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Insurgency increases in Afghanistan

From Associated Press reports

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Spring thaws have opened the mountain supply routes of Moslem guerrillas and the seasonal surge of fighting in Afghanistan has begun despite a U.N.-sponsored accord on Soviet military withdrawal.

Leaders of the insurgency, which began after a communist coup in April 1978, were not party to the Geneva agreement announced last week and have said repeatedly they would continue the war.

Western diplomats said Tuesday there was a sharp increase of military activity in the past two weeks in eastern Afghanistan near Pakistan. About 3.5 million Afghan refugees live in camps and cities just outside Pakistan that serve as bases and supply points for the guerrillas.

Insurgents overran seven Afghan army posts in Logar province in the first week of April, and Monday a 450-unit Soviet convoy including

more than 100 armored vehicles headed south toward the province from Kabul, the diplomats reported. They said the level of fighting appeared normal for early spring.

Radio Kabul reported that Afghan guerrillas downed a Soviet-built passenger plane near the Soviet border on Sunday, killing all 29 people aboard.

Increased fighting also was reported in Kandahar and Khost.

The withdrawal agreement is expected to be signed Thursday in Geneva by the Afghan government, with Pakistan, the United States and Soviet Union as guarantors. The guerrillas were not invited to the negotiations and Pakistan acted as their representative.

In Moscow, an Italian source said Yuli Vorontsov, first deputy foreign minister, told Italian parliamentarians that 50,000 Soviet soldiers will be withdrawn in the first three months

after May 15.

Soviet soldiers entered Afghanistan in December 1979 and Vorontsov's reported statement was the first indication Kremlin officials have given of how many were there.

Under the accord to be signed in Geneva, the Soviets agree to remove all the troops within nine months of May 15, half of them by Aug. 15.

Based on the figures given by Vorontsov, the total Soviet force in Afghanistan would be about 100,000. Western sources have estimated it at 115,000.

Guerrilla leaders have said they would ignore any agreement reached without their direct participation and contend that the only real parties to the Afghan conflict are themselves and the Soviets.

They consider the government in Kabul — now led by Najib — to be a Kremlin puppet.

Diplomatic and other sources

reported more fighting in Kandahar, Afghanistan's second-largest city, and said wounded government and Soviet soldiers arrived in Kabul last week. All sources spoke under condition of anonymity.

Insurgents knocked out a government radio station in the city March 25 and later did the same to the television station, diplomats said. They said the radio station had not resumed broadcasting by the first week of April.

The sources also reported fighting at Khost, the eastern garrison town where Soviet-Afghan forces lifted a guerrilla siege last January after weeks of combat.

Diplomats reported a rise in convoys activity and air transport traffic at the Kabul airport, which they say reflects a redeployment of Soviet soldiers and efforts to build up supplies for the Afghan military before the withdrawal.

Arab hijackers say 12 hostages released as 'goodwill' gesture

From Associated Press reports

LARNACA, Cyprus — Arab hijackers of a Kuwaiti jet said Tuesday they had released 12 hostages. A fuel truck was dispatched to the aircraft and its engines were started.

Reporters saw several people get off the Kuwait Airways jet and into three ambulances, which sped away. Because of the darkness, it was not possible to confirm how many people were freed.

After they left the plane, a hijacker told the tower the released included two Palestinians with Jordanian passports and 10 others who were sick, poor or had numerous children.

They said the releases were a "goodwill" gesture but added also that the Jordanian nationals were freed as a "present to the uprising in Palestine."

Shortly before the people left the Kuwait Airways jet, its engines started and loud bangs rang out across the tarmac. Officials said the noises were caused by the engines.

The fuel truck halted a short distance from the Boeing 747.

PLO and government negotiators drove up to the plane and held talks with the hijackers.

The hijackers have repeatedly demanded fuel for the jet, which was hijacked a week ago.

Speakes 'speaks out'

WASHINGTON — The White House said Tuesday that President Reagan was upset and that it was an "outrage" that former presidential spokesman Larry Speakes had made up quotes and given them to reporters as Reagan's words.

"Everyone is appalled that he made up quotes," said spokesman Martin Fitzwater, who replaced Speakes 14 months ago.

In a kiss-and-tell book, "Speaking Out," that has riled White

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House officials, Speakes disclosed that he made up a widely-reported statement that was attributed to Reagan during his first summit with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in 1985.

In another instance, when a Korean Air Lines passenger jet was shot down by the Soviets in 1983, the president "had almost nothing to say" during meetings with the Cabinet and congressional leaders, Speakes said. So, he said he took statements made by Secretary of State George Shultz and attributed them to Reagan.

Speakes had no reaction to the White House statements. "I'd be better off not to comment," he said in a telephone interview from New York, where he is vice president for communications at Merrill Lynch Corp.

Teaching reform questioned

NEW YORK — A decade of school reform has produced stacks of legislation, higher teacher pay and tighter teaching requirements but has left unresolved whether teachers are full-fledged professionals, a report says.

"By sheer volume of legislation, it is clear that teaching has been 'reformed,'" said the 80-page Rand Corp. report, "The Evolution of Teacher Policy," released Monday.

"Teaching policy is up for grabs — and there are lots of people grabbing," it said.

The net result of hundreds of education-related bills enacted during the past decade has been contradiction and confusion, concluded the report by researchers Linda Darling-Hammond and Barnett Barry.

Camp Lejeune Marine shot at Panama base

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — A Camp Lejeune Marine guarding a petroleum storage area near a U.S. military base in Panama was shot and killed, apparently by fellow Marines, while investigating an alleged intrusion by Panamanian forces into the area, a Pentagon official said today.

"This petroleum tank farm has been the site of a series of intrusions in the recent past, which resulted in increased vigilance and patrol," said

Pentagon spokesman Dan Howard.

The purpose of the intrusions and the exact identity of the intruders were not clear, he said.

The facility stores fuel for U.S. airplanes and vehicles at nearby Howard Air Force Base, he said.

"When one has intruders into the base perimeter who are in uniform and are camouflaged, the assumption that one comes to is that, of course, they are PDF" or members of the

Panamanian Defense Force, Howard said.

No intruders were apprehended. "In the confusion of the firing, the intruders all escaped," said U.S. Air Force Col. Ron Sconyers, a spokesman at U.S. Southern Command.

Sconyers identified the Marine as a corporal and a member of I Company, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, which is based in North Carolina and was sent to riot-torn Panama last week.

The slain man was part of a 12-Marine security patrol at an underground tank facility near Rodman Naval Station on the western side of the Panama Canal, said Sconyers.

The name of the victim was being withheld pending notification of the next of kin.

The Marine was struck by at least one shot in the abdomen and was pronounced dead at 1:10 a.m. Tuesday at Gorgas Hospital in Panama.

Attempts to revive the Marine with

open-heart massage were unsuccessful. Several major arteries were hit by the bullet, and the Marine suffered massive internal bleeding, Sconyers said.

Describing the incident as a "tragic accident," Howard told reporters at the Pentagon that it "occurred after an apparent intrusion by six or eight individuals into the tank farm area."

"U.S. security forces patrolling the area split up and were in the process of rejoining when a trip flare was set off, sounding like gunfire," he said.

In response, two elements of the patrol fired. Seven rounds were discharged before the on-the-scene commander ordered a cease-fire. Initial indications are that the fatal gunshot wound was not the result of hostile gunfire, but rather the result of a crossfire from the U.S. shots fired," he said.

"Details of the incident are sketchy at this time," he said, and the matter is under investigation.

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to hear that Mantey had been using mushrooms.

"Dave seemed too smart to do something like that," he said. "There must be other people who know about it because Dave didn't go looking for shrooms."

Mantey had never used mushrooms, Demas said. "I'm guessing that this was his first time and he overdid it."

It's possible that the mushrooms Mantey took were treated with LSD, Demas said. "I would not be surprised if those shrooms that Dave took were laced," he said.

While he hopes others will learn from Mantey's death, Demas said that doesn't make dealing with it any easier.

"It's a damn shame that Dave had to be the one who teaches the lesson," he said.

Most students interviewed, who didn't know Mantey, agreed that his death would probably do very little to prevent the use of mushrooms.

"You go through a period of about two weeks where everyone's talking about drug prevention," said Nevaina Graves, a freshman from Asheville.

"But after he's buried and everyone has stopped crying, the drug use goes on."

Several students said if there had been some evidence of mushroom use earlier, Mantey's death could have had more of a preventive effect. Ginny Twiselton, a junior from Greensboro, said students would have taken more notice "if the impact of his death had hit at the same time as the impact of the drugs."

Mushrooms are so widespread and accessible on the UNC campus, students said, that one death — however tragic — will have little impact.

"It's such an isolated incident," said Tom Cuthbertson, a freshman from Charlotte.

Freshman Monique Merriweather of Raleigh said she hopes Mantey's potential for a bright future would make students consider the effects of mushroom use.

"It may help awareness because he had a lot to live for," Merriweather said. "If the fact that he was using drugs is told like it is, maybe it will make people aware that drugs can hurt you."

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