

# Sudan requests aid to fight famine

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Civil war, droughts, flooding, grasshoppers, refugees and locusts have caused a two-front famine in Sudan, forcing the Sudanese government to request foreign aid.

"On the border of southern Sudan there are 40,000 to 50,000 people in a single village but there are no children there," said Pam DeLargy, an assistant for U.S. aid in Sudan.

"All the children are dead," she said.

There are two separate famines in Sudan, one in southern Sudan where civil war and grasshoppers have destroyed much of the land, and another in northern Sudan, which has suffered severe flooding, a swarm of locusts, and an influx of refugees from the South, said Mohamed Elfakie, a secretary at the Sudan Embassy in Washington.

The government cannot get supplies through the rebel lines by bus or car, and the rebels have threatened to shoot down any airplanes crossing their territory, Elfakie said in a telephone interview.

Despite government claims, the rebels are not completely to blame, said DeLargy, who just returned from a visit to Sudan. The government refuses to give supplies to anyone but its supporters, while the Sudanese Peoples Liberation Army (SPLA)

only allows its people to be fed.

"The insurgency is almost like a secession movement," DeLargy said.

Southern Sudan felt neglected by the North and was demanding a greater share of state funds when the government imposed Islamic law on the country in 1983, she said. The majority of the southern area is not Islamic, and the people revolted.

"It's basically a fight for greater regional autonomy," DeLargy said.

When the war began, thousands of people fled to the North in hopes of finding food, shelter and employment.

"People who left the South, they took nothing with them," Elfakie said. "Their only intention was to get out of there."

The government has been forced to provide everything for the refugees, making it all the more difficult to supply the South, Elfakie said. The government ordered the rebels to negotiate the situation, but so far they have refused, he said.

"The government has not made any clear steps toward resolving the situation," DeLargy said.

The prime minister promised to end Islamic law when he took power in 1986, but instead he strengthened it, she said.

When a Red Cross plane tried to airlift supplies to southern Sudan, the SPLA shot it down, and international

efforts ceased, DeLargy said. But in the last few weeks, the situation has worsened enough for the Sudanese government to request new airlift attempts on the part of the international community.

The United States is trying to airlift supplies to southern Sudan but has been unable to get across the rebel lines, DeLargy said. The United Nations is attempting to get supplies in from across the Uganda border, she said.

But while the U.S. Agency for International Development is trying to assist the southern Sudanese, the U.S. government is funding the Sudanese government in the civil war, and Ethiopia is aiding the SPLA, DeLargy said.

Meanwhile, there are equally complicated problems causing famine in the North.

"During the summer there was drastic flooding which made even urban areas difficult places of refuge," said Ann Dunbar, UNC associate professor of African and Afro-American studies.

The Sudanese government is directing efforts to build houses and provide food for the thousands of people left homeless after heavy rains destroyed much of the existing homes, Elfakie said.

"These people are the wandering homeless," he said.

In addition to the thousands left homeless by flooding in the capital city of Khartoum, there are thousands more refugees from the South who came in search of assistance, DeLargy said.

"Not only are they having to deal with refugees from the South, but they already had a problem with refugees who came from the West during a 1985 famine."

Keeping crops growing is more difficult for the North now because the remaining crops are being attacked by a swarm of locusts.

Even with such devastating problems, innumerable numbers of people move to Khartoum and the surrounding area daily, Elfakie said.

"They come in grave numbers and there is nothing the government can do," he said. "The government tries, but what we have is not enough because it is beyond the ability of the government."

"Unsettled civil and political conditions and warfare tend to worsen any famine. It was true of Ethiopia," Dunbar said.

DeLargy said efforts to alleviate the famine will be successful temporarily, but the extensive complications will eventually catch up to the ailing nation.

"It's not going to do much in the long run," he said.

## Chapel Hill Police Roundup

■ Halloween night was relatively quiet, but there were a few incidents of vandalism.

Mailbox terrorism ran rampant in the Lake Shore Drive area, as three mailboxes were damaged. At one location, the mailbox was knocked over, and the damage was estimated at \$20.

At a second address, the mailbox was torn down and the stand was bent in half. According to the report, the job was apparently done by hand. The mailbox was estimated at \$30.

At a third residence, the mailbox was vandalized, and the estimated damage was \$30.

In the Sedgefield Road area, police received reports of a car riding through the area with eggs being thrown from the car. Police could not find anyone in the area.

■ A man was seen shoplifting a watch at Ivey's in University Mall on Monday. A security guard approached the man, and the man ran. After a brief chase on foot, the shoplifter got into his car and left the area by the time police arrived.

■ A resident of Granville East reported property stolen from his room Tuesday. Several individuals had access to the room during the time the property was taken. The

property was valued at \$150.

■ A car parked at the NCNB parking deck on Rosemary Street was vandalized and robbed Tuesday. A window was broken out, and \$415 worth of property was taken from the car. The damage to the car was estimated at \$200.

■ Two Duke students were arrested Wednesday morning after police determined the car they were driving was stolen.

Peter John Perrone, 21, and Grant Reynolds Essex III, 21, both of 2220 Elmwood St. in Durham, each face larceny charges. Perrone has also been charged with driving while impaired.

According to arrest reports, an officer noticed a 1977 Chevrolet going down South Columbia Street without its headlights on. The officer stopped the car at Top of the Hill.

The driver of the car did poorly on the field sobriety test, the report said, and he was placed under arrest.

A follow-up showed the car had just been stolen, so the passenger was placed under arrest as well. Each man was later released under unsecured bond.

— compiled by Will Lingo

## Carrboro to improve, widen 3 town streets

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The Town of Carrboro is planning to widen and improve sections of three major roads beginning next year by providing a curb and gutter border for the roads, widening traffic lanes and adding bike lanes.

Hillsborough Road, Greensboro Street and Main Street are now an average of about 20 feet wide, but after the planned changes they will be 36 feet wide, Carrboro transportation director James Dunlop said Wednesday.

The changes will be made on most of Main Street, on all of Greensboro Street that has not already been widened and on Hillsborough Road between the intersections of Main and Lorraine streets, Dunlop said.

Some intersections also will be altered for improvement along with these changes, he said.

Dunlop said he was involved in coordinating the interests of the

town with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT). The department is responsible for most of the project, he said.

John Taylor, who is in charge of planning and engineering the project for DOT, said the estimated cost for the project is \$2.5 million. The major sources of funding for the project will be state and federal funds, with city funds contributing less, Taylor said.

The DOT is concerned with improving sight distance for stopping on city roads, Taylor said. The DOT will also have to conform to state and federal guidelines, he said.

Dunlop said most of the project falls within the current right of way that the DOT possesses. But before construction can start, right of way, construction easements and drainage easements must be obtained from some property owners in the areas where the project goes outside of the DOT right of way.

## Church to celebrate tradition of activism

By AMY WEISNER  
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They disagreed with the conservative fundamentalist movement of the 1930s and '40s. They marched through Southern streets during the civil rights fight for desegregation. And this weekend, members of the Community Church of Chapel Hill are celebrating their 35th year of social activism.

"The church has been in the forefront of race relations issues and almost all social concerns of the town," said Beverly Kawalec, assistant to Chapel Hill Mayor Jonathan Howes. "They have always been a positive force."

The anniversary will recognize the Rev. William Sloan Coffin, national president of the activist peace group SANE/Freeze. Coffin will deliver two speeches during the weekend celebration.

Retired UNC professor Joe Straley said, "He is one of the most outspoken and most listened-to advocates of peace and nuclear disarmament."

Coffin, a former chaplain at Yale University and senior minister at

Riverside Church in New York City, marched with Martin Luther King against segregation and discrimination. He also joined Benjamin Spock's protests of U.S. military involvement in Southeast Asia.

Coffin received national attention when he led the SANE/Freeze's massive demonstration on the steps of the United Nations in 1982.

Coffin will deliver a two-part speech titled "The Twin Crises Facing the United States" during the anniversary celebration.

The UNC Curriculum in Peace, War and Defense will sponsor the first part of the address, "The Military Crisis." It will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday in Gerrard Hall.

The second part of the address will be delivered at the anniversary sermon at the church. "The Moral Crisis" will be given during the 11 a.m. service at the Community Church on Sunday.

Members of the interdenominational, interracial church also will honor their first minister, the Rev. Charles Jones, and his wife Dorcas. Straley said Jones served at Uni-

versity Presbyterian Church from 1941 until his dismissal in 1953 for improperly reading the Bible.

Jones became the center of controversy in the town during the civil rights struggles of the '60s, when he

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students an alternative when the dining halls are crowded during peak hours, he said.

But Shetley, auxiliary services director, said he wants the Pit Stop closed because it will compete too heavily with the Student Union snack bar.

About \$70,000 has gone into the renovations and new equipment for the Union snack bar, which will serve deli food, Shetley said.

He said he did not want to convert the Pit Stop into a Marriott operation because that would put two different sets of management in the same building, Shetley said.

Competitive prices and quality services can be maintained with only one food service because Shetley can check on quality by the nature of his position, as director of auxiliary

services, he said. Both Marriott and Student Stores managers report to Shetley.

James Cansler, associate vice chancellor of student affairs and member of UNC's food services advisory committee, said Tuesday that the University has to "get cracking" to improve the facilities available to Marriott and show that UNC recognizes good food service as an integral part of the University.

"Eating together is one of the strongest community-building activities any of us know," Cansler said.

The University cannot assume that any food service will remain at UNC if it continually loses money, he said. Because the process of getting new buildings has to go through so many channels, UNC officials need to begin now, Cansler said.

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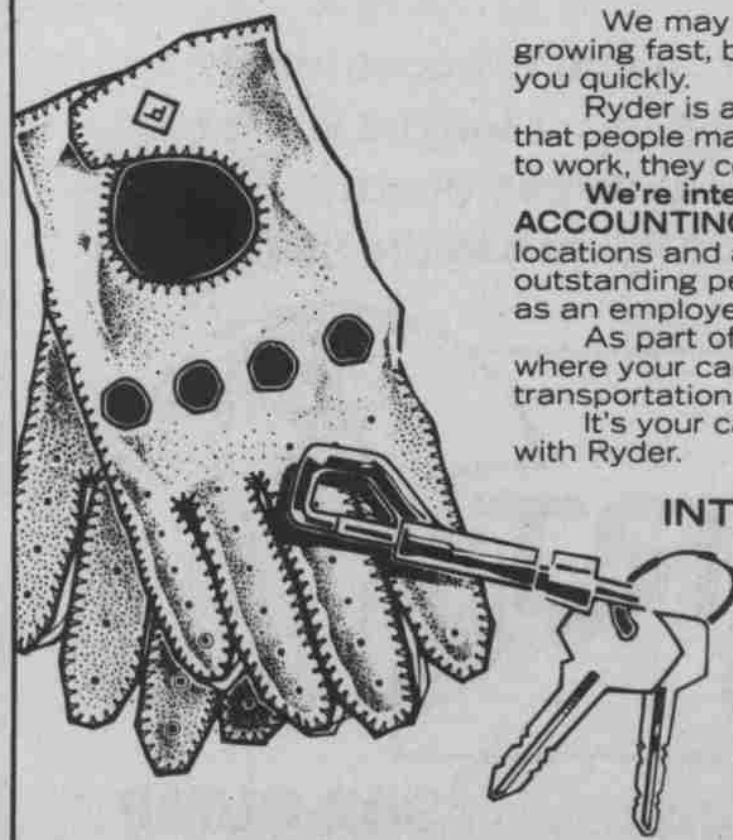
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