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Wednesday, April 18, 1990

Europeans criticize Bush at conference

President defends stance

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush called for more research "to sort out the science" of global warming Tuesday, but ran into a storm of criticism at an international White House conference from Europeans who argued for action.

"Gaps in knowledge must not be used as an excuse for worldwide inaction," declared Klaus Topfer, the West German environmental minister.

Bush said he hoped the conference, attended by delegates from 19 nations, would prod international research and inject economic issues into the debate over the "greenhouse" effect.

The president called for resolving some of the scientific uncertainties and economic implications before making a commitment to specific pollution controls to deal with possi-

ble gradual warming of the Earth. "Environmental policies that ignore the economic factors — the human factors — are destined to fail," he said, maintaining anew that some

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scientists are in wide disagreement over the impact of manmade pollutants on the temperature of the globe.

Many of the European participants, especially the West Germans and the Dutch, said the conference agenda was narrowly arranged to prevent open discussions of policy aimed at dealing with global warming.

Topfer suggested the German delegation would pursue such discussions, adding, "The gravity of the situation requires immediate, determined action."

Similar views were expressed by members of other delegations, including Dutch and French officials.

Discussions about further research and economic considerations should "not distract us from taking action on carbon dioxide stabilization now," Hans Alders, the Dutch environmental minister, told the conference during a closed working session.

Abernathy dies waiting for lung scan

ATLANTA (AP) — The Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, who carried the civil rights movement with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. but decades later enraged by slain leader's supporters by waiting about his alleged infidelity, died Tuesday.

Abernathy, who had cradled the fallen King's bloodied head after he was struck down by a bullet in 1968, was 64.

Abernathy's heart stopped while he was being prepared for a lung scan at Crawford Long Hospital, hospital spokeswoman Tisha Burland said.

"What they were trying to do was detect if there was a blood clot in the lungs... but they never got to see," Burland said.

Abernathy was taken to an operating room, but he was pronounced dead there at 12:10 p.m. (11:10 a.m. CDT) before doctors could begin emergency life support surgery, she said.

Burland quoted Dr. Kenneth Scheidt, a nuclear medicine specialist who was present for the scheduled lung scan, as saying the test never began and could not have contributed to Abernathy's death.

Abernathy had been in the hospital since last month for treatment of a sodium deficiency. He had suffered strokes in 1983 and 1986.

Abernathy spent his last months under bitter criticism from his colleagues for passages in his 1989 autobiography, "And The Walls Came Tumbling Down." He wrote that King had spent time with two women and had a violent argument with one in the 24 hours before his 1968 assassination.

But the Rev. Joseph Lowery, who succeeded Abernathy as president of the Southern Christian Leadership Council, described Abernathy on Tuesday as "a faithful servant of the cause of liberty and justice."

"I extend my love and support to his family," he said. King's son, Fulton County Commissioner Martin Luther King III, called Abernathy's death "a very tragic loss to our nation."

Court upholds decision to evict Jewish settlers in Arab quarter

JERUSALEM (AP) — A Jerusalem District Court panel on Tuesday upheld an order to evict 150 Jewish settlers from the Arab Christian quarter of the Old City, fueling anti-Israeli protests.

The settlers immediately appealed the decision. Several dozen Palestinian women and masked youths demonstrated inside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, venerated as the site of Christ's burial and regarded by many as Christianity's holiest shrine.

Visiting pilgrims and tourists stared as 40 to 50 protesters waved Palestinian flags and chanted "PLO! PLO!" and "Israel no! Palestine yes!" inside the dark church.

It was the first time Arabs had staged a protest inside the church since the Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip began 28 months ago.

A week ago, the ultra-Orthodox Jews moved into a 72-room complex near the church under heavy police guard, saying they wanted to establish a Jewish presence in the Christian quarter for the first time since 1936.

The Greek Orthodox Church, which owns the property, said a tenant in the four 100-year-old buildings illegally worked out a lease with the Jews. The church sued to have the Jewish settlers removed.

A three-judge panel of the District Court conferred nearly four hours behind closed doors Tuesday before issuing a ruling that accused the settlers' lawyers of "an improper use of procedures, to say the least."

The judges ruled that a stay of the eviction notice granted Friday by a single District Court judge was improperly obtained. "We invalidate it," the judges wrote.

They took the unusual step of assessing court costs of \$5,000 to the settlers' lawyers, apparently for attempting to thwart the Israeli legal system.

Judge Vardimus Zailer presided over the three-judge panel, which also included Judge Shalom Brenner, who on Friday stayed the eviction order.

The ruling said the settlers' lawyers, in asking Brenner for a stay, had failed to mention that another judge turned down a separate request for a stay hours earlier.

Avraham Sochozolsky, a lawyer for the Greek Orthodox Church, said he would immediately ask police to carry out the eviction order.

"The judges have canceled the stay," Sochozolsky said. "They (the settlers) must be evicted."

Police spokesman Uzi Sandori said police were studying the court decision to decide how to proceed.

Yacov Levine, a spokesman for the settlers group, said their lawyers sought a new District Court hearing late Tuesday, saying "our petition is to leave the people where they are with the argument that the place was rented legally."

He said his group would take the case to the Supreme Court, if necessary, to block the eviction order.

The settlers' move into the complex has raised tensions in the old, walled city, which is divided into ethnic quarters that are home to about 50,000 Moslems, 7,000 Christians and 4,000 Jews.

Scientists: Gene may be linked to alcoholism

CHICAGO (AP) — Researchers say they have pinpointed for the first time a gene that may make people prone to alcoholism, adding weight to the argument that alcoholism is a disease and not a moral weakness.

Government scientists called the finding "provocative and promising," even if it requires more study, but a leading investigator in the field declared it was impossible to say an "alcohol gene" had been identified.

Writing in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association, the researchers said they found a particular gene on a chromosome previously linked with alcoholism to be far more common in alcoholics than in non-alcoholics they studied.

If verified, the finding would represent the first specific identification of a genetic root for alcoholism.

Alcoholism afflicts an estimated 18 million Americans and tends to run in families.

Experts split over allocation of funds given to AIDS studies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Experts are almost evenly divided about whether the federal government is taking too much money away from cancer, heart disease and other medical studies to support AIDS research, according to a survey by the Office of Technology Assessment.

The OTA survey, released Tuesday, said most of the experts also believe AIDS research "has made many important contributions to advances in the biomedical and behavioral sciences" and that virtually every medical specialty has benefited, to some degree, from money spent on AIDS studies.

Federal spending for treatment and prevention of acquired immune deficiency syndrome totals about \$2.9 billion for the fiscal year that ends this October. Research into the human immunodeficiency virus, which causes AIDS, is about \$1.16 billion.

"Critics of rising expenditures on HIV disease point out that HIV funding has exceeded funding for heart disease and rivals funding for cancer, despite the much greater number of deaths from these latter diseases," the OTA report said. It said about 10 percent of the total National Institutes of Health 1990 budget goes to HIV funding.

To determine how the federal AIDS spending is affecting other biomedical fields, the OTA sent questionnaires to 400 scientists and received completed replies from 148.

The findings showed many areas of biomedical science have benefited from the AIDS research, but the experts showed opinion divided on how best to spend the federal funds.

The study said 48 percent of those who responded "agreed or strongly agreed that too much research funding has been diverted" to AIDS research from other fields. Forty-four percent "disagreed or strongly disagreed with this statement."

There were 87 scientists with some professional activity related to AIDS in the survey, and 51.7 percent of

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those believed the level of AIDS spending was "about right." A third called it too low, and 10.3 percent said it was too high.

In the OTA survey, more than half the experts agreed that each of nine basic biological sciences enjoyed at least some spin-off benefit from the AIDS research.

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