

Contras attacking civilians, report says

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The contras are not fighting a war against the Sandinistas, but are fighting a war of terror against Nicaraguan civilians, said Reed Brody, former assistant attorney general for the state of New York.

Brody led a group of lawyers and other volunteers to Nicaragua in September 1984. By January 1985, they had collected 145 sworn affidavits which verified 40 separate terrorist attacks by the contras on rural civilians.

"For each attack that we documented, there were five that we heard about," he said in an interview Thursday. "But we couldn't do anything about it because there was no way to get there, or it was just too dangerous, or there was no surviving eyewitness."

Brody said he first got involved when he visited Nicaragua in May 1984.

"When I was in Nicaragua, I talked to victims and

it was very hard for them to talk about the atrocities they were subjected to," he said. "But very few people declined to talk to me. They believed that if the American people knew of the crimes committed, they would put a stop to it."

"The White House has never tried to deny any of the accounts in my report," said Brody. He said that the Reagan administration publicly criticized Brody and denounced him as a supporter of the current Nicaraguan government.

Upon returning to the United States, Brody was invited by the House Subcommittee of Western Hemisphere Affairs to speak about the conditions in Nicaragua.

"I presented my evidence against the contras," said Brody. "There wasn't much time for a questions and answers session, so I really don't know how much it affected them."

He said the Nicaraguan-Democratic Force was the largest of the contra forces.

"Forty-six of the 48 people involved at the top were officers in the National Guard at one time," said Brody. "They received almost all of the U.S. funds that were given to the contras."

Nicaragua has sued the United States for a billion dollars in the World Court of Justice, charging the Reagan administration with interfering with the Nicaraguan government by supporting the contras and mining the nation's harbors, said Brody.

Brody said the World Court ordered the United States to leave Nicaragua but the U.S. refused. The final decision will be announced in the next few months.

Brody will be speaking on Saturday at 4 p.m. in Room 205 in the Student Union, and at 7:30 p.m. at the Carrboro First Baptist Church.

S. African proposal would restore citizenship rights

From wire reports

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa — The South African government is prepared to take steps to restore the citizenship rights of nearly 10 million blacks, according to President P.W. Botha.

Blacks lost their citizenship rights when their tribal homelands became independent.

Botha's proposal was a major departure from the apartheid policy, which said ultimately there would be no South African black citizens. It is considered a further step in Botha's limited changes in racial policies.

The statement did not specify what rights would be protected under the plan, leaving the status of South African citizenship unclear for the black majority.

It is certain that the government would probably not offer blacks the right to vote, said some political commentators.

Debris cleared after rioting

BIRMINGHAM, England — Handsworth returned to normal Wednesday as cleaning crews cleared debris and families returned home after two nights of rioting.

Controversy continued over why Handsworth had exploded because it is considered by many as a model

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of good policing.

"There is no one starving in Handsworth," Douglas Hurd, the home secretary, said. He quoted an Asian community leader he met: "There is no one in despair." Residents complained about reports focusing on black looters, under newspaper headlines proclaiming war in the streets. The residents said whites and Asians joined the looting, too.

Structure of cold virus found

WASHINGTON — Researchers have determined the three-dimensional structure of a common cold virus in small detail, opening the way to fight one of the most elusive disease-causing viruses known.

The scientists said their achievement was the first time anyone had mapped the structure of a human or animal virus in such detail.

The researchers, from Purdue University and the University of Wisconsin, said their work might eventually permit development of new agents to combat viruses that have eluded them before.

Professor, group aid Hungarian officials

By TODD GOSSETT
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A UNC professor recently spent ten days in Hungary helping the Hungarian government in the planned decentralization of the nation's industry.

Professor Barry Moriarty, of the UNC department of geography, was part of a six-man team sent to discuss moving the nation's industry, centralized in Budapest, out into the rest of the country. The U.S. representatives met with representatives of Hungarian industry.

Moriarty said that although there was near zero percent unemployment in Hungary, most of the jobs were low paying and unskilled. Because of the low wages, about 70 percent of the

Hungarian work force had two jobs. Moriarty said that Hungary's biggest problem was that industry was centralized around the nation's capital, Budapest, and the rural areas had little or no industry as a result.

Moriarty said the economic condition of Hungary could improve if the rural areas were industrialized. The team discussed theories on how countries decentralize industrially and methodologies for analyzing regional change with Hungarian representatives.

He said that the Hungarian representatives were responsible for the planning stages of the decentralization process.

Although the ten day conference had some success, Moriarty said, it was not yet evident how much.

"We were just beginning to work like a team when it came time to leave," he said. "If communications between us and the Hungarians continue to be good, there may be another meeting between the two teams in the United States in about year."

Moriarty discussed a paper, written by one of his colleagues, about a possible reunion between Hungary and Austria. A reunion would theoretically help Hungary's economic condition by

combining Austria's quickly growing economy with Hungary's retarded economic growth.

"Hungary is the freest of the Soviet Block countries, but the Soviets would never allow a reunion of Austria and Hungary," Moriarty said.

"Hungary drifted away from the Soviet model country in 1968 in search of a more capitalistic mode, but are still under the Soviet sphere of influence."

Hallmark executive to lecture

Irvine Hockaday Jr., executive vice president of Hallmark Cards, will give the first executive lecture at the UNC

School of Business today at 3:30 p.m. in Carroll Hall's downstairs auditorium.

Hockaday will speak on maintaining individuality within a large organization.

The lecture, free and open to the public, is sponsored by the UNC School of Business Administration's undergraduate program.

Heritage week scheduled

The N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs has announced Indian Heritage Week, Sept. 15-21, in cooperation with the Carolina Indian Circle.

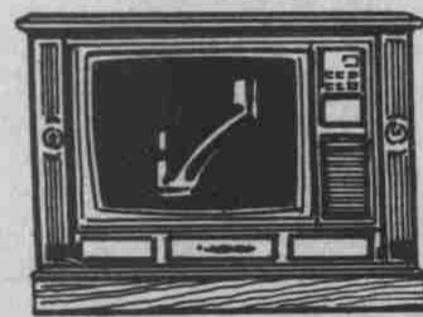
A statewide pow-wow has been planned for Saturday in Jamestown at the Unwharrie Boy Scout Campgrounds.

An Indian Heritage Festival is scheduled for Sunday at the Town Creek Indian Mound State Historic Site.

Next Tuesday through Thursday the CIC will sponsor an information booth in the Pit. For more information, call CIC President Alicia Hardin at 929-8743.

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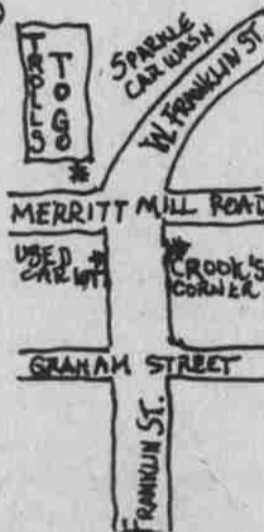
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