

Iran charges 2 US jets fired on naval patrol plane

TEHRAN, Iran (UPI) — Iran charged that two American jets today fired on an Iranian naval patrol plane in the strategic Strait of Hormuz. The Pentagon said two F-14s intercepted an Iranian C-130 when it approached within 50 miles of the aircraft carrier Nimitz but no weapons were fired.

The Joint Command of Iran's Armed Forces said in a communique the "attack" was repulsed by four Iranian air force planes, which took off from the Bandar Abbas base to aid the aircraft under fire. It said the naval patrol aircraft was "fired on" by

the two American F-14 jets. The Pentagon said, "Two F-14 aircraft from the Nimitz made a routine intercept of an Iranian C-130 aircraft near the Strait of Hormuz. The U.S. aircraft escorted the Iranian plane back to Iranian air space. It was a routine intercept. There was no firing of weapons."

IT WAS UNDERSTOOD the two F-14s were "scrambled" from the 91,400-ton nuclear-powered Nimitz after the Iranian C-130 plane was detected about 50 miles away.

"So we launched the planes to look it over," a spokesman said.

The Nimitz is part of a two-carrier Task Force sent to the Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean after militants seized the U.S. Embassy in Tehran seized the hostages.

Another Pentagon spokesman said during the intercept Iranian aircraft flew "reasonably close" to the American aircraft "and then both (the American planes) proceeded on their way without any firing."

TEHRAN RADIO reported the Iranian

Army joint staff has warned the armed forces that they should "expect extensive action by the U.S. Army." It said they should be exceptionally alert and not be caught off guard, because President Carter was likely to try to make up for the failure of his hostage rescue mission.

In Kuwait, Iranian Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbadeh today escaped an apparent assassination attempt when his motorcade was struck by gunfire. The Pars news agency said the unidentified assailants had taken asylum in the Iraqi Embassy in that

Arab state.

The report of the interception raised fears for the safety of the hostages, some of whom are now dispersed around Iran, because the militants had threatened again Monday to kill them if the United States took any military action against Iran.

IT CAME four days after a commando mission to rescue the hostages was aborted while already under way in the Iranian desert, leaving eight dead in the collision of two American aircraft during the retreat.

Patrolman Dietsch hears fellow officers support his firing

By Will Stageman

Eight former law enforcement colleagues and seven civilians Monday night supported Burlington police chief Ted Behne's firing April 1 of patrolman Larry Dietsch.

Their testimony before the Civil Service commission opened Dietsch's appeal of his dismissal. His primary duty had been to enforce the city's Alcohol Safety Action program (ASAP); Behne has accused him of neglecting duties and disobeying orders.

FIVE BURLINGTON officers, two Des Moines county deputies, sheriff Bob Glick and the civilians told commissioners Dietsch had been rude and lacked discretion and common sense — shortcomings Behne said characterized Dietsch's 10 years as a police officer.

Behne and public safety commissioner Chuck Griffin also said that in the 108 months Dietsch served, he took 108 sick days. Questioned by Dietsch's attorney, T.K. Ford, Behne conceded that was only half the allowable sick leave but is more than the average for other officers.

Police Capt. Pat Mewes testified that Dietsch, on voluntary ASAP duty in Jan. 1977, struck a parked car with his patrol car. Mewes said Dietsch told him he had fallen asleep at the wheel.

Dietsch was ticketed for that incident in lieu of a suspension.

Behne said. Testimony indicated the officer has never been sus-



Observant Dietsch...

pected for any reason.

ASSISTANT CHIEF Wendall Patton said he had supervised Dietsch when Dietsch was transferred from the night to evening shift.

Patton said the change was against Dietsch's wishes. "I thought he had the ability to be a good police officer," Patton said, but "his biggest problem was getting along with people."

Patton also said Dietsch, while on the night shift, spent too much time issuing tickets instead of checking business and home security and patrolling to prevent crime.

Ford asked how Patton knew Dietsch was neglecting other duties

to write tickets. Patton said he knew that ticket-writing is time-consuming and that the number of citations Dietsch was writing left him little time to take care of higher priorities.

GLICK SAID Dietsch at one accident scene "was terribly rude" to a man involved and made comments the man could hear that "were totally uncalled for."

Ford objected to Glick's testimony as irrelevant hearsay. But commission chairman Harold Detterer said the testimony would be allowed and observed that "we're here to get at the truth."

Glick also indicated Dietsch had, on one occasion, used rude talk over the police radio.

Behne brought up a Feb. 13 incident in which two deputies on official business were detained by Dietsch for making an illegal right turn on a red light.

The deputies, Mike Bree and Bill Ferrill, agreed Dietsch may have been correct in issuing them a ticket but objected to the way he treated them. They said his conduct "created strained relations between the police and sheriff's departments." Ferrill said he explained the situation, only to be threatened with arrest.

NONE OF the civilians at the hearing disputed Dietsch's understanding of the law. But all indicated Dietsch was rude and curt toward them.



John Gram photos

...attentive Chuck Griffin ...gesticulating Ted Behne

Roy Ertz Sr., owner of a Skelly station on Mt. Pleasant, said he had witnessed two accidents in front of his station and was trying to explain what he had seen when Dietsch tried "to intimidate me." Ertz said that afterward, "my relatives have caught hell," indicating Dietsch harassed some of them.

Other witnesses supported Behne's insistence that handling people tactfully is part of a policeman's job.

Carolyn Ertz, stopped by Dietsch for going the wrong way on a one-way street, said he lectured her in a way that "upset me."

"But the only thing I could think

of was Barney Fife on television. I was mad. That's why I went down (to the station) to complain."

The hearing will continue at 7 tonight in city council chambers. Behne is expected to call the last of his witnesses, after which Ford will open Dietsch's defense.

Carter to meet press tonight

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Carter will conduct a news conference at 8 p.m. (CDT) tonight in the East Room of the White House, press secretary Jody Powell said.

Carter set up the exchange with reporters in order to answer questions on the resignation of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and the aborted rescue mission in Iran, Powell said.



"Well, if it isn't Frank Jones, class of '58."

Solons praise Vance, lash Carter

Medill News Service

WASHINGTON — Congressman Jim Leach, R-Iowa, told the House of Representatives Monday that Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's resignation would be read abroad as evidence of the disintegrating American policy and perhaps a disintegrating administration.

"What is needed is consistency in foreign policy execution," Leach said. "The abortive rescue operation and departure of the most respected member of the cabinet leaves all Americans apprehensive about what to expect next from the John Wayne school of diplomacy."

REP. TOM TAUKE, R-Iowa, who also decried the administration's floundering foreign policy, said that since

Senate leaders like Christopher as replacement

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Senate leaders said acting Secretary of State Warren Christopher would receive easy confirmation if he were nominated to replace Cyrus Vance. But Democratic leader Robert Byrd hinted Christopher might not be President Carter's choice.

Byrd, D-W.Va., told reporters he had a good idea who Carter would name to replace Vance, who resigned over the aborted military attempt to rescue U.S. hostages in Iran.

But he declined to give a concrete answer to reporters on whether Carter will ask the Senate to confirm Christopher, who was elevated from deputy secretary of state Monday to at least temporarily replace Vance.

"Your speculations are way off the mark," said Byrd. But he also

said Christopher "would be well received if he were the nominee."

"THE GENERAL view is that Christopher is a candid and capable person" and has a "cordial relationship" with the Senate, said Senate Republican leader Howard Baker of Tennessee.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, meanwhile, went met privately today to investigate the Vance resignation and the botched attempt to rescue the hostages.

And the Senate Armed Services Committee announced Monday an investigation into why and how the helicopters and aircraft used in the rescue mission failed in such a way that the raid had to be canceled.

Chairman John Stennis, D-Miss., said the investigation will not be di-

rected at policy matters or the War Powers Act, but rather at the technical failure that forced President Carter to call off the mission.

VANCE BECAME the Iran crisis' latest and most prominent casualty

Monday and both Democrats and Republicans joined in bipartisan tributes to the outgoing secretary of state.

"Cy Vance, to the last, had taken the high and honorable road," said

Sen. Frank Church, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

"As secretary of state, he was trusted by all who knew and dealt with him."

Hawk Eye digest

AFTER DELAYS caused by high seas and gusty winds, the Cuban refugee sealfit across the Straits of Florida has resumed. Page 2.

A BAN ON DISCO and rock concerts at Memorial auditorium will be only temporary, until Burlington can sort out its rules on rental of the facility. Page 3.

ONE OF THE MOST devastating floods in Hawk Eye land history bore down on Burlington 15 years ago today. Lloyd Maffitt's recollection is on page 7.

FT. MADISON'S boys track team has come down out of the clouds and gone back to hard work after winning two individual and two relay team places at the Drake Relays. See SPORTS page 8.

And by the way...

VENTURA, Calif. (UPI) — The driver of a Greyhound bus angrily told a California Highway Patrolman ticketing him for speeding that the officer "just bought a bus full of people."

The bus driver then walked away from the bus and his 42 passengers, leaving the driving to the officer. Officer Robert Christiansen said he clocked the bus traveling 65 to 72 mph on the southbound lanes of the Ventura Freeway at about 9 p.m. Sunday.

The officer said he pulled the bus over to the side of the busy road and as he wrote the citation, the driver, George Edward Mays, muttered about not being able to keep to his schedule if he observed the 55 mph speed limit.

The officer said Mays signed the ticket, then told him, "You've got another problem now, you've just bought a bus full of people."

Mays then walked off the freeway in the direction of Ventura, leaving Christiansen, 42 passengers and the bus along the freeway shoulder.

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Soil conservation chief Berg learns of area's topsoil woes

By Bob Sogard

When Norm Berg came back to his native city Monday, he talked 'shop much of the day.

But first he went to see Emily Schach, 1039 S. Garfield, an old friend who has kept in touch with the chief of the U.S. Soil Conservation service since his promotion to that post last September.

"She's a walking history book," declared Berg as he walked across a field at the IAAP Monday afternoon.

His mother, Mrs. Alf Berg, once worked at the ordnance plant — but rather than munitions-making, Berg was there Monday for an education from soil scientists, educators and farmers involved in a large no-tillage cropping experiment on leased IAAP farmland.

DISTRICT conservationist Howard Bright led a briefing at the SCS office before the IAAP tour. He showed the resource inventory map of Des Moines county and told why

the emphasis of district commissioners is on no-till.

Des Moines county has 260,000 acres, of which 165,000 are being actively cropped, Bright told his leader. Some 80,000 acres are losing more than five tons of topsoil every year, "unacceptable" because topsoil can only be replaced at a 3- to 4-ton rate.

47,000 acres are losing soil at a rate of 15 tons annually, Bright said — two bushels of soil for every bushel of corn it produces.

"We've taken these figures, along with the amount of topsoil remaining and the money we get to cost-share tile outlet terrace building," Bright said. "At the present rate, the average of 12 inches of topsoil we have will be gone on some hills within 25 years, and from the remaining land within 180 years."

TERRACES ARE expensive; fewer than 100,000 feet are being constructed yearly in Des Moines county, at a cost of \$18,000 to federal

and state agencies. If the soil loss is to be controlled within 25 years, 650,000 feet should be built annually, Bright said.

Eldon Weber, area conservationist, told Berg that in his 17-county area, every district conservationist is "aggressively promoting" no-till cropping.

He said resource inventories show that at present rates of erosion of the 8.7 million acres in cropland, 36% will lose their topsoil in 20-50 years, and 41% in 50-100 years. The

current rate of terrace building is 1.9 million feet, treating 8,200 acres, while it should be four times that.

His people estimate 30,000 acres is in no-till and 2.4 million acres in some form of conservation tillage this year.

Reduced tillage will save five million gallons of fuel and 12 million

No-till—

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New immigrant

9-hour-old Carlos Yanez, born aboard the Cuban refugee boat Capt. J. T., in the Straits of Florida Saturday, is carried to a waiting ambulance in Key West, Fla., Sunday. The baby's parents were among nearly 300 refugees aboard the boat, which left the port of Mariel in Cuba.

UPI photo

Seas quieter; refugee sealift resumes

KEY WEST, Fla. (UPI) — Winds and seas ebbed in the Florida Straits today and Cuban exiles, deciding it was "now or never," resumed their weather-interrupted sealift of refugees from Cuba.

Dean Patterson, dockmaster at Key West's city marina, said boats began leaving at 6 a.m. "They're all moving out. It's good weather. They figure it's now or never."

Patterson said the exiles mistook the Florida state flag outside his office for a foul weather warning flag. "When I went out and lowered it, you should have heard the cheering and motors starting up," he said.

A COAST GUARD spokesman in Miami reported a "flock of boats" in the 90-mile-wide Florida Straits, where winds were 10 to 15 knots and waves 3 to 4 feet high, compared to 20 knots and 7 feet on Monday.

The National Weather Service at

Key West forecast little weather change during the day, although it said wind gusts of 15 knots might hit the Gulf Stream during the afternoon.

Two hundred boats had been waiting at Key West's largest marina for the seas to calm.

Radio Havana had reported 1,552 boats packed up in Mariel bay, waiting for the 7-foot seas to subside. It said for safety reasons, departing vessels would be formed into flotillas and escorted by Cuban government patrol boats "to the proximity of Mexico."

THE FIRST casualties of the sealift were discovered Monday by the salvage vessel Moby II which found a capsized, 22-foot cabin cruiser floating upside down in the Gulf Stream, about 20 miles southeast of Miami. When righted, the bodies of two men were found.

They were identified as Eduardo Roque, 45, and Adolfo Martinez, 65, both of Orlando. Their families confirmed they had been en route to Mariel to pick up refugees, the Coast Guard said.

The Orlando men apparently were the victims of hurricane-force squalls that hit the Straits and south Florida Sunday.

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S seizure Monday of three commercial fishing boats that ferried 507 Cubans to Florida touched off an angry protest demonstration by about 300 Cuban-Americans in front of the U.S. Customs House at Key West late Monday.

"If Jimmy Carter doesn't have the courage to face up to Fidel Castro, we want him to know we do," Miguel Angel Suarez of Hialeah shouted at the building's closed door.

THERE WERE these other developments Monday in the continuing

saga of the impromptu sealift that began a week ago.

—The immigration service dispatched 100 border patrol agents to south Florida to serve notices of fines on boat owners who illegally transport Cuban refugees and to help process the arriving aliens. Two light planes and 30 vehicles also have been sent to assist the operation.

—The Federal Aviation Administration was ordered to restrict flight plans of aircraft going to or coming from Cuba to prevent an airlift of Cuban refugees to the United States.

—Florida Gov. Bob Graham activated 75 National Guard troops and declared Dade (Miami) and Monroe (the Keys) counties as disaster areas.

Food stamp cutoff possible

WASHINGTON (UPI) — In letters to the governor of each state, Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland warned that Congress has only 17 days left to prevent a temporary cutoff of food stamp benefits by June 1.

If Congress fails to approve three separate measures by May 15, Bergland must write to the governors again, telling them to set in motion mechanisms to cut off benefits.

"If you have not already done so, it may be advisable to begin developing your own contingency plans

for providing other forms of emergency assistance to low-income families," Bergland told the governors.

At a news conference Monday, Bergland said he was certain Congress would act eventually, but that 21 million food stamp recipients might be without stamps for at least a while in June.

Assistant Secretary Carol Tucker Foreman said if Congress acted a few days after May 15, some states would be able to provide benefits by June 1 but others would not be able to change gears fast enough to get the benefits out on time.

Elsewhere

Bi-state

LOTTERY WINNER—The winning number Monday in the Illinois Daily Lottery Game was 412.

BANK TOPPERS RESIGN—High-level management "differences of views" and personality clashes led to the resignations of A. Robert Abboud and Harvey Kapnick as the top officers of First Chicago Corp., the parent company of the First National Bank of Chicago. The resignations of Abboud, chairman and chief executive officer of the bank holding company, and Kapnick, deputy chairman of First Chicago, were announced Monday by Ben W. Heineman, chairman of the executive committee of First Chicago.

GUILTY VERDICT—A Jackson County District Court jury in Maquoketa Monday found Dale Gansz guilty of one count of second-degree murder and innocent of another murder charge in the slaying of two Davenport men last December. Gansz, 27, Rock Island, Ill., had been charged with first-degree murder in the shooting deaths of Stephen Fullam, 23, and Ralph Zaug, 22, in Zaug's apartment. The five-man, seven-woman jury found Gansz guilty in the death of Zaug and innocent on the charge of killing Fullam.

MAY SELL CONVENT—An order of Roman Catholic nuns has offered to sell its convent and other facilities in Ottumwa for possible use as a state prison facility, an Iowa corrections official has confirmed. Harold Farrier, director of the division of corrections of the Iowa Department of Social Services, said Monday he received a letter from Sister Ann Therese Collins of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary offering the convent for sale. Sister Collins refused to comment on the offer, saying only "we are interested in selling."

HOLSTAD OBJECTS—Former Iowa Commerce Commissioner Mary Holstad, who formally resigned last week, says she will not accept a position as a state bank examiner because it involves too much out-of-town travel. Mrs. Holstad was removed from the commission in February by Gov. Robert D. Ray. Ray invoked a rarely used Iowa law that removes members of state boards if they miss several consecutive meetings. She was completing an alcohol treat-

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ment program when Ray invoked the law. The Senate was slow to confirm Mrs. Holstad's successor, Christine Hansen, when Mrs. Holstad protested the firing. However, the Senate approved the hiring of Mrs. Hansen last week when Mrs. Holstad formally resigned to accept the bank examiner job.

Politics

UNCLE WALT FOR VEEP?—The New Republic quotes Walter Cronkite as saying he would be honored to be offered a chance to become John Anderson's running mate, but neither man will say if that's really the way it is. This week's New Republic magazine quotes Cronkite as telling executive editor Morton Kronkack, "I'd be honored to be asked (by Anderson). I wouldn't turn it down." But Kronkack said the tone of Cronkite's voice indicated to him the CBS anchor meant only that he was willing to consider such an offer and not that he had made a decision about joining Anderson's independent presidential ticket. Anderson's staff people denied the Illinois congressman had asked Cronkite to run with him. Cronkite's press office said it was "trying to reach Walter for clarification," but he's on vacation and out of touch. "We have no comment at this time," his spokesmen said.

RESCUE TRY BACKED—President Carter's plan to rescue the hostages in Iran received overwhelming support from those surveyed in a CBS News poll released Monday, even though they split on the president's overall performance. Nearly two-thirds of the sample of 1,000 Americans said the rescue attempt was a good idea and 65 percent said it should have been tried earlier.

NIXON SURPRISED—Former President Richard Nixon says, from London, the resignation of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance will have "a bad effect" on the Carter administration's standing, especially in Europe. Nixon expressed surprise that Vance resigned over the military bid to free the Tehran hostages and said Carter was right to order the rescue mission into Iran.

Nation

NOVEL NAVEL SUIT—A Maryland woman has filed suit against a Park Avenue plastic surgeon, charging he misplaced her belly button during surgery, depriving her of "the pursuit of happiness and the enjoyment of life." The suit seeking unspecified damages, was brought Monday by Mary Ann De Prato of Greenbelt, Md. against Dr. George Valentini. The woman said the operation was performed Aug. 2, 1978, after the doctor assured her the removal of excess fat from her abdomen and a scar from previous surgery would be painless and she would not be greatly inconvenienced. But after the bandages were removed, the suit said, her abdomen was "excessively and multiply scarred, grossly disturbed, unsightly, tender and painful and so ugly and disfiguring to cause... embarrassment, shame, humiliation, mental anguish and severe personality change."

LOANS RESCUE BANK—The federal government and a group of banks have rescued the First Pennsylvania Corp. from the brink of possible financial collapse with a \$1.5 billion loan. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and 26 banks throughout the country agreed Monday to supply \$500 million in loans and more than \$1 billion in lines of credit to First Pennsylvania, which claims to be the nation's oldest bank. "Without the loans, First Pennsylvania's financial viability would have been seriously threatened," said George A. Butler, chairman and president of First Pennsylvania Corp.

PILOT SURVIVES—A pilot found wandering and injured near the wreckage of his light plane, which crashed during an air race in California 60 miles from the Nevada state line, was in stable but guarded condition in a Las Vegas hospital. Carl Gronhagen, 27, Pacific Palisades, Calif., survived a night of near-freezing temperatures on the slopes of the rugged Piute Mountains where he was found just before sundown Sunday, authorities said Monday. The body of Gronhagen's companion, Joe Eliens, 25, Gardena, Calif., was found in the wreckage of the Cessna 172.

PULSAR DISCOVERED—Radio astronomers from the University of Massachusetts have discovered a pulsar 1,000 light years away that orbits a mystery star every 24 hours. Astronomy professor John H. Taylor said Monday the newly detected pulsar may provide the best clues yet to understanding the origin of such objects.

Truck loses brakes, kills 3 pedestrians

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — Three pedestrians were killed and five others were injured by a loaded tractor-trailer that lost its brakes on a hill and, its horn blaring, hurtled through a tunnel, across a bridge and over crowded downtown streets. Shoppers and office workers returning from lunch Monday scattered out of the way of the runaway rig, which raced into downtown after hurtling down Greentree Hill south of Pittsburgh, then through the Fort Pitt Tunnel and across the Fort Pitt Bridge over the Monongahela River.

THE DRIVER and his helper also were injured when the rig crashed into plate glass windows of the First Federal Savings & Loan office in the Empire Building. The dead were caught under the cab of the rig and badly mangled.

Two of the dead were sisters from out of state who had come to Pittsburgh to see a relative — several months pregnant — receive a degree

in psychology from the University of Pittsburgh. The relative was hospitalized in guarded condition. A fourth member of the family also was injured.

The coroner's office identified the dead as Ruth Rayford, 57, Hillcrest Heights, Md., her sister, Susan Brown, 55, Indianapolis, Ind., and Frank DeNinno, 47, of the Pittsburgh suburb of Scott Township.

Thomas Bates of Washington

5.4% air fare increase okayed

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Civil Aeronautics Board has authorized a 5.4 percent increase in air fares, effective May 1.

Airline reports filed with the board Monday showed jet fuel costs rose an average of 2.98 cents a gallon in March to a new high of 85.79 cents.

Although it was the smallest increase for fuel-related costs since

County, Pa., said the truck, which was carrying 50,000 pounds of potatoes, was "flying, flat-out moving" as it passed his auto on Greentree Hill.

"He was smoking brakes, I can tell you that," said Bates.

"He (Young) was scared. The look on his face was like, did you ever see the look of someone scared out of his mind? Well, that's the kind of look he had," said Bates.

December 1979, the adjustment also included other cost increases, a board spokesman said.

The CAB adjusts the so-called standard industry fare level — the fares airlines may charge for coach seats without having to justify an increase — every two months.

It approved a 3.3 percent increase effective Jan. 1, and a 2.5 percent jump on March 1.

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