

## Congress, press nag president

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — President Carter, who hasn't decided whether to run for re-election, says he has been struck by two unpleasant surprises as president — the "inertia" of Congress and the "irresponsibility" of the press.

"I haven't decided that yet," Carter said when asked Monday by Bill Moyers of the Public Broadcasting Service if he would like to be the first president since 1960 to finish two terms.

Then Carter added characteristically, "If I decide to run, I don't intend to lose." But he said it is difficult for a president to serve two terms because "he becomes the personification of problems."

Speaking of the presidency, Carter said, "There have been no serious disappointments on my part."

But he added, "There were two things that had been unpleasant surprises. One was the inertia of Congress, the length of time it takes to get a complicated piece of legislation through the Congress, and the other was the irresponsibility of the press."

He said quite often news reports have been inaccurate "when I think a simple checking of the facts could have prevented a serious distortion of the facts, and also there is a sense of doubt or even cynicism about the government and about programs or proposals."

One of the false reports in the press, he said, was that he keeps a personal log of who can use the White House tennis courts.

Carter said he did not think his goals had changed very much since he began thinking about running for president.

"The simplest decisions that I have to make," Carter said, "are the ones I know least, that the more you know about a subject, all the complexities on both sides, the detailed, intricate arguments, the more difficult it is to make a decision."

Disputing the historical complaints of his predecessors, Carter denied the presidency was "splendid misery" and said he had not been miserable on the job.

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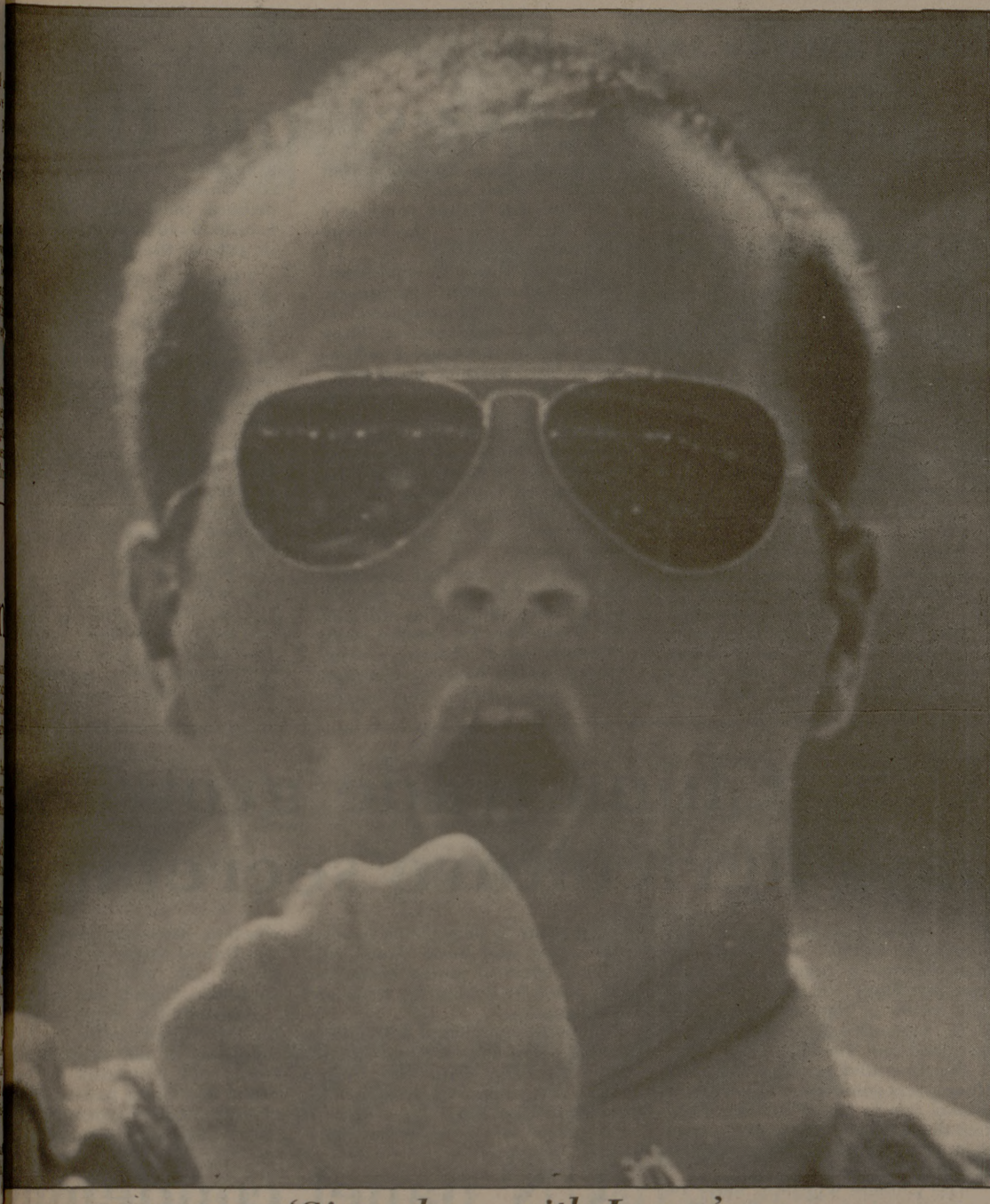
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## Cuba, U.S. relations warming

# More political prisoners freed

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MIAMI — Another group of 36 Americans and their dependents was headed to Florida and freedom Tuesday in a move one Department official called Castro's latest human relations gesture.

The airliner was scheduled to carry 36 persons with dual citizenship and their 99 dependents from Havana to Miami.

While the third group to be released under the family repatriation program made the flight, the Justice Department was screening five lists of former Cuban political prisoners who want asylum in the United States.

intervention in Africa apparently had cooled a relationship that appeared to be improving in September 1977 when Castro and the U.S. exchanged diplomatic interest sections.

Schuker said the number of Cuban civilian and military personnel in Africa has not changed since

earlier, this year, when the total was estimated to be around 40,000.

But the mood in Cuba has changed, she said, and President Carter is apparently weighing the human rights issue against the military intervention.

"There are no specific reciprocal steps under consideration right now," she said, "but I wouldn't rule out such steps as future possibilities."

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