

# World news

## Soldiers confront mutinous security forces, civilians

**CAIRO, Egypt (AP)** — Soldiers in the capital and three other cities Wednesday battled disgruntled security forces and civilians who set fire to hotels and nightclubs, looted shops and stormed a prison to free Islamic extremists.

Unofficial sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that incomplete reports indicated there had been scores of deaths and hundreds of injured.

By nightfall, journalists in various parts of Cairo reported that most of the rioting had

ceased, and only occasional bursts of automatic fire were heard.

The rioting began when conscripts from a Central Security Force camp near the pyramids protested "false rumors" that their term of service was to be extended from three years to four, the official Middle East News Agency said.

Soldiers patrolled in armored cars to enforce a curfew that took effect at 4 p.m. Education Minister Mansour Hussein said all schools would be closed today and universities would remain closed indefinitely.

Hundreds of foreign tourists staying at hotels near the Great Pyramids, where the rioting began Tuesday night, took refuge in other hotels or nearby private homes. Others were evacuated to downtown Cairo.

No Americans were reported injured, but a French Embassy official said three French tourists were hospitalized with minor injuries suffered in a stampede as panicked guests tried to flee the Jolie Ville Hotel when rioters set it on fire.

One British tourist, Patrick Jewels, was quoted by the BBC

as saying his hotel near the pyramids was set on fire and looted by mobs.

"Everybody was leaving their rooms and running," he said. "Then (the rioters) started burning the hotel rooms down. We managed to jump over a wall, and we climbed onto a roof and lay there for a few hours."

An Interior Ministry state-

ment issued while the clashes were continuing said at least 10 rioters were arrested.

Witnesses said civilians apparently angry with the government because of rising prices and the declining economy quickly joined in the spree of arson and looting. The civilians shouted Islamic slogans, the witnesses said.

## Aquino willing to 'forget the past'

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)** — President Corazon Aquino said Wednesday she will seek a cease-fire with communist guerrillas but not the extradition of Ferdinand Marcos, who was driven into exile by her "people power" revolt.

Salvador Laurel, the new vice president, announced plans for a general political amnesty and said the insurgents are not truly communists, but people Marcos forced into fighting.

Government television announced that a military committee was preparing a list of anti-Marcos political prisoners to be freed today, which it said might include about 50 percent of those held.

Aquino, who blames Marcos for the assassination of her husband, Benigno, in 1983, told a news conference: "I have said I can be magnanimous in victory. I would like to

show by example that the sooner we can forget our hurt, then the easier it will be for our country to start rebuilding from the ruins left us."

She also announced her Cabinet appointments at the news conference, and said Laurel will serve as prime minister and foreign minister.

American helicopters took Marcos, who had ruled this 7,100-island archipelago for two decades, to Clark Air Base on Tuesday night. He and his party were flown to Hawaii by the U.S. Air Force after a stop in Guam.

Aquino met with 11 members of the Marcos government Wednesday, including Prime Minister Cesar Virata, and asked them to stay on until her appointees receive National Assembly approval. She also included some Marcos men in her new government.

"Let's forget the past," she said.

## Jury imposes death penalty in local case

**ALBANY (AP)** — A jury decided Wednesday that Jeffery S. Wagner should be the first person sentenced to die in Oregon since the state's voters re-established capital punishment in 1984.

The Linn County jury deliberated less than two hours before answering yes to three questions necessary for an execution to be ordered.

Wagner, 25, showed no emotion as the jury's decision was revealed, but asked Circuit Judge William Lewis to sentence him immediately. The judge declined and set formal sentencing for 10 a.m. Friday.

"This is a sad time for all of us that we have to participate in trials of this nature," Lewis told the jurors.

Deputy District Attorney Kirk Engdahl, who prosecuted the case, said, "The jury rendered a verdict true and justice was served."

Wagner pleaded guilty to aggravated

murder, admitting he killed Jeri A. Koenig, 23, in her Albany apartment. Her body was found June 27.

Aggravated murder is the only crime in Oregon for which a jury is impaneled to decide on the sentence.

Under state law, if the jurors agreed unanimously that Wagner killed Koenig deliberately and without reasonable provocation, and that he's a continuing threat to society, Lewis must sentence Wagner to death by lethal injection. The sentence automatically would be appealed to the Oregon Supreme Court.

If any juror had dissented, the sentence would be life in prison.

Wagner, who represented himself, offered no defense Wednesday after prosecutors presented their case. Saying only, "The defense rests," he made no opening statement and called no witnesses.

## Reagan lobbies for his military budget

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Reagan, trying to reverse dwindling support for his defense buildup, said Wednesday it would be "reckless, dangerous and wrong" for Congress to reduce his \$320 billion military budget request.

Congress already has "undercut our negotiators" at the Geneva arms talks by banning tests of anti-satellite weapons and unilaterally giving the Soviets "a concession they could not win at the bargaining table," the president said.

In a bluntly-worded address prepared for national broadcast from the Oval Office, Reagan said to cut defense now is "not cheap (and) it's not safe."

He said it would be "backsliding of the most ir-

responsible kind."

"Just as we are sitting down at the bargaining table with the Soviet Union, let's not throw America's trump card away," Reagan said.

In a brief reference to the ouster of Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos and his replacement by Corazon Aquino — his first public statement on the switch — Reagan applauded the "remarkable restraint shown by both sides to prevent bloodshed during these last tense days."

"Our hearts and hands are with President Aquino and her new government as they set out to meet the challenges ahead," he said. "Today, the Filipino people celebrate the triumph of democracy, and the world celebrates with them."

Reagan, defending his administration against charges of wasteful and sometimes fraudulent defense spending, said Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger "should be praised, not pilloried, for cleaning the skeletons out of the closet."

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