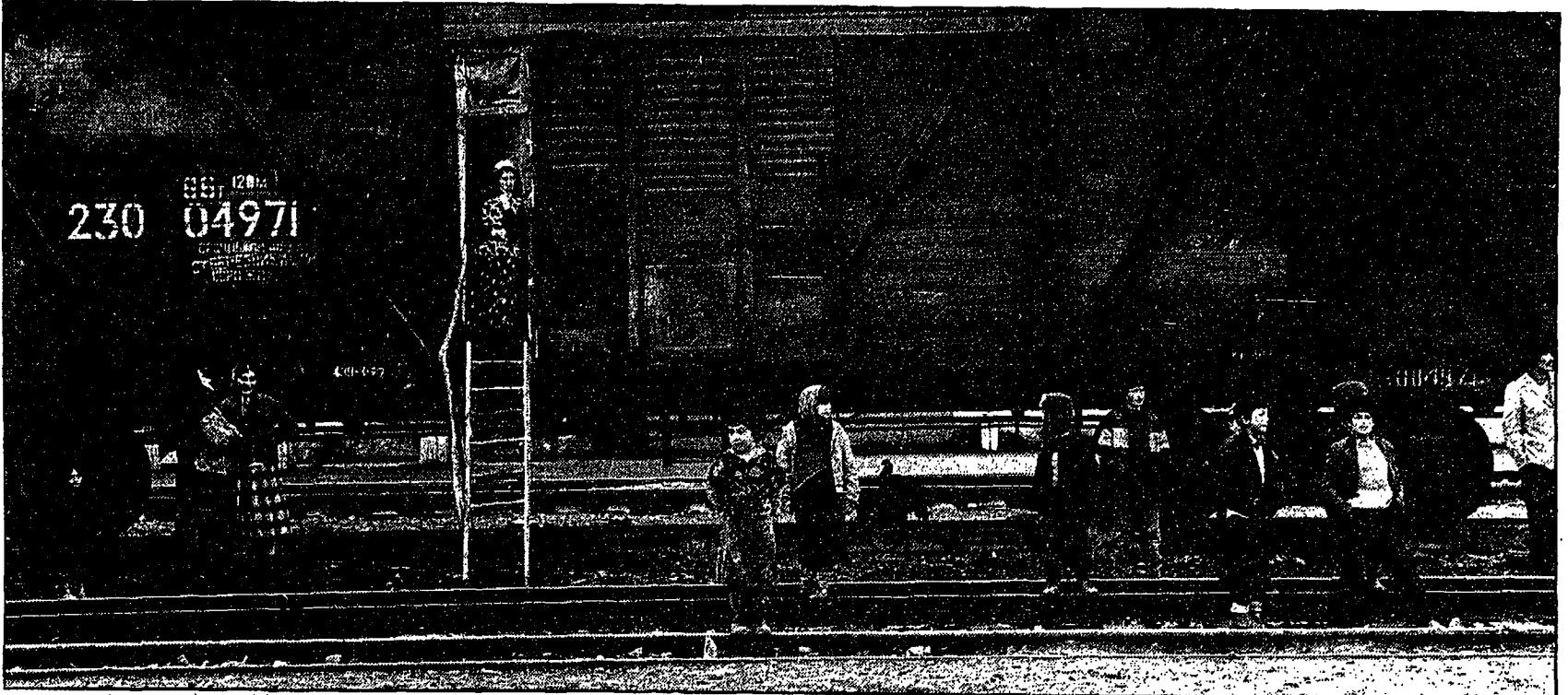


US blows hot and cool over Korean crisis

Martin Walker in Washington and Kevin Rafferty in Tokyo

THE United States sought yesterday to cool the rhetoric in the crisis over North Korea, while showing its resolve by promising to begin installing Patriot anti-missile systems in South Korea next month...

pliance with the emerging UN consensus of applying economic and diplomatic pressure on the North. "China will be acting in its own self-interest. China has indicated in the past that it would be very undesirable to have a nuclear capability in the Korean peninsula..."



Karabakh conflict puts thousands of Azeri refugees on road to nowhere

ABOUT 2,000 Azerbaijanis are living in abandoned railway carriages at Saadil, near the Iranian border. Their plight is the most pitiful of the 1 million Azeris who have lost their homes during six years of war between Azerbaijan and Armenian separatists...

Azerbaijan's territory and a cordon sanitaire near the Iranian border. Until the Iranian Red Crescent set up the refugee camps, many people were sheltering in bushes surrounded by the cattle which they managed to take with them into exile...

Harding 'helped to plan attack'

Jonathan Freedland in Washington

TONYA HARDING not only took part in a cover-up of the attack on her skating rival Nancy Kerrigan, she also helped plan it, according to a grand jury in Ms Harding's home state of Oregon...

hit squad have no such immunity. Shawn Eckardt, aged 26, the skater's bulky former bodyguard, and associates Shane Stant, aged 22, and Derrick Smith, aged 29, could all face jail sentences if found guilty of the crimes cited in the indictment...

A murder in Nicosia and a huge Turkish military operation suggest a new crackdown on Kurdish separatists

Cyprus killing fuels tension

John Bierman in Nicosia

A GREEK Cypriot civil servant shot dead outside his home on Sunday night was "most likely" killed by the Turkish secret service as part of a worldwide campaign against Kurdish separatists...

who was president of the Committee for Solidarity with Kurdistan, had "devoted his life to the struggle of the Kurdish people". The Turkish Cypriot daily Kibris described him as a "fanatical enemy of Turkey"...

Rumours of war herald bleak new year

Jonathan Rugman in Van, south-east Turkey, on a mission made impossible

THE KURDS of Turkey were meant to be celebrating their traditional new year yesterday. How they celebrated I do not know, having spent most of the last 24 hours inside Turkish army barracks or being escorted to them by armoured personnel carriers...

There are searches and checkpoints every few miles, tanks and armoured vehicles control the entrances to towns and remote snowy mountain passes. Each time we were stopped, it was pointed out that the PKK has a recent history of kidnapping journalists and tourists...



The Kurdish new year or "newroz" is not just a fire festival celebrating the arrival of spring, but, according to legend, a time to remember a successful rebellion against a tyrant who was so terrible that he had young men to the snakes he wrapped over his shoulders...

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