

# Reporter exposes governor; gets fired



MEXICO CITY (AP) — An American reporter was fired from a Mexican English-language newspaper after writing in a U.S. newspaper about alleged links between a powerful politician and the murder of a Mexican

journalist.

The account by Zachary Margulis, a reporter for *The News*, appeared Saturday on the op-ed page of *The New York Times*.

Margulis had obtained a copy of a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration document that said Manuel Bartlett Diaz, who becomes governor of central Puebla state on Jan. 1, ordered the 1984 murder of a journalist in Veracruz.

Bartlett, who resigned as education secretary this year to run for governor, is one of the most powerful politicians in Mexico.

His possible links to drug traffickers have long been rumored, but never proven. He was elected governor on Nov. 8.

The U.S. drug agency refused to comment on Margulis' firing.

"They said I had promised not to write any more about Bartlett," Margulis, 25, of Boston, said in an in-

terview Wednesday, the day he was fired. "They said I broke that promise when I did the story for *The New York Times*."

"I said I just said I wouldn't write about him in *The News*. This is what you get if you want to be honest in this paper."

News publisher Romulo O'Farrill, described by Margulis as a friend of Bartlett, refused to comment.

*The News* is Mexico City's only English-language daily.

The DEA document is the summary of a debriefing of Lawrence Harrison, a DEA informant. Harrison worked for a member of the Guadalajara drug cartel who has been charged in the 1985 murder of DEA agent Enrique Camarena.

The document was presented as evidence in the 1990 trial in Los Angeles of Ruben Zuno Arce, whose conviction on kidnapping and conspiracy charges in the Camarena case was overturned on appeal. His new trial began Tuesday.

The DEA document, dated Feb. 9, 1990, says Bartlett may also be implicated in the murder of Manuel Buendia, a columnist for Mexico City newspaper *Excelsior*.

# India bans Muslim groups after riots

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — The government announced a ban on fundamentalist groups Monday and sent the army into Bombay after religious riots across India killed about 200 Hindus and Muslims.

Fighting with firebombs, knives, axes and stones engulfed at least two dozen towns after Hindu zealots destroyed a 430-year-old Muslim mosque in northern India on Sunday and began building a Hindu temple at the site.

Sacking of the Babri Masjid mosque enraged India's Muslim neighbors, Pakistan and Bangladesh; prompted calls for the ouster of Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao, and threatened wide-scale violence among India's 700 million Hindus and 100 million Muslims.

Chief government spokesman S. Narendra said Monday the government was preparing a list of organizations that will be outlawed, including Muslim fundamentalist groups. Details will be released later, he said.

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### MEETINGS

Office of International Education and Exchange will have a Global Friends general meeting today at 12:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room D. For more information, call 346-3206.

Returning Students Association will meet today at 4 p.m. in EMU Room 27.

Student Senate will meet today at 5 p.m. in EMU Century Room D. For more information, call 346-0630.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Jewish Student Union/Hillel will have a Hannukah potluck tonight at 6:30 p.m. at 1470 Alder. Campbell Club. Questions? Call the Jewish Student Union at 346-4366.

Center for Asian and Pacific Studies will have a special presentation, "The Strategic Behavior of Chinese Elites," today at 3:30 p.m. in the International Studies Conference Room, Room 810

PLC. For more information, call 346-1521.

Microcomputer Support Lab will have a demonstration of Apple's Quicktime today from 9 to 12 a.m. in the EMU Lobby. For more information, call 346-4402.

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# Shellfishing devastated by oil spill

LA CORUNA, Spain (AP) — Environmentalists on Monday said the spill of millions of gallons of oil has seriously damaged the rich shellfishing off this northwestern port and ruined the Christmas mussel harvest for local fishermen.

"Christmas is their best season, since the price goes up," said Juan Lopez Uralde, a Greenpeace official. "Just in the time of the year when they can make some money, they're ruined."

Environmentalists feared the wreck of the Greek tanker Aegean Sea would be more damaging to shellfishing than the 1976 accident of the tanker Urquiola, which spilled 30 million gallons near La Coruna.

The Greek tanker was carrying 24 million gallons of light crude when it broke up last week. Rough weather on Monday prevented divers from inspecting the sunken hull and calculating how many millions of gallons have spilled.

Ezequiel Perez Montes, a spokesman for the La Coruna city government, estimated 18 million gallons leaked or burned off during a fire that blazed after Thursday's grounding. The rest remains in two segregated ballast tanks in the ship's hull, which is in two pieces.

A group of regional fishing guilds on Monday asked Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez to declare the shoreline a disaster

zone. The regional government barred fishing in a 30-mile stretch south and north of the port until at least Dec. 15 and offered commercial fishermen \$400 each as compensation.

Lopez Uralde said fishermen in Lorbe, a town across the inlet from La Coruna, complained that the area had just begun to recover from the 1976 spill.

Cleanup crews have vacuumed up what they believe to be about 1 percent of the spilled oil from the area around La Coruna. But the most important step will be to extract the oil from the sunken hull, said Greenpeace spokeswoman Oliva Nunez.

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