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Reporter, wife may face new charges by Soviets

MOSCOW (AP) — The wife of an American reporter accused of spying said Wednesday that authorities have threatened to press smuggling charges over family jewelry that she and her husband failed to list on customs forms.

Nicholas Daniloff's wife, Ruth, said customs authorities called the Moscow office of U.S. News & World Report on Wednesday to say that she should come to a customs clearing house outside Moscow to sign a statement about the undeclared jewelry. "My instinct is just to ignore it (the message)," she said.

The Daniloffs listed carpets and a diamond ring as their only valuables when entering the country and when filling out forms to leave, Mrs. Daniloff said.

She said they did not list a pocket watch Daniloff's father gave him for his 21st birthday, a locket that belonged to her grandmother and some "rubbishy old jewelry" that she kept at the bottom of her jewelry box. She said they did not consider the items valuable or believe they were made of silver or gold.

Customs agents confiscated the seven or eight pieces of jewelry and have informed her they are being valued at \$2,210, Mrs. Daniloff said.

"They're saying we have smuggled our own things into the country and now we're trying to smuggle them out again," she said. "It's all just so stupid. It may just be part of the harassment against us."

The Daniloffs' 16-year-old son, Caleb, left Moscow on Wednesday to return to school in the United States.

Caleb said at the airport, "I think it's best for me to depart. I don't

really want to, but I think it would be better for my dad if there was no chance for them to hassle me."

Mrs. Daniloff vowed to stay in Moscow until her husband is released, "unless they want to take me out of here in handcuffs, kicking and screaming."

Mrs. Daniloff has accused the KGB secret police of framing her husband in retaliation for the arrest in New York of a Soviet U.N. employee, Gennady Zakharov. Zakharov is jailed without bail pending trial on charges of spying.

Daniloff has been held without formal charges in east Moscow's Lefortovo Prison since Saturday. He was arrested by eight KGB agents after a Soviet acquaintance gave him a package later found to contain maps marked secret.

Rehnquist criticized with harsh language in conference report

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's major civil rights coalition stepped up its attack Wednesday on Chief Justice-designate William H. Rehnquist, arguing in a report that he has opposed equal justice for minorities "at every turn."

The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights issued its report a week before scheduled Senate debate on the nominations of Rehnquist and of Antonin Scalia as a Supreme Court associate justice.

While the report covered many of the criticisms leveled at Rehnquist during his confirmation hearings in August, it was characterized by its use of harsh language.

The Leadership Conference of 185 organizations said its main reason for opposing Rehnquist's nomination "is his 35-year record of opposition to the fundamental principle of equal justice under law."

The coalition also contended "he lacks the requisite candor and sense of propriety to serve in the nation's highest judicial post."

Supreme Court spokeswoman Toni House said there would be no comment on the study, entitled "The

Case Against William Rehnquist: A 35-Year History of Hostility to Victims of Discrimination and Unanswered Questions of Candor and Sense of Propriety."

The report reviewed Rehnquist's career as a private citizen, a Justice Department official during the Nixon administration and as an associate justice of the Supreme Court the past 15 years.

The report said Rehnquist "opposed equal rights in the legislature (where he opposed local public accommodations laws), at the polls (where he sought to block blacks and Hispanics from voting), and in his personal dealings (where he accepted racial and religious restrictions on his real estate holdings)."

Much of the study covered Rehnquist's record on issues such as school desegregation, voting rights, public accommodations and racial makeup of juries.

The report also criticized Rehnquist's failure to recall a restrictive covenant in the deed to his Vermont home, which said the property should not be "leased or sold to any member of the Hebrew race."

Crews knew ships headed for collision

MOSCOW (AP) — The crew of both the crowded Soviet passenger liner and the freighter that rammed and sank it on a clear, calm night in the Black Sea knew they were on a collision course, accounts of the disaster indicated Wednesday.

Soviet authorities reported no new rescue of any of the 319 people missing in the Sunday night sinking of the cruise ship Admiral Nakhimov. There was little hope anyone still would be found alive.

Seventy-nine bodies were recovered and 836 people were plucked from the water after the ship, torn open by the freighter's bow, plunged to the bottom in about 15 minutes, too fast for the deployment of lifeboats.

Frogmen continued Wednesday to search the vessel, lying on its starboard side in 155 feet of water.

The last of the survivors, including most of the crew, were pulled from the sea Monday night, and maritime officials appeared pessimistic about the chances of survival for the missing.

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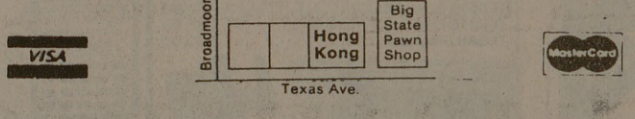
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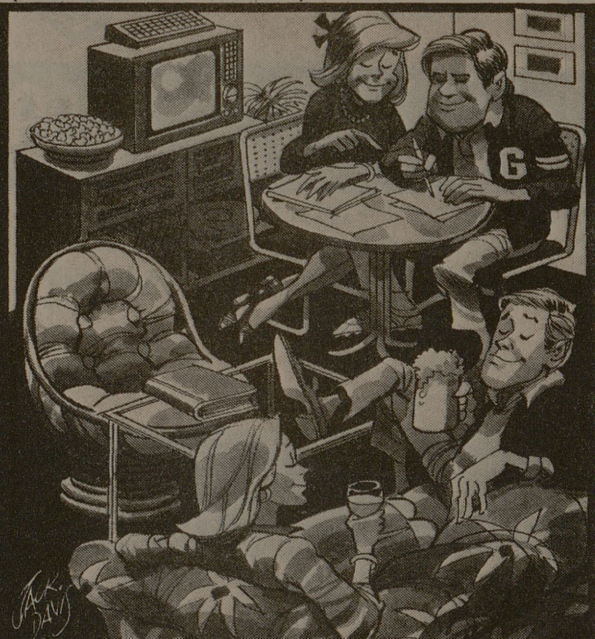
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