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Dissident describes Soviet peril

Ginzburg tells of repression

By Alan Wingfield
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FULTON — Soviet dissident Alexander Ginzburg came to Westminster College Thursday night and created a foreign world for his listeners — a world of fear and repression, a world where an individual's basic rights are non-existent.

"The Soviet regime is a danger because the Soviet Union is the country from which the idea comes that the individual has no need for human rights — only groups have human rights or even better, only governments," he said through a translator.

Looking pale and tired after two months spent touring the United States and speaking out against Soviet human rights violations, Ginzburg faced approximately 300 people at Westminster's auditorium and talked of life in the Soviet Union.

"The promise when dedicated was of a government for the people — today it is a government composed of an idea mortally dangerous to the people."

Ginzburg speaks from experience. Long an opponent of the Soviet "regime's" repressive policies, he has spent a total of 9½ years in Soviet prisons and labor camps. He was saved from his latest sentence, eight years at hard labor, when the United States traded two convicted spies for his release in April.

"In prison you suffer from cold, you suffer from hunger, you suffer from unrelieved boredom," he said. "But for most of the prisoners, the feeling that they were totally forgotten by the outside world" was the worst, Ginzburg



Alexander Ginzburg looks at Russian dissident photos

said. Considering himself a professional journalist whose duty is to speak out on what he sees as the truth, Ginzburg hopes to "increase the knowledge that Americans have of my country" with his speaking tour. "A totalitarian regime is a very cruel regime," Ginzburg said. You

can't try to understand it in terms of normal psychology. To help the Soviet people you must first stop helping the Soviet regime by trading with it, he said. The result of the Soviet state, he feels, is the oppression of the people by every means available to it by economics by scare tactics and by imprisonment.

MFA will 'comply fully' with state insurance order

By Bill Sutley
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MFA Insurance Cos will comply fully with a state directive issued in the wake of a Missouri Division of Insurance report critical of its handling of fire claims, an officer of the Columbia-based company said Thursday night.

MFA announced Thursday morning it would consent to changing nine procedures criticized in the report, but MFA Executive Vice President Gus Lehr said later the company would follow all 11 changes ordered by Richard Fredrick, insurance division director later in the day.

Fifty-seven violations of state law and regulations were cited in the report, which included a review of 156 MFA claims involving fires in which arson was suspected.

MFA has denied any wrongdoing and is expected to respond in writing within two to three weeks to each of the violations cited.

Fredrick said the state would withhold any decision to press charges until it had received MFA's response. Violations of the 1978 Unfair Insurance Practices Act cited in the report are punishable by fines of up to \$1,000 or suspension or revocation of a company's license to conduct business in Missouri.

The changes will mean MFA Mutual may not investigate suspicious fires as strenuously as in the past, and thus could conceivably result in eventually higher rates for policyholders.

We hope that the modifications will not result in substantial increases in loss payments, thereby adversely affecting our homeowners rates which are consistently among



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—Howard Lang

the lowest in the state. Lehr said in a news release.

Although MFA received a copy of the preliminary report Monday, the final report was delayed until Thursday in order to make nine minor changes recommended by MFA representatives who met with Fredrick Wednesday, the insurance division director said.

Among the changes was the deletion of a phrase accusing the company of a corporate paranoia regarding arson," which was widely reported Wednesday after the St. Louis Post-Dispatch published an article based on a preliminary version of the report.

They raised objections that it was an editorialization and a characteristic not appropriate as an attitude they had, Fredrick said. We didn't feel like arguing such a small point."

Lehr said. We found that very offensive. Paranoia is the diagnosis of a medical problem."

MFA Insurance President Howard Lang said, "We know that we've had a good number of policyholders who have not renewed their insurance" as a result of the adverse publicity. But he added, "Not a great number by comparison to our total policy count. I don't

want people to think everybody's quitting.

The immediate changes ordered by the directive Thursday were that MFA

- Promptly furnish claimants with proofs of loss

- Assist claimants in filing out proofs of loss

- Refrain from rejecting proofs of loss when the forms have been substantially complied with

- Refrain from requiring claimants to submit inventory sheets or other schedules which duplicate the proofs of loss

- Maintain complete documentation in all claims files to show the basis of any compromise offers, denials or delays of claims

- Refrain from misrepresenting policy provisions regarding the duty of the claimant to cooperate with MFA

- Promptly determine liability on losses' within the time limit provided by state law

- Pay the policy limits on total fire losses to structure or contents as provided for by state law in cases where the company's liability is real

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Insight Cranberry scare: 20 years after

By Timothy Harper
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — When people talk turkey this time of year, they usually talk trimmings, too. And the trimmings for most traditional Thanksgiving dinners will include cranberries.

But 20 years ago, hardly a cranberry graced any Turkey Day feast in the land. The great cranberry scare was on — the first carcinogen panic by a public not accustomed to government warnings of cancer risks in their food and drink.

The cranberry industry has made more than a full recovery in the last two decades, but the turmoil surrounding the scare all but wrecked one of the most unusual and obscure corners of American agriculture.

The nation's 1,000 or so cranberry growers still regard Nov. 9, 1959, as a day of infamy.

That was the day Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Arthur Flemming called a news conference to warn that aminotriazole, a now-banned herbicide then used for weed control in some cranberry bogs, caused cancer in laboratory rats.

A reporter asked Flemming if he would eat cranberries on Thanksgiving.

"He blithely said no," recalls University of Wisconsin-Madison horticulture Professor Malcolm Dana. "As a result of that adverse publicity, the cranberry market went kaput. No cranberries were sold for the rest of the growing (See BERRY, Page 14A)

In town today

8 p.m. "An Evening with Victor Borge," Stephens College Assembly Hall. Reserved seats on day of performance, \$8 and \$10.

7:30 p.m. "Cabaret," University Fine Arts Building \$3.50 general public, \$1.75 students.

7:30 p.m. "Pippin," Rock Bridge High School. Advance tickets \$2.50 adults, \$2 students. At the door, \$3 adults, \$2.50 students.

'Death to Carter.
Yankee go home!'

—Iranian student chant



Hostage is paraded before TV cameras

Iranian students parade hostage

From our wire services

Defiant Moslem students in Tehran, Iran, Thursday paraded a bound and blindfolded U.S. Embassy hostage before thousands of Iranians chanting, "Death to Carter, Yankee go home!" and the government radio said the top U.S. diplomat in Iran had been arrested.

While the United States stepped up its diplomatic efforts to free the 60 to 65 American hostages, the armed Moslem students at the embassy rejected any mediation by the Palestinian Liberation Organization on Washington's behalf.

In Washington, President Carter late Thursday canceled a trip to Canada that was to have begun today so he could "closely monitor" the Tehran situation, the White House said.

The Iranian state radio announced on its midnight broadcast that U.S. Charge d'Affaires Lowell Bruce Laugen, who was away from the embassy during Sunday's takeover and took shelter in the Foreign Ministry, had been arrested and

Americans react to Iran's actions with a rash of demonstrations, Page 5A

placed under heavy guard.

The Carter administration, frustrated in its efforts to get Iran to listen to its appeals for the hostages' freedom, enlisted the aid of conservative Saudi Arabia and radical Algeria and Libya as well as the United Nations, France, Britain and Sweden.

Carter's special envoy, former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, Thursday appealed to the PLO on a personal basis for help to enter Iran to secure the release of the hostages.

Clark, waiting in Istanbul, Turkey, for authorization from the Iranian authorities to proceed on his mission to Tehran, reached the PLO representative in Ankara by telephone. The representative in turn contacted the organization's leadership in Beirut, according to sources

The latest word from Beirut Thursday night was that the Palestinian delegation had seen the Iranian religious leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. A source said "Things are moving" although there were no concrete results as yet. The PLO headquarters in Beirut is known to have radio contact with Tehran.

Clark was said to have called PLO representative Abu Firas from the American consulate in Istanbul Thursday afternoon to ask for PLO aid in persuading Khomeini to receive the American delegation.

The personal appeal from Clark followed a request Wednesday from official United States quarters for PLO mediation through a third party in Ankara, diplomatic sources disclosed.

The Moslem students, for their part, flatly rejected any PLO intervention and told the guerrilla organization to mind its own business. It remained to be seen whether Khomeini, too, would spurn a PLO initiative.

2 Boonville men to face burglary, murder charges

By Pat Bellinghausen
Missourian staff writer

BOONVILLE — Two local men will be arraigned Tuesday in Cooper County Circuit Court on charges of murdering an 82-year-old woman in a golf pro shop here.

In court Thursday, Douglas Oerly 17 confessed to the Oct. 10 stabbing of Eula L. Cook. Oerly also testified that 24-year-old Abraham K. 'Sonny' Ignacio Jr. participated in planning and executing the robbery during which Mrs. Cook was fatally stabbed.

Oerly was one of five witnesses to testify at a preliminary hearing for Ignacio. Oerly previously had waived his right to such a hearing and testified Thursday despite Cooper County Associate Circuit Judge Ken Askren's warning that the testimony could later be used against him. Oerly has not yet entered a plea in the case, and his lawyer was not present at the hearing.

At the end of the two-hour hearing, Askren found probable cause to believe Ignacio was guilty of the first-degree murder, burglary, stealing and armed criminal action charges and ordered him bound over for arraignment before Circuit Judge Donald Barnes. Identical charges are pending against Oerly.

Testifying for more than an hour, Oerly said he and Ignacio planned to rob the shop at the Kemper Golf Club in Boonville. Ignacio was to go to the putting green and distract Mrs. Cook who would go out to collect a greens fee from him, Oerly said. Meanwhile, Oerly would take money from the shop cash register and money bag.

It didn't go exactly according to Sonny's plan," Oerly said.

Shortly before 3:30 p.m. on the day of the murder, Oerly said, he went to the golf course and waited for Ignacio. No one was inside the club house when he jimmied a door open with a steak knife, entered the building and took the money, Oerly said. But then Mrs. Cook entered, Oerly said, walked toward him and she stabbed her three times.

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Teasdale Statesmen come in one size only

By Craig Horst
State capital bureau

JEFFERSON CITY — By most accounts, a statesman is one who demonstrates wisdom in the conduct of governmental affairs. In Missouri, though, a statesman is one who donates \$1,000 to the Gov. Joseph Teasdale's re-election campaign.

Citizens for Teasdale, the governor's re-election committee, has a roster of about 250 Statesmen, according to Treasurer Henry Luepke. The committee hopes to reach 400 by the end of the year.

Just about anyone can be a Statesman, even members of the press, says Karen Schaeffer, chief fundraiser.

Carolyn Ashford, Teasdale's chief of staff, and Gene Goesch, Teasdale's legal adviser, screen applicants. If an applicant survives this screening, and if his check doesn't bounce, he is officially declared a Statesman. The honor includes a plaque with the new member's name and an autographed picture from Teasdale.

Statesmen also are eligible to wear a pin in the shape of a shoe. The shoe has a hole in the sole. If any memories need jogging, that's a reminder that Teasdale walked across the state in his 1972 campaign.

And there are other benefits. Statesmen are invited to lunch when Teasdale is in their area. They were invited to a party at the mansion before a recent Missouri football game

and a Christmas party is scheduled. Teasdale still will not accept contributions larger than \$1,000.

My argument was if you have 400 people who each have contributed \$1,000, you're not in a position where any one person has a great amount of influence," Luepke says. If you have a sufficient number of people it would be hard to argue that someone will have a lot of advantage."

Some people may become eligible for the Statesmen without contributing \$1,000 if they make other sorts of significant contributions to the governor's campaign.

For those with cash flow problems, the Statesmen will accept the \$1,000 contribution on the installment plan, Luepke said.

Panel rejects zoning halt

The decision was unanimous

By Mark Enoch
Missourian staff writer

The Columbia Planning and Zoning Commission Thursday night unanimously rejected a zoning moratorium for shopping centers and recommended the City Council adopt a Flat Branch redevelopment plan.

But commission members expressed reservations over some aspects of the Flat Branch project and added those hesitations in their motion.

Those reservations deal with the general areas of parking and potential stormwater problems with Flat Branch Creek. One commission member, Raymond Jones, also voiced doubts about giving the Land Clear-

ance for Redevelopment Authority power to administer the project without requiring public hearings for that body.

Jones said he felt the commission's 30-day review period on Flat Branch was not fair and realistic, since the plan may be amended in the future. "I don't want these sessions to limit our reservations," he said.

The discussion on Flat Branch followed a hearing on a proposed zoning moratorium that was notable mainly for the lack of public interest. Only city government activist Paul Albert spoke against the moratorium. No one spoke for it.

The rejection of the moratorium (See MORATORIUM, Page 16A)

