

# White House to Resume Negotiations With PLO

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration will resume U.S. dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization to pave the way for a White House ceremony on Monday to sign the Israeli-PLO agreement, a congressional aide says.

The administration informed congressional leaders of its intent to renew talks with the PLO, suspended in 1990 after a terrorist attack on an Israeli beach by a PLO faction, the aide said Thursday.

Resuming the U.S.-PLO talks would permit Secretary of State Warren Christopher to deal with the PLO official sent here for the signing ceremony. Nabil Shaath, who is Chairman Yasser Arafat's chief political adviser, said the PLO signatory would be either foreign policy adviser Farouk Kaddoumi or Mahmoud Abbas.

On a trip to Cleveland, the president called Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin from Air Force One and told him: "I am extremely happy that this finally hap-

pened."

Clinton also told Rabin, "Whatever we can do to minimize the risks, count me in."

Clinton also called Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to thank him for his work on behalf of the peace process.

The guest list for the ceremony is apt to be broad, possibly including former President Jimmy Carter, who helped put together the 1979 peace treaty between Israel and Egypt, and former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, who launched Mideast peace talks 22 months ago.

Kaddoumi did not support the accord with Israel when it was cleared by the Fatah faction of the PLO last weekend. Abbas, also known as Abu Mazen, heads the political department and was a central figure in the secret negotiations with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres that produced the agreement.

Chief Israeli negotiator Eytan Ben-Tsur said Peres probably would sign for Israel. He also said he hoped the agreement would

prompt progress on other Arab-Israeli negotiating fronts "until we achieve the coveted desire of comprehensive peace in the Middle East."

The agreement will give the Palestinians limited self-rule in Gaza and Jericho, and ultimately, throughout the West Bank.

But Hanan Ashrawi, spokeswoman for the Palestinian delegation that has negotiated with Israel over the past 22 months, said the challenge was "to create a Palestinian state that is based on humanity and civility and democratic principles and that will enable the Palestinians for the first time in our history to take our positions among the nations of the world."

She called the agreement on self-government "far from ideal" and warned that many details remained to be worked out in future discussions between the sides.

Clinton, who kept to the sidelines until the agreement was made final, declared it a "huge development" and said a parallel accord for Israel and the PLO to recognize

each other was "a very brave and courageous thing."

Clinton said that if the PLO statement met U.S. conditions, including the requirement that the PLO renounce terrorism, "then we will resume our dialogue with them and go on from there."

He did not say if that meant the United States would give formal recognition to the PLO.

"Let's just savor the fact that they have made this agreement," Clinton said.

"I am very, very hopeful about the future," Clinton said.

However, he also cautioned that "there are a lot of things that still have to happen" to continue the peace process.

Asked if the United States would be willing to provide economic assistance to help develop the occupied territories, Clinton said, "I believe we'll do our part."

At the State Department, meanwhile, talks between Syria and Israel failed to produce a comparable breakthrough.

# FDA Approves New Drug For Alzheimer's Patients

WASHINGTON — Tacrine, the first drug shown to have any effect on the devastating symptoms of Alzheimer's disease, was approved Thursday by the Food and Drug Administration.

"It is not a cure for Alzheimer's disease, but it provides some relief for patients and their families," Commissioner David A. Kessler said.

The drug is expected to help patients with mild to moderate cases of the disease. Alzheimer's is a lethal brain disorder that slowly destroys and robs its victims of their memory and ability to reason. The cause is unknown.

The disease afflicts 4 million Americans, most of them elderly, and kills more than 100,000 people each year.

Warner-Lambert Co. of Morris Plains, N.J., will sell tacrine under the brand name Cognex.

"It's a ray of light. It's the beginning," said Alzheimer's Association Chairman Stuart Roth, whose mother died of the disease. "Yesterday we had nothing."

Roth said the drug could help to give some Alzheimer's patients the attention span to watch a television show for a few hours and give their care-givers a break.

It may help them "take walks around their neighborhood without fear of becoming lost," said Paul Solomon, a neuropsychologist at Williams College and co-director of the Memory Disorders Clinic at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, who helped conduct the trials.

A FDA advisory committee recommended approval of tacrine last March although some of the experts said its benefits were slight.

One FDA expert who supervised the testing said then that tacrine might help 12 percent or fewer of the patients taking it.

But the clinical trials also demonstrated improved cognitive abilities in some patients on tacrine, and physicians who interviewed them saw improvements in their ability to function.

Tacrine can cause mild liver toxicity, but the FDA said it often was possible for patients to switch to a lower dose. The agency recommended that doctors perform frequent blood tests to establish the best dose. Other side effects include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and rash.

Warner-Lambert last month signed a consent decree with the FDA temporarily halting production of many of its drugs while it tightened its manufacturing standards and safeguards.

Peter Wolf, a spokesman for Warner-Lambert in Morris Plains, N.J., said the company would charge \$3.05 a day for the drug at wholesale, regardless of dosage.

That would make the retail price from \$1,147 to \$1,280 for a year's supply. Patients also would face additional costs for the blood tests and physician monitoring.

Pharmaceutical analyst Hemant Shah of HKS & Co. in Warren, N.J., predicted first-year revenues of \$100 million, but said Cognex could "bomb" if the side effects proved too serious.

# Lawsuit Requires KKK to Forfeit Office Equipment to N.C. NAACP

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Lawyers who forced the Ku Klux Klan to give up a headquarters building have now set Monday as the date for the Invisible Empire to turn over its office equipment to the NAACP in North Carolina.

An announcement Thursday by the Southern Poverty Law Center said the transfer of Klan assets — a computer, printer, three typewriters, desks, chairs, cabinets, tables, air conditioners and other office supplies — would take place Sept. 13 at Martin Luther King Gardens in Raleigh.

Morris Dees, founder and chief trial counsel for the Montgomery-based center, said the transfer would take place as part of a settlement of a lawsuit filed after Klan

violence in Georgia.

"Now the Klan's typewriters and computers can be used to further brotherhood and race relations," said Dees.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of marchers who were attacked by members of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, during a demonstration in Forsyth County, Ga., in January 1987.

The settlement of the lawsuit was reached in May. Angie Lowry, a spokeswoman for the center, said Thursday an inventory of office equipment owned by the Invisible Empire in Gulf, N.C., had been undertaken since the settlement and that a date for the transfer of assets was recently reached.

Billy McKinney of Atlanta, a leader of the 1987 march and one of the protesters suing the Invisible Empire, said the assets would go to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in North Carolina because that was the state where the Invisible Empire had its headquarters.

# Christian Political Views May Woo Democrats, Survey Says

WASHINGTON — Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition is trumpeting poll results that it says show conservative positions on issues ranging from abortion to crime that could be used to lure blacks and Hispanics from the Democratic Party.

As a first test of a new outreach effort, the Christian Coalition said Thursday it would spend at least \$100,000 on radio ads and literature to lobby blacks and Hispanics in California to support a "school choice" voucher initiative.

Beyond that, Robertson lieutenant Ralph Reed said the survey results would serve as the guide for an aggressive 1994 effort to target black and Hispanic voters through their churches. The Christian Coalition is trying to diversify its predominantly white, evangelical Protestant membership. "The Democratic Party and the civil rights establishment are out of step with minorities on virtually every issue," Reed said.

Democratic National Committee spokeswoman Catherine Moore disputed his contentions. "The Democratic Party has a long history of addressing the needs and concerns of a broad coalition of Americans," she said.

"That the support of this broad coalition exists demonstrates that they believe their concerns are addressed in the Democratic Party agenda."

To support his view, Reed released a national survey by the GOP polling firm Fabrizio, McLaughlin and Associates that compared the views of 500 whites, 500 Hispanics and 500 blacks on issues ranging from abortion to school prayer to capital punishment. It found shared conservative views, he said.

For example, more than 80 percent in each group supported voluntary prayer in schools. Nearly 60 percent of blacks, Hispanics and whites also said they opposed taxpayer funding of elective abortions as part of any national health care reform.

Significant majorities of blacks, Hispanics and whites also approved denying parole to repeat violent offenders and subjecting convicted murderers to the death penalty, the survey found. And roughly two-thirds in each demographic group opposed the teaching of homosexuality to school-age children as an acceptable lifestyle.

Reed said blacks and Hispanics also were more open than whites to the concept of church-based political activism, the core of the Christian Coalition's success in organizing white evangelicals.

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Julie Zupan, program director, agreed with Schonfeld. "He's someone who makes you feel comfortable immediately, and who you can talk freely with. That's something very important."

One of the things Koren is trying to accomplish is the erasure of stereotypes about Jews.

"There exists a whole spectrum of Jews; you can't classify Jews into one category," Koren said. "They can be baseball players, musicians, teachers, or whatever."

Koren is no stereotype.

He loves baseball. He still fondly tells a childhood story of a minor-league player for the Miami Royals who threw him a Kansas City T-shirt when Koren said simply that "he had a pretty good arm."

"I lost the T-shirt, but I kept the memory," Koren said. "It was kind of like the Mean Joe Green Coke commercial."

He also loves music and playing the guitar and still can play a Dylan tune. He enjoys working on his computer, and of course, studying his Jewish heritage.

But Koren was not always interested in learning about Jewish tradition. Koren said he took being Jewish for granted because he grew up under a heavy Jewish influence in a Jewish community in Miami.

Not until after high school did Koren decide to learn more about the Jewish tradition that composed much of his identity. He compares his experience with baseball to his pursuit of his Jewish identity.

"I had to work hard to make the baseball team when I was younger," Koren said. "Baseball was something I worked a lot at. As far as being Jewish at that age, I didn't have to struggle as much."

That changed after high school.

Koren, on the advice from a friend, went to Israel after graduation on a summer study program, a program that changed his life.

"Studying there made all of what I learned in the books come alive," Koren said. "It was like trying to make the baseball team. I knew I wanted to commit myself to get a strong Jewish education, by studying Hebrew and taking an active role in a Jewish community. It was something I would have to work for."

Koren went on to study at Tufts University and majored in international relations. He became heavily active in Hillel and served as president his junior year.

He spent a great deal of time as a student activist, working for the improvement of relations between the black and Jewish communities at the university and marching on Washington in protest of Jewish oppression in Russia and other countries.

After graduation, Koren continued his studies at the rabbinical school Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. He studied there for four years and concentrated in language and textual studies, marrying Michal Koren in 1991. He also spent a year studying abroad in Israel as part of his rabbinical studies.

Koren now spends his days in Chapel Hill and says he is glad to be a part of the Jewish community at Hillel.

One of Koren's goals is to be accessible to UNC students.

"I'm not on a stage," Koren said. "There are many rabbis and leaders who are. That's what's great about working on a college campus. I'm allowed to be a lot freer in what I do."

Koren also would like to help students not only recognize their Jewish identity but also foster and strengthen it. "We all come from different backgrounds," Koren said. "We all have a lot to learn from each other. That's the beautiful part."

Koren said he was ready to try to meet students' needs, to meet them for who they are.

And if they are lucky, he might even let them hold the baseball.

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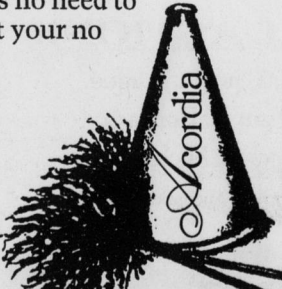
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