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Soviet invaders in Afghanistan hampered by sabotage, snowfall

United Press International
Soviet invasion forces in Afghanistan are said to be suffering 500 casualties a week and their drive to rid the Central Asian nation of Moslem rebels is being hampered by guerrilla sabotage and excessive snowfall.

Radio Tehran reported Tuesday that six supporters of the Soviet-installed government of Babrak Karmal were executed by rebels after being convicted by Islamic Revolutionary Courts.

In the southeastern Afghan city of

Kandahar, many of the 200,000 residents have been taking to rooftops and shouting "Allah O Akbar" (God is great) to show passive resistance to the Soviets and the puppet Kabul regime.

The city's four main bazaars and hundreds of back-alley shops remained closed for the sixth straight day Monday despite government threats and pleas for life to return to normal.

In the western city of Herat, a 10-day strike ended with shopkeepers re-opening to allow the 150,000 resi-

dents to buy food.

Outside both cities, about 270 miles apart, thousands of Soviet troops backed by a massive array of military hardware and warplanes, remained in their camps, rarely venturing out on patrol but highly visible to local residents and travelers.

In a dispatch from Kabul, the Cuban news agency Prensa Latina Wednesday said rebels armed with U.S.-made weapons violently penetrated Nangarhar, an Afghan province, in the northwest.

The report said the guerrilla push

coincided with a visit this weekend to neighboring Pakistan by U.S. national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski. It said captured rebels said they were trained by Americans in bases located in Pakistan.

During the attacks, Prensa Latina said the insurgents dynamited bridges and highways, burned schools and killed civilians.

The report made no mention of Soviet troops and said the rebel forces were "annihilated" by Afghan troops and members of the local population.

A government source in Washington Tuesday said Soviet troops numbered anywhere between 10,000 and 100,000 since the Dec. 25 invasion. The number of killed wounded could not be determined.

Soviet forces have been accused about 500 casualties a week in an Afghan push, the source said.

Soviet supply efforts in the border to rid the country of Moslem rebels are suffering setbacks from "worst snowfalls in decades" from avalanches set off by planted explosives.

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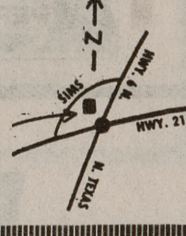
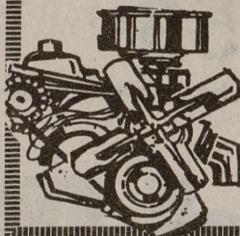
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'Freer environment' goal of fleeing Bolshoi members

United Press International
TOKYO — A prominent Russian dance teacher and her son defected Wednesday from the Bolshoi Ballet during a tour of Japan and left for the

United States and a "freer environment" for their art, officials said.

The defections occurred during the famed company's first trip to a non-communist country since the August-September tour of the United States during which dancers Alexander Godunov, and Leonid and Valentina Kozlov defected.

The Japanese Foreign Ministry identified the latest people to bolt from the Soviet troupe as Soulamief Mikhailovna Messerer, 71, a dance instructor, and her 31-year-old dancer son, Mikhail Virgorjevich Messerer.

"The Soviet Embassy is aware of their defection," said a State Department spokesman, who declined to say whether the United States had

contacted the Soviet officials.

The spokesman said the State Department has granted the emergency permission to enter the United States and obtain political asylum. He said once the two they will have to undergo normal migration procedures.

A spokesman for the group the Bolshoi would continue to perform as scheduled. The defections occurred at the Bolshoi's stop in Nagoya, 170 miles west of Tokyo.

"They sought asylum to see a freer environment for their activities," a Japanese Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

"The Messerers came to embassy yesterday (Tuesday) asked for our assistance in entering the United States," a U.S. embassy spokesman said. "They were given permission to enter the United States and left this evening."

The spokesman declined to say what time they left or aboard what airline.

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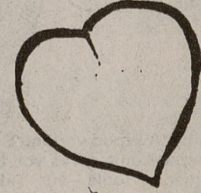
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