

Official tells panel

Panama is neither open nor repressive

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Military strongman Omar Torrijos rules Panama virtually by himself but does not preside over "a repressive, totalitarian government," a State Department official told a House committee today.

The American widow of a man who burned himself to death to protest alleged repression by Torrijos testified differently before the House International Relations committee. Torrijos, she said, is not uncommon.

The House panel and the Senate Foreign Relations committee heard testimony on the controversy over whether to turn the Panama Canal over to Panama in the year 2000. Critics have charged he waterway could be an explosive international tool in the hands of a dictator.

"Our own assessment at the present time is that Panama is neither a model open society, a traditional liberal democracy, nor a repressive, totalitarian government," State Department spokesman William P. Stedman told the House committee in support of the canal treaties.

"I should say candidly that this assessment differs with those of some other reports," he added. "Torrijos is clearly the leader ... When he chooses to make decisions, his will prevails ... Sharp, direct criticism of Torrijos is not accepted."

Mrs. Rose Marie Aragon — whose Panamanian husband, Leopoldo, immolated himself in Sweden last month to protest the treaties — disputed claims by U.S. negotiators that abuses had eased in Panama in the last few years.

She told the House committee her husband was arrested in 1972, sentenced to five years in prison and tortured at the "Devil's Island" penal colony before being exiled to Sweden.

Mrs. Aragon also presented the committee with documented cases of human rights violations through 1976, including the alleged torture of at least 151 persons.

A number of witnesses appeared before the Senate committee, including Robert M. Bartell of the conservative Liberty Lobby, which is strongly opposed to the treaties.

Analysts of the future, said Bartell, will find "this utterly one-sided transaction ... the most baffling mystery of the decade, perhaps of our generation."

Airbag test suppression 'poppycock'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — National Highway Traffic Safety Administration officials say it is "poppycock" to suggest they suppressed results of an airbag test and threatened reprisals against an engineer who tried to make the results public.

Officials say the charge of suppression, reported Monday by the Detroit News, initially was made in a memo by NHTSA engineer Thomas Glenn. NHTSA attorney Frank Berndt says Glenn since has told him the accusation "was unwarranted."

Berndt and other NHTSA officials denied reports, attributed by the News to congressional investigators, that Glenn was threatened with disciplinary action and was refused permission to deliver a professional paper.

Officials acknowledged test results in question, which were made public Sept. 2, showed seat belts gave marginally better protection than airbags under the conditions being tested. They said the test seatbelts were cinched tighter than humans would wear them and the airbags were an old type that has been improved.

"To suggest suppression (of the test results) is sheer poppycock," NHTSA chief Joan Claybrook said Monday. Glenn could not be reached for comment.

Transportation Secretary Brock Adams has ordered airbags or other passive restraints installed in some cars by the 1982 model year. His order, strongly opposed by Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., and some other lawmakers, will take effect Friday unless both the House and Senate disapprove.

The tests that prompted the dispute were conducted for NHTSA by Calspan, a private research firm in Buffalo, N.Y. They involved offset crashes of cars traveling 30 miles per hour.

Berndt, Ms. Claybrook and her special assistant, Carl Nash, disputed reports that the agency withdrew the test results from its public docket after Glenn placed them there.

They said Glenn took a test report to the docket room, bypassing normal review procedures, but it was intercepted by the docket clerk and reviewed before it was made public. The review took a week, much less than normal, and then the results were placed in the docket, they said.

According to sources quoted by the News, dummies and cadavers used as test subjects in cars equipped with seat belts survived with injuries below the limits set by the agency. The sources said dummies and cadavers in cars with airbags would have been killed had they been living humans.

Man pleads guilty

MT. PLEASANT — A Burlington man was given a 2-day jail sentence in Henry county district court here Monday after pleading guilty to criminal trespass.

Marvin E. Babcock, 40, of 1301 N. Eighth, had been arrested Saturday by Henry county sheriff officers. Babcock was freed Monday since he had already served two days waiting for his court appearance, according to district court personnel.

Sheriff Dick Droz said Babcock was stopped in his van in the driveway of a rural farmhouse owned by Harold McLaren, which had been entered and ransacked. Droz said another man believed to be connected with the breaking and entering is being sought.

For the record

From the hospitals

Medical Center
Oct. 10, Dismissals
Cecil Hartman, Morning Sun Everett Schultz, 348 Union Ct. Eric Hunter, Cedar Rapids Dean Strigel, 426 S. Garfield William Lease, 1812 S. Central Emma Schulze, Dallas City, Ill. Lester Hamilton, New London Rt. 2 Edna Lowe, 2014 S. 14th Dorothy Poole, Stockport Theodore Kirchner, Hamilton, Ill. John Morse, 2208 Melvin Jacquelyn Edwards, Gladstone, Ill. Jeffrey Coppage, 1426 Cleveland John Dunne, 420 S. Marshall Vernon Wagner, 1219 Agency Paul Brand, 2203 Roosevelt Edgar Simmons, Danville Rt. 2

Births
Burlington Medical Center
LEFFLER, Mr. and Mrs. Michael, 703 Acres, boy, Tuesday, Oct. 11. SIEGFRIED, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel, Niota, Ill., girl, Monday, Oct. 10. AYER, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas, 2424 Division, boy, Monday, Oct. 10.

Henry County Health Center
PALMER, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn, 106 W. Second, Mt. Pleasant, girl, Sunday, Oct. 9. PAYNE, Mr. and Mrs. Terry, 203 Brazelton, Mt. Pleasant, boy, Saturday, Oct. 8. GRABER, Mr. and Mrs. Roger, 309 S. Harrison, Mt. Pleasant, boy, Friday, Oct. 7. ALLMAN, Mr. and Mrs. Steve, Wayland Rt. 1, boy, Friday, Oct. 7. JOHNSON, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne, Crawfordsville Rt. 1, boy, Friday, Oct. 7.

PETERSON, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis, 211 S. Jackson, Mt. Pleasant, girl, Thursday, Oct. 6. VILSACK, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, 202½ W. Henry, Mt. Pleasant, boy, Wednesday, Oct. 5. HANSEN, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, 500 W. Monroe, Mt. Pleasant, boy, Tuesday, Oct. 4. LAUDERDALE, Mr. and Mrs. Richard, 204 S. Bashford, Winfield, girl, Monday, Oct. 3.

Ambulance calls
10:33 p.m. Monday, to 1433 Osborn, where Debra Shaw, 18, was ill. 9:52 a.m. Monday to Burlington police station, 412 Valley, where Mary L. Atkinson, 72, of 823 S. Ninth, was ill. 8:54 a.m. Monday to 800 Morningside, where Ruth Worley, 62, was ill.

Accident reports
Mt. Pleasant and Curran, 4:35 p.m. Monday; vehicles driven by Edythe B. Schneider, 69, of 422 S. Adams, Catherine A. Knopp, 63, of 314 West Burlington Ave., West Burlington, and Raymond A. Grinnell, 42, of 926½ N. Fifth. Burlington high school lot, sometime Monday; parked car owned by Marcia Glasgow, 1114 Valley, struck by unidentified vehicle. Agency and Roosevelt, 9:53 a.m. Monday; vehicles driven by Dorothy B. Nixon, 46, of 915 Corse, and Raymond Fritz, 84, West Burlington Rt. 4; Fritz ticketed for stopping on traveled portion of roadway.

Des Moines county
County road two miles west of Mediapolis, 11 p.m. Saturday; car driven by Tom Guegler, 802 Pine Street, Mt. Pleasant, went out of control on curve into ditch. Gregg Lane and Walters Acres Rd. intersection, 4:45 p.m. Monday; vehicles driven by Doris J. Etke, 38, Ft. Madison Rt. 1, and Lamont G. Jarvis, 30, Weaver Rt. 1; Jarvis ticketed for failure to yield half of roadway.

Hancock county
Gravel road near LaHarpe, 2:15 p.m. Monday; car driven by Ramona Velt, 16, LaHarpe, went out of control and hit several fence posts; passenger Pamela Sparrow, 16, LaHarpe, treated at LaHarpe hospital for minor injuries.

Area firms

Schoff & Baxter, Inc., listed the following prices Tuesday at 1 p.m. on stocks with which major Hawk Eye-land industries are connected. Listings for NYSE (New York Stock Exchange) and OTC (over the counter) issues:

AT&T (Northwestern Bell), NYSE.....	61 3/4
Banks of Iowa (1st National), OTC.....	25 1/2
Burlington Northern RR, NYSE.....	43 3/4
Burrage Corp., NYSE.....	67 3/4
Chmp. Int. (Horn-Widorf), NYSE.....	18 1/2
Chmp. Products, OTC.....	14 1/2
Chmp. Sprk. (La. Industries), NYSE.....	10 1/2
FirstMiss, NYSE.....	10 1/4
General Electric, NYSE.....	50 1/2
Ga. Pacific (Lamonte Div.), NYSE.....	26 3/4
Hawkeye Bancorp. (BB&T), OTC.....	12 1/4
La. Southern Utilities, OTC.....	26 3/4
Liton (Lehigh Leopold), NYSE.....	12 1/2
Lucky Stores, Inc. (Eagle), NYSE.....	14 1/2
Medusa Corp. NYSE.....	No trade
NCR (Nat'l Cash Register), NYSE.....	46
Tandy Corp. (Antennacraft), NYSE.....	28 3/4
Tenneco (Ji Case), NYSE.....	32 1/4
Trane (Murray Div.), NYSE.....	34 1/2
TRW, Inc. (IRC Div.), NYSE.....	34 1/4
US Gypsum, NYSE.....	23 3/4

We do have something for \$10,000 but it's a little small.

Death notices

Mrs. Anna M. Hartman
Mrs. Anna Mae Hartman, 83, of 1105 S. Fifth, died in Burlington Medical Center at 4:41 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11.

The daughter of Charles and Mary Baker Jackson, she was born July 9, 1894, in Kansas City, Mo. She married Arthur Hartman June 11, 1913, at Liberty, Mo.

She was cashier at the Union station restaurant for many years and was a member of First Christian church, Christian Womens Fellowship, OES, and VFW auxiliary.

Surviving: Two sons, Charles, Kansas City, Mo., and Norman, Burlington; two brothers, Frank Jackson, Kansas City, Mo., and Raymond Jackson, Neosha, Mo.; sister, Leafa Stoddard, St. Joseph, Mo.; and three grandchildren.

Funeral: 10 a.m. Thursday, First Christian church, Rev. John Vickers; Memorial Park cemetery. A memorial to First Christian church has been established at Shrine of Peace Chapel.

George F. Gabriel
COLUMBUS JUNCTION — George Franklin Gabriel, 84, of the Colony Manor Care Center here, died Monday morning, Oct. 10.

Born Oct. 7, 1893, in Columbus Junction, he was the son of John and Mary Bisbee Gabriel. He married Elsie Marston Dec. 7, 1913, in Gladwin. He was a retired farmer and member of United Methodist church, Columbus Junction.

Surviving: The wife; three sons, Jay F., Columbus Junction, Farrel, Conesville, and Glen, Monticello; two daughters, Mrs. Orval (Wilma) Werner, Nichols, and Mrs. Tom (Mildred) Hotle, Odebolt; 16 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a brother, Edward, Albuquerque, N.M.; a sister, Mrs. Lily Brent, New London.

Funeral: 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Stacy-Lewis Funeral Home, Columbus Junction, Rev. Paul Hasel.

Mrs. Mildred McChesney
MEDIAPOLIS — Mrs. Mildred McChesney, 67, Mediapolis, died at 3:25 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, at Mercy Hospital, Iowa City.

She was born Dec. 19, 1909, the daughter of Charles and Carrie Tillman Erke. She married Rex McChesney Jan. 30, 1976, in Des Moines. She was a bank teller at Mediapolis Savings bank.

Surviving: The husband; three brothers, Mark and Wilfred Erke, both of Kemp Point, Ill., and William Erke, Chillicothe, Mo.

Funeral: 11 a.m. Thursday, Mediapolis United Methodist church, Rev. Delbert Terry; Quincy Memorial Park cemetery, Quincy, Ill. A memorial has been established; the body is at Fry Chapel.

James Pratt
STOCKPORT — James Pratt, 97, Utica, died at 5:20 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10, in Jefferson county hospital, Fairfield, after a lengthy illness.

He was born June 8, 1880, in Utica, the son of Porter and Adeline Johnston Pratt. He married Mary Grace Kising; she died in 1934. A former Utica merchant, he also worked at the Iowa Ordnance Plant at Middletown, operated a thrashing run in the Utica area, and was a former Van Buren county employee.

Surviving: Son, Earl, Stockport; four daughters, Mrs. Edith Parsons, Birmingham, Mrs. June Barnett, Hillsboro, Mrs. Mary Story and Mrs. Ruth Clark, both of Stockport; brother, Ira, Stockport; 14 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren; and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral: 2 p.m. Thursday, Stockport United Methodist Church, Rev. David Kennedy; Dibble cemetery.

Stephen M. Strawhacker
MEDIAPOLIS — Funeral for Stephen M. Strawhacker, 20, Mediapolis, who died in Iowa City Monday, Oct. 10, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, St. Mary church, Kingston; St. Mary cemetery. Rosary, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Fry Chapel, Mediapolis.

Weather

Burlington and vicinity: Fair, hard freeze possible tonight, low 30. Partly cloudy, not as cold Wednesday, high 53. Continued cold Thursday, slow warming trend.

WEATHER DATA
Precipitation Monday0.40
Sunrise Wednesday7:12
Sunset Wednesday6:29

TEMPERATURE RANGES
Max. Min.
Today 45 36
Yesterday 65 40

Record high this date 88 in 1962.
Record low this date 26 in 1906.

Record precipitation this date 1.46 in 1927.

RIVER STAGES
Burlington 9.4, steady
Dubuque 8.5, down .1
Davenport 6.5, down .3
Keokuk 5.8, down .1
Quincy 11.7, down .1
Keosauqua 12.0, steady

Local hogs

Mid-day bids for top hogs and sows at Troutman Hog Market: butcher hogs, \$39; sows, \$35

Hawk Eye happenings

CHRISTIAN Women's Club will have a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, at Hotel Burlington. Mrs. Jeffrey Roberts, who was rescued by helicopter from the Big Thompson, Colo., flood, will speak; Kathy Walters will sing. For reservations, \$3.25, call 752-8769 or 754-6468 by Oct. 14.

Black Hawk School PTA Fun Fest!!! Ghosts, Goblins & games, Tuesday, Oct. 11, 5:30 - 8 p.m. at Perkins Park Shelter House. Serving hot dogs, chili, drinks, dessert. There will be a cake walk, White Elephant and bake sales, plus many more games, fun and excitement! Public is invited. — Adv.

WEST HILL United Methodist youth will hold a car wash and bake sale Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Central and Division; a donation of \$1.25 is asked.

PARENTS ANONYMOUS Meeting, Thursday evening 7-9, at St. John School Library. For information, call 752-1841. — Adv.

DAVE STANLEY of Muscatine will speak Sunday at the Mediapolis United Methodist church. Service will be at 10:30 a.m. instead of its usual time, Rev. Delbert Terry announced.

Thank you Bonewitz Chemical and Coast-to-Coast for your donation to the Burlington Fine Arts League's Gala Auction, Nov. 13th at 5:00 o'clock at 1st National Bank. — Adv.

SOUTHEAST Iowa Epilepsy chapter will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Burlington high school room 130 to discuss fund-raising projects for a November clinic. A film will be shown.

Garage Sale, Oct. 12 and 13. Mrs. Clarence Moody and Mrs. Harold White, 111 Polk. — Adv.

TRUMAN WAITE, Urso, Ill., will be speaker when the Hancock county Historical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Carthage, Ill., senior citizens clubroom. Waite, a semi-retired farmer, has done extensive historical research.

MRS. GRACE SHELMAN, 88, formerly of Hillsboro, died Friday, Oct. 7, in a Portland, Ore., hospital. Survivors include a son, Donald, Hillsboro. A memorial has been established for the Hillsboro Baptist church; memorial services are pending.

THE THEFT of a \$150 CB radio was reported by owner Wendy L. Young, Galesburg, Ill. The radio was taken from her car between 1-2:30 a.m. Monday while it was parked in the 200 block of Valley, she told police.

GOV. JAMES THOMPSON will be grand marshal for Western Illinois university homecoming parade at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in Macomb. WIU will play South Dakota at 1:30 p.m.; Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons will perform at 8:30 p.m. in Western Hall.

CORSE school RISE program is seeking volunteers to help children who need individual attention. Interested persons should call 754-4798.

MISCELLANEOUS tools were stolen sometime Monday from an unlocked house at 1012 N. Eighth he is remodeling, John Lunsford, 222 Union, told police Tuesday.

A SUEDE jacket, valued at \$75, owned by Janet C. Reppert, 1925 Division, was taken from the Aviator restaurant, 2222 Summer, between 7-10 p.m. Sunday.

A 1977 Dodge van, license 29-AX2080, owned by Naifeh's supermarket, Main and Harrison, was reported stolen from Mark Twain restaurant, 1313 Roosevelt, about 6 a.m. Sunday.

OPEN HOUSE at the West Burlington middle and elementary schools will start at 7:30 tonight. Work of students will be on display.

DES MOINES COUNTY Advisory Council for Area 16 Agency for the Aging will meet 10 a.m. Friday at Autumn Heights community room. The public is invited to attend.

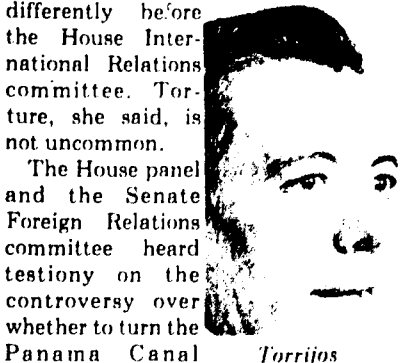
ALAN BREDFELDT, 31, of 809 N. Seventh, is listed in fair condition at Burlington Medical Center with a head laceration suffered when a tire rim apparently fell on him while at work at United Parcel Service, US 34, Monday night. Ambulance attendants said Bredfeldt was repairing a tire on a mounting machine when the rim popped off and cut his head about 10:30 p.m.

Chicago futures

SOYBEANS: Nov 5.43; Jan 5.49 1/2; Mar 5.57 1/2; May 5.64 1/2
CORN: Dec 2.08 1/2; Mar 2.17 1/2; May 2.21 1/2; Jul 2.24 1/2
WHEAT: Dec 2.50; Mar 2.60; May 2.66 1/2; Jul 2.71 1/2
OATS: Dec 1.27 1/2; Mar 1.34 1/2; May 1.37; Jul 1.37

Local grains

Corn, No. 2 yellow, \$1.76; soybeans, No. 1 yellow, \$5.12



Torrijos

Canal

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"Cuba is the Soviet anchor in the Caribbean in defiance of the Monroe Doctrine," Moorer said, and warned: "Do not be surprised — if this treaty is ratified in its present form — to see a Soviet and or Cuban presence quickly established in the country of Panama."

Zumwalt, former chief of naval operations, acknowledged the possibility the Soviet Union may win power over the canal, but he argued that rejection of the controversial treaties was more likely to increase Soviet influence than to hinder it.

"The loudest cheers will be in Havana and Moscow" if the treaties are rejected, Zumwalt told the committee. He added:

"I believe it is possible the Soviet Union will have control over the canal as U.S. military continues to deteriorate. But I believe it will take them longer to gain control" if the treaties are approved.

The committee heard other warnings of Soviet encroachments Monday from four canal zone civic leaders. They reported:

— The Soviet Union plans to build a hydroelectric plant, a bank and a shop in Panama.

— Panamanian students regularly go to the Soviet Union or to Cuba for studies.

— Soviet planes fly into Rio Hato airstrip using a low-altitude approach over water to avoid radar detection.

Committee sources said the panel plans to ask the State Department for its projection of Panamanian-Soviet relations after 2000.

Moorer declined to sit with Zumwalt and former chief of staff Gen. Maxwell Taylor as a panel of retired military officers, on the ground it would turn the hearing into a television extravaganza. But in leaving the hearing room he smiled cordially at Zumwalt and shook Taylor's hand.

Neither former President Ford, a treaty supporter, nor Ronald Reagan, a determined foe, accepted the committee's invitation to testify Monday, committee sources said.

Non-whites less healthy

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Non-whites generally are less healthy than whites, but they get "less — and possibly less effective — health care," according to a Congressional Budget Office study.

"Despite considerable progress in narrowing the health gap between white and non-white Americans in the last 20 years, substantial differences persist," the study said.

"The health of non-whites is not as good as that of whites, yet non-whites get less — and possibly less effective — health care than whites do," it said.

Non-whites include blacks, American Indians and Orientals. The term whites in the study applies to Caucasians and Hispanics.

Non-whites turn up nearly 50% more bed disability days, 70% higher infant mortality and a life expectancy 6 years shorter than that of whites, the study said, and whites make about 10% more visits to doctors than non-whites.