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19 Cubans jailed after hospital riot

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WASHINGTON — Nineteen Cuban refugees, labeled as hard-core troublemakers for their part in two days of rioting at a Washington mental hospital, are headed for a federal prison in Springfield, Mo. Immigration and Naturalization Service officers bused the 17 Cuban men and two Cuban women to Andrews Air Force Base and herded them onto an Air Force plane Monday night after restoring order at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

About 70 other Cuban refugees remained behind at the hospital for additional psychiatric evaluation.

A group of about 90 Cubans who seized the hospital's "B" ward left the building peacefully after a task force of 300 district police, federal officers and mental health authorities persuaded them to surrender earlier Monday.

Sunday, the refugees went on a rampage, throwing furniture, setting fires and breaking windows. After an uneasy night, trouble continued Monday and hospital staff members evacuated the building at about noon when refugees threatened them with makeshift weapons.

"I feel relieved it was settled without violence. Some were very cooperative. Some were retarded and some were very frightened," said Dr. Larry Silver, a psychiatrist for the federal public health service, who helped coordinate the surrender.

The immigration service brought the Cubans from federal prisons and refugee camps last week for mental evaluation at St. Elizabeth's. The refugees were suspected of having come directly from Cuban mental hospitals. Silver said he doubted if many of those under mental observation came to the United States voluntarily.

Silver speculated the Cubans revolted out of rage and frustration. The disturbance was touched off Sunday when contractors at the hospital tried to install grates on the windows and two refugees tried to escape, hospital authorities said.

After the takeover, a few refugees wandered in the hospital ward, firing fire extinguishers at police through a barred-wire fence.

The district public defender's office has filed a petition for release of 23 of the Cubans, maintaining they were placed in an institution illegally. Silver, however, said the refugees aren't patients or prisoners — they are just under evaluation.

Iran — Iraq war hampers OPEC

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BEIRUT, Lebanon — Leading oil analysts say OPEC is "out of business" until the Iraq-Iran war ends and even then will be hampered in moves to raise prices for two or three years.

The analysts say the fighting between two of the cartel's founding members could not have come at a worse time for the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

It broke out only weeks before a planned 20th anniversary summit which was to ratify a long-term pricing strategy designed to provide some much-needed "predictability" to the world oil market and guide OPEC through the 1980s. The meeting was canceled.

But now, said Dr. Marwan Iskandar, publisher of the weekly *An Nahar Arab Report* and Memo, "OPEC is a dead duck."

It is out of business until the Iran-Iraq war ends, and even then its ability to raise prices will be hampered for two or three years.

"The war has frozen everything," said oil economist Robert Mabro, an Oxford University professor.

The long-term pricing strategy called for steady but gradual increases in the real price of OPEC oil based on a formula combining Western economic growth rates, inflation and currency fluctuations.

It cannot be applied now, Iskandar said, "unless OPEC can control its production and keep the market in a rough equilibrium to maintain its price."

"But when the war ends," he said, "both Iran and Iraq are going to have to expand their production to pay for the fighting and the billions of dollars of reconstruction."

As the war drags on, both countries are expected to make deals for raising capital they will pay off in crude oil when the fighting ends.

Iskandar said the best case scenario would be for Iran and Iraq to patch up their differences and eventually enable OPEC to function as before.

In the worst case, he said, the bitterness will continue indefinitely, hampering OPEC's ability to respond as a cartel to market conditions and encouraging Baghdad and Tehran to try to recoup their market shares and raise capital by bringing their oil prices down.

Mao song criticized

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PEKING — "The East Is Red," the song once sung by millions of Chinese praising Mao Tse-tung as their savior, has been officially criticized.

An article in the Shanghai newspaper *Wen Hui Bao* distributed Tuesday in Peking said people have stopped singing the song because they realize it glorified Mao, which was not in keeping with Marxism.

The song likened Mao to a red sun rising in the east and called the late Communist Party chairman "the great savior of the people." It was sung daily in what probably was the world's largest chorus for decades.

The article said the mass singing had muddled the minds of the people.

At one point the people were singing the "Internationale" — the revolutionary socialist hymn — which denied any such thing as a savior, the newspaper said, and in the next breath they sang "The East Is Red."

Lifestyle may promote cancer

Negligible risk for pill users

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WASHINGTON — The final word is not yet in, but a 10-year California study says the risks of taking birth control pills appear negligible.

Furthermore, the report said the study of 16,000 young, white, middle class women provided "further assurance" that users of oral contraceptives are not more susceptible to cancers of the breast, ovary and uterus.

"Oral contraceptive users have no increased risk of death from all causes combined," the report said.

The report, submitted to the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, said increased risks that appeared in pill users for heart disease, lung cancer, melanoma skin cancer and early stages of cervical cancer appeared related more to lifestyle than pill use.

It said, however, that a combined, interactive effect of heavy smoking and oral contraceptive use might be responsible for an increased — though still low — risk of heart disease. The report said the question of the pill and smoking and lung cancer needs further clarification.

A strong association between

melanoma, a serious form of skin cancer, and the pill was seen, but the report said heavy exposure to the sun may be the cause instead of the pill. Multiple sexual partners have been linked to cervical cancer.

"Since information is currently lacking about the precise relationship of oral contraceptive use to these diseases in the absence of their known or suspected risk factors, it seems prudent that women who have any of these risk factors should not take oral contraceptives," the report said.

It said women considering the use of oral contraceptives and their advisers "must weigh the pros and cons among uncertainties."

The study, which began with recruitment of 18,000 women volunteers between 1968 and 1972, was conducted by the Kaiser-Permanente Medical Center at Walnut Creek, Calif. The final report, including many findings published separately earlier, is now being prepared for publication.

The Kaiser-Permanente Medical Center is a health maintenance organization that asked for volunteers

among women enrolled in its health plan. Most of the women were white and middle class because most of the women in the health plan live in or near Walnut Creek, Calif., a predominantly white, middle class area.

"The main conclusion from this study is that in a population of young, adult, white, middle class women, the risks of oral contraceptive use appears to be negligible," the report said.

Although the report said the study could still be valuable for watching for long-term effects of pill use, the institute has canceled the study because of a lack of funds. The study cost \$4.34 million.

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