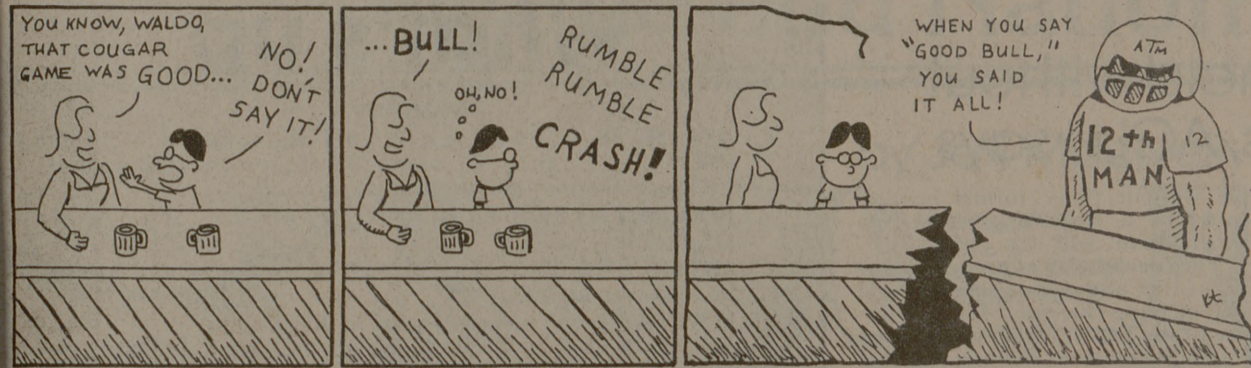


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by Scott McCullar

U.S orders Palestinian to be jailed

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group Palestine Liberation Front, flew out of Italy on a Yugoslavian airliner after he was released despite U.S. requests that he be detained. Abbas and his Palestinian companion were met in Belgrade by PLO officials.

"If they abide by their extradition treaty, we will have ample time to prove that Abbas is guilty of this crime as one of the conspirators," he said, appearing on ABC TV's "This Week with David Brinkley."

Italy released Abbas despite an understanding by President Reagan, from telephone conversation with Italian Prime Minister Craxi, that all six would be held, Sofaer said. He said the Italians disguised Abbas to get him out.

"My understanding is Craxi told our president that the six would be kept in jail, and these two, particularly Abbas, were put in the Egyptian Cultural Center and were sneaked out of there, as far as we understand, in Egyptian sailors' uniforms," he said.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said, "Abbas, also known as Abu Khaled, is one of the most notorious Palestinian terrorists and has been involved in savage attacks on civilians," he said. "Evidence at hand strongly suggests that Abbas was criminally implicated in the hijacking of the Achille Lauro — indeed that he planned and controlled the operation."

Italy rebuked by American ambassador

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leader Yasser Arafat, was one of two Palestinians who accompanied the hijackers on an Egyptian jet that was intercepted by U.S. warplanes over the Mediterranean and forced down in Sicily early Friday.

Egypt claims the plane was returning after being denied landing rights in Tunisia when it was met by the U.S. jets.

On Saturday, Italy let Abbas slip out of the country on a flight to Belgrade, Yugoslavia, along with an unidentified Palestinian aide.

The United States wants Yugoslavia to arrest Abbas, but a government spokesman in Belgrade said his country has "good relations with the PLO, and we support the Palestinian cause."

In other developments, U.S. Ambassador Nicholas Veliotes said in Cairo, Egypt, on Sunday that the United States regretted it had to intercept the Egyptian plane. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has called the U.S. military operation an act of piracy.

"We deeply regret that this action was necessary," Veliotes said, reading a statement. "This was done after most serious consideration and with reluctance."

Also Sunday, the Egyptian plane returned to Cairo after getting Italian judicial clearance to depart. The Achille Lauro, anchored off Port Said since the hijackers surrendered Wednesday, was given permission to sail by Egyptian authorities and was expected to arrive in Genoa in three days.

There was no information on the progress of the investigation by Italian magistrates, who are reported to believe the hijackers boarded the liner in Genoa with false passports.

Italian newspapers, meanwhile, said the four men had admitted hijacking the ship but denied killing Klinghoffer.

Students protest apartheid

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pray to your God, that a peaceful solution arise," he said.

The protesters, who began the march around 5 p.m., stopped to yell "beat the hell outta apartheid" to the evening traffic at the southwest corner of University and Texas avenues.

The protesters chanted, "I, you, we all say, apartheid must end, and the time is today," along the march route.

In compliance with University Police regulations, the group marched silently through the A&M campus.

At the Rudder Fountain rally, speakers denounced the apartheid situation in South Africa.

Hugh Stearns, a founding member of Students Against Apartheid, said Congress is not doing enough to help correct the situation.

"American dollars have a big voice in South Africa," Stearns said. "Take away that money and you take away that voice."

Stearns said that in South Africa, \$1,075 is spent annually on each white student's education, but only \$113 is spent on each black student's education.

Stearns also said that South African black miners make one-seventh the wages of a white miner.

Dr. Larry Yarak, assistant professor of history at A&M, spoke on the history of apartheid.

"The apartheid ideal is total black segregation," Yarak said, "yet it uses blacks for cheap labor."

Yarak said that between 1890 and 1960, black mine workers' wages remained the same.

Sam Aletan, of Nigeria, Africa, vice president of Students Against Apartheid, said, "We're sending a letter to Botha saying the heat is on, and you ain't seen nothing yet."

Aletan was referring to Peter W. Botha, the president of the Nationalist Party that rules South Africa.

Aletan told the protesters to be optimistic.

"We have the people, we have the time, and we have God on our side," he said.

Amy Walker, secretary of the organization, said she was happy with the turnout and was proud of the A&M students for putting aside conservative beliefs.

Treasurer Greg Blackwell said divestment is an issue for the future. He also said educating the community on apartheid will remain important.

"Information is the key," he said. Students Against Apartheid was founded last May and has about 35 to 40 members.

Blackwell said he thought membership could easily double because of the protest, which he said was a success because of the faculty who donated money to the organization.

"I've never seen anything quite like it," Blackwell said.

The adviser for Students Against Apartheid, Dr. Terry Anderson, assistant professor of history, reiterated that the reason for the protest was to raise community awareness on the apartheid situation.

"It is in no way a protest against Texas A&M," Anderson said.

At the rally were two members of a pro-apartheid group. The two, who wished to remain unidentified, said that if the black majority were granted equality, it would overcome the whites and a bloodbath would result. The pro-apartheid members added that the Blacks in South Africa are not ready for equal rights because they are uneducated.

They were met with opposition by the protesters, who mentioned that Bishop Tutu supports peaceful equality among the white population.



Photo by JOHN MAKELY
Nigerian Babatunde Shotolu, a graduate student, speaks out against Apartheid Friday.



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Larry Yarak of College Station pushes his three-year-old son, Steven during the Anti-Apartheid Rally.

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