

Uruguay ambassador escapes embassy

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)—A Uruguayan diplomat escaped from the guerrilla-held Dominican Embassy in a dramatic dash to freedom Monday, sliding down a rope of bedsheets and scrambling away as bullets flew around him.

Authorities said the leftist terrorists fired three times at the fleeing Fernando Gomez, Uruguay's ambassador to Colombia, but missed him. Reporters near the scene said they believed at least one shot was fired at the diplomat by a confused soldier.

The 42-year-old Gomez made his daring escape despite a shoulder injury suffered when the guerrillas stormed the embassy Feb. 27.

The Uruguayan, the first person to escape during the three-week-old standoff at the diplomatic mission of the Dominican Republic, left behind at least 31 other hostages, including U.S. Ambassador Diego Asencio and 12 other ambassadors or acting ambassadors.

The guerrillas, demanding freedom for jailed comrades, have vowed to kill themselves and their captives if their conditions are not met.

Gomez, in his underwear, opened a second-floor window at about 12:40 a.m. and lowered himself down a

knotted string of sheets, but it broke and he dropped to a patch of grass in front of the embassy, authorities and witnesses said.

As he scrambled for cover under an automobile about 50 feet away, three shots rang out from the embassy, said the press office of President Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala. The car was near the military command post at the head of a dead-end street leading to the embassy.

"The colonel in charge of the troops shouted, 'Halt! Who goes there?' and the ambassador responded 'Don't shoot! Don't shoot! I'm the ambassador of Uruguay,'" recounted presidential press secretary Marta Montoya.

"He was recognized immediately and carried to the military hospital where he is in very good health, without any broken bones." She said he suffered bruises in the fall.

Reporters close to but out of sight of the embassy said they heard one or two shots, and they believed one was fired by a soldier who apparently mistook Gomez for a guerrilla.

Montoya insisted that troops did not fire, having been given orders not to shoot at anyone leaving the embassy.

"We can't explain how the ambassador was not hurt

by the terrorists. It was a moonlit night and he was completely exposed to their guns," said an army officer who participated in the rescue.

Reporters at the military hospital said Gomez arrived "limping, in a green bathrobe, completely unshaven and with one arm in a sling."

Gomez had told reporters on the embassy telephone Feb. 28 that he was injured in the original guerrilla attack, staged as dozens of diplomats and spouses were gathered at the embassy for a reception.

The guerrillas previously had released a total of 24 captives, including two ambassadors, Maria Elena Chassoul of Costa Rica and Edgar Selzer of Austria.

The guerrillas suspended negotiations with Colombian officials last Thursday. Officials say the next step is up to the terrorists, who demand freedom for 215 M-1 members held on such charges as rebellion, bank robbery, raiding an army arsenal, kidnapping and murder.

The guerrillas originally also demanded \$50 million in ransom for their hostages, but no mention has been made of that condition recently, indicating the demand may have been dropped or reduced.

News In Brief

County may be rid of measles

Jerry Robinson, Orange County health director, said he will declare the local red measles epidemic officially over Thursday, if no new cases are reported.

The last reported case occurred March 11. An eleven-month-old pupil at the Colonial Pre-School in Chapel Hill contracted the illness on that day.

The most recent case brought the total number of measles cases reported in the county up to 47. Only one University student has contracted the illness during the two-month-old epidemic. "I foresee and sincerely hope that we will see no new incidences of the disease," Robinson said.

N & O staffers go back to work

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP)—Staffers for the *News and Observer* and *Raleigh Times* came to work in their dungarees Monday in their determination to help the Raleigh newspapers overcome the effects of a Sunday fire that knocked out their presses.

With that spirit and with the help of neighboring newspapers in Durham and Fayetteville, the *N&O* and *Times* managed to print eight-page adless papers Monday. The *N&O* planned to print a full 32-page edition for today.

"Everybody on both staffs came in today in their work clothes. They grabbed mops and rags and cleaned up their quarters so they could use them," said Claude Sitton, the *N&O's* vice president and editorial director, in telling of the fire that left their quarters smoke blackened and the pressroom a shambles.

Chinese leader to step down

PEKING (AP)—Deng Xiaoping, architect of the new post-Mao China, may step down soon as senior vice premier and yield the job to his younger protege Zhao Ziyang, a diplomatic source said Monday.

But the 76-year-old Deng would retain his vice chairmanship of the Communist Party, the post that gives him his real power as China's most influential policy-maker, the source said.

Deng said only a month ago he intended to continue actively in politics until 1985.

Knowledgeable Chinese sources say all the maneuvering at the top does not immediately threaten the position of Hua Guofeng, the 58-year-old premier and Communist Party chairman.

Carter urges war on inflation

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Carter said Monday that "nothing short of stern measures" will stop the nation's destruction at the hands of inflation.

But the president said that when he is sure he has balanced the fiscal 1981 budget, "I will then consider tax reductions to encourage savings, stimulate productivity and lead to increased business investment." He previously had left open any plans for changes in taxes, and this was seen as a slightly firmer indication of his thinking.

"There is no sugar-coating this pill," Carter said, issuing his first defense of his anti-inflation measures before a special interest group, city officials gathered from across the country.

Bomb kills two people in Manila

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A grenade exploded at the entrance of a school in downtown Manila Monday, killing at least two persons and wounding 12 others, police said.

Early reports said four persons died in the blast at the Technological Institute of the Philippines, but an officer at a police station a few blocks from the school said only two bodies were found.

A doctor at the nearby Far Eastern University Hospital, where most of those injured were taken, said a female student and a Philippine army sergeant were dead on arrival at the hospital. The army sergeant was assigned as an instructor in the school's military reserve officers training course.

Mrs. Carter receives unusual gift

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Robert Giaimo, D-Conn., presented a giant green bagel to Rosalynn Carter on Monday in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

Mrs. Carter, about to leave Washington to take part in New York City's St. Patrick's Day parade, said of the approximately 18-inch diameter bagel, painted green and then lacquered: "It's really wonderful. I never would have thought of a giant green bagel."

She did not sample it.

Mrs. Carter was also handed a more conventional bagel, filled with green cream cheese. She said, "These are neat. I love these."

Anti-draft rally organizers plan Amtrak large turnout of marchers

Organizers for the National March and Rally Against the Draft, scheduled for Saturday in Washington, D.C., said Monday they are expecting a large turnout of protesters from across the country.

"We want to show Congress that the nation's young people are not going to tolerate draft registration and if (our representatives) favor it, they'll have problems getting elected," said Leslie Key, a coordinator for the march.

The rally, which will get under way at 10 a.m., is sponsored by Mobilization Against the Draft, which includes a coalition of groups from various parts of the nation.

The program will feature 30 speakers including Bella Abzug, the Rev. William Sloan Coffin and Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, D-Ore. Peter Yarrow of the group Peter,

Paul and Mary and the original cast of the musical *Hair* are also scheduled to perform.

Speeches will begin at 11:30 a.m., with a march from the White House to Capitol Hill scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

The Southeastern coordinator for the rally is Steve Summerford of Durham, who is arranging buses and carpools for the trip to Washington. For more information call 582-6374.

for the record

The *DTH* incorrectly reported in Monday's edition that film maker Jill Godmilow would hold an editing class at 3 p.m. Tuesday. The session will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m.

The movie *Tales*, which was reported to be shown Monday night was canceled. We regret any inconvenience.

Amtrak

War II. When Amtrak was formed in 1971 it started operations with old equipment. Since then it has incorporated diverse cars, equipment and stations into a well-run national railway, Jacobson said.

The new cars will be purchased from the Budd Company of Red Lion, Pa., which will be the only remaining railway passenger car manufacturer in the United States after the Pullman-Standard Company withdraws from passenger car business after the completion of its current Amtrak contract.

"There will be an international search for car manufacturers as we will be

placing some very large orders in the next 10 years," Jacobson said. "Congress requires that we buy from domestic companies unless it is in the best interest of the system to look elsewhere," he said.

Amtrak expects to buy a minimum of 600 cars in the next two years, and hopes by 1985 to have at least 2,000 cars built or rebuilt since its creation in 1971.

In the 1979 cutback, Amtrak combined two New York-to-Florida trains, the Silver Meteor and the Champion, which run through North Carolina. The combination of the two trains resulted in a 30 percent decrease in ridership through Raleigh in 1979, Jacobson said.

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BSM

recruitment of blacks from across the state to UNC. He said he would send his staff to high schools to give slide show presentations and to make speeches. He also hopes to make *Black Ink*, the BSM newspaper, into a weekly paper. "Now is the time to culminate our goal with the *Black Ink*, to make the distribution more regular," Canady said.

Jesse Cureton, BSM's new vice-chairman, agreed with Canady that the organization of this year's BSM was a problem with the group's role in the University. "I want to put an effort into getting rid of the bad connotations with

the group and I hope to make all 1,500 blacks on campus become members and utilize them at fullness," Cureton said.

"My goal is to work on the structure to make the group more attractive for the white and black communities," Cureton said.

Other officers elected include Greg Cranford as the group's parliamentarian and Wanda Montgomery as the cultural coordinator. Cranford will preside over the group's meetings while Montgomery is to coordinate the activities of sub-groups such as the Ebony Readers and the BSM Choir.

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Research Triangle Park, he said. Improvement of service on the G-route to Glen Lenox and Colonial Heights and plans for service to Dogwood Acres and Heritage Hills also might have to be delayed indefinitely, Callahan said.

Carrboro Alderman Doug Sharer, who has been working to expand the C-route into two separate routes, said he had not had time to study the president's proposal, but said, "Obviously if the funds are cut, we might have to cut out something."

Chapel Hill Mayor Joe Nassif said the National League of Cities will probably lobby in Congress against a mass transit funding cut. Six Chapel Hill Town Council members are attending a league meeting in Washington this week. Some

Carrboro aldermen also are attending the meeting.

Callahan said the town Transportation Department also probably will be involved in lobbying against the proposal in cooperation with the American Public Transit Association.

"They are our public transit lobby with Congress in Washington," he said. "And as we felt the need to contact our own representatives, we would not do that. Everyone in the department feels a commitment to the best service we can have."

Callahan said he thought the proposed cut in mass transit funding was contradictory to Carter's encouragement of energy conservation.

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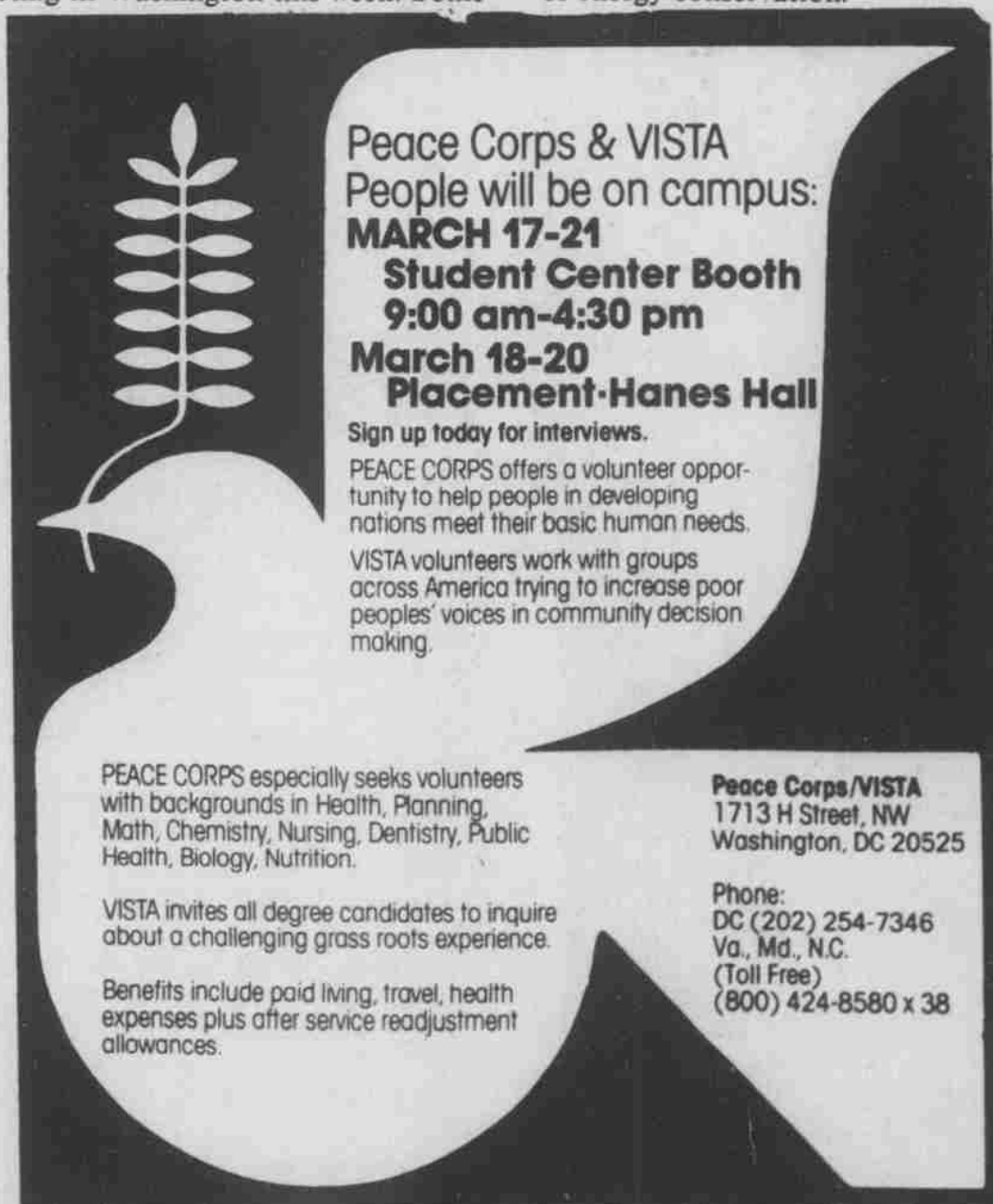
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PICTURES DON'T LIE - SO WHAT IS NARAL AFRAID OF?

On Feb. 15th Carolina Students for Life proposed that a public debate on abortion be held on the campus.

On Feb. 28th the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) accepted the proposal.

However NARAL won't participate if slides on fetal growth and abortion are shown. Why? Because pictures are too "emotional."

The forum is scheduled for March 20th at 8:00 pm in Greenlaw 101. John Dowd of Wake County Right to Life will present the pro-life viewpoint—with slides.

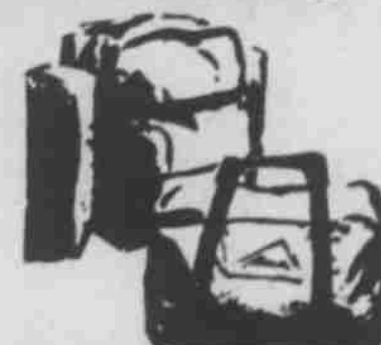
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