

Planning for peace in El Salvador

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To achieve peace in El Salvador, the Christian Democratic government must alleviate obstacles to the peace process, a diplomatic representative from two El Salvadoran opposition groups told about 45 people in Dey Hall Wednesday night.

"There are two bottom lines," said Francisco Altschul in a speech sponsored by the Institute of Latin American Studies. "The constitution's tradition has been violated in our country forever . . . and the most important thing is to achieve peace. So if the constitution is an obstacle to peace, then the constitution needs to change."

Altschul said the Central American Peace Plan, formulated by Costa Rican President Oscar Arias and signed by five Central American countries, does not apply to each country in the same way.

"The conditions are completely different," he said. "You can't try to apply the plan as a uniform to five different countries. We accepted the spirit of the plan, to solve internal

conflicts by negotiations."

Conflicts between the El Salvadoran government and opposition groups have persisted since 1981. The groups first attempted to negotiate in 1984, but Altschul said the talks stalled. The peace plan, he said, pressured Duarte to renew the dialogue.

Altschul, who serves as a political consultant for the National Liberation Front (FMLN) and the Democratic Revolutionary Front (FDR), said the Christian Democratic government under Jose Napoleon Duarte tried to prevent the negotiations required by the peace plan.

"The framework of the peace plan created the space for the dialogue," he said. "(Duarte) used it as an instrument to isolate the FDR and FMLN to gain some breathing space for his administration. Instead, he found himself completely isolated from everybody — right, center, left."

Duarte placed extreme preconditions on the negotiation process so the FMLN and FDR would refuse to negotiate, making Duarte appear

the willing peacemaker, Altschul said.

The conditions included a cease-fire, public approval of the peace plan, a renunciation of violence and a meeting between all five leaders of opposition parties, he said.

"They were demanding a surrender," he said. "The plan does not call for a surrender."

But public opinion in El Salvador and pressure from the international community forced Duarte to convene negotiations without preconditions, Altschul said. The groups met Oct. 4 and 5.

Altschul said the Duarte government advocated accepting non-violence and "forgive and forget," and that using the peace plan is a mechanism to establish a cease-fire, amnesty, disarmament and a democratic process. He said Duarte offered no concrete plans to implement the democratic process.

"Cease-fire and disarmament cannot be the start," he said. "We must find the cause of the problems. Interference of the U.S. government needs to be addressed. There can be no democracy in El Salvador if we

do not address the problem of U.S. interference in El Salvador."

He said the FMLN and the FDR suggested steps to scale down the war and lessen the costs on the non-combatants, including no further military aid to any side, an end to forceful recruitment and removal of foreign military advisers.

Duarte's administration rejected the suggestions, he said.

"The government had no will and no space to go into serious negotiations," he said. "They only accepted our third proposal — to continue dialogue."

The negotiations did create two commissions and set a date for another meeting, he said. But after the assassination of the president of a human rights commission, the opposition groups decided not to attend the meeting.

"We put a hold on meetings," Altschul said. "It does not necessarily mean a breakdown of talks. The datelines (set by the peace plan) were not fixed datelines. Peace is not going to be declared by decree like that."

Stock prices plunge 18 points; weak dollar, deficit blamed

From Associated Press reports

NEW YORK — Stock prices sagged worldwide Wednesday in a selloff that traders blamed on the weak dollar and inaction on the U.S. budget deficit, the same worries that touched off last month's global collapse.

"To get the public back into this market we need some leadership from Washington," said Hank Striefler, a senior vice president at Shearson Lehman Brothers Inc., a large New York investment firm.

The widely-followed Dow Jones industrial average, which dropped 50.56 points Tuesday and shattered a five-day winning streak, lost another 18.24 points in heavy trading.

Miami drug ring busted

MIAMI — Federal agents have smashed the nation's largest, most sophisticated drug transport ring, which used spotter planes, infrared beacons and decoy plane passengers called "cover girls" to avoid detection, authorities said Wednesday.

The Miami-based ring was contracted by the Medellin Cartel, the Colombia-based drug smuggling organization responsible for 80 percent of U.S. cocaine imports, to haul cocaine from Colombia to the United States, investigators said.

"This was the largest transportation network used by the Medellin Cartel between 1982 and 1986," said Bill Perry, acting special agent in charge of the Miami FBI office. "Essentially this takes the whole organization right out of business."

During that period, the ring hauled 20,000 pounds of cocaine in 19 shipments in addition to four relatively small marijuana shipments, officials said.

Peace plan may be extended

WASHINGTON — The deadline for implementing the Central American peace plan is Thursday, but with warfare continuing in three countries, U.S. officials see the 90 days allowed for compliance more as a beginning than an end of a process.

The peace agreement was primarily aimed at ending Central America's insurgencies through cease-fires and a process of national reconciliation. But fighting continues in each of the three war-plagued countries — Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala — with little sign of an early

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settlement in any of them.

Central American leaders appear to recognize that the 90-day schedule for implementing the agreement was too ambitious, and U.S. officials say the region's leaders are now looking to January as a more realistic deadline.

U.S. defector leaves U.S.S.R.

FRANKFURT, West Germany — A U.S. Army private who defected to the Soviet Union seven months ago returned to the West on Wednesday and said he would surrender to American authorities.

Wade Roberts, 22, said he did not want to return to the Soviet Union but did not know if he would be going to the United States.

Roberts, who flew to Frankfurt from Moscow aboard an Aeroflot jetliner with his pregnant girlfriend, Petra Neumann, told Cable News Network in an interview that he did not expect to be charged with desertion.

"I have a piece of paper from the United States Embassy which they gave me stating that the only charge that they have against me is for being AWOL," or Away Without Official Leave, Roberts told CNN.

Roberts, who was assigned to a post in West Germany when he defected to the Soviet Embassy in East Berlin, told The Associated Press two weeks ago he was prepared to go home to face trial on charges of desertion.

Iranians riot against U.S.

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Iran said millions marched in its cities chanting "Death to America" Wednesday on the eighth anniversary of the day a mob stormed the U.S. Embassy and seized hostages who spent 444 days in captivity.

Hashemi Rafsanjani, speaker of the parliament, declared a week of mobilization to "confront American aggression."

Tehran radio said a bomb killed two people and wounded 26 during a rally in Mahabad in northwest Iran and said "American mercenary agents" were responsible.

No details were given. Other bombings in Iranian cities have been blamed on dissident Iranian groups that operate from Iraq.

N.C. funding for colleges declines

From Associated Press reports

GREENSBORO — North Carolina showed a moderate drop last year in its funding for the University of North Carolina and the community college systems, although its ranking improved compared to other states.

North Carolina moved from eighth place last year to seventh this year in the national rankings, according to the Illinois State University Center for Higher Education, which compiles the figures.

"While most states went down in percentage of gain, North Carolina didn't go down quite as far," center

director Edward Hines told the Greensboro News & Record.

Hines said North Carolina had a 7-percentage-point drop in the rate of spending during the last year.

From 1985 to 1987, higher education spending in North Carolina increased 26 percent, Hines said, but from 1986 to 1988 it increased just 19 percent.

"In general, North Carolina demonstrates the pattern we see elsewhere — a moderate decrease compared to what we saw a year ago," Hines said. "I wouldn't say (7 percentage points) was precipitous."

For the nation, the rate of gain in higher education spending went from 14 percent last academic year to 11 percent this academic year, the lowest in 30 years.

In all, states will spend slightly more than \$34 billion on higher education this year.

Around the country, education officials blame tight state budgets and regional economic difficulties for the drop.

But in North Carolina, it was a case of state leaders giving more attention — and money — to elementary and secondary schools.

Traditionally, North Carolina has ranked poorly in funding for these schools, coming in 34th in expenditures for grades K-12 in 1984-85, the latest figure available.

The 1987 General Assembly appropriated \$385.8 million to continue implementation of the Basic Education Plan for the next two years.

In addition, the legislature approved \$3.2 billion for public school construction during the next 10 years.

"There's no question that this was a good year for public schools," said Anne Hocutt, a consultant with the Department of Public Instruction.

University of North Carolina officials say they are pleased with the financial attention the state's elementary and secondary schools are getting.

"The public schools were treated royally for a change," said Jay Robinson, UNC's vice president for public affairs.

Robinson said he is not disappointed with the way the General Assembly treated the university system.

"Higher education didn't get as high a percentage as we've been getting," he said. "We had an average year in the operations area and a banner year in capital appropriations."

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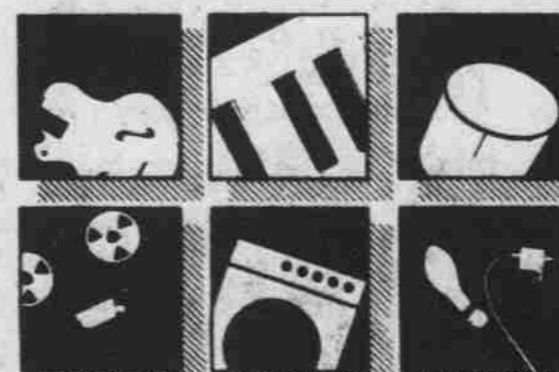
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