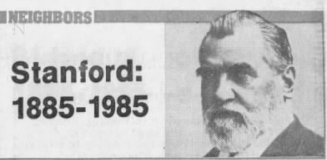


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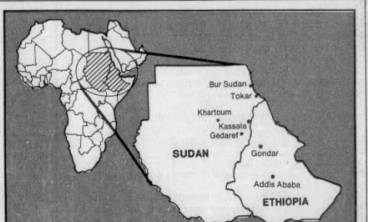
By Loretta Green
Times Tribune staff

KHARTOUM, Sudan — When I saw the seat in which I was to fly 22 hours to arrive here, my heart sank. I knew it was to be a cargo plane. I knew it would not be a top-of-the-line jetliner — but a metal floor with rivets and bolts in the rear of an aircraft with no windows?

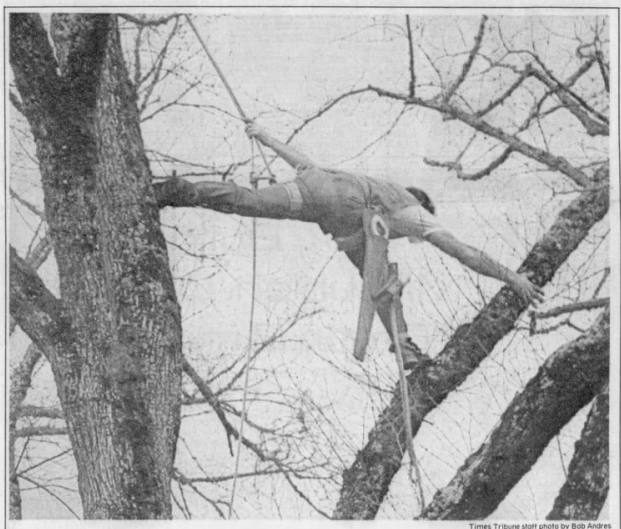
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day morning until 5 p.m. the next day I would be claustrophobic, cold and wretched. The big plane roared down the runway and filled a capacity load of grain, sugar, dried soy milk, pinto beans, pharmaceuticals and much more into the sky. When it reached altitude, the interior brightened. We joked, lounged on plastic mattresses on the floor and talked and ate our box lunches. We read, we dozed, we walked the paths beside the cargo, we trekked back and forth to the beer and wine chest, and poured hot coffee from the coffee maker. We studied our homework on

Africa. We alternately sat in the cockpit on takeoffs and landings at refueling stops. In fact, we had the time of our lives. We were Times Tribune photographer San Forench, KRON television reporter Vic Lee and cameraman Ken Schwarz. Newsweek freelance photographer Doug Menuez, Emergency Airlift International Director Dave Bradley and myself. We stopped in Winnipeg, Manitoba, for fuel. We landed at Shannon, Ireland, just four hours after St. Patrick's Day. We momentarily entertained the thought of detecting inside the enormous duty-free



"Airlift: Africa," which arrived in Khartoum Monday, departs today for its first refugee camp, Gonder in the Sudan. Food and supplies will also be delivered to camps at Kassala and the Tokar Valley.



All in a day's work
CalTrans arborist Bob D'Amico may look uncomfortable keeping his footing Tuesday in this elm tree in Woodside Road in Woodside, but it's an everyday position for D'Amico, who is trimming dead wood and suckers from the tree.

Taiwanese suspect **'Kill Liu, military told me'**

By Willy Ma
Special to the Times Tribune

TAIPEI, Taiwan — The reputed leader of Taiwan's Bamboo Gang claimed in court today that the former director of military intelligence ordered him to kill Chinese-American journalist Henry Liu, whose writings were critical of the government. Chen Chih-li, 41, told a pre-trial hearing at the Taipei District Court that Vice Adm. Wong Shi-ling, 57, told him at a meeting last August that Liu "must be killed because he was a double agent" spying for both Taiwan and mainland China. Chen, who was escorted to the court by an armed convoy, said the intelligence chief told him Liu's alleged double role had undermined Taiwan's spying operations in China. Liu, 52, was slain in Daly City last Oct. 15, and Chen and two other reputed members of his gang — Wu Tun, 38, and Tung Kwei-wei, 33 — have been charged with the murder. Liu's wife, Helen, claims the killing was a political assassination to silence him. The preliminary hearing for Chen, the key defendant in the homicide case, attracted more than 80 local reporters, resident correspondents of foreign news agencies and journalists from the United States, Japan and Hong Kong. Chen's family members and other Taiwanese citizens helped fill out the packed courtroom. Representatives of the Taiwan Institute, a private U.S. organization handling trade, cultural and unofficial affairs with Taiwan, in addition to some civic leaders and officials of Taiwan's human rights association, also attended. Speaking in a firm voice, Chen said he changed his mind about murdering Liu when he discovered his parents had been persecuted to death by Communists on mainland China. Chen said he wanted "only to teach him (Liu) a lesson" and instructed Wu "not to kill nor disable

New statistics show AIDS to be increasing in SM, SC counties

Times Tribune staff

The number of AIDS cases is increasing in both San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, posing a major health threat, officials said today. Reported cases of AIDS have quadrupled in Santa Clara County in the past 14 months, according to Millicent Kellogg, coordinator of the county's AIDS Project. In San Mateo County, Dr. James

Bodie, public health director, said that 10 cases of the deadly disease have been reported during the first three months of this year, compared to a total of 16 in all of 1984. AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, destroys the body's disease-fighting immune system, leaving patients vulnerable to lethal infections. There is no drug to prevent or cure the disease. Roughly two-thirds of patients die

within three years of diagnosis. Homosexual men with many sexual partners represent more than 90 percent of AIDS cases generally, but a few women and heterosexuals have contracted the virus, presumably from sexual contact with AIDS carriers, from blood transfusions carrying the disease or from needles used by intravenous drug users. A new federal study released last week indicated that ex-

changing saliva may also pass the syndrome from one person to another. Kellogg said that as of Tuesday the Santa Clara County AIDS Project had confirmed 57 cases of the fatal syndrome, up from 45 two months ago and 13 in January 1984. Of the 57 men who have been diagnosed with AIDS in the county so far, 35 have died. She said the figures could soar to

100 by the end of the year and could top 200 in 1986, if a cure or methods of prevention are not discovered. She said that one reason the number has jumped in the last two years is that more AIDS patients who live in the county are now seeking treatment in their home area rather than going to San Francisco, where an AIDS epidemic has frightened the gay population and is now threatening heterosexuals as well. "That this was never just a San Francisco problem," Kellogg said. "They have more cases because their risk groups are higher." The Santa Clara County health department will hold a public meeting to discuss the problem Tuesday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. Please see AIDS, A-10

Reagan moves step nearer to MX

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan's decisive Senate victory on spending for the MX missile sets the stage for three other floor votes he must win before Congress will release \$1.5 billion to re-

press conference on TV and radio
WASHINGTON — President Reagan will hold his third news conference of 1985 and his first since Feb. 21 at 5 p.m. Thursday in the East Room of the White House, sticking with his new goal of meeting with the media once a month. The question-and-answer session will be telecast live by KRON-4, KPIS-5, KGO-7 and KNTV-11. It may be heard on radio on KCBS-740 and KFV-1310. Both by the talks and by the president's efforts," said Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., leader of anti-MX forces on the Senate floor. Serious doubts remain in Congress about the effectiveness of the MX system, its impact as an arms control bargaining chip and the wisdom of deploying the full fleet

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SM task force to ask Lurie if he'd kick in

By Steve Taylor
Times Tribune staff
San Francisco Giants owner Bob Lurie will be asked Thursday whether he is willing to help finance a new Redwood City baseball stadium for his team. The question is to be raised during a meeting of Lurie and members of the San Mateo County stadium task force. Meanwhile, Lurie was to meet today with San Jose leaders interested in constructing a new sta-

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Dollar trades erratically on foreign marts; gold price up

LONDON (AP) — The dollar swung widely in erratic early trading today after suffering its biggest one-day decline in 14 years, a drop that helped rocket gold up by more than \$35 an ounce.

Currency traders said the market was still unsettled by the run on the Ohio savings and loan associations that forced state officials to order some 70 of them shut Friday. Ohio today approved a bill that was expected to lead to the institutions' reopening soon.

"It appears the gravity of the crisis has been played down from the beginning," said a trader in Frankfurt, West Germany, speaking on condition he remain anonymous. "If the U.S. dealers don't trust their currency, how can we?"

Said a London dealer, "People are thinking this is probably the tip

Currency experts: Market unsettled by run on Ohio S&Ls

of the iceberg." The London trader, who also insisted on anonymity, said the dollar was overvalued anyway and the Ohio crisis had merely focused attention on this.

Other analysts said the dollar's reversal was aggravated by newly published figures on the U.S. trade deficit, which indicated the United States had become a debtor nation for the first time in more than seven decades.

Gold, meanwhile, was benefiting from a flareup in the 1-year-old war between Iran and Iraq and the resulting threat to oil supplies, the analysts said. Precious metals are a traditional investment haven in

times of international crisis. Gold opened trading in London at a bid price of \$337.50 an ounce, a jump of more than \$22 from Tuesday's late London price, and \$39 from the Tuesday opening.

By midmorning, however, the price had receded to \$330. A dealer described trading as "very busy."

Tuesday's ebb tide for the dollar continued into today when trading began in Asia. In Tokyo, the dollar closed at 236.59 Japanese yen, a drop of 2.60 from Tuesday.

Later, when markets opened in West German marks, 3.5 pfennigs below New York's closing rate.

But at midmorning, a rally took the dollar above 3.25 Deutsche marks before the dollar again turned down and traded at around 3.24.

The British pound, meanwhile, soared to \$1.1750 — its highest value of the year — in early trading before rumors of a British interest rate cut knocked it under \$1.15. Sterling had jumped six cents in value Tuesday.

Assembly GOP tells 'agenda'

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Assembly Republicans are pushing a 50-bill "agenda of opportunity" that includes legislation for a flat income tax, a tax refund of the state budget surplus and corporal punishment in elementary schools.

The package of bills also includes making English the state's official language, encouraging businesses to provide child care for workers and making foreign students pay the full cost of public college education.

"We believe the creativity of our people surpasses the small-mindedness of the bureaucracy," Assembly Minority Leader Patrick Nolan said at a news conference Tuesday afternoon.

"We need to release our people from the bonds of the welfare state. It is the aim of our Agenda of Opportunity to unleash our own people's creativity to solve our state's problems."

Nolan, R-Glendale, said all of the approximately 50 bills have already been introduced by Republican Assembly members. But he did not have a list of the bills, said a general outline of the proposals.

He said the new lower house GOP leadership in office since December, produced the package "to show there's a major difference between the parties. Our philosophy is different."

He acknowledged that since Republicans are a minority in the Legislature, the package is "not something that has to be accomplished in a single legislative session," but would be pursued in future sessions.

The GOP proposals include: • A flat, simple income tax with increased family exemptions and an interest deduction for residential mortgages.

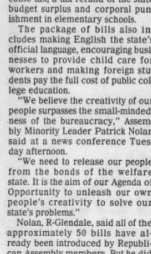
• A tax refund if the state's surplus exceeds 4 percent of its spending.

• Declaration of English as the state's official language and increased English programs in schools for adult residents who do not speak the language.

• Overturning of State Supreme Court decisions limiting use of the death penalty.

• Life sentences for "career criminals," those with multiple felonies.

ASSEMBLY REPUBLICAN OPPORTUNITY AGENDA



Assembly Minority Leader Patrick Nolan (left) explains his caucus "Agenda of Opportunity" — the approximately 50 bills already introduced by Republican Assembly members at a news conference in Sacramento Tuesday afternoon. Assemblyman Ernest Konnyu, R-Cupertino, listens to Nolan's remarks.

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Task force members hope to meet soon with Feinstein and other San Francisco officials, but no meeting has been scheduled yet, Stangel said.

White declining to discuss details of the financial study, Nichols said Tuesday that, when it comes to covering operating deficits, "it has got to involve more than one agency. A baseball stadium — is a real difficult thing to pull off financially."

Nichols repeated his belief that the San Mateo County government should be the only entity responsible for annual operating deficits. Besides the Giants and San Francisco, Stangel said financial assistance can come only from one other entity — the city of Redwood City.

Stangel said he is uncertain whether Redwood City could afford to help subsidize stadium operations. The idea has not been discussed by city officials, he said.

Stangel said he can depend on Don Warren's reaction. Stangel said, referring to the president of Redwood Shores Inc., owner of the undeveloped 1,400-acre South Shores property now considered the best site for a San Mateo County stadium.

South Shores is located east of the Bayshore Freeway and north of the Whipple Avenue. Warren has offered to donate 90 acres of land for a stadium in exchange for the right to develop the rest of South Shores land for government help in building roads on the property.

Stangel said he hoped Redwood Shores Inc., a subsidiary of Mobil Corp., would be willing to offer more than just land for a stadium. Warren said last week, however, that the company would not consider donating anything else.

The Giants now play in Candlestick Park in San Francisco, but Lurie wants his team to play elsewhere. Warren plans for a new stadium in San Francisco have fallen through, so Lurie announced in February he will consider new stadium sites in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties.

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About five hours later, Khartoum appeared on the horizon. The air above it was a sort of sandstone color.

On landing, we were greeted by Medical Volunteers International Director Maria Eize of San Francisco — and 110-degree heat.

Before I could haul my gear to the front of the plane, the huge cargo doors had swung upward and Sudanese workers were driving up on a tractor. Airlift Africa's supplies were starting off the plane even before I did.

From all that I hear, Vice President George Bush's visit the week before had had its impact. In a move that I am told is unprecedented, we were permitted to photograph the goods coming off the plane. Normally, no photographs ever are allowed, and violators risk arrest or expulsion.

We were ecstatic. During the weeks preceding the trip, we had fretted about the almost certain possibility that we would be whisked away to customs and never again see the things that Bay Area people had sent to Ethiopian famine victims flowing into camps in the Sudan. If nothing else went

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not intend to vote to authorize or appropriate the \$3.2 billion requested by the president to buy 45 more MX missiles during fiscal 1986.

The Senate, as part of an MX compromise reached last year, now must vote on whether to actually appropriate the impounded MX money for fiscal 1985. That vote is scheduled for today, and the House is set for an identical pair of votes next week.

A key Democratic aide, asking

not to be identified by name, said a survey of all House members shows a near even split on the immediate issue of lifting restrictions on MX spending, with about 200 representatives for the MX, about 200 against it and the rest undecided.

"I think this is winnable in the MX vote," Harts said of his anti-MX effort. "But I think it's going to be tough. We'll be working on the swing vote."

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The two others implicated in the murder are Wong's deputy Maj. Gen. Hu Yimin, 50, and Col. Chen Wu, 47, a deputy section chief in the bureau.

The government has denied any responsibility in the slaying.

The early stage of the hearing was devoted mainly to recounts of Chen's association with the criminal syndicate. He said he joined the Bamboo Union Gang in 1956 when he was 14. "I had no connection with the gang after 1978. I have run five to six companies of my own," he testified.

Chen and Wu were driven to court from prison in closed vans, escorted by a convoy of troops and policemen. At the courthouse, which was ringed by more than 100 security policemen, spectators and reporters were searched before they were allowed to enter the courtroom.

Chen, wearing a striped sweat shirt, and Wu, in a light green one, showed no visible signs of emotion in the court. They were handcuffed to policemen.

The two were arrested last November in a major anti-crime crackdown. A prosecutor in the killing.

The third member of the Bamboo Gang, Tang, is still at large and there have been unconfirmed reports in the press that he is hiding in the Philippines.

In addition to murder, the three have been charged with being members of an underworld organization. Chen faces a third count of illegally possessing firearms.

Those convicted by a district court of murder or the illegal possession of firearms can be sentenced to death but the penalties are automatically reviewed by a higher court. Conviction of being a member of an underworld organization carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.