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Ali in Africa

As envoy he eases Olympic boycott appeal

United Press International
NAIROBI, Kenya — Muhammad Ali, dazed and confused in his new role as presidential envoy, Monday softened his appeal for a boycott of the Moscow Olympics, telling African nations: "Do what you want to do."
But Ali backed down on a threat to abandon altogether the five-nation African tour he began Sunday at President Carter's request to drum up support for an Olympic boycott.
"If America starts pushing buttons and Russia starts pushing buttons and a couple of bombs destroy both countries and, in fact, the world, that is what I am trying to stop," Ali said as he arrived in Nairobi on the second stop of his five nation tour.
"If I am wrong, show me where I am wrong and I will turn around now and cancel the whole thing and go home."
The outburst came as reporters in Kenya picked up the theme of questions that left Ali dazed during a 23-

hour stop in Tanzania Sunday.
In Tanzania, Ali obviously was pleased that Carter asked him to be a special U.S. envoy to Africa. But at his first news conference he was questioned repeatedly about the U.S. refusal to support a boycott of the 1976 Olympics by African nations opposed to South Africa's apartheid policies.
"After hearing how America did not support Africa in the boycott of South Africa, I now see why the African people are not as quick as America to jump on the problem of Afghanistan," Ali said.
"If there's something wrong I was doing, if I'm to be looked on as an Uncle Tom or a traitor or someone against my black brothers, I want out now, for that's not my purpose."
In Nairobi, he was even more blunt.
"I'm not here to take America's whipping," he told reporters. "... And this is why I say: Do what you want to do. I am not here to push nobody."



Libyans burn French embassy, then storm Tunisia's — France may break Libyan ties

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PARIS — A Libyan mob, angered by French support of Tunisia in the tension between the two African nations, burned down the French Embassy in Tripoli Monday and then stormed the Tunisian Embassy.
France and Tunisia both said Libyan authorities ignored pleas for help while the embassies were being attacked.
All French and Tunisian personnel at both embassies were able to escape unharmed.
The Libyan news agency JANA said the mob was demonstrating against French intervention in Africa, and France's alleged attempt to

turn Tunisia into its "protectorate" again.
French officials said diplomatic personnel, including Ambassador Charles Malo, managed to escape safely from the French Embassy just as the surging mob was putting it to the torch.
Malo told a French radio station the mob broke down the embassy doors, ransacked the building, then put it to the torch. He said the fire destroyed the building, leaving only the walls standing.
He said only two Libyan policemen guarded the embassy and no reinforcements were sent, despite his

plea when the mob began its march on his legation.
The French Foreign Ministry, in an angry protest note, called the assault "inadmissible and unqualifiable."
The ministry warned that France may seek reparations and "drew all the necessary conclusions regarding French-Libyan relations," apparently meaning breaking off ties with Libya.
The mob attack came eight days after France had provided Tunisia with prompt military logistic aid to crush an attempted insurrection by Libyan-trained guerrillas.

Carter nominee for peace Nobel

United Press International
OSLO, Norway — The Norwegian Nobel Peace Prize Committee has received a record number of nominations for the 1980 Peace Prize — including President Carter, Pope John Paul II, King Juan Carlos of Spain and Soviet dissident Yuri Orlov, sources reported Monday.
Johan Sverdrup, director of the Norwegian Nobel Institute, refused to confirm the names of the nominees. They were revealed by members of the Norwegian Parliament, which chooses the Nobel Committee.
Nominations closed Friday.

The Nobel Institute said 54 individuals and 10 organizations have been nominated for the \$193,000 prize. The winner will be announced in October. The usual number of candidates is 50, the committee said.
The International Scout Movement and the U.N. High Commission on Refugees are among the organizations nominated.



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U.S., Pakistan reaffirm pact

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ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — U.S. national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski left Pakistan for Saudi Arabia without announcing completion of an aid agreement for the neighbor to Soviet-occupied Afghanistan.
His departure came amid growing signs that Afghan President Babrak Karmal, installed in the Dec. 27 Soviet invasion, soon may be ousted.
Brzezinski told reporters at the airport the United States was taking steps to enhance "our ability to strengthen the security of our friends in this part of the world."
He said in talks with Pakistan President Gen. Mohammad Zia Ul-

Haq and his foreign affairs adviser Agha Shahi, the United States reaffirmed its 1959 security agreement with Pakistan.
"We came here to reaffirm the agreement of 1959," Brzezinski said. "We have done so." He did not elaborate.
He said Pakistan's security "will be heightened by the efforts that Pakistan itself, together with its friends and also with us, is undertaking to enhance the security of this region."
Both sides ended 12 hours of talks Sunday without announcing any completion of an agreement. Brzezinski and Shahi said Sunday that "appropriate consultations between

the two governments will continue."
The statement left open the possibility that a \$400 million military and economic aid package to be presented to Congress this week will be delayed.
The United States and Pakistan were believed to be trying to form a "consortium" of countries — perhaps including China, West Germany, Britain and Saudi Arabia — to provide up to \$2 billion in assistance to Pakistan.
During a break in the talks, Brzezinski Sunday visited a border outpost with a view of Afghanistan and a refugee camp where he told Afghans who fled their homeland "the whole world sympathizes with your fight

for freedom. We feel your struggle will succeed."
In London, the Foreign Office reported Sunday that three British journalists were missing in Afghanistan. They failed to return to a hotel in Kabul after leaving Friday to drive towards the Soviet border.
Meanwhile, Karmal and his regime appeared to be falling out of favor with their Soviet sponsors.
One sign of the Afghan leader's trouble is that Karmal's name has not been mentioned by official Kabul radio in any of its broadcasts over the last four days, observers reported. The radio had mentioned his name almost daily since the Soviet invasion.
Also, the lead editorial in the Jan. 28 edition of the official Kabul New Times newspaper took a sharp jab at Karmal, saying the government's "political base" should be extended to include "the best patriotic elements from all professions."



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