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Carter says he'll reject status quo for Soviet troops

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States will act on its own to alter the status quo if negotiations on Soviet troops in Cuba fail, President Carter told congressional leaders Thursday.

Reporting this, White House press secretary Jody Powell said Carter, who has said he will not accept the status quo in Cuba, told the congressional leaders the situation could be changed through negotiations "or by action on our part."

Powell said the president told the group the administration was preparing options for use if the controversy "is not resolved satisfactorily" through negotiations. Powell said Carter in that case would "be prepared to take

whatever actions are appropriate." House Democratic Whip John Brademas of Indiana, who was

present, said Carter spoke of options "that would be unattractive from the viewpoint of the Soviet Union." A White House official, who asked not be named, emphasized

that no direct military action against either Cuba or the Soviet Union was contemplated. Carter also told the leaders that U.S.-Soviet discussions on Soviet troops in Cuba are just now approaching the bargaining

Holding an unannounced meeting with prominent senators and House members of both parties, Carter disclosed that previous discussions with Soviet officials focused on a search for

information rather than on efforts to resolve the controversy. An account of the president's early morning conference was provided by an authoritative administration official who asked

not to be named. This source said new discussions with the Russians will aim at substantive results that would "after the situation" in Cuba. Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance was meeting Thursday for the fifth time with Soviet ambassador Anatoly Dobrinin. They were reported to be arranging direct talks in New York next week between Vance and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

The presence of the Soviet brigade of 2,000 to 3,000 men has endangered Senate ratification of the SALT II strategic arms treaty with the Russians.

Prior to Carter's session with congressional leaders, many had assumed that earlier Vance-Dobrynin talks had been substantive.

The administration source told reporters, however, that developments here to date had involved assessing American intelligence data and asking the Soviets "a series of very specific questions" which were relayed to Moscow by Dobrynin and considered "at a very high level" there.

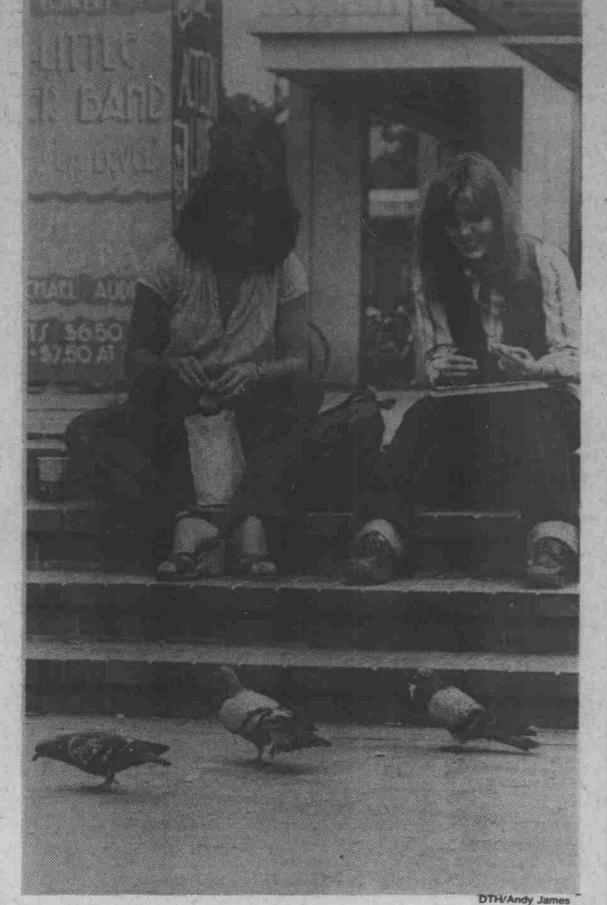
Senate Republican Leader Howard Baker of Tennessee, who is seeking the 1980 GOP presidential nomination, emerged from the White House session to voice impatience at the pace of U.S.-Soviet discussions.

Terming the presence of Soviet troops in Cuba a "provocation," Baker declared, "I think the matter ought to have been dealt with by now."

Declining to say what actions should have been taken, the GOP leader said, "What I would do as president is something I will tell you at another time."

Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, predicted that eventually "the Senate will require certification by the president that Soviet combat forces are not in Cuba."

Church told reporters the U.S. and Soivet governments "apparently have reached that point in negotiations" on the issue where major decisions are required.



Pecking pigeons in the Pit

Judson defends new ticket system

By MELANIE SILL Staff Writer

Students who arrived at the Carmichael Auditorium ticket office Thursday afternoon only to find that the last of the tickets for Saturday's UNC-Pittsburgh football game had been given out that morning should not blame the new advance ticket distribution system, Carolina Athletic Association President Matt Judson said

"The implication has been that under the old system everyone got good seats," Judson said. "That's not trueif students got to the game and found all the good tickets were gone, they just chose not to go."

Thursday.

No student seats of any kind remained after II a.m. Thursday. The pre-game Judson distribution has encouraged more students to pick up tickets than athletic officials

game, Judson said. "The allocation figures were set months ago," Judson said, "There would have been no way to get them changed."

anticipated when allocating tickets for the Pittsburgh

The allotment of approximately 12,200 tickets for the UNC-Pittsburgh game was set by athletic department officials, Judson said.

"The athletic director goes by how many tickets were picked up for similar games in past years," he said. "For the Pittsburgh game, for example, they looked at the Texas Tech game last year, which also was the second game of the season, played against a nationally-ranked team after winning our first

Judson said that of the 12,000 tickets allocated for students at the UNC-Texas Tech game played in Kenan Stadium in October 1977, only 9,000 or so

"They had no idea so many people would want tickets," he said. "I'm sure it was because of the new ticket system that so many were picked up.

"Perhaps this will show the athletic director that they'll have to up the student allocation for games

instead of cutting it back." Groups who reserved blocs of 20-100 seats and ended up with seats in the end zone were victims not of an unfair distribution system but rather of student

abuse of the bloc seating system, Judson said. "Some students took advantage of the system and cheated each other by calling in for bloc and noy picking up their tickets," Judson said. "We had 8,000 bloc seats reserved and only 5,000 of those tickets were claimed."

Of the 3,000 bloc tickets remaining unclaimed after distribution hours Tuesday, at least 1,500 were for reserved seats rather than end zone tickets. Judson said.

"That means that those groups who had to take blocs in the end zone could have good seats," he said.

Judson said further changes in the system to restrict the number of seats set aside for group blocs or to prevent abuse of group reservation system will be discussed next week.

"We're not going to can the whole thing just because we had problems one time," he said. "I think it's worth the trial-and-error period just to be able to have bloc seats.

"People knew all along it was a first-come, first served system," Judson said. "It seems logical that if there's that much demand for tickets, they should have compensated by going yesterday (Wednesday) for tickets. That sounds kind of hard-hearted, but we can't accommodate everybody. We have 15,000 people trying to get 12,000 tickets, only 8,000 of which are good seats."

Students who were unable to obtain tickets during the pre-game distribution this week still may get standing room only tickets at Kenan Stadium

High prices threaten beers' gusto

By JOHN ROYSTER

Chapel Hill may be the beer-drinking capital of the world, but that reputation is getting increasingly more expensive for its citizens to

Most local bars and beer retail outlets have recently raised their prices, and most of the others plan to follow suit soon.

The businesses cite price increases by distributors as the reason for higher local prices. The distributors, in turn, point to increases in

prices charged to them by the brewers.

"There are several different influences on their (the brewers') costs," said Joe Harris, owner of the Durham-based Harris Inc. distributors of Budweiser, Busch, Natural Light, Michelob, and Michelob Light beers.

He cited not only the rising cost of beer ingredients, but other expenses as well. "Aluminum prices are way up, and that drives up the cost of beer cans. And everybody is

experienceing rising fuel costs," Harris said. To the Chapel Hill beer consumer, it all means an increase in the price of a 12-ounce beer at local bars from 65 to 75 cents. Six-pack prices still vary at area retail stores, but increases are expected or are already in effect at most outlets.

A \$5 increase in distributors' keg prices will be mirrored by a \$5 retail price increase all over

Prices of the more expensive beers (Michelob, Heineken, Molson Ale, etc.) also are expected to rise proportionately.

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Prices up. Sales down?

Epting runs for mayor's position

By ANNE-MARIE DOWNEY

Robert Epting, a member of the Chapel Hill Town Council, announced Thursday that he will run for mayor in the Nov. 6 election.

Epting's entrance into the mayoral race follows council member Gerry Cohen's announcement on Wednesday that he will seek the office. Cohen was the first announced candidate. Along with Epting, Harold Foster filed

his candidacy for mayor on Thursday, and Joe Nassif, former chairman of the Orange County Board of Elections, is expected to announce he is running for mayor on Monday.

Epting officially filed as a mayoral candidate with the elections board, as did Foster. Cohen has announced he is running but has not filed yet.

Epting said he is uniquely suited to be mayor because he has been a student at the University, an employee at the Institute of Government and is now a lawyer working with the business

"Because of that experience, which cuts across almost every segment of the Chapel Hill population, I feel I could do a good job of considering each segment's special interests," he said.

Epting said he feels the student vote



Robert Epting

will be important in the election, and added that he thinks he could effectively challenge Cohen's student support.

"I would be sad to see that vote kneejerk and go all to one candidate because of a presumed allegiance to the student body," he said.

But Epting also said, "I also sense there is less activity with student registration than there has been in the past."

Epting said transportation will be a major issue in the November election. and added he supports the expansion of the public transit system.

The University should be involved in the town's planning process to avoid clashes between the town and the University, he said

Foster files for town's mayoral bid

By ANNE-MARIEDOWNEY

There was a surprise development in the Chapel Hill mayor's race Thursday when Harold Foster, secretary-treasurer of the Northside precinct, quietly filed his

Foster is an undergraduate Spanish major at the University. He said since he is a student, black and poor he will be best able to represent these groups as

Foster said he thinks he has a better than average chance of being elected, and said he has a sizable constituency.

"The poor, the minorities, the underprivileged and the students need to excercise their right to participate," he

Foster said he expects his support to come from the black community and students. He added that he will have a strong appeal with student voters because he is in their economic bracket.

But, he said, "I think the black vote will

be decisive." Foster joins Chapel Hill Town Council members Robert Epting and Gerry Cohen in the mayor's race. Foster said he has clashed with Cohen in the past and will challenge what is regarded as Cohen's basis of support.

"While we may be vying for the same



Harold Foster

constituency. I represent what he only wishes to represent." Foster said.

While Foster is currently unemployed, he has worked as the special fiscal assistant for the Joint Orange-Chatham Community Action.

Foster, 37 studied political science at the University in the early 60s, but did not complete his degree. He was actively involved in the civil rights movement on campus from 1960 to 1963. He is a native of Chapel Hill.

He left Chapel Hill in 1963 and moved to the New York-New Jersey area. He served on an anti-poverty board in Newark. N.J., and he also was a member of a board that worked in the area of employment and labor.

Sunday marks start of formal frat rush

By THOMAS JESSIMAN

The smartest thing for a freshman to do going into fraternity rush is to have an open mind and ask plenty of questions, said Sam Belk, Inter-fraternity Council

associate vice president for rush. Formal rush will be held from 7-10 p.m. Sunday and Monday, and 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday.

"Because there are 30 houses on campus there really is a place for any student if he is interested in fraternities."

Formal rush is the first time freshmen are able to receive invitations to join a fraternity, Belk said.

One strict rule about formal rush is that alcohol is not allowed to be offered at the rush get-togethers, Belk said. Any fraternity violating the rule should be reported to the council, he said.

"If you had alcohol at a rush meeting then it would just be a party, but without alcohol there is more serious contact between the fraternity brothers and the rushees." Belk said. "Rush is a serious thing and you're putting time and money into a fraternity for the next three or four years and you should be serious." Students should see as many houses as

they can to get a clear idea of what the various houses stand for, Belk said.

"If a student feels any undue pressure to join a particular fraternity he should get in contact with the IFC or call me." Belk said.

Students should have invitations to go

to the various rush parties, but those students without invitations can obtain them by asking at a fraternity, Belk said. A bus will run each rush night from 7-10 p.m. to take rushees to the

fraternities. Every half hour it will stop at the Carolina Union, Avery and Parker dormitories, Chase Cafeteria, the Carolina Inn. Rosemary Street at Pickford Lane, Upper and Lower Quads, and Finley Road.

No one should feel any pressure to rush this term since fraternities will hold another rush in the spring. Belk said. "Freshmen should be careful not to

pledge a house because of the older people. The older people won't be there when the freshmen are seniors," Belk

After receiving a bid, students can decide if they want to pledge a fraternity-in which case they usually spend eight or 10 weeks as pledges before

being officially accepted as brothers. "Pledge programs are mainly a time for students to learn about their different

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Bats doing light 'fangdango' in South campus dorms

By SUSAN PRUETT

Staff Writer

The next remake of Dracula may very well start

something like this .. As an eerie mist rolls up from Ehringhaus field, a Bela Lugosi-type approaches the door of Craige Residence Hall, clamps in his plastic fangs and swoops into the bat-filled lobby...

Bat-filled lobby? You got it. Lately, bats have been seen lurking in Craige, Hinton James, Morrison and Ehringhaus

Two weeks ago, a lone bat flew into the first-floor

lobby of Hinton James, where it circled for about an hour, said desk assistant Diane Napolipano, a sophomore. An attempt was made to evacuate the lobby, but people just kept going in.

"It must've been scared ... all those wild vibrations," Napolipano said.

RD Mark Brown received a bat call at about 1 a.m. last weekend from the Morrison snack bar. Craige resident Helen Davis was playing pinball there when the creature appeared.

"Nobody would come through (the snack bar)," she said. She and her friends were unafraid of the bats, though, kidding about them and likening them

to "mice with wings."

Craige dorm Governor Herb Garrison said, their faces were more like pigs.

Campus police (in Batmobiles?) opened a window and let the bat out. Housing department exterminators also got rid of a bat hanging from the ceiling of Craige's first floor lobby Wednesday, housekeeping supervisor Alphis Wooten said. Another of the winged rodents had been spotted the week before.

Ehringhaus resident Harley Jones said a bat hung from the lobby ceiling of his dorm Wednesday until someone knocked it down and killed it.

"It's weird, spooky...you think of The Munsters," said Andrea Campbell of Ehringhaus. But there's no need to break out the garlic and

The bats "here are fairly harmless," said associate professor of zoology Alan Feduccia. The worst they can do is inflict a painful bite, unless they have rabies.

But vampire bats, which live in the tropics, can be dangerous. Feduccia said. Despite what the legends say, vampire bats do not actually suck blood, but they do pierce the skin and lap up the blood that flows freely because of agents in the bats' saliva that prevent clotting.



Just hanging around