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Reagan condemns Russia in speech to nation

By SCOTT WILHOIT
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President Reagan, mixing tough talk with soft sanctions, unveiled a series of diplomatic and aviation restrictions on Moscow last night in response to the downing of a South Korean airliner and said "this crime against humanity must never be forgotten."

A UK professor said the tone of the speech was expected, adding Reagan is handling the situation "as well as it could be handled under the constraints."

Using a tape recording of a Soviet pilot announcing to a ground controller that "the target is destroyed" two minutes after a missile was launched, Reagan demanded an accounting and an apology from the Soviet Union.

Speaking to the nation by television and radio from the Oval Office, the president referred four times to "what can only be called the Korean Air Lines Massacre."

"Our immediate challenge to this atrocity is to ensure that we make the skies safer and that we seek just compensation for the families of those who were killed," Reagan

said. He called for the Soviets to compensate victims of the air tragedy.

Officials in Moscow have not admitted shooting down the Korean Air Lines flight last Thursday, but acknowledge firing warning shots at it. The Boeing 747 carried 269 people to their deaths.

However, Reagan said he was presenting "the incontrovertible evidence that the Soviets were responsible" and then reviewed the three-hour flight that ended in death for those on the New York-to-Seoul flight, which included 61 U.S. residents.

The president unveiled a series of restrictions against Moscow, including cancellation of an agreement on transportation cooperation.

He said the United States has reaffirmed its ban of Soviet planes landing at U.S. airports, asked other countries to adopt similar restrictions and is "examining additional steps we can take with regard to Aeroflot facilities in this country."

Vincent Davis, director of the Patterson School of Diplomacy, said Reagan's speech was along the lines of what he had expected.

"It was pretty much what I had anticipated," he said. "Personally, I think he (Reagan) is handling the situation as well as it could be handled under the constraints."

The constraints Davis listed include a Soviet buildup over the past 21 years that places limitations on what the United States may do in retaliation, he said.

Reagan said he would take the matter to the United Nations for possible action. Davis, however, said he believes little or nothing will result from this move. "This isn't a Third World issue," he said. "Most Third World nations will not consider this incident major enough to mobilize the U.N. forces."

Instead, Davis believes the U.N.

will pass a "watered-down" version of a resolution condemning the Soviets.

He also said he doesn't expect a major Russian response to Reagan's address. "The (Soviets) have been holding the high cards over the past few years," he said. "They see nothing to gain by apologizing for their actions."

Dmitry Feofanov, a Russian emigrant and UK professor of music, echoed Davis' comments.

"They have been lying through their teeth," Feofanov said. "They cannot admit what they have done."

Feofanov, who left the Soviet Union five years ago, said he also expects the average Soviet citizen will never know much about the incident.

"Information, for a good Soviet citizen will be very limited," he said. "But, information, for the 'bad' citizen will get through."

He said the 'bad' citizens were

people, such as himself, who illegally listened to Western broadcasts. Feofanov said a rumor probably would begin to spread in Soviet streets that something occurred.

"Quite a number of the bad people will soon be finding out what happened," he said.

But Feofanov said he doubts the Soviet masses will never know exactly what happened in the skies above Sakhalin.

Disgusted with tragedy

Students disagree on U.S. sanctions

By BECKY McVEIGH
Staff Writer

Three UK students — a South Korean, a Russian emigrant and the president of Socially Concerned Students — said they are disgusted with the recent Korean airline tragedy, but disagreed on the sanctions that should be taken by the United States.

"I was really shocked," Youngjik Kwag, the Korean Association president, said. "I just couldn't believe it. I talk with many Koreans. They're all angry about it."

Patricia Wack, Socially Concerned Students president, agreed. "I thought it was disgusting," she said. "I was totally surprised. I have no idea why they did that. It did nothing but turn Western opinion against them, especially at a time when they're discussing arms talks."

"It seems so awful. You don't know if it could be a mistake or if they really planned it," Leon Luxemburg, Soviet emigrant and electrical engineering student, said. Luxemburg was born in Moscow, graduated from college in the

U.S.S.R. and immigrated to the United States.

Luxemburg said he thought Reagan's plans to continue arms talks are "total nonsense" and that he is not "tough enough" with the Soviets. "It was very easy for him to be anti-Communist before he was president. But now he is trying to please all kind of naive people," he said.

"I don't see how Americans can think that by talking to Soviets you can have peace," he said. "It can only result in America reducing its arms and Russia building them up."

Wack, in contrast, supports the arms talks. "I'm glad that arms reduction negotiations are going on," she said. "This was tragic, but nuclear war is pretty tragic too."

"I think he's (Reagan) handling it appropriately," Wack said. "I'm glad he isn't using a lot of strong anti-Soviet rhetoric. He knows he doesn't have to do anything. The cards are in his favor."

Wack said that anything America does to punish Russia will seem "a little trite."

"There's nothing they can do to replace the lives that were lost," she

said. "The worst punishment is the world's attitude towards them (Russians)."

Luxemburg said he doesn't think American or world opinion will affect the U.S.S.R. very much. "Its (Russia's) goal is to conquer the world and they will stop at nothing," he said.

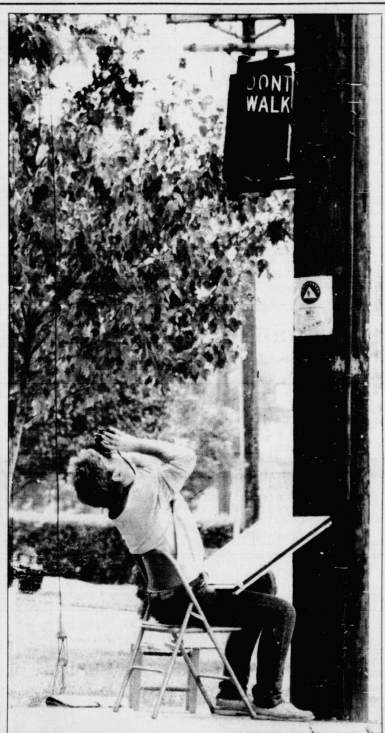
"I agree with that (public reaction against the Soviets)," Luxemburg said. "I think he (Andropov) is a murderer."

But Luxemburg said Americans cannot generalize and label all Russians as murderers. "There are many Russians who want to have democracy," he said.

"Russia is the only country that would shoot down an airliner," Kwag said. But he said there is nothing South Korea can do about it.

"We cannot take action against Soviets. We are too small. We have no political relations, no economic relations," he said. "We can ask the U.S. to do something for us, but this will only affect for a short time."

"After a week, everyone will forget it," he said.



Pole gazing
Scott Hallam, an architecture junior, tries to spot some design qualities in a telephone pole on the corner of Euclid Avenue and Rose Street. His efforts are for a detailed drawing assignment in his architecture studio class.

Students to pay for overdue books

By CAROLYN EDWARDS
Reporter

Somehow library books always seem to get buried under mounds of dirty laundry, under the mattress or in the back of a closet. Strict enforcement of fine payments, however, may encourage students to keep a tighter reign on UK library books.

Roxanna Jones, assistant head of the circulation department, said most students incur fines when they forget to return borrowed books.

"The basic reason behind having any kind of fine at all is to try to find an equitable access to our library material," she said. "Undergraduates can check out circulating books for 28 days. Graduate students are given a semester to return borrowed books. A notice is mailed shortly after the due date, but a fine of 10 cents per day is charged starting with the first day

the books are overdue.

Reserve materials, which professors require for classroom work, cost students 25 to 50 cents an hour if they are not returned on time. "If the professor did not feel it was high-use material, it would not be on reserve," Jones said.

Sixty days after the first overdue notice, a second notice is mailed. If the fine is left unpaid or if it exceeds \$20, the student is reported as a "delinquent" to the Registrar's Office.

Over 1,000 individuals are reported as delinquent each semester, Jones said. "In some cases, students listed as delinquents with the Registrar's Office cannot pre-register or get grades."

"If we report a student delinquent, it is quite a major undertaking to clear it," she said. "Students may clear their delinquent status by visiting the Administrative Services office on the second

floor of M.I. King Library South and paying the accumulated debt owed.

Payments for lost books are determined from listings of average book costs in *Publisher's Weekly*. A \$15 processing fee is then added to the average cost.

One-third to one-half of the delinquents clear their delinquency, Jones said. Students in the past have paid accumulated fines from \$20 to \$1,500, she said. These funds are used to replace library materials.

Director of Libraries, Paul Willis, said a library automation system will be installed by next Fall. The system in part will automate circulation, replace the card catalog, keep records of fine charges and block delinquents of overdue books or fines from further borrowing. Construction on the equipment will start in February, but students will not notice major changes until summer.

INSIDE

The Lady Kats volleyball team added eight wins to their record in a tournament over the Labor Day weekend. See page 4.

The Riverfest, Cincinnati's Labor Day weekend fireworks show, caught the eye of Arts Editor Barry Williams. See page 2.

WEATHER

Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms developing and highs will be in the upper 80s. Tonight will be mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms with lows will be in the upper 60s.

At last

Wildcats' 31-14 win is Claiborne's first UK victory

By MICKEY PATTERSON
Sports Editor

Last year was a living hell for Jerry Claiborne.

For 11 months he worried and fretted over how to improve on his team's 0-10-1 record. Never one to shirk hard work, Claiborne spent agonizing hours at home, in the office and on the practice field working towards achieving his first win at UK.

Saturday's 31-14 thrashing of Central Michigan was doubly sweet for Claiborne. Not only was it his first win at UK, but it was his 139th career victory — placing him in the No. 1 position among Paul "Bear" Bryant graduates who have coached in the college ranks. Claiborne has replaced former LSU coach Charlie McClendon as Bryant's winningest pupil.

"It's a real good feeling. I was happy to see that the players knew how bad I wanted this win," Claiborne said. "I've been a nervous wreck the past 11 months. I've worked the players hard, and I've probably yelled at them more than normal. I knew how important this game was."

The UK offense, which seemed downright pathetic at times last season, bustled loose for 459 total yards Saturday.

The first half against Central Michigan, however, was anything but rosy. With four minutes left in the first quarter the Chippewa offense went to work behind their running backs Curtis Adams and Matt Coffey. Quarterback Ron Filmore waltzed in from the four to give Cen-

tral Michigan the first score of the game. Rob Conlin's extra point was good, giving the Chippewa's a 7-0 lead.

Instead of folding, as was their habit last season, the Wildcats came storming back. With nine minutes left in the second quarter reserve fullback Tom Wheary exploded up the middle for a 32-yard touchdown run. Chris Caudell's extra point was good tying the score.

"That was a heck of a run," Claiborne said. "He made a great cut. That got us on the scoreboard the first time, it got us started."

Central Michigan used a bizarre pass play and Adams' running to go ahead 14-7 with five minutes left in the half. Filmore attempted a pass over the middle but UK linebacker Scot Schroeder deflected the ball straight up into the air.

A scramble for the ball much akin to a jump ball in basketball ensued in which UK safety Paul Calhoun appearing to have the ball only to have it snatched away by Central Michigan's John DeBoer who rammed 43 yards to the UK 14. Two plays later Adams scored and with the extra point, Central Michigan went up 14-7.

But again UK came right back behind the passing of quarterback Randy Jenkins. With UK at the Central Michigan 18, Jenkins hit a wide open Rick Massie in the end zone and Caudell converted the extra point to tie the score at 14.

The second half was all UK. The Wildcat defense, finally looking like it knew how to spell "wide-tackle-six defense," held the Chippewa's to just

three first downs in the second half.

Senior tailback Lawrence "Choo-Choo" Lee scored on a two-yard run around left end halfway through the third quarter and on UK's next possession outran everyone on the field for a 63-yard touchdown run to ice the win. Caudell added an 18-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to complete the scoring.

"Kentucky's defense really hurt us in the second half," said Herb Deromedi, Central Michigan head coach. "We didn't have the ball long enough to see what we could do."

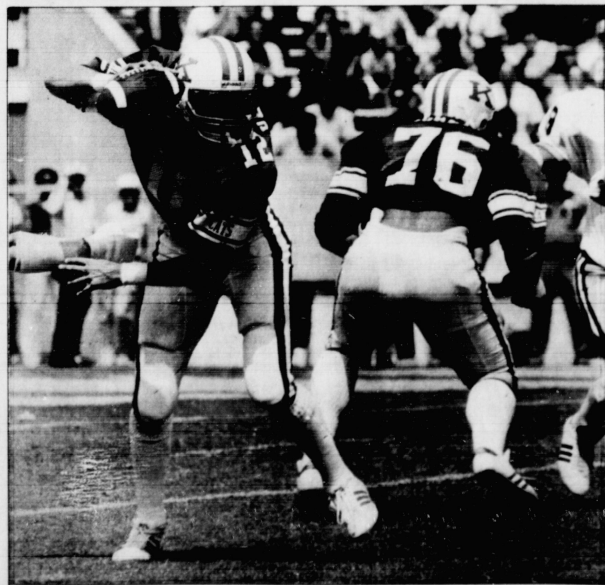
"We couldn't sustain anything, mainly because we failed on our third down passing attempts," he said. "We had some people open on the pass plays but couldn't get the ball to them."

Like a proud father, Claiborne was beaming at the post-game press conference. For the first time in his tenure at UK, he appeared as a victorious coach.

"It's just a good feeling getting this first win," he said. "I thought the way we came back after they scored the first time, and then coming back after they scored the second time, really showed character in our football team. This is the way they've been practicing. They just kept coming back."

Most important of all, for the first time in a long time, football was fun for Jerry Claiborne.

"I enjoyed this game for our players, for our fans and for me too," he said. "We've worked hard and we've got to continue to work hard. And the way we got it, coming back twice just added to it."



UK offensive tackle Vernon Johnson protects senior quarterback Randy Jenkins from the Central Michigan defense. Jenkins completed 16 of 22 passes for 185 yards and one touchdown leading the Wildcats to a 31-14 win. UK will take on Kansas State next Saturday at home.

Fireworks prove enlightening for patrons of '83 Riverfest

If ever there was a more fitting expression coined for the truly crazed at heart, it was when journalist Hunter S. Thompson said, "When the going gets weird, the weird turn pro."

Now, for anyone who attended the 16th birthday party of one Cincinnati radio station with the call letters WEBN this past weekend, knowledge of such an adage goes without saying.

In fact, it would be the understatement of the year to say that this event, which sent the Ohio Valley into some dimension obviously beyond "The Twilight Zone," was anything but normal.

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Barry J. WILLIAMS

For myself and esteemed colleague, Dr. Crystal, the evening kept taking us new vistas and horizons that kept us on higher plateaus than the fireworks could ever put us.

It all began ordinarily enough. In an effort to remain organized for this venture, I told Dr. Crystal that I would meet him at 7 p.m. in the lobby of the Quality Inn Riverview, a phallic construction that was one of the better seats in the Valley for the explosives.

Since it was booked full months ago, we decided we would meet and sit with the masses on the flood plain. While not a great vantage point, we figured it would be just as good as any we could find at this late date.

As I exited on the Fifth Street ramp and approached the Quality, Dr. C came running toward my car amidst the already plodding traffic. I waved to get his attention and as he caught sight of my rather nondescript '75 Omega Hatchback, he seemed unusually ecstatic about something.

I waited for him to jump in the car but instead he ran past my car and yelled at a blue Mercedes that was directly behind me. This rather disturbed me as I thought he must already have plunged into the little container that we had brought with us specifically to enhance the colors of the fireworks. Don't get me wrong, such an endeavor makes any journalistic reporting that much more intriguing, if not captivating.

When we finally pulled up along with that was to be our destination for the evening, I looked furtively for the Captain of the Ship. Dr. C spotted someone swimming up to our boat. I kept wondering if this was the Ziggy that I was hearing so much about. John Moore pointed out that this crazed, screaming dentist coming at us was, indeed, our Captain.

"There he is, our esteemed Captain of the Ship of Fools," John yelled back to me as I guzzled down my Miller Lite suddenly wishing to escape all of this.

It was obvious that the drugs were beginning to take effect. As the fireworks hadn't even begun.

Well, when they did, all of the demoralized individuals aboard the Ship of Fools became totally out of control as, I daresay, all of the masses did in the entire Valley.

Never has Cincinnati witnessed such a phosphorescent evening. WEBN staged one of the classiest acts of the year with these fireworks. The music, which could be heard virtually everywhere, was synchronized to the brilliant explosions. Pieces ranging from the classic "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairies" from The Nutcracker Suite to The Who's "Emminence Front" filled the air.

The colors and hues from the fireworks are indescribable and the finale involved such a cacophony of sound that we all doubted whether we would ever hear again. The sky was filled with such a kaleidoscopic texture of fiery arrangements that it turned the Ohio Valley into daytime.

And that's about all that can be said about it. If you were there, you can understand what these sentiments are trying to express. If you were unfortunate to miss it, there's always next year.

As for Dr. Crystal and I, we wound up sipping Long Island Iced Teas atop Mt. Adams with Becky and John and contemplating how exactly we had escaped complete annihilation from Ziggy and his Ship of Fools.

There's something to be said for holiday weekends and I suppose it's that to return to a world of normalcy is almost a welcome find.

As I sit here pecking out the final words to this litany, I can't help but wonder if it all even happened. Of course it did, but I wonder how I can top this next year... I'd better start planning now.

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SAB announces fall events

The Student Activities Board is presenting The Chinese Magic Circus of Taiwan at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, in Memorial Coliseum. Tickets are general admission and will be \$7 general public and \$5 to UK students and senior citizens.

Tickets go on sale September 2, 1983, and will be available through the Student Center ticket office from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

The production features stunning acrobats, incredible feats of daring and balance, Kung Fu, exciting juggling and tumbling, magical tricks, illusions and brilliantly costumed dancing.

In addition to this event, SAB will present Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago at 8 p.m. Oct. 15, in the Center for the Arts. Ticket prices will be \$3 to the general public and \$6 to UK students and senior citizens. Tickets will be available as well at the Student Center and at the Center for the Arts room to 4 p.m. weekdays beginning Oct. 3.

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SPORTS

Adams, Fillmore open up and get shut down in first game

By JASON WILLIAMS
Senior Staff Writer

The Central Michigan Chippewas thought they had a decent shot at beating a Southeastern Conference opponent. After Saturday's 31-14 loss to UK, they still thought so.

"They're about the same as any of the teams we've played," junior tailback Curtis Adams said.

Redshirt freshman quarterback Ron Fillmore agreed, particularly concerning the first half when the teams were tied.

"The score was kind of deceptive really," he said. "When it was 14-14 I thought we were the better team."

That may have been true, as Fillmore completed four of seven passes in the first half for 71 yards, while Adams, 1982's Mid-Atlantic Conference offensive player of the year, rushed for 77 yards on 13 carries.

Adams was expected to put on a running show by those who knew of his reputation (1,090 yards last year in eight games). In the early goings, however, he could muster only minor yardage before breaking for 12 yards on his fourth carry.

"I was loosening up by then," he said. "It was pretty stiff when I first got out there."

Adams went on for nine and 10 yards on his next two attempts, setting up Fillmore's four-yard touchdown run to give CMU a 7-0 lead.

"It was a flood pattern and we

looked to pass first and run second," Fillmore said of the scoring play. "I was going to run all the way if I was clear, and I was."

Adams was effectively covered in the first part of the second quarter, while UK tied the score at 7-7, before running up the middle for 14 yards on a CMU third-and-one.

His effort was in vain for the moment as UK got the ball back four plays later, but the Wildcats only moved the ball four yards and set CMU up for an unusual scoring drive.

On second-and-five, Fillmore threw a short pass to a Chippewa re-

ceiver who barely tapped it before half of the UK defense swarmed for an interception. None of the Wildcats could hold onto the ball, however, and CMU split-end John DeBoer snared it and ran for a 48-yard completion.

"The intended receiver touched the ball, but he wasn't the one who ended up with it," Fillmore said.

Fillmore had no complaints, however, and Adams ran for nine yards on the next play and then five for a touchdown and 14-7 lead. CMU was through for the day, though.

The second half proved disastrous for the Chippewas. The heat was

on from the field temperature in the 90s and from the UK defense. CMU head coach Herb Deromedi said the weather did not deplete his ranks.

"I don't think the heat was much of a factor," he said. "We did play everybody we could."

Adams also downplayed the temperature. "We've been practicing in 92-93 weather ourselves," he said. "It wasn't all that big a thing."

Fillmore, starting in his first collegiate game, also felt the heat from the win-hungry crowd of 56,000 at first.

"The noise was a little louder than I expected," he said. "But once you

get the first snap it doesn't really matter."

Adams could run for no more than five yards a carry in the second half and didn't rush at all in the fourth quarter.

"I missed a lot of cuts," Adams simply said of the cutback in his performance. He still finished with a game-high 97 yards.

Fillmore experienced even greater difficulty in the second half, completing only one pass, a four-yarder to Adams. He finished five-for-11 with 75 yards.

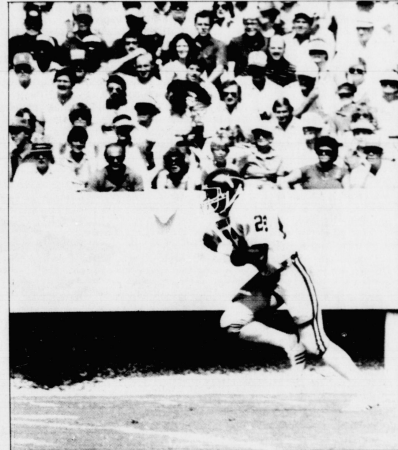
Kermit Pitts, who shared time at quarterback last season before

being beaten out by Fillmore, replaced the freshman and fared worse — one for nine for three yards.

CMU's defense fell victim to Randy Jenkins' passing attack as the Wildcats marched ahead.

"Their passes over the middle hurt us a lot," Deromedi said. "We were not aware they would use this pass as much as they did. It was a surprise and very effective."

Fillmore chalked the defeat up to experience, but still said, "I wish we didn't have to learn from this loss to work on our problems."



BRYAN BAYLOR (Chief Photographer)

Central Michigan tailback Curtis Adams heads upfield after receiving a kickoff in his team's 31-14 loss Saturday. Adams was one of the few bright spots in the Chippewa offense gaining 97 yards on 20 carries.

Swim tryouts

UK swim coach Wynn Paul has announced that he will hold a meeting for students interested in swimming or diving for the women's swim team. An organizational meeting will be held 5 p.m. Thursday, 61 Memorial Coliseum. For further information contact the swim team office at 257-5626.

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Lady Kats sweep Labor Day tournament, prepare to work for next tough opponent

By JASON WILLIAMS
Senior Staff Writer

As Mary Jo Peppler sees things, 9-0 isn't a bad way to be, but some kinks still need to be worked out.

The Lady Kats volleyball team added to its undefeated record over the weekend with eight wins in its Labor Day tournament. Associate head coach Peppler, who along with Marilyn McReavy is in her second year at UK, said the team's relatively easy capture of the championship is no cause for complacency.

"I was sort of surprised," she said. "I don't think we're that good yet. I've got a three-page list of things we have to work on in practice."

The 20-team tournament was played in Memorial Coliseum, Alumni Gym and the Seaton Center, with all the winning teams facing several tough opponents each day, sometimes without a break.

UK seemed to have most of the breaks Friday, though, defeating Notre Dame 15-4, 15-3, 15-4; Ball State 15-4, 15-8, 15-9; and Oral Roberts 15-3, 15-7, 15-10.

Competition got thicker Saturday, with the Kats besting Louisville 5-15, 15-1, 15-12, 15-4; Rutgers 15-7, 15-17, 15-5, 15-12; and surprising third-

ranked San Diego State, who took UK to five games before losing Wednesday night in the season opener, 15-13, 15-11, 15-9.

The Kats were down 13-7 in the first game of the San Diego match before scoring eight straight points, and the Aces never seemed to get into the flow the rest of the match. Peppler nevertheless considered them the toughest opponents.

"They can play better than that," she said. "Any other time that we played them we wouldn't have won that easily."

Sunday got off to an early morning start against Central Michigan, with the Kats starting reserves instead of their regular lineup.

"We needed some enthusiasm from the bench," Peppler said, "and our players were tired from playing so much over the last couple of days, and we wanted to give everybody a chance to play."

CMU had its share of fans at the match, with thoughts of revenge after their football team's 31-14 loss to UK the day before. The Kats had trouble at times with the Chippewas but prevailed 15-10, 14-16, 15-7, 16-14.

The tournament-clinching match came later in the day against Illinois State. After UK built a 7-3 lead, the Redbirds rattled off 10 straight

points before the Kats regained composure and went on a streak of their own to win 15-13.

The second game was all UK as Tanya Diamond, a junior transfer from Utah State, had 11 straight serves before Illinois State managed a side-out and saved itself from being shut out. The Kats won 15-6.

Seniors Marsha Bond and Karolyn Kirby showed why they're being touted as All-American candidates in the third game as they spent much of their time above the net in the 15-6 victory.

The Lady Kats, ranked eighth and ninth in separate national polls, have the rest of the week off before facing sixth-ranked UCLA Friday night at 7:30 in Memorial Coliseum. They will have practices however, which aren't likely to be easy.

Siting her "three-page list," Peppler said that while the team's hitting and defense is good, blocking is only average and serving needs some work. The best thing, she said, has been the team's winning attitude.

"I've been very pleased with our come-from-behind victories, and we usually win the close games," she said. "We've got a lot of spirit. We won't give any matches away."

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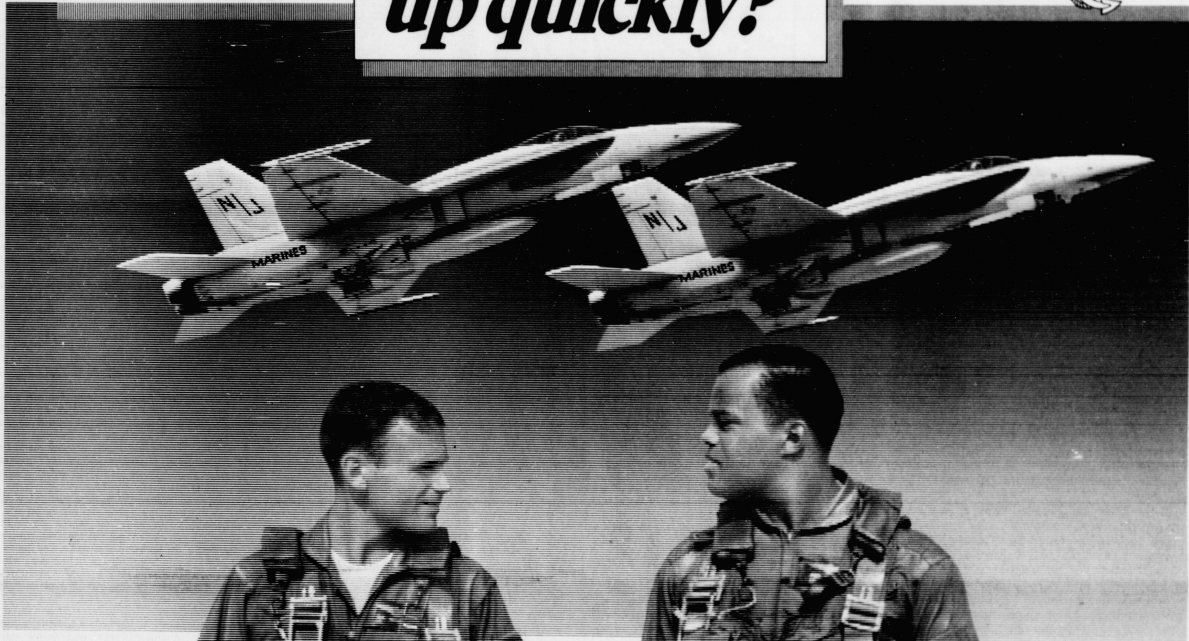
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Apparent downing of unarmed plane inexplicable waste

The apparent destruction of the South Korean jetliner by a Soviet fighter has sparked tempers across the world, producing a cry from Americans and members of the world community demanding swift and stinging retribution for the Russian action.

But, in fact, the incident — although somewhat outlined by U.S. intelligence officials — remains shrouded in a myriad of questions.

We know that a civilian, commercial airliner, enroute from New York to Seoul, Korea, apparently wandered accidentally into Soviet airspace last Wednesday. According to U.S. officials, a Soviet fighter destroyed the aircraft after tracking it by radar and visual contact for two-and-one-half hours.

However, because of the Soviet's policy of secrecy over the embarrassing incident and their decision not to allow Japanese rescue crews to search for the downed plane's flight recorders, we do not know some of the crucial facts — facts such as what caused the plane to stray into Russian territory and why it was apparently attacked.

The list of questions is lengthy. Why would the Soviets order the destruction of a unarmed, clearly marked civilian 747 aircraft containing 269 passengers simply because it violated airspace over an island of only moderate military importance?

Perhaps the Soviets downed the jet assuming it was a military aircraft. But how could trained pilots mistake a brightly-painted vessel with colorful Korean Air Lines logos as a surveillance plane, particularly for two-and-one-half hours?

If the Soviets did indeed know it was a civilian passenger aircraft, why would they risk ruining the "good-boy" image they have slowly built through the nuclear freeze movement and Samantha Smith's visit? There is no logical reason evident for 269 deaths, regardless of whether the Soviet government is capable of such barbaric acts.

And how did a modern 747 jet, equipped with four navigation computers and manned by experienced pilots, stray from its standard route which would have steered it clear of dangerous Russian airspace?

Perhaps more frustrating than the questions, is the lack of means of recourse the United States can take, assuming that the Soviets did indeed knowingly and willingly order the destruction of the jet.

Ordering a halt to the sale of grain to the Soviets would harm our economy — and the future of some farmers — drastically. It would be against our country's philosophy to adopt a "shoot-first-ask-questions-later" policy similar to the Russian's. Cutting the Soviet's diplomatic staff in our country would simply reduce our means of dialogue.

Military reprisals, which might prompt World War III, are out of the question.

So what remains? What can be done? Have 269 people died simply because their craft's pilot strayed into the wrong airspace? Will their deaths, after the headline ink runs dry, simply be dismissed as an unfortunate mistake soon forgotten?

Of all the questions, Americans may find the last one the hardest to answer.

Bradford does care

The criticism of the Student Government Association's attitude toward the health fee exemption issue, published in Friday's *Kernel*, was inaccurate and deserves clarification.

In the editorial, the SGA Senate was accused of not viewing the health fee issue as important. Also, the editorial called for increased attention toward the issue from the student legislative body.

This year's Senate, however, boasts senators Phil Taylor and Bob Easton, who first made headlines through their work in Students for Political Choice, an organization that succeeded in bringing the issue to a campus-wide referendum rather than allowing SGA to endorse the idea in the name of the student body.

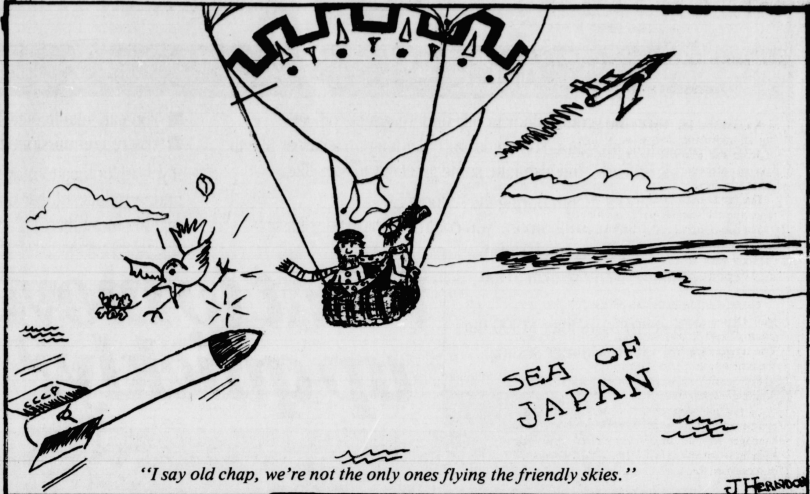
And although SGA President David Bradford did not refer to the issue in his opening remarks to the Senate, he insists that does not mean the problem has been removed from his list of things to do.

The important matter, he said, is that the deadline for applying for an exemption from the fee — Sept. 14 — is rapidly approaching and that students covered by other health plans should seek counsel to determine their eligibility.

BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed



Flight 007 victim of gunboat diplomacy

So far the deaths of 268 people on Korean Air Lines flight 007 remain shrouded in mystery, with government officials on both sides of the Cold War carefully choosing their explanations and accusations. One thing is clear already, however — both the United States and the Soviet Union are determined to keep the exact extent and nature of their surveillance activities as secret from one another as possible.



Gary W. PIERCE

This is not news of course. It's the same old story of international cloak-and-dagger diplomacy, and loss of human life always seems to pale in significance when national security is threatened.

Consider the initial questions raised by the incident. How much did the Soviets know about the Korean airliner? Fragmented intelligence reports indicate they had ample opportunity to discern it was unarmed and non-threatening, and carrying no surveillance equipment.

Of course, as yet there is no way to know that for certain, and the Soviets certainly aren't telling.

Did the Soviets interpret the flight's perhaps accidental proximity to Soviet air space as an act of provocation? In the days before sophisticated surveillance equipment, it was common practice for American planes to skirt Soviet boundaries as closely as possible in order to determine the nature of U.S.S.R. warning systems, but the need for such tactics has long since been abolished by advanced technology.

Surveillance is still the key to this mystery, however. As much as the rest of the world may desire an official and satisfactory Soviet explanation, none will be forthcoming in the near future. To reveal how much they knew about the plane and how they came to know it would sharply outline their surveillance systems. The U.S.S.R. has rarely concerned itself with world opinion, and it's doubtful they'll be willing to appease

international outrage at the cost of compromising their security.

Back in the U.S.A., the same motivations prevail. Chances are good that U.S. intelligence knew of the Korean airliner's plight. It certainly came as no surprise Sunday when it was announced that a U.S. spy plane was in the area at the time of the shooting. Naturally U.S. spokesmen instantly denied the possibility that the Soviets could have mistaken the Korean plane for ours, since they'd been tracking the airliner for so long.

More tricky is the scenario in which Soviet surveillance, alerted by the presence of the U.S. spy plane, operated on the assumption that the Korean plane could have carried spy equipment. In any case, the U.S. couldn't admit the spy plane's presence immediately without revealing more of their surveillance activities than would be practical.

Reagan and crew are determined not to repeat national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski's 1978 goof, when in a similar situation he carelessly mentioned that the Soviets had fired on a South Korean airliner. Nothing wrong with saying so, of course, except that it was publicly known at the time only that the plane had been forced down, and not that it had been fired on. Brzezinski's error indicated the effectiveness of U.S. spy systems, to the embarrassment of American surveillance experts.

This time around, U.S. officials are more careful. They announced, for instance, that they have data on Flight 007 and its tragedy which will outline the brutality of the Soviet attack, but that such data must first be translated from Japanese versions of recorded Soviet transmissions during their tracking of the flight. Thus, according to the State Department, the information was not immediately available as the incident occurred, and is still not available in "real time."

What they really mean is that they don't dare tell how much was and is known about the incident for fear of jeopardizing the secrecy of their surveillance systems and conse-

quently reducing their effectiveness.

Official statements on both sides are similar. The Soviets argue that if U.S. surveillance was tracking the Korean airliner, there was ample time to alert the plane, which may have suffered some navigational malfunction, and order it back on its proper course.

American officials argue that if the Soviets had been tracking the plane for as long as two hours, there was ample time to distinguish the commercial flight from any U.S. surveillance planes in the area.

Ample time to do this, and ample time to do that, and ample time to do the other thing. Meanwhile, 268 people are at the bottom of the sea, no longer concerned with the political ramifications of Korean Flight 007.

The possibility that the whole incident was some mistake, reminiscent of Cold War tales like *Fail-Safe*, can't be ruled out yet. Maybe the flight's navigational computers were in error, maybe the Soviet fighters did mistake the flight for an American surveillance mission and, maybe, as some have suggested, the US did have some surveillance equipment aboard the Korean plane. None of this, however, is very likely.

Whatever else you may think of the U.S.S.R., they know how to pro-

tect their tough-guy image. The whole world knows better now than to encroach on Soviet air space. The U.S., on the other hand, has so far reacted with impotent and ridiculous protests, flag-burnings and tear-jerking coverage of memorial services at sea. Initial talk of strong economic sanction against the Soviets has subsided, and even President Reagan admits that his official reaction to the incident will "not be anything earth-shattering."

If the destruction of Flight 007 was an accident, the U.S.S.R. will pay little for its mistake. If it was a deliberate and brutal act of aggression, designed to put a little more of the Red scare into the rest of the world and in the process make the surveillance-conscious U.S. government look noisy but weak, then it definitely worked.

Whatever the final outcome of the incident, chances are good we'll never know the whole story. Too much spy activity on both sides of the big pond is at stake, and the only truth lies rotting in the sea, while bereaved families toss wreaths over the latest fatalities of gunboat diplomacy.

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LETTERS

'Higher law'

There is merit in the interesting and provocative editorial of Prof. Wayne H. Davis. Press neglects cause of Latin conflict" (*Kernel*, Aug. 26), but, failing others, I would like to offer an exception or two.

First, the editorial is predicated too much on national interests and capitalist priorities. And, in the latter instance, apparently, the economics of Milton Friedman. There is a higher law than the market, however difficult to effectuate.

Secondly, I cannot accept what appears to be the biological reductionism of the editorial. Surely demography is extremely important in Latin America and the Third World generally, but it is at least arguable

that demography is a function of more fundamental socio-economic realities, rather than the reverse.

And these larger realities would be inclusive of how we have manipulated Latin-American economies and work-forces for our own benefit, e.g., the United Fruit Company (see, for instance the new study of Stephen Schlesinger and Stephen Kinzer, *Bitter Fruit: The Untold Story of the American Conspiracy in Guatemala*).

In this context I would also take exception to the perhaps inadvertent reference to "the Communist government in Nicaragua." This can be unwitting waving of the red flag. The Nicaraguan government is a blend of socialist, democratic and Christian impulses. We (not Prof. Davis) may well drive it into the So-

viet orbit and then, no doubt, blame them for it.

Finally, and perhaps most of all, I cannot accept Prof. Davis' apparent solution to his demographic determinism about the basket cases of the world, for it has about it the despairing taint of triage. And if I am wrong about this, I apologize.

It is one world, and human values transcend national frontiers and what Dostoyevsky termed "economic truth."

There is much to be done and little time for fatalism. For one thing, we could support Bread for the World, an ecumenical lobby to move our surplus foodstuffs to the Third World. And, for a more rounded view of the contemporary problem in Central America, we might attend a series of presentations which, as it

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