

# World and Nation

## Military forces kill looters in Burma

**From Associated Press reports**  
**RANGOON, Burma** — Coup leader Gen. Saw Maung formed a military-dominated government Tuesday, and state radio reported that security forces killed 59 people, primarily looters of government warehouses.

In all, more than 200 people have been reported killed since Saw Maung seized power Sunday from Maung Maung, Burma's first civilian leader in 26 years.

Top opposition leaders issued a statement Tuesday calling for talks with Saw Maung to resolve the country's political and economic crisis and criticizing the military's bloody crackdown on dissenters.

Saw Maung, who took power after weeks of protests against one-party rule, holds the defense and foreign affairs portfolios in the Law and Order Restoration Government of nine ministers announced by state-run Radio Rangoon.

At least six of the new ministers were among the 18 senior officers who mounted the coup with Saw Maung.

Saw Maung, a hardliner, was the right-hand man of toppled President Sein Lwin, who was widely hated for brutal suppression of dissent.

Saw Maung said the coup was intended to halt the country's social chaos so democratic elections could be held. The opposition had demanded an interim government be named before elections, which had

been called by Maung Maung.

State radio reported five separate incidents Tuesday in which security forces killed 59 people, including looters and civilians who attacked a military patrol.

Security forces killed 16 people looting the Fisheries Department office in Rangoon in the early morning, while five people died as troops broke up looting at a biscuit factory in the northern part of the capital, the radio said.

## Dukakis calls for national health insurance program

**From Associated Press reports**  
**Democrat Michael Dukakis** proposed a broad health insurance program for American workers Tuesday and told Republican rival George Bush "it's about time you came out from behind that flag" and addressed the issue. Bush draped himself in patriotism, visiting the nation's largest flag manufacturer.

Dukakis, seeking support from working people, said the federal government should enact legislation requiring most employers to provide basic health insurance benefits for employees and dependents.

### News in Brief

28,000 acres of wildland, brush and timber since the weekend.

Elsewhere across the West, however, the situation was improved as the worst summer for fires in three decades wound to a close. In all, nearly 70,000 fires have been tallied, blacking more than 4.1 million acres, about half of them in Alaska.

### Jordan would fire Green

**RALEIGH** — Escalating his attack on the ethical standards of Gov. Jim Martin's administration, Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan said Tuesday if elected governor he would fire Jimmy Green, his predecessor as lieutenant governor who is now a Martin adviser.

Jordan, a Democrat, charged that Martin's hiring of Green in 1985 was a "payoff... a package deal" in exchange for his tacit support of Republican Martin's gubernatorial campaign in 1984.

Green was lieutenant governor from 1977 to 1985. After he failed to gain the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in 1984, he quietly signaled his support of Martin and a number of his aides and top supporters joined Martin's campaign.

After Martin's election, he hired Green as a \$329-per-day consultant and adviser on legislative relations. Jobs also have been awarded to Green associates such as Arlene Polley, director of the state Office of Citizen Affairs.

Democrats repeatedly have accused Green of doing little to earn his pay.

### Stock trading up

**NEW YORK** — The stock market posted a modest gain in lethargic trading on Tuesday, recovering some of the ground lost in the previous session.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks, which fell 17.07 points on Monday, bounced up 6.40 points to close at 2,087.48.

Advancing issues outnumbered declines by more than 4 to 3 in nationwide trading of New York Stock Exchange-listed stocks, with 862 issues up, 603 down and 500 unchanged.

## Economic growth strong, officials say

**From Associated Press reports**  
**WASHINGTON** — An improving trade deficit helped economic growth remain strong in the second quarter despite the Farm Belt drought, but inflation was more severe than previously believed, the government said Tuesday.

The Commerce Department said the gross national product, the

broadest measure of the nation's \$4 trillion economy, grew at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 3 percent in the April-June period. That was slower than the 3.4 percent expansion rate in the first quarter, but still brisk.

If not for the drought, second-quarter growth would have been a more robust 3.9 percent. Crop and

livestock losses for the year are estimated at \$13.9 billion and will be even more of a drag on the economy in the third and fourth quarters.

The government said accelerating inflation accompanied the strong growth.

"How ever you measure inflation, we got more of it than we thought

in the second quarter and that's bad news for the financial markets," said David Jones, an economist with Aubrey G. Lanston & Co., a government securities dealer in New York.

The GNP deflator, which reflects changes in buying patterns as well as prices, rose at an annual rate of 5.5 percent in the second quarter, compared with 1.7 percent in the first quarter. It was the biggest jump since the third quarter of 1982.

At the White House, spokesman Marlin Fitzwater called Tuesday's report good news. "The facts, plus the moderating growth rate, point to inflation remaining under control," he said.

Jones said the acceleration in inflation after nearly six years of economic growth is, while troublesome, more moderate than in previous expansions.



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## Arab hijacker killed U.S. Navy diver, flight attendant says

**From Associated Press reports**  
**FRANKFURT, West Germany** — A U.S. Navy diver "never made a sound" as he bravely endured savage beatings by the hijackers of a TWA jetliner, flight attendant Uli Derickson testified Tuesday.

Derickson said Mohammed Ali Hamadi, on trial for air piracy and the murder of Navy diver Robert Stethem, also threatened to blow up the airplane.

The German-born woman, now a naturalized U.S. citizen and the subject of a U.S. television movie earlier this year, said Hamadi held a gun to her head shortly after the Athens to Rome flight took off June 14, 1985.

But in the most emotional testimony of the trial, the 44-year-old Derickson described the suffering endured by Stethem.

The hijackers "took him up to the cockpit and started to brutally beat him," Derickson told the court.

"When Mr. Stethem collapsed, one of the hijackers took the armrest of a seat — it still had the screws sticking out of it — and beat on him," she said in German. Derickson said that after the beating Hamadi turned to her and said: "Look at him now, he thinks he's so strong."

Fighting back sobs, Derickson said: "Mr. Stethem was a very courageous man. He never made a sound."

Derickson, who is credited with shielding passengers whose names sounded Jewish by hiding their passports, also said Hamadi asked her to translate while the hijackers questioned Stethem.

"Mr. Stethem was taken to the last row of first class. He was asked where he was from and what he did. He said he was a Navy diver. I tried to translate the word Navy for Hamadi," Derickson said.

She said Hamadi was confused because the German word for navy is "marine." Other witnesses have testified the hijackers shouted "marine," as they beat Stethem. "I tried to convince him that Stethem was not a U.S. Marine," she said.

Derickson "took him to the court shortly after Stethem was slain at Beirut airport, Hamadi had a pistol in his hand and began beating another U.S. Navy diver, Clinton Suggs.

"I pushed Suggs down between the seats in first class and told him to stay there. Then I told the hijackers to stop — they had done enough," she said.

Thirty-nine Americans were held hostage for 17 days in the ordeal.

Hamadi was arrested at Frankfurt airport on Jan. 13, 1987, after customs officials found liquid explosives in his luggage.

### For the Record

The Daily Tar Heel incorrectly printed Tuesday the dates and times of the parking forums. The forums will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Cobb Residence Hall's Morehead Cellar and at 9 p.m. in the Carmichael multi-purpose room, and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Morrison Recreation Room.

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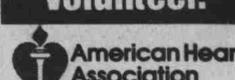
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