

Allies dismiss Reagan's Libyan sanctions

By The Associated Press

West Germany said today it would not join the United States' economic sanctions against Libya, and other American allies, including Britain, Italy, Spain and Belgium, expressed skepticism about the impact the sanctions would have on international terrorism.

At a Washington news conference Tuesday night, President Reagan said he had signed an executive order declaring Libya "a threat to the national security of the United States," and banned all direct trade with the North African country.

"We call on our friends in Western Europe and elsewhere to join with us in isolating" Libyan leader Col. Moammar Khadafy, Reagan said.

The United States and Israel contend Libya supports a terrorist group that has claimed responsibility for the Dec. 27 twin terrorist attacks on Rome and Vien-

na airports, which left 19 people dead, including five Americans.

Friedhelm Ost, chief spokesman for the West German government, said at a news conference in Bonn that the government decided today it will not participate in the boycott.

"It is our experience to date that economic sanctions do not lead to the desired results," Ost said.

He said the government would take part in U.S.-proposed consultations over the terrorist issue, but declined to say what measures West Germany would consider supporting. Ost said the Bonn Cabinet's decision was based on West Germany's extensive economic and trade ties with Libya.

He said Libya was Bonn's third-largest supplier of oil in the first 11 months of 1985. West Germany gets most of its oil from Britain, and also exports from Nigeria.

A spokesman at the British Foreign Office, speaking on condition of anonymity, told reporters today, "Our general attitude towards sanctions is that they don't bring about the desired results."

Britain's trade with Libya was about \$650 million in the first 10 months of 1985, with \$290 million in exports to Libya and \$360 million in imports from Libya.

In Rome, the Italian foreign ministry said Italy would consider economic or political measures against countries involved in terrorism only in "strict association" with other Common Market nations.

Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti called for an immediate meeting of foreign ministers of the 12 member countries of the European Economic Community to draw up a response to Reagan's call.

The Irish government said it would consider Reagan's appeal in consultation

with the Common Market.

Australian Foreign Minister Bill Hayden said in a radio interview before Reagan announced his proposals, "If there were to be an international trade boycott, that is, supported internationally, then I would expect that Australia would be a part of it."

But he stressed that the decision would be made by the Cabinet, which is scheduled to meet in two weeks.

Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone told reporters in Tokyo that the Foreign Ministry was studying the issue, and that Japan would react quickly to Reagan's call. Kyodo News Service reported. Kyodo said Nakasone did not specify what Japan might do.

Japan maintains friendly relations with Libya. It imported \$7.2 million worth of goods — mostly oil — from Libya in the first 10 months of 1985, up from \$485,000 in the same period one year earlier.

Shuttle launch again delayed

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Technicians found a faulty engine valve in one of Columbia's engines Wednesday and NASA postponed today's sixth scheduled attempt to launch the space shuttle.

No new launch date was set immediately for the hard-luck shuttle and its crew of seven, who have suffered through six launch postponements since Dec. 18, tying a record for the number of delays for a single shuttle mission.

While checking the engines for possible damage after Tuesday's postponement, technicians discovered a stuck valve in a liquid oxygen

line. Officials said there was not time to correct the problem in time to achieve a launch today.

The weather outlook was marginal for a Thursday launch, with a forecast of rain, winds and clouds.

The postponement ties Discovery's maiden flight in 1984 for the most number of delays for a single mission.

NASA scrubbed the flight Tuesday for a second straight day, because visibility at three emergency runways was blocked by sand blowing off the Sahara and by clouds in Spain and Florida.

FDA adopts new Jarvik-7 rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration, responding to concerns about strokes and internal bleeding among artificial heart recipients, said Wednesday it has adopted new rules for permanent implants of the Jarvik-7 heart, that include heightened scrutiny of patient care.

At the same time, it said it has forbidden further emergency use of a smaller, unapproved version of the Jarvik-7 until the agency can review the safety of the device. A 40-year-old Minnesota woman received the unapproved heart in an emergency operation last month.

The FDA action followed a

lengthy debate by a scientific advisory panel last month on whether serious medical complications among the four men who have received permanent implants have shown the Jarvik-7 heart to be too risky for permanent use.

Dr. Robert Jarvik, who developed the heart, told the panel it has performed "extraordinarily well" under difficult circumstances.

But critics cited "devastating results" in the first four implants, in which two patients died and the remaining two suffered debilitating strokes. They called on the FDA to revoke permission for the three additional implants still authorized by the agency.

The panel instead recommended new restrictions on the Jarvik-7, including case-by-case approval of further Jarvik-7 implants, new procedures for treating patients and periodic reports to the government on patient status.

The FDA said Wednesday it has adopted the panel's recommendations and asked Symbion Inc. of Salt Lake City, the heart's manufacturer, for a revised research protocol. The protocol specifies the steps that will be followed in a research program.

The new rules involve only permanent implants of the full-sized Jarvik-7 heart. They do not cover so-called "bridge" implants of the Jarvik-7, in which the device is used temporarily to bridge the gap between removal of an irreparably damaged heart and transplantation of a yet-to-be-found natural heart.

Bridge implants of the full-sized Jarvik-7 can continue at the three U.S. medical centers where they now are authorized.

But in a related development, the FDA said it has forbidden further emergency bridge implants of a smaller version of the Jarvik-7 that has not yet been approved for human testing.

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