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Reagan vows to get justice

WASHINGTON - Pres. Ronald Reagan charged the Soviet Union on Thursday night with encouraging the violence in both Lebanon and Grenada "through a network of surrogates and terrorists."

The president said the American invasion of Marxist-ruled Grenada was necessary because "The nightmare of our hostages in Iran must never be repeated."

He also vowed that those responsible for the bombing in Beirut that killed 225 Marines and sailors "must be dealt justice. They will be."

In a televised address to the nation, Reagan said, "The events in Lebanon and Grenada, though oceans apart, are closely related. Not only has Moscow assisted and encouraged the violence in both countries, but it provides direct support through a network of surrogates and terrorists."

Reagan said that on Grenada the United States had assumed that several hundred Cubans working on an airport runway on the southern part of the island could be military reservists.

'As it turned out, the number was much larger and they were a military force," Reagan said. "Six hundred have been taken prisoner and we have discovered a complete base with weapons and communications equipment which makes it clear a Cuban occupation of the island had been planned."

About 3,000 American forces have landed on the island since a pre-dawn invasion Tuesday. "It is carr intention to get our men out as soon as possible," the president said.

The president called the invasion was a "brilliant campaign" that is "now in the mopping-up

"Regrettably," he said, Cuban President Fidel Castro "ordered his men to fight to the death and some did. The others will be sent to their homeland."

Reagan said he ordered the invasion because of an urgent request from Grenada's neighbors "that we join them in a military operation to restore order and democracy in Grenada.

"These small, peaceful nations needed our help," the president

said, adding that three of the countries do not have any arms and the others have only limited

"The legitimacy of their request, plus my own concern for our citizens, dictated my decision," said Reagan. "I believe our government has a responsibility to go to the aid of its citizens if their right to life and liberty is threatened.

Reagan said that in Lebanon, the United States "will do everything we can to ensure that our men are as safe as possible.'

He said there was strong circumstanial evidence that the terrorists responsible for the bombing were the same that destroyed the American embassy in Beirut several months ago.

"Those who directed this atrocity must be dealt justice. They will be," Reagan vowed.

He said the obvious purpose of the attack was to weaken American resolve and force the withdrawal of American and French troops from Lebanon.

"If America were to walk away from Lebanon, what chance would there be for a negotiated settlement producing a unified, democratic Lebanon? If we turned our backs on Lebanon now, what would be the future of Israel?"

Reagan said the bombing victims in Lebanon must not have

'We must not strip every ounce of meaning and purpose from their courageous sacrifice," said

"If terrorism and intimidation succeed, it will be a devastating blow to the peace process and to Israel's search for genuine security. It won't just be Lebanon sentenced to a future of chaos. Can the United States or the free world, for that matter, stand by and see the Middle East incorporated into the Soviet bloc...

"We are a nation with global responsibilities," Reagan added. 'We are not somewhere else in the world protecting someone else's interests. We are there protecting our own.'

Anti-abortion bill passes

WASHINGTON - The House passed by voice vote Thursday an \$11.9 billion appropriations bill with provisions to "stem the tide" of illegal drugs from abroad and restrict abortion coverage for federal employee health plans serving nine million Americans.

The abortion provision is similiar to an anti-abortion restriction in the Medicaid program for low-income Americans.

It would apply to the approximately 130 health plans serving the federal government's 2.8 million employees and their more than six million dependents.

Extortionist convicted

CHICAGO - James Lewis was convicted Thursday night of trying to extort \$1 million from Johnson & Johnson last year during a nationwide panic sparked by seven deaths from cyanide-laced

A federal grand jury deliberated less than three hours before returning the verdict. Lewis, 37, grimaced when the verdict was read. His wife, LeAnn, sat quietly.

The conviction followed five days of testimony in the trial before U.S. District Judge Frank McGarr.

Johnson & Johnson, the parent company of the firm that manufactures Tylenol, received the letter after seven Chicago area residents died in 1982 from taking cyanade-laced Tylenol capsules.

No charges have been filed in the murders.

The defense admitted that Lewis wrote the letter but said he did not intend to collect the \$1 million. Lewis' attorney, Michael Monico, argued that Lewis was seeking revenge against his wife's former employer.



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