

arms buildup charged

Soviets call talks 'game'

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union charged the United States with using negotiations for the release of the 52 hostages in Iran as a screen to disguise a possible military attack on that country. A commentary by the official Communist Party newspaper Pravda charged the United States has been playing a "dishonorable game" involving the hostages — allegedly using earlier opportunities to bargain for their freedom while concentrating on a military buildup in the Persian Gulf region.

Jody Powell blasted the Pravda article, saying it could be aimed at preventing the return of the hostages. He said Secretary of State Edmund Muskie had summoned Soviet Ambassador Anatoli Dobrynin to complain about the article. The Pravda commentary, which cited a variety of reports from India, Lebanon and London as its source, also was broadcast worldwide on Radio Moscow's international frequencies. "The threat of armed U.S. intervention has been hanging like the sword of Damocles over that country (Iran) since the very outset of the

Iranian revolution," Pravda said. The commentary said the overthrow of the shah and "the collapse of American positions in Iran" were used to justify a U.S. military buildup in the Persian Gulf and the establishment of the Pentagon's Rapid Deployment Force. "The emergence of the hostage problem in November 1979 was used to intensify pressure on Tehran," it added. Pravda news analyst Pavel Demchenko said "many foreign observers" have concluded that the United States avoided taking a number of opportunities to free the hostages earlier in their captivity, "preferring to brandish arms and even undertaking the so-called rescue operation in April that was in fact an aggressive incursion."

In the ensuing months, Pravda said, "Washington did not stop its dishonorable game around the hostages, although the matter is not reduced only to them. Reports were made in the newspapers of many countries, including the United States, that under the cover of negotiations on that problem the Pentagon is preparing a new intimidating operation against Iran." Powell, who said he reflected President Carter's feelings, called the article "despicable" and said, "It is difficult to place any interpretation on that sort of behavior except that it is an effort to interfere with the negotiations and in effect to prevent a resolution of differences that would bring about the release of 52 innocent Americans."

Pickers dump juice near plant

MISSION — Pickets from the Texas Farm Workers Union poured orange juice on the ground outside the Big Tex citrus juice processing plant Friday to dramatize demands for higher wages for citrus pickers. After the picketers left to organize their efforts, a union leader vowed the pickets would be back in the citrus groves and at packing sheds every day until they have a significant impact on the citrus harvest in the Rio Grande Valley. Union leaders are claiming a farm workers strike began at 6 a.m. Friday, but a spokesman for fruit growers Friday said the union's declaration of a strike was premature and without support from Valley citrus pickers.

"The union may try to start a strike, but all they can do is picket and try to induce the workers to leave the groves," said Bill Weeks, executive vice president of the Texas Citrus and Vegetable Growers and Shippers Association. He asserted that there are no farm workers union members among Valley citrus harvesters. Weeks said he had heard "no reports of anyone leaving the groves. I think the growers would call me, in my position, and keep me posted." Union organizer Alfred DeAvila claimed Friday that approximately 40 farm workers had met in committee meetings in Hidalgo and Cameron counties and decided to back the strike.

"We hope that in 10 to 15 days, we'll be able to knock off 60 to 65 percent of the citrus workers this way," DeAvila said. "It's a slow process. It's a daily process." "This is going to be our strategy in this strike: we're going to be in the groves in the morning and then move to the major packing houses to bring our grievances to the public. The emphasis here is on a general strike."

About 20 farm worker's union pickets, wearing handkerchiefs over their faces and carrying red and black flags, gathered at the Big Tex plant Friday, bringing with them canned orange juice to empty onto the ground. The scene was similar to action Thursday when farm workers union members demonstrated outside the Texsun juice processing plant in Weslaco.

DeAvila said the farm workers union's new strategy came partly from observing union activities in Poland. "The idea came out of what's happened in Poland," he continued. "If workers there can organize under the domination of the Soviet Union, we can do it here."

He said the tactics are different from those used in previous farm workers strikes in Mercedes, Raymondville and Hereford, where as many pickets as possible were assembled on the edges of vegetable fields. "Too many people on the picket lines were recognized from newspaper and TV pictures and were blacklisted from future work," DeAvila said. He said that was why the strikers covered their faces with handkerchiefs, and only about 20 workers show up on any given day.

Union members' appearance at the Texsun plant also marked the beginning of a national boycott on grapefruit and orange produces, juice and concentrate canned by Texsun and of R. C. Cola, parent company of Texsun.

Union organizer Jesus Moya Thursday said farm workers in El Paso, Hereford, San Antonio, Houston and Dallas will seek support of the boycott at the supermarket level. DeAvila said the Valley strike was called to coincide with the introduction of a bill in the state Legislature seeking collective bargaining rights for farm workers — rights which, they point out, are guaranteed to almost all Americans by federal law.

DeAvila said the picketers would conduct peaceful demonstrations and said no additional dramatic efforts, such as pouring out orange juice, are planned. "There are picket lines taking place every day," he said, "the dramatics will depend on the police or the sheriff."

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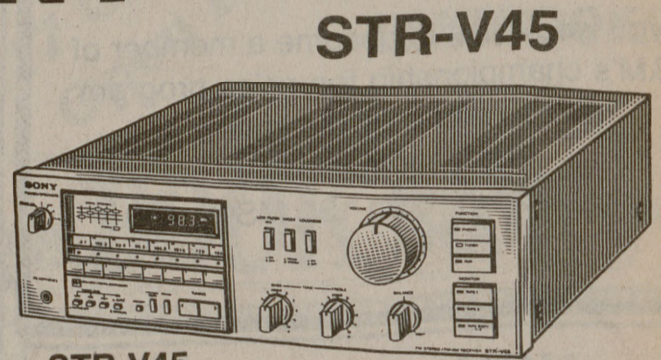
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