

# South African says freedom's indivisible

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Black South Africans have become trapped in an intensifying spiral of violence that continues even as the government promises reform, an exiled South African student activist told about 20 students during an informal discussion Wednesday afternoon in the Alumni Building.

"Today in South Africa we're witnessing a situation where people have decided to take their destinies into their own hands," said Don Ngubeni, who was exiled in 1984 for working with the United Democratic Front and now lives in Zambia.

The UDF is a multiracial coalition of over 600 organizations that was created in 1983 to fight apartheid.

Ngubeni said South Africa's problems peaked after the leaders of the white government passed a referendum in 1983 to incorporate Indians and blacks into a tri-cameral parliament.

In the 1984 elections, the seats allotted to blacks and Indians were not representative of the votes cast for them, he said.

The crisis has escalated since 1983, Ngubeni said. South Africans have begun to protest rent increases, which he said raise money for the government. There have also been wide-scale student and consumer boycotts.

"There was a call issued by the ANC (African National Congress) that the country must be made ungovernable and apartheid must be made unworkable," he said.

The government has not remained complacent, Ngubeni said. The use of severe violence, death squads and a day-to-day state of emergency have been used to try to control the situation, he said.

But the recent combination of international condemnation of apartheid and the internal unrest have forced the South African government to respond with

promises of reform.

Ngubeni said the improvements are unlikely to materialize. "You've got to be careful not to take these people at face value," he said. "Whenever they say something, they mean the exact opposite of what they said."

The recent announcement by the South African government to lift the state of emergency was deceiving, Ngubeni said. The announcement was accompanied by the enactment of a law that permanently legalized any state of emergency powers that the police have held, he said.

"The . . . government cannot bring about reform," he said. "Apartheid must be destroyed. It must be uprooted and a new system should be brought about."

Ngubeni said this new society should be democratic, egalitarian and non-racial. Because freedom is indivisible, society cannot be divided so that one part is free and the other parts oppressed, he said.

# Some unhappy with currency changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Treasury Department has come out with the first major changes in U.S. currency in more than 50 years, but the redesign, although slight, is not pleasing to everybody.

Some in Congress are charging that bank tellers and store clerks will need magnifying glasses to spot the two new anti-counterfeiting devices. Others contend that the whole exercise is a smoke screen to hide the government's real intention—to flush out billions of dollars in the underground economy.

Treasury Secretary James Baker announced on Tuesday that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing will begin adding a tiny plastic thread and micro-

scopic printing to U.S. money to try to thwart counterfeiters with access to a new generation of sophisticated copying machines.

The government spent several years and \$32 million studying a variety of options to make American currency tougher to counterfeit. It considered and discarded such options as changing the color to adding a three-dimensional hologram that would flash bright colors when viewed in the light.

In the end, officials decided to opt for two more subtle changes that are not likely to be noticed unless the currency is studied carefully.

One addition will be a clear polyester thread running from the top of the bill

down the bottom on the left side of the portrait.

The thread will be invisible until the money is held up to the light. Through light, the thread will appear along with printing.

On the \$1 bill, the printing will be "one USA one USA" along the length of the thread. "USA" will be printed on the threads woven into all the bills but the denomination will change depending on the value of the bill.

The other change will involve printing of the words "United States of America" repeatedly around the por-

trait. The words will appear as a black line until held under a magnifying glass.

Both of these changes will be impossible to reproduce even with the sophisticated color copiers that are now showing up in offices, Treasury officials said.

But Rep. Frank Annunzio, chairman of a House Banking subcommittee on coinage, said the Treasury changes are too subtle.

"If the Treasury implements this new currency, they ought to provide every person in America with a magnifying glass," he said.

## For the Record

Wednesday's story on the shanties constructed by the UNC Anti-Apartheid Support Group in front of the South Building incorrectly reported that the rally held by the group Tuesday afternoon took place in the Pit. The rally was held on the quad, where the shanties are located.

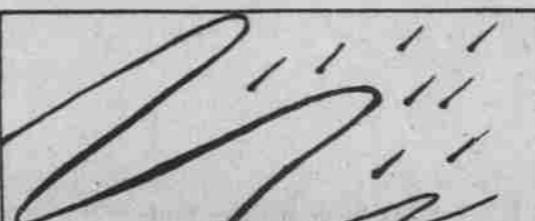
Wednesday's story on former N.C. governor Jim Hunt's speech incorrectly reported that the governor was elected in 1980. He was re-elected that year,

and was originally elected in 1976. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the errors.

In a story titled "Ogden handles game-time hunger," that appeared in Wednesday's Daily Tar Heel reported that Ogden Allied had bid on the contract for UNC's food services, presently held by ARA. Since then, the DTH has learned that Ogden has not actually bid on the contract, but has received information about it and plans to do so.



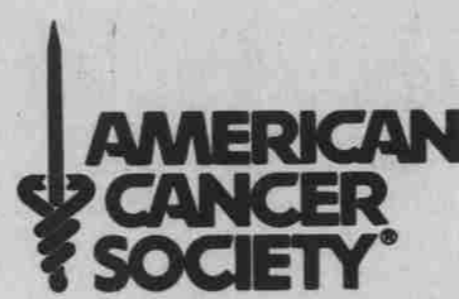
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## Panel gives little merit to report that Marcos gave to campaigns

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — A Philippine official said Wednesday he did not give much credence to a document brought to the United States by former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos indicating that contributions of \$50,000 were made to the 1980 presidential campaigns of Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter.

"I did not give it much credence because it does not bear any signature or any initial," Jovito Salonga, head of a Philippine commission investigating Marcos' finances, told the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs. The subcommittee is investigating Marcos' U.S. holdings.

Representatives of both cam-

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paigns said they knew nothing of the purported contributions, and congressional sources said it was not clear if the money actually had been given.

The list of contributions has been referred to the Justice Department's criminal division for further investigation, the sources said.

As the hearing ended, Rep. Stephen Solarz, D-N.Y., chairman of the subcommittee, said the panel's investigation has shown that Marcos led a government that "existed for the primary purpose of looting and plundering the wealth of the nation."

## It's high noon for Reagan's plan; House set to vote on Contra aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, scrambling for votes to win \$100 million in military aid to the Nicaraguan rebels, offered Congress on Wednesday a compromise that would limit the assistance to "defensive" weapons, training and logistics for the first 90 days.

With Thursday's showdown House vote expected to be extremely close, the White House gave congressmen a draft executive order that said Reagan would sign if the \$100 million was passed.

The draft order would restrict the first 90 days of aid to the contra rebels to weapons "for defense against air attacks," training in small-unit warfare and logistical aid. The aid would be stopped if the rebels engaged in human rights violations or drug smuggling.

Under the president's plan, all types of military aid would be permitted after 90 days if the leftist Nicaraguan government does not negotiate seriously with the rebels — a step the government has repeatedly refused to take, charging that the Contras are a creation of the United States.

Congress could block the aid at that point, but that would require majority in both the House and Senate. Reagan could then veto such a move, and it would require a two-thirds majority in each house to override him.

Rep. Michael Barnes, D-Md., chairman of the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on Latin America, said the proposed compromise "doesn't really change anything. . . It's an obvious

indication that the administration doesn't have the votes on the merits and they're grasping for ways to get some votes."

But Rep. John McKernan, R-Maine, a swing vote, said that while he was still undecided, the new proposal made him more likely to vote for the \$100 million.

In a statement accompanying the draft order, Reagan said he favored a negotiated solution with the leftist Nicaraguan government and that "approval of my request for additional assistance . . . does not mean that a military solution is inevitable."

While the House debated, a fresh appeal to avoid the use of force in the Central American nation was made in Washington by the eight-nation Contadora group of Latin American countries seeking a peaceful settlement in the area.

Speaking at a meeting of the Political Council of the Organization of American States, Venezuelan Ambassador Edilberto Moreno said it was necessary to reiterate the obligation of all member states of the OAS "to solve their controversies exclusively by peaceful means and to abstain from the use of force directly or indirectly."

Moreno said he was speaking for Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Chile's new ambassador to the OAS, Javier Illanes, declared his country's "decided support for the Contadora's peace efforts."

House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., D-Mass., described the upcoming House decision as a "Tonkin Gulf vote," a reference to the 1964 resolution that enabled then-President Johnson to introduce U.S. troops in Vietnam.

"I see this leading to war," said O'Neill. "I see a quagmire down there." O'Neill said the Democrats maintained a 10- to 15-vote lead and had seen "no erosion" over the past days despite an intensive personal lobbying campaign by Reagan.

In the House debate, Republicans charged that defeat of Reagan's proposal would amount to abandoning Nicaragua to communism, while Democrats contended that approving the aid would launch the nation on a course for war.

"The United States is embarked on a lonely crusade of support for the Contras," said Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., House Intelligence Committee chairman. "Nicaragua is not an issue of supreme national importance. It is a small, dirt-poor country with scarce human and material resources."

Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La., urged passage of the aid as necessary to stop the spread of communism in Central America. "Those Sandinistas, those communists (in Nicaragua), are closer to me in Louisiana than I am to New York City," he said.

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