



SOVIETS IN AFGHANISTAN... Soviet tank equipped with turret-mounted gun at airport in Kabul, left, while Aeroflot Soviet helicopter awaits a troop transport mission, right

Afghan coup pressures US to find Mideast base sites

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WASHINGTON — The Soviet Union's deep involvement in the Afghanistan coup has a shock value that could prove beneficial to the United States in several areas, a wide spectrum of military leaders said Wednesday.

For one thing, they said, the specter of Soviet troops landing out from Afghanistan underscores the reality that the United States has no launching pad for known military power in the Persian Gulf area.

lateral justification papers in the Pentagon for using bases in the Middle East as at least a temporary arrangement. Shortly before Christmas, a team of Pentagon and State Department officials swung through several Middle East countries, seeking permission to use bases.

Washington sources report that Saudi Arabia continued to greet this idea warily, while Kenya, Oman and Somalia were receptive. No formal agreements have been announced, however.

"We have an expression in the Pentagon," said one general in saying that Afghanistan would provide a fresh sense of urgency to the search for bases, "that every time we get into deep kink in a Roman glory cologne dish, the Russian does a favor. This is a good thing."

"Afghanistan," said one Navy official, "has nothing to do with the national security of the United States directly. But it

raises the question: How the hell are you going to get there?" It thus helps make the case for finding bases in the Persian Gulf area, he reasoned.

An Army officer with Mideast experience said the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan promises that the provider has three fundamental choices when it comes to using military power in the Persian Gulf: Do nothing, find bases or spend an astronomical amount of money

as well. One officer said the ideal would be to duplicate the base of Kuwait in Thailand someplace in the Middle East.

A second perspective benefits military leaders agree, is Afghan tribesman pouring down Soviet troops, Vietnam-style. "It will be interesting," said one general, "to see whether the Soviets occupy cities and lines of communication and leave it to the Afghan army to go after the guerrillas in the hills, or whether the Soviets go after them."

The latter course, he predicted, would prove difficult and force the Soviets to go after the guerrillas with helicopters — the same way American troops pursued the enemy in Vietnam.

The image of the modern Soviet military machine trying to crush the naive Muslims uprising would be an invaluable propaganda opportunity for the West, another officer said.

"To make the Soviet way in Afghanistan

"as painful as possible," one military leader said, the United States should find a way to arm the Afghan guerrillas — perhaps by sending the equipment by way of the Chinese or the Pakistanis.

Besides underscoring the need for bases in the Persian Gulf area and pinning down Soviet forces in Afghanistan for an indefinite period, U.S. military leaders said Afghanistan would help cure the Vietnam "never-again" hangover of the American public.

"You can't walk the world into a peaceful place," said one officer.

Military views as to why the Soviets moved into Afghanistan varied. One high-ranking official theorized that the Soviets saw the country "slipping away" and were not willing to let that happen.

Another predicted the intervention was part of a master plan to dominate the entire Persian Gulf.

Still another officer theorized that the

Soviets wanted to stabilize the buffer state, preferring this could end up being stabilizing for everybody in that part of the world.

Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt, retired chief of naval operations, said neither U.S. rights to bases in the Persian Gulf nor President Carter's plans for increasing the defense budget would keep the Soviets from pulling out of Afghanistan.

The United States, Zumwalt said, simply has neither the conventional nor strategic nuclear forces needed to take on the Soviets, and will not have them "for several years, even if Carter moves briskly. And he's not moving briskly, but making frustratingly modest increases in the defense budget."

"It's business as usual while the globe is burning," Zumwalt said. The United States must spend an extra \$50 billion a year for the next four years on defense to catch up with the Soviets, he said.

The Iranian crisis spawned a fresh



LOVE ME, LOVE MY RAT... Kathy Hilton gets driving tips from her pet rat

Columbus no ordinary varmit White rodent wins affection of rat-hater

HOUSTON (AP) — Perched on his master's shoulder, Columbus is a white rat leading a dog's life and couldn't be happier.

"It's a great pet and he's wonderful with kids," says Kelly Dillen, who says to be an animal health technician and admits a long-standing prejudice against rats in general.

"We had a behavioral training project on (school) and most of the class used rats except me," she says. "I used a dog. I just couldn't understand why anyone would want to work with a rat."

But when a classmate decided to release Columbus in an apartment complex after the project was over, the soft spot in her heart for animals overruled her own distaste for Columbus and his brethren.

"Columbus knows me and he knows his name," Ms. Dillen says, even though Columbus is probably a mongrel mix when compared with the neighborhood pooch.

"Yesterday he was on my sister's shoulder and came in and he ran straight to me. Of course, I feed him so he also identifies me through that."

However, Columbus is no ordinary rat, and Dillen could not even in varmits, Columbus says. Ms. Dillen, in a Long Evans Hooded Rat, bred especially for laboratory work.

"It does make a difference," she says. "Lab rats are bred to be

Film industry box-office hits ring in 1980

HELLYWOOD (AP) — It has been a happy new year for the film industry, which is reporting financial box office bonanzas with holiday attractions.

Starting off before the other big film, "Star Trek — The Motion Picture" retained the leader with a three-week gross of \$41 million — the same amount the space epic cost to produce. The number of theaters showing it in the United States and Canada has ranged from 900 to 1,000.

Steve Martin's film debut, "The Jerk," has been the surprise winner of the season by drawing \$22 million from 700 theaters. Considering the comedy cost \$4.4 million to make, that's not bad for 10 days.

Universal's other year-end release, "1941," has amassed a respectable \$13 million at 600 theaters in two weeks despite negative reviews.

Wall Group Productions' most expensive film ever, the \$30 million "The Black Hole," is also expected to be its greatest grosser. For the first 10 days, \$16.5 million at 500 theaters. Preview reveal holds for the studio was "Mary Poppins."

Detective's actions questioned 'Son of Sam' officer punished

NEW YORK — The Bronx detective whose actions helped spark speculation that David R. Berkowitz, the so-called "Son of Sam" murderer, might have had an accomplice when he killed some of his victims, will face departmental disciplinary charges because of his actions in that case.

The detective, Henry Cinotti, has been placed on a "modified assignment," pending a department hearing. Officers on modified assignment do not carry guns or shields and perform mainly clerical duties. Specific charges against Cinotti have not yet cleared departmental channels.

Deputy Chief Edwin T. Deeber, commander of Bronx detectives, said that the investigation into the possibility that Berkowitz had an accomplice had been concluded several weeks ago without uncovering any such evidence.

Cinotti could not be reached for comment. Another detective in his squad said he was on vacation.

Berkowitz, who was arrested outside his Yonkers, N.Y., apartment on Aug. 10, 1977, had told the police that he acted alone when he killed six women and wounded seven other persons with a .44-caliber revolver during a one-year period. He is now in the New York State Correctional Facility at Attica.

Some police officials have been skeptical that Berkowitz had an accomplice.

One sure point reportedly involved a trip by Cinotti to Mont. N.D., to inquire into the possibility of a link between Berkowitz and the late John Carr. The detective reportedly made the trip at his own expense and on his own time, although he is said to have carried with him a letter of introduction from a police supervisor.

John Carr, who was 31 years old when he died of gunshot wounds in Mont. in February 1973, was the son of Sam Carr, a Yonkers neighbor of Berkowitz. Berkowitz, who did not personally know Sam Carr, had referred to the elder Carr as his "master," who spoke to him through a pug and ordered him to kill

Waldheim, Iran's Ghotbzadeh to hold second meeting today

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of Waldheim meeting the monarch and leaving the head of the shah's twin sister when she was representing Iran at the United Nations.

Waldheim and Ghotbzadeh said after their first meeting that their talk focused on Iranian grievances against the shah and the United States. This was in line with the Iranian government's contention that the secretary-general came to Tehran to hear its side of the dispute with the United States, not to negotiate the release of the captive Americans.

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