

News In Brief

Castro calls troop dispute a 'comedy'

MIAMI (AP)—Cuban President Fidel Castro said Sunday the dispute with the United States over Soviet troops in Cuba is a comedy that could turn into a crisis if President Carter tries to flex U.S. military might around his Caribbean nation.

Castro also said he would not object to a meeting with Carter to resolve the dispute, but Castro said he was not calling for such a conference.

Carter plans a nationally broadcast address on the Soviet troops issue Monday at 9 p.m. EDT.

Government investigating Libyan bribes

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Justice Department is investigating a bizarre plot allegedly involving multi-million dollar bribes to obtain Carter administration approval for the sale of U.S.-produced aircraft to Libya, a source familiar with the investigation said Sunday.

The source, who requested anonymity, said investigators "are 95 percent certain that it was a confidence operation" and that no bribes actually were paid to Carter administration officials.

Viets accuse West of 'smear campaign'

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)—Vietnam Sunday accused the West of conducting a "smear campaign" against Cambodia and claimed international aid programs for that country are a cover for "intervention and aggression."

The Communist Party newspaper Nhan Dan said the "cover story" of a massive famine in Cambodia was instigated by "the same people who whipped up the so-called Indochina refugee problem."

Chinese leaders attack Maoist doctrine

PEKING (AP)—The legend of the late Party Chairman Mao Tse-tung came under harsh attack Saturday in a speech Chinese leaders termed an "historic document of great import," heard by millions on the eve of the 30th anniversary of the People's Republic.

Potential energy source

University awarded contract for peat study

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The U.S. Department of Energy has approved a one-year, \$300,000 contract with the University for a field study on peat resources in the state.

The contract became effective Sunday and will run through Sept. 29, 1980.

Peat, the organic matter formed from decaying vegetation, could supply up to 5 percent of the state's energy needs, said Roy Ingram, chairman of the UNC geology department and director of the field study.

"We are in the experimental stages of using peat as an energy source," Ingram said. "And this is the first time a thorough study has been done to estimate peat resources in North Carolina."

But Ingram said the idea of using peat for power already has generated interest in at least one large farming operation in the state. First Colony Farms, a private corporation, has found abundant deposits of peat and is promoting the concept of a peat-fueled electrical plant.

The grant for the UNC-Department of Energy project was requested by the North Carolina Energy Institute, he said. The NCEI, which has estimated levels of peat up to 15 feet deep in some areas of the state, budgeted \$100,000 for the peat resource study. Additional funds to the amount of \$200,000 were budgeted by the Department of Energy.

"I realize \$300,000 sounds like a lot of money for finding where peat is most abundant in the state,"

Ingram said. "But that kind of money doesn't go far when you consider the expense of working in the field for a year."

Ingram said the money will cover the expenses of about nine geology students from the University, North Carolina State University and East Carolina University, who will spend the year combing North Carolina's swamplands for rich deposits of peat.

"I would estimate that North Carolina is the fourth-ranking peat resource state in the nation," Ingram said. "We have a fair amount of peat out there."

Michigan is the biggest peat-producing state, according to Ingram, and Maine and Minnesota rank a close second and third.

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he could walk on the roof. He took off his clothes, ran and fell through into one of the offices buck naked. Didn't have anything on but a pair of glasses. The police must have been chasing him 'cause one came in and saw him running down an aisle and asked him what he was doing. He said he was looking for the bathroom. They got him for indecent exposure."

Another recalled that a pair of "freaks" came in taking pictures. "One of them went over to the produce and just stood there taking pictures of peanuts. The other one was snapping pictures of boxes of Kotex."

They told of a girl stealing a pair of jeans when they used to sell pants. She changed into

the jeans in front of a couple of the workers. They were so interested in the quick-change act that she got away.

Many times when hungry customers come in, the stock men say that they can hear them opening up food and eating it. Shields said, "One guy made himself a sandwich and walked around eating it. We made him pay for it."

But the employees agreed that working in an all-night grocery isn't so bad.

"Why, yes," said one, "there aren't any managers in here, so you can cuss and talk about people's mama's without getting in any trouble. But the best thing of all is that you can screw other people's wives while they're at work during the day."

students

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"But the bus issue got a surge of students interested in Carrboro politics, and it led to formation of the coalition," he said.

In fact, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen's stand on bus service so angered students that in November, 1973, shortly before election day, Student Body President Ford Runge said "Carrboro's population is composed of three groups: students, blacks and the white anti-university population."

The Daily Tar Heel supported only two Carrboro alderman candidates, Foushee and UNC student George Beswick, for the three open seats on the board that year. The newspaper said no other candidate was worthy of student support. Foushee and Beswick were elected.

Drakeford said the argument often heard in conservative circles—that students should not have a say in local government because they do not pay taxes—is false.

"Students pay property taxes through their

apartment rent and don't realize it," he said. "They pay sales taxes and taxes through their telephone and utility bills, too."

Robert Wells, who was mayor of Carrboro from 1972 to 1977 and who is considering running for mayor again this year, said recently that he still believes students have too much political power in the community.

"But the homeowners should get out and vote," Wells said. "If they don't then they should keep their mouths shut."

Drakeford said that although students have a much greater say in Carrboro government now than in the past, they are becoming complacent. "We've had seats open for students on boards that no one has filled," he said.

Alderman Sharet agreed. "The student's role in local government has increased from virtually nothing. Usually there is a student on every town committee," he said. "But since the late 60s there has been a definite decline in interest in politics in general."

protest

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classified material, was among the demonstrators.

"It's very appropriate that we're bringing this protest home to South Carolina, where the H-bomb project began in the early 1950s," Morland said. "We're doing a good job of drawing attention to the connections between the nuclear weapons industry and nuclear power."

Morland said the Allied-General Nuclear Systems plant (AGNS) was the focus of the protest. The plant, which sits on the eastern edge of a 300-mile area called the Savannah River Plant, was built by the Atomic Energy Commission in the late 1950s to produce tritium for hydrogen bombs, he said.

Several Triangle-area anti-nuclear groups were among the ranks of the marchers. Bill

Cummings, a member of the Kudzu Alliance and a former UNC student, commented on the involvement of Chapel Hill organizations.

"A couple of hundred marchers were from North Carolina," he said. "Of course, about half were from the Triangle area."

About 30 Duke students representing Safe Alternatives to Nuclear Energy also participated in the march. Contingents from local organizations, including Friends of the Filipino People, the War Resisters' League, Friends of Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill ECOS and the Chapel Hill Anti-Nuclear Group were present in varying numbers.

The string of marchers stretched out for half a mile in sweltering heat along the shoulders of S.C. Route 64 on the way to the entrance of the Savannah River Plant.

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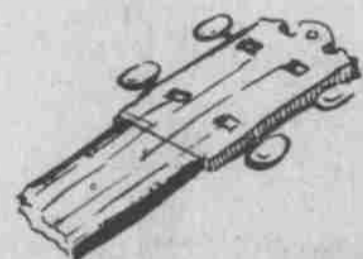


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