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Iran offer throws vote in doubt

United Press International
NAIROBI, Kenya — Iran tried to gain support today for the expulsion of Israel from the International Telecommunications Union by offering to assume U.S. payments to the agency if the United States withdraws.

Before the offer was made, the U.S. delegation had been optimistic the anti-Israel vote would fail. The United States contributes \$3.1 million of the \$40 million annual ITU budget.

Secretary of State George Shultz ordered Gardner to walk out of the conference, suspend all U.S. payments to the ITU, and return to Washington to "reassess any future U.S. involvement in the ITU," Gardner told delegates.

If Israel is expelled, Britain, France, West Germany and other Common Market members have said they would join the U.S. walkout.

Iran's director-general of telecommunications, Mustafa Safavi, said the Tehran government would cover \$250,000 of the U.S. contribution and the entire U.S. payment if other states did not offer to help.

The U.S. delegation was confident

it could force a secret ballot on the resolution today in hopes countries that might take an anti-Israel stand in public would not do so in private.

There also was a move by European countries, Canada and Australia to replace the resolution with a watered-down version that would condemn Israel for the recent massacre but not expel it from the union.

The resolution, sponsored by hard-line Algeria, seeks to exclude

Israel from the 157-nation organization because of the recent "massacres of Palestinians and Lebanese civilians" during Israel's invasion of Lebanon.

Besides condemning last month's massacre of hundreds of residents of Beirut refugee camps and the killing of thousands of civilians in the Lebanon war, Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini considers Israel

an enemy of Islam.

U.S. delegate James Pope said the Iranian offer would not affect the U.S. position because "we're not talking about money but the principle of universality."

Both Gardner and the ITU's legal adviser said the Arab, African and Cuban-supported resolution was illegal because it lay outside the ITU mandate.

Police crack down on fines

by Robert McGlohon
Battalion Staff
 A special College Station police task force is looking for about 1,900 people with unpaid traffic tickets, Warrant Officer T.R. Preston said Monday.

Once arrested, the offenders are brought to the College Station jail, where they are held until they post a cash bond.

Exceptions to the rule are rare, Preston said.

"We hardly ever let them out without a cash bond," he said. "Sometimes we do. It depends on the personality of the person."



staff photo by Octavio Garcia

People being sought are those who have not paid their traffic fines within the specified time period and have had warrants issued for their arrest, Preston said.

Normally, handling arrest warrants is Preston's responsibility. But because of a backlog of about 1,900 warrants, a task force was formed to assist him, he said.

Patrolman M.G. Langwell had arrested one Texas A&M student by Monday afternoon. The student was taken from his dorm room.

Langwell said the people he arrested were cooperative, but a little embarrassed. To avoid further embarrassment, he did not handcuff them, Langwell said.

"Our department policy is to handcuff them," he said. "But if we're going through a crowded place, I don't (handcuff them). I just let them know that if they run they'll be stopped."

Checks are not acceptable when posting bond, Preston said. If the prisoner has no cash with him at the time of arrest, he is allowed to phone someone to bring the cash — usually a friend or a bailman, he said.

John Kennedy, captain of the Special Services Bureau, said he has instructed his officers to arrest the offenders wherever they find them — at home, at work or in class.

Kennedy said the directive applies to professors as well as students.

"I don't know if we have any (professors to be arrested)," Kennedy said. "But if there are, they'll be treated the same as anybody else."

Preston said they do not expect to bring in all 1,900 offenders in the two-week period. Eight arrests were expected by the end of the first day, he said.

It's here!

The centerpole for the Aggie bonfire arrived Friday, slightly ahead of schedule. The two-piece pole was brought from Navasota, the reason being the better

quality wood is needed to support the weight of the other logs. After the pieces are put together, they are glued and wired in order to stand the weight of the other logs.

Backers say nuclear freeze will affect voting

United Press International
 Nuclear freeze advocates are trying to unseat the "Doomsday Dozen" — 12 congressmen they consider foes of their mounting peace movement.

Many of the targets, however, insist the main campaign issue is the economy and the nuclear freeze political drive won't have much of an impact on election day.

Katherine Magraw, political director of Peace PAC, said she hopes its grassroots network will tip the balance in the races despite a modest \$200,000 war chest.

She said the targeted congressmen all are in tight races and have voting

records in opposition to a curb on nuclear armament.

The list includes two Democrats, Rep. Bill Chappell of Florida and Sam Stratton of New York, and 10 Republicans: Bob Michel of Illinois, the House GOP leader; William Carney and John LeBoutillier of New York; Don Clausen and John Rousset of California; Dan Marriott of Utah; Denny Smith of Oregon; Frank Wolf of Virginia; James Coyne of Pennsylvania, and Larry Craig of Idaho.

The nuclear-freeze targets downplay the issue.

"We go to a lot of town meetings,

and frankly the question has never been asked," said Karmen Larson, Craig's campaign manager. "That shows that while people are concerned about nuclear proliferation, right now their overriding concern is the economy."

Michel is in the toughest race of his 16-year career, and in his unemployment-plagued central Illinois district anything could tip the balance.

"The economy is such an overriding concern this year, it's hard to tell whether in this district the nuclear freeze will play a part," said Paul Krell, campaign manager for Michel's

Democratic challenger, Doug Stephens.

Marriott has been fending off criticism from state Sen. Frances Farley on several nuclear issues — among them MX missile proposals that involve the state and his opposition to a nuclear freeze.

"I don't want to continue the arms race," says Marriott. "We must stop proliferation but we have an obligation to our citizens to remain strong."

Ms. Farley said, "I think the economy is the No. 1 issue," but, "At every debate I've been in, someone has asked a question about the arms

race."

Wanda Strew, a Clausen campaign aide, said the nuclear-freeze issue has been "overexposed" in Clausen's northern California district and has faded.

But Sharon Usher, campaign manager for Clausen's opponent, Assemblyman Doug Bosco, said 25 percent of the registered voters in Sonoma County, home of 55 percent of the population, signed petitions to put a freeze initiative on the statewide ballot.

In Pennsylvania, former Democratic Rep. Pete Kostmayer is counting

on the movement in his campaign to oust Coyne in a suburban Philadelphia district.

Kostmayer spokesman John Seager said the issue will have a "substantial" impact because, "this is going to be a very close race."

But Timothy Gay, a Coyne spokesman, said the congressman is on the hit list simply because the Democratic National Committee had him targeted.

"Frankly, from what we've seen, the nuclear-freeze issue is not going to be a cutting issue in this campaign," he said.



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Attorney General Mark White speaks to (left to right) county party chairman Neeley Lewis, county clerk Frank Boriskie and senator Kent Caperton after the press conference that took place in room 202

White says PUF is for A&M, UT

by Robert McGlohon
Battalion Staff
 The 17 state universities that want a share of the Permanent University Fund should be given another source of revenue, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mark White said Monday.

White, Texas attorney general and former Texas secretary of state, was in College Station for a press conference and luncheon at the Ramada Inn.

The PUF is the primary source of construction funding for the Texas A&M University System and the University of Texas System.

It is a constitutionally mandated and protected endowment of 2.1 million acres of land in West Texas, which is administered for the benefit of the Texas A&M and UT systems.

The discovery of oil and gas on the land during the past 30 years has caused the value of the PUF to skyrocket.

Rather than make the PUF available to other state universities, White said, he wants to provide them with their own source of funding.

"When we take care of these 17 universities, we take care of Texas A&M," White said.

The 1983 Texas Legislature is expected to consider an alternative source of funds for those universities. White also discussed another issue the Legislature is expected to address — raising the legal drinking age from 19 to 21.

"I would support it (the proposed bill) if it can be demonstrated to save lives," he said, but added that the law needs more study.

An increase in utility rates has become a major issue in the Texas election, White said.

"The business people and homeowners of Texas are paying unwarranted electric bills," White said.

Some homeowners are paying electric bills that are larger than their house payments, White said, and he blamed those high bills on the energy surplus charge. This charge is no longer necessary, White said.

The energy surplus charge was put into effect during the Arab oil embargo. The charge allows utility companies to pass the higher cost of fuel on to consumers.

Public utility commissioners should continue to be appointed until it becomes clear that commissioner elections would not be bought by utility companies, White said.

He continued his "election-buying" criticism in his discussion of his Republican opponent, Gov. William P. Clements Jr.

White criticized Clements for spending more than \$10 million on his campaign.

"In a sense, he is trying to buy the election," White said. "The office of governor is not for sale."


Who's who sheets due

Students who received applications for Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities must return their applications by 5 p.m. Friday.

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Today's Forecast: High of about 80, low in the low 60s. Warming slightly with high haze. Very slight chance of rain.