

## Espionage

### U.S. officials silent on details of high-rank KGB defection

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A senior Soviet diplomat reportedly familiar with KGB spy operations in the United States and other countries has defected to the West, a Justice Department official confirmed Thursday.

But the department official, declining to be identified, refused to provide any details on the case of Vitaly Yurtchenko, 50, who was described in press accounts as a high-ranking member of the KGB, the Kremlin's secret police and intelligence agency.

At the White House, Deputy Press Secretary Edward Djerejian refused to comment on the report, saying it was an intelligence matter.

"I have a strict 'no comment' on that," Djerejian said.

NBC News said Yurtchenko, who dropped from sight in August during a temporary assignment to Rome, reportedly was familiar with KGB operations in the United States, Western Europe and Latin America.

Yurtchenko could be the highest-ranking KGB defector to the West since the 1930s.

Citing unnamed U.S. intelligence sources, the newspaper said Yurtchenko had been under-

going debriefing by the CIA somewhere in the United States for the last six weeks.

Earlier, The Washington Times had reported that Yurtchenko was believed to be the fifth-ranking official in the KGB, but that could not immediately be confirmed.

Officially, the Justice Department had no comment on the reports of Yurtchenko's defection.

Italian authorities on Aug. 8 quoted officials of the Soviet embassy in Rome as reporting that Yurtchenko had vanished without a trace on Aug. 1.

According to the Los Angeles Times account, Yurtchenko had arrived in Rome on July 25 for what was expected to be a 10-day assignment and was staying at the Villa Abamalek, the Soviet ambassador's residence on the city's western outskirts. He disappeared after telling Soviet security agents that he was going to visit Vatican museums, the Times said.

On Aug. 30, the Italian newspaper Corriere della Sera carried a front-page story reporting that Yurtchenko's disappearance was believed to be directly linked with the Aug. 19 flight to East Germany of Hans-Joachim Tiedge, West Germany's top counterspy.

## Police brutality reported in Cape Town

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — A girl, 17, of mixed race whose face was bruised and swollen said Thursday that five officers, behaving like "real animals," beat her for no reason in a Cape Town police station.

The charges came the day after a judge barred policemen from assaulting prisoners in two other Cape Province cities, Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage, where other allegations of brutality have been made during more than a year of protest against white-minority rule.

Cape Town police said they fired on a crowd from which a gasoline bomb was thrown at a police station, killing a 15-year-old black youth. A

policeman in the Giskei tribal homeland shot and killed a black man who was in a threatening mob, authorities there said.

Police headquarters reported a dozen riot incidents during the day, mainly rock-throwing and arson, and said 45 black men were arrested for "public violence" in Queenstown in eastern Cape Province.

Finance Minister Barend du Plessis said in Pretoria that a leading Swiss banker, Fritz Leutwiler, would help the government renegotiate its foreign debt of \$24 billion and major creditors had agreed to Leutwiler's role.

Foreign banks have refused to re-

new loans to South Africa because of the continued uprising against apartheid, the race laws that guarantee privilege for the nation's 5 million whites and deny rights to the 24 million blacks.

South Africa's currency has plummeted in value during the financial crisis and the government postponed repayment of principal on the debt until January.

Cheryl Phillips, who lives in the Bishop Lavis suburb of Cape Town, told a news conference five policemen beat her at the Brackenfell police station after her detention Tuesday morning under the Internal Security Act.

She belongs to the Western Student Action Committee, an apartheid group and said she was picked up at a roadblock on her way to a rally, apparently because she carried anti-government pamphlets.

She said she was struck repeatedly until a senior police officer, who she identified only as Steenkamp, arrived from Cape Town. The officers then became courteous and apologetic, she said.

She said she was released Wednesday afternoon after being treated by a district surgeon, then was taken home by police. Her lawyer, Leonard Human, said he would file assault charges.

## College of Agriculture enrollment lessening

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and has awarded approximately 350 agriculture students with yearly scholarships of \$2,000, Kunkel said.

The highest paying and most sought-after students in agriculture

are in the Graduate College, which has registered a 12 percent increase in students since last year. But this is the area Kunkel is most concerned about.

"We've slipped at the graduate level," he said, because the increase

in tuition to \$120 per credit hour for non-resident students bites down on 50 percent of the graduate enrollment. Although the graduate program involves one-third of agriculture students, two-thirds of faculty efforts are channeled there for teaching and research.

Kunkel said many graduate students who can't afford the higher tuition are registered for four hours a class this semester just to stay out.

## No need to ban AIDS victims from classrooms

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lic," he said. "It's not all that sensational really. But that's not the way the rest of the country seems to be going.

"I don't make light of it. It's not something you just summarily dismiss. If the child was yours or mine, we obviously would be more emotionally involved. But purely from the health point of view, there has

been an over-reaction," Bernstein said.

He added that AIDS victims pose no threat to other students unless the afflicted child has an open wound, is not toilet-trained or has

behavioral problems that cause him or her to bite another child.

"Other than that, the child should be allowed to go to school," Bernstein said.

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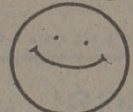
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