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Solidarity organizes work strike

Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — Solidarity founder Lech Walesa and the outlawed union movement's underground leadership have called for a nationwide, 15-minute work stoppage on Feb. 28 to protest government plans to raise food prices.

The call came in a joint statement by Walesa and the Solidarity Temporary Coordinating Commission, known by its Polish initials TKK.

The call was circulated to Western correspondents in Warsaw on Wednesday.

It is believed to be the first time Walesa has joined a strike call since before martial law was imposed and Solidarity was suspended in December 1981.

State-run television reported in a related development that investigations were under way against Adam Michnik, a prominent dissident, and Bogdan Lis, a former senior underground leader.

They are thought to have taken part in "a conspiratorial meeting of the so-called Temporary Coordinating Commission of Solidarity" on Jan. 21.

The report cited two articles of the penal code banning participation in an illegal organization.

The two men could get up to three years in prison if charged and convicted.

U.N. leader discusses release of Vietnam MIAs

Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam — Javier Perez de Cuellar, the U.N. secretary-general, Wednesday said progress had been made during talks with Vietnamese leaders toward resolving questions about more than 2,500 Americans missing in action in the Vietnam War.

Perez de Cuellar said at a news conference that he brought up the subject of the missing Americans at the request of the U.S. government, which is demanding a full accounting of MIAs as a condition for re-

storing diplomatic ties with Vietnam. The U.N. chief was on a two-day visit to Hanoi, the Vietnamese capital.

"I was very pleased to find very good receptivity from the Vietnamese and I will pass this on to the American authorities," Perez de Cuellar said.

Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach, who appeared with the U.N. chief at the news conference, said: "I can have no clearer answer than that. ... It is a humanitarian issue and we don't have any conditions."

Perez de Cuellar said he and Thach also discussed the United States' offer to accept some 10,000 Vietnamese interned in "re-education camps" since 1975, but the U.N. official declined to describe Thach's reaction.

Perez de Cuellar also met with Premier Pham Van Dong.

Thach said he welcomed a U.S. role in making peace in Southeast Asia. "If they can make war here, they can easily make peace," he said.

Antibody found to destroy AIDS virus

Associated Press

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Scientists have for the first time identified an antibody that inactivates the AIDS virus in laboratory experiments, a step toward development of an AIDS vaccine, a researcher said Thursday.

The discovery "does not prove you're going to be successful in finding a vaccine," said Dr. Robert Gallo of the National Cancer Institute, who headed one of two teams that announced discovery of the likely AIDS virus last April.

Asked if he believes an anti-AIDS

vaccine can be developed, Gallo replied: "I am hopeful ... but it's really hard to say when."

Considerable research must be done to determine whether the antibody will destroy the virus in the human body as effectively as it destroys it in the laboratory.

Gallo described the discovery while talking to reporters attending a scientific conference in Newport Beach sponsored by the City of Hope National Medical Center. He said the discovery, made only recently, has not yet been reported in a scientific journal.

The so-called "neutralizing antibody" was identified by Dr. Marjorie Robert-Guroff in Gallo's laboratory and independently by Dr. Martin Hirsch at Massachusetts General Hospital, Gallo said.

Reached in Boston, Hirsch confirmed the discovery, but declined further comment, except to say his findings soon will be published in a letter to the editor of a medical journal — which he declined to identify — and will be presented in April during an AIDS conference in Atlanta.

Gallo said the antibody knocks out

the ability of the AIDS virus to infect cells.

AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, is marked by the inability of the body's immune system to resist disease.

Homosexuals, Haitians, abusers of injectable drugs and hemophiliacs are most likely to get AIDS, which is apparently spread by sexual contact, contaminated needles and blood transfusions, but not by casual contact.



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