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Two Russians plead guilty to conspiracy

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LOS ANGELES — A Russian couple charged with spying for the Soviet Union, along with a fired FBI agent, pleaded guilty Wednesday to a reduced charge of conspiring to commit espionage, thus escaping the possibility of life imprisonment.

In sentencing the 52-year-old Nikolay Ogorodnikov to eight years in prison, U.S. District Judge David Kenyon said, "It seems to the court that we're talking about one of the most serious types of crimes that can be committed."

Ogorodnikov, speaking through an interpreter and pointing at his wife Svetlana, 35, cried, "I did everything so as to help her! I did everything that was required of me. I did even more than was required of me. I became a sacrifice."

Ogorodnikov asked for the immediate sentencing, but sentencing of his wife was delayed. She faces a recommended maximum 18 years in prison under the plea bargain announced in court.

The Ogorodnikovs, accused with former FBI agent Richard W. Miller, 48, of passing secret docu-

ments to the Soviet Union, pleaded guilty instead to one count each of conspiracy. Miller will be tried later.

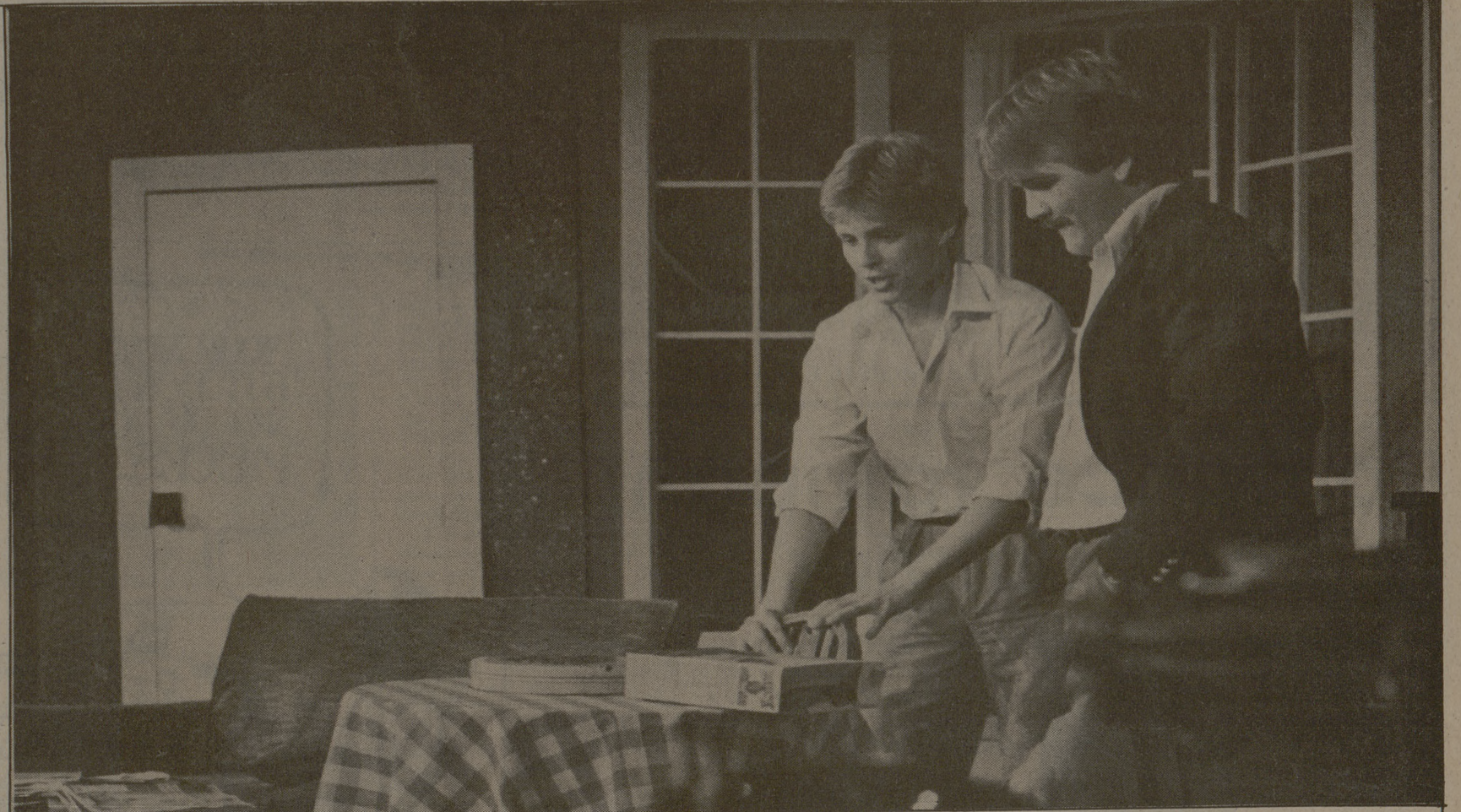
Kenyon said Ogorodnikov would be eligible for parole after serving one-third of the term. He has been in prison since his arrest last Oct. 2 at his West Hollywood apartment.

In a rambling discourse explaining his participation in the espionage scheme, Ogorodnikov admitted conferring with his wife after every meeting that she had with Miller and every call she received from an unidentified person at the Soviet consulate in San Francisco.

He also said he gave her advice about plane tickets to Vienna, where a visit with Soviet officials was allegedly planned for Miller.

Miller testified against his two co-defendants under an immunity grant which prevented the government from using anything he said against him.

Part of Miller's defense has been that he was trying to convince the Soviets he was ripe for recruitment in order to infiltrate the Soviet intelligence network and become a hero to the FBI.



Playacting

The MSC-Dinner Theater and the Aggie Players presented Neil Simon's "The Star Spangled Girl" Wednesday night. Jeff Danish (left), who plays Norman and Tim McEvoy, Andy, take a look at their food situation. See related story, page 4.

Photo by ANTHONY S. CASPER

Experts discouraging military response to crisis

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Although the United States may see several tempting targets in the Middle East, military retaliation after the resolution of the Beirut hostage crisis would probably spark, not stifle, future attacks on Americans, experts on the Middle East and terrorism said Wednesday.

Since the kidnapping of passengers aboard TWA flight 847 by Shiite Moslem gunmen, President Reagan has chosen diplomatic rather than military responses.

There have been calls around the country for tough action against the hijackers, however, and White House spokesman Larry Speakes said on Tuesday that the time for di-

plomacy may be running out.

He mentioned a blockade of the Beirut airport as a possibility and did not rule out military action, in an apparent effort to tighten the pressure on the hostage-holders.

A U.S. naval task force, including the aircraft carrier Nimitz and a Marine assault group, is in the Mediterranean Sea near Lebanon within striking distance of many possible targets.

Robert Neumann, former U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, Morocco and Saudi Arabia, said that talk about military action "is the humanly understandable reaction of tired and exasperated men, but it is the wrong reaction."

Even vague warnings by the ad-

ministration could backfire. They could destroy the ability of Shiite leader Nabih Berri to make a deal to release the hostages by undermining his authority with more radical elements in his faction, including those who hijacked the jetliner, said Robert Kupperman. Kupperman is a terrorism expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Georgetown University.

The United States has identified Berri as the key to the resolution of the hostage situation, and raising the stakes by talking about tougher action to solve the crisis "puts Berri under extra pressure to deliver," Kupperman said.

Nevertheless, there have been many calls in the United States for

punitive action against the terrorists, their bases or anti-U.S. nations in the Middle East that support the Shiites, once the hostage crisis is over.

Among the targets most often mentioned by the experts are:

Shiite militia strongholds in Lebanon, including individual houses in Beirut, the Shiite-held town of Baalbek and other sites throughout Lebanon where Arab groups opposed to the United States and Israel train.

Kharg Island and other oil facilities in Iran, which the United States has said is the fountainhead for Middle East terrorism by supplying weapons, training and safe havens to hijackers, bombers and gunmen. Destruction of the oil business

would theoretically cripple Iran's economy without massive casualties.

Military positions controlled by Syria, which has major influence over the whole Shiite movement in Lebanon.

The ideal attack would spare all but those who personally took part in the kidnapping, but given the urban setting of the crisis, "such a surgical strike is most improbable," Neumann said.

The only retaliation that works in a terrorist situation, Kupperman said, is swift retribution that quickly follows the outbreak of violence and is directly connected to the initial incident. Waiting several weeks and then retaliating serves no useful purpose, he said.

The key to combatting terrorism is improving intelligence about violent groups and then striking before they commit their acts, Kupperman said. In this case, a strike would be too late, he said.

The worse consequence of an attack in response to the hijacking would be the radicalization of those described by University of Virginia scholar R.K. Ramazani as the "silent majority" in the Middle East.

He said future trouble could be expected from the large Shiite Moslem communities in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and other Persian Gulf countries friendly to the United States.

High court lets earlier ruling stand

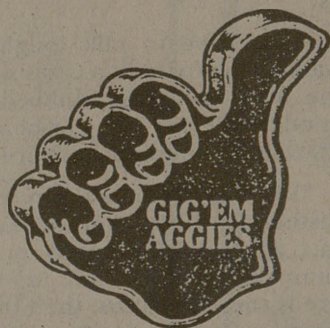
A&M entitled to register logos

Associated Press

AUSTIN — "Old Sarge" and the phrase "Gig 'Em Aggies" accompanied by a thumbs-up gesture are the property of the Texas A&M University System, the Texas Supreme Court ruled Wednesday.

Without writing an opinion, the high court let stand a Waco Court of Appeals decision that Texas A&M is entitled to "service marks" on five phrases or logos commonly associated with the school.

In an earlier interview with The Battalion, John Raney, owner of the Texas Aggie Bookstore, said the local merchants applied for the writ of error to the Supreme Court because they do not think the students at A&M should have to pay higher prices.



Registration gives A&M the right to use licenses to restrict the use of the marks on T-shirts

and related souvenirs. The school collects 6 percent royalties on the sale of such items.

The license also gives A&M the right to maintain the quality and tasteful manufacturing standards.

Four bookstores and a souvenir-maker sued A&M after the school registered the marks in 1981. Bryan State District Judge W.T. McDonald Jr. agreed with the plaintiffs and ordered the service marks cancelled.

But the Waco Court of Appeals overturned that decision last December. The appeals court said the suit was an improper attempt to control a proper action by a state agency.

In addition to "Old Sarge" and the "Gig 'Em Aggies" marks, A&M has licensing fees on two school logos and a "ring crest" emblem.

Diplomats commemorate start of U.N.

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Diplomats from a troubled world on Wednesday commemorated one of the greatest peace efforts of the 20th century, the signing of the United Nations Charter 40 years ago.

At a ceremony at the stately Herbst Theater, where the charter was written and approved by 50 nations on June 26, 1945, U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru called the document a "monumental achievement in the search for a peaceful world."

"In facing the conflict and violence that have persisted during these 40 years, no real alternative has emerged to the design for peace provided in the charter," Perez de Cuellar said.

Four days of anniversary celebrations have featured analyses of the United Nations' effectiveness and future by ambassadors from the Soviet Union, United States, France, Great Britain and People's Republic of China.

Much discussion has focused on terrorism, a chief international con-

cern in the wake of the TWA hijacking by Shiite militiamen, a bombing at a Japanese airport and speculation that a bomb brought down an Air-India jetliner with 329 aboard.

In a speech to the diplomats, the secretary general spoke of "repeated instances of terrorism in the form of bombings, hijackings and the taking of hostages."

"The victims have been hundreds of innocent people who have harmed no person and no cause," he said. "Mere condemnation of such acts is insufficient. Effective interna-

tional action is required."

He added "countries need not feel that they are bending to the will of another country or placing themselves under an obligation to another power or powers" by accepting the assistance of the United Nations.

About the role of the United Nations in the hijacking, he said: "I can assure you that I am sharing with you my concern about the fate of the Americans who are being held in Lebanon."

Hundreds attend Marines' funerals

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Hundreds of mourners turned out Wednesday for the funerals of two of four U.S. Marine embassy guards slain by terrorists at two El Salvador cafes last week.

A third Marine was buried in his hometown in Wisconsin as about 650 mourners gathered there, and earlier this week the fourth serviceman slain in the ambush was interred in Alabama.

Marine units escorted the flag-draped coffins and fired rifle salutes at the funerals of Sgt. Gregory H. Weber, 22, of Cincinnati, and Sgt. Thomas T. Handwork, 24, of the Dayton suburb of Beavercreek. The two natives of Ohio were among the four off-duty Marines and nine other people killed in the June 19 attacks in San Salvador.

The principal of Weber's Roman Catholic high school praised Weber as a hero in the eulogy before 800 people at St. Antoninus Church near Cincinnati.

The Rev. Thomas Kuhn, principal of Elder High School, said, "In time I learned, in time Greg taught me something I should have known, that hard work and faith can accomplish wonders. To me, he became a hero, because heroes do

things other people say can't be done."

Weber was a Marine corporal at his death. Wednesday, the Marines posthumously elevated him to the rank of sergeant.

At Handwork's funeral service in Beavercreek, Air Force Chaplain Maj. Howard Mellott told 100 mourners, "We have seen you as a family tell us how proud you were of your son, and how he'd always wanted to be a Marine. There is no service that a chaplain or minister dreads more than a service like this." Officers from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton stood outside Tobias Funeral Home, where Handwork's funeral took place, and accompanied the funeral procession to the cemetery.

Also killed in June 19 ambush in a Sal Salvador cafe were Sgt. Bobby J. Dickson, 27, of Tuscaloosa, Ala. and Cpl. Patrick R. Kwiatkowski, 20, of Wausaw, Wis.

The Rev. Robert Monti praised Kwiatkowski during the funeral as a peacemaker who "was always first to ask for a hug or say 'I love you.'"

Kwiatkowski's fiancée, family, friends and local officials attended the services at St. Mary's Catholic Church, where he had served as an altar boy as a child. Like Weber, Kwiatkowski was promoted posthumously to the rank of sergeant.