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End to truce draws U.S. criticism

From Associated Press reports
 WASHINGTON — The White House on Wednesday denounced Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega's decision to end a truce with the U.S.-backed Contras but brushed off talk about renewing military aid for the rebels, saying "we don't want to give him any excuse" to cancel next year's elections.

The administration said President Bush was consulting with leaders in Central America to bring diplomatic pressure on Ortega to reverse course. "It is obvious that he's afraid of the

ballot box," White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said, referring to presidential elections set for Feb. 25 in Nicaragua.

Congressional leaders also reacted angrily to Ortega's move, but House Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash., said, "I can't conceive of the House moving now toward providing military assistance. That's not in the direction of the peace process."

Costa Rican President Oscar Arias, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1987 for spearheading regional peace efforts, said in an interview on the Cable News

Network, "It's, indeed, very sad to go back to the military fight."

Ortega, at a news conference in Managua, suspended the 19-month-old cease-fire with the Contras, citing continued rebel attacks, and hinted he might cancel the elections. He accused Bush of "supporting terrorism in Nicaragua."

He added, "Now it will depend on the Yankee Congress and the Yankee president that these elections take place on Feb. 25."

Later, Alejandro Bendana, secretary general of the Foreign Ministry, said

Nicaragua has no plans to cancel the elections.

Responding quickly to Ortega, Fitzwater said his announcement "underscores the Sandinista regime's lack of commitment to the peace process and democratization in Nicaragua. His deplorable action ... is an affront to the hemisphere and the democratic traditions we hold so important."

Asked about prospects for renewing military aid for the rebels, which would require approval by Congress, Fitzwater said, "We don't want to go that route. We want to get free elections."

Iran passes law to arrest any U.S. citizen

From Associated Press reports
 NICOSIA, Cyprus — Iran on Wednesday approved a law giving it the power to arrest Americans anywhere and put them on trial, and one newspaper suggested that the first target be the former commander of the USS Vincennes.

The action came amid growing anti-U.S. passion being whipped up to mark the 10th anniversary of the storming of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran. Protesters plan to burn 160 American flags outside the compound — now a school — on Saturday.

The official Islamic Republic News

Agency said the Majlis, or parliament, unanimously approved a final version of the bill that earlier had been passed by the 12-member Council of Guardians, a constitutional watchdog body.

The council acted after the 270-seat Majlis approved a first draft of the measure on Tuesday.

The law will remain on the books as long as the U.S. is authorized to commit inhuman practices against Iranians, the agency reported in a dispatch monitored in Cyprus.

The Iranian move was in response to the FBI's authorization to arrest suspected terrorists abroad.

Chinese officials track down country's 1st AIDS patient

From Associated Press reports
 BEIJING — The first person to contract the AIDS virus in China has been identified in Beijing, an official said Wednesday.

The man was a former shop assistant in a Beijing food store who had long been sexually promiscuous and had homosexual relations with foreigners, said Cao Qing, vice director of the Department of Epidemic Prevention in the Public Health Ministry.

The man was detained for committing homosexual acts, a crime in China, but left the country before it was confirmed he had the AIDS virus, Cao said in an interview, declining to give the man's name or whereabouts.

"This, in regard to our country of 1.1 billion people, is a very dangerous signal," the Science and Technology Daily quoted Cao as saying about the victim.

Is Navy record tarnishing?
 WASHINGTON — It's been a bad week for the Navy.

Starting with the Sunday jet crash that claimed four lives on the USS Lexington and continuing through Wednesday's fire aboard the oiler USS Monongahela, each day has brought another mishap at sea that has Navy brass shaking their heads — and hoping it's just a streak of bad luck.

One civilian specialist on industrial hazards warns that cutbacks in training could lead to more accidents.

"Congress is always trying to cut training budgets. But if a pilot can't practice flying, those on the deck

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don't get trained either," said Karlene Roberts, an industrial psychologist.

She said, however, that overall the Navy's safety record is excellent.

Research banned on fetal tissue

WASHINGTON — A top federal health official said Wednesday he intends to extend indefinitely the current ban on federal money for fetal tissue research because if such tests were successful, "we'd have more abortions."

James Mason, assistant secretary for health at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), told reporters he has the authority to continue the ban, imposed a year ago by his predecessor, but that he will consult first with HHS Secretary Louis Sullivan.

Sullivan was expected to concur with Mason's decision, according to HHS sources, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Soviet miners strike for reform

MOSCOW — Thousands of coal miners walked off their jobs briefly in the eastern Ukraine on Wednesday to press demands for higher coal prices, an end to corruption and political reform, a strike leader said.

Yuri Bolderov, a member of the Donetsk strike committee, said miners from that city stayed off their jobs for two hours despite a regional strike committee's decision Tuesday not to strike.

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instructors to provide comments on the writing.

* That departments consider requiring students to take one Capstone course within the major field.

* That the advising system be re-evaluated.

Because UNC's curriculum is complex, students need clear information about it in order to make informed decisions, the report says. "The college should therefore consider hiring professional staff advisers."

While faculty members are valuable in the advising system, professional advisers could enhance it, Gless said.

"Faculty tend to be extremely good in giving advice about education. But it's important to have people who can think about the graduation regulations; we need professionals for that kind of work."

* And finally, that the possibility be considered of offering Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Fine Arts students the option of meeting their general-education perspective requirements by way of a minor in a field remote from their majors.

Student Body President Brien Lewis, who advocates establishing an academic minor, said he was encouraged that the committee included the minor in its recommendations.

"I was very pleased to see them concur with the opinion I have seen in the student body. I hope it will add a log and keep the fire hot."

The interest students have shown in an academic minor was a factor in the recommendation, Gless said. "Students' interest in the minor made it possible and timely for us to raise the issue."

Gless said he would be interested to hear responses to the recommendations. "We had a lot of information; we've made inferences from it. I'm very eager to get some response."

Greek

Sterling Gilreath, IFC president, agreed. "Our traditions are so different that we would both lose a lot."

Gausen Hamner, a sophomore who attended the forum, said a lack of communication and a hesitancy by both sides to get involved was a main source of conflict.

"I am very offended by a lot of the attitudes taken by students about the

racial conflict. There's a lot of room for improvement, and the Greek system can aid in ameliorating the conflict."

Lee Marks, former adviser to the Panhellenic Council and IFC, said the racial problems that emerge in the Greek system stem from conflicts in society.

"If we could start working within the Greek system to resolve these problems, then perhaps that would transfer

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back into society."

Dordek called the forum a success because it made people more aware of the conflicts.

"I think a lot of people were surprised by what they heard. Whether they were angered or happy about it, I think we've stirred some people. That's going to get us moving. That's what we need to do."

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Hearing

last year.

"The University has problems trying to deal with the truth when it comes to discrimination, even if the facts are put forth before them," Edwards said. "Even though they had black and white officers who testified that discrimination did exist in the reorganization in 1987, it was ignored."

N.C. Assistant Attorney General Lars Nance, who will represent the University in the hearing, refused to comment on the hearing.

Another focus of McSurely's arguments will be allegations of retaliatory measures taken against Edwards because of her complaint.

"My superiors have retaliated against me every which way but loose, to wear me down to where I would quit or to become violent," Edwards said. "But I've hung tough."

University police Chief Charles Mauer refused to comment. Efforts to reach Charles Antle, associate vice chancellor of business and finance, were

unsuccessful. Antle oversees University police.

Edwards has also charged that only two of 15 black females who have applied for a job with the department since the reorganization have been interviewed, and neither were hired. More inexperienced whites were hired for the same positions, she said.

Her demands include: stopping racism against blacks and females; improving the department's leadership; and reforming the grievance process.

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