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From Associated Press reports

Police fire on Moslem protesters

CAIRO, Egypt

Egypt assured foreign dignitaries Wednesday they will be adequately protected during Pres. Anwar Sadat's state funeral. Officials also said "some" policemen and one Moslem extremist were killed during clashes in the southern city of Assut.

"They will be protected," Egypt's undersecretary for foreign affairs, Ossama el-Baz, said of the world leaders who are due here for the Saturday services. "The fact an incident (Tuesday's assassination) took place does not mean the country is unsafe."

The original funeral plans and route have been simplified to facilitate security.

El Baz said police repulsed an effort by "a few young men" to storm two police stations in Assut, a city 240 miles south of Cairo on the Nile River and known for its Islamic fundamentalism.

The official Middle East News Agency said one Moslem was killed and "some" police were killed and wounded in the attack. Security sources in Cairo said at least two officers and 10 other people were killed in attacks.

MENA said three of the Moslems were captured and others were being sought in Assut.

Recession looms, Fed blamed

WASHINGTON

For months, the Reagan administration has been applauding Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker for his tight-money policy. Now, with recession looming, those pats on the back are looking more like punches.

It's still much too early to give up the administration's economic program, Pres. Reagan and his top officials insist. But if something should go wrong, and keep going wrong, there are indications they stand ready to revive an old White House tradition.

It's called: Blame the Fed.

"A tight money supply in a downward economic cycle could exacerbate the trouble we're in," Reagan's top economic adviser, Treasury Secretary Donald Regan, told a bankers' conference in San Francisco.

The Federal Reserve, the nation's central bank, can affect

money and credit availability by raising or lowering the amount of reserves banks are required to hold, by adjusting the interest rate member banks are charged for loans or by such other actions as selling government securities to banks or by buying them back.

Urged on by the administration, the Fed has been trying to manage the money supply so it will grow more slowly than in the past.

The theory at both the White House and the Federal Reserve is that too much money and easy credit were greatly to blame for inflation.

But times can get tough in the inflation war. Tight-credit discipline can beget high interest rates and those interest rates can beget a slumping economy, complete with lost jobs and maybe lost votes. When all that happens, it's usually time to blame the Fed.

Pacific glaciers continue growing

PORTLAND

Major glaciers or ice fields in Washington are growing, recent reports show.

Unlike Grinnell and Sperry glaciers in Montana's Glacier National Park, which are dwindling, Pacific Northwest glaciers are stable or on the move, says Mark Meier, a Northwest glaciologist for the U.S. Geological Survey in Tacoma, Wash.

Ninety percent of the glaciers remaining from the last Ice Age in the 48 contiguous states lie in Oregon and Washington.

While Oregon has eight square miles of glaciers, Washington had 135 square miles as estimated in 1968.

But Washington's glaciers have grown dramatically since then with Mount Rainier, the Northwest's biggest ice factory, leading the way.

Emmons Glacier, on the mountain's northeast face, has shown the most spectacular advance of any of Rainier's glaciers in recent years. Emmons' terminus advanced 1,500 feet in the 13 years between 1967 and 1980 and is still advancing.

Security fails to protect Sadat

CAIRO, Egypt

Westerners who witnessed the assassination of Pres. Anwar Sadat say his security forces failed to react to protect

the president. They also raised questions about the official account that only four attackers were involved.

Military attaches and diplomats at the parade Tuesday told The Associated Press they were surprised, in some cases shocked, because Sadat's security forces failed to take action to safeguard Sadat.

A Western diplomat who was there, but would not be quoted by name, said of Sadat's security men, "It was not a professional reaction at all." The Western sources would not be quoted by name.

Some diplomats questioned a government version that the murder team was limited to four men, three of whom were said to be civilians who masqueraded as soldiers and sneaked onto an army truck.

Western attaches say that in addition to at least three men photographed charging and shooting at Sadat, two or three others stayed aboard the truck and poured sustained fire at the president.

Walesa wins slim majority

GDANSK, Poland

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa won a hard battle at a national leadership meeting Thursday and secured a moderate majority on Solidarity's governing presidium.

Although the exact split between radicals and moderates on the presidium was not immediately clear, the radical-leaning commission apparently chose a presidium to Walesa's liking.

Walesa, a moderate who is popular with the rank-and-file, won more than 55 percent of the convention delegates' votes to defeat three challengers in the election for a two-year term national chairman. He had been under attack by union militants, who succeeded in getting radicals elected to the national commission.

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