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Two American filmmakers die in raid by Soviet-Afghan forces

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Soviet-Afghan forces ambushed and killed two Americans as they returned with rebel escorts from making a documentary film on Afghanistan's civil war, U.S. and guerrilla spokesmen said Tuesday.

Lee Shapiro of New Jersey-based Shapiro Media Productions and cameraman Jim Lindeloff were killed earlier this month in Paghman, just west of Kabul, the Afghan capital, American diplomats in Pakistan said.

Officials said their film was financed partly by an arm of the Unification Church of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon. An official of the organization said Shapiro had strong anti-communist views and earlier had filmed an anti-Sandinista documentary in Nicaragua.

Qaribar Rehman Saeed, spokesman of the Hezb-i-Islami Moslem insurgents, said word of the Americans' death came in a rare radio report from anti-communist fighters near Kabul.

Ellen Hori, an employee at Shapiro's North Bergen, N.J., company, said Shapiro was in his late 30s and lived in New York. Hori said Lindeloff was a 27-year-old Californian.

She said she received a call from the American consulate in Afghanistan early Tuesday with the news of their deaths.

U.S. officials said the two had registered with the consulate in Peshawar, Pakistan, last December and March.

Saeed said the Hezb-i-Islami party, one of seven fighting to oust the communists and drive out the Soviets, agreed to escort the team on foot and by donkey to the northern provinces of Kunduz, Takhar and Badakhshan.

The attack came on their return southeast to Pakistan, Saeed said. A Hezb guide and interpreter, Abdul Malik, was wounded but has not yet reached the Pakistan border, he said.

Soviet foreign minister plans trip to discuss superpower summit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze will arrive at the end of the week to discuss prospects for a superpower summit meeting and an agreement to ban intermediate-range nuclear missiles, a U.S. official said today.

The Soviets requested the meeting between Shevardnadze and Secretary of State George P. Shultz, the official, who demanded anonymity, said.

He said he could not predict whether a date for a visit by Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev would be set then. But, the official said, "a scenario for a summit is developing."

When Shevardnadze was here last month for talks with Reagan and Shultz, the two sides agreed a third summit would be held in the United States sometime this fall.

Shultz went to Moscow expecting a date to be set and also to clear remaining hurdles to a treaty to scrap intermediate-range nuclear missiles.

He made headway with the Soviets on the accord, but Gorbachev did not suggest a summit date.

Shultz said Gorbachev had asked whether he could expect some sort of agreement on space-based defenses.

Gorbachev told Shultz last Friday in Moscow he was not ready to fix a date for his third round of talks with President Reagan.

But this morning, in Moscow, U.S. ambassador Jack Matlock was called in by Shevardnadze, who told him he wanted to fly to Washington for talks at the end of the week, the official said, who demanded anonymity.

Reagan and Gorbachev agreed at their first meeting in 1985 in Geneva to hold back-to-back summits in 1986 and 1987. But instead of coming to Washington last year, the Soviet leader met with the president in Reykjavik, Iceland.

It was not surprising that the Soviet leader wanted to impose restraints on the U.S. program to develop a defense against ballistic missiles based on advanced technology and nuclear weapons. Gorbachev has maintained that the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative, known popularly as "Star Wars," would mean extending the arms race into outer space.

But Shultz and his advisers had not expected the Soviet leader to bring up the issue as a barrier to a fall summit, which Gorbachev had agreed to last month after Shevardnadze's talks in Washington with Reagan and Shultz.

Mexico, U.S. reach accord on trade issue

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico and the United States have reached agreement on a trade accord that will set up a framework for consultations between the two countries on thorny trade issues, a U.S. trade official said Tuesday.

Mexican Commerce Secretary Hector Hernandez and U.S. Trade Representative Clayton K. Yeutter will sign the agreement Nov. 6 in Mexico City, according to an official in the trade representative's office in Washington, D.C.

The United States is Mexico's largest trading partner, while Mexico's trade with the United States ranks behind Canada, Japan and West Germany.

The United States runs a trade deficit with its southern neighbor. In 1986, American producers exported \$12.4 billion worth of goods to Mexico and imported \$17.6 billion from Mexico.

Iraqi warplanes raid tanker to destroy Iran's oil exports

KUWAIT (AP) — Iraq said its warplanes raided a tanker in Iranian waters Tuesday night in the campaign to destroy the oil exports that finance its enemy's war effort.

A brief military communique issued in Baghdad said the planes attacked a "large naval target off the Iranian coast," the customary reference to a tanker, shortly after 7 p.m.

It did not identify the vessel and shipping sources in the Persian Gulf could not confirm the claim immediately.

In Kuwait, which has been hit re-

cently by three Iranian missiles and a terrorist bombing, an official was quoted as saying civilians will be trained to help defend the sheikdom.

Preventing attacks by Iranian-trained saboteurs appears to be the plan's main objective.

Iraq, which has been at war with Iran since September 1980, accuses Kuwait of supporting its adversary.

The 13th convoy of Navy ships and U.S.-registered Kuwaiti tankers moved up the gulf Tuesday to the home anchorage, where three Silk-

worm missiles hit two tankers and a major oil-loading facility in one week.

Shipping officials in Kuwait said the convoy was in the central gulf but did not know its precise position.

Reagan administration officials in Washington said that, despite China's denial of arms deals with Iran, a shipload of Chinese-made artillery shells was delivered in the past week and the two countries may be close to another sale of Silkworm anti-ship missiles.

Congressional negotiators work to chop federal deficit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pledging to leave politics at the door, negotiators for Congress and the Reagan administration began searching Tuesday for a mixture of tax increases and spending cuts that would reduce the federal budget deficit enough to pacify world finan-

cial markets.

The opening session produced little more than a less-than-enthusiastic agreement between the lawmakers involved to resume negotiations today.

Participants spent two hours dis-

cussing how they would proceed but were not asked to consider any of the specifics in the case, according to several of the involved lawmakers.

"We talked for awhile and we all left happy," Rep. John Duncan, R-Tenn. said.

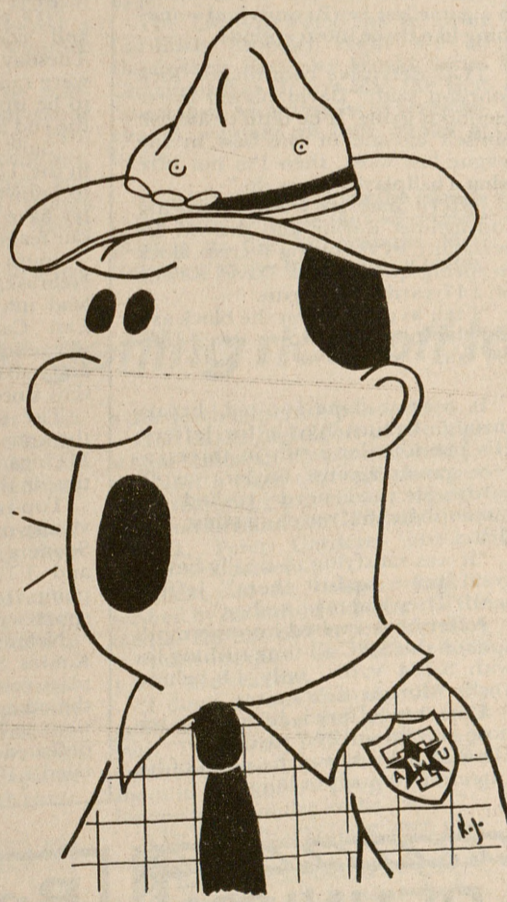
Sen. Lawton Chiles, D-Fla., chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, said, "Everybody had the right spirit. I considered it progress."

The initial goal for the negotiators is the \$23-billion deficit reduction required by the Gramm-Rudman

balanced-budget law.

House Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas, described that figure as a rock-bottom minimum, but some negotiators proclaimed the use of extreme caution against raising expectations of a significantly larger deficit reduction.

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