

# World and Nation

## Czechoslovak premier steps down

### From Associated Press reports

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia — Premier Ladislav Adamec resigned Thursday while still bargaining with the powerful opposition, which has told the Communists to form an acceptable government or face another general strike.

Adamec, 63, announced his resignation at a meeting with non-Communist party officials about changes in the government, said Bohuslav Kucera of the Socialist Party. He quoted Adamec as saying a new, younger leader was needed to achieve a compromise.

President Gustav Husak asked Deputy Premier Marian Calfa, 43, to take over and continue searching for a solution, the official CTK news agency reported.

Calfa, a Communist, has attended most of Adamec's recent meetings with opposition leaders, who rejected the Cabinet he formed last Sunday.

Adamec had been expected to name a new government Friday that would involve some form of power sharing with the opposition, which in a few weeks has become strong enough to break the Communist Party's 41-year monopoly on power.

The Civic Forum opposition movement and its Slovak counterpart, Public Against Violence, have threatened a nationwide general strike for Monday if a satisfactory government has not been formed.

Civic Forum leader Vaclav Havel, a playwright whose works have been banned in Czechoslovakia, was asked whether he would accept the state presidency if it was offered. His reply: "I have repeatedly said that my occupation is a writer and that I have no political ambitions. I don't feel myself to be a professional politician, but have always put the public interest ahead of my own."

"And, if God help us, the situation should develop in such a way that the only service I could render my country would be to do this, then, of course, I would do it."

Havel added later that no one was promoting his candidacy and he would accept it only if there was no other way out of the political crisis.

Leaders of Civic Forum appeared on the main evening newscast with a list of names they gave Adamec as possible Cabinet members only hours before he resigned.

Zdenek Jicinsky said one proposal was that Slovak dissident Jan Carnogursky be made first deputy premier and other deputy premiers be named from the Socialist Party and the People's Party.

Carnogursky had been imprisoned since August and was freed 12 days ago.

Civic Forum also proposed its current spokesman, Jiri Dienstbier, as foreign minister and economist Vaclav Klaus, a member, as finance minister.

Jicinsky said Petr Miller, a worker at the CKD industrial plant in Prague and senior Civic Forum representative, was suggested as social affairs minister.

There was no official reaction to the proposals. Adamec's resignation was the latest capitulation to a pro-democracy movement that, in less than a month, has forced the Communists to relinquish their monopoly and dismiss leaders associated with the crushing of the Prague Spring reforms of 1968.

The ruling Politburo stripped former party chief Milos Jakes and Miroslav Stepan, the former Prague party boss, of party membership Thursday, accusing them of "grave political mistakes in resolving social tensions."

Mentioned specifically was the brutal police action against peaceful protesters Nov. 17, which started the mass protest that brought the party down. Action against those responsible for the brutality has been a key opposition demand.

Also at the Thursday meeting, the Politburo established a commission to "investigate serious cases of abuse of office by certain party officials" and said a special party congress would be moved up from January to Dec. 20 and 21.

Kucera said his Socialist Party, formally allied with the Communists but increasingly independent, hoped to have at least two ministers in the new government.

The Peoples' Party, another former Communist ally now asserting independence, has said it wants Calfa to form a government with half the ministries run by people who have no party affiliation. It wants the other 50 percent divided among the Communists, itself, the Socialists and two small officially recognized parties in Slovakia, CTK reported.

Adamec left halfway through the two-hour meeting Thursday.

## Bush takes stand on Philippines, drugs

### From Associated Press reports

HOUSTON — The Bush administration voiced strong no-strings support Thursday for Philippines President Corazon Aquino, but congressional leaders expressed concern about the depth of opposition to her.

Press secretary Marlin Fitzwater, traveling with President Bush on a three-state trip to underline anti-drug efforts and boost Republican candidates, said the administration also had concerns about Aquino and certain policies of her government.

"But that does not diminish the fact that we support her and her government and we hope they're successful," Fitzwater said. "We support her government without reservations and do not put strings on that support."

He was asked about comments the day before by a senior administration official suggesting that Aquino's political future was in doubt — and that she should be more attentive to eliminating sources of discontent in her country.

"There are a lot of people who are willing to speculate to that effect in

private," Fitzwater told reporters. "But, on the record we would not speculate on that. She's a democratically elected leader and we want her to succeed."

Leases on the two U.S. bases in the Philippines — Clark Air Base and the Subic Bay naval installation — expire in 1991.

Before leaving Washington, Bush met at the White House with several congressional leaders who commented afterward.

House Speaker Thomas Foley said, "It appears that the immediate threat to Aquino's government has been removed, but it's troubling that some of the rebel military elements (are) among the most professional and proficient Philippine military."

Another Democrat, Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, said the coup attempt raised concerns about U.S. aid for the Philippines, especially regarding the future of the U.S. bases there.

"We're obviously concerned about what that money's going to be spent on, what the government's going to be

there," said Leahy. Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., said the coup effort was the strongest so far and "our intelligence shows us if they keep stepping it up grade by grade, she will be in deep trouble."

At the State Department, spokesman Richard Boucher set a more optimistic tone, saying the Aquino government "has shown incredible resilience in this situation."

U.S. officials expect "that the Philippine people can pull together under President Aquino's leadership," Boucher said.

In Houston, Bush concentrated on the anti-drug fight, standing in a park once overrun by drug dealers and likening domestic battles against addiction and crime to the struggles for freedom sweeping Eastern Europe.

"As with the new freedom in Eastern Europe, freedom from drugs isn't something the government can give you. You've got to take a stand. You've got to take back the streets. And that's exactly what you did, right here," Bush

spoke to a civic association at Wenzel Park and praised the community for driving drug dealers out of the park.

"In recent years, the dream on Main Street became the nightmare on Elm Street."

"One thousand people swept into the park. One thousand people swept the drug dealers out. They haven't come back."

"You were united, you were determined, you were angry and you were right."

On the trip, Fitzwater also was asked about the senior official's comments on Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, called Gorbachev's economic views "simplistic" and said he displayed a lack of sophistication in his meeting at Malta last weekend with Bush.

Fitzwater said the official should probably have not used the word simplistic and that "we wouldn't use that word."

## Research for AIDS vaccine shows promise in monkeys

### From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — A new vaccine against a virus that causes AIDS in monkeys is a significant advance toward developing a vaccine to protect people against the closely related human AIDS virus, experts said Thursday.

"The major significance of this work is that (it shows) a vaccine is possible for an AIDS virus," said Michael Murphey-Corb, head of a team at the Delta Regional Primate Research Center in Covington, La., that developed the simian vaccine.

Researchers at the Tulane University research center said a vaccine made of whole, inactivated simian immunodeficiency virus (SIV) can protect rhesus monkeys against the virus, which is a close genetic relative of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) that causes AIDS.

Wayne Koff, chief of AIDS vaccine research at the National Institutes of Health, said the work by Murphey-Corb and her colleagues "is the most significant advance in the vaccine field since we started the AIDS vaccine program."

### News in Brief

**Indira Gandhi.**  
"Too much bloodshed has taken place," the Hindu prime minister told about 20,000 Sikhs inside the 14th-century shrine. "The time has come to win the hearts of the people."

**Call for peace gets response**  
JERUSALEM — On the eve of the Palestinian uprising's second anniversary, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir accepted a U.S. call for talks by Egyptian, American and Israeli officials as a step toward peace, a spokesman said Thursday.

Shamir called a meeting Friday of the four top Cabinet ministers to approve sending Foreign Minister Moshe Arens to the talks, Israel TV reported.

The "forum of four" includes Shamir and Arens of the right-wing Likud bloc as well as two left-leaning Labor Party members.

**East Germany nods to elections**  
EAST BERLIN — The Communist Party agreed Thursday to cooperate with the opposition, after 40 years of ruling East Germany with Stalinist orthodoxy, and both sides proposed elections in May and agreed to rewrite the constitution.

The Communist Party may even follow the Hungarian party in changing its name.

The first talks between party and opposition delegations were held after publication of the new Communist program and produced an agreement to recommend that Parliament schedule elections May 6.

**Further coup attempts predicted**  
MANILA, Philippines — Talks with rebel holdouts on Cebu Island broke down Thursday after mutineers in Manila laid down their arms, and a political rival predicted more attempts to overthrow President Corazon Aquino.

Cardinal Jaime L. Sin, Roman Catholic archbishop of Manila, endorsed an appeal by Aquino for people to join a mass rally Friday in support of democracy.

"The future of the nation is in your hands," the cardinal said.

### Militias clash during strike

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Rival Shiite militias fought in Moslem west Beirut on Thursday during a general strike to protest alleged attempts by Michel Aoun, the rebellious Christian general, to partition Lebanon.

Police said no casualty reports were available on the battle between the pro-Iranian Hezbollah and Amal, a more moderate militia supported by Syria.

"Luckily this clash broke out on a day of general strike, which decreases casualties among civilians," said a police spokesman, whose name was withheld in keeping with regulations.

### Singh visits Sikh shrine

AMRITSAR, India — Prime Minister V.P. Singh visited Sikhism's holiest shrine, the Golden Temple, on Thursday in a major initiative by his government to end the lingering secessionist campaign by Sikh militants.

It was the first visit by a prime minister to the Golden Temple in more than five years, since shortly after a bloody army raid that led to the assassination of Prime Minister

## Wish

Big Woods vanish, to be replaced by all the trees that were once there, and a posted sign saying "no nesting allowed."

Tony Deifell, co-chairman of the Campus Y, submitted a wish for trees as well. "I would like to see the end of the Great Senior Tree Massacre."

Dula kept his personal wishes simple, wanting only a spot on the dean's list and a "sweetheart."

Deifell had one equally modest wish. "What I want for Christmas is to have a simple holiday to kind of retreat from the perplexities of life. I need a break."

Ed Davis, editor of the Phoenix student newsweekly, also kept his wants reasonable.

"I want a dozen NeXT computer systems, each with its own 400 dpi laser printer. If Student Congress could help out with the funding, that would be nice."

Some interviewees exhibited impatience for the granting of their Christmas wishes.

"I'd like for state regulations to go away," said Harry Gooder, Faculty Council chairman. "When will that be here? Can you get it here by Saturday?"

Others were already out trying to make their wishes come true, as shown by the statement head football coach Mack Brown's secretary gave callers: "He's out recruiting; may I take a message?"

And finally, here are selected excerpts from the lengthy wish list of Student Congress speaker Gene Davis: "I wish for people to love and not hate, laugh and not cry, work for justice and not perpetuate oppression, for people to strive to make the world a better place ...

"(I wish) for each person to stop and ask themselves not, 'Am I better off,'

but, 'Are those who are hungry, those who are homeless, those who are naked, better off?'" ...

"Christmas is a season of giving. May that become a priority throughout the year. My Christmas wish in short is that the downtrodden be lifted up ...

"Perhaps I am a hopeless romantic but I believe that each individual can improve our world in some small way, and it is my wish that everyone will try."

Didn't he say "in short"?

Davis did have one personal request. "I wish to snuggle by a fire with the most beautiful and wonderful woman in the whole world, my girlfriend."

Said one anonymous staff writer, "I want good DTH stories."

Well, this writer has already received that wish. Merry Christmas UNC, and may all your desires be within your grasp.

## Animal

sionate Living Fair which was designed to introduce cruelty-free products to student (researchers)."

Their group also was active in Triangle Animal Awareness Week, an annual October celebration that features speakers, plays and performances. The three-day event generally includes notable speakers, including Frances Lappe this year, Loftus said.

Some campus organizations participate in protests sponsored by the N.C. Network, a statewide animal rights group.

"We do a lot of stuff with the network," said Chris Brannon, president of UNC's SETA, an independent group. "It is the most active organization in North Carolina."

In November, Duke and UNC SETA members attended an anti-rodeo demonstration in Raleigh sponsored by the

network.

Brannon said the members protested outside the rodeo, which was held at the Raleigh fairgrounds.

He described cruel practices toward rodeo animals, including the method of making them "buck" with electric prods. "A steer would never buck (on its own)."

The day after the rodeo, Duke and UNC SETA members participated in an anti-fur protest. Many animal rights groups equate the use of fur with the slaughter of animals, and opposition to fur products is common among these organizations.

Brannon said the frequent anti-fur activity was due to the time of year. "This is the season for selling fur coats."

Loftus noted an early November demonstration in which members of NCSU's SETA stood on U.S. Highway 70 outside Hertzberg and held up signs denouncing the use of fur.

The Animal Rights League, which also participates in a World Week of Prayer for Animals, has an answering machine that runs: "Fur coats are worn by beautiful animals and ugly people. Please do not buy fur."

## For the Record

In Tuesday's article "Price announces possible cuts in Medicare," it was incorrectly reported that U.S. Rep. David Price, D-Orange, said that Congress was considering cuts in Medicare. He said, however, that Congress must contain present cost increases in the Medicare budget. Also, Medicare costs expanded eight-fold in the last 15 years, not in the past year.

Also, in Tuesday's article "Return of social fees requested," a quotation from Mindy Friedman should have read, "Just because the Christmas tree has become Americanized and commercialized does not mean it is not a representation of Christmas, which is a Christian holiday."

The Daily Tar Heel regrets the errors.

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