

News Digest

By the Associated Press

Soviet charged with espionage



NEW YORK — A Soviet employee of the United Nations suspected of being a KGB agent has been charged with espionage after being set up by a defense worker he tried to recruit but who went to the FBI instead.

The FBI foiled an attempt Saturday night by Gennadiy Fedorovich Zakharov "to obtain classified information of the U.S. government" at a subway platform meeting with the informant, according to a statement by FBI Director William Webster.

Three FBI agents had to tackle Zakharov and wrestle him to the ground before handcuffing him at the subway station, said FBI Assistant Director John L. Hogan.

The informant, employed by a subcontractor to two major defense contractors, has been working with the FBI for three years, Hogan said.

Zakharov, who has only limited diplomatic immunity, could be sentenced to life in prison if convicted on espionage charges.

Zakharov, 39, was a scientific affairs officer assigned to the Center for Science and Technology for Development at the United Nations Secretariat.

Hogan said agents believe Zakharov is an agent of the KGB, the Soviet secret police and intelligence service.

The three federal agents arrested Zakharov right after he allegedly paid \$1,000 for documents on a U.S. Air Force jet engine, Hogan said.

Hogan said Zakharov had offered the informant a contract outlining what information the Soviets needed. Zakharov also asked for manufacturers' manuals of military projects that would give the Soviets a better idea of what Americans were building, he said.

In New York, a man who answered the telephone on Sunday at the Soviet Union's U.S. mission and identified himself as a diplomat on duty, said, "There is nobody here in the mission who can comment."

Hogan said the informant has worked with the FBI on the case for three years and all his meetings with Zakharov were monitored by the FBI.

The man is employed by a subcontractor to Bendix Corp. and General Electric Co., two important military contractors, Hogan said.

Hogan would not identify the company, which makes unclassified components for military aircraft engines and radar equipment.

Hogan said the case began when Zakharov tried to recruit the informant, then a junior at Queens College, and that the student immediately went to the FBI and offered his assistance.

Sherrill buried; local residents mourn dead

WATONGA, Okla. — Patrick Henry Sherrill, who killed 14 Postal Service co-workers and wounded six others before committing suicide, was buried Sunday in a family plot in his hometown.

Sherrill, 44, was cremated and his ashes placed at the gravesite of his parents in a brief, private service attended by 25 friends and relatives but no clergy.

Sherrill, who had worked at the Post Office in Edmond, about 80 miles away, for about 1½ years, entered the building about 7 a.m. Wednesday and began shooting.

Sunday was declared an official state day of mourning by Gov. George Nigh. The declaration came as Edmond residents gathered at a college football stadium for a memorial service that the Rev. Dale Carter, a Methodist minister, said would begin "our town's healing."

Eight victims of the shooting were buried Saturday. Six burials took place in Oklahoma. One was held in St. John, Kan., and another in Marietta, Ga. Four others were interred Friday.

The reference was to reports that supervisors had threatened Sherrill with dismissal if his work did not improve. Postal Service officials have denied that the supervisors threatened to fire Sherrill.

Police have speculated that Sherrill was angry over a reprimand, which came the day before he entered the post office carrying a pistol in one hand and two others and ammunition in his mail bag.

Sherrill was one of five top marksmen in the Oklahoma National Guard and was authorized to check out weapons and ammunition, officials said Friday. The guns used in the killings were from the Guard.

Aquino begins "journey of brotherhood"

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Philippine President Corazon Aquino put aside warnings of a possible coup attempt at home and traveled Sunday to Jakarta, where she called for new momentum within Southeast Asia's regional association.

Philippines and Indonesia are among six members of the nearly 20-year-old Association of Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN, which promotes economic cooperation but sometimes also discusses regional political problems. The other members are Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and Brunei.

Before leaving Manila on Sunday for the four-day trip to Indonesia and Singapore, Aquino called it a "journey of brotherhood."

Some Aquino advisers had suggested she cancel her trip, warning that backers of ousted President Ferdinand E. Marcos might try to grab power in

her absence and that Marcos might try to return from his exile in Hawaii.

The trip is her first abroad since taking office last February during a military-civilian revolt against Marcos' 20-year-old government.

On the eve of her departure, her armed forces chief, Gen. Fidel V. Ramos, put the army on alert to forestall possible disturbances timed for her absence.

She was met at Jakarta airport by Suharto, his wife and other dignitaries. The two will confer Monday on trade and other issues. Indonesian palace sources said Aquino may sign economic and technical agreements and one involving cooperation in air searches and rescues.

Aquino is due to leave Tuesday for Singapore, and to return home Wednesday.

Frontier shuts down; bankruptcy threatened

DENVER — Frontier Airlines shut down early Sunday, stranding 17,000 passengers throughout the West and idling nearly 4,700 workers, and threatened bankruptcy action if a merger with United Airlines wasn't worked out.

"We deeply regret that this step had to be taken but we were left with no choice. . . . Frontier is out of funds," said a statement from New Jersey-based People Express Inc., which bought the ailing Denver-based carrier last fall.

Frontier lost \$10 million a month in the first six months of this year.

United Airlines offered to buy Frontier for \$146 million if agreements with Frontier's five labor unions could be reached by Aug. 31.

"We are still interested in acquiring Frontier," said Joe Hopkins, a United spokesman in Denver.

But talks with the Air Line Pilots Association, the first of the five Frontier unions to talk with United, stalled over the issue of when Frontier pilots would begin receiving the same salaries as United pilots. Frontier pilots make about 67 percent less than United pilots.

Frontier employees have made a series of wage concessions over the last four years in efforts to save their jobs.

"Unless an agreement (with pilots) is reached, Frontier will file for bankruptcy tomorrow (Monday)," said

Marilyn Mishkin, chief Frontier spokeswoman. "It's that or it's nothing."

"The thing is still open. It's not over," said ALPA Vice Chairman Jamie Lindsay in Chicago. "We are prepared to negotiate."

At People Express headquarters in Newark, N.J., spokesman Russell Marchetta said a bankruptcy filing would seal Frontier's fate.

"The new set of parameters that will be outlined by the bankruptcy court will make any acquisition much more difficult," said United spokesman Matt Goring in Chicago.

Frontier served 55 cities in the West, from Chicago to California and including four cities in Canada.

Frontier customers may present their tickets to Continental and United for travel on many flights, subject to space availability, spokesmen for the two carriers said.

United also planned to hire 255 Frontier service and reservations agents to handle the increased load expected over the next two weeks, Hopkins said.

Continental will give pass privileges to Frontier flight crews and other employees stranded by the shutdown, said Continental spokesman Bruce E. Hicks in Houston.

A Frontier collapse would be a major blow for Denver, where the carrier started nearly 40 years ago. All but 1,000 of its employees are in Colorado.

In Brief

Poll: Experience best quality

LINCOLN — Experience was listed as the best-liked quality in the Democratic and Republican party candidates for the Nebraska governor's race, according to a statewide survey of registered voters.

A Lincoln Sunday Journal-Star poll asked 449 people what they liked best and least about Democrat Helen Boosalis and Republican Kay Orr.

Comments about each candidate's experience and record in office formed the largest positive category for each. Twenty-five percent of respondents named Boosalis' experience or her eight-year record as mayor of Lincoln as the quality they liked best about her. Boosalis headed the U.S. Conference of Mayors for a year and directed the state Department on Aging for 2½ years.

For Orr, 11 percent said they liked her experience with state government or her record as state treasurer. She has been treasurer since 1981 and was an aide to former Gov. Charles Thone for 2½ years before that.

The "Don't Knows" swept the poll on every question with 50 percent saying they didn't know Boosalis' best quality and 58 percent said they didn't know Orr's. When questioned about negative qualities, 86 percent didn't know for Orr and 78 percent for Boosalis.

"People aren't willing to say bad things, period, or else they don't have them to say," said Barb Derrick of Research Associates, the Lincoln firm that conducted the poll Aug. 8-12.

Fifty-two percent of the 449 registered voters were Republicans, 39 percent were Democrats and 9 percent were independents.

The confidence level of the poll is 95 percent and the accuracy range is 4.6 percent. That means if the poll were repeated 100 times, the results would fall within the accuracy range at least 95 times.

On the negative side, most people didn't name a quality for either candidate. But of the few who did, the most frequent comment for the 66-year-old Boosalis was that she's too old (5 percent of people polled) and for Orr, who's 47, that she's inexperienced or lacks knowledge or competence (4 percent).

Phone threats from Omaha

PAPILLION — A 34-year-old Omaha man has been charged with intimidation by telephone for allegedly threatening New York Congressman Jack Kemp, authorities said.

Sarpy County Sheriff Pat Thomas said Howard H. Deaver allegedly made six phone calls to the home and office of Sarpy County Republican Party Chairman Norman Riffel and on two occasions made threats against Kemp.

Kemp, who says he may seek the Republican presidential nomination, was in Springfield Saturday to attend a fund-raising party for Republican gubernatorial candidate Kay Orr. The fund-raiser was held at Riffel's villa in Springfield.

Thomas said Deaver made the six phone calls over several days, the last one Friday morning. On two occasions, Thomas said, Deaver spoke to Riffel's wife, Joyce, and threatened Kemp.

In recent months Deaver was a leader of an effort to remove Pat McPherson as chairman of the Douglas County Republican Party's Central Committee. Deaver has maintained that McPherson is too liberal for the GOP and does not fully support the goals of President Reagan.

Deaver denied the misdemeanor charge against him Saturday, saying it is "an example of the warfare going on in the Douglas County Republican Party."

Mentally ill employment

NORTH PLATTE — A new program in North Platte is assisting in the job-hunting process for the chronically mentally ill and offering employers a good deal in return.

The program is being offered through Frontier House, a psycho-social rehabilitation center operated by the Richard Young Family Life Center.

Jobs obtained through the program are "owned" by Frontier House, not the individuals who report for work. Frontier House members, who are chronically mentally ill individuals, are trained for jobs by a Frontier House staff member. Individuals can work at a TEP job for four to six months.

"TEP is not a subsidized work program. It is an agreement between Frontier House and the businesses to offer real work at a real place of business for a real wage," said Vineyard, coordinator of the Transition Educational Program.

Many of the individuals involved in the program do not have a work history because their emotional conditions have prevented them from seeking and maintaining employment, she said.

"Most members are able to do the work, but often cannot interview successfully, and therefore cannot get a job," she said. TEP eliminates the interview step.

TEP jobs have been established at three locations, and Vineyard hopes other employers will consider the program soon. Frontier House members are working at a North Platte ranch and providing janitorial services to two North Platte businesses. Frontier House also provides work experiences in food service and clerical work.

Drug-free Omaha?

OMAHA — Mayor Mike Boyle's blueprint for a drug-free Omaha calls for the Omaha Police Department to get tougher on drug dealing and spend less time on drug education.

"The emphasis needs to be on drug-busting, not drug-teaching," Boyle said. If anti-drug efforts are directed properly, Boyle said, "Omaha can be saved."

Boyle, Public Safety Director Keith Lant and Police Chief Robert Wadman will be in New York Tuesday and Wednesday for a national drug conference to study ways to battle drug trafficking.

Boyle wouldn't say if he plans to eliminate the police drug awareness unit that Wadman started last year. Three officers in the unit make public appearances at schools and other places to discourage drug use.

Boyle said that the priority for the police force should be to enforce drug laws.

Deputy Chief Charles Circo, formerly in charge of the police narcotics unit, said there are well-educated, effective civilian organizations capable of filling in for police educators. But, he said, to a large extent it is up to parents, school teachers and others to battle drug abuse.

Daily Nebraskan

Editor Jeff Korbelik
472-1766
Managing Editor Gene Gentrup
Assoc. News Editors Tammy Kaup
Linda Hartmann
Kurt Eberhardt
Graphics Editor James Rogers
Editorial Page Editor Todd von Kampen
Page Editor Scott Thien
Wire Editor Joan Rezac
Copy Desk Chief Chuck Green
Sports Editor Scott Harrah
Arts & Entertainment Editor Andrea Hoy
Editor Bob Amussen
Photo Chief Geoff Goodwin
Night News Editors Tom Lauder
Art Director
General Manager Daniel Shattil
Production Manager Katherine Policky
Advertising Manager Lesley Larson
Student Advertising Manager Bryan Peterson
Publications Board Chairman Harrison Schultz,
474-7660
Don Walton, 473-7301
Professional Adviser

The Daily Nebraskan (USPS 144-080) is published by the UNL Publications Board Monday through Friday in the fall and spring semesters and Tuesdays and Fridays in the summer sessions, except during vacations.

Readers are encouraged to submit story ideas and comments to the Daily Nebraskan by phoning 472-1763 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The public also has access to the Publications Board. For information, contact Harrison Schultz, 474-7660.

Subscription price is \$35 for one year. Postmaster: Send address changes to the Daily Nebraskan, Nebraska Union 34, 1400 R St., Lincoln, Neb. 68588-0448. Second-class postage paid at Lincoln, NE.

ALL MATERIAL COPYRIGHT 1986 DAILY NEBRASKAN