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## Israelis release tape of PLO conversation

Associated Press

A man Israel said was PLO official Mohammed Abbas speaking to the Achille Lauro's hijackers told them in tapes of radio conversations released Wednesday to explain "our objective" to the cruise ship's passengers and not to harm them.

Israel said the conversation occurred Oct. 9, the day after American passenger Leon Klinghoffer was shot twice and thrown overboard off the coast of Syria.

Abbas was with the four hijackers on the Egyptian airliner U.S. Navy

jets forced down last Friday at a NATO base in Sicily.

The United States and Israel accused him of directing the piracy and the Reagan administration demanded that he be held, but Italy let him go and its splintered coalition government may collapse as a result.

The liner ended its odyssey of terror Wednesday, steaming into its home port of Genoa, Italy, and Leon Klinghoffer's body was flown to Rome for an autopsy.

Genoa prosecutors charged two more Palestinians in Klinghoffer's

death, bringing the number of defendants to seven.

Maj. Gen. Ehud Barak, chief of Israeli military intelligence, played a tape recording on Israel television of a conversation in Arabic that he said was conducted Oct. 9 between Abbas and the pirates who had grabbed the Achille Lauro two days earlier off Port Said, Egypt.

In a transcript, translated and released by the Israeli army, Abbas was quoted as urging the hijackers to treat the passengers well and "tell them our objective was not to take

control of the ship."

The army's transcript quoted Abbas as telling a hijacker called Majed: "Listen to me well. First of all, the passengers should be treated very well. In addition, you must apologize to them and the ship's crew and to the captain, and tell them our objective was not to take control of the ship. Tell them what your main objective is. ... Can you hear me well?"

Barak said Abbas, appointed by Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat to negotiate the hijackers' surrender and the release

of the ship and more than 500 people aboard, was at Egypt's Port Said ship-to-shore radio station when the conversation took place.

The hijackers, Israeli officials and Abbas' Palestine Liberation Front have said the initial plan was for a terror attack when the ship reached the Israeli port of Ashdod.

Italian prosecution sources quoted the Palestinians, who claim to be PLF members, as saying they decided to seize the ship after a waiter saw them with weapons.

Gennaro Calabrese De Feo, chief

prosecutor in Genoa, said all seven Palestinians accused in the hijacking had been charged with kidnapping and murder in Klinghoffer's death.

The American's body drifted to shore Monday near the Syrian port of Tartus.

Reports from the captain and others on the Achille Lauro said the Palestinian pirates shot the 69-year-old New Yorker, who was confined to a wheelchair, when the ship was off

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Photo by JAIME LOPEZ

### Beat The Hell Outta Baylor!

Tuesday night the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band marched to Cain Hall with a crowd of non-regs and cadets to hold a "pull-out" yell practice. Joining with the crowd are members of the football

team. Regular yell practice for this weekend's game in Waco will be held tonight at the Grove at 7 p.m. and Friday night at the Waco Convention Center on Washington Avenue near the Hilton.

## Suspension of civil rights may increase support for Contras

Associated Press

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Opposition leaders said Wednesday the suspension of civil rights will intensify the war-like atmosphere in this leftist-ruled nation and may encourage support for U.S.-backed rebels.

President Daniel Ortega announced Tuesday night that free expression, public assembly and the right to strike had been suspended because of "brutal aggression" by the United States and "its internal allies" against the Sandinista regime.

His decree subjects Nicaraguans to inspection of mail and search and seizure without warrant. Authorities have no obligation to release information about those arrested.

News media must submit their material to the Interior Ministry's director of communications before publication or broadcast. Similar rules have not affected foreign journalists in the past, but the scope of the current decree was not clear immediately.

La Prensa, the main opposition newspaper, had been required previously to submit material dealing with "military affairs and the nation's economic relations."

Ortega said in a speech broadcast nationally: "In response to the terrorist politics of the United States ... internal pawns of imperialism supported by some political parties, news media outlets and religious institutions have redoubled their actions to sabotage the defense forces of our nation."

"It is a fundamental condition for the lifting of these exceptional measures that the imperialist aggression against Nicaragua be effectively stopped."

In Washington, White House spokesman Larry Speakes called Ortega's action "a clear example of the Sandinistas tightening their control of their country by violating basic freedoms and refusing to tolerate dissent" that reflects "growing disillusionment with the Sandinista regime by large parts of the population and the Sandinistas' fear of their own people."

"These individuals have trampled on civil liberties as very few countries have done in the past," he said Wednesday.

The United States backs Nicaraguan rebels, known as Contras, who operate from bases in Honduras and

southern Nicaragua.

The Sandinistas overthrew rightist President Anastasio Somoza in July 1979 and suspended most rights and constitutional guarantees when they declared a state of emergency in March 1982.

Ortega's government lifted the suspension in most cases shortly before national elections last November, when hundreds of foreign journalists and observers were in Nicaragua.

Erick Ramirez, head of the Social Christian Party of Nicaragua, said Wednesday that the government action "polarizes even more the situation in Nicaragua, ends the few guarantees the Nicaraguan people have, increases the tension and justifies the increase of the counter-revolution."

Justice Minister Rodrigo Reyes insisted that the decree "preserves the intrinsic rights of the people, such as the right to life and physical integrity."

Ortega did not mention specific military action by the Contras that may have prompted the suspension of rights.

## Proposition 2

A&M, UT systems using PUF to improve programs

By JENS B. KOEPKE  
Staff Writer

Although Texas A&M and the University of Texas have not felt a profound change because of Proposition 2, the other schools in their systems are using the new stable source of money to improve their academic programs and building facilities.

The passage of Proposition 2 in November 1984 restructured the function of the Permanent University Fund, the primary source of construction revenue for the A&M and UT systems.

The PUF is an endowment of oil-rich land, a percentage of which is used as collateral for construction bonds for the two systems. Interest earned from the investment of the PUF makes up the Available Univer-

sity Fund, which is projected to be over \$194 million in 1986. The UT system receives two-thirds of the AUF while the A&M system gets one-third.

Proposition 2 gave three more institutions in the A&M system and nine more schools in the UT system access to PUF bonds and provided a special \$6 million appropriation to Prairie View A&M University from the UT portion of the AUF for the next 10 years.

"I think it's allowed us to lay out a development plan with some assurance of steady funding and it's allowed us to have a plan that will not only make up for many years of underfunding, but give us an opportunity to pursue the excellence that we all want," says Dr. Percy Pierre, president of Prairie View.

The \$6 million appropriation

from the UT portion of the AUF will be spent to improve academic support facilities such as the library and the computer center and to hire additional faculty, Pierre says.

In addition, Prairie View will receive \$6 million for the next two years from the A&M portion of the AUF, he says. This money goes to facility expenditures — to catch up on the backlog of needed renovations of old buildings on the Prairie View campus.

The Texas A&M System Board of Regents has approved construction of a new \$16 million library, a \$2.5 million intramural complex and a \$3.6 million renovation of the old gym, Pierre says. The board has also set aside \$3.5 million for general campus development such as up-

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## Senate staff report says military Joint Chiefs of Staff is obsolete

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The military Joint Chiefs of Staff have become obsolete, unable to give effective advice, and should be abolished because they pose an obstacle to effective joint operations by the military services, a Senate staff report said Wednesday.

The report, the product of two and a half years of work by the bipartisan staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, recommends that the joint chiefs be replaced with a Joint Military Advisory Council.

It would be composed of five four-star officers, each of whom would be on his last tour of service, in order to "create a source of truly independent military advice, uninhibited by service responsibilities and pressures."

The ranking officers of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force would continue to head their services but would lose their role as direct military advisers.

At present, the report said, the chiefs wear two hats, as military advisers and service heads, and consequently are not able to do either job well.

Identifying 34 problem areas, the report makes 91 specific recommendations for change, many aimed at improving the effectiveness of military operations involving more than one service.

The report was unveiled at a committee hearing in which most members agreed change has become essential.

But debate flared over how radical that change should be.

"There will be those who say the system ain't broke, don't fix it," said Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz.

"However, it is broke and we need to fix it," said Goldwater, who is retiring at the end of his present term. "If we don't, our military effectiveness will be seriously impaired. If we have to fight tomorrow, these problems will cause Americans to die unnecessarily. Even worse, they may cause us to lose the fight."

Sen. John Warner, R-Va., a former secretary of the Navy, disagreed. He said some of the proposed remedies would subject the armed forces and the Pentagon to "open heart surgery."

And he said Goldwater's characteristic outspoken candor may undermine morale and cause more damage.

## Brazos County grand jury indicts 36 on drug charges

By BRIAN PEARSON  
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Police officers from six departments went after 36 suspects Wednesday night in an effort to curb illegal drug trafficking in Brazos County.

Officers from the narcotics division of the Texas Department of Public Safety, Panola and Brazos counties' sheriff's departments and the College Station, Bryan and Palestine police departments participated in the sweep.

The crackdown was the result of a four-month undercover investigation by the departments involved. The 36 indictments were handed down Wednesday at special session of the Brazos County grand jury.

The grand jury indicted 25 male and 11 female suspects on felony charges. Out of 56 cases stemming from the investigation, 25 were for delivery of cocaine, 16 for delivery of methamphetamines and 15 for delivery of marijuana.

Sgt. Rick Stewart of the Texas DPS said the \$20,813 investigation was different from normal police work in the area because the officers struck at the "middleman," who is part of the secondary level of drug trafficking.

"What we did basically was we removed ourselves from the street-level, small dealer to the second level (the street dealer's supplier)," Stewart said.

He said the middleman supplies from eight to 10 street-level dealers.

"By taking him (middleman) off the street, hopefully we'll stop the other eight to ten people involved because their supply will

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Photo by GREG BAILEY

Bryan reserve police officer Don Folterman leads Artis Haines and another unidentified suspect to be booked on drug charges.