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Guatemalan leftists attack capital

GUATEMALA CITY

Leftist guerrillas attacked a provincial capital with automatic weapons, grenades and dynamite, killing the governor, deputy police chief and at least eight other people in two hours of fighting around government buildings, a national police spokesman said Thursday.

The spokesman, who asked anonymity for security reasons, said there may be more dead and wounded in Solola, capital of Solola province, 87 miles west of the Guatemalan capital. But he said information was hard to obtain because the guerrillas cut telephone lines before fleeing Wednesday evening.

The police spokesman identified the attackers as members of the Guerrilla Army of the Poor, one of four leftist terrorist groups trying to overthrow the military-backed rightist regime of Gen. Fernando Romeo Lucas Garcia.

Solola has a population of 25,000.

Magazine claims cheating frequent

NEW YORK

Nearly half the married people among 24,000 readers of Psychology Today who answered a questionnaire about their morals said they have cheated on their spouses, the magazine said Thursday.

Nearly 4 out of 10 of those responding said they cheated on their income taxes.

About 8 out of 10 of the sex cheats felt guilty about their affairs while 6 of 10 tax cheats felt guilty about lying to the government, the magazine said.

The magazine said its results cannot be taken as applying to Americans as a whole, since its sampling was self-selected from among those with access to the magazine. Those answering were generally young adults with higher than average education and nearly 7 of 10 were women, it said.

U.S. removes planes from Egypt

WASHINGTON

In a surprise move, the United States is removing the two AWACS surveillance aircraft sent to Egypt only two weeks ago, it was reported today.

A State Department official, who asked not to be identified, said, "The AWACS deployment to Egypt was always intended as a temporary measure."

Secretary of State Alexander Haig had said the AWACS were sent to Egypt for use in joint U.S.-Egyptian military exercises, known as Bright Star, which will be held next month.

However, one U.S. official, who spoke only on the condition that his name not be used, said Haig "misspoke."

The AWACS were sent to Egypt on Oct. 14, and the official said they clearly were intended as a show of support for Egypt following the assassination of Pres. Anwar Sadat.

The official did not rule out the possibility the AWACS

planes might be used in connection with the Bright Star exercise next month, but said that decision "hasn't been made yet."

Also still to be made, he said, is a decision whether U.S.-based B-52 aircraft will participate in Bright Star, as Haig had said earlier they might.

The two AWACS were sent from Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma to help patrol the Egyptian border with Libya. State Department spokesman Dean Fischer had said they might be also used on the border region of the Sudan, Egypt's neighbor, which also was considered threatened by Libya.

Drug cuts down heart attack rate

PORTLAND

Two Portland medical centers took part in a national study of a drug that authorities said Thursday decreased death rates by 26 percent among people with prior heart attacks.

Officials at Providence Medical Center and Kaiser Permanent Health Services Research Center learned that the study has ended earlier than planned because test results were conclusive.

The announcement of test results was made in a conference call involving all 31 medical centers and the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute in Washington, D.C., which administered the study.

The institute said patients taking the drug, propranolol, had a 26 percent lower death rate than other heart patients in the tests who were given only a placebo.

"We may be able to reduce heart attack deaths by 1 percent a year in the nation," Dr. Gordon Maurice said Thursday.

Authorities say the drug slows

the heart rate and makes the organ work more efficiently. Maurice said the drug has been prescribed since the early 1960s for high blood pressure and migraine headaches.

Reactions varied on AWACS vote

WASHINGTON

Israel reacted with restraint Thursday to U.S. Senate approval of the Saudi Arabian arms sale and said it expects Pres. Ronald Reagan to ensure the Jewish state's security. Saudi rulers expressed "deep gratitude" and said relations with America will improve.

There was no comment from West European allies and most Arab states were silent.

The Soviets claimed the \$8.5 billion package, which includes the world's most sophisticated spy planes, will spur a new Mideast arms race and is part of a U.S. preparation for possible seizure of the region's oil fields.

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, in a statement devoid of harshness, indicated he expected Reagan to hold to his pledge to "help Israel retain its military and technological advantages in the Middle East."

The Saudi defense minister, Prince Sultan Ibn Abdel Aziz, said the vote "proved that the U.S. political decision is independent in the face of enormous pressures... that tried to manipulate America's foreign policy in the service of the expansionist objectives of a foreign state."

"The Saudi people will undoubtedly never forget this stance by the friends," he said, and called on members of Congress who voted against the deal to "have the moral courage... And give up that position." The House rejected the sale by a margin of nearly 3-1 two weeks ago.

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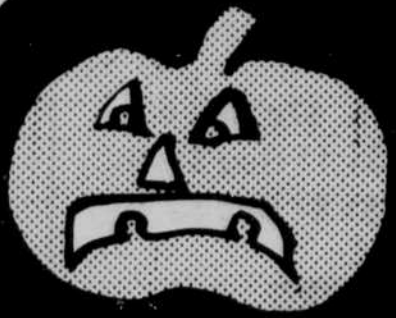
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