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## 8 British die in bombings

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LONDON — Eight British soldiers were killed, and 51 people were injured Tuesday when two bombs planted by Irish nationalists exploded in the city's two most revered parks as tourists watched.

In Hyde Park, two members of the Queen's Household Cavalry were killed by a car bomb at about 10:45 a.m. as they rode from their barracks to perform a changing-of-the-guard ceremony near Buckingham Palace. Six horses also were killed, and one had to be destroyed.

In Regents Park two hours later, six army musicians died when a bomb exploded under the park bandstand as the Royal Greenjackets performed for tourists and office workers eating lunch under sunny skies.

"I was just sitting in a deck chair looking at the band when everything seemed to come up from the bottom of the bandstand and blow right in the air — the bodies, the instruments, everything," said Ronald Benjamin, an eyewitness in Regents Park. "A leg came within five feet of me. It was blown right off. There were mangled bodies all over the deck chairs."

The attack was the most serious terrorist incident here since the IRA bombing that killed Lord Mountbatten, four of his relatives and 17 soldiers in August 1979.

In Westminster, where a Cabinet meeting heard the first blast, stunned politicians of all parties joined in condemning the action. "These callous and cowardly crimes have been committed by evil and brutal men who know nothing of democracy," Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told a shaken House of Commons.

The terrorist acts by Irish nationalists seeking to free Ulster from British control followed nearly a year of relative calm in the battle, both in the province and elsewhere.

In a statement claiming responsibility for Tuesday's attacks, the IRA said such terrorism would not have gotten sufficient attention during the Falkland Islands crisis.

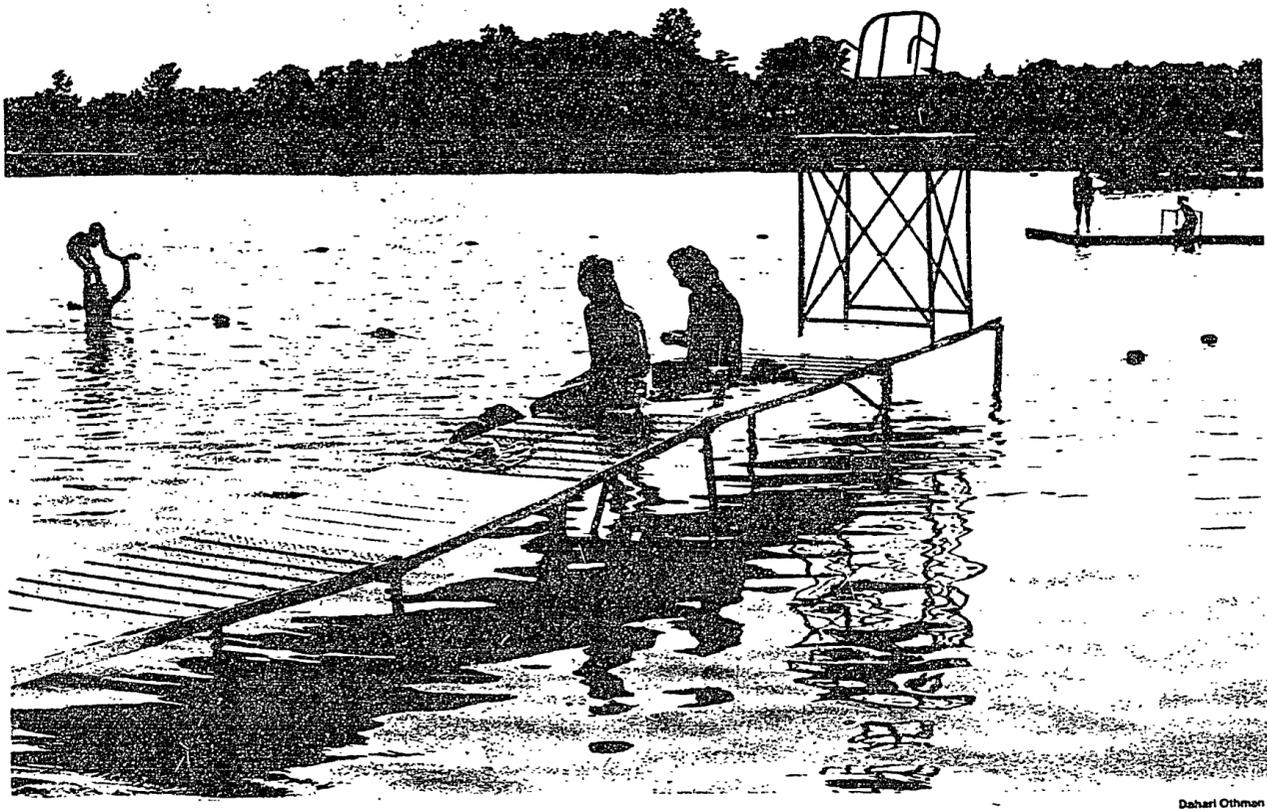
British police said Tuesday night they believed the attacks were in reprisal for the conviction in Dublin last week of Gerard Tuite, an Irish nationalist who was recaptured last March in the Republic after escaping from Brixton Prison near London.

The bombings came as James Prior, the secretary of state for Northern Ireland, began a two-day trip to Washington and New York to explain Britain's Ulster policy and to woo potential business investors for the province. There was no indication that the killings here were related to his trip.

At both bombing sites, onlookers were stunned by the speed with which the destruction took place. In Hyde Park, tourists had been watching as 16 "Blues and Royals," accompanied by two mounted policemen, ambled in their regular fashion along the South Carriage Drive from their barracks within the park.

Suddenly, a bomb in a pale blue Austin exploded into flames, sending four- and six-inch nails shooting in every direction. Black smoke rose into the sky, windows in shops and offices 100 yards away were blown out, and horses and men were lifted into the air and slammed down, eyewitnesses said.

The onlookers and workers from nearby buildings rushing forward to help the wounded soldiers.



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Upkeep of Hulen's Lake is the subject of a class-action lawsuit.

## Hulen's Lake: Who keeps it up?

By Ellen Hosmer  
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What may be a record number of homeowners has been named in a Boone County class-action suit which demands that residents in the Hulen's Lake area pitch in to pay for upkeep of lake facilities, including repair of two dams.

Lakeshore Estates Recreational Area Inc. filed the class-action suit, which names as interested parties 364 residents of the affluent subdivisions, many of whom allegedly have refused to pay for maintenance of recreational areas. Many of those named in the suit already pay for upkeep of the area, but all homeowners were named to assure that none of those paying now can decide later to withdraw support.

Dissidents reportedly have said they don't use the facilities and they won't pay for them. Some claim that recreational facilities are a secondary concern of the homeowners group, that its real objective is to ensure that sufficient money is available to pay for needed repairs to the dams.

Pat Morton, president of the homeowners group, admits that dam maintenance is among the objectives but says maintenance of common areas — the beach and docks, for instance — are equally important. He said all residents around Hulen's Lake should contribute to its upkeep.

The suit is intended to make Lakeshore Estates membership — and annual dues — compulsory.

### Class-action suit says area's residents must

Proceeds would be used for upkeep of the lake, dams, shelters, dock and island.

"If you forgive one person the responsibility of paying the dues, what about the guy next door?" says Harry Boul, attorney for the group. "Where do you draw the line? I have to make it a judgment binding on all the landowners."

Dissident landowners disagree. "If you don't live on the lake," says one who asked that his name not be used, "the only benefit you get is if you go down there and swim, and several people belong to country clubs so they go there instead."

Others distrust the group's motives. "We're not irresponsible persons," says Lucille Gill, secretary-treasurer of Lakeshore Villa Homes Association, a neighborhood group representing condominium owners who live on the outer perimeter of the Hulen's Lake area. "What we resent is the lack of openness about why this mandatory membership drive."

Mrs. Gill believes the suit may be a ploy. If successful, she says, the suit could make residents liable for major, long-range repairs to Hulen's Lake dams. Those repairs would cost residents

much more than the small annual maintenance fee the Lakeshore Estates group says it would charge members.

"If they had been candid about the problem and what it would take to solve it, there wouldn't be this lack of community spirit," says Mrs. Gill. "We link this drive to the vulnerability of one of those dams."

Following inspection in 1977, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers established a hazard rating of 1 for one of the dams, which means loss of life and considerable economic damage could result if it were to fail. A spokesman for the corps stressed that the rating has nothing to do with the condition of the dams, but the report filed during that inspection indicated the dam had "significant defects."

The findings of 1977 were reaffirmed in 1979 when Jim Williams, chief of engineering geology at the Missouri division of Geology and Land Survey, told the Missourian the dam had "fairly obvious defects that need immediate attention."

Thus far, no steps have been taken to remedy those defects. No one seems willing to take responsibility. "Typically, a developer not only establishes the common areas but also establishes support of the common areas," Boul says. At Hulen's Lake, no such support system was established. "People (See OLD, Page 18A)

## Vociferous taxpayer upsets County Court

By Bruce Auchly  
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A year-long dispute over an assessed valuation erupted into a shouting match at the Boone County Court Tuesday morning.

The sheriff's office was called to help restore order after John W. Howland refused to comply with Boone County Presiding Judge Bill Frech's order to leave. The fracas took place during the equalization board phase of the court's agenda, when Howland began to berate the board for his tax assessment.

Members of the court sit on the equalization board. "I never laid eyes on the guy before," Frech said following Howland's eviction.

But Howland is no stranger to other court officials.

More than a year ago, Howland complained to County Assessor Donald Fenton that the \$7,000 assessed value of his house was too high. The property is on Route 3 near Route UU southwest of Columbia.

Howland also had protested to Columbia Assessor Charles Roemer. "He wanted to take me to the alley," Roemer recalled.

Howland didn't question the assessed valuation at Tuesday's meeting. Instead, he announced that he

didn't own the house in question. It's owned by his son, John S. Howland, he said. Howland admitted owning a vacant lot adjacent to his son's home but said there's no house on it.

In fact, officials said, the tract includes 20 acres. But there is no record of Howland having subdivided the property and transferred ownership of any of it to his son.

County Surveyor Don Griffin told Howland that subdivision of the land would require a licensed surveyor. Howland replied that he is a surveyor and could do the work himself.

When Frech attempted to restore order, Howland turned his anger on the judge.

"I'm trying to make a point," Howland said.

"You have accomplished what you came here for," Frech said sternly. "This is not the time for this."

"Any time and any place there is a government meeting is the time to point out an error," Howland answered.

Frech called a recess to summon sheriff's deputies, but Howland left before deputies arrived.

County officials said later it was all a misunderstanding. The survey had nothing to do with the problem, they said. Apparently, Howland had

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## PLO shows willingness to recognize Israel

United Press International

The Palestine Liberation Organization is ready to accept an amended version of a U.N. Security Council resolution recognizing Israel's right to exist, a top aide to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat said Tuesday.

The PLO aide, speaking with reporters in west Beirut, said a message affirming the Palestinians' readiness to accept Israel's existence was carried to Washington by Khaled el Hassan, a ranking PLO

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official traveling with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khaddam and Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal.

A White House spokesman, however, said, "Such a message has not been brought to the president."

The Palestinian official said the PLO program parallels a Franco-Egyptian plan that was circulated at the United Nations in early July. At that time, diplomatic sources said it

was unlikely Israel would accept such a plan.

The Franco-Egyptian proposal demands a place for the PLO in peace talks on the Lebanese war. It asserts "the right of all countries in the region to live in peace, and the right of all peoples in the region to self-determination."

The United States has made Palestinian acceptance of U.N. Security Council resolution 242 — which recognizes Israel's right to exist — the condition for talks between the PLO

and Washington.

The PLO aide said the proposal carried by Hassan revived the issue of the 1967 resolution as a possible solution to the 46-day-old Lebanese war.

"If 242 is to be reformed or rewritten," he said, "it must have written into it three things — recognition of Palestinian self-determination, the right to an independent state, and the right of the Palestinians to return."

"If these conditions are met, we will accept it."

## Police Department attracts few blacks

By Yves Colon  
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Police work is difficult. And in Columbia, the job is becoming even more difficult for the few remaining black police officers.

Eight years ago, eight black officers patrolled the streets of Columbia. But since that time black officers have almost disappeared from the department, and efforts to recruit them have sputtered. Four of the original eight have left the Columbia Police Department on their own. Two more have been fired.

Even with the recent hiring of Fontella Ford, the first black policewoman on the force, only three blacks are now part of the 85 commissioned officers who make up the Columbia Police Department.

At the Boone County Sheriff's Department, one of the 27 deputies is black and at the University Police Department four of the 30 officers on the force are black.

That means that, in a community that is almost 10 percent black, only 3.5 percent of the police officers are black. This representation of blacks compares poorly with that of other

police departments around the country. The 1978 census report on minorities in state and local governments by the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission shows that 10.2 percent of officers in the average city police department are black.

"Why would a black kid want to come here if they see someone like Sgt. Kelly who was on the force for 30 years and still remains a sergeant," said Greg Tilford, one of the three black police officers on the force.

"Why would they want to stay here?" John Kelly, a 30-year-veteran of the force, retired last spring. He died recently.

Robert Agee left the department three years ago for personal reasons. Ron Cross, who left two years ago, now is involved in law enforcement in the Phoenix area. Don and Herman Johnson were fired from the force three years ago. There has been no official explanation of those dismissals.

John Williams, the last black officer to leave the department, was hit by a car while directing traffic on

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U.S. 63 two years ago. Williams retired early for medical reasons.

"They might be leaving for better-paying jobs," said Columbia Police Department spokesman Lt. Tom Hudson of the black officers who have left the department. "We hate to train someone and send him off somewhere else. We wish him luck, but we wish we could keep him here."

Of the 83 applications the city received this year to establish an eligibility roster for future vacancies, 11 blacks applied. Six did not meet at least one of the seven qualifications needed for consideration. One applicant did not complete the application; three did not have the two years of college required, and the remaining two did not have previous law enforcement experience.

A Columbia officer, who prefers to speak anonymously, said the city's efforts to recruit blacks to fill the positions left vacant by the departure of the six black officers were not sufficiently aggressive.

Officer Preston Bass, a black officer who has been with the department for eight years, said more of an effort could be made to hire blacks. For example, he said, the department could go nationwide with its advertising campaigns in order to attract blacks from the metropolitan areas.

"Columbia itself, and the Police Department in particular, has fallen so far behind that it is playing catch-up," Bass said.

James Jackson, chairman of the department of law enforcement at Forrest Park Community College in St. Louis, also recommends that the city advertise nationally for positions on the police force. Advertising only in the community will not attract more black officers, he said.

"The big thing with minorities is money," he said. "What they want is to get out of the communities where they grew up and get a good job with their degrees."

The promise of a better job with a college degree does make recruiting minorities for the Columbia police force difficult, said John Young, administrative assistant for the city Personnel Department. Qualified

blacks from outside the Columbia area, he said, are as reluctant as blacks from the community to consider a career on the police force here.

"Those who were not interviewed did not exhibit the traits we're looking for in a police officer," Young said. "Three minority women successfully passed the selection process. I think it was a great success."

One high-ranking officer said it was difficult to recruit from the black community because many blacks in Columbia are related to each other.

"Everybody is a cousin of a cousin," he said, "and the black officers don't feel right about it. That's why Ron Cross left the department."

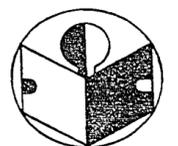
Hudson agreed. Although Hudson said he sees a great need in the community for black officers, he said the efforts from the department will not be matched by interested qualified minority applicants because of the stigma the black community puts on a

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### In town today

7:30 p.m. "Carousel," Maplewood Barn Community Theater, Nifong Park. Tickets are \$2 for adults, \$1 for senior citizens and students.

8 p.m. "On Golden Pond," Summer Repertory Theater, University Theater. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$1 for students.



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