said.

nation news briefs

Ohio says: 'No more happy hours'

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The Ohio Liquor Control Commission voted unanimously yesterday to outlaw happy hours, in which bars and taverns offer drinks at two-for-one or three-for-one prices.

The new liquor rule, which becomes effective Sept. 20, is designed to discourage bar practices that contribute to excessive drinking — especially just before bars close and patrons are apt to drive away after drinking too much.

Under the rule, bar operators cannot serve a patron more than one drink in a single order.

The change does not prevent taverns from offering reduced drink prices, except that no pricing specials can be held within two hours of a liquor establishment's closing time.

House may ban African consulates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Foreign Affairs Committee yesterday urged the Reagan administration to ban honorary South African consulates as a sign of U.S. displeasure with the country's racial segregation policies.

The non-binding resolution, approved on a voice vote, said the United States should cease granting permission for the honorary consulates and rescind the approval already granted for one in Pittsburgh.

An honorary consulate in this country usually is no more than the appointment of a U.S. citizen without official duties or diplomatic privileges as a symbolic, public-relations representative of a foreign government.

Rep. Howard Wolpe, D-Mich., chairman of the Africa subcommittee, said the resolution helped point out congressional objections to the administration's policy of toning down criticism of South Africa.

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Spanish painter to undergo surgery

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Surrealist painter Salvador Dali, 80, will undergo skin graft surgery for burns today in hopes of averting infection.

Dali, who was admitted to Pilar Clinic after being burned on his upper legs and groin in a fire in his bedroom Aug. 30, agreed to the operation yesterday, doctors said.

Also yesterday, a magistrate in La Bisbal, a town near Dali's Pubol Castle home, began an inquiry into the fire in which Dali was injured. Dali has lived as a recluse in his castle 75 miles north of Barcelona since the death of his wife, Gala, in 1982.

Robert Descharnes, a friend of the painter who was staying at the castle at the time of the fire, has said he was awakened by smoke coming from Dali's bedroom around 5 a.m. He said he, a nurse and a paramilitary civil guard pulled Dali out of the burning room.

Pope tells group to fight euthanasia
CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (AP) — Pope John Paul II, speaking to a 300-member Roman Catholic university group yesterday, appealed for a fight against euthanasia — or mercy killings.

"The duty which is needed in the Christian community in such a socio-cultural context is more than a simple condemnation of euthanasia, or the simple attempt to block the road toward a possible spreading and legalization of it," the pontiff said.

The opposition to euthanasia "must be taken as a dramatic appeal to all believers and all men of good will to urgently promote with every means and at every level a true cultural change in the road of our society," he said.

"Further delays and negligence could be translated into the suppression of an incalculable number of human lives," he said.

The pope spoke at his summer home 15 miles outside of Rome. He also called on church members to "oppose every attempt to legalize euthanasia, and also to press forward in the fight against abortion."

Chernenko fails to join mourners
MOSCOW (AP) — A day after his re-emergence in public after a long absence, Soviet leader Konstantin U. Chernenko apparently failed to join fellow Politburo members mourning Deputy Premier Leonid A. Kostandov.

Soviet television and the official news agency Tass neither showed nor listed the 72-year-old Chernenko among the mourners at Moscow's House of the Soviet Army, where Kostandov's body is lying in state.

The funeral in Red Square is scheduled for tomorrow.

Chernenko was not the only Politburo member missing from the lineup, and protocol would not require his presence. Kostandov was one of 10 Soviet deputy premiers.

Kostandov died of a heart attack Wednesday in East Berlin after leading a Soviet delegation to the Leipzig trade fair.

Chernenko attended a Kromli memorial ceremony Wednesday and was shown on television presenting medals to three Soviet cosmonauts.

Foreign politics:

South Korea, Japan move toward historic diplomatic relationship

By JIM ABRAMS
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TOKYO — Japan and South Korea moved toward a new relationship yesterday with the historic visit of South Korean President Chun Doo-hwan and a statement of contrition by Emperor Hirohito for the "unfortunate past" that has divided the two Asian neighbors.

Chun, the first Korean leader ever to visit the former colonial master of the Korean peninsula, arrived yesterday afternoon for a three-day visit amid the lightest security measures ever taken by Japanese police.

Several hours after his arrival, Chun held a private 90-minute meeting with Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone. Foreign Ministry spokesman Shiro Amase said the Japanese leader greeted South Korea both for its defense efforts and its attempts to initiate a dialogue with communist North Korea.

But the climax of the day, and probably of the trip, came yesterday evening at a state banquet when Hirohito, 83, delivered an anticipated expression of regret for Japan's past domination of Korea.

"It is indeed regrettable that there was an unfortunate past between us for a period in this century, and I believe that it should not be repeated again," he said.

Hirohito's statement stopped short of the direct apology demanded by many Koreans, who remain bitter about Japan's harsh colonial subjugation of the Korean peninsula from 1910 until 1945.

Hirohito added that he hoped Chun's visit would further promote the "new-born relationship between our two countries."

Hirohito, who became emperor in 1925, was regarded as a semi-divine ruler over Japan and its vassals until 1945 when World War II ended, although the military held actual power. He is now symbolic head of state.

In his address, Chun said he had "listened solemnly" to the emperor's remarks on the past, and said the "unfortunate past" should be made to serve as the cultivation of an even closer relationship between Korea and Japan in the future.

He too spoke of the "beginning of the new era of partnership."

Chun's visit engendered hunger strikes and sometimes violent clashes between students and police in South Korea, and numerous demonstrations among leftists and Korean residents in Japan.

The South Korean protesters say Japan has not properly atoned for past wrongdoings, that Tokyo is supporting Chun's repressive policies and that the trip promotes a military alliance among Japan, South Korea and the United States.

Tokyo police said 8,400 leftists rallied against the visit in nine Tokyo locations yesterday, and eight people were arrested.

Typphoon is calm at last

By The Associated Press

Typphoon Ike, responsible for more than 1,000 deaths when it roared through the Philippines early this week, withered to an ordinary rainstorm yesterday on the Chinese mainland.

The storm dumped about 2.5 inches of rain on southern China by midday and the rain was expected to continue for the next 24 hours, said the chief officer at Peking's Central Meteorological Observatory. She would identify herself only as Miss Wang.

In the Philippines, the government said the death toll had risen to 1,020, and that scores more people still were missing.

More than 100 civilian and army medical teams were sent into 10 Philippine provinces to prevent epidemics, the presidential palace said. The Health Ministry said \$1.6 million worth of medicine had been distributed.

Military engineers with prefabricated construction materials were deployed in the hardest-hit areas, the palace said.

The typhoon, which struck the Philippines early Sunday with 115 mph winds, left more than 200,000 people homeless. Crop and property damage was estimated at more than \$100 million. It was the worst typhoon ever recorded in the Philippines.

Worst-hit provinces were Surigao Del Norte, where 610 people died; and Negros Occidental, where the storm killed 108 people, said the Office of Civil Defense and the official Philippines News Agency. Officials said 369 people were injured.

The Philippines received offers of aid from the United States, Japan, the European Economic Community and the World Health Organization, officials said.

Ike hit China with winds of between 64 mph and 42 mph, but they later diminished to about 18 mph, said Wang. "It is no longer a typhoon," she said.

The storm was located northwest of Nanning, the capital of Guangxi province, yesterday. There was no word on casualties or damage in China because communications with the island of Hainan and the port of Qinzhou were knocked out, she said.

Discovery flight gets high marks

By LEE SIEGEL
AP Science Writer

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Discovery suffered minor damage to brakes, landing gear and heat-shield tiles on its maiden flight but returned to Earth in better shape than the other shuttles have, a space agency official said yesterday.

"You really couldn't expect it to be any better than it is," ground operations manager Herman "Fritz" Widick said as work crews prepared Discovery for a piggy-back jet ride home to Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

The shuttle, which landed here Wednesday after a six-day space journey, should be ready for its cross-country flight atop a modified Boeing 747 by Saturday. But it won't depart until Sunday morning because Mojave Desert temperatures will be too hot in the afternoon, Widick said.

He explained that cooler air is more dense than hot air and the combined weight of the shuttle and the jet "approaches the lift capability of the 747, so we need to go when the air is cool."

The 747 and shuttle may stop overnight in Tulsa, Okla., on Sunday, but final details won't be worked out until Friday.

Widick said an inspection found below-normal pressure in Discovery's right main landing gear strut, probably caused by a valve leak. He said that may explain why the shuttle landed to the right of — instead of on top of — a painted strip on the dry lakebed landing site.

But the strut still pushed the gear into position for the landing, and the problem posed no threat to the spacecraft or its crew. National Aeronautics and Space Administration spokesman Les Rennerston said.

Inspectors also found the corners broken off two heat-shield tiles on the main landing gear door and some peckmarks on the base heat shield, but Widick said overall life damage was less than on previous missions by shuttles Columbia and Challenger.

The same was true of the brake damage, despite cracked washers on the left inboard and right outboard brakes, a missing clip on the right inboard brake and a problem with a ring on the left outboard brake, Widick said.

The brakes were removed from Discovery for shipment to Troy, Ohio, where they will be inspected by the manufacturer, B.F. Goodrich.

"It isn't any kind of a safety problem," said Goodrich spokesman David P. McClure. "It does cause us to do more repairs than we anticipated."

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In the bag
Jeff Lillis, 11, a sixth grade student at William Knight Elementary School in Canby, Ore., tells Nancy Reagan that a drink from the bottle in the brown paper bag "will put hair on your feet." The first lady appeared for a program aimed at alcohol and drug abuse prevention.

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