

Cubans are Peru's problem

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LIMA, Peru — Peru has called an emergency meeting of the Andean Pact nations to draft a formula for moving thousands of Cubans who mobbed the Peruvian Embassy in Havana for asylum from Fidel Castro's communist rule.

A government spokesman said the meeting of foreign ministers from Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Bolivia and Peru would convene to-

day at the Peruvian Foreign Ministry in downtown Lima.

The ministers will try to devise a plan that will allow the removal of some 10,000 Cubans who flooded the Peruvian diplomatic compound during the weekend after the Castro government removed all police protection from the embassy.

A government source said the officials also would study the refugee problem first created by the sudden

entry of a handful of Cubans into the Peruvian and Venezuelan diplomatic missions.

In Geneva, Switzerland, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees began consultations Tuesday on a possible role to resolve the problem.

In a broadcast monitored in Mexico City, the Cuban official news agency Prensa Latina, quoting the Cuban Communist Party newspaper Gramma, said authorities have allowed 1,730 besieging the embassy to go to their homes to sleep, then return to the compound.

But Cuban officials denounced the asylum-seeking Cubans as "delinquents, antisocial vagrants and parasites."

The official said a Cuban Monday afternoon newspaper had reported some 2,500 Cubans at the embassy had applied for safe-passage permits to return to their homes. The government has said those returning to their homes will not face any dire consequences.

Both decisions, which have baffled political experts and diplomats, triggered the human tidal wave of would-be defectors, including thousands of women, who flooded the embassy's 2,000-square-yard compound and its grounds.

In Havana, an official at the U.S. interest section office in Havana, said his office was not involved in the crisis because it was strictly a matter between the Cuban and Peruvian governments.

Gold higher, dollar stable

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LONDON — Gold moved higher in Zurich and London Tuesday and the dollar remained stable in European financial exchanges following the long Easter weekend.

Gold opened in London at \$515.50 an ounce against Thursday's close of \$477.50. In Zurich, it opened at \$514.50 an ounce, up \$24 from Thursday's close of \$490.50.

The dollar opened in Frankfurt at 1.9740 marks against 1.9625 Thursday and in Zurich at 1.8745 Swiss francs, compared to 1.8670.

Sources in Frankfurt said the dollar's gains in West Germany in initial trading appeared to be a carry-over from the overnight trend in Hong Kong. They added the break in U.S.-Iranian diplomatic relations is not expected to influence market activities to a large extent.

Opening at 263.50 yen, the highest since September 1977, the dollar moved to 264 yen during morning trading.

Female groper offends GI; fine levied in first such case

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NUREMBERG, West Germany — In the first such application of its new sexual harassment rules, the U.S. Army has sent a female soldier to jail, demoted and fined her for sexually harassing a male GI, an Army spokesman said Tuesday.

A U.S. military court at Nuremberg on March 31 sentenced Pvt. Cheryl Taylor, of Kansas City, Mo., for sexually molesting Spec. 4 Kevin Knox, of Rock Hill, S.C., the spokesman said.

"It's the first reported sexual harassment case under current terminology involving charges brought against a female soldier," said a spokesman with the U.S. 7th Army Training Command.

The Nuremberg court gave Taylor 30 days at hard labor, fined her \$298 and demoted her from E-2 to E-1, the Army's lowest grade, for grabbing Knox between the legs, he said.

Last month, two male GIs received similar punishment in the Army's first sexual harassment trial for obscene and insulting advances to a female GI.

Taylor, a 20-year-old supply clerk with the B Battery, Third Battalion, 60th Air Defense Artillery at Regensburg, manhandled Knox in the unit's dispensary last Jan. 29, the spokesman said.

Court testimony revealed that Taylor had grabbed Knox between the legs, squeezed and said to him: "You shrimp, give me a light."

Taylor gave no testimony in court. She pleaded not guilty, said Army prosecutor Capt. John Zimmermann, 32, of Columbus, Ga.

Knox, 19, had an argument with Taylor in the unit's supply room, then went to the nearby dispensary, where she followed him and made her grab, witnesses said.

Knox marched straight to his executive officer and reported the incident, saying Taylor had harassed him before.

Zimmermann said Knox was "morally indignant about the situation."

"Here we have a soldier who is not interested and does not want to be molested," Zimmermann said. "Knox is very moralistic, a very good soldier, who didn't want to be bothered by unwarranted advances," Zimmermann said.


"She had made overtures to this guy before. She came up to him once and brushed against his body and said 'give me a light again' and things like that," he said.

Zimmermann said Taylor said after hearing her sentence she had joined the Army "to avoid men. She said she had grown tired of men."

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English beaches, towns back to normal after riot

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LONDON — England's seaside towns returned to an uneasy peace Tuesday following the invasion this weekend of rival youth gangs who fought running battles on the beaches in the second major outbreak of mob violence in a week.

Police leaves were canceled in the northern resort of Scarborough where roadblocks ringed the town and a special magistrate's court was created to deal with the aftermath of Easter weekend rioting.

Authorities could give no explanation for the disturbances except to say the youths "just wanted a confrontation with us." The gangs of mods, rockers and punks apparently battle each other, but unite to fight intervening police.

Police compared the clashes to similar rioting in the southwest port of Bristol Wednesday in which 28 people, including 19 policemen, were hurt.

In Scarborough, police arrested 217 people after a crowd of about 3,000 youths rode scooters into the beach Saturday and turned the area into a battleground.

A special court Monday handed down fines against eight people totaling \$4,400 for assault or looting local shops.

Other violence swept England's southern holiday beaches.

Police at Southend, the popular day resort for Londoners, said 72 people were arrested after a 10-hour fight with violent teen-agers.

About 250 motor-scooter riders invaded Margate but were driven out by extra police patrols, who arrested 38 on charges of assault, theft or disorderly conduct.

A force of 300 police in historic Brighton arrested 40 mods from a group of 3,000 who arrived at the town's beaches. A police spokesman said serious clashes were prevented

by splitting the crowd of potential troublemakers into small groups.

In Clacton, about 500 youths shoved back families on the beach but plainclothes police cleared the crowd at the first sign of trouble.

Six youths were hospitalized in injuries in Weston-super-Mare. Police arrested 68 people and confiscated weapons after fighting broke out.

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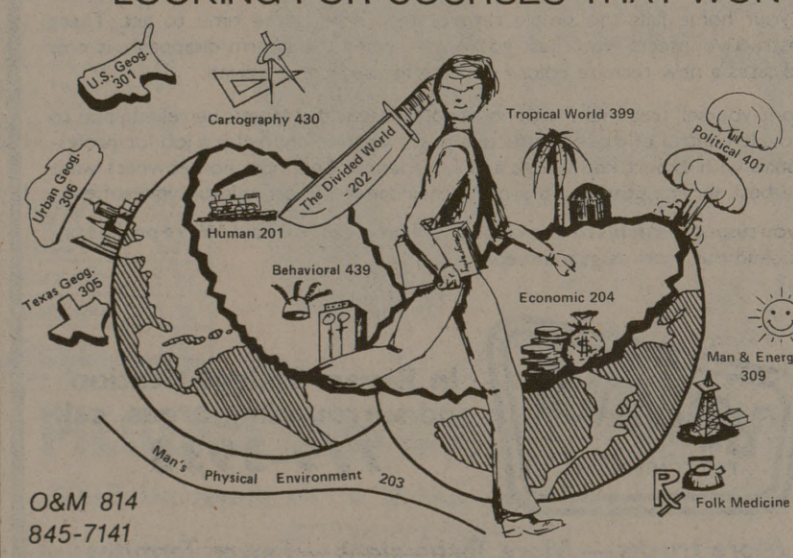
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