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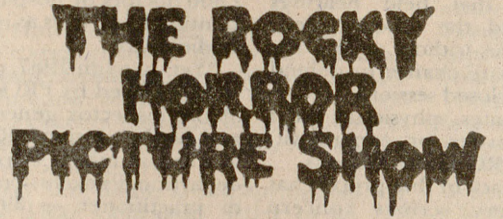
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Officials: Guards in embassy knew safe combinations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Marine guards at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow were provided with combinations for all secure rooms and safes, making the penetration of sensitive areas much easier for KGB agents alleged to have prowled the building at night, intelligence sources said Thursday.

Rooms in which CIA and Defense Intelligence Agency operatives worked, as well as the communications vault, were closed at night by steel doors with combination locks, said one intelligence source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

A State Department source also said that until 1983, a code expert was stationed in the communications vault 24 hours a day, but that after that, no one was assigned to the room between midnight and 6 a.m., another development which would make it easier for the KGB to penetrate the area.

Congressional and administration investigations continued into the alleged penetration of the old embassy, the bugging of a new U.S. office building being erected nearby, and the American decision to allow the Soviets to construct an embassy complex on a hill in Washington.

Among the developments:

- A pre-trial hearing was held at the Marine base in Quantico, Va., for one of the guards accused of allowing the KGB into the embassy, Cpl. Arnold Bracy, 21. Attorneys for the other accused Marine, Sgt. Clayton Lonetree, 25, say Bracy signed an incriminating statement at the behest of investigators, but later withdrew it. They say that left prosecu-

tors without any hard evidence against Lonetree, who has denied allowing agents inside the embassy.

- Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., said he would co-sponsor legislation introduced by Sen. Steve Symms, R-Idaho, to move the Soviets off Mount Alto in Washington. Intelligence experts say the high vantage point allows the Soviets to eavesdrop on sensitive U.S. government communications.
- The State Department said Secretary of State George P. Shultz has rejected a House subcommittee subpoena seeking documents concerning security problems at the Moscow embassy. Spokesman Charles Redman said Shultz had returned the subpoena to Chairman Dante Fascell, D-Fla., of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Redman denied that any documents were being withheld and said "there was absolutely no justification for the subpoena."
- Attorney General Edwin Meese III said the Justice Department is looking into whether State Department personnel could be prosecuted for negligence in the espionage scandal, although there was not a full-scale criminal investigation into the matter.
- The Senate Appropriations Committee tentatively approved language that would prohibit spending of any money on the new U.S. Embassy office building in Moscow "except as necessary to demolish the building."
- The Senate Intelligence Committee recommended in a unanimous 15-0 report Wednesday that the building be demolished.

Mother still leads fight to locate new organs following son's death

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Even after her son Ronnie died while waiting for his fourth liver transplant, Maria DeSillers refused to give up her fight for children needing life-saving organ transplants.

"The nation will keep on hearing Ronnie's name," she vowed less than two hours after the 7-year-old's death Wednesday night at Children's Hospital. "The nation will keep on hearing about organ donation — and I don't care if I have to travel to the ends of the earth to get that message across to people."

"If there's one thing that will come of this, it's that maybe other parents and other children won't have to go through what I've been through. They won't have to go through what Ronnie has been through."

DeSillers, 31, a former public relations consultant, decided she "was not going to take it sitting down" when she learned her son, born with defective bile ducts, needed a liver transplant.

She never gave up her public prayers and pleas. She comforted others while promoting organ donation in a campaign that touched the White House and challenged the nation's transplant system.

Desperate to give her son a chance to become "a leader of tomorrow," DeSillers campaigned in southern Florida early this year to finance the costly transplant. She is divorced and lost her medical insurance when she quit work to be with her ailing son.

"I turned to the vehicle I knew would get my message across to the people, which was the media," she said. "People saw Ronnie and fell in love with him. It just really blossomed."

The boy gained national attention, and \$1,000 from President Reagan, after \$4,000 raised by classmates at his Fort Lauderdale, Fla., parochial school was stolen in February.

Ronnie underwent his first transplant Feb. 24, but a viral infection damaged the organ, necessitating a second transplant April 3. That organ failed, too, and a third transplant was performed April 23. That organ also failed.

Despite the fact that she was going through a family tragedy, DeSillers never shied from the spotlight.

She and her fiancé, Jose Castillo, made photographs for newspapers and poignant videotapes for television from Ronnie's bedside.

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market staged a broad advance Thursday, following through on Wednesday's rally amid hopes for an improvement in the dollar's performance in foreign exchange.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial rose 32.10 to 2,286.36, adding to its 22.30-point gain Wednesday.

Volume on the New York Stock Exchange came to 183.06 million shares, against 173.59 million in the previous session.

The market's recent rebound trimmed the Dow's loss for April to 18.33 points. Nevertheless, it went into the books as the market's first down month in 1987.

Analysts said stocks benefited from hopes that the dollar might be stabilizing, reducing upward pressure on interest rates.

Prices close high in rally on Wall Street

Study: Obesity increasing among American children

BOSTON (AP) — The proportion of American children who are overweight has increased more than 50 percent over two decades, and the nation is facing an epidemic of childhood obesity, say the authors of a new study.

Their research documents a striking increase in weight problems among both grade-school children and teen-agers.

Obesity is particularly common among white youngsters, although blacks are quickly catching up. The study estimates that nearly a third of all white boys in their pre-teen years are overweight.

The researchers found that from 1963 to 1980, there was a 54-percent increase in the prevalence of obesity among children ages 6 to 11, and

there was a 39-percent rise in obesity among adolescents 12 to 17.

"Childhood obesity is an epidemic in the United States," said Dr. William H. Dietz Jr. of New England Medical Center, a co-author of the study. "The implications are that there is going to be a major rise in the prevalence of adult obesity and its consequences."

The study, directed by Dr. Steven L. Gortmaker of the Harvard School of Public Health, is being published in the May issue of the American Journal of Diseases of Children.

The study did not examine what's causing the increase in obesity, but the researchers believe lack of physical activity may be an important culprit.

The study found that the likelihood of obesity varies among social classes and regions of the country.

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