

# On tour

## Democrats criticize Gov. Martin for trade mission to Japan

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Gov. Jim Martin's trip to Japan this week is a routine duty for the governor, but the trip's effectiveness remains an open issue, said Montgomery Graham, UNC professor of business administration.

Martin, along with five governors from southeastern states, is participating in the Japan-U.S. Southeast Association, which promotes trade between the two countries' markets.

Traveling through Japan, Korea and China until Oct. 18, Martin and his trade mission have received criticism from Democratic opponents, but trips like these are not

unusual. "Governors' trade missions to foreign countries go on all the time," Graham said.

Former Gov. Jim Hunt made a similar trip to Japan during his term, Graham said.

Martin was also criticized in 1986 for making a trip to Hollywood in an attempt to lure film industry to the state, while Hunt visited California twice for the same reason.

Gov. Gerald Baliles of Virginia has made similar trips during his term, including trips to Hollywood, China and Europe this year, said Baliles' press secretary Chris Bridges.

Martin's Japan trip focuses prim-

arily on increasing shipments from Japanese ports to North Carolina ports at Morehead City and Wilmington, said Tim Pittman, Martin's press secretary.

Competition with ports in Charleston, S.C., and Norfolk, Va., remains tough, Graham said.

But the construction of N.C. I-40's thoroughfare to Wilmington gives Martin an additional bargaining point for the port's trade, which was not available to his predecessors, he said.

"One reason why Gov. Martin should be along is that if he weren't there (Japan), the other governors might convince the countries to ship

solely to the other ports," Graham said.

As Martin travels to China next week he will look into new trading resources for North Carolina, Pittman said.

"China is just now opening its doors to trade," Pittman said. "As the country becomes more modernized, somebody needs to get in there and tap those new resources."

Others accompanying Martin in the trade mission group include Govs. Baliles, Guy Hunt of Alabama, Joe Frank Harris of Georgia, Carroll Campbell of South Carolina and Ned McWherter of Tennessee.

## Reagan, Republican officials urge Bork to continue fight

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — President Reagan told Robert Bork on Wednesday, "I urge you to keep going" in the battle for a seat on the Supreme Court, despite growing opposition to Bork's nomination and speculation he might withdraw.

Throughout the day, Bork shuttled between meetings with Reagan and Republican leaders on Capitol Hill. He refused to answer questions.

"He will not decide anything today and said he would be in touch," said Tom Korologos, a lobbyist brought in by the White House to help Bork.

Reagan, who has repeatedly declared he wants a Senate vote on Bork, told reporters at unrelated ceremonial events, "I have not changed my position... I have not changed my mind on anything."

And Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole said after Bork met with GOP senators for a combination pep talk and strategy session, "If he were on the fence when he walked in, I think he's a little more determined to hang in there."

Reagan asks for contra aid

WASHINGTON — President Reagan, warning he will not be fooled by Sandinista "facades of freedom," asked Congress on Wednesday to approve \$270 million in contra aid as an insurance policy for peace in Nicaragua.

Reagan, in a toughly worded address to the Organization of American States, lauded recent steps taken toward peace under a regional accord.

But he also said the pact is "only a beginning" and described a series of steps, including free elections, the Sandinista government in Managua must take in order to assure that U.S. military aid to the contra rebels ends.

Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega, countering President Reagan, said Wednesday his leftist government is committed to an "authentic democratic process," and Nicaragua "never has and never will pose a threat to the security of the United States."

Ortega, who is in New York for an address Thursday to the United

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Nations General Assembly, said Tuesday the Sandinistas are prepared to become an opposition party if they are removed from office through the electoral process.

Municipal elections are to be held next year and presidential elections in 1990.

#### Refugee boat capsizes

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — Doomed refugees from a sinking boat thrashed wildly in the water to fend off more than 40 sharks, but officials flying above them could do nothing to save them, authorities said Wednesday.

Estimates of the number of people killed Tuesday, when the overloaded boat capsized, ranged from 70 to more than 100. Officials said some of the missing may have made it to shore and fled; many bodies were expected to surface later.

Survivor Eddy Ventura said 168 Dominicans crowded at about 4 a.m. Tuesday into the old 50-foot wooden boat that was to smuggle them to Puerto Rico, the more prosperous U.S. Commonwealth 100 miles across the shark-infested Mona Channel, at a cost of \$300 to \$500 each.

#### Fire hydrant fracas

KERNERSVILLE — Kernersville Fire Chief James Barrow said changing the color on some of the town's fire hydrants has some Atlantic Coast Conference fans seeing red, or at least wishing they were.

Two weeks ago, the department began painting fire hydrants that can produce at least 1,500 gallons of water per minute, changing them from red to light blue.

"We've gotten quite a bit of calls," Barrow said. "People suspect that we're supporting a certain ACC team. If you are a UNC fan, these hydrants are beautiful. We tell our guys not to say that they're Carolina blue. Sky blue, light blue, baby blue, but not Carolina blue."

## Amnesty International releases report

By GERDA GALLOP  
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Amnesty International, in its 1987 report, has identified 129 nations whose governments may be denying human rights to their citizens.

Amnesty International lists countries that violate the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights by allowing the arbitrary arrest, torture and execution of citizens.

Over 120 members of the United Nations found their names on the list for violations including:

- imprisonment of conscientious objectors to military service in Norway;

- imprisonment of up to 250,000 blacks in South Africa on racial grounds;

- torture of prisoners by beatings, electric shocks and cigarette burns in Afghanistan;

- arrest, beating and torture of students by military and police personnel in Chile.

Kelly Rudin, coordinator of Amnesty International Group 84 in Chapel Hill, said that while a majority of the nations on the list are Third World countries, violators come from every part of the political spectrum.

"Any continent with human rights problems is as bad as it can possibly be," Rudin said. "Amnesty maintains

that any instance of human rights abuse is the worst possible."

Steve Herrick, director of the southern region of Amnesty International, said the organization plans to continue its letter campaigns to foreign officials and promote public involvement.

"Awareness isn't enough," Herrick said. "It takes action, and writing letters offers people a way to get involved. Foreign officials take note and often respond through action."

Amnesty International does not use or promote boycotts or civil disobedience, but negative publicity generated by the letter campaigns and the report make governments ner-

vous, Herrick said.

Amnesty is especially concerned about refugees being forcibly returned to their countries of origin, where they may be imprisoned or executed.

"It's relevant for people in academic communities to become involved," Herrick said, noting the strength of the local 120-member group. "The freedom of human expression is of utmost importance, but it can't take place in countries like Chile, Iran and Hungary. Therefore it is incumbent for those who can speak out to do so for those who can't."

## Senior class gift to light up Old Well

By LYNNE McCLINTOCK  
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The Old Well usually stands shrouded in darkness after the sun sets, but thanks to the Senior Class of 1988 the monument will soon be lighted after nightfall.

Placing spotlights around the Old Well is the Senior Class's fall gift to the University. The presentation of the gift will be at 9 p.m. on University

Day, Oct. 12, after a performance by the Clef Hangers.

"The lights on the Old Well will be pre-adjusted soft-white spotlights that will be in the bushes around the Old Well," said Durrall Gilbert, Senior Class Gift Committee Chairman.

Revenue for the \$1,700 gift came from a loan from the Carolina Fund.

"The Carolina Fund agreed to

work with the Senior Class and to administer funds for the lighting project," Gilbert said.

Senior Class officers said the gift is unique because the seniors will be able to appreciate the lighting while they are still UNC students. Most class gifts are given after the seniors graduate.

"The fall gift is something special that no senior class has done in years," said Anne Davidson, Senior Class president. "The Senior Class Officers wanted to give the gift in the fall so that seniors could appreciate their own gift."

Davidson said a test run of the

lights was done in early September with University officials present.

"They could not believe it wasn't already being done," she said.

Bill Massey, director of the Carolina Fund, said, "We offered to front the money for the project and they (the Senior Class) will pay us back from T-shirt sales."

Gilbert said the gift committee decided to place spotlights around the Old Well because it was needed. Last year, the seniors were surveyed and the response in favor of lighting the Old Well was overwhelming.

"The white of the Old Well captures the light and reflects it back beautifully," Gilbert said.

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