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ONE DOLLAR

Young mulls career moves

Bond scandal casts shadow on future

By Nathan McCall Staff Writer

In the next year or so, Mayor Andrew Young might launch a bid to become the nation's first black governor. Or he might become a pastor of a church. Or a newspaper columnist or a lecturer.

Young likes the idea of a lot of options as he considers life after his second mayoral term ends in 1989. But right now, he is worried that those options may dwindle in the face of what has come to be known as the Julian Bond affair.

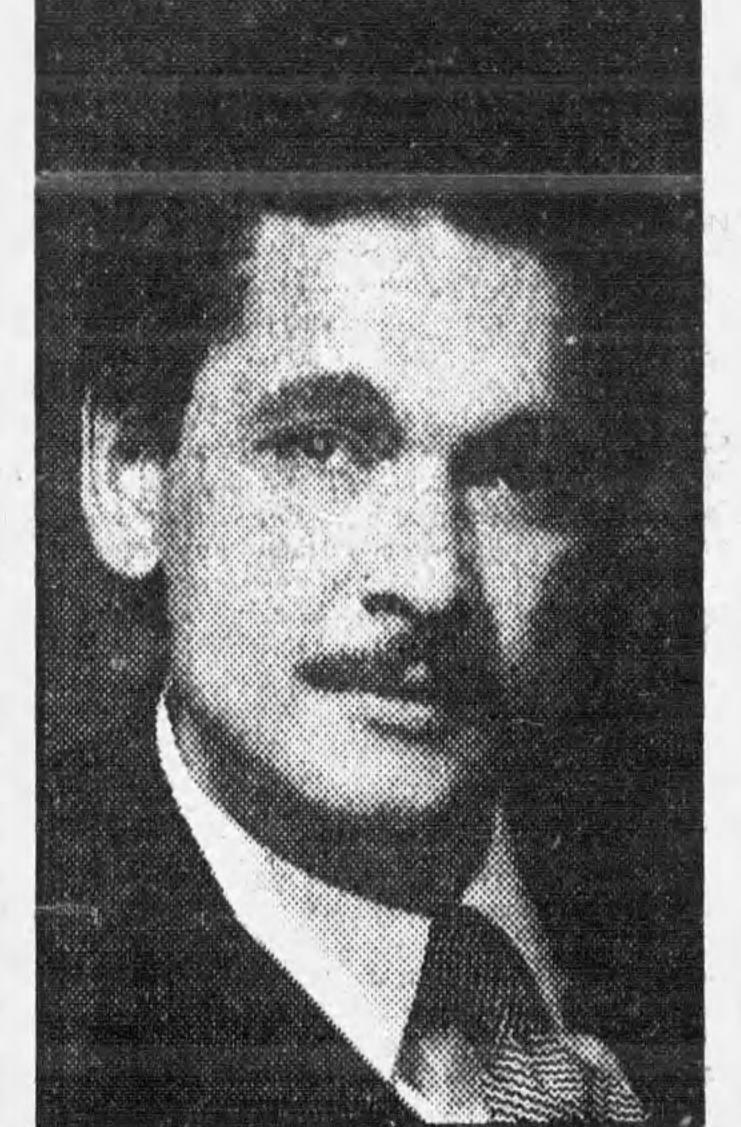
This spring, after Bond's estranged wife, Alice, told police that she has seen Young and other prominent Atlantans use cocaine, the mayor telephoned her to discuss the matter.

Federal authorities and a grand jury are investigating to determine whether that call constituted obstruction of jus-

Some who know the mayor well say Young has not been as troubled by a crisis since controversy forced him to resign from his post as U.N. ambassador in

Young staffers and some of those on a Chamber of Commerce trade mission to Switzerland, including Atlanta Chamber Chairman Bob Holder, say the effect of

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ALBERT THOMPSON:

Says he raised topic to 'wave the red flag' at Mayor Young.

Judge alerted mayor a week before Mrs. Bond met police

By Gail Epstein and Jim Galloway Staff Writers

The conversation began, as many do with Mayor Andrew Young, about tennis. Then it veered abruptly to Alice and Julian Bond and drugs, perhaps introducing the mayor to a topic that has haunted him for three months and rocked Atlanta's political establishment.

Fulton County State Court Judge Albert Thompson believes he was one of the first to inform Young of Mrs. Bond's cocaine-use allegations against her estranged husband in a brief exchange about a week before her March 19 interview with Atlanta narcotics officers.

Thompson said Friday he raised the topic during an informal meeting in the mayor's office to "wave the red flag at him."

"I said, 'Andy, this is something you need to be aware of,' because Andy had been supporting Julian very strongly," Thompson said. "I'm pulling his coat, saying, 'Listen, you need to sever your ties with this person. . . . You need to be aware."

The first-term state judge said he was acting on information Mrs. Bond told him earlier that winter. Thompson has been questioned by both the FBI and attorneys for Young.

His account of that conversation with the mayor and subsequent discussions with other officials sheds

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Probe of agents raises specter of point shaving

By Chris Mortensen and David Davidson Staff Writers

Immediately after learning that two University of Alabama basketball players accepted money from an agent last season, three Southeastern Conference (SEC) officials closed the door, dimmed the lights and scrutinized a film of Alabama's worst loss.

SEC Commissioner Harvey Schiller, Associate Commissioner John Guthrie and Assistant Commissioner Bob Barrett were looking for any indication that Alabama's 103-82 loss to Providence in the NCAA basketball tournament might have been fixed.

They found none. But their concerns are widespread in college athletics amid recent revelations that two New York-based agents, Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom, have given cash to many college athletes — in violation of National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) rules for signing postdated contracts to be represented by the agents.

There is no evidence that Walters and Bloom are involved in point shaving, which is the manipulation of the outcome or point spread of a game for gambling purposes. But the notion of well-heeled agents on college campuses giving

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Tearful wives see off Persian Gulf-bound sailors

NORFOLK, Va. - Susan Johnson is comforted by Cathy Paige (left) and Sue Webb on Saturday as their husbands leave Norfolk Naval Base aboard the USS

Kidd. The guided missile destroyer is bound for the Persian Gulf, where 37 crewmen aboard the frigate Stark were killed last month by an Iraqi missile attack.

sending Iran new missiles

SAILOR'S WARNING IGNORED?

From Wire Reports

VATICAN CITY — National security adviser Frank Carlucci said Saturday that China intends to double Iran's arsenal of anti-ship missiles, but he refused to speculate on U.S. military options to counter the weapons.

"I don't think it does any good for anybody to speculate on military operations at this point,"

The United States is known to have asked China on at least three occasions, including a plea by Secretary of State George Shultz during a visit to Peking earlier this year, to stop helping Iran in its bloody war with Iraq.

But urging China to halt delivery of the Silk-

worm missiles has had no effect. "The Chinese say they are not doing it," Carlucci told reporters after joining President Reagan and his wife, Nancy, in an audience with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican. "We think

they are coming from China." Carlucci said the Iranians "have somewhere over 20 now and I think the [final] package is at least twice that size."

Iran's deputy foreign minister, Hossein Sheikhuleeslam, said Saturday that his nation is open to regional mediation aimed at defusing Persian

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Champion of contras losing his credibility

SECORD ASKS TO TESTIFY 3A

By Scott Shepard and Bob Dart Journal-Constitution Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON - In the good old days, Elliott Abrams could bully lawmakers with his anti-communist rhetoric and combative style. But his admission last week that he deliberately misled Congress has jeopardized his job as the Reagan administration's point man for the contras in Nicaragua.

"His credibility with Congress

has been severely damaged," Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) said after Abrams had concluded 10 hours of testimony before the special congressional committees investigating the Iran-contra connection.

"He's a very capable, very articulate spokesman for the administration's policy, which I have supported in the past," Nunn added. "But whether he can continue to be effective is a very serious question

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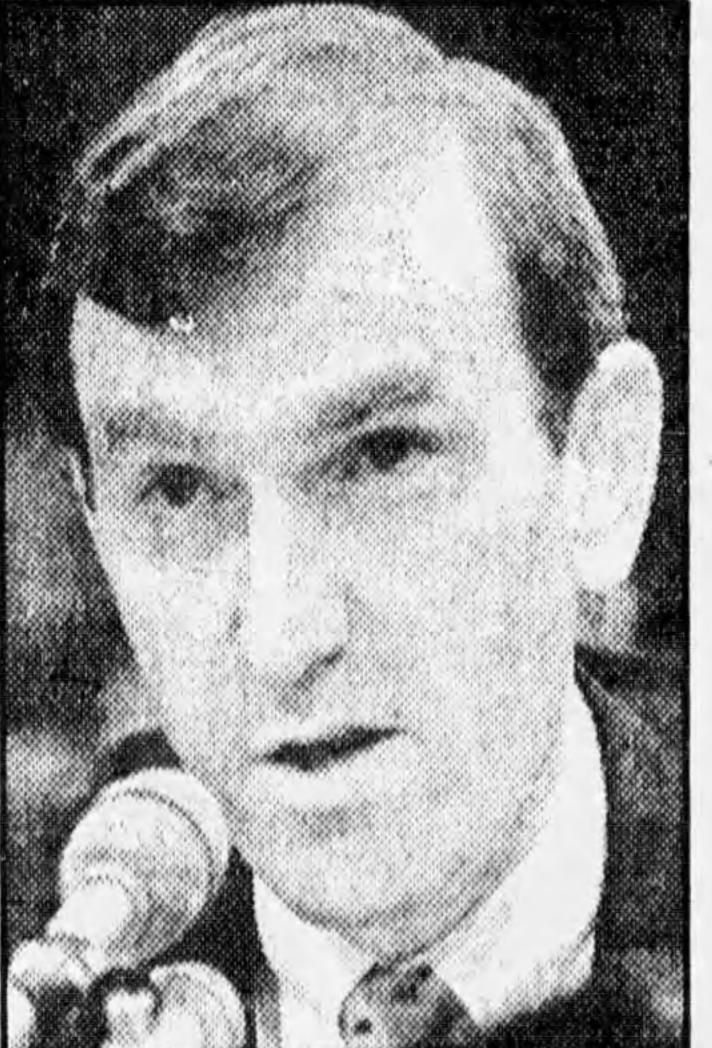
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ELLIOTT ABRAMS: The point man for contra aid arrives

for Iran hearings.

Arms deal likely, Reagan tells pope Pontiff: Shift spending

from weapons to food

By Andrew Alexander Journal-Constitution Washington Bureau

VATICAN CITY - President Reagan told Pope John Paul II on Saturday that chances are good for an arms control agreement with the Soviets, but the pontiff cautioned that "mere lip service" to the cause of peace falls short of God's will.

"Whenever moral and spiritual values are rejected or even given mere lip service, [we] fall short of what we were intended to be as men and women created in the im-

age of God," the pope said in public remarks after a 55-minute private meeting with Reagan.

With Reagan seated beside him during their public session, the pope repeated comments he had made the last time the president visited him at the Vatican in 1982, calling for money spent on arms to be spent instead to feed the world's

The pope said this could be "manifested and proved through constructive negotiations aimed at ending the arms race and at liberating immense resources that can be used to alleviate misery and feed millions of hungry human beings."

The leader of the world's 840 See POPE million Roman Catholics called the

absence of trust "a great stumbling block to the pursuit of true justice and peace."

As the two men delivered public pleas for peace, a military aide to Reagan stood off to the side carrying "the football" — the small black bag that contains the electronic coding device the president can use to authorize a nuclear at-

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said later that the private discussion between the two leaders had focused on U.S.-Soviet relations.

"The pope and I shared the

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At economic summit, the currency is politics By Andrew Alexander

Journal-Constitution Washington Bureau

VENICE, Italy - When the leaders of the world's industrialized democracies open their economic summit Monday with dinner at the majestic Palazzo Ca' Corner overlooking Venice's Grand Canal, chanand the dolci they'll start talking at economic summits." about political issues.

economic summits, where non-economic issues often steal the show.

"During the morning and after- year there are many. noon sessions, economics is discussed," says W. Allen Wallis, Presi-Reagan's chief summit planner. "But during the dinners is when they get down to the nittygritty political issues."

"As you know," agrees Treasury Secretary James Baker, "political ces are that between the antipasti issues always rise to the forefront

That's the way it is with these usually are dominated by what a cape domestic difficulties brought senior administration official calls "issues of the moment," and this

Protection of Persian Gulf shipping lanes, prospects for removing nuclear missiles from Europe, international terrorism, East-West relations, the global threat from AIDS, the war on drugs and continuing strife in Afghanistan and southern

Africa are expected to come up. In one respect, the three-day summit is inherently a political More accurately, the summits event for Reagan, as he tries to es-

on by the Iran-contra affair. He arrived in Venice a full five

days before the summit was to begin and has spent much of his time 11 miles north of the city relaxing in the sumptuous 45-room, 17th-century Villa Condulmer, occasionally strolling among its manicured rose gardens with his wife, Nancy.

The long lead time was planned in part so the 76-year-old president could recover from jet lag and rest for his only pre-summit event: Sat-

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money to players petrifies many college athletic officials who believe there is potential for a gambling scandal any time money is exchanged in violation of NCAA rules.

"Once they get a hook in a kid, they've got 'em," said University of Texas Athletic Director DeLoss Dodds. "I've heard all kinds of ways they hook the kids and keep them. ... It's a distasteful thing, but when greed is involved, anything is possi-

"Any time one guy gives another guy money, the flag goes up,' said Alabama Athletic Director Steve Sloan. "Gambling is the one thing that could ruin college athlet-

It was with a similar attitude that the SEC officials received the news last month that Alabama players Derrick McKey and Terry Coner had accepted money from Walters.

"My immediate reaction to hearing about the agent thing was that a light went off in my head, and we went and looked at films," Barrett said.

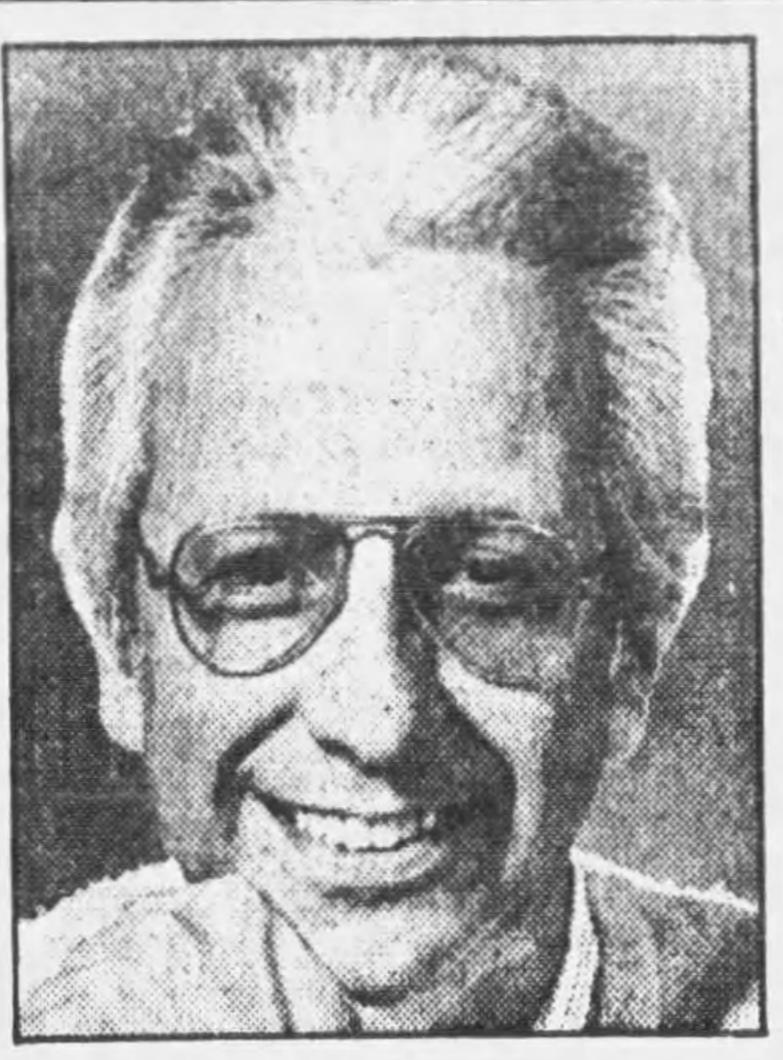
College athletic officials have not been the only ones checking to see if there might be a connection between the agents' payments and gambling. The thought also occurred to the FBI and the U.S. attorney's office in Chicago, both of which are investigating Walters' and Bloom's dealings with college athletes.

Both the FBI and the U.S. attorney's office have asked some athletes if they were ever approached by the agents about point shaving. The U.S. attorney has looked at films of the Alabama-Providence game, plus Iowa's 45-28 loss to UCLA in the 1986 Rose Bowl. Two Iowa players in that game, Ronnie Harmon and Devon Mitchell, had accepted money from Walters.

None of the athletes interviewed has implicated Walters or Bloom in any gambling scheme, and neither the U.S. attorney's office nor the FBI is now focusing its investigation on point shaving, sources said. The authorities saw nothing in the Alabama-Providence or Iowa-UCLA games to warrant further investiga-

To that, college athletic officials are breathing a sigh of relief. But the Walters case has heightened their fears of a gambling crisis.

College athletics has been rocked by gambling scandals in the past. In 1951-52, 38 players at 15 schools were implicated in a point-



NORBY WALTERS: Agent says he gave money to college athletes in return for contracts.

program was suspended for a year. In 1961, 49 players at 25 schools were implicated in a plot involving 67 games. In 1981, Boston College's Rick Kuhn was convicted and sentenced to 10 years in prison on point-shaving charges. And in 1985, Tulane folded its basketball program amid a drug and gambling

"One of the basic evils of dealing with unscrupulous agents is if they are willing to risk a player's eligibility, then they have no scruples about anything," the SEC's Barrett said.

"Any time any athlete takes money, it could be construed as affecting the outcome of a game before it's played, and it has to be looked at," Sloan said. He said he "had assumed" the FBI and the federal grand jury would raise the question of point shaving in any investigation concerning payments to college athletes.

"It's scary," said Georgia Tech football coach Bobby Ross. "The possibility of a gambling connection is something we have to deal with. I think an agent can get a hook in a kid, and gambling could come into play. It's very important to monitor these agents very closely.

"We constantly warn our players," Ross said, "but what happens is a dollars-and-cents thing, and you've still got kids taking drugs even after Lenny Bias died, so you can see how hard it is to make them understand what they can get

McKey, Coner, Harmon and Mitchell are among 60 athletes who have been or will be subpoenaed by

Walters' and Bloom's dealings with college athletes, including threats they allegedly made against athletes who were considering switching 3 from the free throw line and finagents. The grand jury is considering a variety of charges, including fraud, extortion and violation of the RICO (Racketeer Influenced Cor-

rupt Organizations) Act. The U.S. attorney's office in Chicago has told some athletes that they could be indicted on fraud and tax evasion charges. The U.S. attorney's position is that the athletes may have committed fraud against igible for his senior season because their schools by accepting money from an agent and jeopardizing their eligibility in violation of the

terms of their signed scholarships. Walters has admitted giving money to college football and basketball players across the country, dating back at least two years, in return for them signing postdated contracts to be represented by him. He consistently has said that he disregards NCAA rules, but he says he has violated no laws. He has blamed rival agents for spreading false

in their investigation.

"I've heard they've been asking those questions," said Walters laughing. "Let me tell you this: 1 am so out of touch with this gambling stuff. Years ago, maybe I'd make a little bet here and there. But right now at age 55, I am basically unhip and square.

"If you said to me right now, Norby, where can I make a \$5 bet on a game?' I would not know where to tell you."

SEC and Big Ten officials, while

emphasizing the threat of gambling to college sports, say they are completely satisfied that the two games that have been examined were not "I checked with one of the most

the country," said the SEC's Barrett, a former FBI agent, "and he said there was no peculiar or suspicious movement of money bet on that game into Las Vegas. He said that 80 [percent] to 90 percent of the money was bet on Alabama."

In the game, McKey — a cen- ity has expired. ter/forward who averaged 18.6 points per game for the season shot only three times in each half. a federal grand jury in Chicago that He went 3-for-6 from the field, 5shaving scheme, and Kentucky's is considering various aspects of for-5 from the free throw line and know what they're getting into."

finished with 11 points.

Coner, Alabama's point guard, was 5-for-7 from the field and 2-forished with 12 points.

"I'm positive beyond a shadow of a doubt there was nothing fishy about that game," said Alabama basketball coach Wimp Sanderson.

McKey and Coner, both of whom are scheduled to appear before the grand jury June 16, were not available for comment. McKey, a junior, was recently declared inelof his dealings with Walters; Coner was a senior last season.

Big Ten Conference officials and Assistant U.S. Attorney Howard M. Pearl, who is spearheading the Walters case in Chicago, examined the '86 Rose Bowl, sources said. The game no longer is under scrutiny.

In that game, Harmon lost four umbles in the first half. He now plays for the Buffalo Bills of the National Football League.

"Anybody who knows Ronnie Harmon knows he is not going to charges against him, and he says his drop the ball on purpose," said Iowa payments to athletes are similar to Associate Athletic Director Larry colleges "who are paying athletes to Brunner. "I sat in the press box play." He also contends that many that game with my binoculars, and other agents routinely pay college I can tell you that he fumbled because he got hit extremely hard. I Walters said he is aware that know that a lot of people were wonlaw enforcement officials have been dering what the heck was going on asking questions about point shaving because Ronnie had fumbled just one time all year, but I find it impossible to believe it was anything other than just good, hard hitting on the part of UCLA."

> Harmon, who has requested immunity from prosecution in return for testifying before the grand jury, has been sued by Walters and Bloom for alleged breach of contract. Walters contends in the suit that Harmon owes him more than \$54,000 in loans, some of which were paid during Harmon's junior year at Iowa.

Sloan said Alabama's internal investigation into Coner and McKey's dealings with the agents revealed that the players received about \$2,600 each from Walters and signed representation contracts knowlegeable [gambling] sources in shortly after Jan. 1. Sloan said the contracts were postdated to April 2.

The entire Walters case, said University of Mississippi Athletic Director Warner Alford, "is another reason to continue to educate athletes in the dangers of dealing with agents" before their college eligibil-

Said Alford: "You fear any time a kid is dealing with people you don't know about. These kids are pretty naive. They don't always

through.

Gulf tension, but said Iran would tary escorts.

Persian Gulf," Sheikhuleeslam de- allies unimpeded. separately from the 61/2-year-old gulf nation's request.

Gulf is urgent, critical and solv- al by July 1. able," he said.

Meanwhile, Arab and Western diplomats Saturday said the Soviet Union plans to lease Kuwait as many tankers as it needs to protect Kuwait's oil shipments against Iranian attack in the Persian Gulf should a rival U.S. deal fall

Word of the Soviet offer comes amid congressional opposition to the Reagan administration's pledge to afford 11 of Kuwait's 21 oil tankers military protection.

The diplomats, demanding anowas verbal and apparently would warships in the Persian Gulf.

become operative if Washington re-FROM 1A neges on its commitment to reflag the 11 tankers and give them miliretaliate immediately against U.S. Reagan says putting the tank-

ers under the Stars and Stripes is "We are prepared to accept needed to keep gulf shipping lanes help from other countries in the open and the flow of oil to Western

clared, insisting that present ten- In April, the Soviets lent the sion in the gulf must be viewed Kuwaitis three oil tankers at the

Iran-Iraq War. The Chinese-made Silkworm "Problems concerning the war missiles have been test-fired from are so complicated that they can- the island of Qeshm into the Strait not be solved in the short term, of Hormuz. Some U.S. officials bebut the problem in the Persian lieve they could become operation-

> The Strait of Hormuz is 30 miles wide at its narrowest point. Vital Western oil shipments must pass through the strait on the way from the gulf.

In a related development, Navy warships steamed out of port at the Charleston Naval Base on Saturday bound for the Persian Gulf and the Mediterranean Sea.

Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli Vorontosov was quoted by The New York Times in its Sunday editions as saying the nymity, said the understanding be- Soviet Union has no intention of tween the Soviet Union and Kuwait augmenting its force of three small

Stark sailor's concerns reportedly shrugged off

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The USS Stark's tactical action officer twice dismissed a petty officer's suggestions that the pilot of the Iraqi jet - which ultimately attacked the ship — be warned he was approaching an American vessel, a member of the House Armed Services Committee said Saturday.

"At 43 miles out, the petty officer asked the lieutenant, 'Should we warn?' and he said, 'No,'" Rep. Larry Hopkins (R-Ky.) said in a telephone interview from his home in Lexington, Ky.

The range of the two Exocet missiles that hit the frigate May 17, killing 37 sailors, is about 43

Hopkins said the petty officer repeated his question when the Mi-tical officer and the petty officer rage F-1 was within 40 miles of the frigate, and the tactical action missile launches, Knight-Ridder officer responded, "No, he'll turn Newspapers reported Sunday,

Hopkins acknowleged, however, Hopkins.

that it's possible the Iraqi pilot might not have received the warnings even if they had been given, since some have reported that he did not have his radio headset on.

"If in fact he [the pilot] did not receive a message from the Stark, then unfortunately that young lieutenant may have to live with that the rest of his life," Hopkins said.

The congressman said his information was obtained through aide Robert Rangel, who traveled to the Persian Gulf to gather information on the incident. Hopkins, who did not identify the tactical action officer, said he did not know whether Rangel had interviewed the officer.

The exchange between the tachad occurred minutes before the based on an interview Friday with

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