

Soviet and Afghan troops surround U.S. embassy

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HELSINKI, Finland — A Soviet soldier seeking refuge in the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, met the Soviet ambassador yesterday in the presence of American diplomats and a U.S. Marine guard, the U.S. State Department said.

Soviet and Afghan troops meanwhile continued their siege of the embassy, amidst reports that the troops had mistreated an American who tried to leave the compound, according to U.S. diplomats in Islamabad, Pakistan.

The diplomats said power to the embassy in the Afghan capital was cut Saturday and security forces were shining searchlights across the building at night.

One person tried to leave and was "not treated gently," said an American source, speaking yesterday on condition he not be identified.

The embassy staff consists of about 12 people, including diplomats and two or three U.S. Marine guards, and does not live at the embassy.

A Western diplomat in Islamabad said several Western embassies in Islamabad were waiting for word from their counterparts in Kabul on the situation at the American mis-

sion. Other Western diplomats might try to take food to the embassy if the blockade continues, the diplomat said.

U.S. State Department officials said protests have been lodged with Soviet and Afghan authorities in Kabul and with Soviet officials in Washington and Moscow over the "intimidation" attempt.

The Soviet soldier entered the U.S. Embassy gates Friday as another person was leaving, U.S. officials said.

U.S. officials said the man, identified only as a 19-year Soviet private, had been on guard duty at Radio Kabul near the embassy. He seemed confused, saying at first that he wanted to go home and was tired of the war.

The soldier met Soviet Ambassador Fikryat A. Tabeev at 3 p.m. in the U.S. Embassy in the presence of the U.S. charge d'affaires, Edward Hurwitz.

"The meeting was held at the soldier's request," according to a statement distributed to reporters traveling with Secretary of State George P. Shultz.

"The upshot of the meeting was that the Soviet soldier has asked for more time to think over any decision he may take. A second meeting has



been set for tomorrow (Monday) morning at the U.S. Embassy," said the statement.

The statement said Hurwitz reminded the soldier several times he could "terminate the discussion at any point and resume it at a later date."

Rep. Dan Mica, D-Fla., said he was told during a briefing with the State Department yesterday morning that the "Soviet ambassador indicated a willingness to let the soldier return to the Soviet Union without facing any charges, if he chose to do so."

U.S. calls for arms ceiling

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HELSINKI, Finland — The United States has proposed a ceiling on American and Soviet strategic bombers and a freeze on nuclear missiles in Europe as part of a new arms control accord with Moscow, a senior U.S. official said yesterday.

Other key elements of the package now before Soviet negotiators in Geneva include a ceiling of 3,000 on long-range nuclear warheads and no limits on submarine-launched cruise missiles.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said there is "compromise" in President Reagan's proposal to overcome what he described as "hookers" — snares — in the plan Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev submitted five weeks ago.

For instance, the ceiling of 3,000 on intercontinental ballistic missile warheads is 500 higher than the initial U.S. position in the Geneva negotiations. It would allow the Soviets to retain more of their land-based missile arsenal, the heart of Soviet nuclear strength.

Gorbachev called for a 3,600 limit on warheads on strategic ground missiles, bombers and nuclear submarines.

The U.S. official said that if the Soviets accepted the American package deal, there would be no mobile Soviet strategic missiles or any new heavy intercontinental ballistic missiles added to the superpowers' arsenals.

This would presumably prompt the United States, in return, to scuttle the single warhead Midget Man, which has stirred complaints by some members of Congress. The Soviet SS-24 missile and SS-25 mobile missile are much more advanced than the Midget Man, which is still on drawing board.

But the outlook for an early agreement appears dim.

Secretary of State George P. Shultz, who is expected to discuss prospects for an accord during two days of talks in Moscow beginning Monday, told reporters the two sides remain "quite a distance apart."

The main stumbling block is a Soviet demand for a "total ban" on all arms in space. The senior official said Moscow's definition encompasses all U.S. attempts "to counter objects in space." It is aimed at stopping Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative, which envisages using futuristic technology in space to intercept and destroy attacking missiles.

The Soviets say the program, known popularly as "Star Wars," would extend the arms competition to a dangerous, new frontier.

After a rest stop here, Shultz leaves for Moscow Monday morning to discuss preparations for the Nov. 19-20 Reagan-Gorbachev summit meeting with Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze and Gorbachev.

The ceiling on heavy bombers proposed by Reagan is 350, the official said. They could carry up to 1,500 air-launched cruise missiles. By U.S. count, the Soviets now have 375 Backfires, Bisons and Bears. The United States has 263 B-52s.

Gorbachev's call for a total of 6,000 nuclear "charges" lumped bombers in with all kinds of nuclear weapons, from potent globe-girdling missiles to mines.

American and Soviet intermediate-range missiles in Europe, meanwhile, would be frozen at 140 under the U.S. proposal. This would require a reduction of 103 Soviet SS-20 missiles and no reductions by the United States in the Pershing 2 and cruise missiles deployed among NATO allies.

The U.S. quota would include 108 Pershing 2 ballistic missiles and 32 low-flying, pilotless cruises. But, the official said, U.S. negotiators were prepared to "discuss the mix" with the Soviets.

Penn State poised to become No. 1

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During the Penn State-Boston College football game Saturday, perhaps the loudest cheer to rise out of spacious Beaver Stadium was the one following the announcement that Ohio State was beating No. 1 Iowa.

The Hawkeyes did indeed fall to No. 8 Ohio State 22-13, and coupled with the Lions 16-12 victory over the Eagles, 8-0 Penn State is now left as a possible No. 1 in the wire service polls.

The Lions, who were No. 2 behind Iowa in the United Press International poll, also known as the coaches poll, are almost certain to take over the top spot there. In the Associated Press, or writers poll, however, No. 2 Florida looks to be the top choice, with Penn State coming in a close second.

Florida, however, is ineligible for post-season play because they are on National Collegiate Athletic Association probation, meaning the Lions would really be the No. 1 team at the present time in both polls as far as bowl games are concerned.

Penn State Head Coach Joe Paterno has said all season that he doesn't even know where his team is ranked, that the polls are only important at the end of the season. And linebacker Rogers Alexander, for one, feels the same way.

"It's nice to be recognized by the polls as being No. 1," Alexander said yesterday, "but at this point in time it really makes no difference whether we're No. 1 or 20. It's nice in that we can say we're No. 1 at some point in the season, but we're not going to be satisfied with that."

Penn State still has to face Cincinnati, Notre Dame and Pittsburgh before bowl bids will be announced Nov. 23 at 6 p.m., and the Lions know a loss between now and then will virtually knock them out of the race for No. 1.

Being at or near the top of the polls gives Penn State opponents that much more incentive to do well against the Lions, something Alexander said makes it more difficult to keep winning.

"When you're undefeated each game becomes that much more pressurized, because of the fact that you haven't been beaten," Alexander said. "And the teams that we play the rest of the season aren't going to be easy teams, so we've got our work cut out for us."

But center Keith Radevic said with all the publicity surrounding a No. 1 team, it's hard not to get caught up in it.

"I think it's always in the back of everybody's mind," Radevic said. "Any collegiate team has the goal to be No. 1, but we can't let it overwhelm us."

Although the Lions are 8-0, they've won only one game by more than seven points (27-0 against West Virginia Oct. 25 at Beaver Stadium), leaving doubt as to whether their play justifies such a high ranking.

Only three Division I-A schools, Penn State, Air Force and Bowling Green, remain undefeated and untied at this point in the season, however, and tailback D.J. Dozier said that statistic speaks for itself.

"We're undefeated, we haven't been beaten," Dozier said, "so why shouldn't we be ranked in the top five?"

And although Paterno claims not to have seen the polls, Radevic said the Lions' position in the rankings seems to have a direct affect on how tough their practice is.

"Tuesday is probably the hardest day of practice for us," Radevic said, "and I think as we get higher in the polls, Joe gets harder and harder in practice. Everybody turns to that page first, saying 'Oh, what are we ranked,' and it's nice to be nationally ranked, especially this high this week, but we can't let it overwhelm us."



A helping hand

Penn State fans carry on a Beaver Stadium tradition by passing the Nittany Lion up the stands at Saturday's game against Boston College. Nittany Lion fans had a lot to cheer about this weekend as Penn State's record went to 8-0 after beating B.C. 16 to 12. Please see related stories, Page 8.

Beam Hall group considers relocation gripes

By GREGG BORTZ
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The Beam Hall Conversion Committee will meet this afternoon to reconsider its original decision to relocate several North Halls interest houses because of negative student reaction and suggestions from residents, said the director of Residence Hall Programs.

Gail Hurley said she and other members of the committee heard complaints and concerns from residents of interest houses in a meeting last Tuesday, and decided to reconvene today to consider the students' input and possibly make adjustments in their decision.

"We're going to take another look at everything that was suggested," Hurley said. "We may change some things, but we could also stick to our original decision."

Five interest houses must be moved with the conversion of Beam Hall from a residence hall into an office building. The offices are planned to be occupied by the fall of next year.

Michelle Armstrong, president of the North Halls Association of Students, said this meeting might produce some minor adjustments of the decision, but any major changes are doubtful.

"There's room for improvement, but there will probably not be any fundamental changes," she said.

Many residents of the International Languages House and the Social and Self Awareness House, which the committee decided to relocate to Beaver Hall, are upset because they do not believe the

committee took their needs into consideration in their initial decision.

Sandra Reichel, housing chairperson of the International Languages House in Beam Hall, said residents of the interest house are upset by the committee's decision to separate male and female residents by floors due to the unequal size of wings in Beaver Hall.

"Being separated is going to destroy floor unity, which is essential in our house because we need conversation and interaction for it to be successful," she said.

Reichel said the Interest House Council, a group of representatives from each house, initially proposed converting all of North Halls into interest houses, but the committee rejected the idea because they want independents in the area. She said moving to Beaver Hall was their second choice, but there was no mention that if they moved there, they would be "stacked."

"We've been compromising all along, but (the committee) hasn't compromised with us once," she said.

Andrew Winters, coordinator of interest houses and a member of the conversion committee, said the committee "made every attempt to take the (Interest House Council's) proposal into consideration."

Hurley said the committee "never made any promises about anything."

She said the committee considered many possibilities and "chose the one that made the best sense."

Lynne Goodstein, adviser of the Social and Self

Awareness House in Leete Hall, said she and the residents in her house were unclear whether the committee's initial decision, outlined in a memo to interest house residents two weeks ago, was a final decision.

"The memo from the committee was very vague," she said, adding that "most of (the residents) thought the decisions were just recommendations."

Hurley said the decisions were originally intended to be final.

Patty Martin, president of the Association of Residence Hall Students and a member of the committee, said the committee must reach a final decision and notify all residents by Dec. 14 according to University policy concerning displacement. She said she considered the decision final, but the committee would reconvene before then if necessary.

"If there is a serious problem with the move or (the residents) have a strong enough argument to stay, of course we will try to work something out," Martin said.

Winters said: "It was inevitable that someone was going to be disappointed given the options of the proposal."

Emily Robert, a resident of the SSA house, said many residents of the house do not intend to move to Beaver Hall next year if the house is relocated there.

"The general consensus of the floor is that nobody wants to go," she said.

"We can understand why some of the houses had to move, but there's no reason for us to have to move out of North (Halls)," she said.

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Today breezy and wet with periods of rain all day long; high 47. Tonight — you guessed it — more rain; low 43. Heldl Sonen