

Doomed jet destroyed by Soviet pilot missile

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The United States said yesterday that a missile cooly unleashed by a Soviet fighter pilot destroyed a South Korean 747 jumbo jet and doomed its estimated 265 passengers and crew to a 32,800-foot plunge into a frigid grave in waters off the Kremlin's island outposts near Japan. Thirty Americans, including Rep. Larry McDonald, D-Ga., were counted among the victims.

President Reagan, in California, declared his "disgust that the entire world feels at the barbarity of the Soviet government in shooting down an unarmed plane." He added: "Words can scarcely express our revulsion at this horrifying act of violence."

Secretary of State George P. Shultz said there is "no excuse whatever for this appalling act" and aides branded an account forwarded by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko as "totally inadequate" because it neither acknowledged that the plane had been blown from the skies Wednesday nor accepted any responsibility.

State Department spokesman John Hughes said late yesterday there were "30 plus" Americans on Korean Air Lines Flight 7, including McDonald, and there were no survivors. He said the United States and South Korea would demand an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council on Friday "to air what is a heinous action on the part

of the Soviet Union." The jumbo jet was in Soviet airspace above Sakhalin, an island whose southernmost tip is within 100 miles of Japan, U.S. officials said.

A heat-seeking missile, called an Anad, was fired from an SU-15, a 1960s-vintage interceptor and one of eight fighters which tracked the airliner, according to Pentagon intelligence sources who asked that they not be identified. The Soviets have a fighter base on Sakhalin, a mountainous island 20 miles from the Soviet Union's east coast.

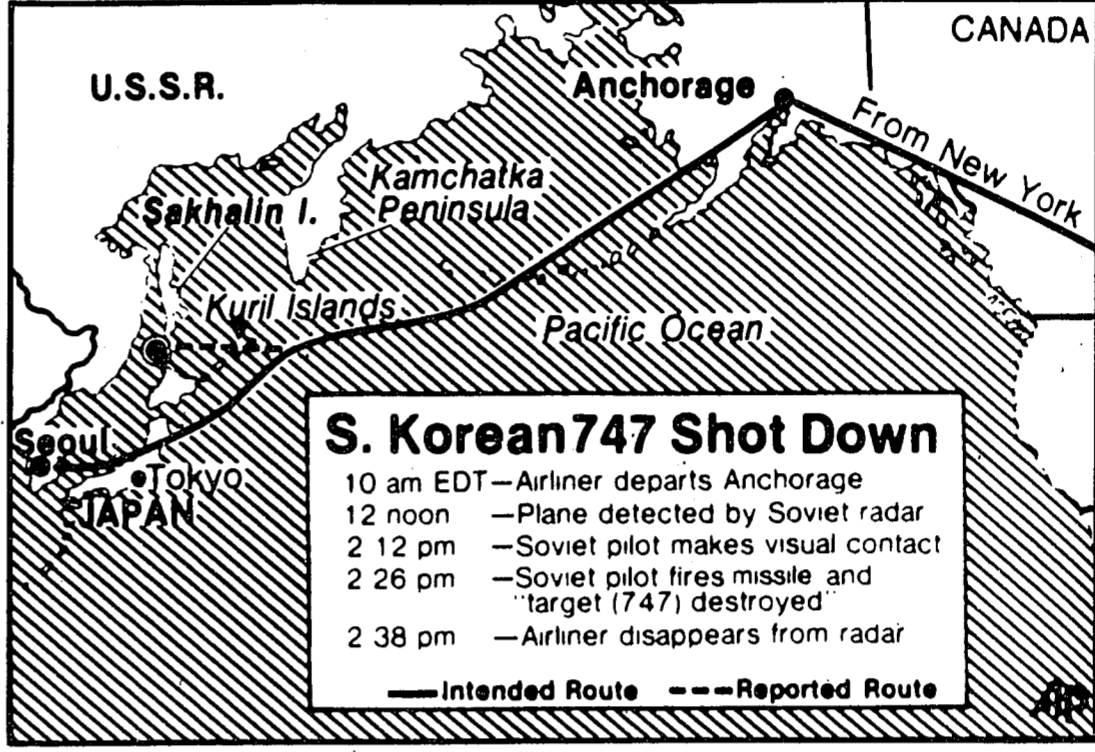
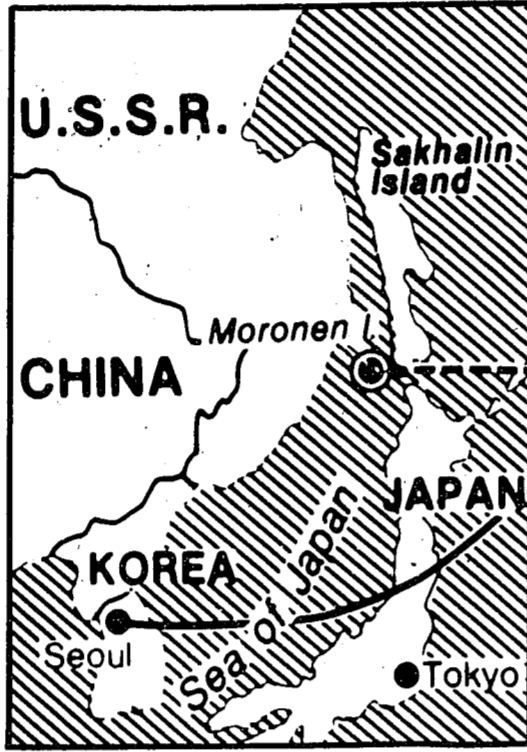
Presidential spokesman Larry Speakes said Reagan would cut short his California vacation and return to Washington today, three days early, to meet with his advisers over the Soviet action and events in the Mideast.

Late in the day, the Pentagon said a sophisticated AWACS radar warning plane had been sent from Okinawa to northern Japan, with five F-15s for fighter escort, to help in search efforts.

The AWACS radar, normally used for tracking enemy warplanes, has a "limited search capability" over water, the Pentagon said. But that radar also could be used to warn search planes of hostile aircraft and direct the F-15s to interceptions.

Hughes said Gromyko's reply late yesterday to U.S. demands for an explanation was "totally inadequate."

He said the Gromyko message claimed the plane was flying without lights and did not respond to signals



S. Korean 747 Shot Down

- 10 am EDT—Airliner departs Anchorage
- 12 noon —Plane detected by Soviet radar
- 2 12 pm —Soviet pilot makes visual contact
- 2 26 pm —Soviet pilot fires missile and "target (747) destroyed"
- 2 38 pm —Airliner disappears from radar

of Soviet interceptors and their attempt to direct it to a landing site. The message did report that "signs of a possible crash have been found in the area of Moronon Island," near Sakhalin, and in the Sea of Japan inside Soviet territorial waters.

But it made no mention that the plane had been shot down, Hughes said. And the Soviet Embassy "has been informed that the U.S. government finds this reply totally inadequate."

The KAL jumbo jet was destroyed at 2:26 p.m. EDT Wednesday, U.S. officials said. The flight originated in Anchorage, Alaska, and was about 1,000 miles from its destination, Seoul, when, by the American account, it was shot down.

According to Korean Air Lines account executive Peter Tan, at least 30 Americans were aboard. The Soviet pilot was close enough

to see the airliner, and the Soviets had tracked it for 2½ hours — ample opportunity to know it was a civilian flight, officials said. At first, defense officials said the plane which fired the missile was a MiG-23 — one of the Soviet Union's best and fastest fighters. Later, however, they said it appeared to have been an SU-15, code-named Flagon.

Intelligence sources said the Soviets have about 35 SU-15s and 30 MiG-23s based at Sakhalin.

The Kremlin's first public comment was an anemic Tass story which said the South Korean plane "has been lost," and made no mention of a military attack. Later, Tass changed its story to say that an "unidentified aircraft" twice violated Soviet airspace over Sakhalin and that Soviet fighters "were sent aloft" to try to help it land. The plane ignored "signals and warnings," Tass said. Please see related stories, Page 6.

Shamir named Begin's successor

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TEL AVIV, Israel — Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, a former guerrilla leader and secret agent, won his party's nomination early this morning to succeed Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Shamir defeated Deputy Prime Minister David Levy by 436 votes to 302 in a secret ballot of the Herut Party's central committee, election chairman Yohanan Vinitzky announced. Seven votes were void.

If he can form a coalition, Shamir, 68, is expected to continue Begin's tough nationalist policies, which the two men forged when they fought together in the underground for Israeli independence in the 1940s.

Shamir is not assured the premiership. Begin's decision to resign has weakened the bonds that held his coalition together, and the opposition Labor Party hopes to lure some of his allies out of the Cabinet and into an alternative coalition that would oust the Herut-dominated Likud bloc.

Levy, 45, and Shamir hugged each other on the dais and spoke of each other as friends. Shamir said he would go straight to work on forming a coalition to replace the outgoing Begin

government.

Shamir said Israel's task "in the coming years is to bring peace to all its borders and create a deterrent strength so that no enemy will dare touch us."

He hailed the Begin government for making peace with Egypt, destroying Iraq's nuclear reactor and eradicating the Palestine Liberation Organization in Lebanon.

He lauded it for "expanding Jewish settlement in the land of Israel, wiping out the Green Line (the pre-1967 war border) and building a long chain of Jewish settlements in Judea, Samaria and in the Galilee and the Arava desert. May there be many more."

Begin announced on Sunday that he was stepping down, indicating he was too tired to continue leading the nation after six years as premier.

Shamir was asked whether Israel would go ahead with partial withdrawal of its troops from Lebanon this weekend. "I cannot say any date, but anyhow it will be very soon," he said.

Speaking to reporters before the vote was announced, he said he hoped to keep the Cabinet the same to help build a new coalition on the lines of the old one.

After the vote, party supporters cheered and

applauded when Shamir said: "I am willing with a happy heart and full readiness to return it (the prime minister's post) at any time to Prime Minister Manachem Begin at any time he wishes."

Begin, 70, did not come from his official residence in Jerusalem to the central committee meeting held in a theater in Tel Aviv, and he did not endorse either candidate, letting the Herut Party he created chose his successor.

"He feels a little weak. Not sick, but he's tired," said his old friend, Economics Minister Yaaqov Meridor.

The voting began at 7:10 p.m. yesterday (1:10 p.m. EDT).

The meeting lasted seven hours and 40 minutes, and when the result was announced to a theater full of Herut activists they erupted in applause.

Despite Begin's absence, hundreds of people in the street outside the theater chanted "King Of Israel" — supporters' customary salute to Begin — as Shamir, Levy and former Defense Minister Ariel Sharon arrived.

The new party leader faces the prospect of intensive and perhaps lengthy negotiations with Please see SHAMIR, Page 20.

Town, gown gather to ease housing woes

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Town and gown made a start toward easing the tension between students and their neighbors last night by agreeing to establish a community liaison committee.

While specifics about the committee have not been determined, both borough officials and student leaders were optimistic that it would work to solve some of the problems that arise when students live in residential neighborhoods.

"This type of liaison wouldn't have the power to enforce anything, it would act as a mediating body," said Organization for Town Independent Students President Peter Cutrone.

State College Municipal Council President Joseph Wakeley and

Council Member John Dombroski, who were invited to attend last night's meeting of the Undergraduate Student Government Executive Council, pledged borough support for the committee.

"I think it's a good idea if something like this can be worked out. I'm very hopeful," Wakeley said. "It's a start. The details of how it's going to work have to be ironed out."

The impetus for the committee built up over the summer as an increasing number of irate residents complained about the parking, noise and property maintenance problems that sometimes result when groups of students move into residential neighborhoods. The borough has said it will enforce an ordinance that limits to three the number of unrelated people living in an area Please see TOWN, Page 20.

Demand for classes rises under semesters

By GRACE LoMONACO
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A greater demand for classes has become a prominent problem during the beginning of the Fall Semester.

During registration, some students did not fill their schedules, but they were mostly non-degree students, said University Registrar Warren Haffner.

"We had a larger number of non-degree students than we (previously) had," he said. "That, plus the fact that classes were filling up, were the reasons they couldn't get courses."

Non-degree students are not permitted to pre-register and some must try to add courses during the drop-add period, he said.

Degree students could not get the classes they wanted during the time periods they wanted, he said. Because a student must take at least 12 credits to be considered full-time, students are taking more classes. The number of classes a student pre-registers for has risen from an average of 3.86 under the term system to 5.5 under semesters, Haffner said.

"I think overall, while we could have had a lot of problems in the transition, things went pretty smoothly," Haffner said. "It isn't that we didn't expect some students to have problems and some classes to be larger."

Vicki Norton, administrative assistant in the political science department, said two 400-level courses and two lower division

courses were closed during registration.

"I don't think it will affect graduates if they plan next semester carefully," Norton said. "Some of them might have been caught unaware."

John Coyle, assistant dean and director of undergraduate programs in the College of Business Administration, said some students did not receive

classes they pre-registered for because that college has more students than any other. In addition, some students outside of the college also want business courses.

The College of Business Administration plans to develop a scheme to aid students in selecting courses to take each semester, Coyle said. Currently, students only know what is required for

them during the year, he said. As a result, some business students pre-registered for all of their business classes for the fall, he said.

"There is no way they can all take them in the fall," Coyle said.

The college added sections for the Fall Semester and will add more sections if a need is found after pre-registration for spring, Coyle said.

Some students were placed in full

classes if the student's semester status depended on that class, he said.

Also, classes of lower division political science courses are 16 percent larger than last year because of the semester switch, Norton said.

"I tend to think classes are larger because the courses are only offered twice a year and some only once," Norton said.

Film students upset about course snafu

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Several students majoring in film may have to remain in school for an extra year due to the lack of spaces in Film 372 and 373 — Intermediate Film Production I and II. Because the courses are sequenced requirements, students who cannot take 372 this semester will be two semesters behind.

The students said they are angry because they were advised last year to postpone taking the course until the Fall Semester. As a result, 30 students competed for a course that can accommodate only 18 people.

The 13 students who pre-registered for the course could not be denied entry to the course, said Tom Keiter, one of the course instructors. The five remaining class openings were filled by considering the students' semester standings, grades in film courses and grade point average.

Despite efforts to correct the problem, six or seven students might fall behind, said Jerry Holloway, assistant professor of film.

Holmes said the department is considering two solutions to the immediate problem with Film 372. One alternative is to allow more students to

take the class this semester. This would involve a considerable expense because new equipment would have to be purchased, but Holmes said the college is willing to bear the financial burden. The other is to offer 372 during Spring Semester and 373 during the Summer Session.

The Spring/Summer alternative would involve 23 weeks of film making instead of the usual 30. However, attending classes in the summer would be unacceptable to many film majors because they must get summer jobs, said Edward Rosenstein (junior-film). Rosenstein said he expects to spend \$1,000 on film stock this year and \$3,000 for materials for his senior project next year, so he cannot afford to take classes during the summer.

Cook said the problem was predicted two years ago and the department is trying to solve it, but semesters make it difficult because the course can only be offered twice a year.

Robert W. Holmes, dean of the College of Arts and Architecture, said he requested one-time calendar conversion funds in January, but the University was unable to supply the money. He said the problem was expected, but its intensity was not anticipated.

Doug Cook, head of the theatre and film

department, said additional funding was denied because the University said there were not enough students to justify the additional expense.

Cook said the semester conversion is not the sole cause of the problem. The situation is compounded because the number of students majoring in film has doubled since last fall and exceeds the amount of space and equipment.

The problems created by the current lack of equipment, instructors and space, along with the overabundance of students, may prevent some students from scheduling Film 472 and 473 — Advanced Film production I and II — next year.

To prevent similar problems in the future, Holmes has asked the film department to present a five-year plan outlining its anticipated facility and equipment needs and costs. The proposal will be on his desk in two weeks, Holmes said. The department hopes to alleviate the glut of students by establishing entrance requirements to the major, he said.

"I am also confident that (University) President (Bryce) Jordan and vice president (James B.) Bartoo will be supportive" of the film department's needs, Holmes said.

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Sunny and pleasant today with a high of 84. Clear tonight with a comfortable low of 61. Sunny and warmer tomorrow, with a high near 87. —by Glenn Rolph