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Boycott support gaining in world

United Press International
President Carter's call for a boycott of the summer Olympic Games in Moscow—condemned by European Olympic committees—is picking up support from other foreign governments and political parties.

Britain, China, Australia and New Zealand gave their conditional backing Tuesday to Carter's proposal for the boycott unless Soviet troops withdraw from Afghanistan by Feb. 20.

But France formally accepted the invitation Tuesday to participate in the games.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told the House of Commons she was asking the British

Olympic Association to urge the International Olympic Committee to move the summer Olympics from Moscow.

"We have in fact offered to make available some of the sites in this country that we have for some events," she said.

No European Olympic committee has come out in favor of the proposed walkout.

In Peking, China's National Olympic Committee—unlike its European counterparts—said it will go along with a boycott if the majority of Olympic countries want it.

"China will take the same attitude as the majority of the national Olympic committees of all countries," the committee said.

Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser said he supported Carter's plan and wrote to the Australian Olympic Committee asking it to consider a boycott of the Moscow event.

In Tokyo Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party also called for a boycott of the Moscow Games.

Canada and Israel both view Carter's proposal with sympathy and Egypt has already declared its intent to boycott the games.

In Washington the State Department strongly reaffirmed the Feb. 20 deadline for deciding on U.S. participation in the Olympics and rejected any extension of that deadline—unless the Soviets leave Afghanistan by that day.

"What happens on that day is that

on Feb. 20 we cease to participate in the Olympics in Moscow," said spokesman Hodding Carter speaking on behalf of both the State Department and the White House.

The president Sunday urged the Olympic site be switched but the IOC has made clear that it is both legally and technically impossible to do so.

"They will be held in Moscow or nowhere," a spokesman said.

French Olympic Committee President Claude Collard said France accepted the invitation because "it seemed to us the opportunity to immediately make our position known and to confirm French athletes will participate in the Moscow games."

The reaction of the Soviet Union

and Eastern European countries has been hostile.

In Moscow Tass accused Carter of holding athletes and the Olympic movement hostage and Soviet Olympic officials said Carter's comments about a boycott were "political zig-zagging and an absolute contradiction of the Olympic spirit."

In Paris seven Soviet exiles expressed support for Carter's proposals, saying if the games take place in Moscow it would be like Hitler's exploitation of the 1936 Berlin games.

Carter picked up some support at home. The 525,000-member American Federation of Teachers gave its backing with union President Albert Shanker also comparing the Moscow games to the 1936 games in Nazi Germany.

Tito's condition improving; reports say he feels well

United Press International
BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — The condition of Yugoslav President Josip Broz Tito is improving, an official medical bulletin reported.

"President Tito spent last night peacefully and is feeling well. He has gradually begun to leave his bed," the bulletin said.

Government officials said private reports issued by the "medical council" attending Tito at the mod-

ern clinic in the northern city of Ljubljana meant the iron-willed statesman, whose leg was amputated Sunday, has been assisted out of bed for short periods.

These officials noted such movement is medically vital to prevent such post-operative complications as pleurisy or pneumonia caused by immobility.

An American doctor commented, "The important thing is to get him up as soon as possible. This is sound medical practice even at Tito's age."

"As long as there are no complications, it is on the third day that a patient should leave the bed at least for a time."

Medical bulletins issued Monday and Tuesday spoke of gradual recovery and normal pulse and blood pressure. They also said Tito was feeling well.

As Yugoslavia's 22 million people closely follow Tito's apparent recovery, the men he personally desig-

nated to succeed him are preparing for the day they will have to run the country without "the old man," as he is affectionately called.

Western diplomats said Wednesday the machinery of collective leadership laid down by Tito went into motion even before the amputation.

Tito decreed as far back as 1971 how the nation should be run if he were to die or be incapacitated.

The one way of keeping Yugoslavia united, he decided, was to have a collective leadership split into two parts—one committee running the Communist Party and another running the state itself.

"It is clear that these committees have been meeting almost continually over the past few days," one Western diplomat said. "It was certainly the collective leadership which decided among other things the armed forces should be placed in a state of extra vigilance."

U.S. accused of 'buzzing'

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MOSCOW — A Soviet shipping official charged Wednesday that U.S. Air Force planes have begun provocative "buzzing" of Soviet merchant ships, flying as close as 25 yards to some vessels, the Tass news agency reported.

Tass said Soviet ship captains in various parts of the Pacific and Indian oceans radioed complaints about buzzings.

"In the Sea of Japan an American plane flew 25 meters (82 feet) from the ship," Tass quoted a Captain Kleonov of the Soviet merchant ship Yasnomorsk.

"In the Korea Strait American jets provocatively buzzed the ship for an hour."

Alexander Kashura, deputy head of the Soviet Far Eastern Shipping Co., told Tass, "The buzzing of Soviet ships by American military planes is obviously pre-planned."

He said it was a "clear violation" of international regulations on the safety of shipping.

"Practice shows that the country's military planes intensify such provocative actions whenever the U.S. government creates a conflict situation in some part of the world."

It said buzzings occurred frequently during the Vietnam War and during China's invasion of Vietnam last year.

It said now that the United States has begun an economic blockade of China and has taken anti-Soviet measures over the Afghan crisis "the provocative actions of the U.S. Air Force in the oceans reached a threatening scope."

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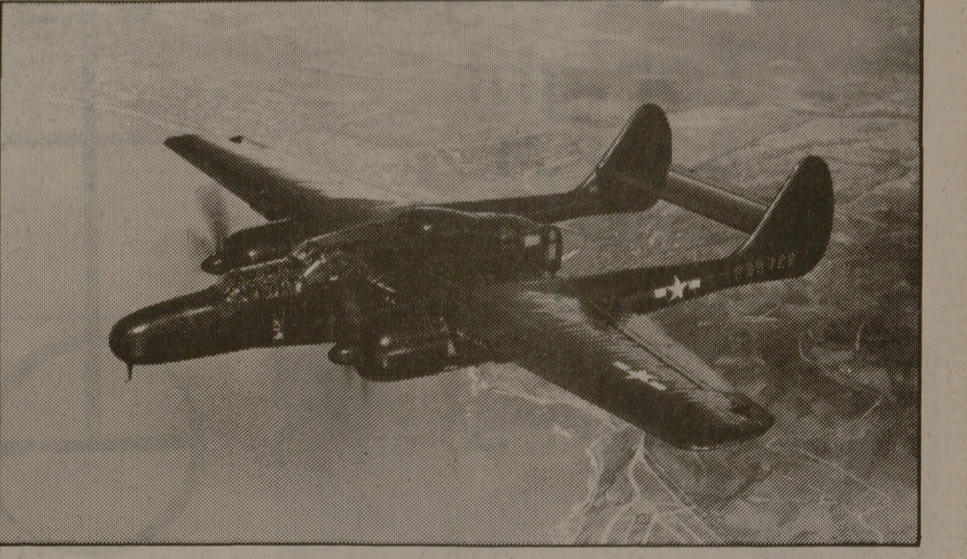
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Northrop Aircraft's P-61 Night Fighter

First American fighter designed specifically for night interception, the twin-engine P-61's reached the Pacific combat zone earlier this year. Designed by Jack Northrop, the giant "Black Widow" is being produced in 13 different models at the company's Hawthorne plant, one of the first in the industry to be automated. "Our first large-scale production order is on schedule," says Northrop. "Our P-61 aircraft is in combat service in both the Pacific and European theatres."

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