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Kidnappers kill 1 Soviet diplomat

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BEIRUT — Kidnappers of four Soviet Embassy employees killed one of them and said Wednesday the others will die unless Syrian-backed militias halt an offensive against Moslem fundamentalists in the northern port of Tripoli.

An anonymous telephone caller claimed a second captive had been killed, and another said Moslem extremists planned to blow up the embassy.

The battle raged on for control of Tripoli, where more than 500 people have been killed and 1,100

wounded since Sept. 15. The militias supplied by Syria, Moscow's main ally in the Middle East, have the fundamentalists cornered with their backs to the sea and Syrian artillery has joined the battle.

The body of cultural attache Arkady Katkov, 32, was found Wednesday, shot once in the head at close range. It was sprawled on blood-stained rocks near the Cite Sportive, a stadium adjacent to the Sabra Palestinian refugee camp, which was destroyed by shellfire in Lebanon's decade-long civil war.

An anonymous caller claiming to speak for the Islamic Liberation Organization gave the location of the body in a telephone call to a Western news agency.

"We have carried out God's sentence against one of the hostages and we shall execute the others one after the other if the atheistic campaign against Islamic Tripoli does not stop," he said. The four Soviets were abducted Monday in two separate incidents in west Beirut, the capital's Moslem sector.

The Islamic Liberation Organiza-

tion, a Sunni Moslem fundamentalist group, is allied with Tawheed, the Islamic Unification movement, whose black-scarved warriors are fighting for their lives in Tripoli.

Another caller, also purporting to speak for the kidnappers, telephoned Beirut's Moslem radio station Voice of the Nation and said another captive had been killed. Police said no second body had been found.

In a third call, to a Western news agency, a man who said he represented the Islamic Liberation Or-

ganization said the extremists would blow up the Soviet Embassy unless it was evacuated within 48 hours.

There was no way to authenticate the calls.

The Islamic Liberation Organization's statements about the kidnappings have been accompanied by the Lebanese identity cards of two of the hostages and photographs of all four with pistols held to their heads.

The three remaining abducted Soviets are commercial attache Valery Mirikov, press attache Oleg Spirin and Nikolai Sversky, an embassy

doctor. Police earlier had identified Mirikov as Valery Kornev.

Lebanon's chief coroner, Ahmed Harati, said Igor Mazourov, the embassy political secretary, identified Katkov's body in his presence.

Harati said the cultural attache was shot in the temple at close range with a 7mm automatic weapon.

The embassy employees were the first Soviets among the 35 foreigners kidnapped in Lebanon since January 1984.

CS man files zoning suit against city

By TRENT LEOPOLD

Senior Staff Writer

Miles Marks, owner of Photo Systems, Inc., has filed a suit against the City of College Station, Mayor Gary Halter and Police Chief Marvin Byrd in an attempt to declare one of the city's zoning ordinances unconstitutional.

Marks takes photographs for sororities and fraternities and distributes them from his apartment on Harvey Road.

The complex is zoned "R-5 Apartment/Medium Density."

Charles L. Michulka, Marks' attorney, said Wednesday the purpose of the suit is to get the ordinance declared unconstitutional.

"If we get the ordinance declared unconstitutional, then any reasonable attorney would go on to the federal courts and seek damages," Michulka said.

This past summer Marks won a suit in which he was named the defendant. The suit, filed by the state of Texas, charged Marks with six counts of violating College Station zoning ordinance No. 850, Section 1-D — the same ordinance Marks is questioning in his suit.

The ordinance states: "A 'home occupation' is a commercial use customarily carried on in the home by members of the occupant family without structural alterations in the principal building of any of its rooms, without the installation of machinery or additional equipment other than that customary to normal household operations, without the employment of additional persons, and which does not cause the generation of other than normal noise, pedestrian and vehicular traffic."

Michulka said the ordinance offers no standard, test or measure which could let Marks know what he might be violating, thereby depriving him of due process of law.

The ordinance also fails to specify what types of machinery or equipment are 'customary to normal household operations,' Michulka said. "The ordinance is void for vagueness in that it proscribes con-

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Raggedy Aggies

Amy Hamling, a senior mechanical engineering major from Warwick, New York holds two of the

Raggedy Aggies she was selling Wednesday at the arts and crafts fair by Rudder Fountain.

Photo by FRANK HADA

Tuition increase has little influence on SWC enrollment

By ED CASSAVOY

Staff Writer

The preliminary fall enrollment figures are in for Texas' Southwest Conference schools and the verdict so far is: no change, some change, very little change — except for Texas A&M.

The A&M registrar's office reported a total fall enrollment of 35,307 registered students by the 12th school day, an overall decrease of 3.05 percent.

A&M officials had anticipated a decline in enrollment partly due to a tuition increase that went into effect this fall.

The Texas Legislature in the spring raised the tuition for Texas residents attending state-supported colleges and universities from \$4 per semester hour to \$12. Non-resident tuition jumped from \$40 per semester hour to \$120 per hour this year.

The number of non-resident students attending A&M declined by 8.3 percent, or 472 students.

Most other SWC universities are at various states of completion of their enrollment figures, but except for A&M, they appear relatively unscathed by the tuition squeeze.

The University of Texas released preliminary enrollment figures showing a total of 47,973 students, a drop of 140 students from the Fall 1984 semester.

1985 fall undergraduate enrollment at UT dropped by 189 students to 36,633. Graduate student enrollment rose from 11,151 in '84 to 11,200 this fall.

The slight decline in the number of students at UT might not be attributed to the tuition increase, a UT official said.

"We have an enrollment management program here at UT," said

Erma Berry, assistant director of institutional studies, "to hold enrollment to 48,000 students.

"That might be mixed up with the effect of tuition increases (in enrollment). It's difficult to make any conclusions until we get all the data in."

Berry said she was surprised by the graduate enrollment increase. And she said the applications by Texas (resident) students in the freshmen program had increased "incredibly."

Texas Tech University was one of a number of Texas universities reporting an increase in total enrollment. Texas Tech's total enrollment rose by 71 students to 23,504 this fall.

"As far as I can tell," said Susan Carter, administrative assistant for statistics and records, "the college totals are the same. There was no big jumps by students from one program to another."

"There were nearly the same amount of freshmen as last year . . . and a fairly even distribution in the other classes (compared to last year's figures)."

Carter said the 3,200 graduate students enrolled for the 1985 fall semester dropped by 71 students.

Baylor University, a private university that was not affected by the tuition increase, was another overall winner in the enrollment sweepstakes reporting a jump of 490 students in its fall 1985 enrollment to 11,481.

"(We accepted) a lot of freshmen — more than our usual percentage — and the number of applications went up," said Ceylon Hood, coordinator of administrative services.

Texas Christian University, another private university, had 6,925

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Gorbachev warns U.S. of rough times ahead

Associated Press

PARIS — Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev warned Wednesday night of "rough times" ahead if the United States persists in developing the space-based defense system commonly called Star Wars.

He said the Reagan administration plan has wrought a major change in the arms race, which "consists of the fact that an attempt is being undertaken to transfer military rivalry into extra-atmospheric space, as if we lacked it on Earth."

"In the event that the instigators of this enterprise stubbornly continue down the perilous path they have laid, the world must indeed face up to rough times," Gorbachev said at a banquet on the first night of his four-day official visit to France. He spoke in Russian and a French translation was provided.

The trip, seven weeks before his November summit in Geneva with President Reagan, is his first to the West since becoming Kremlin leader in March.

Gorbachev's response to a toast by President Francois Mitterrand confirmed that his opposition to the space-defense project, whose formal name is the Strategic Defense Initiative, would be the major theme of his

visit. Soviet opposition to Star Wars has been a major sticking point at the bilateral nuclear arms control talks now in session at Geneva.

Leonid Zamyatin, Gorbachev's spokesman, promised reporters he would give details today of the new Soviet arms-reduction proposal, which was delivered to Reagan last Friday and put on the table Tuesday in Geneva.

Some details of the proposal have been leaked in Washington, which apparently annoyed Gorbachev. He refused to confirm or even discuss them in an interview with French television broadcast Tuesday.

The Washington reports have indicated the Soviet Union proposes a reduction of up to 50 percent in nuclear missile arsenals of the two nations.

French officials said that, while Mitterrand opposes some aspects of Star Wars and has refused an invitation for France to take part in the research, he would not join in a Soviet-French attack on the project.

This is Gorbachev's only scheduled trip to a Western nation before he and Reagan meet in Geneva Nov. 19-20. Star Wars is expected to be the central issue at the summit.

Hudson loses battle with AIDS

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Rock Hudson, the cinema idol whose gallant admission of a yearlong battle against AIDS won sympathy and attention for victims of the disease, died Wednesday at his home. He was 59.

"Please God, he has not died in vain," his friend and one-time costar Elizabeth Taylor said in a statement.

Hudson, star of "Giant," "A Gathering of Eagles," several frothy comedies with Doris Day on film, and "McMillan and Wife" and "Dynasty" on television, "died peacefully in his sleep at 9 o'clock this morning," publicist Dale Olson said.

At the White House, President Reagan issued a statement saying: "Nancy and I are saddened by the news of Rock Hudson's death. He will always be remembered for his dynamic impact on the film industry, and fans all over the world will certainly mourn his loss. He will be remembered for his humanity, his

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sympathetic spirit and well-deserved reputation for kindness. May God rest his soul."

Taylor, who starred with Hudson in "Giant" and "The Mirror Crack'd," was one of his closest supporters in his final days, and was co-host for an AIDS benefit Sept. 19 with actor Burt Reynolds.

Hudson donated \$250,000 to the benefit, which grossed more than \$1.2 million for AIDS research, and sent his last public words:

"I am not happy that I am sick. I am not happy that I have AIDS, but if that is helping others, I can, at least, know that my own misfortune has had some positive worth."

He had known for more than a year that he suffered from acquired immune deficiency syndrome, but it became publicly known only after a gaunt Hudson checked into the American Hospital in Paris on July 21. The hospital decided that Hudson was too weak to be a good candidate for its experimental therapy with an unproven drug.

He returned to Los Angeles Aug. 6 and spent the next 18 days in UCLA Medical Center.

Olson said Hudson had been seeing friends and seemed unchanged recently. He said the actor had not suffered pain or taken pain medication for complications of AIDS,

which disarms the body's resistance to disease.

The office of Rexford Kennamer, Hudson's physician, said it would not comment on the immediate cause of the actor's death. Coroner's spokesman Bill Gold said it would not be a coroner's case, since Hudson had been under the care of a physician.

Olson said only the staff at Hudson's home was there when he died. Funeral services were not set immediately.

The most common victims of AIDS are homosexuals, intravenous drug users and hemophiliacs. The disease is believed to be spread through sexual contact, contaminated needles and blood transfusions.

Hudson's homosexuality had been rumored for years. Even after his illness became known and several magazines carried sympathetic arti-

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