

More troops inside Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Diplomatic sources reported the Soviet Union has moved additional men and armor into Afghanistan, but Moslem guerrillas were said Thursday to have closed a strategic highway linking Russia with the capital city.

There also were reports that an Afghan army brigade fought with Soviet troops in Kandahar, in southwestern Afghanistan, and both sides suffered heavy casualties.

The reports could not be confirmed independently.

Afghanistan's new pro-Soviet government broadcast a letter to President Carter accusing the United States of "trying with all its force to work

against us."

The official Soviet news agency Tass said in a dispatch from Kabul that an American Roman Catholic mission here had been functioning as an underground center for recruiting counter-revolutionary agents to circulate subversive literature. Tass claimed the mission was part of the American cultural center run by the U.S. Embassy.

The 152-nation U.N. General Assembly, which has no power to take punitive action, scheduled debate on the situation in Afghanistan. The Soviet Union, which on Monday vetoed a Security Council resolution calling for withdrawal of all foreign troops, has an estimated 100,000 soldiers in this Central Asian nation.

Afghan sources and Asian diplomats in Kabul, quoting Afghan military officials and travelers just returning from the area, said the Salang Highway was blocked Tuesday for fighting near the Doshi or Khenjan bridges, about 90 miles north of Kabul.

The sources also said the Soviets poured three more divisions into Afghanistan this week, bringing to seven the number moved in during the past two weeks.

Heavy military traffic also was heading south into Afghanistan from the Soviet cities of Torgundi, in the Turkoman Republic, and Termez, in the Uzbek Republic, according to diplomatic sources.

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"In addition to our guided tour, we had a lot of free time to just walk around the streets and talk to the people in a sort of unstructured way," Kessler said. "We got to talk to a good cross section of people, and the Chinese students I spoke to were very eager to learn about America."

Kessler, who visited China once before in 1976, said he noted several changes that had taken place in the country since his last trip.

"One of the striking things I noticed on this trip compared to the one in 1976 was that the people had very little to say about the politics of their situation," he said. "In 1976, though, there was a lot of talk about politics and about the Soviet Union as an enemy. In general, this time the people talked about their friendship with the United States."

"I get the impression that the people are being very businesslike and are downplaying some of their heavy political campaigns of the past."

Kessler said he observed more private economic activity in China today than there had been in 1976. "Prior to Mao's death, private economic activity was not tolerated," he said. "Now, peasants are encouraged to engage in such activity."

There is also more emphasis on consumer goods to boost the economy than there was in 1976, Kessler said.

"In general, there was more of a relaxed atmosphere in China in 1979 than there was in 1976," he said. "We were allowed to go more places than we were in 1976. The Chinese were much more flexible in what they would let us do while we were in their country."

All tours to China are hosted by the Chinese International Travel Service, Kessler said. But the Chinese hosts were more willing to honor requests from tour group members to see specific sights than they were in 1976, he said.

Kessler will present a lecture and slide show of his recent trip to China at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 30 in rooms 202-204 Carolina Union.

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needs is put first," Barber said. This is important not only for her personal well-being, but so that "she will be able to assist us and the investigating officer in solving the crime," Barber said.

If the case does come to trial, Barber's staff makes every effort to help the victim through the process. For example, Assistant District Attorney Ellen Scouten serves the subpoena, rather than the usual clerk of court.

"We prepare the victim well," Barber said. "We keep her informed on what's going on."

Barber first became concerned about the handling of rape cases when he became district attorney in July 1977. "I was horrified at the abuses that the institutions and court systems put on rape victims," he said. "Some DAs would take a case to court even when they knew they didn't have a case."

Barber and Couten have been asked to give a seminar explaining the program to members of the state District Attorneys' Association in March.

News In Brief

Militants meet with Khomeini

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Moslem militants from the U.S. Embassy made a surprise pilgrimage to Qom Thursday and consulted with Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, stirring speculation that some solid development may be near in the long captivity of the American hostages.

But one possibility was that the militants were only trying to persuade Khomeini to order that U.S. diplomat L. Bruce Laingen, in custody at the Foreign Ministry, be handed over to them.

Refugees flock to Pakistan

PIR PIAYEE, Pakistan (AP)—More than 2,600 Afghans are pouring into 12 major refugee camps in Pakistan each day, apparently in search of the religious freedom they fear has been lost in their Soviet-dominated homeland, sources said Thursday.

Once inside this Moslem land, the Afghan refugees are provided tiny food rations and tents too flimsy to withstand sub-zero temperatures many of them must endure. There are urgent shortages of medicine, baby food, mobile dispensaries and hospital facilities.

Snowstorm heads eastward

A dynamic winter storm that paralyzed much of the Pacific Northwest with waist-deep snow and left 13 people dead, shoved eastward Thursday, shutting off highways and snapping power lines.

With Seattle and Portland, Ore., crippled by heavy snows rarely seen in those cities—at least 500 boats sank or were damaged under its weight—the storm continued its blitz in Idaho, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and North Dakota.

Meany dies

WASHINGTON (AP)—George Meany, the gruff-talking one-time plumber who rose to become the single most powerful force in the American labor movement, died Thursday. He was 85.

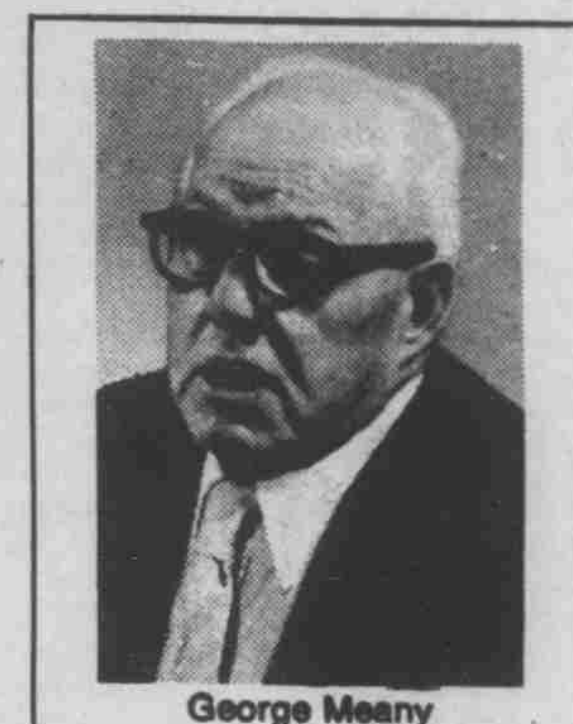
Meany stepped down in November after 25 years as the only president the AFL-CIO had ever known.

Meany, who had been confined to a wheelchair since last May, was readmitted to George Washington Hospital on Sunday for treatment of a painful buildup of fluid in his legs.

AFL-CIO spokesman Albert Zack said Meany's condition had worsened Thursday afternoon and he was transferred to the hospital's intensive care unit.

He died late Thursday night, Zack said. Meany's health had deteriorated rapidly in 1979, perhaps hastened by his wife's death in March. Friends said the loss of the woman to whom he had been married for 59 years dampened his spirit and his determination to recover.

Shortly after her death, he suffered a knee injury that prompted a flairup of his arthritic hip. He was left gaunt, pale and confined to a wheelchair.



George Meany

Meany was "Mr. Labor," keeping an iron grip on the organization he forged by bringing together the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations in 1955.

Although he led the AFL-CIO to a strong endorsement of Jimmy Carter during Carter's campaign against Gerald R. Ford in 1976, Meany soon emerged as one of the new president's most persistent, harsh critics.

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