

# Arafat denied U.S. visa because of PLO activities

## Arab leaders call for Geneva session | Reagan praises decision to ban visit

From Associated Press reports  
UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Arab League ambassador said Sunday that he has enough votes to move a General Assembly session to Geneva so PLO chief Yasser Arafat can address the world body on the Palestinian issue.

Jordan and Egypt agreed to spearhead the effort to reconvene the world body in the Swiss capital, Jordan's official news agency reported.

They urged the unprecedented protest after the United States denied Arafat a visa Saturday to address the body in New York.

In Kuwait, a senior Palestine Liberation Organization official said the U.S. decision was "an open call for extremism."

Reaction to the U.S. decision came quickly. Israeli leaders praised it, but Algeria, Egypt, France and Norway were among nations which protested the decision.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid and his Jordanian counterpart, Taher Masri, said they

had scrapped plans to visit New York in protest.

Clovis Maksoud, the Arab League's U.N. ambassador, said Arab nations felt "deep anger and outrage" over the U.S. decision and will ask the General Assembly to condemn it.

Arafat wanted to enter the United States to address the U.N. body in New York on Thursday, when debate is scheduled on the Palestinian problem. A nearly one-year-old Palestinian uprising in Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip has left at least 316 Palestinians and 11 Israelis dead.

However, the State Department rejected his visa Saturday, and said the leader of the PLO "knows of, condones and lends support to" terrorist attacks.

"The issue of terrorism is a red herring used by the State Department, because the State Department knows very well that resistance to Israeli occupation does not under any stretch of the imagination fall under the rubric of terrorism," Maksoud

said.

Approval to move the U.N. body to Geneva would require a simple majority of the 159 members. The members have regularly approved Palestinian-backed resolutions by an overwhelming majority.

"Tomorrow (Monday) the recommendation will be made at a meeting of the Arab group" of U.N. member states, Maksoud said. "Also we will ask the General Assembly to condemn this decision. This is the thrust of our thinking."

"I think that also the people in the non-aligned countries and the European countries realize what a dangerous precedent" the U.S. action sets, he said. The non-aligned group has 101 voting members in the General Assembly.

U.N. spokesman Francois Giuliani said the U.N. legal counsel was studying the State Department's decision and would advise Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar on Monday.

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SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — President Reagan endorsed the decision to block Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's appearance at the United Nations, saying Americans can't be seen as "patsies" to terrorism.

"I agree very much with his decision," Reagan said Sunday of Secretary of State George Shultz's move to deny Arafat a visa to speak before the U.N. General Assembly in New York this week.

Shultz said he would not grant Arafat a waiver of the U.S. policy denying visas to terrorists. Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, "knows of, condones and lends support" to acts of terrorism, Shultz said.

Asked whether he thought the PLO continued to sponsor terrorism, Reagan said, "I think there was enough to justify not granting a waiver." He said it would have been wrong to give a visa to Arafat, who last spoke to the United Nations in 1974.

"I think the other way would have sent out the wrong signal — that we are patsies," Reagan said at Point Mugu Naval Air Station as he boarded Air Force One to return to Washington from his Thanksgiving holiday.

But Reagan said he was not involved in the decision. Though he agreed with Shultz, Reagan said, "You recognize that officially it didn't make any difference whether I did or not, because under the law that is the province of the secretary of state."

However, Reagan said U.S. officials are "available and are willing to negotiate at any time" for peace in the Middle East. "We are the ones with the peace plan."

Arab spokesmen have criticized the U.S. decision to deny Arafat a visa, calling it a big mistake. Arafat said he will ask the United Nations to move its session on Palestinian issues to Geneva, Switzerland.

Three Democratic senators seeking to be elected majority leader by

Senate colleagues this week also said they agreed with Shultz's action. The three — Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, J. Bennett Johnston of Louisiana and George Mitchell of Maine — said they did not believe the United States was caving in to pressure from the Israelis by denying Arafat the visa.

"The United States should indicate to one and all that we stand against terrorism, and I think this was a very dramatic way of doing it," Inouye said in an appearance on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"The PLO has members . . . who are engaged actively in terrorism, and as long as that organization does, I don't think they should be allowed to speak at the U.N.," said Johnston.

On his return to Washington, Reagan will prepare for his Dec. 7 session with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in New York. In mid-week, Reagan will meet with his designated successor, Vice President George Bush, who will also take part in the talks.

# UNC information fair to recognize World AIDS Day

By JENNIFER WING  
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UNC will observe World AIDS Day Thursday by sponsoring a fair to acquaint students and community members with information about the deadly virus.

World AIDS Day is an international program sponsored by the World Health Organization.

More than 50 researchers, doctors, lawyers and public health specialists will participate in the fair to discuss how their professions work with AIDS. Sue Cavenar, research asso-

ciate at the School of Nursing, said Tuesday.

The American Red Cross, the N.C. Hospice Association, the Research Triangle Institute, and Duke and N.C. State universities will participate in the fair, which will be held in Great Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Inge Corless, chairwoman of the Secondary Care Department at the nursing school and coordinator of the fair, said she hoped the variety of organizations represented would produce a unique view of AIDS.

"(The purpose is) to inform the

participant about the work that is occurring, and the service available from certain agencies," she said. "It will provide us with information to provide to others who will not be able to attend."

Doctors believe that AIDS is caused by a virus that is transferred through the exchange of body fluids. Once a person is infected, the virus attacks the immune system.

The virus then changes the immune system so that it actually reproduces any viruses in the body rather than destroying them, Lynne Chamblee, a

public health educator with the Orange County Health Department, said.

Because of the change in the immune system, the body cannot fight other diseases. So the victim often suffers from rare forms of pneumonia or skin and blood cancer.

Contrary to popular belief, anyone — even heterosexuals — can be exposed to AIDS, Chamblee said.

People who participate in high-risk activities such as intravenous drug use or unprotected heterosexual and homosexual intercourse increase

their chance of contracting AIDS, she added. At this point in AIDS research, even saliva cannot be ruled out as a possible means of infection, although it is highly unlikely, she said.

Chamblee said the Orange County Health Department planned to make brochures containing information about AIDS and AIDS research in North Carolina available at the fair.

Singer Kenny Rankin will perform during the fair, Corless said. Students can also participate in a drawing to win free basketball tickets to the home Duke and N.C. State games

and may win free books from Student Stores.

The Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association (CGLA) plans to have a table with AIDS information and CGLA pamphlets, said Liz Stiles, CGLA chair.

"I think the biggest thing is awareness," she said. "25 percent of the general population still think you could get AIDS just by contact."

# Study shows use of illegal drug mixes increasing

By JASON BATES  
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The number of drug addicts who combine cocaine and tranquilizers is growing, according to a new study of 3,000 workers in drug clinics across the nation.

"Speedballing," the dangerous combination of drugs that originated in the 1970s, involves taking amphetamines to get high and then taking heroin to offset the side effects of the high.

The 1980s combination of crack and prescription drugs is even more dangerous, according to a study by

the Haight Ashbury Free Clinic in San Francisco. The study surveyed 3,000 workers in more than 300 chemical dependency programs nationwide.

Dr. David Smith, founder of the clinic, said speed was the main problem when he started the clinic in 1967 and has continued to be a problem.

"San Francisco tends to be a trendy city," he said, adding that drug users in the city were the first to combine the drugs.

The dual addiction problem has increased in North Carolina, Smith

said. The state has always had a substantial drug problem affecting all ages, said Dr. Robert Hubbard of the Research Triangle Institute.

"Generally, multiple substance abuse, especially including alcohol, has been around for years," he said.

"Back in the 1970s, people were taking cocaine, then Valium, pot or alcohol to come down," said Hal Lineberger, a chemical dependency therapist at Mills-Peninsula Hospitals in Burlingame, Calif., in a recent telephone interview. The availability of the cheap cocaine called crack has

increased the problem, he said.

Addicts take Valium or the tranquilizer Xanax to relieve the symptoms of cocaine use, which include anxiety, jitters and agitation.

But Valium and Xanax can cause seizures when taken in high doses instead of calming the addict, Lineberger said. Drug users also become addicted when they take high doses of tranquilizers.

Addicts get the prescription drugs by taking doctors' prescription pads, robbing pharmacies and buying them on the street, Lineberger said.

"(Cocaine and tranquilizers) cancel

each other out, but it ends up being much more poisonous to the system," he said.

Taking tranquilizers escalates an addiction and the chances of an overdose, Smith said.

Smith said doctors need to learn when not to prescribe tranquilizers for patients who complain of being anxious and paranoid because these symptoms can be the result of cocaine use.

Expanded treatment centers, supply-reduction efforts and education programs are also necessary to counteract the problem, he said.

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