

AIDS Day targets male role

GENEVA (AP) — AIDS campaigners across the globe prepared to mark World AIDS Day on Friday with a message to men that they must take responsibility for their behavior to stop the spread of the deadly virus.

"Broadly speaking, men are expected to be physically strong, emotionally robust, daring and virile. Some of these expectations translate into ways of thinking and behaving that endanger the health and well-being of men and their sex partners," the United Nations AIDS agency said in a statement.

Campaigners planned marches, vigils, religious services, promotions and entertainment events to bring home the importance of AIDS awareness. This year's theme is "Men make a difference."

"Men can make a particular difference — by being more caring, by taking fewer risks, and by facing the issue of AIDS head-on, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in a statement.

"Until and unless we grasp that AIDS is our problem, we will be blind to the steps we need to take to protect ourselves and others against it. We will be powerless to reduce its impact. This applies as much to a leader planning the allocation of national resources as it does to a husband planning his future with his wife or a father planning for the future of his child."

According to a U.N. report issued this week, 36.1 million people are

living with HIV/AIDS worldwide, and there will be 5.3 million new infections during 2000. It is expected that 3 million people will die from AIDS, 80 percent of them in Africa.

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The Russian health ministry said Thursday that cases in that country had risen by almost 100 percent during 2000. It said 90 percent of new infections were among intravenous drug users.

In Nairobi, Kenya, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies appealed for \$10.5 million to ensure that its 2 million volunteers can make house-to-house calls in a decade-long campaign to raise AIDS awareness in Africa.

It accompanied the approach what it termed "a frank admission that it has not been doing enough to deal with the epidemic in Africa."

Rock 'n' roll concerts are planned in China, Russia, Ukraine, Laos and Belize to mark World AIDS Day.

In the Rwandan capital, children from all the schools in the city will attend a gathering at the main stadium.

On the Pacific island of Guam, "Light Up in Solidarity" calls on everyone to drive with lights on for the day.

Sanatha Jayasuriya, the Sri Lankan cricket team captain, invested as the latest Goodwill ambassador for UN AIDS in a torch light parade will be held in

International music channels is broadcasting "Staying Alive," a 30-minute documentary on HIV/AIDS hosted by singer Martin Luther King Jr.

"AIDS continues to be a global issue, and there is still a lot of work to be done to raise awareness of the disease," said Martin.

Other celebrities, including soccer star Ronaldo and rock star UB40 have joined in with messages of solidarity.

"If I am disappointed when we shoot it again," said actor Sylvester Stallone. "But with AIDS, there is no second chance. It's up to you and me to break the silence."

News in Brief

Gulf Arabs urged to boycott U.S.

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — With appeals to boycott McDonald's and other U.S. products, Gulf Arabs are urging consumers to punish America for supposedly favoring Israel over the Palestinians.

The appeals, circulated in emails,

made from mosque minarets and scribbled on college walls, have struck a chord among some who are shunning American fast food and fashion accessories.

Germans begin mad cow testing

BERLIN (AP) — Anxious to calm public fears in Europe's mad cow crisis,

German officials said they will introduce mandatory testing, check whether people spread the disease and burn huge stocks of animal power plants.

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