

Americans Reported Ill

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19 (UPI) — The physical and mental condition of two young Americans held for the past 22 months of espionage charges has seriously worsened, their American attorney said today.

"Not only their health but their psychological condition has considerably deteriorated since I last saw them a year ago," said Dolores Donovan, as she left India after meeting with her clients, Richard Winn Harcos and Anthony Allen Fletcher in Calcutta.

"This of course, can be expected in view of the three months they spent on a hunger strike and the fact that they've

been held virtually incommunicado for two years without trial on charges that are wholly without foundation." (26 APR 75)

Harcos, 27, and Fletcher, 30, were arrested in April 1973 on charges they violated the Indian official secret act.

The two former San Francisco taxi drivers were jailed on suspicion of espionage and sabotage when Indian officials discovered Harcos wandering around restricted security areas of the Calcutta Docks dressed in diving gear.

The two say they were actually attempting to attach some hashish to the hull of a freighter, hoping to smuggle it to the United States.

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