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Japan's government, citizens protest U.S. military forces

in Japan, provoking outraged newspaper editorials and a sharp protest the street, coughing and choking.

The tear-gas incident, which U.S.

rom the government. On Okinawa, the southern island where 35,000 U.S. troops jostle for training space with 1.2 million Japanese residents, civilians complain that houses were hit by bullets in Oc-

TOKYO (AP) — A monthlong tober and two tear-gas canisters expate of incidents involving U.S. mil-ploded at a night club Nov. 26. The

Marine Corps authorities said was

passengers learn to select cars by

people shun shelters, saying they don't feel safe in them.

Last summer, the transit authority

estimated there were 1,400 people

using its trains and stations as home.

Advocates for the homeless say that's

far too low an estimate, and the au-

thority admits the number will be

The problem is not unique to New York; it is an issue only in cities

where buses and subways run all

from one end of the line to the other

ley, transit director of the Southern California Rapid Transit District.

authority board of directors, said the

transit police must exercise more authority over the homeless.

Constantine Sidamon-Eristoff, a

much greater this winter,

all night long.

In response, the Metropolitan

NY transit officials brace for winter, surge of homeless

NEW YORK (AP) — Though cleaning the kinds of messes that Clarence Charlton is homeless, he subways weren't meant for. Subway nows he has a warm and dry place waking up several miles away from In

where he laid his head down.

Charlton, like hundreds of New York's street people, calls the city's subway system home, and officials say they expect the numbers to surge as winter sets in.

"I can always get on the subway. I usually have the fare," said Charlton, 78 a former mental patient who

on, 78, a former mental patient who was wearing a black-knit cap, grimy pants, no shirt, a sweater and tweed oat one day last week.

"In the daytime I'm out on the bench, and at nighttime I get in the subway," he said, lighting a cigarette butt, which he says helps his asthma. "In bad weather, I'll go under-

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work. Hard ground. Charlton had company that day at the 179th Street Station in Queens.

Another homeless man was at the Another homeless man was at the night. In Los Angeles, transit officials eight already were on the E drifters and alcoholics ride buses rain when it rolled up to start its run

to Manhattan.

As the winds get colder, New York's subways are drawing ever more homeless people. The attraction: a warm, relatively safe environment all for a dollar.

There is no policy against riding the buses over and over as long as people pay the fares, said Leilia Bailey, transit director of the Southern California Rapid Transit District all businesses ment, all for a dollar.

For many riders, the disheveled and often unbathed passengers are lawyer who is on New York's transit not welcome on the nation's largest authority board of directors, said the

transit system. "They stink," passenger Bernard Nashofer said. "They're dirty. They

Mashofer said. "They're dirty. They can smell up a whole train."

Transit police walk a thin line, rousting homeless people who cause trouble but letting the others sleep.

Maintenance crews find themselves. "If they've paid their dollar they have a right, providing they comport themselves with dignity," he said. "But if they take up several seats, urinate, defecate, then they should be removed." Maintenance crews find themselves be removed.

several major newspapers published blistering editorials. About 64,000 U.S. troops are in Japan under a security treaty that obliges the United States to help de-fend this country, with an added major role in security for northeast Asia. The treaty also obliges Japan to provide the bases and training areas needed by the U.S. forces.

feet from a Japanese coast guard

The Navy immediately expressed regret for the shelling, which occurred in Japanese waters near the entrance to Tokyo Bay, but the Japanese

nese government reacted strongly.

The Foreign Ministry lodged a protest with the U.S. Embassy, while

The vast majority of the Japanese support the U.S.-Japan security treaty and the country's anti-war constitution, which give the United States a prime role in defending Ja-

pan.

However, Japan was never occupied by foreign troops until its defeat in World War II, and Japanese

ing U.S. ships that may be carrying nuclear arms, and the public reacts strongly when a dangerous accident involves U.S. forces or when the

bases appear to be encroaching on Japanese life.

The U.S. Navy base at Yokosuka wants to build more than 800 apartments but faces resistance from the neighboring town of Zushi, which has repeatedly elected a mayor who opposes taking forest land for the military housing.

On Okinawa, prefectural Gov. Junji Nishime has blamed a string of troubles on "something wanting in the U.S. military's chain of command or a decline of discipline."

U.S. commanders on the southern island are reportedly reviewing safety measures after a forest fire in a training area in October and the discovery about the same time that a residential area near a Marine Corps firing range had been hit by bullets although the firing at the range was supposed to be in the opposite direction.

Professor writes book on Texas bus history

development of the transportation try in 1927. industry in his native Texas.

to get rolling in his venture, even though research for the book took 15 years. He grew up in San Antonio and said he has been interested in buses since his youth, when he lob-bied his mother to take him to the bus station so he could watch the vehicles drive in and out.

His book, "Intercity Bus Lines of the Southwest," chronicles the history of intercity bus lines in Texas,

The book covered periods when there were hundreds of small, privately owned bus lines in the Southwest, instead of the two that are op-

Texas was an early mecca for development of the bus industry because cities in the state are so far

Rhodes, now a professor at Miami riers of record, companies engaged University here, didn't find it hard in fare slashing and discounting," said Rhodes, who is an associate professor of communication and director of forensics at Miami University.

'Some lines operating between Austin and San Antonio cut the fare in half, then began carrying passen-gers for free, and eventually began rebating up to a dollar or a free meal at the end of the line in an effort to collect passengers in support of their good-faith applications."

During World War II, when bus travel was popular, bus depots were hectic places and some bus lines suffered frequent breakdowns, Rhodes said. Privately owned lines began to disappear after the war when people began to be able to afford cars and tires and gasoline no longer were ra-tioned. The private bus industry also struggled in competition with the railroads, he said.

are sensitive to the U.S. presence.

OXFORD, Ohio (AP) — Jack was vigorous competition among bus Rhodes turned his childhood enthusiasm for buses into a book on the Texas decided to regulate the indus-

New Mexico and Oklahoma until 1954. The Texas A&M University Press published the book this fall.

apart. The first scheduled intercity bus ran from Colorado City to Snyder in 1907, Rhodes said. There

"In their scramble to become car-riers of record, companies engaged

In 1970, Rhodes rode buses across Texas, covering 1,800 miles in six days on small, privately owned lines.

U.S. denies visa for Arafat visit

orps your new Arab League urges session move to Geneva to accommodate PLO

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Arab ing in Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip has left at least 316 Palestinians and 11 Israelis otes to move a General Assembly session to Geneva so PLO chief Yasser Arafat can address the world body on the Palestinian issue.

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Jordan and Egypt agreed to spearhead the effort to reconvene the world body in the Swiss capital, Jordan's official news agency reported.

They urged the unprecedented protest after the United States denied Arafat a visa Saturday to address the body in New York.

In Kuwait, a senior Palestine Liberation Organization official said the U.S decision was "an open call for extremism." Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid and his Jordanian counterpart, Taher Masri, said they had scrapped plans to visit New York in protest.

Reaction to the U.S. decision came quickly. Israeli leaders praised it, but Algeria, Egypt, France and Norway were among nations which protested the decision.

Clovis Maksoud, the Arab League's U.N. ambassador, said Arab nations felt "deep anger and outrage" over the U.S. decision and will ask the General Assembly to condemn it.

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Arafat wanted to enter the United States to address the U.N. body in New York on Thursday, when debate is scheduled on the Palestinian problem. A nearly 1-year-old Palestinian upris-

However, the State Department rejected his visa Saturday, and said the leader of the PLO "knows of, condones and lends support to" ter-

"The issue of terrorism is a red herring used by the State Department, because the State Department knows very well that resistence to Israeli occupation does not under any stretch of he imagination fall under the rubric of terrorism," Maksoud said.

Arafat has not commented on the decision. Approval to move the U.N. body to Geneva would require a simple majority of the 159 members. The members have regularly approved Palestinian-backed resolutions by an overwhelming

"I really don't see any problem (of passage) if the resolution is proposed in a reasonable man-ner," Maksoud said.

"Tomorrow (Monday) the recommendation will be made at a meeting of the Arab group" of U.N. member states, Maksoud said. "Also we will ask the General Assembly to condemn this decision. This is the thrust of our thinking.

"I think that also the people in the non-aligned countries and the European countries realize what a dangerous precedent" the U.S. action is, he said. The non-aligned group has 101 voting members in the General Assembly.

A source close to the Arab League, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Arab diplomats will consider a legal challenge to the U.S.

decision when they meet Monday

U.N. spokesman Francois Giuliani said the U.N. legal counsel was studying the State Department's decision and would advise Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar on Monday. Until then, he said, the United Nations would have no comment on the developments.

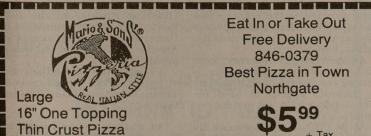
Moving the General Assembly out of New

York as a protest would be unprecedented.

Maksoud said the Arab group probably would call for postponement of debate on Palestine in the regular session, scheduled to end by mid-December, and reconvene in December or January

The Palestine National Council, a PLO parliament-in-exile, proclaimed an independent Pales-tinian state Nov. 15. The move implicitly recognized Israel by endorsing Security Council Resolution 242, which guarantees all Mideast states the right to exist in peace.

The PLO has non-voting observer status at the United Nations, and is a member of the Arab



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