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U.S. Shultz criticizes Yugoslavs

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BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Secretary of State George Shultz slammed his hand on the table Tuesday as the Yugoslav foreign minister sat beside him, then criticized Yugoslavia for letting a PLO suspect in the Achille Lauro hijacking pass freely through the country.

Shultz told a news conference he "expressed disappointment" during meetings with Yugoslav leaders that PLO official Mohammed Abbas, accused by the United States of masterminding the Oct. 7 ship hijacking, was not detained while in Yugoslavia.

Abbas was aboard an Egyptian airliner with four Palestinian hijack suspects when U.S. Navy planes forced it to land Oct. 11 in Sicily. The four were detained, but Italy allowed Abbas to leave for Yugoslavia. Yugoslavia refused to arrest him after U.S. authorities requested his detention.

"In dealing with the problem we need to create an atmosphere so terrorists have no place to hide and are brought to justice," Shultz said. The Palestinians detained by the Italians were convicted last month of possessing arms and explosives and face trial on charges of killing New York tourist Leon Klinghoffer during the hijacking.

At the news conference, Yugoslav Foreign Minister Raif Dizdarevic said he agreed on the need to combat terrorism. But when he added that nations must also consider the injustices that create terrorism, Shultz responded angrily.

"Hijacking the Italian ship, murdering an American, torturing and holding a whole bunch of other Americans is not justified by any cause that I know of," Shultz said, slamming his hand on a table. "It's not connected with any cause, it's wrong."

Shultz arrived here Tuesday morning. On his flight from Budapest, Hungary, he confirmed reports that Abbas had been in Iraq, which he charged had "welcomed" Abbas, a member of the Palestine Liberation Organization Executive Board.

There were no plans to "take some military action or something" against Iraq, Shultz added, nor would the United States put Iraq on a U.S. terrorist list.

Such action, he said, would spark trade cuts and place other restrictions on U.S. relations with Iraq at a time when the Reagan administration is relatively sympathetic to Iraq in its five-year war with Iran.

Yugoslavia has diplomatic relations with the PLO, which has a representative in the country.

A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Shultz did not express himself so vehemently in the talks with Yugoslav leaders, including Prime Minister Milka Pljancic.

The official said there were extensive discussions on U.S.-Yugoslav trade relations, which Pljancic wanted improved to help her economy.



Home Again, Home Again

Senior Julie Peterson, an elementary education major from Houston, waits for her ride home beside her boxes. Texas A&M students, who are

moving out of dormitories, must check out of their rooms by 5 p.m. Friday. The penalty for not doing so is \$25.

Photo by MIKE DAVIS

AIDS test drug

Medicine to be used against infants' virus

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A drug being tested against AIDS has won conditional government approval for use against an infection in children, which could make it more widely available to AIDS patients, officials said Tuesday.

The drug, called ribavirin, is the first of a growing number of experimental AIDS drugs to receive any government approval, although the

The drug is being approved for treatment of infants with respiratory syncytial virus, a common infection that can be fatal in premature infants.

— Dr. Caroline Breese Hall.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration has not approved the drug for use with AIDS patients, and its effectiveness against AIDS has not been demonstrated.

Final approval of ribavirin could come in weeks, said Brad Stone, an FDA spokesman.

The drug is being approved for treatment of infants with respiratory syncytial virus, or RS virus, a common infection that can be fatal in premature infants and in those with heart or lung disease, said Dr. Caroline Breese Hall of the University of Rochester Medical Center in New York.

Both ribavirin and Isoprinosine

FDA regulations allow doctors leeway in use of approved drugs, meaning that doctors will be able to prescribe ribavirin for their AIDS patients.

But the drug is being approved in an aerosol form meant to be inhaled by infants, which might make it impractical for use with AIDS patients, Stone said.

There is currently no treatment for AIDS. Doctors can treat the infections and cancers that result from AIDS, but cannot attack the disease directly.

Some of them may, therefore, be eager to prescribe ribavirin to their AIDS patients, doctors say.

The FDA told the drug's maker, Viratek, of Costa Mesa, Calif., that approval will be granted if certain changes are made in the proposed labeling of the drug, Stone said.

ICN Pharmaceuticals, Viratek's parent firm, had no comment.

In a separate development, the FDA said that Dr. Michael Scolaro and colleagues at St. Vincent Medical Center in Los Angeles had applied for permission to give AIDS patients combination therapy of ribavirin and Isoprinosine.

Isoprinosine is a stimulator of the immune system, and ribavirin is an anti-viral agent.

Some researchers believe such drugs must be used together to kill the AIDS virus and restore the immune cells the virus has destroyed.

AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, is caused by a virus that attacks the body's ability immune system.

Both ribavirin and Isoprinosine

have been under study separately for treatment of AIDS, but the studies have not been completed.

Combination studies with other drugs for AIDS patients are under way at the National Institutes of Health, Stone said.

Isoprinosine has been available in

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limited quantities since mid-May to doctors who requested it from its manufacturer, Newport Pharmaceuticals of Newport Beach, Calif.

Under a compassionate use provision of the FDA's regulations, doctors could obtain the drug for their patients even though its effectiveness has not yet been shown, said Luana Kruse, a spokeswoman for Newport Pharmaceuticals.

Some 70 patients are now being treated, she said.

She had no comment on the St. Vincent proposal to combine Isoprinosine with ribavirin.

House's vote imperils A&M pension plan

from staff and wire reports

WASHINGTON — The Optional Retirement Program, which covers most Texas A&M University System faculty and administrators, is in danger again since the U.S. House passed Tuesday the most sweeping overhaul of the income tax in more than 30 years.

John Honea, A&M System director for insurance and risk management, said the bill added a non-discrimination clause to the tax code section, which governs the ORP.

The clause would make the ORP illegal because the program is available only to state university faculty and professional staff and not to other state employees.

If the proposal becomes law, the state would have two years to modify its retirement plans to meet the new standards. The ORP covers about 30,000 faculty and administrators at 95 state-supported institutions, Honea said.

A GOP alternative plan could have saved the ORP, but the House rejected that version and defeated a final Republican attempt to send the whole issue back to committee.

Although Reagan preferred the GOP bill to the Democratic version, he urged passage of either to keep tax-reform alive. Since Democrats hold a 71-vote majority, the GOP version hardly had a chance.

The Democratic version will be sent to the Senate for consideration next year.

The legislation would cut taxes for most people, excuse more than 6 million of the working poor from income taxes, require many wealthy individuals and successful corporations to join the ranks of taxpayers and shift \$140 billion of taxes from

individuals to business over the next five years.

Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and chief author of the bill, conceded the 1,379-page measure "does not untangle all the contradictions and distortions in the" tax laws but said it "is as full of promise and vitality as any tax bill reported out of the committee . . . for decades."

In exchange for their votes, Republicans won from Reagan a pledge to veto any final bill that does not meet the standards he laid out earlier this year.

Bryan man charged in wife's killing

Associated Press

A former Bryan broadcasting executive remained in the Brazos County Jail Tuesday charged in the shooting death of his wife, authorities said.

The victim, Neva Barnett, 29, was shot five times in the chest Monday evening, investigators said.

Two hours later David Lee Barnett surrendered to police in Hearne and turned over a .38-caliber revolver, police said.

Barnett, a former radio station manager in Bryan and Huntsville, was returned to Bryan, where State District Judge John Delaney set bond of \$100,000.

Police suspect others in kidnapping case

Associated Press

COPPELL — Police investigating the abduction of a 3-month-old girl, who was found and returned to her mother Monday, said there may be other suspects besides the 39-year-old baby sitter, who was arrested in College Station and charged with kidnapping in the case.

Police arrested Susan Oglesby Miller of Seabrook about 2 a.m. Monday in a College Station hotel. She was later transferred to Lew Sterrett Justice Center in Dallas and was being held Tuesday on \$100,000 bond on a felony kidnapping charge.

Jennifer Lynn Sutton returned from Florida with her daughter Monday after the baby was found by investigators at a Tampa, Fla. home. Sutton said her failure to check

the baby sitter's references was "irresponsible." Now, she said, she just wants to be with her baby.

The penalty for kidnapping is up to 10 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

"There may be others involved," Coppel police Lt. Jack Foley said Monday. He was unavailable for comment Tuesday and did not immediately return phone calls from the Associated Press.

Sutton, 20, and her mother, Glenda Sutton, identified Miller in a photo lineup Monday night, police said.

Although investigators originally said they believed the baby was kidnapped for sale, they now suggest Miller wanted to raise the child herself. They refused to release further details of the case, saying they feared it would hinder their investigation.

College on Foot makes statement about peace

By STACEY ROBERTS Reporter

If you are looking for an alternative study plan for the spring semester, you might apply for the College on Foot program, a nine month walking-university aimed at making a statement for world peace.

The walk, sponsored by a year-old non-profit, non-partisan organization called Pro-Peace, will begin March 1, 1986, in Los Angeles, Calif., and finish in November in Washington D.C.

Peter Kleiner, media coordinator for The Great Peace March, said the march will travel through 15 states with 50 billion steps taken on the road to global nuclear disarmament.

"Pro-Peace must involve thousands of students to represent the nation as a whole," Kleiner said. "Each student can now arrange to

receive academic credit through the College on Foot program.

"The march and the courses offered will present a historical overview on nuclear weapons and how they have affected every aspect of our society," Kleiner said.

Marshall Mayer, director of educational programs, said the topics include Nuclear Weapons and U.S. Foreign Policy, Theory and Politics of Non-Violence, Historical Overview of the Nuclear Arms Race and The Cold War.

Mayer said students can participate in all of the programs offered or develop their own independent studies on the general theme of "peace studies" with their academic advisers.

"Some related projects may include psychology, sociology or political science," Mayer said. "All it takes to develop such a curriculum is

imagination and a commitment to peace."

To receive the academic credit, Mayer said, a student must have an academic adviser as a sponsor and the approval of the student's university.

Dan Pallotta, director of college fund raising, said the march hopes to have 5,000 marchers.

"The marchers will walk 15 miles a day, wear out 20,000 pairs of shoes, eat 4 million meals, take 1.275 million showers, and set up and take down 2,500 tents each night," Pallotta said.

Funding for the project is difficult because the project is non-profit and the everyday expenses are great, he said.

"The march should run \$15 million to \$22 million total cost," Pallotta said.

Earlier this year, Pro-Peace spon-



sored a 10-kilometer Peacewalk at 65 campuses across the nation to help raise money for the march.

Pallotta said the money raised from this event will be used to buy some of the tents needed to house the marchers.

One way money is being raised is through a program entitled "Gimme Shelter."

"Students will be able to make contributions through sponsoring tents for \$350," Pallotta said. "Each tent will have the name of the sponsoring college or organization painted on the side."

"So far there are no Texas universities officially represented," Pallotta said. "We hope to begin hearing from the southern schools as publicity increases."

Kleiner said Pro-Peace plans to appeal to the nation as a whole for funds and marchers through public service announcements.

Recently a commercial for The Great Peace March was filmed in Los Angeles by Nicholas Meyer, director of the acclaimed television movie, "The Day After."

Kleiner said over 1,000 concerned celebrities gathered for the filming, including such notables as Martin Sheen, Leonard Nimoy and Madonna.

"Everything was donated," Kleiner said, "from the cameras to the satellite link-up."

The commercial has been aired on numerous local channels as well

as the cable channel, Music Television.

To become a marcher, there is an application and interview process that is necessary.

"So far we have had 15,000 requests for applications and 800 have been approved," Pallotta said. "We must make sure these individuals are physically and mentally prepared for 9 months on the road."

Each person must also be committed and dedicated to the idea of promoting peace, he added.

"The Great Peace March is a great way for students to be heard," Kleiner said. "Knowledge brought forth by students of peace and applied toward college degrees will lead the way."

The Great Peace March is gearing up and waiting for more applicants. For more information, donations or applications, Pallotta urges students to call toll free 1-800-453-1234.