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**Rhodesia receives U.S. support**

United Press International  
 WASHINGTON — The State Department has officially acknowledged the end of the Anglo-American plan to bring peace to southern Africa by throwing its full weight behind the British proposal to write a new constitution for Zimbabwe Rhodesia.

"I want to emphasize that this is a British initiative," State Department spokesman Tom Reston said Monday. "The United States will be supportive."

The U.S. support, he said, will include continued talks with leaders of the Patriotic Front, who are carrying on the guerrilla war against Zimbabwe Rhodesia.

The heart of the Anglo-American initiative was to apply pressure on the Salisbury government to permit internationally supervised elections and to try to bring the Patriotic Front and the Rhodesian government together at the conference table.

Although elections were held in May, they did not satisfy the requirement for international supervision, and the United States and Great Britain found the new constitution deficient because it reserved too much power for the cent White minority.

U.S. officials said the States had been informed of the British plan to put together a proposed constitution for Zimbabwe Rhodesia, but it was clear from Reston's comments Anglo-American cooperation has evolved into an equal partnership, with Britain leading down the policy for southern Africa, and the United States playing a supporting role.

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**Virus claims 3 more lives**

United Press International  
 TORONTO — Legionnaire's disease, the mysterious pneumonia-like illness, is suspected of killing three people in Toronto in the past week.

Nine other people in two city hospitals are ill — five of them seriously.

Legionnaire's disease — so-called because it first killed 29 people attending an American Legion convention in Philadelphia in 1976 — has not been confirmed.

Dr. Sandu Toma, chief medical bacteriologist with the Province of Ontario's Health Ministry, said Monday blood and tissue culture tests that could confirm the disease would likely take a week to 10 days to complete.

Toma said the Toronto area had 21 confirmed cases of the disease in two years, including three fatal ones — two in 1978 and one last May.

Seven of the patients with symptoms of the disease, all over 50, were in Humber Memorial Hospital. The three most ill were receiving intensive care, breathing with the help of respirators. The other four were responding well to the antibiotic erythromycin.

The two others, in Northwestern General Hospital's intensive care unit, were in "improving" condition, a spokesman said.

Doctors and district medical officers in Toronto, Canada's largest city, have not found a common denominator connecting the patients that might give them a clue to the infection.

But Dr. Sydney Shubert, who treated Stephen Lowe, 68, before he died July 30, said soil, dust and swamp water tests should be conducted at an excavation for a highway extension near the home of seven of the victims.

"I thought this was more than a coincidence," Shubert told reporters Monday. "It's just a thought but I think it should be looked into."

Shubert said Lowe's wife Anne became ill while visiting Calgary, Alberta, at about the same time Lowe was stricken in Toronto. She was "coming along nicely" Monday, Calgary General Hospital officials said.

A man suffering from severe pneumonia died in Toronto General's respiratory unit last week. He was not identified by hospital authorities. Last Saturday, Orin Kerr, 26, died about 40 minutes after being admitted to a hospital with breathing difficulties and chest pains.

**Refugees fight in Australia**

United Press International  
 BRISBANE, Australia — About 300 Vietnamese boat refugees fought a pitched battle with more than 200 dockworkers over the visit of two trade unionists from their communist homeland.

No serious injuries were reported, but the faces of many of the brawlers were bloodied in the fighting Monday outside the Waterside Workers' Federation.

Police said four Vietnamese and five Australians were arrested.

The protesting refugees arrived early Monday at the headquarters of the Waterside Workers Federation and tried to drag the two Vietnamese trade unionists from their car.

Dockworkers rushed from the Federation hall, pushing and shoving the protesters back to clear a path for Nguyen Thuyet, general secretary of the Vietnam Trade Union Federation, and Do Tong Hop, an official in the union's international department.

At least six screaming Vietnamese wielding sticks ran across the street and began hitting the dockworkers, who chanted "Ho, Ho, Ho Chi Minh," police said.

A Vietnamese, who did not want to be identified, said the dockworkers struck back with billiard cues.

"Many of our people had blood all over their faces," he said. "I was pushed to the ground and punched. It was terrifying."

Police eventually restrained the Vietnamese protesters, all former boat people now at the Woolcote migrant center near Brisbane.

Inside, the Vietnamese and Australian unionists held brief talks.

**Mount Etna continues to threaten villages**

United Press International  
 CATANIA, Sicily — Rock, ash and a new fast flow of molten lava spewing from Mount Etna, Europe's mightiest and most tempestuous volcano, Tuesday was threatening tiny villages nestled on its slopes.

The new eruption showered Catania, 20 miles away, with black ash for the first time in 20 years and forced temporary closure of its airport.

Eruptions from three new craters on the 10,707-foot high mountain seemed to be subsiding after its greatest activity in 20 years last week, but volcanologists in a helicopter Monday night detected a new flow from a crater halfway up Etna's eastern slopes.

World-renowned Belgian volcano expert Haroun Tazieff and other officials hovering above Etna in a helicopter reported the new lava stream was moving at 200 yards an hour along a 150-yard front, faster than any of the earlier flows.

They said the volcano was roaring loudly and blowing rock and ash into the sky.

Experts reported the lava was extremely fluid, rolling down mountainside over lava that flowed out three days ago and solidified.

The lava was flowing straight toward the village of Fornazzo, five miles away. Two days ago, Fornazzo families fled from the first eruption.

Before abandoning their homes, the villagers plastered their houses with pictures of their patron saint, Alfio.

Last week the lava came to within 150 yards of the village before suddenly turning aside and spilling the Plain of Sambuca, which cooled rapidly.

Fornazzo's residents claimed invocations to their village patron turned the flow aside, as it had the village was similarly endangered in 1971.

Lava from the volcano has destroyed more than 125 apple and nut orchards in the area down the mountainside, but it is what makes the area around it among the most fertile in Sicily.

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