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Aquino warns Reagan not to back Marcos

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Corazon Aquino war ed President Reagan on Wednesday against supporting the National Assembly's expected proclamation of President Ferdinand Marcos as winner of last Friday's presidential election.

The assembly, dominated by Marcos' New Society Movement party, is to begin official tabulation of votes this Friday, using what the opposition has said are fraudulent local vote tallies.

"I would wonder at the motives of a friend of democracy who chose to conspire with Mr. Marcos to cheat the Filipino people of their liberation," said Aquino, who claimed anew that she has already won the presidency.

Marcos has declared himself the "probable winner."

Reagan asserted at a news conference Tuesday night that the elections were marred by fraud on both sides, but his remark was disputed by several U.S. election observers who said they had seen no evidence of fraud by Aquino's supporters.

No immediate reaction came from the presidential palace to. Reagan's statements or to his decision to send diplomatic trouble-shooter Philip Habib to Manila as his personal-emissary.

Aquino said only that Habib, would likely get a courteous welcome.

As to suggestions that she reconcile with Marcos, she replied: "It would be a delusion of policy that an opposition whose leaders and followers have been and are being killed can suddenly settle down to a Western-style opposition role in a healthy two-party system. Too many will be dead the moment the world's head is turned."

The nation's Roman Catholic bishops arranged to meet Thursday to review the election.

The military says 86 people were killed during the two-

French will help in restoration of Statue of Liberty

PARIS (AP) — A French-American group has announced it will help raise funds in France for the restoration of the Statue of Liberty, which was donated to the United States by France 100 years ago.

"We want to reaffirm the gesture France made a century earlier," the Franco-American Committee for the Restoration of the Statue of Liberty said Tuesday.

The group will concentrate on raising funds for a new torch to be built by the French company Les Metalliers Champenois. Total repairs on the statue, whose restoration is to be completed by July 4, will cost about \$320 million.

Fundraising events include a trans-Atlantic race in May from Rouen to New York and a series of television program exchanges between Houston and Paris entitled the "Liberty Channel." month campaign, the latest being Aquino campaign official Evelio Javier, a former governor shot dead by hooded men in Antique province. The Philippine News Agency placed the total at 107.

Results of two separate counts kept showing opposite results five days after the election.

Aquino had gained in the

government election commission returns but Marcos led with 7,032,695 votes, or 50.6 percent, to 6,859,234, or 49.4 percent, with two-thirds of the precincts reporting.

The independent ballotmonitoring group National Movement for Free Elections had Aquino ahead, 7,158,679, or 52.3 percent, to 6,532,362, or 47.7 percent for Marcos, based on 64 percent of the precincts.

Both counts were continuing although they are not legally binding. Only the National Assembly count, to be posted on chalkboards as tally sheets are read, is official.

Marcos, 68, president for 20 years, has not faced real opposition since 1969. He ruled under

martial law from 1972 to 1981. His six-year term runs until 1987, but he called a special election trying to prove he still had overwhelming support.

Most of the districts not yet reported were in areas Marcos was expected to carry.

Marcos' New Society Movement has a two-thirds majority in the assembly.

