

making the news

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LONDON — It's a courtroom drama with a bit of everything — the charges involve sex, politics, a murder plot and blackmail. The principal defendant, Jeremy Thorpe, could hardly be more unlikely. Former leader of the Liberal Party, he is the embodiment of England's patrician class, a man educated at Eton and Oxford, a barrister, a privy councillor to the queen. Yet Thorpe, 49, faces a charge of conspiring to murder a discarded homosexual partner, ex-male model Norman Scott. The result, in the language of Britain's racy tabloids, is "the case of the century."

EUGENE — The body of Monmouth Mayor Richard Emken was recovered Sunday from the wreckage of a single-engine plane in northeastern Lane County.

An Army National Guard helicopter crew found the Piper Cherokee. It was at 4,100 feet elevation on a peak a short distance northwest of Cougar Reservoir about 45 miles east of Eugene.

The plane disappeared Friday while Emken, 36, was flying alone from Christmas Valley in south central Oregon to Independence. He was returning home from a business trip.

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Supreme Court stayed the double execution of convicted killers Dale Pierre and William Andrews on Monday, less than three days before they would have been shot.

Their attorneys said issues involving race and capital punishment had not been heard. They will be able to make their arguments in an appeal before the state Supreme Court. No date has been set for that hearing.

Pierre and Andrews, both black, were convicted in the torture slayings of three persons during a holdup in Ogden four years ago.

Pioneer I orbits Venus

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP) — Pioneer I slipped into an oval orbit around Venus on Monday to begin a 225-day probe of the cloud-shrouded planet that scientists hope will yield clues to the origins of Earth's climate and environment.

The flagship of the unmanned space fleet that will conduct the study swept behind the planet at 7:56 a.m. PST, right on schedule, according to officials at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Ames Research Center here. The craft, shaped like a coffee can, emerged 20 minutes later from the back side of the planet.

Controllers received signals that the craft's speed had been reduced from 32,000 mph to 29,650 mph — slow enough to bring it under the influence of Venusian gravity and start an oval-shaped orbit on a 24-hour cycle.

"What we are doing is giving the

Venusian climate a complete physical," said Dr. Verner E. Suomi, a University of Wisconsin meteorologist who is directing one set of more than 30 planned NASA experiments. "It may help us understand some of the mechanisms behind our climate."

Although the probe will begin sending photographs almost immediately, it will swing no closer than 90 miles from the planet's surface. Scientists say Venus is surrounded by a sulfuric acid cloud 11 miles thick.

The climax of the mission will come early Saturday, when another spacecraft in transmitting valuable scientific data before it is destroyed.

The first spacecraft was launched May 20 and the second in August.

Three other U.S. spacecraft have flown past Venus, located between Earth and Mercury, the closest planet to the sun.

Iranians promise more protests:

'We've shed too much blood to stop'

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Thousands of oil workers, again spearheading the anti-shah movement, launched a new round of work slowdowns Monday hoping to topple Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi by drying up Iran's all-important oil revenues, reliable sources reported.

In Tehran, three days of massive and bloody anti-government protests appeared to be winding down Monday. But in a new twist to what has been a one-sided struggle by unarmed dissidents against the military's guns, an urban guerrilla band attacked a police station, killing one officer and wounding another.

Youthful protesters also set fire to a bank in the heart of the city, causing considerable damage. But otherwise the armored military patrols stationed at key points in the city seemed generally in control.

The government reported its troops killed 17 persons and wounded 50 in Tehran and the southern city of Isfahan since the latest violence exploded Friday night. But diplomatic sources put the death toll at more than 30 here and in provincial cities, and some of the shah's opponents claim as many as 3,000 persons have been killed, a figure most

observers believe to be wildly exaggerated.

"We're fighting to the death now. We have shed too much blood to stop," one militant who identified himself only as Hassan told a reporter at the burial of a half-dozen slain protesters in a Tehran cemetery.

The opposition is both religious and political — orthodox Moslems who want to reverse the shah's westernization of this traditional Islamic society, and political dissidents who want to end his authoritarian rule.

Sources said the new slowdown by many of the 37,000-man work force in Iran's southwestern Khuzestan oil fields immediately cut Iran's daily oil production by 2 million barrels, one-third of the normal level.

Sources in the oil fields said the refinery at Abadan on the Persian Gulf was not affected by the slowdown Monday but probably would be Tuesday, along with at least two of four offshore fields in the gulf.

Iran, the world's No. 2 petroleum exporter, depends heavily on its oil revenues. A 15-day strike by oil industry workers last month cut the flow of oil to a trickle and cost the national treasury more than \$1 billion in lost revenue.

The state-run National Iranian Oil Co. was just beginning to restore normal production when hit by Monday's job actions, obviously aimed at dealing a decisive blow to the economic underpinning of the beleaguered monarchy.



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