

Troop landing staved off massacre

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — White survivors of the rebel siege in Zaire's copper-mining capital of Kolwezi began arriving here Sunday with their baggage of nightmares — accounts of runaway rebels "out to kill as many as they could" before being driven out by French and Belgian troops.

"If the French had landed one day earlier there probably would have been fewer victims," an

Italian refugee told reporters. "But if they had landed one day later it would have been a real massacre."

A nun identified only as "Sister Helena" said: "We were subjected to the worst kind of violence." A 20-year-old Belgian woman said she was raped eight times by rebel soldiers.

According to French and Belgian accounts, rebels killed about

100 whites and 150 blacks during their eight-day rampage at Kolwezi. French paratroopers, followed by their Belgian counterparts, broke the siege in weekend assaults and freed survivors of the 2,500 strong colony of Europeans and Americans.

More than 200 refugees, including women, children and some 17 wounded, were aboard the first freedom flight — a Sabena DC-10

from the capital of Kinshasa to Belgian's Zaventem Airport. Two more planes followed Sunday afternoon and two others were expected overnight.

Crewmen said one plane, flying over Algeria, landed at Algiers after being told it would be forced down if it did not obey. Belgian officials said the Algerians demanded the right to search the plane.

Harold Amstutz and his wife, of Portsmouth, Va., were the only Americans on the first plane. Amstutz, 49, said he worked as a pilot for a mission run by the United Methodist Church.

He said another American,

Lonnie Glen, was killed by rebels there last week. Glen, the only American still officially unaccounted for, was a security officer for Morrison-Knudsen, a Boise, Idaho, construction firm contracted to build a power line in southern Zaire. On Wednesday, the company organized the rescue of its employees, bringing out more than 70 people by helicopter and truck.

"The Americans were being evacuated along the power line road, but Lonnie went back into the city to get his wife and child. They (the rebels) stopped his car on the road and shot him," Amstutz said.

Troops control Kolwezi

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) — French paratroopers attacked pockets of rebel resistance in southern Zaire Sunday and continued the evacuation of 2,500 whites rescued by French and Belgian troops in a weekend assault on the mining center of Kolwezi.

Paratroop officers reported at least 100 white foreigners — most of them French and Belgian —

were killed by the Angola-based rebels who swept into Kolwezi eight days ago. They said some 150 Zairean civilians and government soldiers also were slain in battles with the French and Belgian airborne units.

"Fighting is over now and both the French and Belgian paratroops are controlling Kolwezi town," said an official at the French Embassy in neighboring

Zambia. "The paratroops will remain in Kolwezi until further notice."

A Moroccan transport plane brought 30-50 combat-ready commandos into Kinshasa Airport Sunday.

About 1,500 Moroccan soldiers helped the Zaire government crush a rebel invasion of copper-rich Shaba Province 14 months ago.

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From Associated Press reports

Terrorists planned massacre

PARIS — Three terrorists who touched off a gun battle in Orly Airport were planning "a veritable massacre" of passengers waiting to board an El Al flight to Tel Aviv, a French official said Sunday.

In Beirut, the newspaper An Nahar reported that a guerrilla group calling itself the "Sons of South Lebanon" claimed "responsibility." Israel newspapers charged that the Palestine Liberation Organization was behind Saturday's aborted raid.

The three terrorists were shot and killed by Israeli and French security men, and a 55-year-old French policeman also died in the shootout. Six other persons — three French passengers, two policemen and a hostess for El Al, the Israeli airline — were wounded.

"The attack was directed against a number of enemy Israeli officers who were to board the jetliner," said a statement signed by the "Sons of South Lebanon" and slipped under the Beirut newspaper's door.

Berkowitz could get 175 years

NEW YORK — David Berkowitz, who admitted killing six persons and wounding seven others with a .44-caliber Bulldog revolver during a 12-month rampage of terror, could be sentenced today to up to 175 years in prison for the Son of Sam slayings.

Judges from Brooklyn, The Bronx and Queens are scheduled to pass sentence on the 24-year-old former postal clerk from Yonkers, taking the bench one at a time as they did when Berkowitz pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the killings two weeks ago.

In New York, first-degree murder charges are reserved for crimes punishable by death, and the state currently has no death penalty.

Renters may suffer under property repair rulings

PORTLAND, (AP) — Advocates of tenant rights say two recent Oregon Court of Appeals decisions will make it more difficult for renters to force property repairs under the state's Residential Landlord and Tenant Act.

A spokesperson for the Portland Tenants Union says two recent decisions on Multnomah County cases take the teeth out of the act by making it virtually impossible for renters to force repair of dilapidated housing, unless

essential services are involved.

But a lawyer on the opposite side of the issue said, "The act still is favorable to tenants. It just doesn't give them an arbitrary advantage."

Sue Climo, community projects coordinator for the Portland Tenants Union, said, "The Court of Appeals decisions undermine any guarantee of habitability under the act. The court has basically thrown out the right to withhold rent."

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