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Soviets held observer, Weinberger says

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, denouncing the Soviets for failing to "control their troops," said yesterday that a U.S. military observer in East Germany was detained at gunpoint for nine hours after his truck was deliberately bumped.

Weinberger said the incident, which happened "a few days ago" but was not previously announced, involved a soldier in the same unit as Maj. Arthur Nicholson, a U.S. Army officer killed by a Soviet blue soldier earlier this year.

"The Soviets bumped his truck deliberately where we were supposed to be, and doing what we were permitted to do under a treaty that is some 40 years old," Weinberger said on CBS' "Face The Nation."

"It is the third or fourth incident of this kind," Weinberger said. "When he attempted to get out and fix the truck they pushed him back into the truck and held him at gunpoint and detained him for roughly nine hours and generally behaved in the same way in which they did when Maj. Nicholson was killed and murdered."

"It's a continuing series of episodes," Weinberger said. Weinberger's statement, which included no identification of the soldier or the location of the incident, was made in response to a reporter's question and appeared to take the White House, the

State Department — and even Pentagon officials — by surprise.

Public affairs duty officers at all three branches said they had no information on the incident beyond what Weinberger had said. Revelations of previous incidents involving U.S. observers were made immediately after they occurred.

A diplomatic source in West Germany said the latest action was "not serious."

An administration official, providing a few additional details, said Weinberger may have "over-dramatized what happened."

"It's not clear if the truck was in a place it was supposed to be," said the official, speaking on condition he not be identified. He said that after the vehicle was hit it slid into some wire along a road and became entangled.

The official said that when a Soviet commander belatedly came to the scene — blaming his delay on getting lost — he ordered his troops to disentangle the truck.

"The Soviet commander apologized profusely," the official said. He also said he had the impression that the soldier wasn't held nine hours, but was gone from his headquarters on the mission for nine hours.

Under a U.S.-Soviet pact, a limited number of American soldiers are permitted to travel in East Germany in return for similar rights by Soviet soldiers in West Germany.

Most of the work of the missions — described for years as "legalized spying," is to report on mili-

tary activities on each side of the border.

Since the shooting of Nicholson outside a base near Potsdam, East Germany, on March 24, the United States has held a series of meetings with the Soviets to complain of harassment against members of the U.S. missions.

"We have had promises by the Soviets that they would tell their people not to use force," Weinberger said. "Either they're not keeping their promises or they are very poorly disciplined."

Asked why the incident had not been announced by the United States at the time it happened, Weinberger said, "We're trying our best to get the conditions corrected. We're not interested in publicity."

He said a protest had been lodged with the Soviets and "we hope that ultimately they will do what they say they are going to do and that is discipline their troops and control their troops."

He said there were reports that the Soviet mission had promised to look into the latest incident, but "we have not had an apology."

"We've had no compensation for Major Nicholson's family and he was murdered."

Asked if the Soviet action would have an impact on President Reagan's summit meeting with Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev in Geneva in November, Weinberger said, "No, I don't think so, you just have to recognize that this is Soviet behavior. The meeting that the President has scheduled with Mr. Gorbachev should take place, I trust it will take place."



Giving alms  
Former U.S. President Richard M. Nixon makes a donation to some Buddhist monks he encountered Saturday while touring a floating market in Bangkok, Thailand. Nixon is on an swing through Asia on a private visit.

35 killed by grenades in theater

PAGADIAN, Philippines (AP) — Three grenades hurled from a balcony into the lower floor of a crowded theater yesterday killed at least 35 people and wounded about 100 in a Mindanao Island town, a local radio station reported.

It blamed terrorists for the attack in the town of Lala, 500 miles south of Manila, but said it was not known if the killers were members of the communist New People's Army or Muslim extremists.

Radio station DXDD in Ozamis City, across Panquil Bay from Lala said up to 100 people were wounded, many seriously.

The broadcast said yesterday was market day in Lala, and hundreds of rural residents were in the town to shop and see the movie.

It was the third time in two years that grenades have been thrown into theaters in the area.

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Anti-apartheid violence rekindled

By MAUREEN JOHNSON Associated Press Writer

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Police in an armored vehicle besieged by a crowd of Blacks opened fire and wounded three people, officials said yesterday in reporting renewed anti-apartheid violence in seven districts.

On the political front, the white-minority government shrugged off criticism from white opposition newspapers that modest reforms of apartheid announced last week had come too late to head off limited U.S. sanctions.

And South African business executives, under fire from President F.W. de Klerk for meeting exiled black guerrilla chiefs, were lauded by English-language newspapers for what one called "doing this country a service."

Both sides last week the government would restore South African citizenship to Blacks considered citizens of independent tribal homelands, and a presidential commission recommended scrapping "influx control" laws aimed at keeping Blacks out of White areas.

Chris Heunis, who as minister of constitutional development is responsible for drawing up constitu-

tional changes, said yesterday the moves were not an attempt to ease international pressure for reform.

"It was part and parcel of what is good for South Africa... It is a process not finalized in one particular day or a year," Heunis said.

"It was not directed at reaction internationally," he added, underlining the official stance that South Africa will not bow to dictates from a hostile world.

Durban's Sunday Tribune said of the announced retreats in the nation's racial segregation policies, "Unnecessarily late. Grouping in a moment of great national woe."

The changes make no dent in domination of 24 million voteless Blacks by 5 million Whites, or in an array of discriminatory laws covering housing, education and most public transport.

"Properly packaged and delivered with some semblance of fair at the right time and in the right place," complained Johannesburg's Sunday Times.

In new anti-apartheid unrest, a crowd of Blacks besieged a police armored personnel vehicle Saturday night in East London's black Duncan Village township, bringing it to a standstill as they tried to steal gasoline, a police communique said.

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Four killed in Bucks County crash

SOUTHAMPTON (AP) — Three teen-agers remained hospitalized in critical condition Saturday after a two-car collision killed four friends and slightly injured three other people, police said. The four dead were among eight teen-agers in a four-wheel-drive vehicle that rammed the back of a car occupied by two people in Upper Southampton Township Friday at 11:25 p.m., township police Chief Walter Stevens said.

Both vehicles were traveling at high speeds in a 45-mph zone, he said Saturday.

According to Stevens, Deputy County Coroner James McGee pronounced four 17-year-olds dead at the scene: Robert Schweiss of Southampton and Morris Fradenberg, Brian Ball and Christopher Avram, all of Warminster.

The two occupants of the car, Jeffrey Marsh of Warminster and Paul Culpito of Hatboro, suffered minor cuts and were treated and released at Warminster General Hospital, he said.

In critical condition at the hospital were Paul Gee, Tyson Baxter and Mike Serratore, all of Warminster, Stevens said. He said the eighth occupant of the four-wheel-drive vehicle, John Gahan of Southampton, walked away with minor scratches.

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Unmarried couples triple in number

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — The number of unmarried couples living together has more than tripled since 1970, climbing to nearly 2 million as young Americans continue to postpone marriage, the Census Bureau reported yesterday.

There were 1,800,000 unmarried couple households as of March 1984, the Census Bureau said in a study of Marital Status and Living Arrangements.

The report also found that young people are postponing marriage, with median age at tying the knot higher than at any time since the turn of the century.

And it noted that just since the 1980 census, young people have shown less inclination to set up housekeeping on their own, with those not married or cohabiting more often remaining with their parents.

"A number of factors may be contributing to the change in the living arrangements of young men and women, including the postponement of marriage, rise in divorce, emphasis on advanced education, employment problems and high housing costs," the report said.

The total of 1.9 million unmarried couples in 1984 was up from 520,000 such couples in 1970 and 1.6 million in the 1980 census, the agency said.

In 1984 the median age for people getting married for the first time was 25.4 years for men and 23 years for women. That was the highest age at first marriage for women ever recorded, and the top for men since 25.9 in 1900.

Marriage age had been dropping steadily in this century, falling to a low of 22.5 for men and 20.1 years for women by 1956, after which the median age began rising again.

Train derails, spills acid in Texas

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — A freight train derailed on a trestle, rupturing 26 of its tankers and spilling up to 300,000 gallons of sulfuric acid into a river, killing fish and forcing the evacuation of about 300 people, officials said yesterday.

There were no serious injuries and no danger to water supplies in the Saturday night accident, authorities said.

Several people who complained of skin irritation from the acid's fumes were treated by emergency medical workers, said Bexar County sheriff's Sgt. Ray Gerlach.

The evacuations were ordered within one mile of the accident on the Medina River south of San Antonio, said Carl Nixon, Bexar County fire marshal. A nearby school was opened for evacuees who had no place to go.

As much as 300,000 gallons of sulfuric acid, which is toxic and highly corrosive, spilled into the river, he said.

The 10-car Southern Pacific train derailed on a railroad trestle that crossed the river. At least 26 acid-laden containers ruptured when they fell to a riverbank below, said Herbie Bart, a spokesman for Southern Pacific's hazardous materials office.

"Some of them (tanks) split wide open and some are just leaking," Nixon said, adding that a cause for the derailment had not been determined.

Emergency crews used dirt to dam the river and halt the flow of the acid downstream and the railroad ordered 20 tons of lime to neutralize the acidity in the water, Bart said.

"It is being contained," Nixon said early yesterday. "Southern Pacific has a strike team surveying the area. The danger to the public is just in the immediate area and downstream."

Skip Francis, district manager of the Texas Water Commission, said an undetermined number of fish were killed up to 1.5 miles downstream from the accident. Vegetation in that section also was destroyed, he said.

The derailment caused at least \$2 million in damage, Nixon said, adding that the bridge on which the accident occurred crumbled.

world news briefs

Palme's party wins election

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Socialist Prime Minister Olof Palme was heading for victory yesterday in Sweden's elections, but early returns indicated he will have to rely more on the Communists during his fourth term in office.

Based on results from 561 of 679 districts, national television predicted Palme's Social Democrats would win 161 seats in the 349-seat Parliament and the Communists 19, for a coalition total of 180. The three non-socialist parties were projected to win 169 seats.

While retaining power, both the Social Democrats and the Communists were losing ground. The Social Democrats were losing five seats from the 166 they held in the outgoing legislature and the Communists were down one from 20.

Among the non-socialists the Liberal Party was showing spectacular gains. It was expected to more than double its seats from 21 to 50. The Conservatives had controlled 86 seats and the Center Party 56 in the old Parliament for a non-socialist total of 163.

Palme, 58, had predicted a close race. He depicted this year's campaign as a battle to preserve Sweden's welfare state. The opposition had promised to cut taxes and deregulate the economy.

A record 6.4 million people of Sweden's 8.3 million population were eligible to vote, and nearly 90 percent cast ballots, a figure in line with past high turnouts.

Copenhagen Jewish sites bombed

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Bombs exploded in downtown Copenhagen last night at a kosher food store and a travel agency specializing in trips to Israel, wounding as many as 12 people, police reported.

They said that shortly after the explosions a bomb was found near the Israeli Embassy and another near the residence of the Israeli ambassador.

The first explosion occurred outside the food store and the second came less than five minutes later at the Israel Tours travel agency, according to the police.

They said about 12 people were treated at hospitals for cuts and shock, but none was injured badly enough to be admitted. No group claimed responsibility for the bombings.

Police said that after the explosions they increased security at Copenhagen's central synagogue, which was damaged July 22 by a bomb. An organization of Shiite Muslim terrorists claimed responsibility for that attack.

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