

the world

## Swimmer flees East Germany

United Press International  
STUTTGART, West Germany — East German swimming champion Renate Vogel-Heinrich has fled to the West, West German swimming officials said today.

They said Vogel-Heinrich, 24, who set a world 100-meter breast stroke record in 1974, escaped to West Germany last week.

Details of the flight were not disclosed but officials said she used a trip to Hungary to make her escape. Vogel-Heinrich, who competed under her maiden name of Vogel,

set a world's record of 1:12.28 for the 100-meter breast stroke for women on Sept. 1, 1974. A new record of 1:10.51 since has been set.

She won five gold medals and one silver medal competing for East Germany from 1971 to 1974 in international and European championships.

She was one of the first generation East German teenage swimmers who took the world by surprise and helped make East Germany a sports power.

## Two more dancers defect before Bolshoi's return

United Press International  
MOSCOW — The defection-riddled Bolshoi ballet returned home from its month-long American tour Monday, stripped of three principal dancers, including a man and wife who were granted political asylum Sunday night in the United States.

Leonid Kozlov and his ballerina wife Valentina Kozlova, both principal dancers, defected in Los Angeles, where the Bolshoi wound up a traumatic four-week U.S. tour. Kozlov had taken over several of the lead roles in the Bolshoi tour since the Aug. 22 defection of in New York of superstar Alexander Godunov.

The couple slipped away from Soviet security officers in the confusion of the close of the Bolshoi's final U.S. performance — "Romeo and Juliet."

They notified police they wished to remain in the United States and Immigration and Naturalization authorities said the request for political asylum was granted.

They were reported to be in protective custody by federal agents at an unknown location Tuesday.

It was not known what effect the defections would have on future tours by the Bolshoi company, but it clearly underscored dissension

among those dancers who feel stifled by the Bolshoi's rigid adherence to classical ballet.

None of the major defections over the past 20 years — including top Kirov dancers Rudolf Nureyev and Mikhail Baryshnikov — have made the jump for political reasons. All have stressed that they sought more artistic freedom in the West through the opportunity to dance more often and to try undertake roles in modern ballets.

Godunov, formerly the troupe's lead dancer, was the first Bolshoi dancer to defect. Godunov said he made his decision on the spur of the moment, and later asked that his wife, ballerina Ludmila Vlasova, also be allowed to return to

the Soviet Union, and after a tense three-day standoff at Kennedy Airport during which U.S. officials tried to determine if she was returning voluntarily, she was allowed to leave for Moscow.

Her detention drew strong protests from Soviet authorities and her decision to return was trumpeted as proof that she was harassed by American officials.

The Soviet press also hinted that Godunov had been spirited off under strange circumstances.

After the Godunov defection, Soviet authorities beefed up security and a number of dancers declined to attend post-performance parties during some stops along the tour.

## Tourists warned of guerrilla danger

United Press International  
SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Salvadoran authorities said Tuesday two women guerrillas shot and killed a policeman on the streets of Santa Ana and were themselves killed by other police who rushed to the scene.

U.S. Ambassador Frank Divine Monday warned American tourists could be in danger if they came to El Salvador and cited two recent cases in which Americans were injured in incidents related to the political turmoil.

The killings of the policeman and two guerrillas Monday brought the death toll of political violence in this

Central American nation of 4.5 million to 15 in less than two weeks.

Authorities said two women, dressed in jeans and carrying .45-caliber automatic weapons, shot to death Officer Jacinto Alas Fernandez, 31, in Santa Ana, 40 miles west of the capital. The two women were shot by other policemen a few blocks away.

Divine told reporters travel advisories on El Salvador were issued this summer because "the opportunity for getting caught up in random violence is increasing every day."

"The more American tourists here, the greater the chance of losing one of them," Divine said.

## world briefs

### Nixon meets with Chinese leaders

United Press International  
PEKING — Former President Richard Nixon, revisiting the scene of his 1972 diplomatic triumph in China, met for two hours Tuesday with powerful Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping.

In the evening, Nixon was to have been Deng's guest at a small dinner with a few officials of the Chinese foreign ministry.

Nixon, who arrived in Peking Monday for his third visit to China, will see Communist Party Chairman and Premier Hua Guofeng today, a Nixon aide said.

In a brief meeting with reporters after his arrival Monday, Nixon said China and the United States must draw closer together for their own mutual survival.

After his talk with Deng, Nixon was a luncheon guest of Foreign Minister Huang Hua at a restaurant in Beihai Park, the former winter palace of Chinese emperors.

### Instant fame comes to balloon-borne refugees

United Press International  
NAILA, West Germany — Two East German families who made the perilous flight to freedom aboard a hot air balloon have seen their daring exploit rewarded with quick riches and instant fame.

A West German magazine paid \$50,000 for their story, four bank accounts were opened to deposit money pouring in from West Germans eager to help them adjust to their new life, and the new heroes already have a lawyer to guide them through the dangers of capitalism.

The flight made overnight celebrities of the freedom balloon's crew — aircraft mechanic Hans-Peter Strelzik, 31, bricklayer Guenter Wetzel, 24, their wives and four sons.

Robert Strubel, the mayor of the Bavarian town of Naila, said his telephone had not stopped ringing all day with callers eager to help the families, who were hailed as heroes following their landing in Naila early Sunday.

Stern magazine bought the refugees' account of their adventure for \$50,000 and the refugees hired a lawyer to look after their interests. The two couples with their four boys aged 2 to 15 huddled together on a tiny metal platform only 4.5 feet by 4.5 feet. They shared the space with four gas containers on the 30-minute, 11-mile flight to a field outside Naila, 4.9 miles inside West Germany.

## Leader died two days before 'resignation'

United Press International  
ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Afghan President Nur Mohammed Taraki was mortally wounded in an attack on his palace two days before official Radio Kabul announced his "resignation," Afghan rebel sources said Tuesday.

Taraki, 62, was shot nine times Friday while presiding over a meeting of the Revolutionary Council, Afghanistan's ruling body, the sources in Peshawar, Pakistan, told UPI. He died later Friday in a Kabul hospital, they said.

Radio Kabul Sunday reported Taraki had resigned for health reasons and had been replaced by Prime Minister Hafizullah Amin, who diplomats said had been the real power in the handlocked, mountainous nation for some time. The reports from Peshawar corre-

sponded with information from diplomats in New Delhi and other Asian capitals.

Diplomats in New Delhi also speculated that Amin was behind Taraki's ouster, but the sources insisted that Taraki was fatally wounded during a rightist attack on the palace in which about 20 people were killed.

In his first speech to the nation Tuesday, Amin made no mention of Taraki but said, "self-centered, notorious elements who started conflict with our working class have been eliminated."

The rebel sources, who have attempted to oust the pro-Afghan leadership for nearly a year, said information from Afghan sources indicated Taraki's bodyguard, Daoud Taroon, also was killed in the attack.



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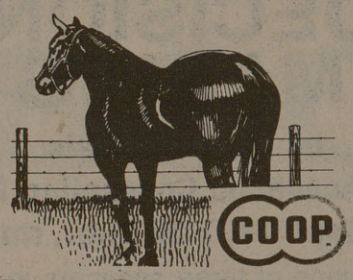
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