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Doctor indicates 70-80 Chernobyl victims seriously ill

MOSCOW (AP) — A doctor tending some of the Chernobyl disaster victims suggested in remarks published Tuesday that up to 80 of her patients may be suffering from serious radiation poisoning.

Dr. Angelina Guskova, chief radiologist at Moscow's Hospital No. 6, was interviewed by the government newspaper Izvestia. She said about 200 people were taken to her hospital after the explosion and fire April 26 in a reactor at the Ukrainian nuclear power plant.

About 70 patients had been discharged, she said, and "now we have about 120. Seventy to 80 of them are occupying our hearts and minds permanently."

Her remarks appeared to indicate

those patients were seriously ill, although she did not say so specifically.

Dr. Guskova did say that the third to sixth weeks are crucial in treating radiation sickness, a period when even the slightest infection or bruise could be "a source of complications." The accident at the plant 80 miles north of Kiev occurred 4½ weeks ago.

She said nothing of deaths as a result of the disaster, which spewed a cloud of radioactivity that spread over Europe and gradually worked its way around the world. Soviet scientist Yevgeny Velikhov said Monday that it had cost 19 lives so far.

Two men were killed instantly by the

accident in Chernobyl's No. 4 reactor and 17 have died in hospitals since.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev said May 14 that 299 people were hospitalized. Dr. Guskova's figures suggested most of them were brought to Moscow.

The English-language weekly Moscow News reported over the weekend that some victims were taken to hospitals in Kiev, capital of the Ukraine, and that two bone marrow transplants were performed there.

Dr. Robert Gale, an American marrow transplant specialist helping treat the victims, said when he returned to Moscow on Sunday after an eight-day break at his home in Los Angeles, Calif.,

that he knew nothing of any transplants in Kiev.

He said at a news conference May 15 that 19 transplants were performed in Moscow on victims among a group of 35 people identified as having received potentially lethal doses of radiation. Bone marrow transplants are considered the only effective treatment for severe radiation exposure.

Dr. Guskova told Izvestia her patients included few women and only two were among those seriously ill. She said most patients were firemen or others, including two physicians, who helped rescue people from the reactor fire.

Court says special counsel to be named in Deaver case

WASHINGTON (AP) — A special federal court announced Tuesday that an independent counsel would be appointed to investigate the lobbying activities of former White House deputy chief of staff Michael Deaver.

In a one-page order, the three-member federal panel revealed that the Justice Department five days ago secretly recommended to the court that an independent counsel be named.

The court gave no time schedule for the appointment. Deaver himself has asked that a special counsel be named to resolve questions of whether he has violated government conflict-of-interest rules in connection with his lobbying activities on behalf of the government of Canada and others.

Pamela Bailey, a spokeswoman for Deaver at his lobbying firm, said "Mr. Deaver is pleased that the process toward a fair hearing is on course. He requested weeks ago that an independent counsel be appointed, believing that such a counsel is the only appropriate way to have the various allegations fully and impartially reviewed."

The three-member panel, composed of senior judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals appointed by Chief Justice Warren Burger, said when an independent counsel is named, At-

torney General Edwin Meese could "disclose publicly the contents of his report and application filed on May 22, 1986."

Justice Department spokesman Terry Eastland said the report would not be issued until the independent counsel is named.

Deaver has faced growing criticism of his multimillion-dollar Washington consulting business, and has been the subject of probes by the Justice Department, the Office of Government Ethics, a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee and the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress.

The GAO said Deaver may have violated conflict-of-interest laws in his lobbying on behalf of Canada on the issue of acid rain. Before signing a \$105,000-a-year contract to represent Canada last year, Deaver while in the White House was instrumental in creation of a special envoy post to deal with the issue.

The envoy, Drew Lewis, ended up joining with Canadian officials in recommending a five-year, \$5 billion cleanup plan in a program that was endorsed by the Reagan administration. The endorsement represented a reversal of President Reagan's earlier position.

Deaver's lobbying activities have come under intense scrutiny on several other fronts as well.

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Africans ask for \$80 billion

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Africa asked industrial nations for at least \$80 billion in new aid and debt relief Tuesday at a special session of the U.N. General Assembly called to consider the continent's economic crisis.

President Abdou Diouf of Senegal said the proposed new aid, more than double the current annual level of Western assistance, would be "only... a complementary financial contribution" to Africa's own "mobilization of internal resources."

Western delegates said before the session that they would avoid making specific commitments on aid and debt relief.

In opening the meeting as current chairman of the Organization of African Unity, Diouf recommended "a new approach to development in Africa and a new framework of international cooperation."

He asked international support for the OAU's "African Priority Program for Economic Recovery" extending through 1990.

The session is the first ever held by the United Nations on a specific region's economic problems. Secretary of State George Shultz will speak today.

An OAU report prepared for Oregon Daily Emerald

the session says Africa needs \$45 billion in aid above current levels and at least \$35 billion in debt relief over the five-year period 1986-1990. Western aid to Africa currently is about \$7 billion a year.

Africans pledge in return to raise an equal amount in their own nations and "pull themselves up by their own bootstraps," the report said.

Diouf told the meeting Africa hopes for "tangible, measurable, manageable decisions" from the special session.

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