

U.S. envoy plans to meet with Nicaraguan

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — The White House yesterday confirmed that a U.S. envoy soon will meet with the foreign minister of Nicaragua to continue talks aimed at fostering the regional peace process.

White House Press Secretary Larry Speakes said the talks "hopefully will enhance prospects for the Contadora treaty," a regional peace initiative by a group of four Latin American nations.

The Nicaraguan Foreign Ministry announced on Wednesday that both sides have agreed to talks in the near future at Manzanillo, Mexico between U.S. Ambassador Harry Shlaudeman and Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Miguel d'Escoto.

Nicaragua, meanwhile, is continuing military preparations to counter what it says is an expected invasion from the United States. Senior U.S. officials have denied the United States has any intention of invading.

"The thrust of our approach to these talks has been to move the Contadora process forward and let the Nicaraguans understand our feeling and desires about an agreement with their neighbors," Speakes said.

Speakes said repeatedly that the United States feels it has not contributed to heightening tensions in the region.

And a White House official, who commented on the condition he not be identified, said that as far as the United

States is concerned, the recent escalation of tensions is a result of a speedup of military equipment shipments by the Soviet Union to Nicaragua.

The official said that the Soviets for the first time have begun shipping weapons from a Soviet port on the Black Sea rather than from Eastern European ports.

He said analysts believe the aim of the increased arms shipments may be twofold: to give Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government the means and leverage to dictate the terms of a regional settlement and to establish "a long-term Soviet-style dictatorship into the future."

And Speakes said of recent Nicaraguan complaints about U.S. actions: "I

don't see how they can be critical of the United States for wishing to maintain some semblance of balance in the region which is now terribly out of kilter in favor of the Nicaraguans."

Asked if the United States is considering the idea of giving Nicaragua a breathing period, Speakes said: "We've given them a breathing period of six to eight months where there has been no financial backing for the anti-

Sandinista (Contras) guerrillas and in which the United States has vigorously pursued a diplomatic approach."

The Contadora group is made up of Colombia, Panama, Mexico and Venezuela.

Gibsonville man killed Tuesday in backhoe accident

Burlington Daily Times-News:

BURLINGTON (Nov. 14): A 55-year-old Gibsonville man died Tuesday while planting trees when he was run over by a seven-ton backhoe he was trying to jump-start.

Police and witnesses said Calvin Bryant was trying to start the backhoe and was standing with one foot under the 4-foot high wheel of the machine when it started to move. According to a North Carolina A&T student, Bryant was then pulled under the wheel. "The whole wheel was on him at one time," said one of Bryant's employees. Despite efforts to revive him, Bryant was pronounced dead at 12:27 p.m.

Jacksonville Daily News:

Homework hotline gets more student callers
JACKSONVILLE (Nov. 11): Onslow County educators say they are pleased with the success of Homework Hot Line, a new telephone service developed by the Board of Education to help students

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stumped by their homework.

Hotline volunteer Jim Wayne told the school board this week that the service received between 80 and 100 calls a night during its 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. operating hours. Close to 90 percent of the calls come from Jacksonville students, Wayne said, but students in the county's outlying areas are also using the toll-free number. Math problems are the most popular topic of conversation, while spelling problems also demand a large share of the volunteers' attention. For now, at least, the hotline appears to be a truly successful experiment.

Goldsboro News-Argus:

Recount cuts Brantley margin
GOLDSBORO (Nov. 9): Five counting errors cut

his victory margin to 119 votes, but Democrat David Brantley remains the winner in the race for Wayne County clerk of court.

Wayne County officials recounted the votes last Thursday after they discovered Brantley's opponent, Demming Smith, had not been credited with 198 votes cast for him in the Stoney Creek precinct. The original vote count had Brantley ahead by over 300 votes, but after the recount, that total was reduced by almost 200 votes.

Hickory Daily Record:

Blaze at mobile home kills two
HICKORY (Nov. 12): Two Hickory men died late Saturday when their mobile home was gutted by a fire which apparently started in the kitchen. Billy Ray McDowell and William Grier were killed by the fire which began about 11:30 p.m.

A spokesman for the Hickory Fire Department said the fire started when a pot that had been left on a stove melted and said the home had not been equipped with smoke detectors.

Town Council changes Chapel Hill peddling ordinance

By MARJORIE MORRIS
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Town Council approved a change in the town code's peddling ordinance this week. Councilman Bill Thorpe, who sponsored the ordinance, said it was in shabby shape and needed to be more specific about the regulation of door-to-door selling and soliciting of goods and services and the promotion of public health, safety and welfare.

Key changes include: Peddlers cannot sell or solicit door-to-door after the sun sets; peddlers must carry their driver's licenses and turn in their permits upon expiration and peddlers of charity or non-profit organizations can receive courtesy permits.

Courtesy permits are free and are available for peddling exempted from the ordinance rules.

Other types of exempted peddling include deliveries and services which have been ordered before the delivery, political, social or religious pamphlets, advertising circulation deliveries to a business.

Thorpe said the reason for the change was the rapid growth of Chapel Hill, which has caused more people to scout the area for potential business. In order to ensure public security, he said the town needed a way to identify strangers who sell or solicit goods and services.

Under the revised ordinance, a peddler must complete a permit application available at the Chapel Hill Police Department. The permit will expire after a 60-day period but may be renewed for 60 additional days.

The town manager can deny a request if the application is incomplete or has false information or if the applicant has

been convicted or pled no contest to a felony charge 10 years before the permit request or been convicted or pled no contest to a misdemeanor charge involving theft, fraud or forging five years before the permit request.

Peddlers denied a permit can appeal to the council 10 days after getting a written notice.

Growth

of Chapel Hill by encouraging builders to consider vacant lots in town.

Kawalec said this ordinance has caused land to be improperly developed.

Town officials agree that growth cannot be stopped. Chapel Hill's population is expected to continue to grow. From 1960 the non-UNC population has grown from 12,573 to more than 35,000.

A peddler's permit can be revoked by the town manager who must give 48-hour prior written notice. The peddler can present evidence at a hearing before the town manager to discuss the reasons for the revocation.

A peddler may appeal the revocation to the council within 10 days after written notice.

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Council member Bill Thorpe said, "We can't stop the growth, but we can plan for it better." He said people have recently been crowding in too fast for this to be possible.

Residents seem to be satisfied with council actions. Werner said the town actions formed a "very positive, significant step in bringing the runaway growth under control."

Sikh charges foreigners

The Associated Press

NEW DELHI, India — The pro-government *Hindustan Times* yesterday said the Sikh security guard accused of assassinating Indira Gandhi has told investigators the slaying was organized and financed from abroad.

Home Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao told a parliamentary committee yesterday that 1,277 people were killed in communal violence that followed the Oct. 31 assassination.

The *Hindustan Times* said the wounded security guard Satwant Singh had identified the people he said recruited and paid him to kill the 66-year-old prime minister.

The newspaper quoted unidentified "reliable sources" who it said did not give details of the alleged foreign connection because they did not want to jeopardize the investigation.

U.S. sends copters to China

PEKING — Former U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr., handed over three Sikorsky 2-70C helicopters yesterday in what was believed to be the first major sale of military-related U.S. equipment to China.

The first three of 24 civilian versions of Sikorsky's Black Hawk military helicopter, purchased for \$140 million, were delivered to the Chinese at an air base in Peking.

The Defense Ministry rejected

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foreign journalist's requests to cover the ceremony but Chinese and U.S. Embassy officials confirmed that it took place. Haig's remarks were relayed by his aide, Sherwood Goldberg.

Discovery ready to land

SPACE CENTER, Houston — Saying their pioneering flight helped pave the way for building space stations, the happy satellite hunters of Discovery prepared yesterday to return from orbit, their two space salvage trophies safely locked on board.

The shuttle and its five crewmembers are to make a dawn touchdown today on a runway at the Kennedy Space Center not far from the launch pad where the eight-day mission began last week. Landing is expected at 6:59 a.m.

In a telephone call from the White House, President Reagan told the astronauts that the nation "is proud of what you have done."

"You demonstrated that by putting man in space on board America's space shuttle, we can work in space in ways that we never imagined were possible," Reagan said.

U.S. intervention unnecessary in Central America, panel says

By RICHARD BOYCE
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U.S. intervention in Central America is often counterproductive to the cause of improving human rights, three UNC professors said in a panel discussion Tuesday night to about a dozen students in Dey Hall.

"The best thing to do for human rights in most instances is simply to not intervene," said Jack Donnelly, assistant professor of political science.

"The way a country treats its own citizens is a domestic issue," Donnelly said.

"In Nicaragua we are supposedly supporting the contras on grounds of civil rights," he said. But intervention on humanitarian grounds by any nation is often a cloak for self-interested political action, he said.

"I think you have to intervene sometimes," said Enrique Baloyra, director of the UNC Latin American Studies Department. "But national intervention in this hemisphere is a no-no given what has happened before."

"History shows every dictator we have embraced tends to pull down the U.S. and its image with it," Baloyra said.

Donnelly said he opposed U.S. military intervention in the Third World but the United States should not ignore human rights violations in other countries.

Diplomatic protests, trade restric-

tions, cutting off foreign aid and even breaking diplomatic ties with a nation would be foreign policies superior to direct military intervention, Donnelly said.

Donnelly said he thought the United States was not respecting the sovereignty of other nations when it intervened in Latin America but that the United States should intervene militarily when its own national security was at stake.

"When international and human rights issues conflict, human rights interests must give way," he said.

Donnelly said there is no moral reason for believing governments should never intervene militarily in other nations, even for humanitarian purposes, but intervention into the affairs of other nations should be the exception in international policy, not the rule.

"There are reasons that people want a socialist government other than that the Russians are behind it," he said.

Mark Weisburd, assistant professor of law, said human rights for all people are supposed to be enforced by a system of international law, although there is no group with the right to punish offenders of international law.

In the United States, if you break the law, the sheriff comes and arrests you, Weisburd said. "In the international scene there is no sheriff."

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