

News In Brief

Senate asks Americans to boycott Olympics

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to urge all Americans, not just athletes, to boycott the 1980 Summer Olympics as a protest against the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan if the Games go on as scheduled in Moscow.

The resolution offers an alternative to a boycott by urging the International Olympic Committee to cancel, postpone or relocate the Games. But IOC members have already indicated they will reject this request.

U.S. trade deficit falls substantially in '79

WASHINGTON (AP)—Despite a record bill for imported crude oil and petroleum products, the nation's trade deficit narrowed to \$24.7 billion in 1979, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday.

The merchandise traded was the lowest since 1977, when imports had exceeded exports by \$26.6 billion. The deficit in 1978 was \$28.4 billion.

February 2 Committee sues investigators

GREENSBORO (AP)—The February 2 Mobilization Committee has filed a lawsuit asking that the State Bureau of Investigation be ordered to stop harassing or intimidating students organizing a parade and rally to be held Saturday.

The suit, filed Tuesday in U.S. Middle District Court, said SBI agents are pressuring and discouraging student leaders at campuses around the state from organizing or attending the march.

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Six U.S. diplomats in hiding flee Tehran

The Associated Press

Six American diplomats who escaped capture when the U.S. Embassy was seized Nov. 4 slipped out of Tehran after 12 weeks in hiding, helped by the Canadian Embassy and an elaborate ruse of false identities and forged documents, it was disclosed Tuesday.

The State Department identified the six who escaped as Mark Lijek, a consular officer; his wife, Cora Amburn Lijek, who was employed by the embassy as a consular assistant; Roger G. Anders, a consular officer; Henry L. Schatz, an agricultural attache from Coeur d'Alene,

Idaho; Joseph D. Stafford, a consular officer; and his wife, Kathleen F. Stafford, a consular assistant.

The six are in West Germany, the Canadian Foreign Ministry said. Their whereabouts and travel plans were not disclosed.

Word of the dramatic flight from Tehran came as ailing Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini went on national radio to make an emotional appeal for Iranians to support their new president, Abolhassan Bani Sadr.

The last medical report on the hospitalized Khomeini listed him in satisfactory condition.

There were new signs Tuesday of friction between Bani Sadr and official supporters of the Moslem militants holding some 50 American hostages at the U.S. Embassy. But Tehran radio later broadcast a message from Khomeini urging support for Bani Sadr.

The bold escape of the half-dozen U.S. diplomats from central Tehran caught the embassy militants off guard Tuesday.

"That's illegal! That's illegal!" one of the militants cried to a Western reporter when told of the ruse.

Ever since the militants seized the embassy Nov. 4 to press demands for the return of the ousted Shah Mohammad

Reza Pahlavi, there has been unconfirmed reports in Tehran that embassy staff members who avoided capture were hiding out in the embassies of other friendly nations.

Then, after Canada unexpectedly shut its embassy Monday and withdrew its small staff, the Montreal newspaper *La Presse* published an article in its Tuesday editions saying some U.S. diplomats had been harbored in the Canadian mission and were spirited out in the previous day or two under cover of false Canadian passports.

U.S. and Canadian officials later confirmed the basics of the report.

Coast Guard cutter collision leaves six dead

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—Divers searching the flooded compartments of a sunken Coast Guard cutter found the bodies of five more sailors Tuesday, raising the death toll to six. Hope was running out for 17 others missing following a collision with an oil tanker.

"As time goes by, the hope grows less," said Coast Guard Capt. Marshal Gilbert.

Twenty-seven of the cutter's crewmen were rescued and one was found dead shortly after the Monday night collision. Some were found clinging to pilings of the Sunshine Skyway bridge, which soars over the Tampa Bay's entrance.

The Coast Guard began assembling a formal board of inquiry to try to determine why the 605-foot tanker SS Capricorn slammed into the 180-foot

cutter Blackthorn on a calm and moonlit night just outside the bay.

Divers fought vicious currents and poor visibility in the 50-foot-deep water, where the cutter lay with a hole in its side, to recover the five bodies Tuesday.

Rescuers held out hope that some crewmen had found lifesaving air pockets, but divers tapping at the vessel's hull heard no response. They then began a slow search through flooded compartments and passageways.

Meanwhile, survivors told of hearing a collision alarm for only five seconds before the collision. The tanker was more than three times the cutter's size and loaded with heavy oil. The cutter sank almost immediately.

"It went down very quickly, in a matter of a minute or two," said Gilbert.

"It rolled and straightened up," one unidentified crewman said from a hospital. "Then it started rolling again and it started to go over. I could see the people sliding off. There was nothing to hold on to. I couldn't believe how cold it was in the water or the stink of the fuel."

Crew members were reported asleep when the collision occurred. Some told of fighting their way out through flooded passageways.

"The water was rushing in," said Charlie Bartel, 21, of New Orleans. "But I made it out. We crawled out as it was going down."

The tanker, inbound from the Virgin Islands with a load of oil for Florida Power Corp., is registered to Kingston Shipping Co. Inc. of New York. No injuries were reported aboard the tanker,

which carried 34 crewmen.

A spokesman for the ship's agent, who declined to be identified, said the tanker carried 150,000 barrels of oil but did not spill its cargo. The cutter, based in Galveston, Texas, and in service as a buoy tender, was bound for Mobile, Ala., with a crew of 50, after being drydocked at St. Petersburg.

Gilbert said authorities were not sure what caused the collision in a section of the bay 200 to 300 yards wide. Under normal navigation rules, each ship would stay on the right. A harbor pilot was aboard the oil tanker, Gilbert said. "They normally would be operating radar on both ships," said Lt. Steve Venckus, an operations officer. "Whether they were or not we don't know. All we know is that they collided."

Durante dies of lung ailment

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Jimmy Durante, the honky-tonk comic with the outsized nose whose artful mix of clowning, fractured English and heart-warming pathos endeared him to generations of Americans, died Tuesday at age 86.

The famed "Schnozzola," as he was known to friends and fans alike, died alone in a hospital room where he had been confined for three weeks for treatment of a lung ailment.

Upon learning the news, comedian George Burns, 84, a longtime friend, said: "What can I say that the world doesn't already know? He was a fine man and a wonderful artist."

Red Buttons, another old friend, said: "I loved him. We all loved him. I am sorry to hear the news. But I am almost glad he is out of his misery."

Durante was admitted to St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica on Jan. 7, suffering from acute lung congestion. The cause of death was listed as pneumonitis complicated by the effects of previous strokes, said Chris Thomas, a hospital spokeswoman.

After a stroke in November 1972 left him partially paralyzed and confined to a wheelchair, Durante was forced to say good night to Mrs. Calabash for the last time and retire from show business.

Throughout his career, one of his trademarks was to end his performances with, "Good night, Mrs. Calabash, wherever you are." He once confided he was referring to his first wife, who had died.

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Jerry Robinson, Orange County Health Director, said measles symptoms usually begin five days after exposure, beginning with a sore throat, runny nose and fever. Small red spots with white centers appear in the throat and mouth, often accompanied with loss of appetite. Four days later, a red rash on the face and body appears. Fever may be higher and eyes may be sensitive to light. By the eighth day the disease should have run its course. Students should not return to class until 24-48 hours after the fever and rash disappear, officials advise.

County officials are taking steps to isolate the highly contagious disease. About 275 Chapel Hill-Carrboro students have been suspended until they provide confirmation that they have previously had red measles or have had the proper immunization. An additional 116 junior high school students have until Monday to satisfy immunization requirements.

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