

World and Nation

Senator informs Meese of members' concerns

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Sen. Strom Thurmond met Thursday with Attorney General Edwin Meese III and expressed "deep concern" on behalf of Congress about problems at the Justice Department in the wake of the resignations of two of Meese's top aides.

Meese's meeting with Thurmond, the ranking Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, was the strongest signal of growing bipartisan concern in Congress over whether the attorney general, the focus of an 11-month criminal investigation, can continue to run the Justice Department.

"A number of people on Capitol Hill have expressed deep concern about the problems at the Justice Department," Thurmond said in a statement after the meeting. "I went today to talk to the attorney general to convey these concerns to him."

Minutes after the meeting, Meese refused to answer reporters' questions about the resignations when he attended a news conference at FBI headquarters on a drug bust.

Meese, who said Wednesday "there's no reason" for him to resign, said he would answer questions on the resignations of his aides "within the next several days" when "I hope and I fully expect . . . to be announcing various appointments to fill those vacancies."

"The business of law enforcement is going forward energetically and without interruption," Meese said. "Our strong management team is on the job."

The attorney general, a longtime confidant of President Reagan, stood somberly next to FBI Director William Sessions as the FBI chief praised Deputy Attorney General Arnold Burns and Assistant Attorney General William Weld, who quit Tuesday because they felt Meese's continuing legal troubles were hurting Justice Department operations.

"I think they're very fine gentlemen, (who) served their government well (and) are to be commended for the service that they performed," Sessions said when asked about Burns and Weld, who

oversaw all federal criminal investigations.

Meese, in response to a reporter's question, said he had no plans to meet with Thurmond later in the day, neglecting to mention that he had done so already.

After the news conference and after Thurmond already had issued his statement, Justice Department spokesman Terry Eastland issued a clarifying statement confirming that the meeting had occurred before the news conference.

Thurmond said at a Senate Judiciary subcommittee meeting in the morning that he wouldn't "countenance any corruption in any way, shape or form in the Justice Department or any other department."

The *Washington Post* reported Thursday, and Justice Department sources subsequently confirmed, that Weld had told Meese during a meeting Tuesday that the criminal investigation of the attorney general was a close call in terms of whether the attorney general should be prosecuted.

Exiled Soviet stage director seeks to return to homeland

MOSCOW (AP) — Exiled stage director Yuri Lyubimov expressed his desire to return to the Soviet Union in an unusual newspaper interview that could signal official willingness to allow him to come back.

Lyubimov was interviewed by the government newspaper *Izvestia* in Madrid, where he viewed four performances by Moscow's Taganka Theater of Maxim Gorky's "Mother."

Lyubimov, 70, founded the Taganka Theater and more than 20 years turned it into Moscow's most popular modern theater with his avant-garde productions.

The director struggled constantly with censors. In July 1983 he was allowed to travel to London to stage Fyodor Dostoyevsky's "Crime and Punishment" amid speculation authorities did not want him to return.

In March 1984 he was thrown out of the Communist Party, and four months later his Soviet citizenship was revoked.

Lyubimov has staged productions around the world since then. He took Israeli citizenship this year and has moved to Jerusalem with his wife, Katalin, and son, Peter. He almost never is mentioned in the official press.

In its article on Tuesday, *Izvestia* stressed that Soviet writers and artists have more freedom under Mikhail S. Gorbachev's reforms, in a possible effort to show the differences between Lyubimov and authorities have narrowed enough to allow him to return.

Lyubimov reiterated his previous statement that he would like to return to work in the Soviet Union if

he were guaranteed artistic freedom, but that he was making no political demands.

"We are talking only about the creative side of my life," he was quoted as saying.

After more than four years abroad, "in order to once again gain strength, survive, one needs to stand on his native land, on which he was raised, where his fathers and grandfathers lived," Lyubimov said.

Even while he has been exiled, he told the newspaper, he has concentrated on staging productions that acquaint the world with Russian culture.

He praised the more open literature that is being published under Gorbachev's policy of glasnost, and said, "it is necessary to come, to see and to work in the theater."

Official favors test to fight cholesterol

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government's health chief urged Americans on Wednesday to get their cholesterol level checked to learn whether they are among the 50 percent of the population at unnecessary risk for heart disease.

Health and Human Services Secretary Otis R. Bowen said the link between high cholesterol and heart attacks — the nation's No. 1 killer — has been well established.

But he emphasized the good news that anyone with an elevated cholesterol level can lower it and thus reduce their risk of dying a premature death from heart disease.

"Most people can lower their cholesterol level by reducing the amount of cholesterol and saturated fat in their diet," Bowen said at a news conference kicking off April as National Know Your Cholesterol Month.

"Getting your level checked is the only way to find out," he said. "Cholesterol, like high blood pressure, is a silent killer. There are no signs or symptoms."

Spokesman: Roberts did not ask for return of Swaggart to pulpit

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Oral Roberts prayed with fellow television evangelist Jimmy Swaggart after Swaggart was suspended from his ministry, but Roberts did not recommend Swaggart's immediate return to the pulpit, a spokesman for the Tulsa evangelist said Thursday.

The Rev. Mike Evans, pastor of the Church on the Move in Euleus said Wednesday that while he was visiting Baton Rouge last month, Swaggart told him of Roberts' prayer.

"Oral Roberts called him up and told him that he saw demons with long fingernails digging the flesh into Jimmy Swaggart's body and he cast those demons out of his body," Evans said.

Swaggart, of Baton Rouge, La., stepped down from the pulpit Feb. 21 after admitting a moral lapse. Church officials have said that he admitted meeting prostitutes in motel rooms.

After the conversation with Roberts, the 52-year-old Swaggart felt he was released from sin, Evans said.

He has announced he will return May 22 in defiance of an order from the Assemblies of God General Presbytery on Tuesday that he stay away for at least a year.

The May 22 date coincides with the suspension recommended by the church's Louisiana council.

Oral Roberts' son, Richard Roberts, said Thursday, "I would prefer not to give the details because it was a confidential time together and I don't think it would be appropriate for me to give any of the details."

"If anyone is to report that Oral Roberts is recommending that Jimmy Swaggart defy the Assembly of God ruling from Springfield, that is not accurate. My dad had nothing to do with his decision."

"We believe that that is a matter that Jimmy Swaggart must make his own decision and follow the leading of God."

WFAA television officials in Dallas said a spokesman for Swaggart Ministries declined to comment on the report.

Peace treaty falters on aid decision

GENEVA (AP) — The latest round of U.N.-sponsored negotiations on an Afghan peace settlement entered a fifth week Wednesday with the parties split on the question of when outside military aid to the warring sides would be halted.

A report in the *New York Times*, meanwhile, said Reagan administration officials had received indications that the Soviet Union would consider allowing aid to the rebels to continue after Soviet troops begin withdrawing from Afghanistan.

This issue of continued aid to the two sides is the last obstacle to a comprehensive settlement designed to end more than eight years of fighting in Afghanistan, U.S. and Pakistani officials have said.

Washington has said it will not guarantee a settlement unless the Soviet Union agrees to stop funding the Kabul government at the same time the United States stops aid to the guerrillas fighting the government. Moscow has refused to agree to such a cutoff.

The *Times*, citing unidentified senior U.S. officials, said the administration now is considering an arrangement under which Pakistan would sign the accord but the United States and the Soviet Union would have a separate understanding on aid to the insurgents.

The new position was discussed by telephone Wednesday by President Ronald Reagan and the presi-

dent of Pakistan, Mohammed Zia ul-Haq, the newspaper reported.

The Soviet Union intervened in Afghanistan in 1979, and about 115,000 Soviet troops are believed to be helping the pro-Moscow government there.

No formal meetings were scheduled between the U.N. mediator, Diego Cordovez, and the Afghan or Pakistani delegations Wednesday. But Cordovez met separately with the special Soviet envoy, Nikolay Kozyrev, and with U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Robert Peck, both of whom have been following the indirect talks between Pakistan and Afghanistan since the latest round started March 2.

Peck told reporters that he was "convinced that the Soviets want to withdraw and want an agreement, and we will stay here until we get an agreement."

He said Reagan "is not going to be easily satisfied," and that an eventual accord "will have to ensure the withdrawal of Soviet troops, self-determination of the Afghan people, return of refugees and non-alignment of Afghanistan."

Kozyrev reiterated the Soviets' opposition to a symmetrical cutoff. "We would like to see (the U.S.) as guarantors, but they refuse, insisting on the cutoff," he told reporters. "It's impossible."

You can't beat these prices on loose diamonds! This is a new list of Diamonds bought April 11. Shop today for the best selection.

ROUND DIAMONDS		ROUND DIAMONDS		MARQUISE	
Our Price	Compare	Our Price	Compare	Our Price	Compare
2.04 cts. 4,950 ⁰⁰	10,000 ⁰⁰	.34 pts. 165 ⁰⁰	300 ⁰⁰	1.01 cts. 1,275 ⁰⁰	2,400 ⁰⁰
2.02 cts. 7,750 ⁰⁰	15,000 ⁰⁰	.30 pts. 325 ⁰⁰	600 ⁰⁰	1.00 pts. 2,950 ⁰⁰	8,800 ⁰⁰
1.51 cts. 2,975 ⁰⁰	6,000 ⁰⁰	.25 pts. 225 ⁰⁰	400 ⁰⁰	.89 pts. 1,750 ⁰⁰	3,400 ⁰⁰
1.18 cts. 2,325 ⁰⁰	4,500 ⁰⁰	.24 pts. 225 ⁰⁰	400 ⁰⁰	.82 pts. 1,575 ⁰⁰	3,000 ⁰⁰
1.17 cts. 2,395 ⁰⁰	2,600 ⁰⁰	.22 pts. 165 ⁰⁰	300 ⁰⁰	.74 pts. 1,095 ⁰⁰	2,000 ⁰⁰
1.15 cts. 2,985 ⁰⁰	5,600 ⁰⁰	.21 pts. 165 ⁰⁰	300 ⁰⁰	.68 pts. 1,195 ⁰⁰	2,200 ⁰⁰
1.12 cts. 1,875 ⁰⁰	4,000 ⁰⁰	.20 pts. 165 ⁰⁰	300 ⁰⁰	.55 pts. 995 ⁰⁰	1,900 ⁰⁰
1.12 cts. 1,350 ⁰⁰	2,600 ⁰⁰	.19 pts. 165 ⁰⁰	300 ⁰⁰	.51 pts. 985 ⁰⁰	1,800 ⁰⁰
1.09 cts. 2,175 ⁰⁰	4,300 ⁰⁰	.18 pts. 185 ⁰⁰	310 ⁰⁰	.48 pts. 850 ⁰⁰	1,700 ⁰⁰
1.09 cts. 2,750 ⁰⁰	5,500 ⁰⁰	.16 pts. 115 ⁰⁰	200 ⁰⁰	.47 pts. 625 ⁰⁰	1,500 ⁰⁰
1.04 cts. 2,350 ⁰⁰	4,700 ⁰⁰	.14 pts. 115 ⁰⁰	200 ⁰⁰	.35 pts. 425 ⁰⁰	800 ⁰⁰
1.04 cts. 2,650 ⁰⁰	5,200 ⁰⁰	.12 pts. 110 ⁰⁰	200 ⁰⁰	.30 pts. 275 ⁰⁰	500 ⁰⁰
1.01 cts. 1,975 ⁰⁰	4,000 ⁰⁰	.10 pts. 63 ⁰⁰	120 ⁰⁰	.25 pts. 450 ⁰⁰	500 ⁰⁰
1.01 cts. 1,890 ⁰⁰	2,000 ⁰⁰	.09 pts. 55 ⁰⁰	80 ⁰⁰	.23 pts. 275 ⁰⁰	400 ⁰⁰
.95 pts. 2,385 ⁰⁰	4,600 ⁰⁰	.08 pts. 48 ⁰⁰	70 ⁰⁰	.18 pts. 195 ⁰⁰	400 ⁰⁰
.92 pts. 1,650 ⁰⁰	3,200 ⁰⁰	.06 pts. 37 ⁰⁰	80 ⁰⁰	.11 pts. 110 ⁰⁰	200 ⁰⁰
.89 pts. 1,350 ⁰⁰	2,700 ⁰⁰	.05 pts. 35 ⁰⁰	70 ⁰⁰		
.89 pts. 1,795 ⁰⁰	3,300 ⁰⁰	.04 pts. 30 ⁰⁰	60 ⁰⁰		
.88 pts. 1,340 ⁰⁰	2,600 ⁰⁰				
.83 pts. 1,595 ⁰⁰	2,900 ⁰⁰				
.82 pts. 1,765 ⁰⁰	3,400 ⁰⁰				
.80 pts. 1,023 ⁰⁰	2,100 ⁰⁰				
.78 pts. 995 ⁰⁰	1,800 ⁰⁰				
.77 pts. 1,075 ⁰⁰	2,000 ⁰⁰				
.77 pts. 985 ⁰⁰	1,800 ⁰⁰				
.75 pts. 950 ⁰⁰	2,000 ⁰⁰				
.75 pts. 1,395 ⁰⁰	2,200 ⁰⁰				
.74 pts. 1,135 ⁰⁰	2,100 ⁰⁰				
.73 pts. 1,480 ⁰⁰	2,800 ⁰⁰				
.73 pts. 1,495 ⁰⁰	2,800 ⁰⁰				
.72 pts. 1,125 ⁰⁰	2,200 ⁰⁰				
.71 pts. 1,395 ⁰⁰	2,700 ⁰⁰				
.71 pts. 1,095 ⁰⁰	2,000 ⁰⁰				
.71 pts. 1,395 ⁰⁰	2,600 ⁰⁰				
.71 pts. 1,395 ⁰⁰	2,700 ⁰⁰				
.70 pts. 695 ⁰⁰	1,200 ⁰⁰				
.70 pts. 795 ⁰⁰	1,400 ⁰⁰				
.65 pts. 785 ⁰⁰	1,450 ⁰⁰				
.60 pts. 795 ⁰⁰	1,400 ⁰⁰				
.58 pts. 850 ⁰⁰	1,700 ⁰⁰				
.57 pts. 695 ⁰⁰	1,275 ⁰⁰				
.57 pts. 795 ⁰⁰	1,500 ⁰⁰				
.56 pts. 695 ⁰⁰	1,275 ⁰⁰				
.55 pts. 695 ⁰⁰	1,400 ⁰⁰				
.54 pts. 750 ⁰⁰	1,400 ⁰⁰				
.54 pts. 795 ⁰⁰	1,600 ⁰⁰				
.54 pts. 695 ⁰⁰	1,300 ⁰⁰				
.53 pts. 695 ⁰⁰	1,250 ⁰⁰				
.53 pts. 795 ⁰⁰	2,000 ⁰⁰				
.52 pts. 695 ⁰⁰	1,250 ⁰⁰				
.51 pts. 650 ⁰⁰	1,300 ⁰⁰				
.51 pts. 795 ⁰⁰	1,600 ⁰⁰				
.50 pts. 695 ⁰⁰	1,400 ⁰⁰				
.50 pts. 795 ⁰⁰	1,400 ⁰⁰				
.50 pts. 795 ⁰⁰	1,600 ⁰⁰				
.49 pts. 595 ⁰⁰	1,150 ⁰⁰				
.42 pts. 695 ⁰⁰	1,300 ⁰⁰				

OVAL		PEARL SHAPE	
Our Price	Compare	Our Price	Compare
1.51 cts. 2,900 ⁰⁰	6,000 ⁰⁰	1.67 cts. 4,525 ⁰⁰	6,950 ⁰⁰
1.18 cts. 2,225 ⁰⁰	4,500 ⁰⁰	1.21 cts. 2,275 ⁰⁰	4,500 ⁰⁰
1.11 cts. 2,095 ⁰⁰	4,000 ⁰⁰	1.13 cts. 2,295 ⁰⁰	4,300 ⁰⁰
.88 pts. 1,475 ⁰⁰	3,000 ⁰⁰	1.10 cts. 2,435 ⁰⁰	4,800 ⁰⁰
.79 pts. 985 ⁰⁰	2,000 ⁰⁰	1.01 cts. 2,675 ⁰⁰	5,200 ⁰⁰
.71 pts. 1,350 ⁰⁰	2,600 ⁰⁰	.95 pts. 2,250 ⁰⁰	3,900 ⁰⁰
.57 pts. 1,185 ⁰⁰	2,400 ⁰⁰	.93 pts. 2,095 ⁰⁰	3,700 ⁰⁰
.53 pts. 1,095 ⁰⁰	2,400 ⁰⁰	.68 pts. 1,495 ⁰⁰	2,800 ⁰⁰
.51 pts. 1,225 ⁰⁰	2,100 ⁰⁰	.62 pts. 1,150 ⁰⁰	2,200 ⁰⁰
.46 pts. 375 ⁰⁰	700 ⁰⁰	.58 pts. 995 ⁰⁰	1,525 ⁰⁰
.28 pts. 315 ⁰⁰	650 ⁰⁰	.52 pts. 665 ⁰⁰	1,200 ⁰⁰
.10 pts. 105 ⁰⁰	210 ⁰⁰	.45 pts. 325 ⁰⁰	600 ⁰⁰

Aggie Ring Diamond
 .21 \$165⁰⁰ & \$150⁰⁰ to mount
 .10 \$63 & \$15⁰⁰ to mount

This Friday & Saturday buy your diamond & we will mount it in one day.
 Full Time Jewelry Repair Watch Batteries \$3⁰⁰ installed

TEXAS COIN EXCHANGE

Behind Shellenberger's 30-day money back guarantee
 404 University Dr. East, College Station 846-8905

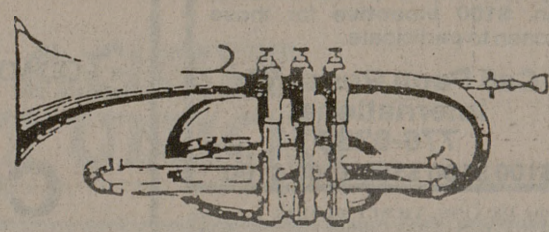
THE WRITING IS ON THE WALL.



- Enter a New Dancing Dimension Never Experienced Before.
- The Music You Want to Hear.
- The Wildest Drink Specials.

313 S. College ■ 846-1542 ■ Open Late Nights

The Battalion
 SPREADING THE NEWS



Since 1878