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U.S. officials confirm Honduran airstrikes in Nicaraguan territory

on officials confirmed Wednesday that Honduan jets struck targets inside Nicaraguan territory

But they denied charges by Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega that Honduras carried out he 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

But U.S. officials, who asked not to be identiied, said the administration had not taken a potion 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 against the Sandinistas from Nicaraguan terri-

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 Wi-

wili, 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

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

tory. 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 Hondu-

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 naion's increased dependence on foreign oil, combined with the shrinking of the domestic oil in-dustry, is laying the foundation or another oil crisis in the United States, the president of Occiden-Petroleum, Corp. said

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

Irani predicted the Organizaion 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 to-

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

Irani said OPEC's dominance also will be aided by Communistbloc 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

ington ranks best and South Carolina worst when it comes to legal rights for women, the National Örganization for Women said Wednesday when it released a state-by-state comparison of laws affecting

A "chronicle of sweeping legal revolution" is the way NOW de-scribes 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 mar-riage, divorce, domestic violence, inheritance rights, reproductive rights, unmarried couples, equal pay, fair employment, credit, housing, insurance and public accomodations 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, get-ting married or divorced," said Roxanne Conlin, president of NOW-

Until the mid-1960s, the book

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wash- 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 nofault 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- the survey found.

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 benefitting 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 accomodations

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,

Official says dissident died of illness

Wife: Activist was on hunger strike

ial said Wednesday the death of imrisoned dissident Anatoly Marhenko was caused by a cerebral emorrhage after a long illness. His rife said he had been on a pro-

onged hunger strike.

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

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

During the rest of the news conrence, officials called dissident Anrei Sakharov a criminal and conemned alleged human rights olations in other countries, but

swer most questions about the situation in the Soviet Union.

A friend of Larisa Bogoraz, Marchenko's wife, said Tuesday that she group, Marchenko wrote of beatings 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 agita-

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. her husband was being force-fed.

Bogoraz said she refused to file

lowed to meet with her husband.

In a letter dated Aug. 4 that made its way to a Western human rights 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 feel-

ing wonderful." The Foreign Ministry spokes-

man'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

sentence but was captured while trying to flee the country and sent to prison for six years on conviction of

After release in 1966, he wrote the book and began protesting the imprisonment of dissidents. That produced further sentences that culminated in a conviction in 1981 for anti-Soviet agitation and propa-

Marchenko also was a founding member of the group formed in 1976 to monitor Soviet compliance with human rights provisions of the 1975 Helsinki agreements on European security and cooperation.

The group has disbanded. All but two of its members have been sent to prison or internal banishment in remote areas or are exiled abroad.



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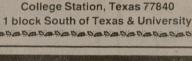
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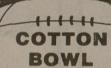
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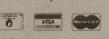
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