

# Princess Anne, Mark Phillips safe after London assassination attempt

LONDON—An apparent assassin ambushed the limousine carrying Princess Anne and her husband Capt. Mark Phillips near Buckingham Palace Wednesday night and fired several shots. The royal couple was not hurt but four other persons were wounded. The gunman escaped.

A palace spokesman said the attack, in the mall leading to the palace, wounded the chauffeur of the royal limousine, a bodyguard, a policeman and a bystander.

"The man blocked the chauffeur-driven royal car in the mall with his car," the spokesman said.

"Then he got out and fired some shots at the car. Both Princess Anne and Capt. Phillips were quite untouched—but obviously they were very shaken."

Anne and her husband were taken to Buckingham Palace after the shooting near St. James Palace, about 500 yards away.

Anne's personal detective, who was riding in the car, was taken to Westminster Hospital with gunshot wounds, police said. The policeman, driver and bystander were also hospitalized.

Dozens of police, some with tracker dogs, began a search of the mall and nearby streets for the gunman.

Police said they were questioning a man at the Cannon Row police station.

Police said six shots in all were pumped into the back of the black royal limousine after it was blocked on its way to the palace by a white Ford Escort.

They said a man jumped out of the white car, shouted at a man nearby and shot him and then fired six shots into the royal car.

Of the wounded, a uniformed policeman who was shot in the stomach as he ran to investigate the gunfire was in the most serious condition, police said. He underwent an emergency operation.

Prime Minister Harold Wilson called for reports from the police and Home Secretary Roy Jenkins on the incident.

## Kickback investigation brings new conviction

BALTIMORE—A federal jury convicted Baltimore County Executive N. Dale Anderson of 32 counts of conspiracy, extortion and tax evasion Wednesday in a further development in the investigation that forced his predecessor, Spiro T. Agnew, to resign the vice presidency.

Anderson, 57, Agnew's successor as county executive and one of Maryland's most powerful Democrats, was convicted of extorting more than \$38,000 in kickbacks from engineers and architects in return for no-bid contracts and of evading more than \$67,000 in federal income taxes.

The grand jury that indicted Anderson also heard evidence that resulted in Agnew's resignation as vice president and his no-contest plea to one count of tax evasion.

Defense Attorney Norman P. Ramsey argued that the kickback scheme operated during the Agnew administration and that Anderson had tried to stop it.

The prosecution agreed that Anderson, a former Democratic national committeeman, had inherited a system of corruption but charged that he exploited it for his own personal profit.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Russell T. Baker said in his summation that Anderson "inherited the kickback system. Anderson didn't create it, he didn't invent it, but he exploited it and made a lot of money out of it."

## Death penalty fought

RALEIGH—Legislation was introduced in the senate Wednesday that would eliminate North Carolina's mandatory death penalty for first degree burglary and first degree arson.

The legislation, submitted by Sen. Eddie Know, D-Mecklenburg, would make the penalty for conviction of first degree burglary life imprisonment. The penalty for conviction on first degree arson would also be life imprisonment.

Under the legislation, conviction on charges of second degree burglary would carry a two to thirty year sentence.

The legislation came just one day after a conference committee trying to work out a compromise on differences in house and senate legislation on North Carolina's mandatory death penalty reported it was unable to reach any agreement.

In other action, the house and senate appeared more concerned with sweeping through numerous minor bills and deferred action on a number of issues facing considerable debate.

## Europeans voice Nixon support

BRUSSELS—West German Foreign Minister Walter Scheel said Wednesday his country would do its part to meet President Nixon's call for a strengthened Atlantic Alliance.

Britain and France were reported pleased by Nixon's remarks in Houston Tuesday night.

"The Federal government will do everything in its power to contribute to the strengthening of the alliance," Scheel told the Bonn parliament.

Scheel, in the first official European reaction to Nixon's news conference in Houston, said West Germany "welcomes the determination with which the United States has declared itself for the strengthening of the Atlantic Alliance."

Nixon said in Houston: "It is in the vital interest of peace in the world and in the interest of the security of America as well as Europe that the alliance be continued and that there be no reduction of American forces in Europe unless it is mutually agreed with the Warsaw Pact."

Diplomats in London said Nixon's tone was considerably milder than his speech in Chicago last week, in which he said Europe could not expect continued presence of U.S. forces if it ganged up on the United States. They said Nixon's change of tone and renewed pledge to keep U.S. forces in Europe would help to calm European anxieties about transatlantic relations.

British government sources said they welcomed Nixon's no isolationism pledge and said Britain was ready to cooperate closely with the United States.



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## Feb. 28 drawn first in sixth draft lottery

WASHINGTON—The sixth annual draft lottery was held today and young men born on February 28, 1955, will be the first to be called if some new national emergency should make it necessary for Congress to reinstate inductions.

In opening the capsule drawing ceremony, however, Deputy Selective Service Director John D. Dewhurst said there was "no intention on the part of the President or on the leaders of Congress... to seek restoration of induction authority."

## Eight Black September terrorists indicted

WASHINGTON—Eight Black September terrorists who killed three diplomats—two of them American—in the Sudan more than a year ago have been indicted on five counts, including murder, and will be tried in the capital city of Khartoum.

This was reported Wednesday by State Department officials who said the trial will be held by a special three-man superior court but there was no word when it would begin.

## Student-led riots claim more lives in India

PATNA, India—Student-led rioting has claimed more lives in the troubled state of Bihar where soldiers and police were under orders to shoot to kill arsonists and looters.

The death toll reached 23 today with dozens more wounded when the rioting spread throughout the state.

The protest is aimed at the state government supported by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's ruling Congress party. Its main targets are alleged government corruption, soaring prices and massive unemployment.

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