

making the news

From Associated Press reports

CATANIA, Sicily — Mount Etna, Europe's highest volcano, was spewing ash and smoke for the sixth straight day Monday in what experts called its most spectacular activity in 30 years.

They said the activity peaked over the weekend when clouds of white smoke could be seen from about 25 miles away.

The last major eruption in April 1971 lasted two months, causing no casualties but destroying thousands of acres of arable land. The present activity is said to be no threat to life or land.

ST. LOUIS — State social workers joined police in the search Monday for several elderly patients missing from a suburban nursing home described by an investigator as "horrible... just filthy."

The patients were removed without explanation early last week from the Jera Su Manor home in Manchester, authorities said.

A search of the grounds started when relatives of the missing patients told police they were worried because they could not contact the home during the Thanksgiving holidays. Police found the home unlocked and the patients and staff gone.

ROME — World food production this year has increased faster than in 1977, mainly because of increased output in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization said Monday.

Food output was expected to increase between 3 percent and 3.5 percent in 1978, compared to only 2.2 percent in 1977, the office of the director-general said in its annual report to the FAO council.

LONDON — Amnesty International accused China on Monday of systematically repressing political dissent through social censure, imprisonment, mental torture and execution since the 1949 Communist take over.

In its first major report on China, the London-based human rights group quoted official Chinese documents indicating the number of people punished for straying from official policy is in the millions.

Amnesty International, which advocates the release of political prisoners everywhere and won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977, said the report — "Political Imprisonment in the People's Republic of China" — was the result of "several years of intensive research."

Police arrest ex-supervisor

San Francisco officials killed

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and city supervisor Harvey Milk were shot and killed Monday at City Hall, and a former supervisor was arrested, city officials said.

Police arrested Dan White, who resigned earlier this month but then asked Moscone to reappoint him. Moscone had not been expected to agree and was due to name a successor Monday.

Police said White had first gone to Moscone's office inside the ornate, domed City Hall, at Civic Center 15 blocks from the waterfront. After Moscone was shot, White ran down the hall to his former office, where Milk was shot, authorities said. Then White fled the building, police said.

A police radio broadcast said that White, 32, drove to the Police Department's Northern Station in the North Beach area and surrendered about 35 minutes after the shootings.

Mel Wax, Moscone's press secretary, said White came to the mayor's office about 10:40 a.m. and asked to see Moscone. White did not have an appointment, but Moscone saw him in the outer office and invited him into his private office.

"I didn't want them to see each other. I thought that would be a bad scene," Wax said.

"They were alone when this happened. There were three shots, as I understand it," Wax said.

Wax said that about the same time, Rudy Nothenberg, the mayor's fiscal adviser, arrived at the office for an 11 a.m. appointment. He walked into Moscone's office and saw him lying on the floor.

Wax said Moscone had been shot twice in the head and once in the left arm and was dead when

he was found.

Dianne Feinstein, president of the Board of Supervisors, said the killings occurred about 11 a.m.

"As president of the Board of Supervisors," she told a crowd gathered in the City Hall corridor, "it is my duty to make this announcement. Both Mayor Moscone and supervisor Harvey Milk

White," she said.

At City Hall, an unidentified witness said he heard about three shots from Moscone's office. A few minutes later, Moscone's body was carried out, covered by a sheet. A few minutes after that, Milk's body was removed.

Milk, 48, was elected to the 11-member board in November

Mayor of Portland gets more protection

PORTLAND (AP) — An additional security guard was assigned to Portland City Hall Monday in the wake of the assassination of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk.

Dan Churchill, press secretary for Mayor Neil Goldschmidt, said an uniformed city policeman was put on duty following the midday shooting in California. A squad car also was assigned to patrol the city hall area on a regular basis.

Goldschmidt's regular bodyguard was with the mayor throughout the day Churchill said.

The increased protection will continue for an indefinite period, Churchill said.

Portland police spokesman Dan Noelle said a threat was made Monday against Goldschmidt but refused to provide any details. However, a receptionist in the mayor's office quoted the caller as saying "We've already gotten one homosexual mayor, we're going to get the rest."

"We can't take a chance and we will treat it as a real threat until investigation proves," Noelle said.

have been shot and killed."

She choked back tears as she spoke and cries of "Oh, no" arose from the crowd. It was a few moments before she could continue. "The suspect is Supervisor Dan

1977. He ran as a self-proclaimed homosexual and won support from the city's gay population, estimated at one-sixth of San Francisco's population of nearly 700,000.

Urban spending to be cut, Carter tells city leaders

ST. LOUIS (AP) — President Carter, declaring that "no aspect of government will be sacred," warned the nation's top urban leaders Monday that the next federal budget will be "very, very tight" and that they will have to exercise restraint to help fight inflation.

In an earlier speech before the National League of Cities' annual convention, Carter pledged "to do this without starving useful programs." He said repeatedly that military spending will be scrutinized as carefully as domestic programs, but he did not say military spending would be cut.

Carter is committed to cutting his 1980 federal budget by between \$15 billion and \$20 billion to achieve a federal deficit of no more than \$30 billion.

Carter left little doubt that urban programs will be reduced. City leaders are anticipating these cuts, and Mayor Tom Bradley of

Los Angeles told the president: "This year is going to be critical for us because we have pledged that we will work with you and that we will take our fair share of cuts."

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