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# News Summary

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## TODAY'S HEADLINES

### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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## How Times Have Changed

War in the Persian Gulf. Libya in flames. OPEC calls an emergency meeting to denounce the United States. So what happens? Oil prices go down again and the stock market soars. How times have changed. Isn't Ronald Reagan lucky?

THE DETROIT NEWS/Thursday, Apr. 17, 1986

## *INTERNATIONAL NEWS*

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### BOMB EXPLODES OUTSIDE U.S. CONSULATE IN COSTA RICA

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica -- A homemade bomb exploded outside a U.S. Embassy building, wounding three Costa Ricans on the street and damaging several buildings, officials said today.

U.S. Ambassador Lewis Tambs, who was a few blocks away at the time, rushed to the mission, telling reporters the blast was a "terrorist act." But no group immediately claimed responsibility for the Thursday night blast and there was no indication the bombing was linked to Col. Qaddafi's call for retaliation for the U.S. air strike against his nation.

U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission Jim Tull said no Americans were injured in the blast that took place shortly after 9 p.m. Thursday next to the consular building and across the street from the main embassy building.  
(UPI)

### REAGAN STANDS BY AIR STRIKE IN WAKE OF SLAYINGS, BOMBS

President Reagan yesterday stood by his decision to retaliate against terrorist bases in Libya, despite a wave of terrorism that has grown in the aftermath of the air raid.

"Terrorism is something that we have to deal with once and for all, all of us together," the President said after a meeting at the White House with Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke.

(Jeremiah O'Leary, Washington Post, A1)

### QADDAFI WAS A TARGET OF U.S. RAID

The U.S. bombing raid on Libya was planned with hopes that Col. Qaddafi would be killed when the principle target, his command post, was destroyed with four 2,000-pound bombs, informed officials said yesterday.

"We hoped we would get him," one U.S. official involved in planning the raid said, "but nobody was sure where he would be that night."

Larry Speakes and Robert Sims refused to comment yesterday on whether Qaddafi's house was targeted.

(George Wilson, Washington Post, A1)

### SECURITY TIGHTENS AS TERRORISM ESCALATES

Administration officials were cautious about linking a spate of fresh terrorist acts to the bombing raid on Libya, but U.S. security tightened around the world, including evacuation of Americans from Sudan.

"We're not reading any conclusions now," Administration officials said Thursday of the escalating violence against Westerners in the Middle East. The officials said there is some "ferment" in Libya following Monday's U.S. air strikes and described Col. Qaddafi as a "coward" who is hiding and "scared now."  
(Helen Thomas, UPI)

## 7 AMERICAN PLANES ABORTED MISSION

The Pentagon said today that almost a third of the Air Force F-111-F fighter bombers sent on the raid against Libya aborted their missions and did not carry out their planned missions.

Eighteen F-111s were on the mission, according to the Pentagon, which made public additional details of the raid. But only 13 participated in the attack, the Pentagon said. The Pentagon also said two of 15 Navy A-6 attack bombers also aborted their missions.

Congressional sources said they were told by the Pentagon that the Air Force and Navy required that the planes not bomb targets unless they were functioning in near perfect order to insure that the correct targets were hit and to minimize the risk of civilian casualties.

But some critics of the raid said the technical problems showed that the aircraft were vulnerable to mechanical problems.

(Michael Gordon, New York Times, A1)

## TRIPOLI TENSE THREE DAYS AFTER U.S. RAID

TRIPOLI, Libya -- Red streaks of anti-aircraft fire and white arcs of Soviet-made surface-to-air missiles lit up the night skies over Tripoli, but there was no sign of aircraft or incoming fire.

The barrage Thursday night, which forced a blackout in the tense North African capital, came shortly after Col. Qaddafi made his second television appearance in 24 hours. The Libyan ruler was shown at a hospital visiting people wounded in Tuesday's U.S. bombing raid.

There has been no explanation for the anti-aircraft and rocket firing by Libyan forces. A top Western diplomat speculated that Qaddafi either was trying to show Libyans he was repelling new U.S. attacks or was being fooled by U.S. reconnaissance flights sent over the capital to draw fire "and keep the city in a high state of tension."

(Marie Colvin, UPI)

## PHOTOS SHOW LIBYAN TARGETS HIT HEAVILY

All five Libyan targets hit in Monday night's strike by American bombers suffered major damage in a raid the Defense Department yesterday described as unprecedented in U.S. military history.

(Walter Andrews, Washington Times, A8)

## STUNNED QADDAFI HUNKERED DOWN AT SABHA FORTRESS IN LIBYAN DESERT

Col. Qaddafi remained yesterday in his desert stronghold of Sabha, which one State Department source characterized as his retreat "when the going gets tough."

U.S. intelligence sources confirmed that the Libyan leader had gone to the heavily fortified oasis town 400 miles southeast of Tripoli sometime after his television appearance Wednesday night, in which he said President Reagan should be put on trial for "murdering children."

(Roger Fontaine & James Morrison, Washington Times, A8)

### SHULTZ SAYS COUP WOULD BE "GOOD"

Secretary Shultz said yesterday that the overthrow of Col. Qaddafi by military coup would be "all to the good" and that the targets in Monday's U.S. raid were selected to make an impression on Libya's armed forces.

Shultz said he lacks sufficient information to say if there is "movement toward a coup" in Libya. A White House official said U.S. intelligence reports indicate that one military unit rebelled against Qaddafi Wednesday but that the Libyan air force put the rebellion down.

(Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A1)

### Shultz Hopes Raid Will Sow Seeds Of Dissent In The Libyan Military

Secretary Shultz said yesterday the U.S. would welcome the overthrow of Col. Qaddafi and indicated that the air attacks this week were intended, at least in part, to sow dissent in the Libyan army.

He said the goal of the attack was to demonstrate "that terrorist activities would cost" the army the military equipment supplied by the Soviet Union. He said that another goal was to impress on the Libyan army "that the Praetorian guards that guard Qaddafi are not invulnerable."

(Bill Kritzberg, Washington Times, A9)

### Shultz Doesn't Know If Qaddafi Could Be Toppled, But Says It Would Be Good

"There is considerable dissidence in the armed forces of Libya with Qaddafi and what he's doing," Shultz told reporters Thursday, expanding the U.S. explanation of Monday's assault from simply a response to terrorism to a larger goal of inspiring Libyans to overthrow their leader. "If a coup takes place, that's all the good," he said.

(Barry Schweid, AP)

### AFTER QADDAFI CHAOS IN LIBYA?

TRIPOLI, Libya -- A diplomat here once described the way Col. Qaddafi runs his country as "organized disorganization." Without him, there could well be complete chaos. And from that, some diplomats here believe, a Soviet client state could emerge.

(Christopher Dickey, News Analysis, Washington Post, A1)

### SINGER CONGRATULATES REAGAN FOR AIR STRIKES ON LIBYA

TEMPE, Ariz. -- Singer Frank Sinatra says he has sent a telegram to President Reagan, congratulating him on the U.S. bombing of Libya. Sinatra said his telegram read simply: "Encore, encore, encore. Francis Albert."

"I loved it when our President said, 'I'll do it again,'" Sinatra said, who gave a benefit concert at Arizona State University on Wednesday night.

(AP)



### CARTER EMPATHIZES WITH QADDAFI "LOSS"

Jimmy Carter, reacting to reports that a daughter of Col. Qaddafi was killed in the raid on Libya, said yesterday that if his daughter had been killed "as long as life lasted, I would seek to retaliate."

Mr. Carter's office, asked if the former president meant to say that Col. Qaddafi would be justified in seeking revenge, would say only that his remarks were made in response to a question from a reporter, and no further information was available. Mr. Carter was said to be traveling.

(Bill Gertz, Washington Times, A1)

### AMERICANS TO BE EVACUATED FROM SUDAN

KHARTOUM, Sudan -- Fearing a Libyan terrorist attack, the U.S. Embassy here prepared to evacuate between 350 and 400 Americans early Friday morning by chartered aircraft to Nairobi, Kenya.

The U.N. also planned to evacuate its American employees here and the U.S. Embassy urged private American relief agencies to do the same. Officials of the relief agencies expressed reluctance to disrupt their work in famine-stricken southern and western Sudan.

(Blaine Harden, Washington Post, A1)

### CONGRESS URGED NOT TO REJECT ARMS SALE TO SAUDI ARABIA

A senior Reagan Administration official warned Congress yesterday that failure to approve a \$354 million arms sale request for Saudi Arabia would push America toward a "parochial" and "extremist" U.S. policy in the Middle East in favor of Israel.

Assistant Secretary Murphy said that for the first time in 30 years the United States' "balanced approach" toward the Arab nations and Israel was in jeopardy because of strong congressional opposition to arms sales to Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

(David Ottaway, Washington Post, A30)

### U.S. DIPLOMAT'S CAR GUTTED BY GASOLINE BOMB IN TUNIS

TUNIS -- A gasoline bomb today gutted an American diplomat's car parked near the U.S. Marine guards' residence. The explosion was the first reported act of terrorism in Tunisia since the U.S. air strike against Libya.

No one was injured in the lunch-time attack in the Belvedere neighborhood where many of the 200 embassy staff members and dependents live, according to American diplomats.

(Jonathan Randal, Washington Post, A31)

### TERRORISTS KILL 3 BRITONS IN LEBANON

BEIRUT -- Three kidnapped Britons were shot to death near Beirut today, a British journalist was seized by gunmen and the British ambassador's vacated residence was shelled in a new outbreak of violence apparently in retaliation for Britain's support of the U.S. raid on Libya.

(Nora Boustany, Washington Post, A1)

### Terrorists Kill 3 Hostages, Try To Bomb Plane

Terrorists struck back against the U.S. and its friends on three continents yesterday in an explosion of vengeful fury ignited by the American bombing of Libya.

Three kidnapped Britons were "executed" in Lebanon, a bomb was found in the luggage of a passenger trying to board an El Al jetliner in London and a fire bomb was tossed at a U.S. Marine quarters in Tunisia.

(Washington Times, A1)

### BOMB FOUND AT LONDON AIRPORT

LONDON -- A bomb set to explode in midair was found by Israeli security guards at London's Heathrow airport this morning in the baggage of a woman about to board an El Al flight to Tel Aviv.

While there was no public evidence to link the attempted bombing to Monday's attack by U.S. planes on Libya, many here believed it to be an attempted retaliation for the use of British bases to launch the U.S. strike.

(Karen DeYoung, Washington Post, A25)

### SOVIETS REJECT U.S. CHARGE ON DISCO BOMBING

MOSCOW -- A Soviet spokesman today rejected as a "cynical lie" Washington's claims that Moscow ignored a U.S. request to stop Libya from bombing a West Berlin disco.

At a press briefing today, [Vladimir] Lomeiko said the claim -- made public yesterday by the U.S. State Department -- was an attempt by Washington "to wriggle out" of moral responsibility for the bombing of Libya.

(Celestine Bohlen, Washington Post, A26)

### Kremlin Reaffirms Its Battleships Can Sail Mediterranean

MOSCOW -- In a clear message to Washington that the Kremlin is not intimidated by U.S. military actions against Libya, the Soviet Union reaffirmed its right to sail warships in the Mediterranean.

Vladimir Lomeiko also labeled as "lies and slander" U.S. allegations that the Soviets refused to cooperate in stopping the Berlin discotheque bombing that triggered the U.S. attack on Libya.

(Anna Christensen, UPI)

### EUROPEANS MOVE TO PREVENT "SPIRAL OF VIOLENCE"

PARIS -- European Community foreign ministers today launched a diplomatic initiative aimed at preventing "a spiral of violence" involving the U.S. and Libya touched off by Libyan-inspired acts of terrorism.

The measures, some of them agreed to in principle earlier this week, are said to include stricter controls on Libyan diplomats in western Europe, credit restrictions on Libya, and improved intelligence-sharing.

(Michael Dobbs, Washington Post, A29)

#### GOP NOW LESS ELATED ON CONTRA-AID OUTCOME

The glow that brightened House Republican faces after they scored a tactical victory over the Democrats began to fade yesterday as the congressional battle over aid to the Nicaraguan rebels moved into a new phase.

With its action, the GOP started down a long, difficult and unorthodox road toward what their leader, Rep. Robert Michel, called "a clear shot" on the aid issue.

(Edward Walsh, News Analysis, Washington Post, A14)

#### GOP Had Little To Lose In Ploy On Contra Aid

"An act of desperation" is how House Democrats characterized Republicans' parliamentary end-run Wednesday that temporarily halted consideration of proposals to aid the Nicaraguan resistance.

But in the upcoming weeks, the unexpected strategy engineered by House Minority Leader Robert Michel may well prove to be a gambit in which the GOP has little to lose.

(Christopher Simpson, News Analysis, Washington Times, A2)

#### EXILES MARK 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF BAY OF PIGS

MIAMI -- "Twenty-five years ago, we, the freedom fighters of the 60s, were abandoned during the fight for our country and for the two things that have made this country great: freedom and democracy," said Julio Gonzalez, a Bay of Pigs veteran who presided over the ceremony here.

"We...urge you [in Congress] not to make the same mistake with the freedom fighters of the 80s. We can assure you that Nicaragua is the result of a cancer based in Cuba."

(Edward Cody, Washington Post, A16)

#### PANEL URGES LOOSER RESTRICTIONS ON INDOCHINESE HOPING TO ENTER U.S.

A State Department panel, fearing a return to the days when Asian boat people were "pushed back into the sea," urged the Reagan Administration today to loosen restrictions on Indochinese refugees trying to enter the U.S.

Specifically, the U.S. should resume admitting some refugees who have no family ties in America or other special qualifications for entry, the commission said. The Administration stopped processing such applicants in April 1982.

(Henry Gottlieb, AP)



## NATIONAL NEWS

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### REAGAN CAMPAIGNS FOR D'AMATO

President Reagan, preoccupied for days by tensions with Libya and problems with Congress, returns to the comfortable routine of the campaign trail today in a bid to keep the Senate in Republican hands.

Reagan, who has left the White House only once since U.S. warplanes were unleashed against Libya Monday night, scheduled a brief trip to New York to offer a little-needed political boost to Sen. Alphonse D'Amato.

The four-hour trip -- Reagan was to be on the ground in Manhattan less than two hours -- was to be made within a security net drawn tighter in response to threats of Libyan retaliation for the American raid on Tripoli and Benghazi.

(Norman Sandler, UPI)

### MAJOR SHUTTLE WRECKAGE FOUND

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. -- Identifiable remains of all seven Challenger astronauts have been recovered, sources say, and the space agency pressed on today with plans to turn over portions of its accident review to the Rogers commission.

NASA reportedly has told some family members the remains could be released by the end of the month for burial, presumably in early May. The space agency, however, refuses to discuss the status of cabin recovery operations or any aspects of the crew identification process.

(William Harwood, UPI)

### U.S. REAL GROWTH CLIMBS TO 3.2% AS EXPERTS SEE HINTS OF WEAKNESS

Falling interest rates and low inflation helped the U.S. economy post a 3.2 percent real growth rate in the first quarter of 1986, according to Commerce Department figures released yesterday. But analysts said the 14th straight quarter of rising numbers masked some underlying weakness in the economy.

While the results from the first three months of 1986 were a vast improvement over 1985's anemic fourth-quarter pace of 0.7 percent, the upturn was caused in part by technical factors, analysts said.

(Karen Riley, Washington Times, A1)

### GOP LAWMAKERS PROPOSE STRENGTHENING REAGAN'S ANTITERROR HAND

Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole joined yesterday in introducing legislation that would give the President vastly expanded powers to respond to terrorist attacks, including possible authority to order assassinations in some cases.

In responding to terrorist attacks, the President would no longer be required to consult with Congress before sending U.S. troops into hostile situations.

(Helen Dewar, Washington Post, A24)

Congress Divided On Giving Reagan Freer Hand On Terror

The U.S. attack on Libya Monday has divided Congress along largely partisan lines on whether President Reagan should be given more or less autonomy to order more antiterrorist strikes in the future.

"Harry Truman used to say the buck stopped in the Oval Office," Mr. Dole said yesterday. "We want to get away from the situation where every senator and congressman feels he's got to add his 2 cents before the President can act." (Thomas Brandt, Washington Times, A3)

CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN NEXT YEAR  
ON LASER AS POSSIBLE SDI WEAPON

The Defense Department plans to begin construction next year on what could become its first SDI weapon, a \$400 million ground-based laser, according to information given Congress early this month.

The free-electron laser, being developed by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California, has often been described as the most promising technology for President Reagan's "Star Wars" defense program by its director, Lt. Gen. Abrahamson.

(Walter Pincus, Washington Post, A4)

"SIMPLIFICATION" SEEMS FORGOTTEN AS  
SENATE TAX PLAN TAKES SHAPE

If President Reagan wants one thing from his plan to overhaul the tax system, it is to simplify the average American's daunting chore of filling out a federal income-tax return.

Today, the Senate Finance Committee is to consider individual income taxes. If the panel passes the proposal on its agenda, Reagan may be even more baffled by his next tax return.

(Dale Russakoff, Washington Post, A9)

EDITOR'S NOTES: "McFarlane & The Web Of Rumor" by Phil McCombs appears on page D1 of the Washington Post.

"Democrats Want To Run Against Bush" by Ralph Hallow appears on page A2 of the Washington Times.

## NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY

(Thursday Evening, April 17, 1986)

### U.S.-LIBYA

CBS's Dan Rather: As the United States released those dramatic pictures (Libyan targets) -- fears became reality. The reality of deadly retaliation for the attack against Libya. As Tom Fenton reports, the only U.S. ally to provide open support for the raid paid dearly. (TV coverage: A series of aerial photographs of the air strikes from a target display screen of a F-111 bomber.)

CBS's Tom Fenton reports from London that this morning a rocket propelled grenades slammed into the British ambassador's residence in Beirut. No one was hurt. The bodies of three British hostages were found outside Beirut. An Arab group claimed they were executed to avenge the attack on Libya. Britain's sense of shock was heightened by the discovery of a bomb this morning at London's Heathrow Airport.

Rather reports President Reagan condemned the murders of the three British captives.

(President Reagan: "I think it's a tragedy, but I think it's another example of the fact that terrorism is something we have to deal with -- once and for all, all of us together.")

An evacuation of Americans in Sudan has begun.

CBS's David Martin reports the Pentagon says Khadafy was not the target.

(Robert Sims, Pentagon spokesman: "We hit what we aimed at and if there is a tent or something at the side -- clearly we could have aimed at that and we didn't. We aimed at the building which houses the nerve center for terrorist training.")

(TV coverage: A series of reconnaissance photographs of the military targets.)

Publicly, the Pentagon said the raid was flawless. Privately, officials call it a mixed success, because a plane was lost, civilians were killed and because a commando training base was not hit.

CBS's Allen Pizzey reports from Tripoli on the damaged targets from the U.S. attack.

(TV coverage: A series of reconnaissance photographs of the military targets.)

(Libyan TV coverage: Col. Khadafy after the raid.)

It is clear that civilians were hit and killed. The Pentagon insists the civilian areas were not targeted. Tension was evident again tonight when anti-aircraft gunners opened up briefly for no apparent reason.

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U.S.-LIBYA (continued)

Rather reports U.S. intelligence is said to believe that Khadafy is or has been very recently in Sabha. Reagan Administration officials now say that several Libyan army units apparently did rebel against Khadafy following the U.S. attacks. Tonight, Secretary Shultz told reporters he hopes the U.S. attacks lead to Khadafy's overthrow. Secretary Weinberger indicated early today that the attack was not specifically designed, nor timed to help overthrow Khadafy.

(CBS-LEAD)

ABC's Peter Jennings: First pictures were viewed tonight of the U.S. attack on Libya as it was happening.

(TV coverage: A series of aerial photographs of the air strikes from a target display screen of a F-111 bomber.)

Today, three British citizens were killed because Britain supported the American raid. A day in which Americans and many others have been directly and widely threatened in other parts of the world.

ABC's Steve Shepard reports the sequence of the F-111 bomber air strikes seen through the target display screen. Pentagon officials say the raid was nearly flawless, but it certainly had costs -- the two crewmen lost on the mission were both officially listed as killed in action.

ABC's Charles Glass reports from Tripoli that the Libyans certainly know how much damage was done. Khadafy is believed to be somewhere in Libya, if not Tripoli, then possibly Benghazi or Sabha. (Libyan TV coverage: Col. Khadafy after the raid.)

Jennings reports U.S. intelligence sources say they believe that Khadafy has moved back to Tripoli.

ABC's Dean Reynolds from London reports three British captives were executed today outside of Beirut in reprisal for the American raid on Libya. There is now a new British journalist hostage -- kidnapped as he rode to Beirut's airport. The kidnapping occurred just hours after grenades struck a residence of the British ambassador. Today in Parliament, Prime Minister Thatcher told her colleagues she has not given America a blank check permission to use British bases. Polls showing seven out of ten Britains opposed to aiding the Americans in the first place. Government officials today suggested that if the U.S. makes the same request again -- the answer to the next time may very well be no.

(ABC-LEAD)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: There is a fresh wave of terrorism and threats of terrorism to deal with tonight -- apparently a direct result of the American raids on Libya. Three British hostages were killed in Lebanon. A British cameraman was kidnapped in Beirut. A woman with explosives was arrested at a London airport. A spokesman for President Reagan said the increase in terrorism was expected, but in the long run the White House expects it to diminish.

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U.S.-LIBYA (continued)

NBC's Rick Davis reports from Damascus the three British hostages were each killed by a single shot in the head. A note found next to the bodies warned -- the American and British terrorists will be targets for attacks. It said the executions were in retaliation for aggression against Libya. Earlier in the day, the residence of the British ambassador was hit by rocket propelled grenades -- there were no injuries.

Brokaw reports a woman with a bomb at London's Heathrow Airport was intercepted just as she was about to board an El AL flight for Tel Aviv.

NBC's Chris Wallace: Officials here say they can't tie this new wave of attacks to Libya. They add that U.S. intelligence indicates the Khadafy terrorist network is still in business. Administration officials tell NBC News the U.S. attack disrupted, but did not stop Khadafy's operation. They say they have very credible intelligence since the attack -- that Khadafy and top lieutenants are planning activities against Americans. The White House does not know whether today's attacks were directed by Khadafy or were independent reactions to the U.S. strike. They say they expect more incidents like the murders in Lebanon. The President emphasized -- that won't deter him.

(President Reagan: "I think it's a tragedy, but I think it's another example of the fact that terrorism is something we have to deal with -- once and for all, all of us together.")

Despite Khadafy's appearances the last two days, U.S. officials continue to suggest that he was injured in the attack and is still fighting opposition within his country.

(Libyan TV coverage: Khadafy after the raid.)

(President: "Has anyone been able to pin down where he's surfaced?

Reporter: Do you have anything? President: "No, I think he's just staying undercover while the shooting is going on.")

Meanwhile, Mr. Reagan took some fire from Jimmy Carter, who predicted the U.S. attack will cause more terrorism -- partly because of the reported death of Khadafy's adopted daughter.

(Jimmy Carter: "If 17 years ago someone had killed Amy and if I was motivated in that direction, I would have sworn that as long as my life existed, I would retaliate.")

The Administration is uncomfortable about the civilian deaths and the President refused to discuss Khadafy's daughter. Spokesman Larry Speakes said the U.S. was not aware of the child -- noting, we haven't seen the adoption papers.

(TV coverage: Larry Speakes in the briefing room.)

Still, support for the U.S. raid is strong. Today, Republicans introduced a bill allowing the President to use force against terrorism without consulting the Congress under the War Powers Act.

(Rep. Robert Livingstone: "You don't have the time for consultations. You don't have the time to sit back and discuss whether you're doing the right thing or not with 535 experts in the U.S. Congress.")

Officials here now are assessing Khadafy's role in these new terrorist attacks and they leave no doubt that if they come up with the right evidence, the U.S. will strike again.

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U.S.-LIBYA (continued)

Brokaw reports the Soviets declared today that it would not be intimidated by the U.S. raid on Libya. Moscow added that its ships and planes would continue their free movement anywhere in the Mediterranean. The Kremlin also issued its strongest criticism of this attack -- calling it extremely dangerous aggression.

Brokaw reports in Tunis that gasoline bombs were thrown at the residence of U.S. Marine guards and other American embassy staffers early today -- no one was injured. (NBC-LEAD)

SUDAN/AMERICAN EVACUATION

ABC's John McWethy reports the State Department confirmed today that some American embassy employees and their dependents are being evacuated from the Sudan.

(Bernard Kalb, State Department spokesman: "The situation in Khartoum as we see it remains tense. Official Americans have been advised to remain in their homes, except for essential personnel. There are terrorist threats and attacks -- many of them Libyan.")

Intelligence sources say the U.S. Embassy has been under surveillance by a Libyan group believed to be associated with Abu Nidal. A letter from Mikhail Gorbachev to Libya today pledged renewed support.

(Kalb: "The apparent promise of military resupply for Khadafy is not helpful.") (ABC-4)

PRESIDENT/TERRORISM

Jennings reports there was a move in Congress today to give the President wider latitude in the fight against terrorism. Congressional Republicans have introduced legislation in both the House and Senate which would give the President virtually a blank check to use force against terrorism anywhere in the world without first consulting the Congress. (ABC-5)

KHADAFY

ABC's Barry Serafin reports on the background of Col. Khadafy.

(President Reagan: "I find he's not only a barbarian, but he's flaky.") (ABC-6)

NICARAGUA

Brokaw reports that some of the Nicaraguan contra rebels appear to have engaged in drug trafficking according to a new White House report. The incidents took place in 1984 and 1985. A new NBC News-Wall Street Journal poll conducted just this week found the American public still opposes President Reagan's \$100 million contra aid proposal.

(TV coverage: A graphic of the poll.)



NICARAGUA (continued)

Brokaw: (continued)

NBC NEWS-WALL STREET JOURNAL POLL

U.S. Aid

OPPOSE 55%

FAVOR 33%

Republican Support

52%

Conservative Support

46%

(NBC-3)

BOMB THREATS

Rather reports several government buildings received bomb threats in Washington today -- none turned out to be true. A suspicious looking package at the White House mailroom prompted the Secret Service into action. It was not a bomb and the incident didn't interrupt the President's schedule. (CBS-4)

HEATHROW AIRPORT/BOMB

ABC's Mike Lee reports from London that 35 minutes before an El AL flight was scheduled to depart Heathrow Airport, a hand search uncovered ten pounds of high explosives in a woman's shoulder bag.

Jennings reports Pan Am is asking the Transportation Department for permission to impose a \$5 surcharge on every trans-Atlantic air ticket for the cost of additional security. (ABC-2)

AIRPORT SECURITY

CBS's Peter Vansant reports from Atlanta the Israelis have the toughest security system in the world. The FAA this week called on U.S. airlines to toughen their security measures. Pan Am has and today proposed charging trans-Atlantic passengers an extra \$5 a ticket to pay for the extra protection. At a House hearing on terrorism today, an official said that hand-checking every airline item in the U.S. would be a monumental job.

(Richard Lally, Air Transport Association: "Now 700 million people screened a year, a billion and a half pieces of carryon baggage -- an awesome system.")

Airline officials also doubt that passengers would be willing to put up with the long security checks at the airport. Sources say the FAA has been granted research money to develop a new generation of sophisticated explosive detection devices.

## AIRPORT SECURITY (continued)

Rather reports FAA chief Donald Engen said today the threat of international terrorism could clearly become a national threat. He said the American flying public now seems willing to get in and out of airports more slowly, if it means flying more safely. Airlines Pilots Association chief Henry Duffy told Congress today that still something had to be done about minimum wage rent-a-cops hired for airport security. (NBC-2, CBS-5)

## TOURISM

CBS's Anthony Mason reports from New York the overseas air travel market is being the hardest hit and U.S. airlines are now losing business from a surprising quarter -- U.S. business. (CBS-6)

## VISAS

Rather reports the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City has stopped issuing travel visas to the U.S. -- to Mexican nationals as an extra security measure. (CBS-7)

## NASA

Rather reports CBS News now has obtained NASA documents indicating fears that the space shuttle's O-ring joint system could fail in flight go all the way back to 1978. (CBS-8)

## GNP

Rather reports the Commerce Department today indicated the gross national product grew at an annual rate of 3.2% in the first quarter of the year. Analysts said an improved foreign trade performance and the lowest inflation rate in almost two decades helped the economy grow four times faster than in the last quarter of 1985. (CBS-9)

## WOMEN'S PAY

Brokaw reports a study of women's pay over a quarter of a century showed that women are no better off now than they were in 1959. During this quarter of a century women saw their income double, but their average hourly pay was still 50% less than men. (NBC-7)

## PULITZER PRIZE WINNERS

Rather reports the winners of the 1986 Pulitzer Prizes were announced today -- The Miami Herald, The Philadelphia Inquirer and The New York Times. Each won two Pulitzers for journalism. (NBC-6, ABC-9, CBS-10)

## STOCKMAN'S BOOK

Jennings reports President Reagan was asked today what he thought of David Stockman's new book. The President said he hadn't read it because he doesn't read fiction. (ABC-10)

## EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

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### U.S.-LIBYA

In The Wake Of The Bombers -- "Nobody ought to take much pleasure in what had to be done. The air strikes were a tragic necessity, and the price in life already has been high. It might go higher.... The best way to proceed is not to write new, formal rules to constrain the President in this kind of military situation. A degree of cautious deference on both sides is much more suitable to the purpose." (Chicago Tribune, 4/17)

The Colonel's Due -- "Like many pioneers, Col. Qaddafi's actions may seem crude and exaggerated when compared with the more sophisticated terrorists to come, and this could explain why his Soviet patrons slipped out of town when an American strike appeared imminent. But his effectiveness has been undeniable, and he has reminded the world that you don't have to be big to be deadly. That's a lesson Congress should keep in mind concerning Nicaragua and other places where men have coupled strong wills and Soviet support to an obsessive hatred of the United States." (Washington Times, 4/17)

What Had To Be Done -- "President Reagan could not have said it any better: 'We have done what we had to do....' By refusing to turn the other cheek this time, the U.S. may have turned a corner in its fight against terrorism. From now on, terrorists will have to wonder whether their victims are going to lash back." (Dallas Times Herald, 4/17)

Americans: Boycott France While Paris Aids U.S.' Enemies -- "It seems that credit for bringing down the U.S. Air Force bomber over Libya -- and killing its two man crew -- belongs as much to France as it does to Col. Khadafy.... Americans should think twice about purchasing French wines, particularly in view of exemplary domestic alternatives, including wine from California and New York. Even more important, Americans with plans to travel this summer should cross France off their itinerary. Financial loss will pain the French far more than anything else. The pain of shame and dishonor is one they ought to feel but don't." (New York Post, 4/17)

Between Friends -- "The conflict in Libya has brought into question once more a new and dangerous element which the Reagan Administration has introduced to the ancient art of diplomacy -- the propensity for questioning the integrity of our closest friends in the community of nations.... This practice has a corrosive effect not only upon relations with governments and individuals but also tends to undermine credibility in general -- and it ought to be stopped." (Baltimore Evening Sun, 4/17)

The Air Strike Against Libya -- "The strike against Libya was fully justified as a punitive action against an outlaw regime that has instigated and encouraged terrorism.... The great majority of Americans will support President Reagan strongly in his decision to take military action. But we are realistic enough to know that military action must be supported by diplomatic and economic actions that are just as strong and determined." (San Diego Tribune, 4/17)

## FOREIGN MEDIA REACTION

### U.S.-LIBYA

"The U.S. right to retaliate should be easily understood. Indeed, although the specific type of threat which Qaddafi poses was little considered by the authors of the U.N. charter, it can be properly justified according to that charter's terms...." (Times, Britain)

"It remains difficult for most Europeans to welcome yesterday's American bombing of Tripoli and Benghazi precisely because of our deep doubts whether this will destroy, or even weaken, Qaddafi's power and standing in his own country and the Arab world...." (Daily Telegraph, Britain)

"Of course, the Europeans disapprove, but as they appear to be united only in their undecisiveness, they were somehow left to their doubts. Of course, the Arabs swear that they are behind Qaddafi, but all that remains verbal. Of course, the Soviets condemn but they remain very careful...." (TF-1, France)

"Once more, the American raid against Libya shows that the U.S. Administration does not have much more consideration for so-called European coordination than at the time of Theodore Roosevelt's 'big stick' diplomacy...." (Les Echos, France)

"The U.S. attack will certainly not help to fight international terrorism, mainly because Qaddafi is not the only terrorist leader in the Arab world. Reagan must sooner or later return to political arguments again...." (TV-Two, West Germany)

"Analysts may come to the conclusion that it was the Europeans who triggered this U.S. action.... Washington was down on its knees begging for action against the murder commandos from the desert. But the European lack of leadership was unable to generate decisive actions...." (Hamburger Abendblatt, West Germany)

"President Reagan said the U.S. air raid on Libya will make the world more secure for decent people. That was a great statement of which he will be reminded in the future...." (Frankfurter Rundschau, West Germany)

"Small states (such as the Europeans) are entitled to show helplessness in the face of threats of international terrorism against their citizens. Superpowers such as the United States cannot afford this if they want to fulfill their responsibilities...." (Tagesspiegel, West Berlin)

"The Washington Government started the most extensive American military operations since the Vietnam War without taking into the least account the objections, the requests -- in sum, the interests -- of its allies.... And we can now see the consequences.... International tension is at one of its historical peaks...." (La Repubblica, Italy)

"We cannot ask for a reprisal of the kind chosen by the United States.... But we must at least end our diplomacy of smiles, appeasements and compromises... We are not in such a bad shape as to begin trembling in the face of Qaddafi's threats." (Il Giornale, Italy)

Foreign Media Reaction (continued)

"In Europe, they are now turning up their noses at the U.S. Administration.... Politicians who are particularly 'wise' even demand understanding for Qaddafi. Why don't such Europeans take the trouble to show at least the same measure of understanding for the Americans whose citizens have been exposed to a systematic terrorist campaign in Europe and the Middle East?"  
(Kronen-Zeitung, Austria)

"The appeasement policy of the Western Europeans has obviously ended in failure. It now remains to be seen whether military violence will help."  
(Kurier, Austria)

"By dissociating themselves from Washington.... Europe cannot escape its coresponsibility. By their miserable shilly-shallying, which has prevented effective measures against Libya, the Europeans have contributed their share to this turn of things...."  
(Neues Volksblatt, Austria)

"The American strike will force the Europeans' hand.... History teaches that appeasement never pays. Europe should now 'get its act together' and speak with one voice."  
(Journal de Geneve, Switzerland)

"One can regret this bombing of Tripoli, but to the extent that one condemns Qaddafi, one cannot disapprove of it.... Peaceful co-existence is not achieved by laxity towards the powers of terrorism. Peace and freedom are not threatened by the United States either."  
(Het Laatste Nieuws, Belgium)

"Washington's decision shows once again how little the United States takes into account the opinion of its European partners and how fragile and divided the European Community remains."  
(De Standaard, Belgium)

"Reagan is right in one respect. International terrorism must be fought more forcefully than is the case today. The Europeans also should respond more rapidly and not limit themselves to verbal statements...."  
(Het Volk, Belgium)

"President Reagan has not only dealt a blow to Qaddafi, but above all, to his own West European allies. He made them look like fools and put them in great danger. Now we have all become hostages...."  
(Het Belang van Limburg, Belgium)

"Let us not reverse the roles. The aggressor is not Reagan. It is Qaddafi."  
(Le Rappel, Belgium)

"Although there is some vague hope that the Libyan military personnel will do away with their Colonel and take their country away out of the frontlines of international terrorism.... That hope is too small of a basis for the American actions.... It is more likely that Reagan's development strengthens the Libyan sense of unity...."  
(NRC Handelsblad, The Netherlands)

"The American jump ahead leaves behind a despairing alliance which has become more vulnerable to the blackmail with which it is being confronted."  
(NRC Handelsblad, The Netherlands)





# News Summary

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## TODAY'S HEADLINES

### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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SHULTZ SAYS COUP WOULD BE "GOOD" -- Secretary Shultz said yesterday that the overthrow of Col. Qaddafi by military coup would be "all to the good" and that the targets in Monday's U.S. raid were selected to make an impression on Libya's armed forces.

(Washington Post, Washington Times, AP)

TERRORISTS KILL 3 BRITONS IN LEBANON -- Three kidnapped Britons were shot to death near Beirut today, a British journalist was seized by gunmen and the British ambassador's vacated residence was shelled in a new outbreak of violence apparently in retaliation for Britain's support of the U.S. raid on Libya.

(Washington Post, Washington Times)

### NATIONAL NEWS

REAGAN CAMPAIGNS FOR D'AMATO -- President Reagan, preoccupied for days by tensions with Libya and problems with Congress, returns to the comfortable routine of the campaign trail today in a bid to keep the Senate in Republican hands. (UPI)

### NETWORK NEWS (Thursday Evening)

U.S./LIBYA -- The only U.S. ally to provide open support for the raid paid dearly.

SUDAN/AMERICAN EVACUATION -- The State Department confirmed today that some American embassy employees and their dependents are being evacuated from the Sudan.

BOMB THREATS -- Several government buildings received bomb threats in Washington today.

### How Times Have Changed

War in the Persian Gulf. Libya in flames. OPEC calls an emergency meeting to denounce the United States. So what happens? Oil prices go down again and the stock market soars. How times have changed. Isn't Ronald Reagan lucky?

THE DETROIT NEWS/Thursday, Apr. 17, 1986



## *INTERNATIONAL NEWS*

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### BOMB EXPLODES OUTSIDE U.S. CONSULATE IN COSTA RICA

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica -- A homemade bomb exploded outside a U.S. Embassy building, wounding three Costa Ricans on the street and damaging several buildings, officials said today.

U.S. Ambassador Lewis Tambs, who was a few blocks away at the time, rushed to the mission, telling reporters the blast was a "terrorist act." But no group immediately claimed responsibility for the Thursday night blast and there was no indication the bombing was linked to Col. Qaddafi's call for retaliation for the U.S. air strike against his nation.

U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission Jim Tull said no Americans were injured in the blast that took place shortly after 9 p.m. Thursday next to the consular building and across the street from the main embassy building.

(UPI)

### REAGAN STANDS BY AIR STRIKE IN WAKE OF SLAYINGS, BOMBS

President Reagan yesterday stood by his decision to retaliate against terrorist bases in Libya, despite a wave of terrorism that has grown in the aftermath of the air raid.

"Terrorism is something that we have to deal with once and for all, all of us together," the President said after a meeting at the White House with Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke.

(Jeremiah O'Leary, Washington Post, A1)

### QADDAFI WAS A TARGET OF U.S. RAID

The U.S. bombing raid on Libya was planned with hopes that Col. Qaddafi would be killed when the principle target, his command post, was destroyed with four 2,000-pound bombs, informed officials said yesterday.

"We hoped we would get him," one U.S. official involved in planning the raid said, "but nobody was sure where he would be that night."

Larry Speakes and Robert Sims refused to comment yesterday on whether Qaddafi's house was targeted.

(George Wilson, Washington Post, A1)

### SECURITY TIGHTENS AS TERRORISM ESCALATES

Administration officials were cautious about linking a spate of fresh terrorist acts to the bombing raid on Libya, but U.S. security tightened around the world, including evacuation of Americans from Sudan.

"We're not reading any conclusions now," Administration officials said Thursday of the escalating violence against Westerners in the Middle East. The officials said there is some "ferment" in Libya following Monday's U.S. air strikes and described Col. Qaddafi as a "coward" who is hiding and "scared now."

(Helen Thomas, UPI)

## 7 AMERICAN PLANES ABORTED MISSION

The Pentagon said today that almost a third of the Air Force F-111-F fighter bombers sent on the raid against Libya aborted their missions and did not carry out their planned missions.

Eighteen F-111s were on the mission, according to the Pentagon, which made public additional details of the raid. But only 13 participated in the attack, the Pentagon said. The Pentagon also said two of 15 Navy A-6 attack bombers also aborted their missions.

Congressional sources said they were told by the Pentagon that the Air Force and Navy required that the planes not bomb targets unless they were functioning in near perfect order to insure that the correct targets were hit and to minimize the risk of civilian casualties.

But some critics of the raid said the technical problems showed that the aircraft were vulnerable to mechanical problems.

(Michael Gordon, New York Times, A1)

## TRIPOLI TENSE THREE DAYS AFTER U.S. RAID

TRIPOLI, Libya -- Red streaks of anti-aircraft fire and white arcs of Soviet-made surface-to-air missiles lit up the night skies over Tripoli, but there was no sign of aircraft or incoming fire.

The barrage Thursday night, which forced a blackout in the tense North African capital, came shortly after Col. Qaddafi made his second television appearance in 24 hours. The Libyan ruler was shown at a hospital visiting people wounded in Tuesday's U.S. bombing raid.

There has been no explanation for the anti-aircraft and rocket firing by Libyan forces. A top Western diplomat speculated that Qaddafi either was trying to show Libyans he was repelling new U.S. attacks or was being fooled by U.S. reconnaissance flights sent over the capital to draw fire "and keep the city in a high state of tension."

(Marie Colvin, UPI)

## PHOTOS SHOW LIBYAN TARGETS HIT HEAVILY

All five Libyan targets hit in Monday night's strike by American bombers suffered major damage in a raid the Defense Department yesterday described as unprecedented in U.S. military history.

(Walter Andrews, Washington Times, A8)

## STUNNED QADDAFI HUNKERED DOWN AT SABHA FORTRESS IN LIBYAN DESERT

Col. Qaddafi remained yesterday in his desert stronghold of Sabha, which one State Department source characterized as his retreat "when the going gets tough."

U.S. intelligence sources confirmed that the Libyan leader had gone to the heavily fortified oasis town 400 miles southeast of Tripoli sometime after his television appearance Wednesday night, in which he said President Reagan should be put on trial for "murdering children."

(Roger Fontaine & James Morrison, Washington Times, A8)

### SHULTZ SAYS COUP WOULD BE "GOOD"

Secretary Shultz said yesterday that the overthrow of Col. Qaddafi by military coup would be "all to the good" and that the targets in Monday's U.S. raid were selected to make an impression on Libya's armed forces.

Shultz said he lacks sufficient information to say if there is "movement toward a coup" in Libya. A White House official said U.S. intelligence reports indicate that one military unit rebelled against Qaddafi Wednesday but that the Libyan air force put the rebellion down.

(Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A1)

### Shultz Hopes Raid Will Sow Seeds Of Dissent In The Libyan Military

Secretary Shultz said yesterday the U.S. would welcome the overthrow of Col. Qaddafi and indicated that the air attacks this week were intended, at least in part, to sow dissent in the Libyan army.

He said the goal of the attack was to demonstrate "that terrorist activities would cost" the army the military equipment supplied by the Soviet Union. He said that another goal was to impress on the Libyan army "that the Praetorian guards that guard Qaddafi are not invulnerable."

(Bill Kritzberg, Washington Times, A9)

### Shultz Doesn't Know If Qaddafi Could Be Toppled, But Says It Would Be Good

"There is considerable dissidence in the armed forces of Libya with Qaddafi and what he's doing," Shultz told reporters Thursday, expanding the U.S. explanation of Monday's assault from simply a response to terrorism to a larger goal of inspiring Libyans to overthrow their leader. "If a coup takes place, that's all the good," he said.

(Barry Schweid, AP)

### AFTER QADDAFI CHAOS IN LIBYA?

TRIPOLI, Libya -- A diplomat here once described the way Col. Qaddafi runs his country as "organized disorganization." Without him, there could well be complete chaos. And from that, some diplomats here believe, a Soviet client state could emerge.

(Christopher Dickey, News Analysis, Washington Post, A1)

### SINGER CONGRATULATES REAGAN FOR AIR STRIKES ON LIBYA

TEMPE, Ariz. -- Singer Frank Sinatra says he has sent a telegram to President Reagan, congratulating him on the U.S. bombing of Libya. Sinatra said his telegram read simply: "Encore, encore, encore. Francis Albert."

"I loved it when our President said, 'I'll do it again,'" Sinatra said, who gave a benefit concert at Arizona State University on Wednesday night.

(AP)

### CARTER EMPATHIZES WITH QADDAFI "LOSS"

Jimmy Carter, reacting to reports that a daughter of Col. Qaddafi was killed in the raid on Libya, said yesterday that if his daughter had been killed "as long as life lasted, I would seek to retaliate."

Mr. Carter's office, asked if the former president meant to say that Col. Qaddafi would be justified in seeking revenge, would say only that his remarks were made in response to a question from a reporter, and no further information was available. Mr. Carter was said to be traveling.

(Bill Gertz, Washington Times, A1)

### AMERICANS TO BE EVACUATED FROM SUDAN

KHARTOUM, Sudan -- Fearing a Libyan terrorist attack, the U.S. Embassy here prepared to evacuate between 350 and 400 Americans early Friday morning by chartered aircraft to Nairobi, Kenya.

The U.N. also planned to evacuate its American employees here and the U.S. Embassy urged private American relief agencies to do the same. Officials of the relief agencies expressed reluctance to disrupt their work in famine-stricken southern and western Sudan.

(Blaine Harden, Washington Post, A1)

### CONGRESS URGED NOT TO REJECT ARMS SALE TO SAUDI ARABIA

A senior Reagan Administration official warned Congress yesterday that failure to approve a \$354 million arms sale request for Saudi Arabia would push America toward a "parochial" and "extremist" U.S. policy in the Middle East in favor of Israel.

Assistant Secretary Murphy said that for the first time in 30 years the United States' "balanced approach" toward the Arab nations and Israel was in jeopardy because of strong congressional opposition to arms sales to Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

(David Ottaway, Washington Post, A30)

### U.S. DIPLOMAT'S CAR GUTTED BY GASOLINE BOMB IN TUNIS

TUNIS -- A gasoline bomb today gutted an American diplomat's car parked near the U.S. Marine guards' residence. The explosion was the first reported act of terrorism in Tunisia since the U.S. air strike against Libya.

No one was injured in the lunch-time attack in the Belvedere neighborhood where many of the 200 embassy staff members and dependents live, according to American diplomats.

(Jonathan Randal, Washington Post, A31)

### TERRORISTS KILL 3 BRITONS IN LEBANON

BEIRUT -- Three kidnapped Britons were shot to death near Beirut today, a British journalist was seized by gunmen and the British ambassador's vacated residence was shelled in a new outbreak of violence apparently in retaliation for Britain's support of the U.S. raid on Libya.

(Nora Boustany, Washington Post, A1)

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### Terrorists Kill 3 Hostages, Try To Bomb Plane

Terrorists struck back against the U.S. and its friends on three continents yesterday in an explosion of vengeful fury ignited by the American bombing of Libya.

Three kidnapped Britons were "executed" in Lebanon, a bomb was found in the luggage of a passenger trying to board an El Al jetliner in London and a fire bomb was tossed at a U.S. Marine quarters in Tunisia.

(Washington Times, A1)

### BOMB FOUND AT LONDON AIRPORT

LONDON -- A bomb set to explode in midair was found by Israeli security guards at London's Heathrow airport this morning in the baggage of a woman about to board an El Al flight to Tel Aviv.

While there was no public evidence to link the attempted bombing to Monday's attack by U.S. planes on Libya, many here believed it to be an attempted retaliation for the use of British bases to launch the U.S. strike.

(Karen DeYoung, Washington Post, A25)

### SOVIETS REJECT U.S. CHARGE ON DISCO BOMBING

MOSCOW -- A Soviet spokesman today rejected as a "cynical lie" Washington's claims that Moscow ignored a U.S. request to stop Libya from bombing a West Berlin disco.

At a press briefing today, [Vladimir] Lomeiko said the claim -- made public yesterday by the U.S. State Department -- was an attempt by Washington "to wriggle out" of moral responsibility for the bombing of Libya.

(Celestine Bohlen, Washington Post, A26)

### Kremlin Reaffirms Its Battleships Can Sail Mediterranean

MOSCOW -- In a clear message to Washington that the Kremlin is not intimidated by U.S. military actions against Libya, the Soviet Union reaffirmed its right to sail warships in the Mediterranean.

Vladimir Lomeiko also labeled as "lies and slander" U.S. allegations that the Soviets refused to cooperate in stopping the Berlin discotheque bombing that triggered the U.S. attack on Libya.

(Anna Christensen, UPI)

### EUROPEANS MOVE TO PREVENT "SPIRAL OF VIOLENCE"

PARIS -- European Community foreign ministers today launched a diplomatic initiative aimed at preventing "a spiral of violence" involving the U.S. and Libya touched off by Libyan-inspired acts of terrorism.

The measures, some of them agreed to in principle earlier this week, are said to include stricter controls on Libyan diplomats in western Europe, credit restrictions on Libya, and improved intelligence-sharing.

(Michael Dobbs, Washington Post, A29)

## GOP NOW LESS ELATED ON CONTRA-AID OUTCOME

The glow that brightened House Republican faces after they scored a tactical victory over the Democrats began to fade yesterday as the congressional battle over aid to the Nicaraguan rebels moved into a new phase.

With its action, the GOP started down a long, difficult and unorthodox road toward what their leader, Rep. Robert Michel, called "a clear shot" on the aid issue.

(Edward Walsh, News Analysis, Washington Post, A14)

## GOP Had Little To Lose In Ploy On Contra Aid

"An act of desperation" is how House Democrats characterized Republicans' parliamentary end-run Wednesday that temporarily halted consideration of proposals to aid the Nicaraguan resistance.

But in the upcoming weeks, the unexpected strategy engineered by House Minority Leader Robert Michel may well prove to be a gambit in which the GOP has little to lose.

(Christopher Simpson, News Analysis, Washington Times, A2)

## EXILES MARK 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF BAY OF PIGS

MIAMI -- "Twenty-five years ago, we, the freedom fighters of the 60s, were abandoned during the fight for our country and for the two things that have made this country great: freedom and democracy," said Julio Gonzalez, a Bay of Pigs veteran who presided over the ceremony here.

"We...urge you [in Congress] not to make the same mistake with the freedom fighters of the 80s. We can assure you that Nicaragua is the result of a cancer based in Cuba."

(Edward Cody, Washington Post, A16)

## PANEL URGES LOOSER RESTRICTIONS ON INDOCHINESE HOPING TO ENTER U.S.

A State Department panel, fearing a return to the days when Asian boat people were "pushed back into the sea," urged the Reagan Administration today to loosen restrictions on Indochinese refugees trying to enter the U.S.

Specifically, the U.S. should resume admitting some refugees who have no family ties in America or other special qualifications for entry, the commission said. The Administration stopped processing such applicants in April 1982.

(Henry Gottlieb, AP)



## NATIONAL NEWS

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### REAGAN CAMPAIGNS FOR D'AMATO

President Reagan, preoccupied for days by tensions with Libya and problems with Congress, returns to the comfortable routine of the campaign trail today in a bid to keep the Senate in Republican hands.

Reagan, who has left the White House only once since U.S. warplanes were unleashed against Libya Monday night, scheduled a brief trip to New York to offer a little-needed political boost to Sen. Alphonse D'Amato.

The four-hour trip -- Reagan was to be on the ground in Manhattan less than two hours -- was to be made within a security net drawn tighter in response to threats of Libyan retaliation for the American raid on Tripoli and Benghazi. (Norman Sandler, UPI)

### MAJOR SHUTTLE WRECKAGE FOUND

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. -- Identifiable remains of all seven Challenger astronauts have been recovered, sources say, and the space agency pressed on today with plans to turn over portions of its accident review to the Rogers commission.

NASA reportedly has told some family members the remains could be released by the end of the month for burial, presumably in early May. The space agency, however, refuses to discuss the status of cabin recovery operations or any aspects of the crew identification process.

(William Harwood, UPI)

### U.S. REAL GROWTH CLIMBS TO 3.2% AS EXPERTS SEE HINTS OF WEAKNESS

Falling interest rates and low inflation helped the U.S. economy post a 3.2 percent real growth rate in the first quarter of 1986, according to Commerce Department figures released yesterday. But analysts said the 14th straight quarter of rising numbers masked some underlying weakness in the economy.

While the results from the first three months of 1986 were a vast improvement over 1985's anemic fourth-quarter pace of 0.7 percent, the upturn was caused in part by technical factors, analysts said.

(Karen Riley, Washington Times, A1)

### GOP LAWMAKERS PROPOSE STRENGTHENING REAGAN'S ANTITERROR HAND

Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole joined yesterday in introducing legislation that would give the President vastly expanded powers to respond to terrorist attacks, including possible authority to order assassinations in some cases.

In responding to terrorist attacks, the President would no longer be required to consult with Congress before sending U.S. troops into hostile situations. (Helen Dewar, Washington Post, A24)

### Congress Divided On Giving Reagan Freer Hand On Terror

The U.S. attack on Libya Monday has divided Congress along largely partisan lines on whether President Reagan should be given more or less autonomy to order more antiterrorist strikes in the future.

"Harry Truman used to say the buck stopped in the Oval Office," Mr. Dole said yesterday. "We want to get away from the situation where every senator and congressman feels he's got to add his 2 cents before the President can act." (Thomas Brandt, Washington Times, A3)

### CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN NEXT YEAR ON LASER AS POSSIBLE SDI WEAPON

The Defense Department plans to begin construction next year on what could become its first SDI weapon, a \$400 million ground-based laser, according to information given Congress early this month.

The free-electron laser, being developed by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California, has often been described as the most promising technology for President Reagan's "Star Wars" defense program by its director, Lt. Gen. Abrahamson.

(Walter Pincus, Washington Post, A4)

### "SIMPLIFICATION" SEEMS FORGOTTEN AS SENATE TAX PLAN TAKES SHAPE

If President Reagan wants one thing from his plan to overhaul the tax system, it is to simplify the average American's daunting chore of filling out a federal income-tax return.

Today, the Senate Finance Committee is to consider individual income taxes. If the panel passes the proposal on its agenda, Reagan may be even more baffled by his next tax return.

(Dale Russakoff, Washington Post, A9)

EDITOR'S NOTES: "McFarlane & The Web Of Rumor" by Phil McCombs appears on page D1 of the Washington Post.

"Democrats Want To Run Against Bush" by Ralph Hallow appears on page A2 of the Washington Times.

## ***NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY***

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(Thursday Evening, April 17, 1986)

### **U.S.-LIBYA**

CBS's Dan Rather: As the United States released those dramatic pictures (Libyan targets) -- fears became reality. The reality of deadly retaliation for the attack against Libya. As Tom Fenton reports, the only U.S. ally to provide open support for the raid paid dearly. (TV coverage: A series of aerial photographs of the air strikes from a target display screen of a F-111 bomber.)

CBS's Tom Fenton reports from London that this morning a rocket propelled grenades slammed into the British ambassador's residence in Beirut. No one was hurt. The bodies of three British hostages were found outside Beirut. An Arab group claimed they were executed to avenge the attack on Libya. Britain's sense of shock was heightened by the discovery of a bomb this morning at London's Heathrow Airport.

Rather reports President Reagan condemned the murders of the three British captives.

(President Reagan: "I think it's a tragedy, but I think it's another example of the fact that terrorism is something we have to deal with -- once and for all, all of us together.")

An evacuation of Americans in Sudan has begun.

CBS's David Martin reports the Pentagon says Khadafy was not the target.

(Robert Sims, Pentagon spokesman: "We hit what we aimed at and if there is a tent or something at the side -- clearly we could have aimed at that and we didn't. We aimed at the building which houses the nerve center for terrorist training.")

(TV coverage: A series of reconnaissance photographs of the military targets.)

Publicly, the Pentagon said the raid was flawless. Privately, officials call it a mixed success, because a plane was lost, civilians were killed and because a commando training base was not hit.

CBS's Allen Pizzey reports from Tripoli on the damaged targets from the U.S. attack.

(TV coverage: A series of reconnaissance photographs of the military targets.)

(Libyan TV coverage: Col. Khadafy after the raid.)

It is clear that civilians were hit and killed. The Pentagon insists the civilian areas were not targeted. Tension was evident again tonight when anti-aircraft gunners opened up briefly for no apparent reason.

U.S.-LIBYA (continued)

Rather reports U.S. intelligence is said to believe that Khadafy is or has been very recently in Sabha. Reagan Administration officials now say that several Libyan army units apparently did rebel against Khadafy following the U.S. attacks. Tonight, Secretary Shultz told reporters he hopes the U.S. attacks lead to Khadafy's overthrow. Secretary Weinberger indicated early today that the attack was not specifically designed, nor timed to help overthrow Khadafy.

(CBS-LEAD)

ABC's Peter Jennings: First pictures were viewed tonight of the U.S. attack on Libya as it was happening.

(TV coverage: A series of aerial photographs of the air strikes from a target display screen of a F-111 bomber.)

Today, three British citizens were killed because Britain supported the American raid. A day in which Americans and many others have been directly and widely threatened in other parts of the world.

ABC's Steve Shepard reports the sequence of the F-111 bomber air strikes seen through the target display screen. Pentagon officials say the raid was nearly flawless, but it certainly had costs -- the two crewmen lost on the mission were both officially listed as killed in action.

ABC's Charles Glass reports from Tripoli that the Libyans certainly know how much damage was done. Khadafy is believed to be somewhere in Libya, if not Tripoli, then possibly Benghazi or Sabha. (Libyan TV coverage: Col. Khadafy after the raid.)

Jennings reports U.S. intelligence sources say they believe that Khadafy has moved back to Tripoli.

ABC's Dean Reynolds from London reports three British captives were executed today outside of Beirut in reprisal for the American raid on Libya. There is now a new British journalist hostage -- kidnapped as he rode to Beirut's airport. The kidnapping occurred just hours after grenades struck a residence of the British ambassador. Today in Parliament, Prime Minister Thatcher told her colleagues she has not given America a blank check permission to use British bases. Polls showing seven out of ten Britains opposed to aiding the Americans in the first place. Government officials today suggested that if the U.S. makes the same request again -- the answer to the next time may very well be no.

(ABC-LEAD)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: There is a fresh wave of terrorism and threats of terrorism to deal with tonight -- apparently a direct result of the American raids on Libya. Three British hostages were killed in Lebanon. A British cameraman was kidnapped in Beirut. A woman with explosives was arrested at a London airport. A spokesman for President Reagan said the increase in terrorism was expected, but in the long run the White House expects it to diminish.

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U.S.-LIBYA (continued)

NBC's Rick Davis reports from Damascus the three British hostages were each killed by a single shot in the head. A note found next to the bodies warned -- the American and British terrorists will be targets for attacks. It said the executions were in retaliation for aggression against Libya. Earlier in the day, the residence of the British ambassador was hit by rocket propelled grenades -- there were no injuries.

Brokaw reports a woman with a bomb at London's Heathrow Airport was intercepted just as she was about to board an El AL flight for Tel Aviv.

NBC's Chris Wallace: Officials here say they can't tie this new wave of attacks to Libya. They add that U.S. intelligence indicates the Khadafy terrorist network is still in business. Administration officials tell NBC News the U.S. attack disrupted, but did not stop Khadafy's operation. They say they have very credible intelligence since the attack -- that Khadafy and top lieutenants are planning activities against Americans. The White House does not know whether today's attacks were directed by Khadafy or were independent reactions to the U.S. strike. They say they expect more incidents like the murders in Lebanon. The President emphasized -- that won't deter him.

(President Reagan: "I think it's a tragedy, but I think it's another example of the fact that terrorism is something we have to deal with -- once and for all, all of us together.")

Despite Khadafy's appearances the last two days, U.S. officials continue to suggest that he was injured in the attack and is still fighting opposition within his country.

(Libyan TV coverage: Khadafy after the raid.)

(President: "Has anyone been able to pin down where he's surfaced?

Reporter: Do you have anything? President: "No, I think he's just staying undercover while the shooting is going on.")

Meanwhile, Mr. Reagan took some fire from Jimmy Carter, who predicted the U.S. attack will cause more terrorism -- partly because of the reported death of Khadafy's adopted daughter.

(Jimmy Carter: "If 17 years ago someone had killed Amy and if I was motivated in that direction, I would have sworn that as long as my life existed, I would retaliate.")

The Administration is uncomfortable about the civilian deaths and the President refused to discuss Khadafy's daughter. Spokesman Larry Speakes said the U.S. was not aware of the child -- noting, we haven't seen the adoption papers.

(TV coverage: Larry Speakes in the briefing room.)

Still, support for the U.S. raid is strong. Today, Republicans introduced a bill allowing the President to use force against terrorism without consulting the Congress under the War Powers Act.

(Rep. Robert Livingstone: "You don't have the time for consultations. You don't have the time to sit back and discuss whether you're doing the right thing or not with 535 experts in the U.S. Congress.")

Officials here now are assessing Khadafy's role in these new terrorist attacks and they leave no doubt that if they come up with the right evidence, the U.S. will strike again.

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U.S.-LIBYA (continued)

Brokaw reports the Soviets declared today that it would not be intimidated by the U.S. raid on Libya. Moscow added that its ships and planes would continue their free movement anywhere in the Mediterranean. The Kremlin also issued its strongest criticism of this attack -- calling it extremely dangerous aggression.

Brokaw reports in Tunis that gasoline bombs were thrown at the residence of U.S. Marine guards and other American embassy staffers early today -- no one was injured. (NBC-LEAD)

SUDAN/AMERICAN EVACUATION

ABC's John McWethy reports the State Department confirmed today that some American embassy employees and their dependents are being evacuated from the Sudan.

(Bernard Kalb, State Department spokesman: "The situation in Khartoum as we see it remains tense. Official Americans have been advised to remain in their homes, except for essential personnel. There are terrorist threats and attacks -- many of them Libyan.") Intelligence sources say the U.S. Embassy has been under surveillance by a Libyan group believed to be associated with Abu Nidal. A letter from Mikhail Gorbachev to Libya today pledged renewed support.

(Kalb: "The apparent promise of military resupply for Khadafy is not helpful.") (ABC-4)

PRESIDENT/TERRORISM

Jennings reports there was a move in Congress today to give the President wider latitude in the fight against terrorism. Congressional Republicans have introduced legislation in both the House and Senate which would give the President virtually a blank check to use force against terrorism anywhere in the world without first consulting the Congress. (ABC-5)

KHADAFY

ABC's Barry Serafin reports on the background of Col. Khadafy.

(President Reagan: "I find he's not only a barbarian, but he's flaky.") (ABC-6)

NICARAGUA

Brokaw reports that some of the Nicaraguan contra rebels appear to have engaged in drug trafficking according to a new White House report. The incidents took place in 1984 and 1985. A new NBC News-Wall Street Journal poll conducted just this week found the American public still opposes President Reagan's \$100 million contra aid proposal.

(TV coverage: A graphic of the poll.)



NICARAGUA (continued)

Brokaw: (continued)

NBC NEWS-WALL STREET JOURNAL POLL

U.S. Aid

OPPOSE 55%

FAVOR 33%

Republican Support

52%

Conservative Support

46%

(NBC-3)

BOMB THREATS

Rather reports several government buildings received bomb threats in Washington today -- none turned out to be true. A suspicious looking package at the White House mailroom prompted the Secret Service into action. It was not a bomb and the incident didn't interrupt the President's schedule. (CBS-4)

HEATHROW AIRPORT/BOMB

ABC's Mike Lee reports from London that 35 minutes before an El AL flight was scheduled to depart Heathrow Airport, a hand search uncovered ten pounds of high explosives in a woman's shoulder bag.

Jennings reports Pan Am is asking the Transportation Department for permission to impose a \$5 surcharge on every trans-Atlantic air ticket for the cost of additional security. (ABC-2)

AIRPORT SECURITY

CBS's Peter Vasant reports from Atlanta the Israelis have the toughest security system in the world. The FAA this week called on U.S. airlines to toughen their security measures. Pan Am has and today proposed charging trans-Atlantic passengers an extra \$5 a ticket to pay for the extra protection. At a House hearing on terrorism today, an official said that hand-checking every airline item in the U.S. would be a monumental job.

(Richard Lally, Air Transport Association: "Now 700 million people screened a year, a billion and a half pieces of carryon baggage -- an awesome system.")

Airline officials also doubt that passengers would be willing to put up with the long security checks at the airport. Sources say the FAA has been granted research money to develop a new generation of sophisticated explosive detection devices.

## AIRPORT SECURITY (continued)

Rather reports FAA chief Donald Engen said today the threat of international terrorism could clearly become a national threat. He said the American flying public now seems willing to get in and out of airports more slowly, if it means flying more safely. Airlines Pilots Association chief Henry Duffy told Congress today that still something had to be done about minimum wage rent-a-cops hired for airport security. (NBC-2, CBS-5)

## TOURISM

CBS's Anthony Mason reports from New York the overseas air travel market is being the hardest hit and U.S. airlines are now losing business from a surprising quarter -- U.S. business. (CBS-6)

## VISAS

Rather reports the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City has stopped issuing travel visas to the U.S. -- to Mexican nationals as an extra security measure. (CBS-7)

## NASA

Rather reports CBS News now has obtained NASA documents indicating fears that the space shuttle's O-ring joint system could fail in flight go all the way back to 1978. (CBS-8)

## GNP

Rather reports the Commerce Department today indicated the gross national product grew at an annual rate of 3.2% in the first quarter of the year. Analysts said an improved foreign trade performance and the lowest inflation rate in almost two decades helped the economy grow four times faster than in the last quarter of 1985. (CBS-9)

## WOMEN'S PAY

Brokaw reports a study of women's pay over a quarter of a century showed that women are no better off now than they were in 1959. During this quarter of a century women saw their income double, but their average hourly pay was still 50% less than men. (NBC-7)

## PULITZER PRIZE WINNERS

Rather reports the winners of the 1986 Pulitzer Prizes were announced today -- The Miami Herald, The Philadelphia Inquirer and The New York Times. Each won two Pulitzers for journalism. (NBC-6, ABC-9, CBS-10)

## STOCKMAN'S BOOK

Jennings reports President Reagan was asked today what he thought of David Stockman's new book. The President said he hadn't read it because he doesn't read fiction. (ABC-10)

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## EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

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### U.S.-LIBYA

In The Wake Of The Bombers -- "Nobody ought to take much pleasure in what had to be done. The air strikes were a tragic necessity, and the price in life already has been high. It might go higher.... The best way to proceed is not to write new, formal rules to constrain the President in this kind of military situation. A degree of cautious deference on both sides is much more suitable to the purpose." (Chicago Tribune, 4/17)

The Colonel's Due -- "Like many pioneers, Col. Qaddafi's actions may seem crude and exaggerated when compared with the more sophisticated terrorists to come, and this could explain why his Soviet patrons slipped out of town when an American strike appeared imminent. But his effectiveness has been undeniable, and he has reminded the world that you don't have to be big to be deadly. That's a lesson Congress should keep in mind concerning Nicaragua and other places where men have coupled strong wills and Soviet support to an obsessive hatred of the United States." (Washington Times, 4/17)

What Had To Be Done -- "President Reagan could not have said it any better: 'We have done what we had to do....' By refusing to turn the other cheek this time, the U.S. may have turned a corner in its fight against terrorism. From now on, terrorists will have to wonder whether their victims are going to lash back." (Dallas Times Herald, 4/17)

Americans: Boycott France While Paris Aids U.S.' Enemies -- "It seems that credit for bringing down the U.S. Air Force bomber over Libya -- and killing its two man crew -- belongs as much to France as it does to Col. Khadafy.... Americans should think twice about purchasing French wines, particularly in view of exemplary domestic alternatives, including wine from California and New York. Even more important, Americans with plans to travel this summer should cross France off their itinerary. Financial loss will pain the French far more than anything else. The pain of shame and dishonor is one they ought to feel but don't." (New York Post, 4/17)

Between Friends -- "The conflict in Libya has brought into question once more a new and dangerous element which the Reagan Administration has introduced to the ancient art of diplomacy -- the propensity for questioning the integrity of our closest friends in the community of nations.... This practice has a corrosive effect not only upon relations with governments and individuals but also tends to undermine credibility in general -- and it ought to be stopped." (Baltimore Evening Sun, 4/17)

The Air Strike Against Libya -- "The strike against Libya was fully justified as a punitive action against an outlaw regime that has instigated and encouraged terrorism.... The great majority of Americans will support President Reagan strongly in his decision to take military action. But we are realistic enough to know that military action must be supported by diplomatic and economic actions that are just as strong and determined." (San Diego Tribune, 4/17)

## FOREIGN MEDIA REACTION

### U.S.-LIBYA

"The U.S. right to retaliate should be easily understood. Indeed, although the specific type of threat which Qaddafi poses was little considered by the authors of the U.N. charter, it can be properly justified according to that charter's terms...." (Times, Britain)

"It remains difficult for most Europeans to welcome yesterday's American bombing of Tripoli and Benghazi precisely because of our deep doubts whether this will destroy, or even weaken, Qaddafi's power and standing in his own country and the Arab world...." (Daily Telegraph, Britain)

"Of course, the Europeans disapprove, but as they appear to be united only in their undecisiveness, they were somehow left to their doubts. Of course, the Arabs swear that they are behind Qaddafi, but all that remains verbal. Of course, the Soviets condemn but they remain very careful...." (TF-1, France)

"Once more, the American raid against Libya shows that the U.S. Administration does not have much more consideration for so-called European coordination than at the time of Theodore Roosevelt's 'big stick' diplomacy...." (Les Echos, France)

"The U.S. attack will certainly not help to fight international terrorism, mainly because Qaddafi is not the only terrorist leader in the Arab world. Reagan must sooner or later return to political arguments again...." (TV-Two, West Germany)

"Analysts may come to the conclusion that it was the Europeans who triggered this U.S. action.... Washington was down on its knees begging for action against the murder commandos from the desert. But the European lack of leadership was unable to generate decisive actions...." (Hamburger Abendblatt, West Germany)

"President Reagan said the U.S. air raid on Libya will make the world more secure for decent people. That was a great statement of which he will be reminded in the future...." (Frankfurter Rundschau, West Germany)

"Small states (such as the Europeans) are entitled to show helplessness in the face of threats of international terrorism against their citizens. Superpowers such as the United States cannot afford this if they want to fulfill their responsibilities...." (Tagesspiegel, West Berlin)

"The Washington Government started the most extensive American military operations since the Vietnam War without taking into the least account the objections, the requests -- in sum, the interests -- of its allies.... And we can now see the consequences.... International tension is at one of its historical peaks...." (La Repubblica, Italy)

"We cannot ask for a reprisal of the kind chosen by the United States.... But we must at least end our diplomacy of smiles, appeasements and compromises... We are not in such a bad shape as to begin trembling in the face of Qaddafi's threats." (Il Giornale, Italy)

Foreign Media Reaction (continued)

"In Europe, they are now turning up their noses at the U.S. Administration.... Politicians who are particularly 'wise' even demand understanding for Qaddafi. Why don't such Europeans take the trouble to show at least the same measure of understanding for the Americans whose citizens have been exposed to a systematic terrorist campaign in Europe and the Middle East?"  
(Kronen-Zeitung, Austria)

"The appeasement policy of the Western Europeans has obviously ended in failure. It now remains to be seen whether military violence will help."  
(Kurier, Austria)

"By dissociating themselves from Washington.... Europe cannot escape its coresponsibility. By their miserable shilly-shallying, which has prevented effective measures against Libya, the Europeans have contributed their share to this turn of things...."  
(Neues Volksblatt, Austria)

"The American strike will force the Europeans' hand.... History teaches that appeasement never pays. Europe should now 'get its act together' and speak with one voice."  
(Journal de Geneve, Switzerland)

"One can regret this bombing of Tripoli, but to the extent that one condemns Qaddafi, one cannot disapprove of it.... Peaceful co-existence is not achieved by laxity towards the powers of terrorism. Peace and freedom are not threatened by the United States either."  
(Het Laatste Nieuws, Belgium)

"Washington's decision shows once again how little the United States takes into account the opinion of its European partners and how fragile and divided the European Community remains."  
(De Standaard, Belgium)

"Reagan is right in one respect. International terrorism must be fought more forcefully than is the case today. The Europeans also should respond more rapidly and not limit themselves to verbal statements...."  
(Het Volk, Belgium)

"President Reagan has not only dealt a blow to Qaddafi, but above all, to his own West European allies. He made them look like fools and put them in great danger. Now we have all become hostages...."  
(Het Belang van Limburg, Belgium)

"Let us not reverse the roles. The aggressor is not Reagan. It is Qaddafi."  
(Le Rappel, Belgium)

"Although there is some vague hope that the Libyan military personnel will do away with their Colonel and take their country away out of the frontlines of international terrorism.... That hope is too small of a basis for the American actions.... It is more likely that Reagan's development strengthens the Libyan sense of unity...."  
(NRC Handelsblad, The Netherlands)

"The American jump ahead leaves behind a despairing alliance which has become more vulnerable to the blackmail with which it is being confronted."  
(NRC Handelsblad, The Netherlands)