

Soviets: U.S. violated Olympic Charter rules

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LAUSANNE, Switzerland — The Soviet Union formally charged the United States Tuesday with violating the Olympic Charter in its preparations for the 1984 Summer Games in Los Angeles. U.S. officials rejected the protest.

The Soviets went before the International Olympic Committee to charge the United States is conducting an anti-Soviet campaign, not providing adequate security for Soviet athletes and commercializing the games.

And in a protest likely to arouse Californian sympathies, they complained about the Los Angeles smog.

American officials told the IOC the allegations of anti-Soviet bias and other Olympic Charter violations were unfounded, saying they welcomed the Soviet athletes and wanted their participation in the games.

The world's two biggest sporting nations presented their arguments to a top-level panel convened by IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch of Spain. The panel met at Moscow's request but is not required to reach a decision.

Tuesday's exchange came four years to the day after the Carter administration announced a U.S. boycott of the 1980 Moscow Games because of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Soviet Sports Minister Marat Gramov carefully avoided threatening a Soviet boycott of the games.

"We have just asked for direct (U.S.) observation of the Olympic Charter," Gramov said after his 75-minute appearance before the five-member panel. "It is too early to say what we will do. Let us not be running ahead of events."

Peter Ueberroth, president of the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee, told reporters the allegations "are clearly not valid."

"It's a case of telling the truth and that's that," he said. "They'll be welcome in Los Angeles if they care to come (and) if they don't care to come, that's their free choice."

Ueberroth, who IOC officials invited as a courtesy to present the U.S. position, said he told the committee the United States "is prepared" for the Soviets to participate.

Chernenko says Soviets don't want to boycott

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MOSCOW — Although the Soviet Union has formally complained about the U.S. handling of the Los Angeles Olympics, President Konstantin Chernenko said Tuesday Moscow does not want to boycott the event.

Exactly four years after President Carter announced a U.S. boycott of the Moscow Olympics because of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the Soviets went before a meeting of the International Olympic Committee in Lausanne, Switzerland to accuse the United States formally of violating the Olympic Charter.

They left open the question of whether they would attend the Los Angeles games. Soviet Sports Minister Marat Gramov, said it was too early to say whether his country would or would not attend the games.

But in a meeting with Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti in Moscow Tuesday,

Chernenko said the Soviet Union did not want to boycott the Los Angeles games if it could be helped.

He said he would ask the president of the IOC, Juan Antonio Samaranch, to come to Moscow to discuss the Soviet complaints, according to Andreotti.

The Soviet news agency Tass said the games are being organized against the background of "a large-scale anti-Soviet, anti-socialist campaign, (which) is mounting with the blessing of official authorities."

The Soviets clearly appear to be still resentful over the American-led boycott of their 1980 Olympics, which was joined in whole or in part by 64 other nations.

Peter Ueberroth, president of the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee, conceded as much in Lausanne. He said, "We cannot eliminate the hurt of what Carter's boycott did in 1980 ... We can't make it go away."

The Soviets have until June 2 to decide on whether to send a team to Los Angeles. Their decision either way is certain to be copied by other communist countries.

Analysis

Moreno sentenced — again

United Press International

WHARTON — A Bryan man convicted earlier this year and sentenced to death for the capital murder of a state trooper has also been sentenced to 30 years in prison on a kidnapping charge, officials said Tuesday.

Lawnmower repairman Eliseo "Joe" Moreno, 24, who is charged with killing six people

during a five-hour crime spree in Hempstead and College Station, pleaded guilty to kidnapping apartment remodeler Ronald Gangle, 30, of Friendswood.

Moreno was convicted in February in the shooting death of Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Russell Lynn Boyd, 25, last October. He is also charged with killing his sis-

ter-in-law and his brother-in-law in College Station, along with three elderly Hempstead residents.

Prosecutors said they wanted "something to fall back on" in case Moreno is successful in his appeals.

Moreno allegedly went on a killing rampage because he was angry at his estranged wife, Blanca Moreno.

Hobby, Briscoe supporting Mondale

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AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby and former Gov. Dolph Briscoe, who previously backed Ohio Sen. John Glenn for the Democratic presidential nomination, threw their support Tuesday to former Vice President Walter Mondale.

And while Mondale's campaign was stockpiling former Glenn backers in advance of the May 5 Texas political caucuses, Sen. Gary Hart's campaign was seeking support Tuesday from Texas farmers and ranchers.

Hobby, who was Glenn's state campaign coordinator before the former astronaut withdrew from the race, and Briscoe were among 12 politicians and busi-

ness leaders who announced their endorsements of Mondale at a Capitol news conference.

Others included former Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes, Dallas businessman Jess Hay, Parks and Wildlife Commission Chairman Edwin Cox Jr., Alice businessman Lucien Flournoy, San Antonio attorney Lowry Mays, former Tyler state Sen. Peyton McKnight, Dallas businessman Ronald J. Volkman, Tyler oilman Royce Wisenbaker and University of Texas regent Mario Yzaguirre.

"A lot of people said we did not have business support for Walter Mondale in Texas, but this shows his conservative support runs deep and the business

support does too," Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, who endorsed Mondale earlier this month, said in announcing the endorsements.

Meanwhile, Hart campaign officials announced the formation Tuesday of a steering committee comprised of Texas farmers and ranchers, bringing to nine the number of states to organize rural coalitions to support Hart.

John Stencil, a Colorado

farmer and agricultural adviser to Hart, and Doug Seal, chairman of the agricultural caucus of the Texas Democratic Party, said they would tour West Texas and the Panhandle this week to drum up more support for Hart from farmers and ranchers.

"It seems like Ronald Reagan has created an evil empire in the USDA," Seal said. "President Reagan is a total disaster as far as agriculture (goes)."

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