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CHICAGO — The Cook County state's attorney's office says has had no recent contact with former Weather Under-

a deader Bernardine Dohrn, despite reports she will end a decade of hiding and surrender soon. Published reports by the Chicago Sun-Times indicated Miss Dohrn, now 38 — accompanied by William Ayers, 35, a former fightive and Weathermen leader with whom she has been and other i h had esca od, and g ving - was expected to surrender today to Richard Daley's they had sh ong rats t

But Chief Deputy State's Attorney William J. Kunkle Jr. wild not confirm the report Monday. urned out h

Kunkle said Cook County officials were ready and willing to talk with the former student radical or her representatives, but they have had no recent contact.

On Nov. 21, Miss Dohrn and Ayers, who were living under assumed names on the upper West Side of Manhattan, paid three months rent in advance on their apartment and dis-

appeared, saying they were going to Chicago. The couple apparently lived a quiet life during their fugitive years, raising their two children among the working class. Ayers worked as a baker and Miss Dohrn as a waitress. Miss Dohrn reportedly began negotiating a plea-bargain agreement through New York attorney Michael Kennedy with

the staff of former State's Attorney Bernard Carey. Daley sworn in Monday as Cook County state's attorney, inherited those negotiations.

Daley and an assistant met Monday with Kunkle to review the file on Miss Dohrn and brief the new officials on the charges against her.

Charges of aggravated battery, solicitation to commit mob action, resisting arrest and mob action remain outstanding against Miss Dohrn in connection with the "Days of Rage" riots in October 1969. Although Ayers has been in hiding too, there have been no charges outstanding against him for six years.



## **Imported** peanuts may keep peanut butter on shelves

United Press International WASHINGTON— To forestall a potential peanut panic, the Agriculture Department is pushing for an

increase in peanut imports to keep peanut butter on grocery shelves. The move is needed because the peanut crop, hurt more by this sum-mer's drought than any other crop,

was so small peanut prices are sky-The Agriculture Department has recommended President Carter take immediate temporary action to raise imports by 200 million pounds of edible peanuts. Officials say realistically they believe only 110 million pounds will be imported.

Farm prices are expected to be 45 percent higher than last year and wholesale prices for edible peanuts could rise 50 to 60 percent, the department said.

The potential shortage is so severe, industry experts said, peanuts or peanut butter could vanish from store shelves in six months unless additional peanuts are imported.

Francis Taliaferro, owner of two Virginia peanut shops, said his Suffolk, Va., supplier told him three weeks ago he would take no new

'There are few words to describe it. There are just no nuts. We've never, ever, had a problem like this," said Taliaferro, who has been in the business 40 years.

Howard Hjort, the department's chief economist, Monday told the U.S. International Trade Commis-sion Carter should act immediately under special authority even before the panel makes an official recommendation.

Hjort said increased imports would "moderate domestic price in-

Usually, government policy mak-ers must shape policies to deal with excess peanut supplies. Since 1953, peanut imports have been limited to

1.7 million pounds a year. But this year's crop, the smallest since 1964, changed the picture so that imports could ease a problem of short supply. The crop was 42 per-cent smaller than last year and the quality was so poor edible peanuts are in shorter supply than peanuts used for seed or crushed for oil.

Last season the United States provided about half of peanuts that went into world trade. This season U.S. peanut exports are expected to drop to 420 million pounds compared to 800 million pounds last year.

"If these two countries decide to export greater-than-usual amounts particularly of edible grade peanuts — there could be some eas-

ing in the pressure on limited U.S. supplies," Hjort said. Hjort said the import restrictions on peanuts should be relaxed for only a temporary period ending June 30, so it would not interfere with the government's price support program for next year's crop.

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