

Moro found dead; Italians mourn

ROME (AP) — The bloody, bullet-riddled body of Aldo Moro was found chained and stuffed in the back of a parked car in downtown Rome Tuesday, climaxing a 55-day ordeal of terror that stunned Italy and the world.

Red Brigade terrorists, flaunting to the end their attack on the "heart of the state," pumped 11 bullets into the chest of the former premier. They left the body in a stolen maroon Renault at the very center of Italian political power — on a cobblestoned sidestreet between the party headquarters of the Communists and Moro's Christian Democrats.

The discovery left the nation grief-stricken and fearful. Millions of Italians

poured into streets and piazzas in a massive display of unity.

The ruling Christian Democrats, with staunch backing from the Communists, steadfastly refused the kidnappers' demand that 13 imprisoned terrorists be freed in exchange for Moro's life.

Moro's embittered family, which had pleaded with the Christian Democrats to bargain for his freedom, issued a statement opposing a state funeral and official mourning ceremonies.

"The family locks itself up in silence and demands silence," it said. "History will pass judgment on the life and death of Aldo Moro."

From captivity, Moro appealed in handwritten letters for his Christian Democrats to

deal with the ultra-leftist terrorists. Facing death, he requested in a letter two weeks ago that no government or party official attend his funeral.

World leaders from Pres. Carter to Queen Elizabeth II condemned the murder of the man considered Italy's most influential politician, the leading candidate for president and architect of a historic agreement between the Vatican-backed Christian Democrats and the largest Community Party in the West.

Carter called it a "contemptible and cowardly act." He sent a letter of sympathy to Moro's widow.

The body, clad in the pinstriped shirt, dark blue suit, blue socks and black shoes

Moro wore when abducted, was wrapped in a blue overcoat and red blanket.

It was hunched over in the luggage space behind the rear seat of the Renault hatchback abandoned on Via Michelangelo Caetani, a 200-yard-long street in one of Rome's busiest districts.

Moro's hands and feet were chained, his eyes half closed. The head rested on a spare tire. His watch and a bracelet were in plastic bag beside the body.

Police said 11 bullets had been fired in a 5-inch-wide circle into Moro's chest, apparently within 24 hours before the body was found. They said the killers possibly used a submachine pistol with a silencer. Earlier reports had said the victim had been shot in the head.

Shy hero's action saves 26 lives after airliner pancakes into bay

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — "We were where the Lord put us," says Glenn McDonald, a tugboat pilot whose quick action saved dozens of lives after an airliner pancaked into the foggy waters of Escambia Bay.

A shy hero, McDonald grinned self-consciously as he told of bringing his tug, "Little Mac," and its barge up to the ditched National Airlines 727 jet late Monday night and helping people scramble from the choppy water.

McDonald, 41, and his mate, Bill Kenney, 28, said they had heard other planes going over in the foggy darkness — then the hulk of the 727 swept down past them.

McDonald said he was off course and virtually lost when the plane came down. "If we hadn't by chance been there, many people would have died. They couldn't have made it. After they got on the barge, I know it was an hour before the boats found us," said McDonald.

The plane skipped into the 10-foot-deep bay waters just 300 yards from McDonald's tug. "I just

felt, 'My God, look at that,' and then it just landed, as if it meant to," said McDonald. "It bounced and skidded a little. It made this enormous hissing sound."

The two men guided their tug and the barge it was pushing to the sinking plane.

Cries pierced the darkness. "People were screaming, 'Help me! Save me!' when we came over. About half a dozen were atop the fuselage scrambling, crawling, sliding. The others were in the water," said McDonald.

Many passengers still clutched at life jackets. They had leaped from the downed airliner without time to put them on. "There would be three people over there, 10 over there. I had to tell Bill to leave the three and get the 10. I had to glide the barge between people drifting in the bay and I worried that some had drifted away and would be missed when we came back around," said McDonald.

McDonald maneuvered the barge. Kenney tossed out ropes, then began diving into the fuel-slick water to help shivering survivors board the barge.

In all, 55 passengers and crewmen were rescued. Three people drowned.

Civiletti wins Senate's nod

WASHINGTON (AP) — Benjamin Civiletti won Senate confirmation as deputy attorney general Tuesday after being urged by his chief opponent to help remove politics from the Justice Department.

The vote was 72-22. The opponents were all Republicans.

Sen. Malcolm Wallop, R-Wyo., led the opposition to President Carter's nomination of Civiletti, a former Baltimore lawyer who joined the Justice Department last year as head of its criminal division.

Wallop said Civiletti, 42, had a "very disappointing" record as "an administrator, had not shown a commitment to equal justice and had given testimony at his confirmation hearings that raised questions about his credibility."

World at a glance

From Associated Press reports

Black guerrillas attack hotel

JULIASDALE, Rhodesia — Two black guerrillas burst into the dining room of a luxurious mountain hotel and sprayed guests with automatic rifle fire, killing two white Rhodesian women and wounding three others, including an American.

One guest at the Montclair Hotel was slain in the Monday night attack while she was eating supper. The second victim, a hotel employee, was killed near the door, officials say.

The wounded American was identified as Minnie Bolin, 77, of Apache Junction, Ariz. She suffered superficial head injuries caused by flying glass when a grenade exploded outside the hotel's terrace windows, and was reported in good condition at a hospital in Umtali.

Tourist reports have become prime targets for guerrillas waging their 5½-year-old war against the government of Prime Minister Ian Smith. The hotel appeared to be unguarded, although most tourist areas have strict security.

Arms compromise rumored

WASHINGTON — The Carter administration insisted Tuesday the basic terms of its sale of jet fighters to Egypt, Israel and Saudi Arabia will not be changed, but there was growing talk of a compromise that would later send additional war planes to Israel.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance told the House International Relations Committee that private negotiations are continuing with House and Senate members and that "some members on both sides" have suggested such a compromise.

Vance had met earlier in the day with members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Sen. Jacob Javits, R-N.Y., left the session saying, "I believe we're on a road which would lead to a settlement."

President Carter wants to sell \$4.8 billion worth of jet fighters. The deal calls for the sale of 15 F-15s and 75 F-16s to Israel, 60 F-15s to Saudi Arabia and 50 less sophisticated F-5Es to Egypt.

Regulatory commission gives PGE \$25,000 fine

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is recommending a \$25,000 fine against Portland General Electric Co. (PGE) for a radiation overdose incident at the Trojan nuclear plant, a state energy official said Tuesday.

Fred Miller, Oregon Department of Energy director, said the fine is for procedural violations that led to the exposure of two workers to unusually high radiation levels during refueling operations April 8.

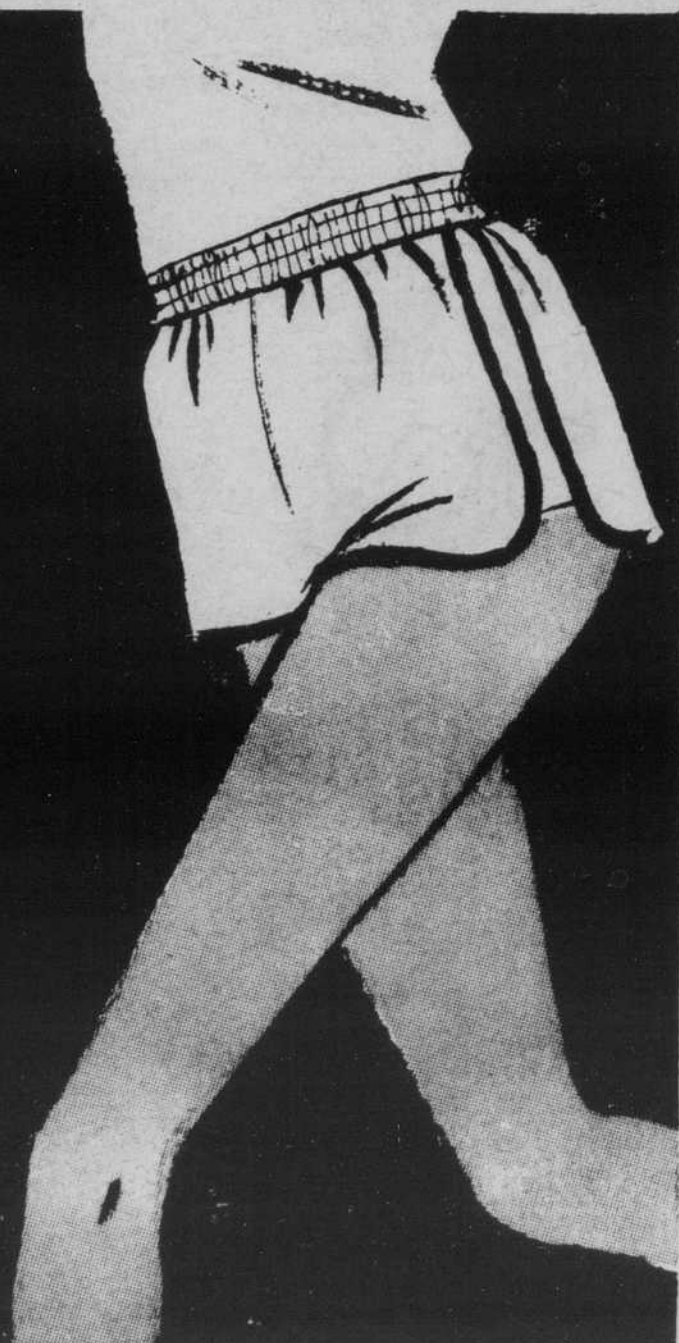
The workers received a dosage of more than 14 rems. Agency guidelines specify that workers should not be exposed to more than three rems in a three-month period nor more than five a year.

Miller said the fine is recommended by the federal agency's regional office at Walnut Creek, Calif. It will be forwarded to NRC national headquarters for approval before it becomes official.

He said the fine represents the maximum legal federal penalty for violations of plant operation procedure.

Miller said he doesn't believe the state also needs to penalize PGE if the federal fine is approved because the penalty would be a fair reflection of the seriousness of the exposure incident.

Energy department officials were in Eugene Tuesday for a meeting of the State Energy Facilities Siting Council.



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