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4 more Marine guards recalled for questioning in spy scandal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The investigation of an espionage scandal that has rocked the Marine Corps' elite embassy guard force broadened Tuesday with the announcement that four guards formerly stationed in communist-bloc countries were being recalled from Austria for questioning.

Robert Sims, chief Pentagon spokesman, said the Marines, now assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Vienna, were suspected of possible improper fraternization with foreign citizens while posted to other embassies in Warsaw Pact nations.

A fifth Marine is being replaced for unrelated violations of "local security regulations" in Vienna, Sims said, and a sixth was recalled to appear as a witness at a pretrial hearing Wednesday for Sgt. Clayton J. Lonetree, the guard whose arrest touched off the current investigation.

Sims also said the Marine Corps has tightened its screening procedures for new guard recruits, and he confirmed that an internal Pentagon

study had recommended changes in the supervision of embassy guards.

Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger, meantime, said the Pentagon might consider assigning more married Marines, accompanied by their wives, to guard duty instead of relying on young, single servicemen.

Sims told a news briefing he could not release the identities of the Marines who had been recalled nor disclose at which embassies the men had served before Vienna. He stressed that none had been formally charged with wrongdoing.

Lonetree, who has been charged with espionage, was arrested in December at the Vienna embassy. He had transferred to the Austrian capital last fall after working in 1985 and 1986 as a guard at the Moscow embassy.

The Marine Corps has formally accused Lonetree and a second former guard, Cpl. Arnold Bracy, of allowing Soviet agents inside the Moscow embassy on numerous late-night spying forays last year.

Lonetree also has been accused of breaching security at the Vienna facility by providing floor plans and office assignments for the building.

Sims declined to say whether any of the four Marines returning for questioning might have served with Lonetree in Moscow, although he acknowledged they had been targeted as an outgrowth of the Lonetree investigation. He said his information indicated only that they had worked in Warsaw Pact countries.

Pentagon sources have said Lonetree and Bracy became involved sexually with Soviet women in Moscow, who in turn introduced them to Soviet agents. A third Moscow guard has been charged with improper fraternization with Soviet women but is not facing any espionage charges.

The Marine Corps has also arrested a fourth man, Sgt. John J. Weirick, on suspicion of espionage while he worked at the U.S. consulate in the Soviet city of Leningrad in 1981 and 1982. Weirick is also suspected of having become involved with Soviet women.

Kremlin leader offers to axe missiles in new agreement

MOSCOW (AP) — Mikhail S. Gorbachev offered Tuesday to eliminate short-range nuclear missiles now in East Germany and Czechoslovakia as part of an arms-control agreement with the United States.

The proposal, reported by the Soviet news agency Tass, could remove a major roadblock to a treaty ridding Europe of medium-range rockets.

Gorbachev "expressed the readiness to record an agreement on medium-range missiles (including) the Soviet Union's obligation to eliminate its shorter-range missiles within a relatively short and clearly defined time frame," Tass said.

But the Tass account said Secretary of State George P. Shultz, who met with Gorbachev and other Soviet officials for more than 10 hours, insisted on a U.S. right to match the shorter-range missiles, which have a 350- to 600-mile range, that would still remain in the Soviet Union.

Gorbachev's proposal seemed to go beyond his previous offer to negotiate the withdrawal — but not the dismantling — of the SS-12 and SS-23 rockets now in the two East European countries.

Tass also said Gorbachev was prepared to eliminate battlefield tactical missiles. The two sides have thousands of such weapons, which have a range of up to 350 miles.

"We go further than this was stated in Prague," Tass said, referring to the speech Gorbachev made Friday in the Czechoslovak capital.

Tass also said Gorbachev insisted that U.S. anti-missile or "Star Wars" research be restricted to laboratories and that the two sides draw up a list of the devices that would not be allowed to be tested in space in the course of this research.

In Santa Barbara, deputy White House press secretary Dan Howard said: "I can say that the ideas pre-

sented in Tass are interesting, and we would take them seriously if true." He said any such proposal must be discussed with NATO allies.

A White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Tuesday afternoon that Shultz had spoken by telephone with President Reagan's national security adviser, Frank Carlucci. He would not comment further.

Shultz, in a 4½-hour meeting with Gorbachev, delivered a new invitation from Reagan to go to Washington for a superpower summit meeting this year.

But the Soviet leader told reporters that "generally, without reason, I do not go anywhere, particularly America."

Shultz met Gorbachev, along with their senior advisers, in Catherine's Hall in the Grand Kremlin Palace on the heels of a bitter public exchange between the superpowers on spy charges.

Committee recommends CBS contract

NEW YORK (AP) — The negotiating committee of the Writers Guild of America announced Tuesday that it was recommending approval of a CBS contract proposal to end a 6½-week strike against the network.

"We are pleased that the negotiating committee has recommended acceptance of the package," said CBS spokesman George Schweitzer. "We look forward to its ratification by the membership and their return to work."

Terms of the proposed settlement were not revealed. About 525 writers, editors and graphic artists went on strike against ABC and CBS on March 2 in a dispute over job security issues, not wages.

Talks are continuing with ABC, said guild spokesman Martin Waldman.

If the CBS contract proposal is approved by the membership, 400 employees could return to work.

The guild announced Monday that CBS had put forth a comprehensive settlement offer, and Waldman called it "the first on-the-record, complete proposal that the company has made since the beginning of the strike."

Schweitzer said Monday the offer "reflects the needs and interests of the company and we are hopeful the guild and its membership will find it a fair and workable formula for the future."

The 50-page document was outlined to the guild's full negotiating committee at a daylong meeting.

ABC spokesman Tom Macklin declined to comment, saying only that ABC was meeting with the guild Tuesday.

Finished with taxes? Group says 'tax freedom' won't be until May 4

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just when you had finished your 1986 return and thought it was safe to forget about taxes for awhile, the Tax Foundation predicted Tuesday that the typical American will have to work another 19 days to pay up for 1987.

Tax Freedom Day 1987 is May 4 — two days later than last year. Economists at the non-partisan research organization calculate that if every cent a worker earned during the first part of the year were earmarked for federal, state and local taxes, he or she would have to toil for the tax collectors through May 3.

Viewed another way, an average person will have to work two hours and 43 minutes of each eight-hour day to pay taxes.

"This year, the American taxpayer has returned to the same point he was at prior to passage" of the 1981 federal tax cut, the foundation said. Those across-the-board reductions were wiped out by subsequent federal tax increases and a growing tax burden at the state and local levels, the analysis said.

The news came a day before the deadline for filing federal tax returns — a chore that perhaps 10 million Americans were putting off until the last hours. Returns must be postmarked by midnight today.

As the deadline approached, financial institutions were doing a booming business in Individual Retirement Accounts, which — after these returns — will no longer be universally deductible. Professional returns preparers had all the business they could handle and Internal Revenue Service offices were swamped with last-minute pleas for advice.

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Doctor: Parkinson's surgery needs more study

NEW YORK (AP) — Brain surgery developed in Mexico to treat Parkinson's disease is a dramatic advance that could lead to new treatments for strokes and Alzheimer's disease, but it requires more study because two of the 11 patients who received it have died, a U.S. doctor said Tuesday.

Abraham Lieberman, chairman of the medical advisory board of the American Parkinson Disease Association and professor of neurology at New York University, went to Mexico last week to examine the patients and said he was enormously encouraged.

"I think I witnessed history," he

said at a news conference in his office. "I think this is the approach you're going to take to Alzheimer's, to spinal cord injuries and to strokes."

He predicted that doctors in the United States would rush to adopt the procedure, in which nerve-like cells from one of the patient's own adrenal glands, located above the kidneys, are transplanted into the brain to replace degenerating brain cells.

Less than three weeks have passed since the first report of the surgery appeared in the New England Journal of Medicine, and George Allen at Vanderbilt University Medical Cen-

ter in Nashville has already performed the operation on one patient there. The patient is in satisfactory condition, and no improvements in her Parkinson's disease have been reported yet.

New York University is preparing to do its first transplant in May, and other hospitals will likely follow suit, Lieberman said.

He warned, however, that hasty adoption of the procedure could be dangerous.

"My fear is that there will be a number of deaths and the government or the states will come in and say 'What is going on here?'"

Lieberman said one Mexican pa-

tient died from brain seizures 45 days after surgery, possibly as a consequence of the surgery. But a member of the Mexican transplant team, led by Dr. Ignacio Madrazo, said the death was not caused by the surgery.

The patient had a stroke at a site in the brain distant from the area of the transplant, said Dr. Rene Drucker-Golin of the National Autonomous University of Mexico in Mexico City. The seizures were a consequence of the stroke, he said.

The second patient died in California, three months after surgery, of a heart attack, according to autopsy results that the Mexican doctors have just obtained, he said.

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