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The US spy who was left out in the cold

By FEREYDON PEZESHKAN

TEHERAN: An American engineer charged with spying has been held in isolation in a Tehran jail since June, and the US Government has made no known direct efforts to secure his release.

The engineer, Mr Jon Patis, 49, is charged with spying for the Central Intelligence Agency and with giving information to Iraq on the Iranian early-warning defence system at Asadabad, a town halfway between Tehran and the Iraqi border.

Iranian authorities said his information had enabled Iraq to bomb the early-warning defence system and put it temporarily out of action.

He had been project manager for an American company, Cosmos Engineering, of Bethesda, Maryland, which is installing telecommunications equipment at Asadabad. He first came to Iran in 1969, left 10 years later, then returned in 1984 with an Italian passport identifying him as Giovanni Patis.

His sister, Miss Ellen Patis, said from his hometown, Aiken, South Carolina, that she had repeatedly telephoned the State Department and the White House, but that no-one had shown an interest in his case. She believed he was too deeply attached to Iran to have spied against it. He had spent most of his adult life there.

A Cosmos spokesman in Bethesda denied that information from Mr Patis was transmitted to the CIA. The Italian passport had been used at the request of the Iranians.

I was shown two sheets of handwriting said to be Mr Patis's reply to my questions submitted in writing two weeks earlier. In addition to identifying himself, the note said, "Treatment is generally good and friendly. I have three meals a day. The food is good. I have never been subjected to physical mistreatment."

Mr Patis, who was arrested on June 19 in the lobby of Tehran's Homa Hotel, formerly the Sheraton, has not been allowed visitors at Asein prison.

The interests of the US, which has no diplomatic relations with Iran, are represented by Switzerland. The head of the US interests section at the Swiss Embassy, Mr Jean Saxod, has repeatedly denied permission to see Mr Patis. The Foreign Ministry says that the office of the United Nations Secretary-General was told that it could send a representative, but that there has been no response.

Iranian authorities say that Mr Patis will be put on trial soon, behind closed doors. Only the verdict will be announced.

He is alleged to have said in a confession that he delivered his information via telex to Cosmos, or directly to the CIA on his frequent trips home.

The alleged confession says, "CIA was interested in information on the manner of securing spare parts for telecommunications equipment and American-built equipment.... I informed them that Asadabad was equipped with an early-warning system against raids that might threaten it from the Iraqi border. I told them there were military guards to keep a check on entry by saboteurs."

The CIA had asked for information about oil delivery at Kharg Island, the shipping point which has repeatedly been attacked by Iraqi forces.

"I could, occasionally, learn something about this and sometimes made guesses," he said. "I was supposed to provide them upon my return to the US."

The State Department said that Mr Patis had "no connection" with the US Government or the CIA. Asked about the little apparent interest shown in him compared to the American hostages in Lebanon, a department spokesman pointed out that Mr Patis was held by a "legitimate government".

— South-North News Service



RSPCA veterinary nurse Mrs Barbara Salkeld with one of the cats at the RSPCA refuge last night.

Dead, dying kittens found in Watson house

By KAREN HARBUTT

Partially-eaten kittens were found dead in their own faeces, with maggots crawling under their skins, at a Watson home yesterday afternoon.

Firemen and police wore breathing apparatus when they entered the house, where RSPCA publicity officer Ms Fay Powell said about six dead kittens had been found.

Five other flea-ridden cats were taken to the RSPCA refuge at Weston where four were shaved, some under anaesthetic. Most of them had suffered partial hair and tooth loss. One was taken home by a staff member who feared to leave it in the refuge

overnight, and one was "a wild thing" and would not leave the box it had been put in. Three of the cats were pedigree chinchillas, one an Abyssinian and the other a cross of the two breeds.

Ms Powell was confident the cats could be "rehabilitated" but feared for the lives of others remaining at the Watson home and said staff would be going back to collect any which might return if they became desperate for food.

The RSPCA went to the house after two delivery men had gone to the wrong address with a refrigerator. They had rung the police and told them of a bad stench, sickly-looking cats and general disorder of the house and yard.

When the house had been opened up

"cats had flown everywhere", another RSPCA worker said. Those cats caught, with faeces-matted fur and maggot-ridden paws, had been taken back to the refuge.

An ACT Health Authority officer inspected the house, where no-one was home.

The stench of decay was strongest along the back fence of the house where a neighbour, Mrs Lucy Lynch, pointed to breeding cages in the neighbouring property.

"I have to live here, and the stench is really bad," she said, looking toward a cluttered shed with trapdoors leading into vine-covered chicken-wire cages.

Yesterday the cages were run down, mouldy food bowls had filled up with rain

water and grape vines and grass had engulfed its perimeter.

"I didn't realise there were so many dead ones [cats] until the RSPCA found them," Mrs Lynch said.

She and other neighbours had been in contact with the authorities before about the condition of the house and its surrounds.

The ACT Health Authority had earlier told Mrs Lynch that the woman occupant would be summonsed in order to compel her to clean up her property and the ACT Fire Brigade had been to the site to assess the fire danger of the grass, she said.

A police spokesman said that there would be an investigation into the matter. They would not comment on findings within the house.

Preselection ballots signify shift away from left Wins for Ryan, Kelly

By ANDREW FRASER

The Minister for Education, Senator Ryan, and the Member for Canberra, Mrs Kelly, easily survived challenges to their preselection from the left wing of the ACT branch of the ALP yesterday.

The advantages of incumbency weighed heavily in their favour, with Mrs Kelly, whose preselection was conducted solely in her southside electorate, winning by 176 votes to 68, and Senator Ryan obtaining 348 votes to 207.

The ease of the wins also signifies a shift in the power base of the ACT branch away from the left wing, and this was shown by Mr Barry Reid, a former Member of the House of Assembly, obtaining 317 votes to position himself at No 2 on the ALP's Senate ticket in the ACT.

However, in practice Mr Reid has virtually no chance of being elected, as

the ALP would have to gain more than two-thirds of the vote for this to happen.

The catalyst for the challenge to both Senator Ryan and Mrs Kelly was their voting in caucus for endorsement of the Government's decision to resume the sale of uranium to France. The other sitting Member in the ACT, the Member for Fraser, Mr Langmore, was saved from a challenge after he broke ranks with his own centre-left faction and voted against the decision.

But Senator Ryan said yesterday that many people had realised that she was locked into the Cabinet position on the matter, and the feeling against her was not as strong as the Left had said it was.

"I think the national Left is worried about some aspects of the performance of the local Left here, and would prefer the local Left here to behave a bit more responsibly, and show a sense of collective responsibility for the fortunes of Labor Governments," she said.

"They certainly get that kind of



Senator Ryan after her win yesterday.

responsible behaviour from the Left in Victoria and NSW, and I'm sure the

national Left would like that to come into Canberra.

"The message for the local Left is that people do care about having Labor Governments, people do understand the pressures on Governments, and committed as they may be to certain philosophies of action, that Governments don't have all possible courses of action available to them."

"Factors like the economy, the international situation, and electoral pressure mean that we can certainly fulfil a great deal of our program, but we can't deliver on every item in the program at any specific time."

"I think the uranium decision will continue to cause heartache and emotional debate in the party, and it's just something we have to work our way through and deal with."

Senator Ryan's win must also give her some chance of getting the position of Deputy Leader in the Senate, which will become vacant when the Minister for Community Services, Senator Grimes, retires early next year.

Windstorm batters Adelaide

ADELAIDE: Winds gusting up to 133km/h caused damage estimated at hundreds of thousands of dollars around Adelaide yesterday afternoon.

At least 40 houses were unroofed or partly unroofed, and flying roofing iron caused a number of blackouts when it landed across powerlines.

Two children at a Christmas party were taken to hospital after a gust lifted an inflated air castle about 10 metres, then dumped them on the ground. The inflated castle was then blown away.

An eyewitness said some shelters at the outdoor party had been carried over fences into the backyards of nearby houses.

Another child was taken to hospital after being struck by debris at a high school. Six people were injured when lightning struck the front wall of the beachside Grange Hotel, shattering glass and injuring many patrons inside.

A police spokesman said nearly all suburbs had suffered some damage. Beach areas suffered most damage.



A bidder's hand stretches above the crowd of people at the police bits and pieces auction in Fyshwick yesterday. Story and another picture. — Page 3.

\$4m haul of cocaine: three held

Federal police, acting on a tip-off from Customs officers, have seized five kilograms of cocaine valued at more than \$4 million in one of the biggest cocaine busts in Sydney.

Three men appeared in Sydney's Waverley Court yesterday charged with possessing a prohibited import. Bail was refused and they will appear in court again tomorrow.

An Australian Federal Police spokesman in Canberra said the three were named in court as Mr Francisco Carlos Caposoli, 40, a Brazilian engineer, Mr Giancarlo Nicola Sonino, 32, a Brazilian architect, both living in a Sydney hotel, and Mr Manuel Antonio Galleguillos, 30, a Chilean-born salesman, of North Bondi.

Police allege that the cocaine was concealed in the frame of a hang-glider which arrived in Australia from Brazil aboard an Air New Zealand flight on Wednesday.

Police say that Customs officials became suspicious overnight when a check disclosed that the hang-glider was heavier than normal.

Nazis in Australia 'spying for USSR'

NEW YORK, Saturday (AAP). — Former Nazi war criminals hiding in Australia could be using their contacts with wartime Allied intelligence services to spy for the Soviet Union, a former US Justice Department investigator said today.

Mr John Loftus, a lawyer who hunted Nazis as part of a special government investigation, believes that the Menzies inquiry report tabled in the Australian Parliament on Friday did not go far enough in exposing former Nazis living in Australia.

It should have highlighted Nazi connections with the Allied intelligence community stretching back to World War II, he said.

Mr Loftus is concerned that many former Nazis are Soviet double agents, infiltrated into Europe on the orders of renegade British spy master Kim Philby before he defected to the USSR.

Mr Loftus said these double agents might now still be working for the KGB, using the intelligence connections

they established at the end of the war under the guise of wanting to exchange valuable information for safe haven abroad.

"So Nazis in Australia may pose a clear and present danger to Australia's national security," he said.

The Central Intelligence Agency and US military intelligence had prevented him presenting evidence proving this connection to the inquiry by Mr Andrew Menzies into the entry of suspected war criminals into Australia.

Mr Menzies said in Canberra last night that the suggestion that Nazi connections with the Allied intelligence community might jeopardise Australia's security had been discussed in the 200-page report, which he suggested Mr Loftus read.

Mr Loftus said, "It appears from the Menzies report that not only does the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation not know who the Nazis are, but they don't know which are



Mr John Loftus

communist agents pretending to be Nazis."

Mr Loftus said the US had put pressure on Australia when the late Justice Murphy, as Attorney-General in the Whitlam Government, had

sought to expose several Nazis in Australia.

"James Angleton, the head of CIA counter-intelligence, made a formal protest that what Mr Murphy was doing was hurting US national interests because we had shared sensitive information with Australia," Mr Loftus said.

Mr Murphy had been planning to expose members of the Ustaşa, but had been warned that in doing so he might blow their US intelligence connections.

Mr Loftus said US intelligence had prevented him giving this information to the Menzies inquiry.

He wants the governments of the countries which have given haven to war criminals to be aware that they might be jeopardising their own national security by avoiding investigations which could expose communist double agents.

He said also that he had evidence linking former Nazis in Australia with

a right-wing American group which supplies arms to the Contras in Nicaragua and which might be linked to the present Iran-Contra arms scandal.

"There are some Australian Nazis who are members of the World Anti-Communist League," he said. "The White House has identified General Singlaub's group as the one which was responsible for the secret arms mission to Nicaragua during which Eugene Hasenfus was shot down and caught recently."

"There was an identical operation set up in 1951 which clandestinely funnelled money and guns to freedom fighters in Eastern Europe, many of whom were later identified as Nazis. "The American organisation involved was the Crusade for Freedom, whose public spokesman was an actor named Ronald Reagan. So this is not the first clandestine conduit to funnel money to right-wing rebels that Ronald Reagan has heard of."

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