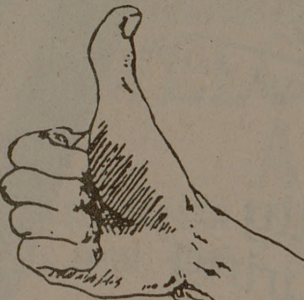


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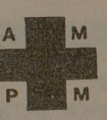
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## Daniloff's arrest stirs questions

Critics contend Gorbachev may be losing touch with KGB

MOSCOW (AP) — The arrest of American reporter Nicholas Daniloff raises questions about Mikhail S. Gorbachev's relationship with the KGB and about how the Kremlin leadership balances the demands of its internal security forces with its foreign policy goals.

KGB agents grabbed Daniloff nearly two weeks ago after a Soviet acquaintance allegedly handed him a packet of secret documents.

Since then, there has been speculation but no conclusive evidence about who authorized the arrest and what it says about the Kremlin's effort to present a more open and modern face to the outside world.

The Soviets claim they can prove Daniloff was spying, but the U.S. News & World Report correspondent says the KGB framed him in retaliation for the arrest of a Soviet citizen in New York.

In either case, Daniloff's indictment on three counts of espionage

seemed to be a blow to a Kremlin public relations campaign that sought to portray the Soviet Union as the peace-loving and compromise-seeking partner in superpower relations.

U.S. outrage over the arrest raised speculation it might hinder preparations for the next U.S.-Soviet summit.

These are the main questions: Did Gorbachev, who is on vacation outside Moscow, know about the arrest in advance? Did he know but was powerless to stop it? Or did Gorbachev personally approve the arrest?

One school of thought is that Gorbachev would not have condoned the arrest since it runs counter to his efforts to improve the image of the Soviet Union and his campaign to end nuclear testing.

That theory said Daniloff was arrested without Gorbachev's knowledge in a reflex action by the KGB after Soviet U.N. employee Genna-

diy Zakharov was arrested in New York on spying charges.

If that is true, it suggests the Communist Party general secretary does not have full control of the secret police.

The KGB is a powerful political force and at times has acted with virtual autonomy. Many Western experts believe no one can become party chief without KGB backing.

But many Western Kremlinologists believe Gorbachev has enjoyed good relations with the KGB and that its chief, Viktor Chebrikov, is one of his backers. Gorbachev's reputed mentor, the late President Yuri V. Andropov, was head of the KGB for 15 years.

If Gorbachev knew about the planned arrest but didn't approve of it, the notion of a power imbalance between the KGB and the party gains credibility. However, even if Gorbachev had no advance word, he most likely was advised beforehand

of the espionage charges against Daniloff more than a month after he was arrested.

If the Soviet leader did approve the arrest, it is not clear why he was willing to risk possible diplomatic damage.

It is possible Gorbachev was sent with what appeared to be a good case against Daniloff to convince that arrest of Daniloff was the best way to gain the release of harov.

It also is possible the Kremlin simply have underestimated the scope of the American response assumed the Reagan administration would quietly negotiate a swap.

Gorbachev may have been under pressure to act swiftly and decisively after the Zakharov arrest. In the past, he has shown he can be tough when pushed by foreign powers on security issues.

## Senators, specialists plead for cancer-stricken Soviets

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators and cancer specialists pleaded Thursday for the lives of six cancer-stricken "refuseniks," pressing Soviet officials to let the victims rejoin their families and seek medical treatment in the West.

"The request is very simple: Give them a chance to live," said Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., who has written two letters asking Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to let the patients leave.

Dr. Bruce Chadner, head of the National Cancer Institute, said, "The tragedy of their illness should not be compounded by political considerations. They should be allowed to leave while there is still time."

The six patients, including a 7-year-old with leukemia, have relatives in California, Massachusetts, Colorado, New York, Canada and Israel.

All have been denied visas to leave the Soviet Union, some of them repeatedly, with authorities citing security reasons.

The victims' plights were described at a crowded press confer-

ence attended by some family members and interrupted by an emotional telephone call from several of those trying to leave.

Tatyana Kheifets Bogomolny, a translator who has breast cancer, said over the phone from Moscow, "We're very happy and very grateful... that you have found the time to be with us and that you are trying to do something for our rescue. The best cure for us will be to be reunited with our families."

Bogomolny's sister, Natasha Sverbilov of San Francisco, fighting back tears, asked, "How do you feel?"

Bogomolny replied, "I'm trying to be brave. I'm trying to be brave and looking forward." The sisters finished their conversation in Russian.

Dr. Steven Rosenberg, chief of surgery at the National Institutes of Health and the surgeon who operated on President Reagan, said cancer patients have two needs: treatment options and emotional support best provided by families.

The Soviet victims "are simply asking to be with the families they love as they deal with and perhaps

die with their disease," Rosenberg said.

The physicians and many of the eight senators present stressed that their request was made in a humanitarian spirit outside the realm of politics.

But Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., called the Soviet authorities' behavior "inexplicable and cruel." And Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, chairman of the American delegation to the Helsinki Commission, called the cancer victims' situations "incredible examples of Soviet intransigence" regarding human rights.

D'Amato, R-N.Y., and Ambassador Warren Zimmerman said they will not ignore the issue in December at a Vienna conference on the Helsinki human rights accords.

Senators at the press conference were Lautenberg, Cranston, D'Amato, John Kerry, D-Mass.; Paul Simon, D-Ill.; Pete Wilson, R-Calif.; Gary Hart, D-Colo.; and Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz.

They all signed a letter to Gorbachev requesting action on the cases.

## Authorities questioning man about jet hijacking

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Authorities questioned Thursday a Libyan passport holder about last week's seizure of the Am jetliner, and sought a companion who fled into a Palestinian mission.

Officials said a man identified as Salman Taraki was Wednesday at Islamabad airport in connection with the seizure of the Boeing 747 in Karachi Friday.

They said his Libyan passport appeared to be a forgery, but they had no evidence against him.

Twenty people were killed and more than 100 injured when four hijackers of the Pan Am jetliner panicked and opened fire indiscriminately at the passengers' crew.

Inspector Javed Mirza, who arrested Taraki, told The Associated Press that police were watching the Palestine Liberation Organization mission in Islamabad, the capital, for a man had been traveling with Taraki. The man eluded authorities at the airport and went to the mission, where police could follow because of its diplomatic immunity.

The government, meanwhile, announced that Air Marshal Shabbir Hussain Syed, the commander of the air force, had been appointed to investigate the takeover and the way it was handled.

It was the first official action that mistakes may have been made in ending the bloody takeover, which came when the plane's auxiliary power failed and the gunmen began firing at their approximately 300 hostages.

Obaidur Rehman, director general of the Federal Investigation Agency, told The Associated Press that Taraki was arrested at the airport Wednesday after arriving from Karachi.

## U.S. firms cut investment

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. businesses, beset by a sluggish economy and tax-law uncertainty, have reduced their investment spending plans by 2.5 percent for this year, the biggest cut since the last recession, the government reported Thursday.

The Commerce Department said a survey completed in August found that businesses, after adjusting for inflation, plan to spend \$376.47 billion this year on capital improvement projects, down from \$386.32 billion actually spent in 1985.

It would be the first decline in business investment since 1983 and the biggest drop since a 7.9 percent plunge in 1982.

Business spending on expansion and modernization rose 8.7 percent in 1985 after surging 15.8 percent in 1984.

Economists blamed the weak economy, cutbacks in oil and gas drilling and uncertainty over changes in the tax law for the steep decline in capital investment plans.

Many analysts said they believed the investment decline will be even worse than the survey plans indicate, throwing further doubt on the Reagan administration's forecast for revived economic growth in the second half of the year.

The new estimate of spending plans represented a downward revision from the previous survey taken in April and May. At that time, businesses were planning a somewhat smaller 1.3 percent cut in investment this year.

"The downward revision from an already dismal figure certainly isn't encouraging for economic growth for the rest of the year," said David

Wyss, economist with Data Resources Inc. of Lexington, Mass.

Michael Evans, head of Evans Economics, a Washington consulting firm, said he believed investment spending will decline by 5 percent this year, double the 2.5 percent survey prediction.

Economists said the overhaul of the tax law, which shifts \$120 billion in taxes from individuals to businesses, forced companies to scale back investment plans. Many provisions that favored business investment have either been eliminated or scaled back in the overhaul, which is awaiting final congressional approval.

One of the biggest declines was a 32.9 percent drop in investment in the mining industry, reflecting the sharp cutbacks in oil and gas exploration and drilling this year because of the fall in petroleum prices.

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