

## Soviets face Afghan uprising

The Associated Press

Soviet forces were reported facing a long war in Afghanistan's snowy mountains as the Kremlin accused President Carter of "wicked" outrages and the U.N. Security Council prepared to open debate on the Soviet military intervention in its Central Asian neighbor.

Diplomats in Kabul, Afghanistan's capital, said a "people's war" or general uprising was developing in the country's northern and eastern mountains, where the Soviet troops were said to be bogged down by heavy snows. The United News of India reported.

The Indian news agency also said "trouble was brewing" in the Afghan provinces of Kandahar in the southwest, Badakshan in the northeast, and

Pakista and Nangarhar, to the south and east of Kabul, and that Moscow sent a team of generals to the battlefields to assess the fighting.

It said the diplomats reported the Moslem guerrillas whose 20-month-old rebellion against communist control prompted the Soviet intervention were regrouping. More fighting was expected even though the Russians "had achieved some successes in certain areas" by surprising the poorly organized guerrillas, the diplomats said.

One of those reported successes was the capture Wednesday of Kandahar, the capital of Kandahar province, and Jalalabad, 50 miles east of

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AP Photo  
Afghan students in Denver protest Soviet invasion of their homeland

## Kubasek blasts Loehr

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City Councilman Stephen Kubasek, R-7, the Republican Majority Leader, today disputed that Democratic Mayor Gerald E. Loehr was working in the bipartisan spirit he called for at his inauguration four days ago.

"Mayor Loehr's setting of a new tone... has hit a sour note," Kubasek said in a press release today criticizing the new mayor for his handling of Wednesday's council reorganization meeting and his inauguration speech.

The displeasure sprang, he said, from Loehr's failure to consult with Republicans for their preferences in council committee assignments - which he described as "normal courtesy under all administrations" - and from references to former Mayor Angelo Martinelli in Loehr's inauguration speech this week.

The majority leader said he spoke for his fellow Republicans. "It should now be well understood that the Republican Party felt aghast at the inauguration speech which... severely criticized Mayor Martinelli, who was gracious enough to attend and lend

his kind words of support and encouragement to the new mayor....

Mayor Loehr said today, "It's unfortunate he's upset."

Responding to the complaint surrounding his inauguration speech, which had hawked back to specific criticisms he had applied to Mayor Martinelli during the recent election campaign, Loehr said - "I stand by what I said in criticizing some things that have gone on in the past. I didn't say Mayor Martinelli but if Kubasek considered that it was Martinelli whom I spoke of, that's his determination."

He dismissed the remaining GOP complaint by saying, "He (Kubasek) hasn't been in touch with me recently" and "I certainly let it be known that I was proposing a set of rules and would call for appointments."

The rift between the new Democratic mayor and the new GOP majority leader comes in the first week of an administration that has made "no more politics as usual" a main theme.

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## Queens D.A. denies 'Sam' probe is over

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A spokesman for Queens District Attorney John Santucci said Thursday that, contrary to a published report, the office's reopened investigation of the "Son of Sam" murders is continuing and there are no present plans to conclude it.

A story appearing in the Thursday editions of the New York Times indicated that Santucci had abandoned the pursuit of possible accomplices of confessed "Son of Sam" killer David Berkowitz.

The Santucci spokesman, press aide Thomas McCarthy, declined to comment on any progress made thus far in the new probe, which was begun last October after Gannett Westchester Newspapers published a number of articles demonstrating the probability that Berkowitz was not alone in the year-long rampage, which left 33 young people dead and seven wounded in 1976-1977.



### Wounded companion

A wounded Revolutionary Guard gets some good-natured cheer from a colleague in Tabriz, Iran, Wednesday after members of the Republican Moslem People's Party released nine hostages. The Revolutionary Guards are faithful followers of Ayatollah Khomeini.

"It is not our policy to discuss the specifics of an ongoing investigation," McCarthy said. "As we said in our statement in October, we will comment publicly at the appropriate time."

One source close to the investigation noted, "Mr. Santucci obviously believes that there are sufficient grounds to continue or he wouldn't be on it for nearly 3 months in the first place."

The new inquiry is focusing primarily on Berkowitz' recently confirmed relationship with the late John Carr, son of Sam Carr of Yonkers - the so-called "master" Berkowitz said ordered him to kill.

Carr was known to be a member of satanic cults in Yonkers and Minot, N.D., and Santucci is investigating the possibility that the "Son of Sam" killings were carried out by members of a devil worshipping cult that may have included John Carr and Berkowitz.

John Carr was found shot to death in Minot in February 1978 six months after Berkowitz' arrest. His death, originally termed an "apparent suicide," is now being considered as a possible homicide.

The New York Times reported that Bronx police had concluded a similar probe several weeks ago without uncovering any evidence Berkowitz may have had an accomplice.

Reporting a fire?  
Call 423-7100

The Yonkers Fire Department is changing its emergency telephone number to 423-7100 as of Jan. 8, according to Fire Chief Richard Smith.

The old emergency number, 953-0685, will be retained by the department as a business telephone.

In the event, however, that the new number is forgotten or cannot be used for some other reason, emergencies can still be reported on the old number, Chief Smith said.

## Missed bargain price

# MTA admits Glenwood goof

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"If I could find out who goofed, I'd be after that person's scalp," said John McAlevey, of the state Metropolitan Transportation Authority board and chairman of its Conrail Committee.

McAlevey of Monsey, N.Y. admits he has been unable to solve the mystery that shrouds the identity of the person who had turned down Consolidated Edison's "first preference offer" to sell to Conrail a needed substation along the Yonkers riverfront for \$30,000.

The substation is essential to the continued operation of 110 passenger trains on Conrail's Hudson Division serving thousands of commuters. The state MTA oversees the operations of Conrail.

The "goof" is causing the MTA board embarrassment and headaches today because the substation's new landlord Kenneth Capolino of Yonkers, is asking rent ranging from \$120,000 to \$240,000 annually compared to the \$575 yearly rent the railroad previously paid the utility under a lease agreement.

Capolino inherited the lease which expired on June 30 when he purchased the substation along with an unused Glenwood power plant in December 1978 for a reported \$30,000, the same price offered Conrail for the substation.

A former Republican district leader in the 3rd Ward, Capolino would not confirm the purchase price but currently holds a firm upper hand over MTA and Conrail.

When the railroad refused to pay the "astronomical" rent increase, Capolino initiated eviction proceedings against Conrail which comes up in City Court Monday. More than a dozen adjournments on this matter had been granted by the court since July.

Robert Greenwald, Capolino's attorney says that the MTA's lawyer informed him an appraiser was hired to set the value of the substation in a condemnation proceeding.

In August, the MTA board voted to proceed with the condemnation. Conrail needs the substation for the next five years to operate its commuter trains. Glenwood substation is used to convert AC electric power purchased from Con Edison into DC power.

A formal resolution to proceed with condemnation will probably be considered at the Jan. 18 MTA board meeting, according to McAlevey.

"No policy decisions on the purchase had ever been made by the board because it never came before the board," says McAlevey. "The ball was dropped somewhere along the staff level and I can't find out where."

When he first joined the MTA board in August, McAlevey recalls "inheriting a thick ring-bound file on the subject" which was supposed to include all correspondence on the matter.

"It was handed to me by then chairman, Harold I. Fisher, who said, 'here, you figure out who goofed.'"

The current 14-member MTA board, according to McAlevey, has been amazed to find out the way things had been done before. "It (the board) had not been involved in many policy decisions, and this is a good example," he said.

McAlevey further points out that "the MTA staff in charge of overseeing Conrail functions meets monthly with Conrail management yet not one of their agendas reflect discussions of the issue."

However, conversations and correspondence concerning the leasing and purchase of the huge unused power plant and the substation had taken place between representatives of Conrail, MTA and Con Ed.

Various letters were made available to this newspaper revealing that Con Edison at first offered to sell both buildings for \$60,000 and later agreed to sell only the substation to Conrail for \$30,000.

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## Students suffer substitutes shortage

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A severe shortage of substitute teachers in the Yonkers School System left 461 classes uncovered throughout the district during November, according to a report released this week by the Yonkers Board of Education.

During November, 1979, the report showed that one out of every five classes or 21 percent of the classes in the district's schools went uncovered because of a substitute shortage.

Total teacher absences for November reached 2,250 with more teachers being absent on Fridays, than on any other day of the week.

On an average weekday the report showed about 102 teachers absent, but on Fridays that rate increased to an average of 118 teachers absent.

In the high schools where the substitute shortage was the highest, Lincoln High School had 91 uncovered classes for November and Gorton High School, 57 uncovered classes.

A school principal in Yonkers, who wished not to be identified, admitted the shortage of substitutes "definitely" upsets a student's schedule and contributed to truancy by students.

School officials admitted that in order to compensate for the shortage, administrators will often take over a class or classes will be broken up and students sent to different teachers or to study hall.

School officials blame the substitute shortage which has plagued the district for the last several years, on budget cuts which have forced Yonkers to pay substitutes \$28 a day, one of the lowest rates for a substitute in the county.

With most other districts in Westchester paying substitutes \$30 a day and up and New York City paying \$40 a day, Yonkers school officials admitted that substitutes often turned down teaching assignments, opting to sub in other districts where they could earn more money.

After studying the substitute problem Yonkers Supt. of Schools Dr. Joan Raymond asked the board to raise the salary of subs, which the board voted to do at its Nov. 8 meeting.

Under the new policy, substitutes in Yonkers now make \$35 a day and \$45 a day when they sub for more than 20 consecutive days in the district.

If a substitute works for more than 75 consecutive days they are guaranteed to be paid as a regular teacher in Yonkers, according to a plan worked out by the Yonkers Federation of Teachers, YFT, and the board.

Since the new salary schedules have been in effect for less than two months, school officials said they have not yet been able to evaluate if the higher salaries have attracted more substitutes to Yonkers.

But higher daily salaries for substitutes do not automatically mean it will be easier for Yonkers to find substitutes.

School officials also blame the desire to

work full time or the changing atmosphere in the classrooms as reasons why teachers are not willing to substitute.

For whatever reason, Yonkers is not alone, with many local school districts in the county reporting a similar shortage of substitutes.

In Yonkers school officials and the YFT blame part of the shortage on the New York State Department of Labor which in part handles the hiring of substitutes for Yonkers and other school districts in the county.

The Department of Labor's Employment Office in Yonkers calls substitutes early in the morning from a list of eligible substitutes screened by the Yonkers Board of Education.

However YFT officials and school officials contend the employment office does not take the time or effort to call an adequate number of substitutes.

But a spokesman at the employment office said it is the subs who often refuse assignments for various reasons.

Although there is a substitute shortage, Yonkers is also keeping a close watch on the number of eligible substitutes they use and how often substitutes work. Beginning in January, 1978 local school districts were required to pay unemployment benefits for substitutes who had earned more than \$40 a week for 20 non-consecutive weeks.

Dr. Raymond said in the future the board will review whether the district should use the state's employment office or choose to run its own system for finding substitutes.

## Inside

- Lifestyles** Screen star Janet Gaynor makes her Broadway debut January 29 in "Harold and Maude." A behind-the-curtain look is on page B1.
- Sports** It was a good night for both the Knicks and Nets - the Knicks blew apart visiting San Diego, while the Nets trimmed host Atlanta. But the Islanders lost to Pittsburgh, 4-3, at the Nassau Coliseum.
- World/Nation** Rebuffed by Ayatollah Khomeini, U.N. Secretary-General Waldheim left Tehran for New York today, cutting short by one day his rescue mission to Iran.
- Weather** Increasing cloudiness and cold today, high in the upper 20s. Cloudy tonight, with snow beginning around midnight, low in the teens. Chance of precipitation 20 percent today, 80 percent tonight. Details on A2.

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