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Libya shipments hurt Thatcher

LONDON (AP) — The report yesterday that a British company was supplying submarine lifting gear to Libya has brought opposition claims that it could be Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's equivalent of the U.S.-Iran arms conflict.

Britain broke diplomatic relations with Libya in 1984 after a policeman was fatally shot during a demonstration outside the Libyan Embassy in London. Britain charged she was slain by a Libyan shooting from inside the embassy in St. James's Square.

Northern Engineering Industries, which manufactures components for the 1,100-ton lifting gear called Synchronift, denied it had violated a government ban on the sale of military equipment to Libya.

A company spokesman said the company had applied to the Department of Trade for an export license to sell the Synchronift to Libya.

But members of Parliament noted the Synchronift built in Libya's six Soviet-built submarines to dry land for repair or refit arms could be used for lifting small warships.

"We have Mrs. Thatcher's government quite rightly condemning terrorism, but on the other hand

allowing the export of equipment obviously of military and strategic importance to Col. (Moammar) Gadhafi," said Dennis Davies, a defense spokesman for the opposition Labor Party.

"In view of the way the Americans have been behaving in Iran and in support for what President Reagan did there, we would like to know if the British government has been setting up similar deals," he said.

George Foulkes, a foreign affairs spokesman for the Labor Party, said: "It looks suspiciously like Mrs. Thatcher's version of Reagan's Iran fiasco."

John Cartwright, the centrist Social Democratic Party's defense spokesman, said, "This does need a proper inquiry because in the wake of the Iran arms deal (involving Iran's purchase of U.S. arms) there is bound to be suspicion."

The Synchronift was patented by Pearson's Engineering of Miami, a subsidiary of the company that was recently renamed NEI Synchronift Inc., and has been built in Britain under license from the American company.

A company spokesman said the Americans had not been involved in the design of the Synchronift bound for Libya. The United States broke



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diplomatic relations with Libya in 1980 after the looting of the U.S. Embassy in Tripoli and reports of Libyan terrorists being sent to America.

The order for the components was placed with the firm by the Italian company Impregilo, which is building a harbor at Al Khums, 60 miles east of Tripoli, the Libyan capital.

Iran missiles kill 16 Iraqi civilians



AP Wirephoto

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iran said it fired three missiles into the southern Iraqi city of Basra and bombed five other targets yesterday. Iraq later reported 16 civilians were killed and 38 wounded in the attacks.

Iraqi officials confirmed that Basra, which lies only 14 miles west of the front, has been under "continual bombardment" but did not specifically mention missile attacks.

Baghdad Radio, also monitored in Nicosia, quoted an Iraqi military spokesman as saying 10 civilians were killed and 27 wounded when a hospital, an orphanage and a school were hit.

Iran and Iraq have been at war since September 1980. Foreign journalists are rarely allowed into the battle zones and, as a rule, it is not possible to verify war claims made by the two sides.

Iran's long-range artillery has repeatedly pounded Basra in recent months. Iran also has hit Baghdad, the Iraqi capital, with medium-range missiles.

IRNA said Iranian jets also hit a power station and other targets in Dukan and Diyana in northeast Kurdistan and installations in the eastern towns of Julala and Amadiyah.

IRNA said it attacked a tanker off Iran.

IRNA's official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, said three short-range missiles damaged "military and economic targets" in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city with 330,000 people. IRNA said parts of Basra were engulfed in flames.

IRNA said the missiles were launched as part of an artillery bombardment of Basra and "economic centers and military fortifications" along the front.

The agency said the shelling began at 8 p.m. Saturday and was to last 48 hours, to retaliate for Iraqi air raids Saturday in which 114 people died.

Mississippi grinch: Decorations attract complaints

By The Associated Press

A Mississippi state building was decorated with a lighted Christmas cross despite threats of a lawsuit, while officials in a California community sought to close down Santa's Dream House because of neighbors' complaints.

The zoning chief in Glendale, Calif., told Robert George on Saturday he had violated the law in converting his home into a winter wonderland of 5,000 ornaments, 22,000 lights, 95 Christmas trees and hundreds of toys.

conducts tours in a Santa Claus outfit for needy and handicapped children.

In Jackson, Miss., Jimmy Palmer, director of the state General Services Administration, said Gov. Bill Allain gave approval to light a cross on the 20-story Walter Sillers Building on Saturday after reviewing court cases around the nation.

Mississippi ACLU executive director Hilary Chiz said after the lighting: "Glendale zoning chief John McKenna said George could be forced to remove the lights, ornaments, trees and toys from his home."

"We have nothing against Santa Claus, but I think this guy is just a con man," said Denise Ordaz, who lives next door. "Traffic is a mess here because people drive by to see his house."

Students cheated in hearings

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — The director of the student legal aid office at the University of Maryland says hearings on cheating are more like inquisitions than fair legal proceedings.

William G. Salmond, who has represented students at the hearings for 10 years says he will no longer attend the hearings because they are a "rigged game" where the students haven't got a chance.

authority, such a statement wouldn't have been admitted as evidence.

Hearings at College Park are run by the college in which the offense is said to be committed. Two faculty members and one student from that college decide the case, with appeals heard by the college dean. If the penalty is suspension or expulsion, the appeal goes before a Campus Senate panel.

Salmond pointed out one case that illustrates his complaint. He said one professor told a hearing panel the accused student had been caught cheating in high school. Salmond says that if the lawyer had more

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Some black students reject culture

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Many academically successful black students adopt a "raceless persona" by turning their backs on traditional black culture to succeed in school, said an anthropologist at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association.

"If you want to succeed as a black, you have to give up an important part of your culture," said Smithia Fordham, an assistant professor at the University of the District of Columbia.

"That, in turn, creates tremendous tensions and pressures upon black students."

Fordham's work has centered on black adolescents, but she said in an interview with the Philadelphia Inquirer Thursday that she believes the emergence of these so-called "unblacks" has also occurred in the workplace, particularly among upwardly mobile blacks.

She cited the example of Leania McClain, a journalist who became the first black woman to be elected to the Chicago Tribune's Board of directors. McClain achieved enormous success as a Chicago journalist but felt "hellish confusion" and ultimately committed suicide, Fordham said.

"To her white colleagues at the Tribune, McClain appeared restless, indistinguishable from them...Accepting this reality proved to be too burdensome for her," Fordham said.

She said high-achieving black students who turn their backs on traditional black culture in order to succeed in school do so in a number of ways, such as rejecting black music and changing their hairstyles and their dress.

She found that black male students are more likely to accept the values and behavior of white society than are black male students. "Females are more willing to go along with the dominant white society than males," she said. "The males are more confused and more ambivalent."

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Teenager sentenced in game slaying

WATERBURY, N.Y. (AP) — A 16-year-old boy has been sentenced to 3½ years in life in prison for killing an 11-year-old in a slaying authorities linked to the game Dungeons and Dragons.

David Ventiquattro told police that he killed Martin Howland because the younger boy was evil and the game required that he "had to extinguish evil" according to testimony.

But Ventiquattro also gave several explanations of the Nov. 12, 1985, shooting to police, and the link to Dungeons and Dragons was disputed. Ventiquattro told authorities that Howland had shot himself and that he had shot Howland accidentally while playing with a gun he did not know was loaded.

Jefferson County Judge John V. Aylward said at the Friday sentencing that Howland was not playing the game with Ventiquattro.

"This homicide is the most senseless, motiveless slaying I have seen in my years on the bench," the judge said.

Ventiquattro will begin serving his term at the Brookwood Center in Claverack, which is part of the New York State Division for Youth.

Archdiocese against AIDS program

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles announced Saturday that it would not allow an AIDS education program in his churches because the organization condones the use of condoms.

"In the issue of AIDS, such use implies either heterosexual promiscuity or homosexual activity," Archbishop Roger Mahony said in a prepared statement. "The church approves of neither."

Catholic Church doctrine prohibits the use of contraceptives. "Condoms are not the focus of our work. We don't sell condoms. We don't actually even promote them," AIDS Project Executive Director Paula Van Ness said Saturday night. "Our integrity is under attack."

"Within the (seminar) itself, it was clearly stated that the use of condoms is not condoned by the Catholic Church," she said. "It was discussed in the context of public health measures that are currently being used throughout the world in the control of AIDS."

A spokesman for Mahony said the withdrawal of support from AIDS Project Los Angeles was not a sign that the archdiocese would not back other AIDS support groups.

AIDS Project Los Angeles, or APLA, is primarily an educational program and has set up seminars specifically for the Spanish-speaking community. Presentations include explicit descriptions on the use of condoms as a method to prevent transmission of acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

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French students protest bill

PARIS (AP) — Student protests against a university reform bill widened into a general challenge of the conservative government yesterday as union leaders joined students in calling for nationwide demonstrations this week.

Dozens of people clashed with about 500 police in the Latin Quarter student district. At least 68 people, including 58 police, were injured, and 28 people were arrested. Student leaders denounced the violence.

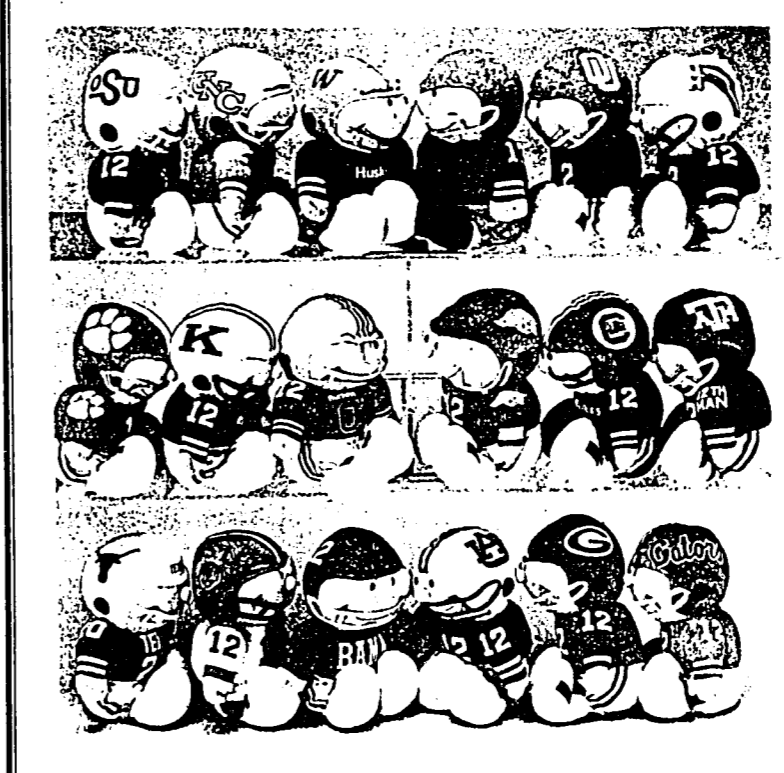
Premier Jacques Chirac, faced with one of the greatest political crises of his nine months in office, appealed for calm. His interior minister, Charles Pasqua, promised a full investigation into the death Saturday of a 22-year-old student following what witnesses said was a beating by police.

Protests against the reform bill began three weeks ago but escalated in the last few days. The government says the measure would make universities more competitive, but students charge that it would make higher education elitist.

The students' national coordinating committee called for national demonstrations this Wednesday and invited unions and other organizations to join in opposing the reform bill and police "repression."

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