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Reagan, who has said his trip is propelled by "the winds of freedom," faces issues of press freedom and human rights violations when he arrives in Indonesia Tuesday.

■ Indonesia's President Suharto, angered by charges in the Australian *Sydney Morning Herald*, has denied entry to two Australian White House reporters. The paper said Suharto, like Marcos, amassed a fortune through corruption.

■ Despite White House resistance, some 125 members of Congress have written to Reagan urging him to raise with Suharto the issue of human rights violations in East Timor.

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BALI-GATE: Three journalists bounced from Bali; had written stories critical of Indonesian President Suharto; exotic Bali; Reagan to talk trade. Special report. 13A.

Media flap follows Reagan to Bali

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BALI, Indonesia — Some are calling it Baligate. Others dubbed it Baliburg — after last year's controversial visit to Bitburg cemetery in Germany.

By whatever name, the flap over three journalists — two Australians and one with *The New York Times* — who had written critically of President Suharto has cast a cloud over the arrival here of President Reagan's "winds of freedom" tour in the Pacific.

"The winds are still blowing but some people didn't like the wind," Indonesian Foreign Minister Dr. Mochtar Kusumaatmadja said today, in his government's first public comment. "We are not against press freedom, but when a hurricane hits you, you don't have to like it."

"It's nothing personal."

Barbara Crossette of the *Times* was detained — and expelled — when she arrived from Bangkok to pick up credentials for the Reagan visit.

Richard Palfreyman, 41, and James Middleton, 37, both of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, were held at the airport and then ordered to leave for Tokyo.

Some recent news accounts

'Times' writer's ban 'a surprise'

New York Times Executive Editor A.M. Rosenthal called Barbara Crossette's expulsion "a clear violation of not only freedom of the press but of any accepted standard of conduct."

Foreign Editor Warren Hoge: "We've had reporters expelled from places like Poland, the Soviet Union. But that's a surprise here."

on Indonesia:

■ Claims that Suharto's wealth — up to \$3 billion — was obtained by corruption.

■ The execution of three trade unionists last year who served 15 years for associating with the Communist Party.

■ Reports of torture in East Timor, where Indonesia has a 10,000-man occupying force.

Reagan arrived in Bali Tuesday morning to the eeriest welcome of his presidency: no bands played, no cheers were heard, no smiles received.

As the Reagans, with President and Mrs. Suharto, departed the airport to view a traditional Balinese dance, the Australians were detained.



By Larry Rubenstein, Reuters

GYRATING GREETING: President Reagan and his wife, Nancy, are greeted by dancers shortly after their arrival in Bali. They are accompanied by President Suharto and his wife, Siti Hartinah.

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SOMETHING WAS MISSING: Before leaving Bali for the Economic Summit in Tokyo, Reagan met with Indonesian President Suharto and ministers of the Association of South East Asian Nations. Subjects: trade and regional communist insurgencies. But something was missing from the speech he planned to give: any reference to the "winds of freedom" theme that previously has prevailed. The speech follows the expulsion from Bali of three journalists who had written critically of Suharto.