

# Russ satellite breaks up, Canada, U.S. test fallout

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WASHINGTON — A faulty Soviet spy satellite carrying a nuclear power reactor disintegrated in earth's atmosphere over northwest Canada Tuesday, but the Canadian defense minister said it was unlikely any radioactive material hit the ground. A White House official reported the development at a hastily called news conference and said the United States had sent special radiation monitoring aircraft to sample the air over the re-entry zone. "The chances of real hazard are small," said National Security Affairs Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski. "We feel there is no danger and in fact there may be no contamination at all." In Ottawa, Defense Minister Barnett Danson said later it was highly unlikely any of the enriched uranium aboard the

spacecraft had reached the ground. "Chances were 98 percent that it dissipated as it fell through the atmosphere," he said. The satellite's re-entry was timed at 6:53 a.m. EST and shortly after 7 a.m. President Carter discussed the situation by telephone with Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau. Carter said the satellite was a "radar type oceanic surveillance satellite."

The unmanned satellite, designated Cosmos 954, was launched Sept. 18. The United States learned the spacecraft was in trouble in December and Brzezinski said the Soviets immediately informed a number of nations when the craft fell into the atmosphere. The concern was that the satellite's destruction caused by the

friction of air against the spacecraft's structure would scatter radioactive material in the atmosphere.

Danson said under international agreement, the Soviet Union was responsible for the liability of any contamination, although Canada and the United States would assume the cost of the radiation search.

Speaker Thomas O'Neill said leaders in the House and Senate had been informed of the satellite's problems 10 days ago and had been kept informed since then.

Brzezinski emphasized that Soviet Officials had cooperated with the United States and other nations in keeping tabs on the spacecraft. A White House source said the hot line between Washington and Moscow was not used.

# Carter plan 'won't happen'

# Congressmen favor tax cut

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WASHINGTON — Most of the "reforms" in President Carter's tax program have been dismissed as impossible by key congressmen, but his tax-cut proposal is so popular a fight is likely over whether to enlarge it.

Speaker Thomas O'Neill, House Ways and Means chairman Al Ullman, D-Ore., ranking Ways and Means Republican Barber Conable, R-N.Y., and others agreed that most of the reforms — or revisions — in the \$24.5 billion tax-cut plan will not survive.

Ullman said at an organizational meeting of his committee that more than two-thirds of the plan "is not going to happen." His statement was not challenged.

Conable said in an interview it was possible that none of Carter's plan would pass and that the only revisions of the Internal Revenue Code would be ones initiated by members of Congress, not the president.

Rep. Joe Waggoner, D-La., known as one of the best vote counters in the House, said Carter's plan "is going to be stripped pretty good" before Congress is finished.

"He (Carter) has a rough row to hoe," said Waggoner. "The big problem is going to be to keep the Congress from increasing the tax cut as they strip away reform."

The main sticking points, in interviews with a number of con-

gressmen, were Carter's plans to cut back on business entertainment deductions, tighten taxation of U.S. firms overseas, eliminate federal deductions for sales, gasoline and some other state and local taxes, and curtail medical and casualty deductions.

Ullman said the portion of the plan dealing with entertainment and foreign tax matters was too controversial even to consider this year.

There was some disagreement over what reforms might pass.

Rep. Abner Mikva, D-Ill., a Ways and Means member, said public opinion would almost force the

committee to approve Carter's plan to do away with business deductions for theater and sports tickets, yachts, swimming pools, hunting lodges and fees to various clubs.

Waggoner also went against the general tide of opinion by predicting Congress would agree to do away with the deduction for state and local gasoline taxes.

As for the tax cut itself, only Ullman and House Appropriations Committee chairman George Mahon, D-Tex., among congressional leaders, have expressed concern that the cut is too big. Republicans

and some Democrats complain it is not big enough.

But even tax cuts are not as simple as they sound. Once the size of the cut is determined, Congress must decide which income groups benefit the most from it.

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# Red labor leaders eye Italian cabinet positions

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ROME — A Communist labor leader Tuesday offered the prospect of peace for troubled Italy over the next three years if his party is included in the nation's next government.

Luciano Lama, secretary general of the Communist-controlled General Confederation of Italian Labor, said the proposal on the second day of talks between Premier-designate Giulio Andreotti and other political leaders.

Andreotti's minority Christian Democrats, under prodding by Car administration policy-makers fearful of Marxist influence in Italy, are refusing to admit the Communists into a new cabinet.

Andreotti met with the Socialist Communist leaders Monday and was holding talks Tuesday with other parties, starting with the Republicans.

The consultations — the beginning of what is expected to be long tough bargaining — began one week after the Communists brought down his previous government in a vote for more power.

Lama told the newspaper La Repubblica the labor movement was ready to "sacrifice" wage claims to find jobs for Italy's 1.6 million unemployed and would be willing to accept layoffs at inefficient factories. He said this was labor's line regardless of the outcome of the government crisis, but added: "Cer-

tainly, formation of a socially and politically representative government would make approval of our line easier.

"When labor makes unemployment the No. 1 point on its program all other goals must be sacrificed to this problem," Lama said.

"For instance the goal of improving the conditions of the employed must move down to second spot. Our wage policy in the next few years must be very restrained."

Lama said any wage raises could

be spread over a three-year period.

Communist leader Enrico Berlinguer emerged from the talks saying his party was still demanding cabinet seats in an emergency cabinet and renewed his threat to try to form a leftist-popular front government if the Christian Democrats do not make concessions.

Socialist party head Bettino Craxi said Andreotti's refusal to consider the idea "destroys half or more than half the margin for negotiations."

# 'Chicago' lead singer dead after shooting himself in head

United Press International  
LOS ANGELES — Terry Kath, lead singer and guitarist for the jazz-rock group "Chicago," accidentally shot himself to death Monday evening following a party, police reported.

A spokeswoman for the group said the 33-year-old Kath spent the afternoon in the Woodland Hills home of a road-crew member, Don Johnson, visiting and drinking with friends.

The party had broken up, the spokeswoman said, and only Johnson and Kath remained when Kath pulled an automatic pistol he

usually carried and began twirling the weapon.

Johnson asked him to stop playing with the gun and Kath replied: "Don't worry, it's not loaded, see?"

Kath put the pistol to his head and pulled the trigger, killing himself instantly, Johnson told police.

Kath, a self-taught singer-musician, was born in Chicago in 1944. During his boyhood, he experimented with banjo, accordion, bass, drums and finally guitar. In the early 1960s, he joined a group called "Jimmy and the Gentlemen." He played bass only as a sideman for four years until joining Chicago.

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