

## American reportedly praises Afghan regime

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NEW DELHI — Robert Lee, an American arrested during anti-Soviet riots in Kabul last month, has turned up on Afghanistan government television praising the pro-Soviet regime and denouncing "capitalist bandits" of the West, a traveler from Afghanistan reported yesterday.

Afghan media earlier had charged that Lee, of Monterey Park, Calif., was arrested as a CIA agent.

The account of his television appearance last Wednesday said no mention was made of any CIA connection. Instead, he was quoted as saying he had entered Afghanistan in order to witness first hand the

"glorious revolution" being carried out by the pro-Soviet government of President Babrak Karmal.

The informant from Kabul, who asked not to be identified, said Lee told his viewers that the people of Afghanistan were united and that they should "rise up against the filthy imperialist (Western) bandits, just as their grandfathers did against the British nearly a century ago."

He quoted Lee as praising "class struggle" and as blaming anti-Soviet activity in Afghanistan on mercenaries and bandits armed and working for China, the United States and other Western countries.