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### Salvadoran government remains 'on a war footing'

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador - President Jose Napoleon Duarte, bolstered by 54 U.S military advisers and \$50 million in U.S. financial aid, warned his government will remain "on a war footing" as long as the Soviet Union, Cuba and Nicaragua are arming leftist guerrillas

In a move criticized by House Democrats as "uncannily like Vietnam," the Reagan administraion said Monday 25 more military advisers from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines soon will be ent to the tiny Central American

The State Department said as

official said by telephone from Kabul.

"All the passengers are safe," he said. "They

are on board. The negotiators have arrived and

they are talking to the hijackers." Officials in Pakistan told reporters earlier

there was a single hijacker who called himself

Alamgir and said he was a supporter of the late

Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and

part of the sharp step-up in help, another \$25 million in economic and military aid has been granted to El Salvador's military-Christian Democratic junta, doubling total aid to \$50 million. It said the 25 military advisers are in addition to those already in the Central American nation, raising the total

to 54 Duarte in a nationwide radio address Monday said he was willing to hold peace talks with leftists, but warned El Salvador "is on a war footing and will stay that way as long as Russia and Nicaragua continue sending arms to the guerrillas

He said the government would

need U.S. military aid "so long as the Cubans, Russians and other nations continue sending arms to the guerrillas.'

Salvadoran military officers claimed government troops killed 300 guerrillas — with some plunging to their death in 900-foot gorges - during a four-day assault on rebel strongholds on the slopes of the Conchagua volcano over-looking Fonseca Bay in southeastern El Salvador.

Government forces suffered only seven wounded and captured "all types of war materiel, another army officer said.

The military's body counts could not be independently veri-

fied. Last week the Defense not be confirmed. Ministry said 1.500 guerrillas The bodies of 14 people were were holding the volcano.

The Defense Ministry said helicopter gunships attacked guerril-las near San Sebastian and San Esteban Catarina, 30 miles east of San Salvador, and 40 rebels were killed in fierce fighting.

They said two soldiers died and seven were wounded in the gun battles, 2 miles on either side of San Lorenzo, scene of bloody fighting last week.

One military spokesmen said "individuals with foreign features, among them some of the black were among the rebels kilrace led Monday, but the report could

found dumped in the southwestern village of Atiquizaya, authorities said. They were among 20 killings reported Monday in political violence that has claimed over 13,000 lives since Jan. 1, 1979

In Washington, 44 House Democrats opposed the increase in U.S. military advisers to El Salvador in a telegram to President Reagan, urging talks between the junta and the opposition instead of "military solution" to the violence.

Rep. Gerry Studds, D-Mass. said the Salvadoran junta "is in-

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creasingly brutalizing its own peo-ple. As it's own support weakens, we're looking for outside bogey-men. I think it's just uncannily like Vietnam.

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# Pakistanis negotiate with hijacker

United Press International ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistani offi-ials arrived in Soviet-occupied Afghanistan mands were unclear. But officials in Pakistan said the hijackers esday to negotiate the release of an airliner demanded freedom for 80 political prisoners in which hijackers threatened to blow up with Karachi

141 people aboard. At least two men — perhaps as many as 11 – opposed to the military government of According to reliable sources in Islamabad, the hijack leader had 10 accomplices on the plane. Pakistan officials also said one hijacker Pakistan seized a Pakistan International Airwas demanding the release of his father and nes Boeing 720 jet en route from Karachi to brother from jail in Karachi. Peshawar Monday and ordered it to Kabul, an

They threatened to blow up the aircraft if demands were not met and were prevented from flying out of Kabul. The hijackers were reported armed with hand grenades and light arms and the leader identified himself only as Alamgir. Authorities say the name must be an alias since no such name appeared on the passenger list.

The negotiating team that arrived in Kabul consists of director general of civil aviation Vazir Zada, a PIA airlines director who was not Vazir Zada, a PIA airlines director who was not identified and the Pakistani charge d'affairs in and other unspecified facilites.

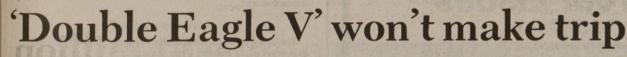
airline official said in Kabul. He said their de-mands were unclear. But officials in Pakistan said the hijackers But officials in Pakistan said the hijackers way

The Soviet ambassador to Pakistan, Vitaly Smirnov, met with Pakistani officials in response to an earlier Pakistani call on the Soviet **Union**, the United States and other countries to use their diplomatic missions in Kabul to ensure the safe return of the passengers, crew and aircraft.

A government press release said diplomatic envoys of some of the countries promised positive assistance in solving the hijacking problem.

Officials said 130 passengers and 11 crew members were aboard the four-engine jetliner when it was hijacked. Four unidentified foreigners were on board, airline officials said. The Soviet controlled Radio Kabul reported

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Anderson made a 3,150-mile voyage across the Atlantic in 1978, the first manned balloon flight across the smaller ocean.



# opposes the military dictatorship of President Mohammad Zia ul-Haq. "There are more than two hijackers," the