

World and Nation

Leaders disagree at European forum

From Associated Press reports

VIENNA, Austria — East-bloc foreign ministers at a forum on human rights Wednesday defended the Berlin Wall, Czechoslovakia's crackdown on dissent and Romania's suggestion it may not abide by the 35-nation accord.

Polish and Hungarian officials promised greater freedom in their nations, but envoys of other countries in the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact stuck to positions that long have divided East and West.

The human rights agreement calls for greater freedom of religion, travel and emigration for East-bloc citizens. It also mandates new arms control

talks, beginning March 9, between NATO and the Warsaw Pact to reduce the number of troops and tanks in Europe.

Foreign ministers of the nations involved in the accord are in Vienna for the concluding session of the conference, which began in 1986.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze brushed off suggestions that the Berlin Wall be torn down as a gesture of socialist commitment to the freer movement called for in the accord.

He said the wall was not a subject for the Vienna Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Foreign Minister Jaromir Johanes

of Czechoslovakia in a speech rebutted Western denunciations of the way authorities in Prague have put down recent demonstrations.

"Anyone in this hall who wants to point the finger at other nations, including Czechoslovakia, should first of all look at himself," Johanes said.

He later mentioned the racial unrest in Miami as the kind of problem troubling other nations.

On Tuesday, riot police in Prague broke up crowds for the third straight day and chased hundreds of youths with water cannons and truncheons.

Authorities used tear gas, batons, dogs and water cannons to disperse

5,000 demonstrators who gathered Sunday to remember Jan Palach, a Czech student who burned himself to death in January 1969 to protest the Soviet-led invasion of his homeland five months earlier.

"What is happening in Prague is not a violation of human rights," Johanes said in an interview with Austrian radio.

Human rights activists in the East German city of Leipzig also were arrested over the weekend after they tried to stage a protest.

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and British Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe on Tuesday denounced the crackdowns.

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Officials concerned about new U.S. trade deficit report

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — The U.S. trade deficit ballooned to \$12.5 billion in November, the biggest imbalance in five months, the government said Wednesday in a report many private economists and even the Reagan administration viewed as a disappointing indication of how deep the country's trade problems are.

The Commerce Department said the trade gap was 22 percent larger than October's \$10.3 billion deficit, reflecting a surge in imports, particularly for business capital goods, and a slight drop in exports.

At the White House, spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the November performance was of concern but "we trust this is an aberration and does not change the overall trend."

Group to investigate riots

MIAMI — City commissioners voted unanimously Wednesday to appoint a panel to investigate an interracial slaying that touched off two nights of rioting by blacks, leaving one person dead and buildings burned and looted.

The vote during an emergency session came amid warnings from black leaders that only quick action to ease racial tension could prevent more violence.

The panel will investigate the slaying Monday of Clement Lloyd, a 23-year-old black motorcyclist shot in the head by a white policeman as Lloyd and a friend sped through Miami's black Over-town section.

The panel was created at the suggestion of Miller Dawkins, the lone black on the five-member city commission, who wanted a board consisting of five policemen and five Overtown residents with Mayor Xavier Suarez as chairman.

Jury selected for Robinson trial

GREENVILLE, S.C. — The final juror was selected Wednesday for the murder trial of Noah Robinson and attorneys now have to pick two alternates before arguments get under way.

The 12th juror was a black woman. The panel now has nine white women, two white men and

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one black woman.

Having an all-white jury would be a violation of Robinson's rights, said Robert Simone, one of Robinson's lawyers. Robinson, a Chicago millionaire and the half-brother of Jesse Jackson, is black.

Robinson's lawyers have said the situation may prompt them to move for a hearing after 12 jurors and two alternates were chosen.

Simone said after Tuesday's session that it would be "possible, but not probable" that Robinson could have a fair trial with an all-white jury.

Robinson, 46, is charged with hiring a group of gang members from Chicago to kill Leroy "Ham-bone" Barber in 1986 outside a Greenville business owned by Robinson. Robinson is a Greenville native and he and Barber were boyhood friends.

Watergate participant ridiculed

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Watergate conspirator Jeb Stuart Magruder doesn't see the humor in jokes about his leadership of a citywide honesty campaign that began Wednesday.

"I've dismissed it. There are cynics always," said Magruder, who served a seven-month jail term for his role in Watergate. "In a sense, I'm uniquely qualified to deal with the issues we've talked about."

Magruder, now the Rev. Jeb Stuart Magruder, is chairman of the Columbus Commission on Ethics and Values, which announced its eight-month "Take an Honest Look" campaign at a news conference.

The aim of the \$75,000 campaign, which is to be funded with private money, isn't to imply that those who live in Columbus aren't honest but to "raise the question and, hopefully, some dialogue," Magruder said.

Magruder was appointed to the city commission by Mayor Dana Rinehart, who is embroiled in an investigation into allegations that he sexually assaulted a baby-sitter while he was county treasurer in 1978.

Rosemary

he said.

"Chapel Hill operates a little bit like a resort," Morrow said. "For most of our people, they're going to use it for football weekends. We are selling a hotel suite, really."

The Rosemary Square project is more than just hotel suites to local leaders, however. The entire project sits atop 516 underground parking spaces in a three-level garage.

The need for parking was the original stimulus for the project and led to a joint development agreement in 1985 between the town council and developers.

According to the development agreement, 328 parking spaces will belong to the town, which will also retain the deed to the property. The

agreement also specifies the transfer of all remaining parking spaces to the town after 40 years.

Morrow said the parking spaces owned by the development group will still be available to the public. "Everybody gets to use all of everything," he said.

Assistant town manager Ron Secrist said the town manager's office is working on ways to alleviate the parking shortage construction of the project will cause.

Rosemary Square will be built on what is now municipal parking lot number one, which contains 120 public parking spaces. The town will lose an estimated 134 parking places during the construction period.

"The parking problem will be exacerbated by the construction," Secrist said. "Those spaces will be lost."

To meet parking demands, the town will stop leasing parking spaces in the municipal lot at Rosemary and Church streets, a 160-space lot built

in anticipation of this problem, Secrist said.

Half of the spaces in the lot are now leased to individuals, but the town plans to open all the spaces to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis during the construction, he said.

Other spaces leased by the town may also be opened to the public if the town feels it needs the spaces to make up for those lost to construction, Secrist said.

"We will keep close tabs on that situation," he said.

The town will pay \$2.4 million for its share of the cost of building the parking garage. The town will raise the money from revenue bonds funded by receipts from municipal parking lots.

Morrow said he thinks the added public parking will be a boon to downtown merchants.

"I think the biggest impact will be on improving sales in the existing stores, especially those that don't depend on students," he said.

Drawing shoppers to the downtown area has been a goal of such groups as the Downtown Commission, the Public-Private Partnership, the Downtown Merchants Association and the town council.

Harvey said local hoteliers who claim the Chapel Hill hotel/motel market has been flooded in recent years are only worried about competition.

"Wouldn't you worry?" Harvey said. "They're only worried about what we're going to do. You have to look at the demand in this market. We have 81 hotel rooms and a similar number of suites. We will be a high end motel."

Rooms at the new hotel will cost from \$68 to \$125 per night. Harvey said with those prices the Chapel Hill Inn will compete with the Siena Hotel, the Omni Europa and the Holiday Inn for the same market. His property's location and features will give it an edge over the competition, Harvey said.

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