

## World and Nation

## Gorbachev arrives in New York

From Associated Press reports

NEW YORK — Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, in New York to press for world support of his "new political thinking," on Tuesday vowed increased cooperation with other countries within the workings of the United Nations.

The Soviet leader, accompanied by his wife, Raisa, and key advisers, arrived at John F. Kennedy International Airport and stepped from his special Aeroflot Ilyushin jet precisely on schedule at 3 p.m. after a direct flight from Moscow.

In brief remarks at the airport, Gorbachev said the Soviet Union "intends to broaden and expand its cooperation with the United States framework with all the states that make up the United Nations."

"We are living in a world that is going through some very crucial changes, and we all — all nations — have their own concerns, their own

interests. We shall be sharing our interests in analyzing and thinking over the current situation," he said.

The Soviet leader addresses the U.N. General Assembly on Wednesday and meets with President Reagan and President-elect George Bush.

On the topic of the meeting, the Soviet leader said, "We have not arranged any formal agenda, so either side will be free openly and frankly to raise any questions that it wishes to."

The American side, however, has shown no inclination to try to negotiate any complex new agreements as Reagan moves off the world stage and Bush prepares to take over.

Gorbachev nonetheless brought along his top foreign policy advisers, including Alexander Yakovlev, a former ambassador to Canada and member of the Communist Party's ruling Politburo who recently took charge of the international affairs

portfolio in the party Central Committee.

Yakovlev is among those closest to Gorbachev and is regarded as an architect of his plan to reallocate Soviet resources for defense and foreign aid to improving domestic life.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze also accompanied the president to New York, as did Anatoly Dobrynin, the longtime Soviet ambassador to the United States who recently retired from his Central Committee post but remains a Gorbachev adviser.

Gorbachev predicted his meetings in New York "will doubtless promote greater dialogue and an expansion of cooperation between our two countries."

Noting that he intends to have a full schedule here before going on to Havana on Friday, Gorbachev said, "We will have some other meetings

with some public and business circles in this country and representatives of other countries. I trust these will be useful and fruitful days. We are certainly prepared to make our contribution to that end."

Soviet officials have predicted for days that Gorbachev would be presenting some new ideas during the visit to New York, the first leg of a nine-day trip that also will take him to London before he returns to Moscow Dec. 14. But they have provided few details, even keeping details of his schedule private.

One official, however, told reporters at a U.N. news conference that Gorbachev wants "to take as many bites as possible out of the Big Apple."

Andrei Grachev, an official of the Communist Party Central Committee's Ideology Department said the schedule would be a "Christmas surprise."

## Shuttle lands after mission, may have deployed satellite

From Associated Press reports

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Atlantis' astronauts fired their braking rockets and streaked toward an afternoon landing Tuesday, capping a four-day mission that reportedly deployed a spy satellite high over the Soviet Union.

## Court rules against miners

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Tuesday spared the coal mining industry from paying potentially billions of dollars in black-lung benefits, but it ruled that some miners who worked less than 10 years may seek disability pay.

The 9-0 decision shields coal mine operators from paying as much as \$13.6 billion to a group

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of miners estimated to number between 94,000 and 155,000.

The Reagan administration had urged the justices to deny the miners' claims.

## Bakker mum on indictments

PINEVILLE — PTL founder, Jim Bakker remained silent Tuesday about federal indictments charging him and former aides, with diverting more than \$5 million in ministry funds for their personal use, but an attorney said Bakker would plead innocent to the charges and was unshaken in his Christian faith.

## Condoms

latex over skin. Four pharmacists knew about latex and the advantage of a spermicide but made no specific reference to nonoxynol-9.

Eight pharmacists knew only that latex is better than skin. Seven pharmacists knew that condoms lubricated with nonoxynol-9 were better than those without, but they were ignorant about the advantage of latex. And seven knew none of the basic facts.

Why don't pharmacists know more about condoms? The answer may lie in their teaching.

Dennis Williams, clinical assistant professor of pharmacy at UNC, says condoms are not brought up as a subject to pharmacy students more than three or four times. He said he believes the subject should be more prominent.

Condoms were mentioned in the past as birth control devices but only recently have been discussed in connection with AIDS, Williams said.

"Students absolutely should be given more information," he said. He added that the established pharmacists could use more knowledge, too. Williams said he suspects that some older pharmacists are embarrassed to talk with customers about sexually transmitted diseases and birth control.

"When I talk to pharmacists in continuing education, I try to get across to them that we need to put

our moral and ethical beliefs (about condoms) aside and take a leadership role," he said.

Steve Almond, director of pharmacy at Duke University's Pickett Health Center, said customers do not expect their pharmacists to dispense medical advice.

"Sometimes we're our own worst enemies when it comes to providing services, particularly when they're of a personal nature," he said.

The rise in drug store chains has contributed to the dilemma, Almond said.

"It's so easy in those places to rush in and have whatever it is handed to you in a little bag by a person who knows little besides ringing a cash register," he said. "The pharmacist sometimes doesn't make an appearance at all."

Of the three major drug store chains surveyed — Eckerd, Kerr and Revco — Eckerd and Kerr had the most knowledgeable pharmacists.

Half of the six Eckerd's pharmacists got perfect scores. Out of the 16 at Kerr Drugs, seven pharmacists were highly knowledgeable about condoms. The nine Revco pharmacists did worse. Only one earned the top position, while two were rated as having no knowledge of the issues surveyed.

Scott Morris, a physician's assistant who works with AIDS patients at Duke University Medical Center, said more information about con-

doms should be available in North Carolina.

"It's a more conservative area, and there will always be elements in the community who say condom education is promoting sex," he said. "But we need to be realistic. Obviously, abstinence is the best way to avoid getting a disease, but adolescents often respond to peer pressure and hormones and have sex anyway. We should tell them that that one act, without a condom, could cost them their lives."

Vending machine condoms offer privacy but do not provide the variety or the safety of the best drug store condoms.

Cynthia Shaffer, co-owner and manager of Bub's Pub, said not many condoms are purchased there, and Tim Kirkpatrick, owner of Henderson Street Bar, said more joke condoms are bought than the legitimate ones. Customers blow up the joke variety and fasten them on beer bottles, he said.

Bub's Pub, Henderson Street Bar, He's Not Here and Troll's sell Ultra Shape condoms in their bathroom vending machines. La Terraza, Molly Maguire's, Pepper's Pizza and Sack's sell Protocol Health Gards, and WFUN offers a generic brand.

The vending machine condoms, while lacking nonoxynol-9, are latex, lubricated and have a reservoir end which just about matches the "model condom" recommended by UNC's

Dennis.

"There are no absolute guarantees, but there are various features that, if you want to make the choice, will offer the most protection based on the current data — I suggest a spermicidally lubricated, latex condom with a reservoir end," she said.

The reasons the bar owners have decided to make condoms available to their customers are primarily health-related.

AIDS is a prominent concern. Shaffer sells AIDS as the main reason her bar sells condoms, and Kirkpatrick says AIDS was a factor in his decisions to offer condoms in the restroom.

Preventing other sexually transmitted diseases, as well as unwanted pregnancy, also were motives. Erwin Shatzen, owner and manager of Pepper's Pizza, said, "No one in college wants to give or get transmitted diseases or get pregnant or get someone else pregnant."

Sack's installed condom machines for health reasons as well, but to reach the under-21-year-old crowd. Owner Don McLennan said his place is open at night and since some young people cannot get into bars, they need a discreet location where they can buy condoms. He also said he makes very little money from the machines.

McLennan believes condom machines should be more prominent. "It's a good idea (for machines) to be available in all restaurants. Machines won't cause people to have sex."

UNC Student Health pharmacist Judy Ludy agrees. "I don't see anything wrong with it (installing condom machines). It's been suggested by Student Health to put them on campus."

The easy access and availability that comes from condom vending machines is a double-edged sword. As McLennan points out, the privacy wipes out embarrassing situations, but selection is limited, Kirkpatrick said. "Drug stores have 50 different types (of condoms), but with a machine you can't be selective."

There are many other distinctions between condoms than just whether they are made of latex or skin or contain nonoxynol-9.

Some condoms are lubricated with a water-based substance, while others are lubricated with oil, water-soluble jelly or powder. Some are not lubricated at all. Condoms also come in a myriad of textures and colors.

Corless believes a condom-labeling system should be implemented and signs posted where condoms are sold.

"It's my personal, professional hope that condoms are labeled," she says, "so the user knows that certain types can prevent unwanted pregnancy while others can prevent transmission of AIDS. It's so important we help the consumer get the right product."

Condoms with nonoxynol-9 are available at the local pharmacies.

Carole Sierka, a writer and editor with the Center for Devices and Radiological Health (the division of the FDA responsible for inspecting condoms), agrees. "If you want a condom to help prevent sexually transmitted diseases or one with nonoxynol-9, then look for that written on the label. Also, look on the label to make sure the condom is made of latex."

The labels on condom packages are not hype. Manufacturers need FDA clearance to make claims that their product is better than other condoms or specifically designed for AIDS prevention.

Most condom machines in Chapel Hill do not have labels.

Pharmacies should take some initiative and make it easier to purchase condoms, said Dr. Harry Gallis, associate professor of medicine and administrative director of the AIDS clinic at Duke.

"The rigamarole people have to go through to buy a condom is perplexing," he said. "Many times condoms are kept behind the counter and some people are too embarrassed to ask the clerk for them. There shouldn't be barriers to buying them."

Government inspection provides some protection for the public.

The Center for Devices and Radiological Health within the FDA regulates all condom varieties and "is responsible for assuring the safety and effectiveness of condoms as medical devices," according to the CDC's weekly report from March 11. In addition to the FDA testing,

some condom manufacturers use air leak tests or an electronic scan that checks for holes.

For the condoms that meet the FDA requirement, the average failure rate is 2.3 per 1,000, according to the administration.

"That's pretty dangerous stuff," Corless said. "What do the manufacturers have to say to the two or three out of every thousand people whose condom fails?"

According to the CDC report, condom failure is related more to use failure than product failure.

Dennis recommends using a water-based lubricant (if the condom is not already lubricated, or if extra is desired), such as K-Y Jelly, instead of petroleum oil or Vaseline, which weakened latex. Also, she warns against prolonged storage that might make the latex brittle or weak.

Ludy sees nothing wrong with putting condoms in machines, since they are inspected, but she warned: "It's like getting candy from a machine; you might get a good one or a stale one."

According to the FDA's Sierka, only condoms with the spermicide nonoxynol-9 must have an expiration date.

It is "not appropriate" to require other condoms to have expiration dates, she said, because of the varied amount of heat, light and other factors that weaken condoms before they are used.

Sierka said the FDA has been studying condom vending machines but is now taking a closer look at the effects of environmental factors.

Whether your worry is pregnancy or a sexually transmitted disease, no condom provides 100 percent protection.

UNC's Corless said: "We do a great deal of talking about safe sex, but we haven't defined what we mean by that."

"The public is aware of the need for condoms in situations where there isn't a monogamous relationship," she said. "But we haven't discussed enough the differences in condoms, and our lives may depend on those differences."

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