The dilemma in South Korea

Hosting the best but preparing for worst

SEOUL (UPI) — In a narrow valley on Seoul's outskirts, crack anti- terrorist squads hoping for the best during the upcoming summer Olympics are preparing for the worst - a terrorist attack or hostage taking at the games.

"We will be ready if needed," said the commander of the Korean national police anti-terrorism unit.

For the last five years, about 1,000 men have been rehearsing with rifles, stun bombs, sophisticated laser-directed sniper guns and electronic bomb detection equipment.

Anti-terrorism practice will be held until the Olympics open Sept. 17. They run through Oct. 2.

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Security experts agree the Olympics are a prime target anywhere. The 24th summer games in Seoul are a particularly tempting terrorist target because:

— A record 161 nations are sending teams, thus potentially attracting terrorist organizations or dissident groups almost everywhere whose causes may only be local.

— Communist North Korea was rebuffed in its attempt to co-host the Olympics with its bitter rival in the south. Terrorism experts speculate the Secretive and isolated nation might strike out in revenge and embarrass the South Korean government.

- South Korean radical anti-government groups could use the Olympics to address their grievances to the outside world. While radical groups are small, it doesn't take many people to take hostages or disrupt a competition.

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But Olympic officials and Seoul-based diplomats agree if any country is ready to crush a terrorist, it is South Korea. It is constantly preparing for terrorist attack or outright war with North Korea — whose border is merely 50 miles north of the Olympic stadium.

Late last week, Olympic officials lifted a corner of the security curtain to give a look at their preparations. The briefings coincided with the beginning of round-the-clock security at Olympic sites.

"We hope nothing will happen," said one policeman, in black with mountain-climbing ropes across his shoulders, a shiny black handgun strapped to his side. "But we prepare anyway."

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In the hills surrounding the training center, squads of troops wearing jet black balaclavas and jumpsuits run obstacle courses, firing at cardboard terrorists and rescuing invisible hostages from plywood buildings.

Teams of men jump, rappel and ropewalk down the sides of a building, then storm the doors as they hurl stun bombs into the building.

A sniper fired one shot from 250 yards and hit a blue balloon representing a terrorist surrounded by four yellow balloons representing hostages. To, show it wasn't a lucky shot, he hit two other balloons with two more shots.

A bomb-disposal squad gently lifted a briefcase bomb from a bus and used makeshift pulleys to move it into a bomb disposal truck where it was detonated.

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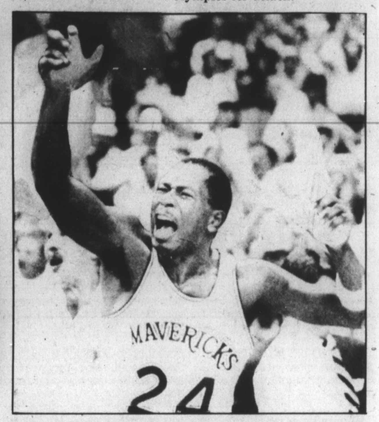
Yook Wan-shik, director of the Security Coordination and Control Headquarters, listed the manpower and some of the hi-tech equipment to be deployed for the games.

He said 100,000 police and military troops would be stationed at the more than 300 Olympic and Olympic-related sites. Another official said 200,000 other private security guards would coordinate with the official security team.

Led by the Agency for National Security Planning, formerly called Korean CIA, officials will track 6,000 known international terrorists and 600 groups who might want to use the Olympics as an international stage for their causes.

Yook avoided naming any group, but fears have grown recently about the resurgent Japanese Red Army, whose underground propaganda has targeted the Olympics for attack.



JUBILATION, ANTICIPATION — The Detroit Pistons reserve forces are jubilant as the inevitable hits the opposing Boston Celtics in the final game of the Eastern Conference playoff for the NBA championship qualifier. The happy Pistons (left) thus moved into the title matchup beginning Tuesday. Meanwhile, a premature Mark Aguirre (right panel) obviously celebrated a little too soon, since his Dallas Mavericks "won this battle but then lost the war" to the Los Angeles Lakers. The results of the conference clashes set up a Detroit-Los Angeles series for the pro pot of gold.

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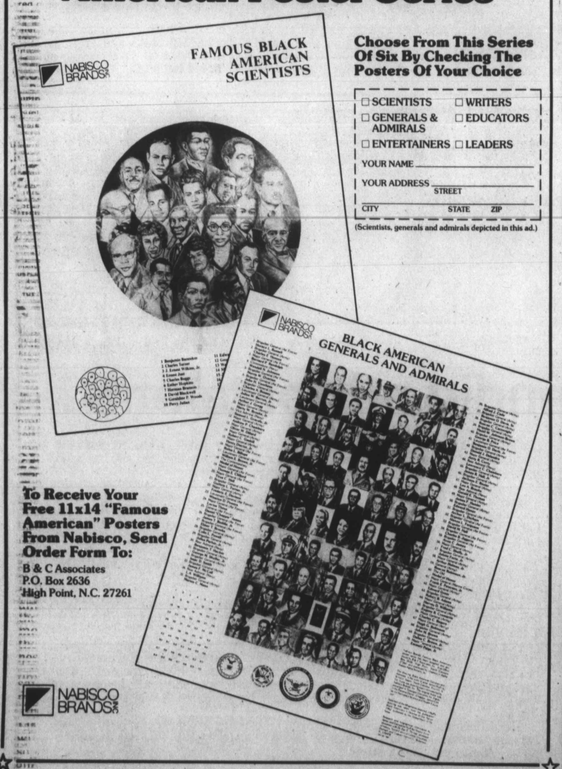

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Virginia colleges would lift taboo on alcohol sponsors

RICHMOND, Va. (UPI) — Should Virginia colleges be allowed to make money by permitting alcoholic beverage companies to sponsor intercollegiate athletic events and other activities, or is such promotion of drinking harmful?

That was a question members of the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and its citizens' advisory panel grappled with Thursday in their first public hearing on proposed changes in ABC regulations.

Up until a year ago, Virginia let breweries, wineries and distilleries sponsor athletic competitions and other college events open to the public.

However, the practice was halted when the drinking age rose to 21, the rationale being that since most college students are not old enough to drink alcohol, companies that sell it should not sponsor such events.

Virginia Commonwealth University and the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association have asked the ABC Board to remove the ban. The ABC board will decide the issue in September.

Colleges have looked to other sponsors to pick up the slack in events such as the CIAA basketball tournament. But the events do not attract as much backing without the participation by the alcoholic beverage industry, said Del. William Robinson, D-Norfolk.

Fred Sowerby quits DelState

Delaware State Head Women's Track and Men's and Women's Cross Country Coach Fred Sowerby, resigned recently to pursue a career at either a Big Eight or Southeastern Conference school.

The thirty-nine (39) year old Sowerby will go down in the DSC record book as one of the most successful coaches in the school's track history.

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Since taking over the reigns in 1984, Sowerby's teams have won five consecutive women's indoor titles and eight cross country championships.

He earned thirteen (13) Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Coach of the Year awards in a four year span.

"I just feel like I have accomplished all I can accomplish at Delaware State and I want to move on to a more competitive level," said Sowerby.

Sowerby was a three time United States Olympian in 1972, 1976 and 1980 although he was denied a chance to participate in the 1980 Olympics because of the boycott.

In 1977, he won a bronze medal in the World Cup in the 4 X 400 relay.

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Sam Lacy

Michael Spinks claims he isn't concerned about being the underdog for his heavyweight championship fight against Michael Tyson June 27. Spinks said in an interview in the July issue of Penthouse Magazine, "I've been a big underdog in all my big fights, and I won 'em all. I was 5 to 1 against Larry Holmes and nobody gave me a chance."

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The International Boxing Federation voted Friday to reduce world championship fights from 15 to 12 rounds, effective Sept. 1.

IN THE STARS / STRICTLY PERSONAL

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Proceed with caution this Wednesday and Thursday. You'll be in a much better position to take advantage of the cosmic assists that are coming your way very shortly. Friday, Saturday and especially next Tuesday are the days to take special note of for special things. Housecleaning being the order of the day,suggest that loved ones join in outside recreational activities.

CANCER (June 21-July 21): Secret love affairs and unbridled passion will lead to physical distress by weekend. For the most part, this is a week that looks good for creating favorable conditions around you and your personal plans. On Friday and Saturday, however, brace yourself against cosmic resistance - especially in regard to relationships. Sunday and Monday are good days for plans.

LEO (July 22-August 20): For the most part, mild is about the best way to describe this week. With the exception of Sunday and Monday, there should be nothing to stand in the way of your goals and objectives. So make the most of the cosmic blessings. Patience will prove to be important. Flowery discussion among siblings bring greater joy and harmony in the home.

VIRGO (August 21-September 21): Wednesday and Thursday are listed as stressful to the extreme. Chances are there could be a reversal in well-laid plans. But things should be back on track by late Saturday evening and going forward the next several days. Taking the straight and narrow path will affect a home and later life filled with the spirit and grace of the Creator.

LIBRA (September 22-October 20): This week should be pretty mild. In fact, the only cosmic symbols that don't look too good appear for Friday and Saturday. Use utmost caution at this time. Monday and Tuesday of next week should be far more favorable, by comparison. This week your mentality soars with fresh new ideas as you prepare to travel with Aquarius, Aries or Gemini.

SCORPIO (October 21-November 21): The early part of this week is good for enhancing your personal reputation or at least taking advantage of trips and important opportunities. After Thursday, there's likely to be a serious lull - especially Sunday and Monday. So stay alert to avoid unnecessary stress and strain. Self undoing through misuse of power may eventually lead you to a greater spiritual quest.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): Annoyances of a minor nature on Tuesday could turn a molehill into a mountain if you let conditions get the best of you. So don't expect much then. Instead, be a little patient - let the cosmic energy build up in your favor and then proceed. Be careful not to let over indulgence rob you on your life force.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Other than Thursday and Friday, when you might experience some minor setbacks, this period is very similar to last week. So for the most part, you should be in absolute control of the things around you. Balance and fairness cause a return of public favor. Through Taurus, Cancer and Virgo, love will find its presence.

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Friday, Saturday and Tuesday of next week are days that you should pay special attention to. A little like last week, only an octave higher. But watch Sunday and Monday - they show cosmic resistance to your plans. Optimism and hopes for the future increase as you realize that unbiased love and the will of the Creator will prevail.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): Tuesday of next week is the only stressful day on your weekly calendar. Beginning now and going into next Monday is free and clear of any cosmic stress. Now is the time to set your sights - now is the time to get to act. As week ends, religion and optimism bring greater peace and security.

ARIES (March 21-April 20): For the first time in a while, you are, "Best sign of the week." From the time of this reading and moving along through the course of it, you should be in a position to make a lot of headway. Make a commitment to yourself to get things done. Your zeal in philosophical and religious matters will win the support of Leo, Libra and Sagittarius.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20): Like the sign before you, this is your first decent week in a while. Fortunately, you have the wind completely at your back. There are no stress days whatsoever. It means you should be in an excellent position to do just about anything. Ample partnership interest comes your way as Virgo, Scorpio vie for your attention.

Lonesome Hearts

Sincere, 38-year-old black man, 6' 11", 180 pounds, with brown eyes, interested in corresponding with sincere ladies, 25-40. Hobbies are dancing, music and art. If possible, send phone number and photo with first letter. CC 38.

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Sincere, caring, somewhat attractive 46-year-old black lady in Northwest Baltimore, would like to meet attractive 5'5" or taller gentleman, 40-47 with similar qualities for friendship or possibly serious relationship - marriage. I enjoy church, moves and some sports. A response with phone number and photo if possible would be appreciated. No inmates, alcoholics, drug users or playboys. For more, write to CC 39.

Sincere, understanding lady would like to meet Christian, brownskinned gentleman, 65-75 who is also sincere and understanding, and lives in Baltimore City or in county. Absolutely no smokers, drug users or gamblers. CC 40.

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53-year-old black lady, heavy-set, sincere, honest, affectionate would like to meet black gentleman who is sincere, considerate, honest, affectionate, understanding, for lasting relationship. No phonies. If possible, send photo and phone number with first letter. For more, write to CC 41.

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Tall, handsome black male, 35, would like to meet tall, ivory complexioned black lady who is hippy with small waistline who is marriage-minded. To find out more, write to CC 42.

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Hardworking gentleman in 60's, home improvement field, would like to meet sincere, honest, Christian lady in 50's for compatible relationship. CC 43.

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55-year-old gentleman, sincere, sensitive, understanding and positive thinking, would like to meet lady, 30-55 with same qualities. I am seeking happiness and meaningful relationship. For more, write to CC 31.

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A sincere, honest, trustworthy lady would like to meet gentleman with same qualities, above all, honesty. Drug users, incarcerated persons need not reply. CC 32.

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Sincere, 75-year-old light brownskinned lady who enjoys good things of life wouldlike to meet interesting gentleman who is retired, sincere and loves God. No drug or alcohol users. For more, write to CC 33.

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Black gentleman with low income would like to meet interesting lady who is financially secure for friendship. Write to CC 34.

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Attractive Christian widow, retired city government worker, no dependents,seeks companionship of sincere, Christian gentleman, 65-70. Only interested in trustworthy, refined, clean living persons. Write to CC 35.

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37-year-old gentleman, honest and sincere, would like to meet "down-to-earth" lady. Any age. CC 36.

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Interesting, sincere gentleman, senior citizen, would like to meet sincere lady, 68-73 who loves church, short trips and movies. Only ladies in New Jersey area. CC 37.

STRICTLY PERSONAL

Lonesome Hearts
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If you have a problem you feel our counselor Jan might be able to help you with, why not write to her. All letters will be answered in this column.

Write: Tell it to Jan, AFRO-AMERICAN,
P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21201.

Tell it to Jan

Dear Jan:

I have a grown daughter who is all mixed-up. She met a boy while in school and fell in love with him.

He is still in school and hasn't mentioned marriage to her. She thinks some divine providence is going to send this boy to her and they will be married.

She won't go any place or do anything. She has quit school and thinks and talks only of this boy.

I don't know what to do with her. She has been in a mental institution once. She is completely obsessed with the idea that this boy is going to marry her, and he doesn't know a thing about it.

Please tell me what to do.

D

Dear D:

Frankly, I don't know what you should do. I must assume that she is still under a doctor's care and perhaps the best thing you can do is to discuss it with him and he can help rid her of this fixation.

Arguing with her will do no good - this I do know. She probably needs psychiatric help.

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Dear Jan:

I have been married for six years and the problem is with my husband.

We have two children and I left him a month ago because I felt he was playing me for a fool.

He stopped taking me out, and at one time, he didn't go any place without me. During the time I left, he was on my job, calling me, telling me how much he missed the kids and that he wanted us back with him.

I took him back. He has not yet been here a month and he has started doing the same thing - staying out three nights a week and coming home with a sad story why he didn't call or come home.

One of his lady friends called for him, and I told her he was not home and then I asked who she was, she told me she had been seeing my husband for sometime and now she is pregnant.

I confronted him with this and he said this lady didn't mean anything to him - he said he was seeing her and a lot of other women, but she was just the one to get pregnant.

He had the nerve to say if I hadn't left him, this would have never happened.

Jan, I don't want him here anymore. I want him out! He's through playing with my feelings. I am so hurt I only want him out of my life and if I have to start all over again with someone else, I will.

All I want is a little respect. He says he loves me and if that is so, why did he do these awful things to me?

Hurt

Dear Hurt:

Your letter sounds as though your mind is made up and you merely want to hear an authorative, confirming vote, and frankly, I cannot argue with your decision.

There is one thing to be considered before you do anything rash, however, that is the support for the children involved.

After all, they have to be considered - they are a part of the family and as they grow older, they get more expensive.

Your mind is made up about leaving your husband, and I have no quarrel with you on that score, but merely caution you to see about arrangements for support of the children.

Perhaps you will need outside help on this, whatever - get it.

"THEY SAY CLOTHES MAKE THE MAN. BUT DO YOU DO YOU REALLY WANT TO BE THE TYPE OF MAN THOSE CLOTHES MAKE?"

Pen Pals

55-year-old gentleman, sincere, sensitive, understanding and positive thinking, would like to meet lady, 30-55 with same qualities. I am seeking happiness and a meaningful relationship. For more, write to: Leo Taylor, 921 Harlem Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21217.

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32-year-old mother of three, presently confined, seeks friendship through correspondence. I have no one to share my thoughts with and would like to meet interesting with sincere people. Victoria Dillard, 18434, 1479 Collins Avenue, Marysville, OH 43040.

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Confined male, 30, 6' 6", 239 pounds seeks friendship through correspondence. Don N. Nolton, 1300 Western Blvd., Raleigh, NC 27606.

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28-year-old male, incarcerated, seeks correspondence from sincere people, 21-52. William Dickson, 165-952, Post Office Box 57, Marion, OH 43302.

Incarcerated male, 38, would like to correspond with "down- to-earth" females for meaningful relationship. Carl Lynch, 183-819, P. O. Box 57, Marion, OH 43302.

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Incarcerated male, 38, would like to correspond with intelligent, understanding female. Will exchange photos. Age not important. Frankie Butler, M-8333, Box 244, Graterford, PA 19426.

Searching

Anyone knowing whereabouts of Susie White, Mary White, Patricia Gale or Lisa White, contact P. J. Hairston, SSgt, USAF, PCS Box 3368, APO San Francisco 96399-0006.

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Bernard Brown would like to know whereabouts of his brother, Rufus Brown whom he last saw 11 years ago. At that time, his brother resided at 648 Kenyon Street, NW, Washington, DC. Anyone having information of whereabouts, contact: Bernard Brown, 1819 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94115 or call Collect (415) 922-7992.

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