

Soviet ship collides with freighter, sinks in Black Sea

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MOSCOW — A 61-year-old Soviet ship big enough to carry at least 870 passengers collided with a freighter at night in the Black Sea and sank with a loss of lives, officials said yesterday. They did not give a casualty figure. Foreign radio monitors said they did not hear a distress signal after the collision between the passenger ship and Soviet freighter Sunday night. Search and rescue operations continued last night, about 20 hours after the ship went down, according to officials in the Black Sea ports of Odessa and Novorossiysk. A Naval Ministry official said by telephone late yesterday that the freighter remained afloat. He would not answer other questions. Soviet media carried only a brief statement from the Communist Party Central Committee and Soviet gov-

ernment. It was the second sinking of a Soviet passenger liner in seven months. The official announcement, distributed by the Tass news agency, said only that the 17,653-ton Admiral Nakhimov "collided with a cargo ship not far from Novorossiysk" and sank "on the night of Aug. 31. "Rescue measures have been taken," the official news agency said. "The necessary assistance is rendered to those affected. There has been loss of life. It did not say how many people were aboard, how many were dead, if any foreigners were among the passengers or what route the ship was following. Lloyd's Registry of Ships, published in London, says the ship had 870 passengers. A Soviet navy spokesman said many other fourth-class passengers customarily slept on the uppermost of its four decks. The Admiral Nakhimov, which Lloyd's says is 575 feet long, was built in Germany in 1925 as a steam-powered vessel and later refitted with diesel engines. An official at the Black Sea fleet in Novorossiysk, reached by telephone from Moscow, said that whether ship went down late Sunday night or very early yesterday still was not known. That indicated it sank quickly. In Turkey, across the Black Sea, none of the major radio stations monitoring maritime frequencies along the coast reported hearing an SOS from the Admiral Nakhimov. All the monitors said they could pick up Novorossiysk, about 60 miles southeast of the Crimean Peninsula. The official in Novorossiysk, who did not give his name, also refused to say how many people were aboard on the Admiral Nakhimov or how many people were killed. He said the rescue operation continued at 7 p.m. Moscow time, involving

many men and ships, but he would not be more specific. A shipping official in Odessa, the liner's home port, also said by telephone that rescue work continued. He would not discuss the accident and hung up when asked how many lives were lost. Tass said a government commission was appointed to investigate the collision and sinking, headed by First Deputy Premier Geidar A. Aliev, a member of the party's ruling Politburo. Choice of Aliev as commission chairman indicated the seriousness of the accident. He also led the state commission that investigated the crash of a Volga river cruise ship in June 1983, in which unconfirmed reports said more than 200 people perished. Zvestia said the senior navigator was convicted on charges it did not specify, given a four-year suspended prison sentence and fined the equivalent of \$30,000. Adm. Pavel Stepanovich Nakhimov was a defender of Sevastopol during the Crimean War of 1854-55. The vessel named for him became the flagship of the Black Sea cruise fleet in the 1950s. Most recently, it is said to have been used for the six-day run between the Soviet Black Sea ports of Odessa and Batumi. On Feb. 16, the Soviet cruise ship Mikhail Lermontov struck a reef off the coast of New Zealand and sank. Reports at the time said 792 passengers and crew were rescued and the only death was of a crew member. Soviet officials blamed the accident on a New Zealander acting as pilot, but the government newspaper Izvestia reported last Saturday that the Mikhail Lermontov's captain was fired. Zvestia said the senior navigator was convicted on charges it did not specify, given a four-year suspended prison sentence and fined the equivalent of \$30,000.



Accused spy: KGB holds American reporter

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MOSCOW — The KGB secret police held American reporter Nicholas Daniloff in Letortovo Prison on Sunday as an accused spy, but Daniloff's wife said after visiting him that he was the victim of a barbaric frameup. A U.S. diplomat also visited Daniloff and said the newsman, a reporter for U.S. News & World Report, could be held indefinitely during the investigation. "Nick keeps repeating over and over again, 'I am not a spy. I am not gathering intelligence material,'" said Daniloff's wife, Ruth. She said her husband was in good spirits despite four hours of intensive interrogation after his arrest Saturday. "He is being well-treated in the sense that he is not being beaten or kicked," she said after she and U.S. Consul General Roger Daley met Daniloff for an hour at the prison. She said Soviet officials kept trying to get the weekly magazine correspondent to say he was a spy. "He seems to be very calm. He is just very intelligent and wants to know what is going on outside," Ruth Daniloff said. In the first official Soviet comment on the arrest, the KGB issued a statement Sunday saying Daniloff "was detained... as he was engaging in an act of espionage." "The material confiscated from him fully exposes the U.S. correspondent of being involved in intelligence activities," said the three-paragraph statement, issued through the official Tass news agency. "An investigation



Birdwatching. Dole's Phillips' feathers were ruffled yesterday along with more than 200 people who protested the 52nd annual Labor Day pigeon shoot in rural Hegins, Pa. A request to stop the event by Phillips, at left, and other animal rights activists was denied by the state Supreme Court.

But plans for summit still alive

By TERENCE HUNT Associated Press Writer

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — The Reagan administration voiced fresh anger yesterday over the detention of an American journalist in Moscow but said the incident will not derail high-level planning for a superpower summit. An administration official also said he knew of no plans for a swap of the reporter in exchange for a Soviet physicist arrested in New York on spy charges. Nicholas Daniloff, a correspondent for U.S. News & World Report, was arrested Saturday after a Soviet acquaintance gave him an envelope containing maps marked "top secret." He was immediately arrested by KGB agents. "We reject the charges as being contrived and call for Mr. Daniloff's immediate release," said White House deputy press secretary Larry Speakes. "The Soviets are trying to make Daniloff a hostage to contrived charges and this will not work. I will not speculate on our course of action." The New York Times reported yesterday that the administration was prepared to retaliate against the Kremlin unless Daniloff was freed promptly. It said the administration had ruled out any swap. One official, speaking on condition he not be identified, said, "There have been no decisions made specifically about our future course of action, although we do leave our options open." The official said the person quoted in the Times' story

Department store parcel bomb wounds 18 in South Africa

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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — A bomb left at the parcel counter yesterday blew out the front of a store in a middle-class white suburb of Durban. Police said 18 blacks and whites were injured, including a 3-year-old girl. "The whole place was filled with smoke within minutes," said Larry McDonald, a pharmacist. "There was chaos. People were screaming and running." Dr. John Keenan, acting chief of emergency services for Natal province, said the 3-year-old white child and four other people were seriously wounded. The government and witnesses said the casualties were 12 employees and six customers. It was the ninth bombing since the government imposed a nationwide state of emergency June 12 in an attempt to quell racial unrest and started arresting thousands of people without charges. The bomb demolished the front windows of a Pick 'n Pay store in the Montclair shopping center and tore a hole in the ceiling, said Vernon Mitch-

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Fifteen dead in Pa. holiday traffic (AP) — A Crawford County man whose motorcycle crashed into an Amish buggy was among at least 15 people killed in traffic accidents over the Labor Day weekend. Robert G. Caldwell, 29, of Centerville, was killed early Sunday morning when his vehicle failed to round a curve and struck another vehicle on U.S. Route 82 near Tionesta, Forest County. Trooper Robert Mast said he was legally intoxicated. In other accidents: • A 70-year-old Mechanicsburg woman was fatally injured Saturday morning when her car hit an embankment in Rush Township, Centre County, state police said. Police said Mary A. Rameida was thrown through a rear window and pinned under the wreckage. She died at Philipsburg Hospital about 2 1/2 hours later. • Karen Miller, 26, of Uniontown, Fayette County, was killed and her companion seriously injured in a one-car accident early yesterday on route 51 near Uniontown, state police said. Her companion, Mark Quinn, 28, also of Uniontown, was in critical condition in Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh. • Foster Chaney, 59, died Sunday evening at Temple University Hospital about a half-hour after being hit by a Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority bus as he was pulling away from a bus stop, police said. No charges were filed. • Gregg A. Thygesen, 24, of Philadelphia, a former goaltender for the University of Vermont hockey team, was killed early Saturday when his car was hit head-on in Tredyffrin Township, Chester County, police said. • Debra Ann Ewiler of Red Lion, York County, was killed early Saturday after her car sideswiped an oncoming car in Windsor Township, York County, and smashed into another car, police said. • Anna Daberko, 49, of Jefferson Township, Allegheny County, died Friday night in a two-car crash in the Pittsburgh suburb of Pleasant Hills, authorities said. • Mois James, 31, of Coatsville, was killed early Sunday when his motorcycle went out of control in West Marlborough Township, Chester County, and hit a utility pole, police said. • William L. Lyons, 18, of Indiana, was killed early Saturday when a car in which he was riding crashed into a tree stump and guardrails in West Deer Township, Allegheny County. • Michael J. Karpoff, 21, of Ellsworth, died late Friday night when the car in which he was riding slammed into two parked cars in Scenery Hill, Washington County, state police said. Christopher Kunesch, 24, of Fort Bragg, N.C., was charged on charges of drunken driving and homicide by vehicle, police said. • Edward Baugh, 18, of State Line, was killed yesterday morning in Guilford Township when he was thrown from his car and crushed beneath it, said Trooper Davie Smith, police said. • Edward Tschoff, 19, of Cornwall, died early yesterday in North Cornwall Township, Lebanon County, after his car ran a stop sign and struck another car, police said.

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Change in speed limit opposed NEW YORK (AP) — A majority of Americans frequently drive faster than 55 mph on highways, but most oppose changing the nationwide speed limit, according to a Media General-Associated Press poll. Eighty-five percent of the 1,365 adults in the nationwide telephone poll said they had exceeded the federally-mandated 55 mph limit, and 56 percent of them said they did so at least half of the time, according to the poll. Nevertheless, 54 percent of the respondents opposed changing the 55 mph speed limit, which was mandated by Congress in 1974. Daning increasing opposition. Forty-four percent said the limit should be increased, 1 percent said it should be decreased, and 1 percent wasn't sure. Most of those who wanted an increase said 65 mph would be ideal. The 55 mph speed limit was imposed as a fuel conservation measure following the Middle East oil embargo. Drug war weapons spending sought WASHINGTON, D.C. — After returning next week from its recess, the House is to vote on an ambitious bill that would give the nation a new generation of weapons in the war on drugs. But despite bipartisan agreement among House leaders to pass the bill this year, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole has no plans to rush consideration of a costly edition of the federal anti-drug effort. While the Republican-controlled Senate could pass a smaller drug bill before Congress adjourns, the differing views between Dole and the Democratic-led House could set up election confrontations over which party is serious about combating drugs. The House proposal, the handiwork of 11 committees, could add hundreds of millions of dollars to federal spending in an era of budget cutting. Its new weapons against drugs include hardware, such as the most sophisticated boats, planes, radars, and communications systems available; thousands of drug enforcement personnel; more police cells; an increase in prosecutors and laws that would give U.S. attorneys more tools to use against violators. The House bill would use five approaches: foreign and domestic crop eradication; interception of shipments bound for the United States from abroad; increased enforcement; new education programs; and rehabilitation. world news briefs On Solidarity anniversary, 180 held WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Police detained at least 180 Solidarity supporters across Poland to prevent them from attending observances of the sixth anniversary of the free trade union's birth, opposition sources said yesterday. Thousands of Solidarity supporters celebrated the anniversary Sunday at Roman Catholic Masses in Warsaw, Gdansk and other cities in what were generally peaceful manifestations of support for the now-outlawed labor movement. On Aug. 31, 1980, Solidarity leader Lech Walesa signed an agreement with the government ending debilitating strikes across Poland and giving workers the right to form independent trade unions. Solidarity was outlawed after the December 1981 imposition of martial law. Jozef Pincor, a senior Solidarity figure in the southwestern city of Wroclaw, said he received a list with 150 names of people detained by police on their way to a pro-Solidarity Mass at St. Klara's Dworkan Church. Most were released after a few hours' incarceration, but some remained in police custody yesterday, Pincor said. He did not know how many people were still being held. Ortega charges U.S. with aggression HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — President Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua repeated his charges of U.S. aggression yesterday to the leaders of nations that profess non-alignment. Ortega, who hoped to lead the non-aligned group at its next summit in 1989, spoke on the opening day of the conference, which has chosen the major Western powers South Africa and Israel as its principal targets. About 50 heads of state are here with vice presidents and foreign ministers from other nations in the 101-member non-aligned movement. It now is led by Prime Minister Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe, a former guerrilla chief, as host of the eight summit. Ortega is campaigning for the 1989 meeting to be held in Nicaragua's capital, Managua, which would make him chairman of the movement for the succeeding three years.

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