

# Still no contact with Moro kidnappers

ROME (AP) — Italy's Christian Democratic Party Sunday seemed to soften its no-deal stand with the Red Brigade kidnappers of party president Aldo Moro. But intermediaries reported no contact with the terrorist abductors more than 24 hours after a death deadline for Moro passed.

For the second day, hundreds of Italians gathered in vigils outside Moro's Rome apartment and in front of the Christian Demo-

crats' downtown headquarters, where leaders of the ruling party were meeting.

Party Secretary-General Benigno Zaccagnini said afterward that Christian Democrats want to find out through intermediaries "a reply to questions on the fate of Aldo Moro and to ascertain ... possible ways to achieve his liberation."

Zaccagnini did not say the party refuses to deal with the Red

Brigades urban guerrillas, its stance since the gang seized the 61-year-old former premier March 16. The abductors demand talks on exchanging him for unspecified "communist prisoners."

A message Thursday said the Red Brigades would kill Moro if his party did not agree by 3 p.m. Saturday to negotiate the terrorist demands.

The Christian Democrats' line had been that the party cannot bargain with the Brigades because to do so would amount to a betrayal of democratic principles.

Observers said Zaccagnini's abstention from restating that stand could mean the party no longer is shying away from negotiations for Moro but may enter into talks if it receives concrete proposals other than a prisoner exchange.

The Moro family, which had been reported upset over the tough no-bargaining line reaffirmed in a party statement Friday night, termed Zaccagnini's new statement "very positive."

"Unfortunately, we have nothing," said the Rev. George Huessler, head of Caritas Internationalis. "Yesterday we had some leads that turned out to be false. But today nothing. We are

still expecting a call. There is no time limit to our availability."

Two newspapers, Corriere della Sera of Milan and Il Messaggero of Rome, said secret talks between the kidnappers and the

Moro family may be in progress, possibly through an attorney for 15 Red Brigade members on trial in Turin on sedition charges. The family, in seclusion, denied the reports through Moro's aides.

## World at a glance

From Associated Press reports

### Korean pilot saw no warning

ANCHORAGE — The co-pilot of a Korean Air Lines (KAL) plane shot down over Russia said the crew received no warning before a Soviet jet fired on the Boeing 707, killing two of the 110 persons aboard and blowing a hole in the fuselage.

The co-pilot Cha Soon Do, 43, of Seoul, said, "They (the Russians) say they warned us," but the gunfire that damaged the plane's fuselage and killed two passengers came as a complete surprise.

"I was on the international emergency frequency, but I did not hear anything ... We didn't contact at all." Cha said he handled the radio during the incident.

He said he first noticed the fighter, which he immediately recognized as Russian, when it pulled alongside. "I noticed it for about two minutes ... no indication of its intent. Then we were just followed. After that I missed the airplane. After then about five minutes we were shot."

### 'Walton's' Will Geer dies

LOS ANGELES — Veteran actor Will Geer, the wrinkled grandfather of television's "The Waltons," has died of respiratory arrest at a hospital here, a CBS spokeswoman said Sunday.

Geer, 76, who died Saturday evening at Midway Hospital, had been hospitalized secretly since March 25, said Janet Alston of CBS.

Geer had been the white-haired patriarch for six years on "The Waltons," a highly rated show about a family living in the Depression and during World War II, based on Earl Hamner's book "The Homecoming."

He won an Emmy for the 1974-75 season as "best supporting actor in a drama series." He also had been nominated the year before.

Geer had more than half a century of experience in various forms of entertainment and was widely known as a Shakespearean trouper. He established the Shakespearean gardens at Stratford, Conn., the Globe Theater in San Diego and at the University of Michigan.

### Jackie O. didn't vote in '64

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis says she did not vote in the 1964 presidential election, a year after the assassination of Pres. John F. Kennedy, because "this vote would have been his," a newspaper reported Sunday.

Onassis' comment came in a 1974 interview with University of Texas history professor Joe Frantz, who was director of the oral history project at the Lyndon Johnson library, the Austin American-Statesman said. The newspaper said the interview was recently approved by Onassis for publication and is to be part of an exhibit at the school.

"I'd never have voted until I was married to Jack," Onassis told Frantz. "I guess my first vote was

probably for him for senator, wasn't it?"

"Then this vote in 1964 would have been — he would have been alive for that vote. And I thought, 'I'm not going to vote for any other person, because this vote would have been his.'"

Onassis recalled in her interview that Kennedy was annoyed by press speculation that Johnson would be dropped from the ticket in 1964. "The only thing I know about that is the fact that it would be brought up every now and then and was rather annoying. I don't think he had any intention of dropping Vice-Pres. Johnson," Onassis said.


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