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Marcos flees the Philippines as Aquino claims presidency

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Ferdinand Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years in power Tuesday and Corason Aquino, the new president, told her nation "the long agony is over."

Marcos resigned the presidency Monday night, driven from office by a military and civil rebellion. He was taken with his family in U.S. helicopters to Clark Air Base. Officials in Washington said they left for Guam shortly after 5 a.m. Tuesday.

A State Department official said the Marcoses would remain in Guam "for some time," but he did not know their ultimate destination.

After Marcos left the riverside presidential palace, where he had been isolated for days by a revolution Aquino called "people power," Filipinos swarmed into the streets for a carnival of joy.

They created traffic jams at midnight, chanting "Cory! Cory!" for their champion, who had refused to concede after the National Assembly declared Marcos the winner of a Feb. 7 election marred by violence and fraud.

Aquino said in a brief television appearance early Tuesday: "The long agony is over. We are finally free, and we can be truly proud of the unprecedented way in which we achieved our freedom — with courage, with determination and most important, in peace."

A crowd broke into the palace, wolfing food left on the tables, carrying off shoes, monogrammed towels and other loot. They fought with Marcos supporters left behind, and Associated Press photographer Bullitt Marquez reported seeing one body in the lobby.

Aquino's military commander ordered soldiers to prevent looting or violence against Marcos loyalists.

Increasing U.S. pressure combined with the military and civil revolt to end Marcos' rule. He

fled to the U.S. air base 50 miles northwest of Manila barely nine hours after a last hurrah of being formally sworn in for another six-year term.

Aquino took the oath as president in a rival ceremony.

Chief Pentagon spokesman Robert Sims said in Washington that the Marcoses would spend the night at Clark base, but "I do not know what their plans are thereafter."

Maj. Thomas Boyd, a Clark public affairs officer, said they stayed in the Distinguished Visitors Quarters.

Official word of the resignation came first from Washington. Secretary of State George Shultz said Marcos, a U.S. ally throughout his presidency, would be "welcome to come to the United States."

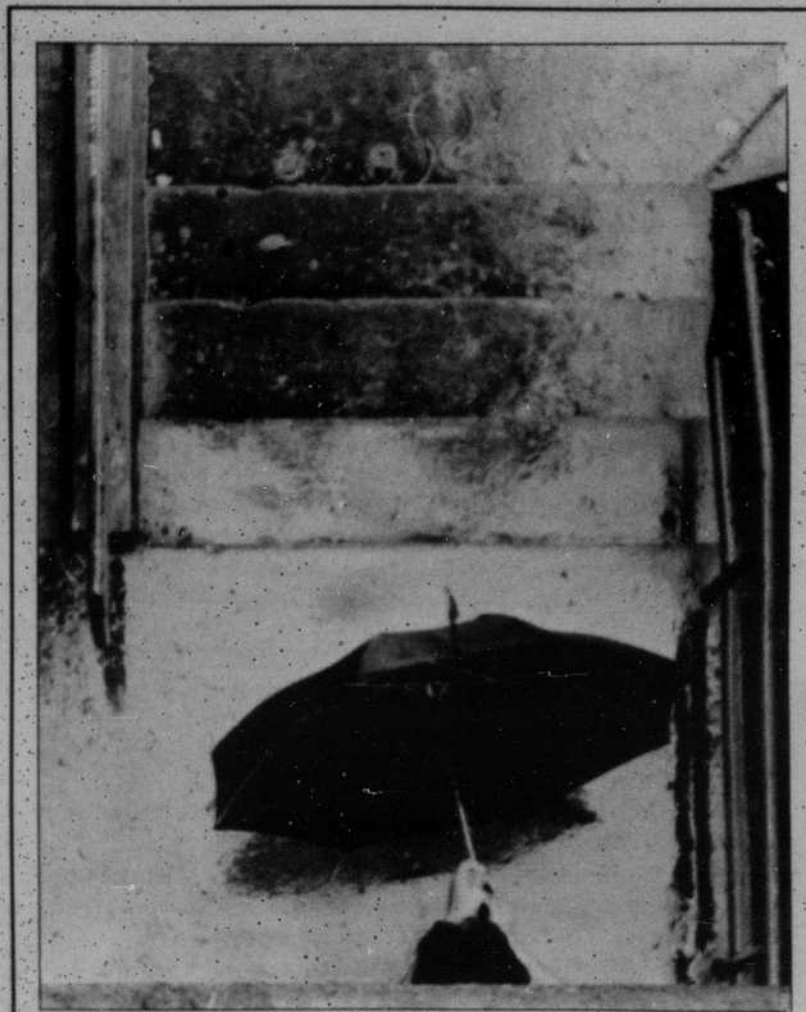
In announcing U.S. recognition of Aquino, 53, Shultz said: "The new government has been produced by one of the most stirring and courageous examples of the democratic process in modern history. We honor the Filipino people. They have resolved this issue nonviolently and in a way that does them honor."

Aquino said in her television appearance, which began at 2:45 a.m. and lasted less than a minute: "A new life starts for our country tomorrow, a life filled with hope and I believe a life that will be blessed with peace and progress."

She urged people to "please stay calm and observe sobriety for the sake of our country."

The departure of Marcos, 68, ended an intense, four-day drama in this archipelago of 55.5 million people. It began Saturday with a military revolt led by Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile and Lt. Gen. Fidel Ramos, deputy chief of the armed forces.

There were no major military clashes, but at least 16 people were reported killed.



Foul-weather friend

Umbrellas have evolved into natural appendages of the species known as "Northwesterner." This umbrella, however, appears to be attached to the EMU rather than its rain-way owner inside.

Photo by Karen Stallwood

Hazing lawsuit begins today

The local chapter of Kappa Sigma fraternity and five of its former officers go on trial today in a case involving alleged hazing of student pledges in 1981.

The pledges, Mark Rosier and Ron Pierce, were hospitalized after being struck by a car at night on a road near Marcola while trying to make their way back to the fraternity house on foot. Rosier, the plaintiff in the lawsuit, contends that he, Pierce and other pledges were abandoned about 15 miles from campus by Kappa Sigma seniors and told to return as a group.

The lawsuit, which seeks damages

of \$1.9 million, alleges that the fraternity and several of its former officers neglected to provide a "standard of care" and engaged in the practice of hazing, by subjecting pledges to physical and mental harassment.

Named as defendants, represented by local attorney Ralph Cobb, are the local Gamma Alpha chapter of Kappa Sigma, the fraternity's international organization, and the former chapter officers.

Opening arguments by will begin today at 10 a.m. in Lane County Circuit Court, and Judge Douglas Spence will preside over the trial.

Gorbachev rejects new proposal

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev rejected President Reagan's new arms control proposals Tuesday and said timing of the next summit hinges on an "understanding" about banning nuclear tests or eliminating medium-range missiles in Europe.

Convening the 27th Communist Party Congress with a speech that set the tone for the Kremlin's new generation, Gorbachev sharply criticized Reagan's stand on space weapons, his rejection of a freeze on British and French arsenals, and his call for cuts in the Soviet Union's Asian nuclear forces.

"It is hard to detect in the letter we have just received (from Reagan) any serious preparedness... to get down to the business of eliminating the nuclear threat," Gorbachev told the 5,000 delegates to the congress.

Gorbachev said the next summit, to be held this year under an agreement reached at the Geneva meeting in November, "ought to produce practical results in key areas of limiting and reducing armaments."

Gorbachev spoke for about 5½ hours at the opening a gathering that occurs at least every five years. The last party congress was in 1981.

Comparable worth drive to focus on those 'undervalued' in system

By Scott McFetridge

Of the Emerald

Members of the Oregon Public Employees Union plan to eat "pay equity cake" this week as part of a drive to institute a comparable worth program among state workers in Oregon.

The OPEU, which represents 1,100 classified worker at the University, was one of the principle backers of comparable worth in Oregon and lobbied strongly for pay equity during the 1985 state Legislature. Both houses of the Legislature eventually approved a comparable worth bill by more than a two-thirds majority.

Gov. Vic Atiyeh vetoed the bill.

"The Legislature wanted to make comparable worth the official policy of Oregon and Atiyeh was the only one standing in the way," said Kirk Wilcox, a business agent with OPEU who represents University classified employees.

Despite widespread support for comparable worth, Atiyeh said, "Let them eat cake," to backers of pay equity, Wilcox said. The pay equity cake is one way to bring attention to OPEU's drive for comparable worth legislation, he said.

Pay equity is a statewide issue but the matter is particularly important to University OPEU members because the state's eight public colleges and universities employ more clerical workers than

any other state agency, Wilcox said. Clerical workers comprise one group that would be most strongly affected by comparable worth legislation, he said.

About 700 University classified employees would be affected by comparable worth legislation supported by OPEU, with a majority of these being women, Wilcox said.

"We think it's pretty obvious who the undervalued people are," he said.

According to figures from the OPEU, women classified workers at the University are largely concentrated in lower paying positions. Women fill 70 percent of positions paying less than \$1,256, while men make up only 10 percent of these positions, the figures show.

And 52 percent of men, compared to only 4 percent of women, hold jobs that pay more than \$1,902, according to the OPEU information.

In addition to not being equitable, the state's method of setting wages is out of date, Wilcox said. For example, the state's 10,000 clerical workers are divided into only four to five pay categories, which Wilcox said is much too broad.

The OPEU plans to offer the pay equity cake Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the EMU lobby. The OPEU also has invited several state legislators to stop by their table and plan to deliver cake to State System Chancellor Bud Davis, President Paul Olum and to the ASUO office, Wilcox said.