

# World and Nation

## Kidnapped and drugged?

### Yurchenko scorns questions

**Associated Press**  
 MOSCOW — Vitaly Yurchenko, denying he defected and scorning questions about his connection to the KGB, made his first public appearance in the Soviet Union Thursday and insisted he was kidnapped and drugged by the CIA.  
 Flanked by Soviet officials, Yurchenko appeared at a news conference in a Foreign Ministry auditorium packed with Western reporters and Soviet journalists.  
 Yurchenko left the United States on Nov. 6 in a surprise ending to what the State Department said was a defection three months earlier by one of the KGB's senior spies.  
 The Soviets frequently broke into laughter as Yurchenko derided the CIA, its director William Casey and some of the Western correspondents

who asked questions.  
 The news conference was reminiscent of an appearance last year by Oleg Bitov, a Soviet journalist who defected to Britain, lived there for a year and then suddenly appeared before reporters in Moscow saying he had been abducted and drugged by British spies.  
 Yurchenko read a prepared statement in which he repeated most of what he told a news conference at the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C., last week, when he announced that he would return to Moscow.  
 He said he was abducted Aug. 1 on the steps of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and taken to Washington, where he was first kept in a hospital and then in a CIA "safe house" in the suburb of Fredericksburg, Va., Yurchenko, denying that he defected, said CIA agents gave him drugs and tried to convince him he was a traitor to his homeland.  
 But Yurchenko would not say whether he worked for the KGB secret police and intelligence agency.  
 U.S. officials say Yurchenko ran the KGB's Washington office from 1975 to 1980 while working at the embassy there.  
 One theory on the case holds that Yurchenko was a genuine defector who changed his mind. Others assert that he was sent by the KGB to learn about CIA internal operations or embarrass the United States before the Geneva summit.  
 Asked twice about a possible KGB affiliation, Yurchenko at first accused his Western questioners of working for the CIA.  
 "I think someone told you to ask that question," he said to one American reporter.  
 When pressed by reporters for a specific answer, Yurchenko said, "I am a minister-counsellor of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. I worked in the Soviet Embassy in Washington on security matters."  
 He said that he specialized in security for Soviet buildings abroad and that in Washington he was in charge of protecting art objects in the embassy.  
 Dr. Nikolai Zharikov of the Soviet Academy of Sciences said at the news conference that as a result of the ordeal, Yurchenko suffers from emotional instability, has trouble with motor functions and cries easily.

## Pilot collapses; wife lands airplane

**Associated Press**  
 FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — When Ella Faye Wilcoxson's husband collapsed at the controls of a plane the pair were flying, she reacted calmly

although she had never piloted before, her father said Thursday.  
 After pulling out of a dive and flying for two hours, Mrs. Wilcoxson crash-landed a twin-engine Cessna Skymaster just short of Fayetteville's Drake Field about dusk Wednesday. Her husband, Joe Wilcoxson, 53, was found dead.  
 Mrs. Wilcoxson, 45, of Anchorage, Alaska, was in stable condition Thursday at Washington Regional Medical Center, spokeswoman Chris Krueger said.  
 Faye Curtis, 62, of Gravette, monitored his daughter's flight from the airport office.  
 "I was listening to her," Curtis said. "She was calm. She was following directions. I don't think she said anything to her husband. She was handling it."  
 "I was a little surprised, but as a general thing I'd say most of the family handles an emergency. We may fall apart after it's over but we handle it while it's there."  
 The Federal Aviation Administration ordered an autopsy for Wilcoxson, but Curtis said he apparently suffered a heart attack or had a seizure after the plane took off from the Bentonville Airport, about 30 miles north of Fayetteville.  
 "According to her, he died before the crash," said Joe Rhine, deputy county coroner. "It was impossible to tell at the scene."  
 In a telephone interview from the hospital, Curtis gave an account of the incident.  
 "The plane was some 150 to 200 feet into the air when it went into a dive," he said. "She pulled it out

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## Marcos' opponents unite to end his rule

**Associated Press**  
 MANILA, Philippines — Despite election defeats, bickering, jailings and even murder, opponents of President Ferdinand E. Marcos finally are showing signs of coming together for a presidential election early next year.  
 Marcos' political foes have grown in both numbers and factions since the assassination of former Sen. Benigno Aquino, the man many thought could end Marcos' rule. This month, two years after Aquino's death in an alleged military conspiracy, Marcos marked the 20th anniversary of his first presidential election victory.  
 Businessmen, Roman Catholic priests and nuns, and some previous Marcos appointees have joined efforts to end his rule. Leftist groups, including the outlawed Communist party, indicate they may support candidates if scheduled local elections are held in May.  
 After Marcos announced Nov. 3 that he would call a "snap election" more than one year ahead of schedule to prove that Filipinos still support him, the field of probable opponents quickly narrowed to two: former Sen. Salvador H. Laurel and Aquino's widow, Corazon.  
 The election had been set for Jan. 17, but Marcos' governing party and the opposition announced Thursday that they had agreed to move the date back. The opposition had proposed March 17, while Marcos' forces said the new date would be no later than the first week of February.  
 Marcos strategists are talking about taking the vice presidency off the ticket and possibly including it in a May local election. A government official close to first lady Imelda Marcos said that may open the way for her to run, assuming Marcos wins by a landslide and gains a six-year mandate. Mrs. Marcos has denied any plans to succeed her husband.

from there. She flew the plane around for about two hours while they sent a plane out to intercept her, to try and guide her in."  
 Lynn Goodrich, flying with Wayne Fryar of Aero Tech Services Inc. of Fayetteville, talked with Mrs. Wilcoxson although they never saw the plane.  
 Just before the crash, she told Goodrich, "I'm coming in and out of the clouds, guys," and then paused. "I'm underneath the clouds guys," she continued, "and I don't think I have any power."  
 Goodrich said he told her she was three miles from their plane and stay out of the cloud coverage.  
 Then he asked her, "Faye, this is Lynn. Can you hear me?" They lost contact with her just after 5 p.m., the approximate time of the crash.  
 The plane smashed across a driveway and clipped a large cedar tree. Mrs. Wilcoxson was thrown from the cockpit and landed in the grass.  
 Curtis, a retired naval officer, said he had not talked with his daughter's doctors. "She's totally rational," he said. "As for the prognosis, I think it's good, but that's my opinion, not a doctor's."  
 He said his daughter had back injuries. "She has what they call compression fractures," Curtis said. "At the moment, we really don't know the extent of the injuries."

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