

National

Officials protest Libyan mission

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NEW YORK — Officials in New York, which serves as a second home to many foreign dignitaries, are not putting out the welcome mat for Libyans. Sen. Daniel Moynihan, D-N.Y., said Monday through a spokesman he will ask the State Department if Libya can be

stopped from building a 25-story mission to the United Nations on Manhattan's East Side.

Moynihan's action was prompted by a letter from Manhattan Borough President Andrew Stein, who charged Libya would use the mission "to enhance its presence in a coun-

try where it is certainly unwelcome."

The United States, which has charged the regime of Libyan leader Col. Moammar Khadafy is a major supporter of international terrorism, still has diplomatic relations with Libya, but on a reduced level through third nation intermediaries.

Deterrent of Soviet aggression

Special combat force ready

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WASHINGTON — Lt. Gen. Robert Kingston, commander of the Rapid Deployment Force, said Tuesday he has 200,000 men ready to go into combat to oppose any aggression in the Middle East or Persian Gulf and to confront the Soviets if necessary.

"The Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force is the only meaningful free world deterrent to Soviet adventurism in Southwest Asia," Kingston said in an address prepared for the annual meeting of the Association of the U.S. Army.

"It is primarily a deterrent force, one designed to underwrite stability in the region," he said. "But if deterrence fails, this force must have the capacity to oppose

aggression with real military capability, including the Soviets.

"If deterrence fails, the Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force will be prepared to carry out the orders of the national command authority — and ready to go into combat."

Meantime, the top military officer on the National Security Council staff was quoted Tuesday as saying that the "Soviets are on the move, they are going to strike."

Army Maj. Gen. Robert L. Schweitzer said the Kremlin now has nuclear superiority and spoke to an Army group Monday of "a drift toward war," the Washington Post reported.

Schweitzer's speech was not

cleared by the White House, and of the claim the "Soviets are on the move," White House spokesman Larry Speakes said Tuesday. "He was talking when he should have been listening. His views do not reflect policy."

Kingston said his command, with the authority for an instant combat call on designated units of the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines, is ready to handle anything "from a small contingency to a major confrontation."

He said critics of the makeup and intent of the Rapid Deployment Force he took over three months ago were "dead wrong" in their judgments.

"Some of our critics see us as an invasion force, poised to move into the Persian Gulf at the slightest provocation," he said.

"Some see us as a paper tiger, a force, without forces, which is

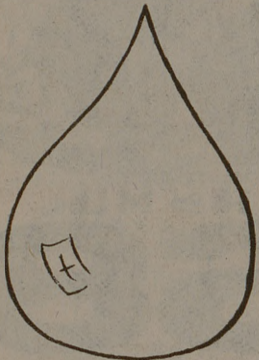
neither rapid nor deployable," he said. "And some see us as a panacea for a challenging and troubled area."

"They are simply and unequivocally wrong. Dead wrong."

Kingston said there is no nation in the Persian Gulf area able to take on the Soviets alone, and a regional group to do it. He said the 200,000-man force is the only deterrent now available, emphasizing it is there to provide help when asked.

He also said the presence of the force in an area would put the Soviets on notice they risk a direct confrontation with the United States if they move into an area.

"A direct confrontation is something I would not like to see," he said. "But I believe the Soviet Union would like to see one less."



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Super-wealthy facing shortage of plush homes

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BAR HARBOR, Maine — These are trying times for the very, very rich.

While sky high interest rates have put even a modest home out of the reach of most Americans, the super-wealthy are caught in a housing shortage.

The problem is not interest rates. There simply aren't enough suitably plush mansions to go around, says real estate broker Charles W. Sawyer Jr., who has catered to some of America's most affluent families for 30 years.

Sawyer says the headache begins when you start making, say \$5 million a year.

Not only is the number of listings for oceanside mansions skimpy, but the law of supply and demand is driving up prices that swallow even a bloated pocket-book.

Take, for example, a few of the "quarters" recently up for sale along the Maine coast, long one of America's most exclusive hide-aways:

—Blue Hill: "Dundree," a 22-room estate considered to be one of the finest in this prestigious coastal area. Offers 850 feet deep-water ocean frontage, 2.5 manicured acres with pier, dock, sand beach, swimming pool, stone butresses and retaining walls. Elegant summer living at its finest. \$595,000.

—Winter Harbor: "Turn-of-the-century charm and opulence become obvious when you enter the impeccable grounds of this 15-room Georgian-style home. House contains seven bedrooms, seven baths, 30-by-18 living room with fireplace, dining room with stone fireplace and French doors to rear terrace overlooking waters of Frenchman Bay and Cadillac Mountain. Would you believe, furnished and only, \$210,000?"

—Blue Hill: "Circa 1840 year-round Greek Revival Colonial with magnificent columns located on hill for perfect setting. Contains 27 rooms, 6.5 baths, 10 fireplaces, eight bedrooms, full basement. Barn with horse stables, 27 acres, with 2,000 feet of granite-laced bay frontage. \$375,000."

For those who want to build from the blueprints up, there is land available, however scarce.

—Bar Harbor: "One hundred spruce-covered acres—6,000 feet of oceanfront on the Mount Desert Narrows. \$350,000."

—Gouldsboro: "One hundred and thirty acres — 7,700 feet of deep ocean frontage. A portion suitable for moorage and (the rest in bold pink granite frontage. \$425,000."

Bar Harbor was once the ocean playground for the very, very rich, rivaled only by Newport, R.I., as the in place for summers away from the rigors of the workaday world.

In 1947, a fire destroyed most of the magnificent old homes and hotels, but the area still serves as summer residence for many notables in the world's of business and letters.

"You can see Rockefellers, Kennedys and other heavies here in the summer," Sawyer said. "But there is a lot of new money around as well."

While many real estate brokers are struggling in today's tight money market, Sawyer is unconcerned about his business.

"The middle-class slugger who has been the heart-and-soul of the real estate business is waiting for rates to come down. For those who deal with homes for them, the market is slow," he says.

"But business is good, as always, for the very rich."

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