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Congress anxious to end Saddam's regime in the Middle East

WASHINGTON -- A chorus of "Saddam Must Go" is rising from a Congress angered by Iraqi Scud missile attacks and the parade of apparently abused allied prisoners-of-war in Baghdad.

Even some members of Congress who opposed the start of war now insist that Saddam Hussein must be removed from power in Iraq. Others want Saddam tried as a war criminal. And some say they would countenance Saddam's assassination.

None of those steps is specifically authorized by the United Nations or congressional resolutions authorizing the Allied attack on Iraq after Jan. 15.

Officially, the war's aims

are limited to the removal of Iraqi troops and a vague call for "stability" in the region.

But President Bush is suggesting that Saddam be "brought to justice," and the rhetoric is plainer in Congress.

"The goal is not simply the removal, but the end of the Saddam Hussein regime Iraq. I think most Americans share that," said Rep. Eliot Engel, D-N.Y., who introduced a sense of Congress resolution calling for trying Saddam as a war criminal.

The resolution also opposes any "deal" that would let Saddam's crimes be forgiven if

he stepped down voluntarily.

Mississippi Sen. Thad Cochran, chairman of the Senate Republican Conference, suggested Thursday that the United Nations convene a world court to try Saddam.

Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., said Thursday he will go to Israel to try to convince Israeli intelligence to cooperate with the United States on a joint effort to "bring this monster to justice."

Even Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., who opposed the war-authorizing resolution, said he concluded after watching the videos of American POWs that "Saddam, preferably, needs to be eliminated

in the extreme."

Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., said, "Saddam Hussein is a menace to his own people, to the region and to peace in the world, and we have got to take him out."

But Lott said he isn't sure he'd risk "one American life just to get him."

That's the problem, cautioned Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., former chairman of the House Intelligence Committee.

If the U.S. objective is to kill Saddam or remove him from power, "then he really has no reason to negotiate at all and he will fight to the end."

New feature student of the week

The Campus Echo staff is asking faculty members to nominate students for a new feature in the paper. Each week the Echo staff will feature a different student in the paper.

The student will be chosen according to your criteria. We hope that you will choose someone who will represent the University well.

We ask that you submit the names of the students that you will be nominating to Mr. Spellman in Office 305 of the Communications Building. Thank you for your cooperation.

Edu-Kare: child care for night time students

By Kimberly Thornton
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North Carolina Central University has a large population of parents taking night classes. Some of the parents bring their children to class because there is no inexpensive place or no one to watch their children. Or so they think.

Edu-Kare is a licensed child care program for students taking classes between five p.m. and 10 p.m. The program is headed by Rosa Anderson who helped start the program five years ago with Chancellor Richmond, Dr. George Reed, and Dr. Beverly Bryant.

Anderson considers the program a service to the NCCU students, as well as faculty and staff. The program helps the parents by helping the children with their homework or teaching them

fine motor skills. The atmosphere is more relaxed at Edu-Kare than at a regular day-care program.

"These children have been in classes from 7:30 a.m. til about 3:30, we try to make Edu-Kare a fun place to come to...we are teaching but it is through play," said Anderson.

Parents must fill out an application package which also contains a medical form and disciplinary form before enrolling their child. Edu-Kare is not a costly program. Parents only pay five dollars a night per child, and they pay only for the nights that the child is there. Occasionally, Edu-Kare has been used by those outside the NCCU community and Anderson says that they will soon start charging those parents more because Edu-Kare is for the

University.

Edu-Kare has had numerous problems when it first began. Anderson said the enrollment was small and she was the only teacher. For the first two years the program was bounced from the home economics lobby and then to the women's gym. Anderson said problems arose when the children's art work was torn down by the people wanting to play basketball in the gym.

"That was not the best environment for our kids, but that's the struggle Edu-Kare had to go through," said Anderson.

Finally, Edu-Kare began using the nursery in the home economics building where the program is currently operating. Another problem Edu-Kare had to face was funding. Anderson said that the administration did not give Edu-Kare

any money to start. The program was rejected by the administration when they applied for a grant to support the cost of running Edu-Kare.

Getting publicity for Edu-Kare has been another problem. Anderson said they have done everything to get the word out about Edu-Kare. This has frustrated Anderson and she feels Edu-Kare doesn't get enough support from the University.

"I notice teachers allow them[students] to bring their kids to class and they know the program is here. I've sent letters, I've gone personally to them[teachers]. We've been here five years and anyone who doesn't know, [about Edu-Kare] it's because they're not trying to be aware of what's going on."

Anderson says the parents involved with Edu-Kare are

supportive and the children love the program, but she still feels Edu-Kare is not up to its fullest potential.

Edu-Kare is fully supervised, along with Anderson who is a teacher, a teacher's aide and a graduate assistant. The number of children enrolled is small so each child gets enough attention. The children get a snack and a hot meal from NCCU's cafeteria. They go to the library which Anderson says the children enjoy very much. The children are taught social etiquette and computer skills. Anderson says there is no television at Edu-Kare but they do watch educational films.

For the Edu-Kare's future, Anderson would like to see the program expand to have a facility to take care of infants as well as establish a babysitting referral service and a course on parenting.