

# Amin gives up jet; returns it to Israel

TEL AVIV, Israel (UPI) — President Idi Amin of Uganda surrendered his personal air force jet to Israel yesterday to show "I am not a thief."

Amin never paid a cent for the Israeli-made Commodore 1121 plane, which cost \$850,000 when it was delivered to him in 1971 and sells for about \$1 million now.

"I am sending this airplane just to show to you that I believe in peace and I want peace in the Middle East," Amin said in an interview with the Israeli radio's English-language service.

"I am not a thief and I am not a terrorist," Amin said. "I am very brave man and I am very intelligent man and I am very strong man. That is why I manage to return the airplane back."

Two American pilots flew the seven-seat, red-and-white jet to Ben Gurion airport, airport sources said. The two men, who wore civilian clothes, refused to talk to reporters and were taken to the offices of Israeli Aircraft Industries.

The insignia and name of the Ugandan Air Force were painted over on the jet's fuselage.

Airport sources said Israel Aircraft Industries delivered the plane — previously rented for two years by entertainer Danny Kaye — in lieu of two more sophisticated models Amin had ordered.

After Amin broke diplomatic relations with

Israel in 1971, the plane remained in Uganda, where it was grounded for a good part of the time for lack of spare parts and skilled mechanics.

"We're happy to get it back," a spokesman for the firm said.

When it worked, Amin used the plane to fly to Algiers, Tunisia and Saudi Arabia.

The spokesman said the firm would inspect the craft, make any necessary repairs, and put it back in service.

The airport sources said return of the plane was arranged by a private firm and most likely involved a cash payment to Amin.

Retired Col. Baruch Bar-Lev, the head of Israel's military delegation to Uganda when relations with the east African nation were cordial, said he spoke with Amin by telephone Friday and was told of plans to send the plane back to Israel.

In his interview, the Ugandan ruler also said he has set up a committee to investigate the Israeli raid to rescue hostages from a hijacked airliner at Entebbe July 3.

He said he knew nothing about the fate of Dora Bloch, a 75-year-old Israeli woman last seen in a Kampala hospital after the commando raid. She reportedly was killed by Amin's secret police.

Military sources in Israel said the return of the jet was arranged by a third party, identified by Cypriot media as Oriental Air Delivery, a Swiss-based firm.

# Ex-justice breaks hip; in hospital

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Former Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas suffered a fractured hip and underwent an operation, a spokesman for Walter Reed Army Hospital said yesterday.

Douglas, who will be 78 Oct. 16, was admitted to the hospital Sunday night and rested "comfortably" before being operated on by a team of Army doctors yesterday "to repair the fracture," he said.

The spokesman said he had no details on how Douglas suffered the injury, but was admitted "because of his age and past medical history."

Douglas retired last Nov. 12 after more than 36 years on the Supreme Court, longer than any other man and becoming known as its foremost liberal. President Ford named John Paul Stevens to replace him.

Douglas' retirement came after he tried but failed to return to the bench after earlier illnesses kept him away for extended periods of time. At one time a hale and hearty man, Douglas told Ford at his retirement that he had "incessant and demanding pain."

Since then, Douglas has lived quietly with his wife, Cathy, 32.

# Vietnam lists 12 pilots MIAs verified as dead

PARIS (UPI) — Communist Vietnam in what it said was a gesture of "good will" gave the U.S. embassy in Paris yesterday the names of 12 American pilots listed as missing in the Vietnam war and said they were killed in action.

They included seven U.S. Air Force airmen and five from the Navy.

The Vietnamese embassy in Paris sent the list to the U.S. embassy and also issued a press release containing all 12 names with rank, branch of service and serial number. It did not give any details, however, of when, where, or how the Americans were killed.

The list ended years of agonizing doubts for the families of the 12 men. It also was certain to step up pressure on the Pentagon from the families of the other U.S. servicemen still missing in Vietnam.

In Washington, White House press secretary Ron Nessen said "we are encouraged" by the Hanoi action but added the United States had no plans to normalize relations with Vietnam until a complete accounting is made of all American MIAs.

Nessen said Hanoi had agreed to release all 1,100 names, and "we don't have any plans of normalizing relations until we receive all the names."

In transmitting the list, Vietnam said it still seeks a reopening of negotiations with the United States on tracing the missing and on U.S. aid to repair war damage in Vietnam.

In addition, Vietnam's application for membership in the United Nations is scheduled for consideration by the Security Council later this month. The United States last year twice vetoed applications by South and North Vietnam, and Hanoi's envoy to the U.N. said last week cited his country's efforts to trace the MIA's in the hope the bid would win U.S. approval this year.

However, there has been no indication thus far from Washington on how it will vote on the application from unified Vietnam.

The Vietnam cease-fire agreement of January 1973 provided for negotiation of both the MIA search and financial assistance from the United States. But the cease-fire collapsed and so did the negotiations.

Several months ago Vietnam returned the bodies of three Americans previously known to have been killed in action. In recent months Vietnam also has taken a markedly milder tone with the United States.

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger has insisted the missing must be traced before there can be any talk of aid. The Vietnamese have maintained both subjects should be pursued concurrently. The Vietnamese press statement Monday prefacing the list of the 12 dead said:

"The government of Vietnam has declared several times that, in order to normalize relations between the two countries, it would like to enter into discussions with the government of the United States of America to settle problems specified in the Paris agreement, especially that of carrying out the American undertaking to contribute to binding up the wounds of war and the reconstruction of Vietnam and that of seeking information on Americans missing in Vietnam."

# Forces separate in Korea as border tensions ease

SEOUL, South Korea (UPI) — The United Nations Command and North Korea agreed yesterday to separate their security forces along the border at the Panmunjom truce village where Communist guards hacked to death two American officers on a tree-pruning mission last month.

The U.S. State Department said the agreement represented an acknowledgment by North Korea of its responsibility to insure the safety of military personnel in the neutral zone.

South Korea welcomed the agreement but warned that any future North Korean provocation will be met with firm, joint reaction from Seoul and Washington.

North Korea's official Central News Agency said today the agreement "is a most reliable guarantee" for preventing trouble in Panmunjom.

"Truth to tell," North Korea said in a broadcast, "under the old security arrangements in the Joint Security Area, it was hard to avoid a clash of this and that form between the military personnel of the two sides."

The agreement ostensibly ended the crisis arising from the Aug. 18 slaying of two American officers by ax-wielding North Korean soldiers during a controversy over the trimming of a tree that blocked observation between two UNC guardposts.

The signing also was expected to ease substantially military tension along the 151-mile Korean border following the Aug. 18 incident, described as the most serious violation of the 1953 Korean Armistice agreement.

The accord was reached at the Military Armistice Commission's secretariat meeting which covered six sessions over one week starting last Tuesday. The UNC was represented at the meeting by U.S. Army Col. Terrance W. McClain and North Korea by Army Col. Choi Yun-chul.

The highlight of the agreement, to go into effect Sept. 15, is

the separation of military personnel of both sides along the Military Demarcation Line cutting across the truce village, which is about 800 yards in diameter.

The agreement also calls for the removal of four North Korean guardposts located in the UNC sector south of the border and the closure of the so-called "Bridge of No Return" which lies astride the border.

By agreeing to block the 50-yard bridge, North Korea lost one of its major supply routes to the truce village, according to American military officials.

Other major points covered by the new security arrangements are:

- The safety of each other's personnel will be guaranteed.
- Nonmilitary personnel, including newsmen, work details and tourists, are allowed to move freely around the areas adjacent to the conference site.
- Neither side shall erect visual or other barriers that would obstruct the observation of the other side.

According to UNC officials, the new security arrangements do not affect the Korean Armistice agreement itself signed July 27, 1953. The new system simply supplements a similar agreement signed Oct. 19, 1953.

The guard disengagement plan was proposed by North Korea one day after the tragic Panmunjom incident, in the face of strong reaction from the United States.

The U.S. government put its 42,000 troops here on an increased alert status alongside South Korea's 600,000-member army and sent in reinforcements of two jet fighter-bomber squadrons and a 7th fleet task force consisting of the aircraft carrier Midway, a guided missile cruiser and four frigates.

North Korea countered by ordering its 563,000-man regular army and 1.5 million militia force on "combat footing."

# Rubber workers to settle

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI) — United Rubber Workers and the B.F. Goodrich Co. yesterday reached tentative agreement on a new three-year contract, setting the stage for an end to the longest URW strike in the tire industry's history.

The company was the last of the nation's four big rubber producers to settle with the union. Local ratification votes are scheduled for tomorrow.

Announcement of the agreement was made by Harold J. Fast, Goodrich director of labor relations, and Peter Bommarito, URW president, after two days of marathon negotiating.

The settlement follows the basic economic pattern for the tire and rubber industry set up in Washington last

month by the union and the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., on a recommendation from Labor Secretary W.J. Usery, said Fast.

The new Goodrich pact calls for wage increases of \$1.35 per hour over the life of the agreement, including 80 cents the first year, 30 cents the second year and 25 cents the third year.

Goodrich also agreed to an additional "wage level-up" of 4.7 cents per hour the first year for hourly employees.

The first cost-of-living adjustment ever negotiated with the four producers is also provided, granting increases of 1 cent per hour for each 4-10ths of a point average quarterly increase in the Consumer Price Index. The increase would be 1 cent per

hour for each 3-10ths of a point increase the third year.

The new agreement includes substantial improvements in pensions and other benefits, Fast said. Pensions would increase from the current level of \$10 a month per year of service to \$12.50 per month.

"The struggle was the longest one we've ever had," said Moyer. "The people really showed they had the heart, guts and desire to get what was necessary."

Some 70,000 URW members at plants around the country have stayed away from work since April 21.

Uniroyal settled with its workers last week, and that pact will be voted on today. Firestone and Goodyear reached tentative agreements last month.

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