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U.S. officials confirm Honduran airstrikes in Nicaraguan territory

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reagan administration officials confirmed Wednesday that Honduran jets struck targets inside Nicaraguan territory last weekend.

But they denied charges by Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega that Honduras carried out the raids at the request of the United States.

The *Los Angeles Times* quoted sources in Honduras on Wednesday as saying U.S. officials were not told the Hondurans planned to attack positions inside Nicaragua and that the Americans were distressed to learn of the bombing runs.

But U.S. officials, who asked not to be identified, said the administration had not taken a position on the propriety of the Honduran action.

The Honduran government denied again Wednesday that it had undertaken any raids inside Nicaragua, but Sandinista military officials showed reporters craters and shrapnel in the

town of Wiwili that they attributed to Honduran bombing runs.

The Sandinistas said that the air strikes left seven soldiers killed and 12 wounded. The town is about 16 miles from the border. Nicaragua said an army post at Murra, 11 miles northwest of Wiwili, also was attacked.

The raids apparently were in response to recent border crossings by Nicaraguan troops into Honduran territory.

An administration official said U.S. intelligence agencies had confirmed the cross-border attacks, but added he did not know what damage had been inflicted.

Meanwhile, another U.S. official described as exaggerated a report that the Honduran government has reached an understanding with Nicaraguan rebels that they would withdraw from Honduran territory by next spring.

The reports said the rebels had pledged to Honduras they would carry out their fight

against the Sandinistas from Nicaraguan territory. Rebel use of Honduran territory has been a sore point with that government for years.

Asked about the report, State Department deputy spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said, "It is the view of the United States that the Nicaraguan resistance belongs in Nicaragua. The government of Honduras has expressed similar views and we are aware of them."

She denied reports that the United States and the Honduran government had reached agreement on a rebel withdrawal from Honduran territory.

The *Miami Herald* quoted unnamed Honduran officials as saying that the U.S. ambassador in Tegucigalpa, Everett Briggs, told them that with \$100 million in new U.S. aid, the rebels will be moving into Nicaragua as early as April or May.

A U.S. official in Washington said the new assistance should help the rebels to carry out their struggle from Nicaraguan territory.

Resurgence of OPEC predicted

HOUSTON (AP) — The nation's increased dependence on foreign oil, combined with the shrinking of the domestic oil industry, is laying the foundation for another oil crisis in the United States, the president of Occidental Petroleum, Corp. said Wednesday.

"Have you heard this before, 1979 maybe?" Ray R. Irani said at a Houston oil and gas symposium. "It's very disconcerting that as soon as oil became cheap we again conveniently forgot about energy independence."

Irani predicted the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries would assume complete control over oil prices by the mid 1990s because of the shrinking energy industry and growing demand in the United States today.

OPEC market share is up 20 percent in the past year alone, he noted.

Irani said OPEC's dominance also will be aided by Communist bloc countries who will buy more Mideast oil, making it a powerful geopolitical weapon.

NOW study lists Washington as best women's rights state

Group releases guide explaining state laws

WASHINGTON (AP) — Washington ranks best and South Carolina worst when it comes to legal rights for women, the National Organization for Women said Wednesday when it released a state-by-state comparison of laws affecting women.

A "chronicle of sweeping legal revolution" is the way NOW describes its 523-page "State-By-State Guide to Women's Legal Rights," written by the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund and Renee Cherow-O'Leary.

The book reviews laws on marriage, divorce, domestic violence, inheritance rights, reproductive rights, unmarried couples, equal pay, fair employment, credit, housing, insurance and public accommodations for each state, and gives the state code citation for each law.

"We want women to be informed consumers of their legal rights and remedies — especially when they come face-to-face with writing a will, buying a house, starting school, getting married or divorced," said Roxanne Conlin, president of NOW-LDEF.

Until the mid-1960s, the book

says, it was illegal to prescribe, sell or use contraceptives in many states. In 1970 "there was no such thing as a shelter for battered women," it says.

It wasn't until 1972 that "Congress officially recognized that sex discrimination existed in the schools

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and passed laws designed to remedy these deep-seated practices," NOW says. A year later the Supreme Court legalized abortion.

Other changes over the past 20 years include the availability of no-fault divorce in all states, the emergence of joint custody arrangements and the increasing consideration of children's rights, the book says.

In addition, it says, some states now consider marital rape a crime and many have passed laws guar-

anteeing women fair treatment in the marketplace.

Marsha Levick, legal director of the NOW fund, said, "There has been tremendous progress in the area of home and family, but the legal gains have not yet been translated into economic gains."

In rankings based on the book, Washington topped the list with, among other things, a state equal rights amendment, pay equity policy for state employees, equal pay and equal employment laws, state abortion funding, a model law on enforcing child support payments, laws benefiting displaced homemakers and abused spouses, divorce laws that permit joint child custody and require equal distribution of property and laws against discrimination in credit, housing and public accommodations.

Massachusetts and New York ranked second and third. Bringing up the rear were Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama and South Carolina, with South Carolina at the bottom.

South Carolina, among other things, does not have a state ERA, the survey found.

Official says dissident died of illness

Wife: Activist was on hunger strike

MOSCOW (AP) — A Soviet official said Wednesday the death of imprisoned dissident Anatoly Marchenko was caused by a cerebral hemorrhage after a long illness. His wife said he had been on a prolonged hunger strike.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Boris Pyadyshev read a two-sentence statement in response to questions at a news conference marking International Human Rights Day. It said Marchenko died in a hospital, but it gave no date or other details.

The human rights activist had spent 20 of his 48 years in prison or internal exile.

During the rest of the news conference, officials called dissident Andrei Sakharov a criminal and condemned alleged human rights violations in other countries, but

they sidestepped or refused to answer most questions about the situation in the Soviet Union.

A friend of Larisa Bogoraz, Marchenko's wife, said Tuesday that she left for Chistopol prison, 500 miles east of Moscow, after receiving a telegram from prison authorities saying her husband was dead.

Bogoraz has said she believed Marchenko began a hunger strike Aug. 4 to protest the fact he had not been allowed to see her since April 1984, three years after he was given a 10-year term for "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda."

Last month, Bogoraz said the KGB secret police suggested she file a formal application for emigration to Israel. She speculated then that her husband was being force-fed.

Bogoraz said she refused to file

the application unless she was allowed to meet with her husband.

In a letter dated Aug. 4 that made its way to a Western human rights group, Marchenko wrote of beatings and repeated confinements in a cold isolation cell that he said amounted to "an assembly line to annihilation."

Bogoraz said a KGB officer told her Nov. 21 that "Marchenko is feeling wonderful."

The Foreign Ministry spokesman's statement Wednesday said the dissident had been seriously ill for some time and was hospitalized, presumably in a prison facility.

Marchenko wrote the dissident chronicle "My Testimony" about his prison experiences, which began with a two-year prison sentence following a fight at the hydroelectric power station where he worked.

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