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Jamaicans continue to protest

Associated Press
 KINGSTON, Jamaica — Jamaicans protesting an increase in fuel prices set up roadblocks and shut down most of this Caribbean capital Wednesday. Leftist opponents of the government of Prime Minister Edward Seaga called for him to resign and hold new elections.

hospitalized in the disturbances sparked by the announcement Monday of a 20 percent hike in fuel prices.

A Kingston newspaper, The Daily Gleaner of Jamaica, said Wednesday there were reports of three more deaths Tuesday.

Police said two liquor stores and a department store were looted overnight in Kingston, and one of the liquor stores was burned to the ground. A sugar cane field outside Kingston was also set afire.

"What is not happening is that there are no riots anywhere in Jamaica," Seaga told reporters. "There are demonstrations in Kingston,

peaceful assemblies in most cases," he said.

He said the protests would be allowed to continue "as long as they are peaceful."

A tiny Communist party said it was participating in the roadblocks, which Seaga blamed on "a coalition of opposition political groups."

Seaga said the nation's security forces were out in full force, but had orders not to confront protesters unless they were damaging property. He charged the protesters with trying "to undo the economic gains made under this country's structural adjustment program. While their intentions may have been to reduce the inflow of tourists, this has not succeeded."

Protesters stayed away from beachfront hotels and didn't bother 1,500 visitors Tuesday afternoon aboard two cruise ships in Ocho Rios, the government said.

The prime minister's leftist opponents called for him to resign and hold new elections. Seaga defeated Socialist Michael Manley in 1980 and his Labor Party won one-party control of the island's Parliament when Manley's People's National Party boycotted early elections called by in December 1983.

Seaga's government, which broke the close ties Manley formed with Cuba, has received more than \$40 million in U.S. aid since 1980.

Desertion acknowledged by Soviets

Associated Press
 MOSCOW — For the first time since the Soviet Army invaded Afghanistan, the Kremlin acknowledged Wednesday that one of its soldiers had deserted. But it said he chose to return to his homeland after finding only "sleazy propaganda and dubious love" in the West.

Police confirmed three fatal shootings and said six people were

In an account Tass carried on its Russian-language service Wednesday, Soviets were told of the 20-year-old deserter from a military construction unit. Tass said he was drugged, nearly starved and visited by lovers of both sexes with CIA links in an attempt to get him to make anti-Soviet statements.

Tass also charged that a second Soviet defector, who went to Afghanistan as a soldier during the 1979 invasion, wants to return from his present home in the United States, but that the State Department is dragging its feet. Deputy State Department spokesman Alan Romberg said in Washington that if Alexander Voronov "wants to go back, that's his free choice."

Until recently, the Soviet press has paid little attention to the activities

of what it terms the "limited contingent of troops invited" to Afghanistan in 1979. But in recent months, Soviet readers have been told of sacrifices of Soviets battling Afghan bandits and dying to protect a grateful Afghan population.

Western sources estimate as many as 110,000 Soviet troops have been deployed in Afghanistan.

Ryzhkov returned to the Soviet Union last month. The Tass account did not say what his fate would be.

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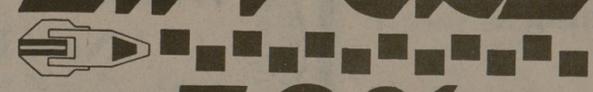
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