

Restrictions draw Carter's wrath

CHICAGO (AP) — Pres. Carter, complaining that he "can't compete at all, even peacefully," with Soviet and Cuban adventuring in Africa, criticized Congress Thursday for restricting presidential ability to take decisive action abroad.

"There's a trend in Congress that is building up that puts too much constraint on a president to deal with rapidly changing circumstances," Carter told a nationally broadcast news conference.

While announcing that he has ordered a review of legislative restrictions, Carter specifically said he has "no present inten-

tion" of asking for repeal of legislation which bars direct or indirect U.S. aid to forces in Angola.

The president met with reporters shortly after arriving in Chicago to address a Democratic fund-raising dinner and began by condemning Cuban and Angolan involvement in the fighting in Zaire.

He said both countries "must bear a heavy responsibility" for the violence and killing in Zaire. He said the invasion was mounted in neighboring Angola and was aided by the Cubans.

Carter also said U.S. participation in

the multi-nation effort to rescue Westerners trapped in Zaire was virtually complete and American transport planes used in the operation soon would return to their bases.

In discussing the African crisis, Carter expressed his concern, stated recently in several meetings with members of Congress, that some provisions of security assistance legislation place narrow limits on when and where the aid can be used and he said he has asked Secretary of State Cyrus Vance to review the laws with congressional leaders to determine if any changes are advisable.

Carter said he has no intention of sending military forces into Africa but he does want authority to use economic aid, loans, food and other peaceful means to try to combat Soviet-Cuban involvement.

"I have no intention of getting involved in Angola," he said and then added, "I'm not going to advocate any change in existing law" pending the results of the review. "I will oppose further restrictions," he said.

But then Carter made a point of saying he doesn't plan now to ask for repeal of the Clark Amendment, which bars U.S. aid to factions in Angola.

World at a glance

From Associated Press reports

Hope brings down the House

WASHINGTON — Bob Hope was the honored guest of the House of Representatives today as congressional tributes — and even a few zingers — were heaped upon the comedian in celebration of his upcoming 75th birthday.

A score of congressmen rose during the rare, hour-long session in Hope's honor as he and his wife of 44 years, Dolores, beamed from VIP seats in the gallery.

The highlight of the affair was provided by House Republican Whip Robert Michel of Illinois, who serenaded Hope with his own version of the comedian's theme song, "Thanks for the Memories."

Among the verses:
 "Thanks for the memories,
 "Of places you have gone,
 "To cheer our soldiers on,
 "The president sent Kissinger,
 "But you sent Jill St. John,
 "We thank you so much."

Ford raps Congress

WASHINGTON — Former Pres. Gerald Ford said today that Congress should "back off" and give Pres. Carter the flexibility to deal with foreign crises on his own authority.

Ford also said that if he were still in the White House, he might tell the Soviet Union that there will be no new strategic arms limitation agreement until the Russians and the Cubans stop meddling in Africa.

Four Kenyan execs dead

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — A twin-engine plane carrying a former Kenyan Cabinet minister exploded in the air over a Nairobi suburb today, killing all four persons aboard.

Witnesses said the Piper Aztec, on a flight from Entebbe, Uganda, blew up and disintegrated, spreading wreckage for a square mile over the Ngong Hills region.

On the plane were Bruce McKenzie, Kenya's agriculture minister from 1963 to 1970, and Keith Savage, South African-born Kenyan who headed a telecommunications company.

Strained relations backdrop for talks

NEW YORK (AP) — Weapons negotiations between the United States and the Soviet Union headed for a new and possibly climactic round Thursday against a backdrop of strained relations between the two superpowers.

"The level of tension is fairly high," said a senior U.S. official before Secretary of State Cyrus Vance met at the Soviet Mission with Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

The negotiations will be shifted Friday to Washington and culminate on Saturday when Pres. Carter is likely to summon Gromyko to the White House.

What the Carter administration regards as Soviet and Cuban adventurism in Africa has clouded prospects for a weapons limitation treaty by the end of the year.

On top of that there has been an unprecedented Soviet strategic buildup in Europe which was condemned by Vice President Walter Mondale in a policy speech to the U.N. special disarmament conference.

Specifically, he deplored the deployment of the SS-20, a new, mobile intermediate range missile that Mondale said menaces

civilian as well as military targets.

Mondale asked: "Who can justify this escalation in nuclear arms?"

Later, a senior U.S. official briefing newsmen anonymously said Mondale's speech reflected "real concern." He said the administration decided "it ought to be put on the table and discussed frankly," even if it had "a negative spillover" on the weapons negotiations.

The Carter administration has tried to keep the arms talks isolated from U.S.-Soviet bickering in other areas. At the same time it has counseled the Kremlin that senators already skeptical of a weapons treaty are becoming even more suspicious.

The Soviets are aware of the potential impact on ratification of a treaty which they are understood to want as earnestly as the administration but are prepared to run the risk of antagonizing fence-sitters as well as opponents.

Repression of Soviet dissidents, typified by the conviction last week of Yuri Orlov, head of a human rights monitoring group, also has hurt chances for ratification.

Authorities issue warrants for two in 'Dragon' deaths

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Arrest warrants have been issued for two more young men wanted in connection with last fall's Golden Dragon massacre that left five people dead, authorities announced Thursday.

Police Chief Charles Gain and District Attorney Joseph Freitas Jr. said the warrants brought the number to nine people charged in the case.

They said officers are now seek-

Police suspect nine in killing

ing Tom Yu, 19, of South San Francisco, and Sai Ying Lee, also known as Kam Lee, 22, of San Francisco on five counts of murder and 11 counts of assault.

The grand jury indictments alleged that Yu and Lee took part in the planning of the shootings and

that Lee drove a second escape car.

Bail has been set for each at \$1 million.

A group of gunmen entered the Chinatown restaurant in the early morning hours of Sept. 4, opening fire. Police said the massacre was an attempt by one youth gang to kill leaders of a rival youth gang who were eating in the restaurant.

All the victims, however, were innocent bystanders.



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