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'ENOUGH OF BLOOD AND TEARS'

Rabin, Arafat exchange 'handshake of peace' during ceremonial signing of Israel-PLO treaty

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a breathtaking moment of hope and history, Yasser Arafat and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin exchanged a handshake of peace before a cheering White House audience Monday after the signing of a PLO-Israeli treaty that once seemed unimaginable.

"Enough of blood and tears. Enough," the gravelly voiced Rabin said with emotion. "We wish to open a new chapter in the sad book of our lives together, a chapter of mutual recognition, of good neighborliness, of mutual respect, of understanding."

Arafat said the agreement should mark the end of a chapter of pain and suffering which has lasted throughout this century. The two men watched from several feet apart as aides signed historic agreements that will bring Palestinian rule to the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Then, drawn toward Rabin by President Clinton, a grinning Arafat extended his hand.

The prime minister reached out for a businesslike handshake.

Cheers of delight roared from the crowd of 3,000 people assembled on the sun-soaked South Lawn.

The audience included former Presidents Carter and Bush. There were eight former secretaries of state, the Cabinet, the Supreme Court and most members of Congress, as well as diplomats and Arab and Jewish leaders in the United States.

Jihan Sadat, the widow of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, assassinated for making peace with Israel, also was present.

After months of secret negotiations, the PLO last week recognized the right of Israel to live in peace and renounced violence; Israel in turn recognized the PLO as the representative of Palestinians.

The fast-moving chain of events is expected to continue Tuesday with an-

Arafat given the royal treatment at White House

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Yasser Arafat, for decades an outsider who yearned for acceptance in the Western world, stood on a White House stage Monday and promised to make peace. He couldn't stop smiling.

From the moment he arrived at the White House wearing his trademark black-and-white checked headdress and starched military uni-

form, to his good-bye wave as he got into his limousine, the aging guerrilla chieftain appeared to be having the time of his life.

After 19 years of being refused entry into the United States, here he was being escorted into the White House Blue Room; here he was being introduced to Vice President Al Gore, Secretary of State Warren Christopher and President Clinton.

And here he was standing next to Clinton in front of 3,000 VIPs and millions of TV viewers around the world who tuned in to watch the signing of a peace agreement between the Palestine Liberation Organization and Israel.

"My people are hoping that this agreement which we are signing today marks the beginning of the end of a chapter of pain and suffering which has lasted throughout

this century," Arafat said, speaking in Arabic.

"Our two people are awaiting today this historic hope, and they want to give peace a real chance," he said.

Arafat also sought to assure his new partners in peace. "Our people do not consider that exercising the right to self-determination could violate the rights of their neighbors or infringe on their security."

announcement by Jordan and Israel at the State Department of agreement on a negotiating agenda that could lead to a peace treaty and diplomatic relations.

The success of the Israeli-PLO agreement depends on the international community providing billions of dollars to develop the economy of the West Bank

and Gaza. Clinton made clear he expects other nations to provide the lion's share.

"We know a difficult road lies ahead," Clinton said. "Every peace has its enemies, those who still prefer the easy habits of hatred to the hard labors of reconciliation."

"It's not so easy," Rabin said, "neither for myself as a soldier in Israel's

war, nor for the people of Israel, nor for the Jewish people in the Diaspora who are watching us now with great hope mixed with apprehension."

Arafat sought to appease his critics after the ceremony by predicting that the Palestinian flag "will fly over Jerusalem's walls, minarets and churches."

Kite-flying weather blows into A&M



Kristian Houghtling, a sophomore genetics major from San Antonio, takes advantage of the wind on Monday for kite flying on Duncan Field. He says it was the first day he has been able to get his kite out.

FACULTY SENATE Senate urges changes in bookstore policies

Ban on smokeless tobacco considered

By Lisa Elliott
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Changes in the book ordering policy of the University Bookstore could be in the future if the Faculty Senate has its way.

Several faculty senators expressed their anger with the bookstore's ordering and pricing policies at the Faculty Senate meeting Monday afternoon.

Steven Oberhelman, associate professor of modern and classical languages, said he is disgusted with having his students using different editions because the bookstore is out of the one they need. He said it takes several weeks to order new books, and by the time they arrive, the students are already behind.

Barbara Gastel, associate professor of journalism and of humanities in medicine, said the bookstore is too hasty at sending books back.

"Last semester we started using a book halfway through the semester, but by the time we needed it, they had already sent it back," she said.

The Senate also moved to investigate the pricing policy of the bookstore after several faculty members complained their books were being sold for more than they were worth.

In other business, smokeless tobacco users may join the smokers on the sidewalks outside campus buildings if the Senate approves a motion presented to ban the use of all forms of tobacco in campus buildings.

Muriel Bailey, professor of veterinary physiology and pharmacology, made the suggestion saying the appearance of the University would improve if it was made a "tobaccoless campus."

"It is very ugly and unsightly, and it creates a health hazard," he said.

The Senate also voted to send the proposed 1994-1995 school year calendar to be revised so faculty members will not have to return to work before Sept. 1

Three Americans wounded in heavy sniper fire in Mogadishu

The Associated Press

MOGADISHU, Somalia — American soldiers came under what they described as heavy sniper fire Monday and responded by calling in helicopter gunships.

Three Americans were wounded. A spokesman for fugitive warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid said at least 25 Somalis were killed and many more wounded.

Maj. David Stockwell, the chief U.N. military spokesman, denied a claim by Aidid's supporters that 12 Americans were killed. "Absolutely not, without a doubt," he said.

About 200 soldiers from the U.S. Quick Reaction Force came under fire after searching two walled compounds in southern Mogadishu and detaining 50 Somalis for questioning, said Stockwell and his assistant, Capt. Tim McDavitt.

"We suspected them to be gathering places for Aidid's militia," McDavitt said of the compounds.

A Blackhawk and a Cobra helicopter covering the operation returned the sniper fire with 60mm machine guns and 20mm cannons and a second Cobra was called in to lend support, Stockwell said.

Funding for Presidential Library on schedule

By Mark Smith
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Fund raising for the George Bush Presidential Library is on track and may be ahead of fund-raising efforts for other presidential libraries, said Dr. Don W. Wilson, executive director of the Bush Library Center.

"We've had a good response," Wilson said. "I'm very confident that the funds will come in."

John Lindsey, regent and member of the George Bush Presidential Foundation, said, "We're organized now, and I think we're doing fine (with raising funds)."

Lindsey said the six-member foundation is supported by a 40-member board of trustees who come from all over the country.

Recently, the members of the foundation and board of trustees met with the former president at his home in Kennebunkport, Maine. Lindsey said many of the trustees were excited with the library.

"I think we'll get a lot of pledges from the board," Lindsey said.

The fund raising started this spring, and one-fifth of the funds for the library have already come in. Wilson said he would have a better estimate of the necessary funds in June and then see what percentage of that goal they have received.

"We won't really know how much funds we'll need until we get the final design," he said.

Wilson said the designs for the library will include several options set around the main design criteria before there is a final selection of the layout.

"The library's interior is basically set," Wilson said. "The options will be to see what final exterior materials will be used."

A new School of Government and Public Services is being added with the library and could bring the University added prestige in the area of political science.

"The library has potential to bring more international studies to the school," Dr. E. Dean Gage, interim-president of the University, said. "With the priority of international agenda, it (the library) could accelerate moves in that area."

Lindsey said, "When we were first trying to get the library here, Dean Fallon, former dean of the College of Liberal Arts, brought in 10 books for our meeting with President Bush. He put them down on the table and said each of those books was on presidential studies and had been written by a A&M faculty member."

Lindsey said, "We've been on the cutting edge of presidential studies. The library is just going to make us that much better."

The contract for the design of the \$42 million library and the School of Government and Public Services was awarded to CRSS Architects, Inc.

Construction on the library is scheduled to begin in November 1994 and will be completed in December 1996.

Public access channel controversy reaches B-CS

By Lisa Elliott
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Cable Houston and College Station are not immune to explicit programming similar to that which recently aired in Austin and Houston, said Randy Rogers, TCA Cable general manager.

Tempers rose in Austin after a program depicting gay sex scenes was aired on a public access channel.

Access Houston has been under fire with its community recently because of nudity and other objectionable material repeatedly being aired on its three public access channels. As a result of that controversy, the director of

Access Houston lost his job, and radical changes are in store for the nonprofit company.

However, when it comes to public access channels, the hands of the cable company are tied, said Rogers.

"Nobody else has a right to edit what goes on an access channel," he said. "It has to be played as is unless it is prohibited by federal law."

Rogers said under the law, nothing prohibits access channels from airing explicit programs, but they must give viewers the opportunity to block it out. That, he said, is why Houston's cable company is in trouble.

"The FCC defines obscene material," he said. "If you carry it, you have to give people the ability to block it out."

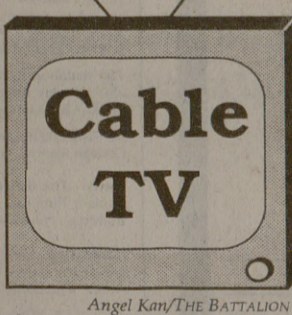
KBTX viewers in Bryan-College Station were angered by the anchorperson's description of the explicit scenes when reporting about the Austin access channel last week on the 6 o'clock news.

Viewers wrote in and called the station forcing them to apologize and promise to take better care in selecting their words in the future, said Jeff Braun, executive producer of KBTX channel 3.

Braun said they received about five coverage which is a result of their coverage which is more than they receive on most other stories.

"The community standards here are much more conservative than in other towns," Braun said.

Rogers said, although TCA Cable does not carry a public access channel, except for three educational access channels used by the school districts and A&M, it probably would if it had the opportunity.



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