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# Guerrillas hold Colombian judges hostage

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**BOGOTA, Colombia** — About 25 leftist guerrillas shot their way into the Palace of Justice yesterday, but three hours later troops stormed the court more than 100 hostages.

Guerrillas of the April 19 Movement still held a "large number" of judges on the top two floors of the five-story structure, according to one of the hostages, Supreme Court President Alfonso Reyes. He was contacted by telephone and said, "If the government doesn't cut off its attack there could be a tragedy here."

As sporadic shooting continued, the Bogota mayor's office reported that four policemen and soldiers had been killed and about a dozen were wounded. It gave no figure on guerrilla casualties,

but radio stations reported earlier that two guerrillas were slain in the initial gun battles and at least 15 more were killed during the army assault. Reyes told radio station Todelar, "We are here with a large number of judges as hostages and it is a question of life or death that the gunfire stop. Please pass that on so the president will give the order to stop the attack."

As the judge spoke, bursts of submachine gun fire could be heard from Reyes' office on the fourth floor of the building.

Radio Caracol telephoned federal Judge Fernando Gonzalez before the army assault, and he said, "I think all 24 members of the Supreme Court are being held hostage."

It was not known if Gonzalez was among more than 100 people who were freed and fled from the building during and after the army assault.

Radio stations said President Belisario Betan-

cur's brother, federal Judge Jaime Betancur, was among those who escaped unharmed.

President Betancur met with his Cabinet in an emergency session, but no details were given and it was not known if it was negotiating with the guerrillas.

At least 15 guerrillas were killed when the soldiers launched their assault at 3 p.m., Radio Caracol reported.

Caracol and another radio station, RCN, said a police lieutenant and two guerrillas were killed and four policemen were wounded in the initial fighting as the rebels, armed with submachine guns, fought their way into the Palace of Justice in downtown Bogota shortly before noon.

The Palace of Justice is where Colombia's 24 Supreme Court judges and 20 other federal judges have their offices and courtrooms.

# South African riot patrol kills two Blacks at funeral

**JOHANNESBURG, South Africa** — A riot patrol shot and killed two Blacks in a mob stoning police vehicles near Cape Town in the first confirmed riot deaths in a week, police said yesterday.

A witness said the two men were killed when violence broke out at what had been a peaceful funeral for a riot victim after police seized the flag of the banned African National Congress guerrilla movement.

The witness, who declined to be identified, spoke to reporters and to members of the opposition Progressive Federal Party's Unrest Monitoring Committee who visited the

Crossroads squatter area where the funeral was conducted.

However, a spokesman at police headquarters in Pretoria said his records showed the two Blacks were killed in Guguletu, next to Crossroads. He said he had no report of a funeral in the area.

They were the first riot deaths since the government imposed a crackdown on the news media last Saturday, and it was thought that no journalists were present at Crossroads to verify the police or witness accounts.

The absence of reporters also meant there was no test of the new rules ordering television crews and photographers to leave the scene when violence breaks out in state-of-emergency areas.

Also near Cape Town, police said they were investigating the murder of a mixed-race soldier who was found shot to death yesterday on a road near mixed-race townships torn by rioting in recent months.

In the black township of Ashton east of Cape Town, police said the parents of youths who had clashed with police on Tuesday turned in 26 children to face charges of public violence. One black man followed a 16-year-old alleged rock-thrower

home, where the youth fatally stabbed the man, police said. The teen-ager was charged with murder.

The fatalities were the first reported by police since last Wednesday. It had been a rare week without deaths since rioting first erupted more than 14 months ago.

The Rev. Allan Boesak, a mixed-race leader who has been charged with subversion and is free on bail, said authorities clamped down on journalists "so that they can murder our children and there will be no witness and no record of what they have done, so that they can kill us in peace."

# Goode's testimony fails to clear up discrepancies

By LEE LINDER  
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**PHILADELPHIA** — Mayor W. Wilson Goode yesterday again assumed full responsibility for the fiery, fatal MOVE confrontation despite continuing disagreements between him and his top deputies on the use of explosives and a bomb in the attack.

"The buck stops with me," Goode told the Philadelphia Special Investigation Commission, which he appointed to determine how and why the confrontation ended in May with 11 people dead in the MOVE home and 61 houses consumed by fire.

The mayor was recalled by the commission, along with former city Managing Director Leo Brooks, Police Commissioner Michael Gregore Sambor and Fire Commissioner William Richmond in an unsuccessful effort to clear up discrepancies in their testimony.

Goode, who has said he was misled and misinformed about the incident, opened with an emotional statement that described the failed action to evict MOVE.

"The only explanation is that if, in fact, (Sambor) said a word that meant explosives to him but something else to me, that very well may have been."

The four men sat side by side,

their lawyers behind them, facing the 11 members of the commission and its staff on the 18th and last day of its hearings.

Goode, who has said he wants to run for re-election in 1987, said he thought the city had a plan that would restore the neighborhood to tranquility by removing the MOVE radicals, who lived in fifth and harassed neighbors by screaming profanities day and night through a public address system.

Under questioning from commission counsel William Lytton, the mayor continued to contradict Sambor and Brooks, saying he was never informed police planned to use explosives to blow holes in the sides of the house. He also said he never knew a powerful bomb would be dropped by helicopter to destroy a rooftop bunker.

"At no time was the word explosives used in my presence," Goode said, referring to the smaller charges officers used on the sides of the house.

"The only explanation is that if, in fact, (Sambor) said a word that meant explosives to him but something else to me, that very well may have been."

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## LCB approves 'happy hour' limits

**HARRISBURG (AP)** — The Liquor Control Board approved regulations yesterday to limit "happy-hour" promotions in a 2-1 vote that pleased both tavern owners and groups fighting drunken driving.

Under the regulations, which were designed to reduce excessive drinking without seriously harming the tavern trade, bars and restaurants would be allowed to offer drinks at half-price for up to two consecutive hours before midnight.

Bars also would be allowed to offer a featured drink, such as a special draft beer or cocktail at a reduced price without regard to the two-hour limit.

But the regulations would prohibit happy-hour promotions such as "Two-For-One," "Drink 'Til You Drop" and "Beat The Clock." Bartenders also would be banned from offering large drinks for the same price as smaller ones.

The regulations must be reviewed by the state attorney general and the governor's office and published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin before they go into effect.

LCB Chairman Daniel Pennick said they should be in place before the end of the year.

## Lesko tries to have execution halted

**HARRISBURG (AP)** — The attorney for one of two men facing execution Nov. 19 said yesterday he was asking the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to order the state to honor a 1984 stay and not execute his client.

Greensburg attorney Rabe Marsh, who represents convicted killer John Lesko, said Westmoreland County Common Pleas Judge Daniel J. Ackerman ordered Aug. 6, 1984 that "all proceedings and execution of sentence are hereby stayed in the interim."

Marsh argued that order, issued at the start of Lesko's appeals under the Post Conviction Hearing Act, is still good and will be until either Ackerman or another court rescinds it or the appeal ends with a state Supreme Court ruling.

The Supreme Court is still considering Lesko's appeal under the post conviction hearing process, Marsh said.

"Apparently the governor either can't read or doesn't care to read (Ackerman's order) because they won't change the execution date," Marsh said.

David Runkel, press secretary for Gov. Dick Thornburgh, said lawyers in the state's general counsel office were "reviewing the situation at the present time and we have been in contact with the (Westmoreland County) district attorney's office as well as the courts to determine exactly what the situation is."

Meanwhile, the attorney for a second man scheduled to die the same night in the electric chair at Rockview state prison was denied a stay by the trial court on Tuesday, he said in a routine Westmoreland County Public Defender Dante Bertani's request for a stay and appeal of Michael Travaglia's death penalty was then filed with Superior Court which referred it to the Supreme Court yesterday. Bertani said he would ask the state's high court today for permission to argue his case before the justices.

Marsh said his client was "hopeful" about a stay, but added, "I'm starting to wonder."

Lesko, 26, of Pittsburgh and Travaglia, 27, of Apollo were convicted in Westmoreland County for the 1980 slaying of a rookie Apollo policeman at the end of a six-day crime spree known as the "Kill-for-Thrill" murders.

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## Shuttle returns from science mission

**EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP)** — Challenger coasted onto a desert runway yesterday after a science mission flown by a record crew of eight, and researchers promptly began studying five of the astronauts to see how they re-adapt to gravity.

The space shuttle and its crew of five Americans, two West Germans and a Dutchman touched down at 12:45 p.m. EST on a dry lakebed after a 7-day, 45-minute mission in which it orbited the Earth 111 times and traveled more than 3 million miles.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration chief James Beggs said the success of the international, West German-sponsored mission "gives us a lot of confidence that we can proceed to the space station era where we'll be cooperating with a number of countries."

He said the mission was important for NASA's goal of establishing support from a number of nations for the U.S. plan to build a permanent space station.

During the 48-second coast after Challenger touched down on the Edwards runway, mission commander Henry Hartsfield tested a new nose wheel steering system that is to give more control for landing space shuttles.

"We are optimistic that it worked well," NASA shuttle director Jesse Moore said.

Moore said he thinks the test will enable the shuttle Columbia to land in December on the concrete runway at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

Tucked into the Spacelab module in Challenger's cargo bay were the results of 76 studies on the effects of weightlessness on melted metals and glasses, biological specimens and on human physiology.

West Germany paid NASA \$64 million to fly the experiments, about 42 percent of the \$150 million estimated cost of the mission. The research was monitored from a control center in Oberpfaffenhofen, near Munich, the first time a foreign agency controlled a shuttle payload.

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## Jaruzelski resigns as premier

**WARSAW, Poland (AP)** — Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, who imposed martial law in Poland to crush the Solidarity labor union, resigned as premier yesterday but retained his dominant position as head of the ruling Communist Party.

After giving up his post as head of government, Jaruzelski was named to the largely ceremonial post of president, replacing Jeryk Jablonski.

As Communist Party first secretary the 62-year-old Jaruzelski occupies the most powerful position in the country.

His resignation as premier ended an extraordinary period in the history of Communist Poland and the Soviet bloc in which a four-star army general held the two most powerful positions in the country: head of the party and head of the government.

During martial law, the army, and not the Communist Party, appeared to be in control of the country, an unusual situation for a Soviet bloc country.

For a part of that time Jaruzelski also was defense minister, a post he relinquished in 1983. But he was named chairman of the National Defense Council, which preserves many martial law powers, and he still holds that post.

Deputy Premier Zbigniew Messner, an economist who was hand-picked by Jaruzelski to head the government's economic reform program two years ago, was asked to form a new government.

Jaruzelski's decision to step down as premier will allow him to concentrate his attention on revitalizing the Communist Party before next year's party congress. The party lost about a third of its 3 million members following imposition of martial law and the suppression of Solidarity, the only independent labor union in the Soviet bloc.

It was expected that Jaruzelski would devote a major share of his time to imposing more discipline on the party and trying to push through his stalled economic reform program.

Jaruzelski was named premier in February 1981 and party first secretary eight months later during the height of the political crisis sparked by Solidarity's demands for political and economic reforms.

On Dec. 15, 1981, Jaruzelski ordered a military crackdown that interned thousands of union activists, including Solidarity leader Lech Walesa.

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