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Argentina says no to Haig's peace plan

United Press International
Argentina rejected "definitively" a peace formula for the Falkland Islands that would include U.S. participation in local administration of the British-owned islands, the Buenos Aires newspaper Clarin said today.

The move came as Secretary of State Alexander Haig delayed his departure from Britain for more talks today with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Argentina said his shuttle to head off war over the Falklands hadn't made enough progress to justify another visit.

The British navy armada conducted war drills as it steamed toward the windswept South Atlantic islands, and the commander of the Argentine fleet gave his crews a farewell speech in preparation for a possible armed challenge to the British naval blockade of the Falklands.

The Clarin newspaper quoted military sources today as saying Argentine Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez gave the Argentine answer in a telephone conversation with Haig.

The proposal provided for a temporary administration on the disputed islands that would include Argentina, Britain and the United States, the report said.

It said the formula was posed by Haig and approved by Thatcher.

"Costa Mendez energetically and definitively rejected the proposal in the name of the Argentine government," Clarin said. "In the face of this, Haig put off for the moment his trip to Buenos Aires," it said.

In London, Haig apparently made little headway in more than 11 hours of talks with Thatcher Monday. After those talks, when asked if he was more hopeful of a peaceful settlement, he replied: "not at all."

Haig, who spent a weary night phoning back and forth between Argentina and Washington, refused comment when he arrived at the prime minister's offices for the unexpected extra meeting shortly after 9 a.m. this morning.

He declined comment again when he left 90 minutes later but British officials blamed the delay in the peace

mission on Argentina. "The talks made it clear that the present difficulties lie in Buenos Aires," said one official as Haig walked out.

Diplomatic sources said Argentine Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez told Haig the proposals he and Thatcher worked up were unacceptable and would not justify a second visit to Argentina.

Britain said it wanted a peaceful solution, but reiterated its naval force would continue churning towards the Falklands unless the Argentine invasion force is withdrawn from the islands.

Wright in Nicaragua on mission

United Press International
MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Rep. Jim Wright, D-Tex., in Nicaragua today on a factfinding mission with four other congressmen, says he and his colleagues "haven't come to punish" Nicaragua for alleged arms shipments to Salvadoran rebels — but to seek better relations.

Wright said Monday that he and four other congressmen would talk with Nicaraguan leaders about the Reagan administration's eight-point plan for improving relations with the Central American nation.

The bipartisan delegation visited El Salvador last week as part of their five-nation swing through Central America and the Caribbean.

"Our objective is to express our interest in the region's economic development and our hope that a peaceful and democratic solution is found for the area's problems," said Wright, speaking in Spanish at a Managua airport news conference.

"We believe President Reagan's Caribbean Basin Initiative and the eight points of reconciliation with Nicaragua presented recently and now being considered by Nicaragua's government, can serve as a starting point for a better future."

Asked about U.S. charges that Nicaragua is shipping weapons to Salvadoran rebels, Wright said he had seen State Department evidence of the shipments. "We haven't come to punish our hosts but to offer an opportunity to be friendlier and more respectful of mutual rights," he said.

He said the United States has indirectly aided in training Central American nations to stop the flow of arms to El Salvador, "but one must distinguish this from any covert action to spur an invasion of Nicaraguans' property."



Through the looking glass

Greg Carter, a sophomore health major from Lubbock, appears only as big as the sign on the truck door, but it is merely his image reflected in the mirror stored on the truck. The mirrors were being put in the MSC Bookstore.

Taiwan military package goes to Congress this week

United Press International
WASHINGTON — President Reagan faces the first major test of his China policy when he formally asks Congress this week to approve a \$60 million sale of military spare parts to Taiwan. Peking strongly objects to the sale.

Senate sources said Monday the administration will send the Taiwan package to Capitol Hill this week.

China says U.S. military aid to the Taipei is interference in internal

Chinese affairs and has made the Taiwan sale a test of U.S.-Sino relations.

China has threatened to downgrade relations with Washington — which could include recalling its ambassador — if the sales of military supplies to Taiwan continue.

In an apparent attempt to keep the arms sales from seriously damaging U.S.-Sino relations, China's Ambassador Chai Zemin in Washington was invited in for talks last Monday with

Secretary of State Alexander Haig and other ranking State Department officials.

The Reagan administration has made clear it wants to maintain the improved ties with China, but also wants to continue U.S. support for Taiwan. It has tried to meet Chinese concerns by not approving the sale of advanced FX jet fighters to Taiwan and by limiting military sales to spare parts.

'First come, first served' not true at pre-registration

by David Calvert
Battalion Reporter
Pre-registration for fall starts Monday, but officials in the registrar's office say students can take some steps now to save themselves trouble later.

Since some departments only handle students on certain days, each student should check with his department for counseling and pre-registration times.

And fall course schedules are available in front of Heaton Hall and in the lobby of Rudder Tower.

Associate Registrar Donald D. Carter said seniors receive priority in class assignments. After that, registrations are handled on a first-come,

first-served basis.

"The lines are longest on Monday and taper off as the week goes on," Carter said. "On Friday the lines get longer again."

The chances of getting a preferred schedule are no better on Monday than on any other day, Carter said.

"Many students think they'll get the classes they want when they want if they turn in their card packet on Monday," he said. "That is why the lines are so long on Monday."

"If more students would come on Tuesday or Wednesday, they wouldn't have to wait as long."

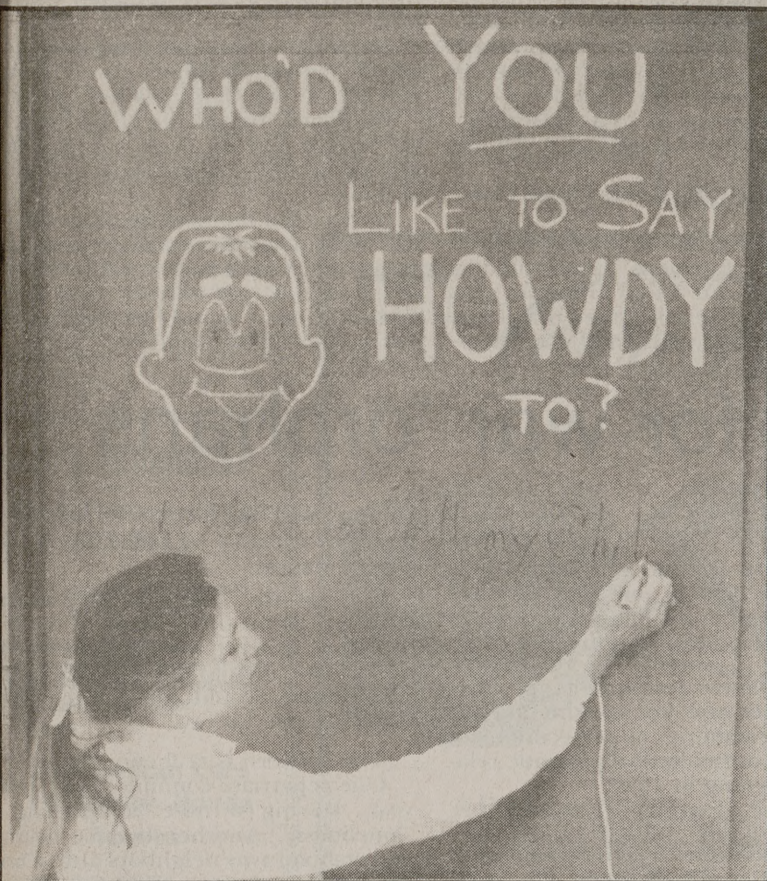
Students planning to graduate this summer should note that an error has been found in the summer course

schedule. Seniors who plan to graduate in August can begin filing degree applications June 1 instead of June 11, as listed in the summer course schedule.

June 11 is the degree filing deadline for the first session.

A major change in the delayed registration and drop-add policy will take effect this fall, Carter said. In the past, scheduled registration and drop-add started the same day.

But, this year, delayed registration will begin August 23. The drop-add process will begin August 25. Carter said this was changed because of problems with the registration process.



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Howdy Week's back

Christy Jackson, Howdy chairperson, fills in the first entry on a banner posted in the MSC by the Traditions Council, in honor of Howdy Week. Jackson is a senior Food Science major from Houston. Howdy Week began Monday.

Teaching vs. research

Officials differ on job emphasis for faculty

by Joe Tindel Jr.
Battalion Reporter
Occasional complaints about teaching quality at colleges or universities are nothing new. The only thing that changes is the reason given and, at Texas A&M University, the most common reason given lately for low-quality teaching is an overemphasis on research.

One Texas A&M faculty member said he believes the administration is making research more rewarding for faculty than teaching. Another said he believes a strong emphasis on research is inevitable because Texas

A&M is a relatively young university striving for excellence in the academic world.

But, a University administrator has denied that research is weighed more heavily than teaching.

Dr. Rod O'Connor, head of the first-year chemistry program, said Texas A&M stresses research to the exclusion of teaching.

"We are becoming poorer teachers so that we can become better researchers," he said.

The administration gives higher salary raises to faculty who are excellent researchers than to those who are

excellent teachers, O'Connor said.

The Students for Academic Excellence recently completed a survey of salary raises given to faculty who have won teaching and research awards presented by the Association of Former Students.

Based on monthly salaries and computed for 12-month periods for comparison, salary increases from 1975 to 1981 for research award winners averaged \$15,953, while increases for teaching award winners over the same period averaged \$10,742.

If the trend continues, the survey

suggests research award winners will earn an average of \$110,000 more than teaching award winners over the next ten years.

The salaries were taken from the University budgets over those years.

But Pieter Groot, assistant vice-president for academic budgets, said the budget is good only on Sept. 1, and is outdated after that date.

Many changes already have been made in the 1981-82 budget, and some of the faculty listed in the budget may not be listed next year.

"I think if one group comes out in front of the other it is simply a coinci-

dence because the salaries are not based on that (research awards)," Groot said.

The award given by the Association of Former Students is only one of many awards given to faculty, and it would not be correct to base the results on that award, he said. The differences in salaries could be a result of market demand, Groot said.

A professor in engineering might have a higher salary than a humanities professor because the demand for engineering professors is greater, he

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forecast

Today's Forecast: Mostly cloudy and windy becoming partly cloudy this afternoon; high today in the upper 80s; low in the mid-60s. Wednesday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the mid-80s.