

Egypt says commando raid was necessary

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VALLETTA, Malta — Egypt said yesterday that it sent commandos storming into a hijacked jetliner to avert a massacre. But 60 people died during the 24 hours of terror that ended when the hijackers threw fire grenades and turned the plane into a blazing coffin.

Prime Minister Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici of Malta said he approved the raid because "we wanted to show we would not give in." "The Egyptian forces assured us that this would be a quick operation . . . and that the assault would come to a good ending," he said.

At least three of the hijackers were among the 57 people, including nine children, who died in the commando assault and fire. The hijackers had earlier shot to death an American woman and dumped her body out of the plane. An Egyptian security guard had also been killed previously, in a gunfight with the

hijackers. Passengers said he had killed one hijacker.

The fifth hijacker survived the assault on the Egyptian jet and underwent surgery at a hospital, said Paul Mifsud, the Maltese government spokesman.

Mifsud Bonnici said he refused the hijackers' request for fuel and told them that "other forces" might intercept the jet if it left Malta. The gunmen threatened to blow up the plane in flight if it was "accosted," he said, and "we felt this was a very real possibility."

Egypt blamed the hijacking on renegade Palestinians working for an Arab country it did not name. Government sources in Cairo said the country was Libya, Egypt's neighbor and arch rival.

In Moscow, the official Soviet news agency, Tass, said Libya denied involvement. It quoted Ali Abdussalam Treiki, the Libyan foreign minister, as saying his country "condemns the latest seizure of hostages as all seizures of hostages in general."

The commandos stormed aboard the plane Sunday night, 24 hours after the hijackers commandeered the Boeing 737 on a flight from Athens, Greece, to Cairo and forced it down at Luqa Airport on this Mediterranean island. The gunmen killed an American passenger and threw her body from the plane.

The Egyptian government said it sent the commandos in to avert a massacre. It claimed most of the hostages died as a result of the phosphorous grenades thrown by the gunmen, and that none were killed by the assault troops.

Hani Galal, the pilot, said at a news conference that the hijackers told him they would kill a passenger every 15 minutes unless the aircraft was refueled. They did not say where they wanted to go from Malta.

Officials said the hijackers made no demands other than that the plane be refueled.

The prime minister said last night in a speech to Parliament that he told the hijackers that if they left Malta, "steps would have

been taken by other forces to force the plane to land in other territories."

Government spokesman Paul Mifsud said the Socialist Labor premier was "bluffing" in hopes the gunmen would surrender, and "there was definitely no plan or any indication" of such intervention.

The same Boeing 737 was carrying Palestinian hijackers of the Italian cruise liner Achille Lauro out of Egypt last month when U.S. Navy jets forced it down in Sicily.

Murder committed on Maltese soil was another reason for denying fuel, the prime minister said.

"In no way should the impression of weakness be given on our part in the face of the cruelty and the inhumanity of the hijackers," he told Parliament. "After the actions, which show great cruelty and coldblooded indifference on their part, the hijackers were informed that in no way would they be granted the fuel they wanted."

Five of the wounded were passengers who

had been shot execution-style, officials said. Another, an Egyptian security guard, was shot during a gunfight with the hijackers before the commandos boarded the plane, officials said. Another security guard was killed in that shootout, and passengers said they thought he shot to death one of the hijackers.

Rescue workers removed 58 bodies from the aircraft. Mifsud said a Filipino passenger died in a hospital later of wounds suffered in the battle between the commandos and the hijackers.

He said the government was "deeply sorrowed" by the deaths of innocent people, but "when we realized they would go on shooting (people), there was no choice but to go ahead" with the assault.

Officials said 98 people, including six crew members, were on the plane when it was hijacked Saturday night.

By late afternoon yesterday, 26 people remained in hospitals, Mifsud said.

Hassan says he is willing to meet Peres

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RABAT, Morocco — King Hassan II said yesterday he is ready to meet Prime Minister Shimon Peres for direct talks on a Middle East peace settlement, provided the Israeli leader has a "serious proposal" to put forward.

An aide to Peres in Tel Aviv told The Associated Press said that the prime minister would be happy to meet with Hassan.

In a 90-minute televised discussion with seven French reporters, Hassan said Peres had asked to be invited to Morocco to talk with the king in Hassan's capacity as chairman of the Arab League.

Peres "sent word that he would like to come to see me," Hassan said. "I replied that I would receive him with great pleasure."

"If he has some serious proposal to make, he should come to see me . . . but there must be a real basis for discussion. The day Mr. Peres says to me 'I have a serious proposal to put to you,' then why not?"

Hassan said that if such a meeting took place, and if Peres' proposals turned out to be "ridiculous or utopian," he would apologize to the Israeli leader and break off the meeting.

He did not say what kind of proposal he would consider "serious."

Peres' aide, Baurech Askerov, quoted the prime minister as saying, "There have been exchanges of messages between the king and myself and I will be happy to meet with him."

The aide had been asked about Hassan's offer earlier in the day to meet with Peres.

Hassan, a pro-Western monarch, had acted as an intermediary in the negotiations that led to the Israeli-Egyptian peace pact in March 1979, according to published reports at the time.

Egypt was suspended from the 21-nation Arab League later in 1979 for signing the Camp David peace treaty and Morocco and all other Arab nations except Sudan, Somalia and Oman severed diplomatic relations with Egypt. Jordan restored relations earlier this year, becoming the first Arab nation to defy the Arab League boycott.

While Hassan did not elaborate on the type of Israeli proposal he would

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Disney bowl

Bob Hildreth, center, chairman of the Orange Bowl media relations committee, speaks at a press conference at University Park Airport yesterday. He is flanked by Mickey Mouse, right, grand marshal of the Orange Bowl festival, and his constant companion Goofy.

Bowl game tickets will be sold by lottery, not line

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Students will not have to stand in line for Orange Bowl tickets, but they will have to rely on the luck of the draw, University Ticket Manager Bud Meredith said yesterday.

Applications for the 2,500 student tickets will be available at the Beaver Stadium Ticket Office beginning at 8:30 tomorrow morning, and will be accepted until Dec. 6 at 4:30 p.m., Meredith said.

If ticket requests exceed 2,500, all applications will be entered in a lottery to choose those who receive tickets, Meredith said.

The applications will be made available to all University Students, including Commonwealth campus students, regardless of whether they were season ticket holders, Meredith said.

"All students should have the same rights, whether they are at a branch campus or the main campus," Meredith said. "The University is one

entity and one family, and everybody should be treated the same."

Each student will be allowed to apply for up to two tickets at \$25 per ticket, Meredith said. Students must return their applications to the Beaver Stadium Ticket Office with their student IDs in order to apply for tickets.

The University received 12,500 tickets for the game, Meredith said. Those not used for students will go to the University's official party, which will use "only a small amount," he said, while the rest will be made available to the 55,000 non-student season ticket holders.

Applications for non-student season ticket holders will be mailed today, Meredith said, and they will also be due by Dec. 6. These applications will be placed in a separate lottery, he said.

Those not chosen in the lottery will have several options available to them.

Meredith said that students could

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Black family forced from mostly white Phila. neighborhood

By MIKE OWEN
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PHILADELPHIA — Despite the city's offer of protection and words of support from civic and church leaders, a black couple said yesterday they had decided to leave their home after hundreds of protesters demanded that they "beat it" from a predominantly white neighborhood. "It's just to be safer," Charles Williams, 23, told the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. "There's no way around it. Even though this may die down, we'll never be sure. We'd still be watching our backs every day."

One black official said the decision by Williams and his wife, Marietta Bloxom, to vacate their home of less than a month was "a loss for the entire community."

Last Wednesday, about 400 white demonstrators chanting "We want them out" and "Beat it" gathered outside the southwest Philadelphia row house where the couple and their 7-year-old daughter moved in early November.

Bloxom, 24, said her daughter, Leikeisha, 7, was frightened.

"I like the house, but I can't live in any neighborhood where my child is afraid," she said.

The couple dropped by the house yesterday to check its condition.

"In the long run, we have to look at our safety here," Williams said. "Even with the cops, civil affairs, there aren't any guarantees."

Williams said the family had received support from some neighbors and said he did not want to make it appear the demonstrators had forced them out, "but I see no other alternative."

Bloxom admitted it "could be called a defeat."

Karen Warrington, a spokeswoman for Mayor W. Wilson Goode, said yesterday that the mayor and Managing Director James White, after learning of Williams' plans to leave, had tried to assure Williams "that his safety would be ensured if he stayed."

Meanwhile, an interracial couple whose house was the scene of a demonstration Thursday night by about 200 angry whites vowed to remain in their home.

Townpeople approve of alcohol policy

By HEATHER MALARKEY
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State College residents living near fraternity houses say they agree with the University President's Task Force on Alcohol's final recommendations, which await final approval from President Bryce Jordan.

The task force was formed to revise University alcohol policies and find ways to reduce alcohol abuse among students.

The recommendations dealing with fraternities concentrate on limiting the number of guests permitted at fraternity parties, establishing an earlier party shut-down time, providing an alternative beverage other than water and serving snacks at parties to discourage excessive drinking.

Arthur Beward of 333 E. Foster Ave. said he agrees with many of the proposals. He said alternative beverages should be available during parties and suggested that fraternities serve snacks, such as sandwiches, instead of potato chips or pretzels.

Beward, a State College resident for 25 years, said he realizes that chips and pretzels are less expensive than sandwiches, but the salty taste of the foods often encourages more drinking. He also said enforcement of the early keg shut-

off time would be helpful. Parties that last beyond 1 a.m. tend to be noisy because more drunkenness occurs as the evening progresses.

Although some residents said students will benefit from the task force recommendations, others were not so optimistic.

A woman who has lived in State College since 1968 spoke about the alcohol problem, provided that she not be identified.

In a smaller community the recommendations might seem strict, but since alcohol abuse is a big problem in State College, they may be needed, she said.

The recommendations are "certainly desirable," she said. "People need to be aware that it's not just water they're drinking."

Joseph Kopetsky, president of Theta Chi fraternity, 523 S. Allen St., said his fraternity asks nearby residents to call the fraternity before taking further action if they have a complaint about a party.

Jo-Ann Hunter Farr and her husband, James Medeiros, 357 E. Prospect Ave., said the recommendations are not enough to end problems that might arise from fraternity parties.

Farr said the community's alcohol problems will not be solved unless underage drinking is stopped.

"Party-goers are unable to monitor themselves

and they have proven this by their conduct," Medeiros said.

Fraternity members and party-goers have damaged residents' property, pulled out shrubbery and openly urinated and vomited on their property, Medeiros said.

But Kopetsky said his fraternity tries to keep parties from bothering the neighbors.

"We are definitely aware of the alcohol problem," he said, adding that his fraternity tries to contain the problem by using strict guest lists for parties and by adhering to as many of the task force proposals as possible.

Frank Deutsch of 317 E. Prospect Ave. said he thinks fraternities can monitor themselves but do not want to. Fraternities only react to residential concerns when they are threatened economically, he said.

Mike Brozino, president of Alpha Gamma Rho, 322 Fraternity Row, said that "at this point fraternities are unable to monitor their own parties."

However, Brozino said increased awareness of the liability of fraternities, their members are more conscious of the underage drinking that goes on and the damage that often accompanies it.

The recommendations are necessary and useful, Deutsch said, but it will take a responsible person to initiate the changes they outline.

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weather

Today, it will be cool and damp with freezing rain in the morning changing to rain. High 39. This evening, more rain and possibility of freezing rain in outlying areas. Low 32.....Heidi Sonen