From the wires News from the world and the nation

'Commercial' bicentennial hit

WASHINGTON * UPI) - A leader of an organization formed to promate mass-involvement in the bicentennial observance said yesterday the nation's giant corporations are exploiting the anniversary to sell their products.

Jeremy Rifkin, a founder of the People's Bicentennial Commission, said these corporations were "turning the bicentennial into a giant Christmas celebration."
With or without the White House, they are using the

bicentennial era to sell products and bolster up their sagging

Thinge to the American public," he said.

'A lot of people ask me what's the matter with big corporations commercializing the bicentennial." Rifkin said. I'd like to know if anyone would condone General Motors or Kellogg's taking passages from the Bible and quoting Matthew and Mark and plastering them on Kellogg's Corn Flakes boxes," Rifkin added

He said such usage is making meaningless the "sacred roots" of the country

We are going to see the entire advertising industry of this country - which spends \$25 billion a year to sell us products using all of the devices at their disposal to commercialize and plasticize the bicentennial," Rifkin said.

UN guard tightened for PLO

UNITED NATIONS (UPI) — The United Nations will be under the tightest guard of its 29 years when Palestine guerrilla leader Yasser Arafat appears before the General Assembly this week.

Not even the stormy visits in 1960 of Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev and Cuba's Fidel Castro created the giant security headache that American and United Nations officials said confronted them with the expected arrival of Arafat's

Palestine Liberation Organization delegation.
Yesterday's bombing of a United Nations Association book store in Los Angeles, followed by an anonymous telephone caller who cited the Jewish Defense League slogan, "Never

gain," points up the problem. With only three days to the start Wednesday of the General Assembly debate on Palestine, U.S. and PLO officials said

they still had not been able to agree on where the Palestinianswill stay for the seven-day session.

American officials coordinating complex security arrangements among the 230-man U.N. police force, New York City police and at least three federal agencies said they still are pressing the Palestinians to make their temporary home at a military garrison or Governor's Island Coast Guard station off the southern tip of Manhattan.

Cuba sanctions may survive

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — Supporters of lifting economic and political sanctions against Cuba encountered last-minute difficulties yesterday when serveral key countries at the OAS meeting here indicated they may abstain in any voting.

Tweny-one countries will be voting on lifting the blockade against Cuba and the Communist regime of Prime Minister Fidel Castro on Tuesday after a five-day conference here

sponsored by the Organization of American States.

Supporters of ending the bans say they have 13 votes — one short of the two-thirds majority they need. That focuses attention on the five nations considered uncommitted: Brazil, the United States, Bolivia, Guatemala and Nicaragua.

In addition, diplomátic sources said Haiti will announce abstention when its foreign minister addresses the conference today. Haiti hd been considered a sure vote in favor of lifting

On Sunday, Nicaragua's foreign minister said he will abstain from voting. He said that Cuban "acts of intervention and aggression have continued" against his country.

Woman celebrates mass

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Reciting the words "the gifts of God for the people of God," Rev. Alison Cheek yesterday became the first woman to celebrate Holy Communion in Episcopal Church in the United States

Acting in defiance of a request from Bishop William

Christ's words from the Last Supper, when He told the Disciples the bread and wine on which they dined were His

body and blood.

Worshipers from all faiths jammed the St. Stephen and the Incarnation Church for the service.

Rev. Cheek, along with 10 other women deacons in the 3.2 million member church, was ordained into the priesthood by four bishops at a service in Philadelphia in July

Two weeks later the church's House of Bishops, in an emergency meeting, declared the Philadelphia action irregular and the ordinations invalid.

At their regularly scheduled meeting in October, the bishops said they favored "in principle" the ordination of women but did not act to regularize or recognize the ordination of the 11. Then, on Oct. 27, three of the women, including Rev. Cheek, celebrated Holy Communion at a non-Episcopal church in

U.S. pledges wheat, grain

CAIRO (UPI) — Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz yesterday signed a \$36.5 million agreement with the Egyptian government under which the United States will ship Egypt 200,000 tons of wheat or wheat flour during the coming year in ad-

dition to 100,000 tons of grain already pledged.

The deal is a dollar credit sale that Egypt has 20 years to repay in U.S. dollars

"In the years ahead, food productive capacity must be built up in the developing nations," Butz told newsmen at the ceremony. "This is the real opportunity to increase the productive capacity of the world, and I think this is where we're going to have to address increasing attention."

He said, "We have only a limited supply of aid. The world

has only a limited supply of aid. We have a limited supply of foodstuffs right now. I think all of us must be very careful to be sure every ton reaches the area of real need.

Butz told Egyptian Foreign Trade Minister Fathi Ahmed Matbuli, who signed the agreement for Egypt, that the United States wanted to "extend short supplies of wheat in the critical world needs between now and next June and July when ample supplies again become available.'

Some progress at food talks

ROME (AP) — Some progress is emerging after a week's talk at the World Food Conference, but so far the money to back it up is not flowing in. The delegates already have sewn together the basic threads

of an international grain bank plan to serve the world as a buffer against bad weather and natural disasters.

Most countries have announced readiness to join a food information system, a sort of alarm system proposed by the Japanese to alert countries to changing crop and stock conditions so they could make required adjustments.

Almost without exception, the delegations have paid at least

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food production in developing countries to make them eventually self-sufficient.

However, what conference planners sought and have not received so far are commitments in dollars to finance the kind of programs to put agriculture on its feet in Asia, Africa and

Experts want to step up the annual growth rate of food production on those continents from 2.6 to 3.6 per cent in the next 12 years and to do this they estimate the wealthy nations must be pumping in some \$5 billion a year by 1985.

Ugandan rebellion crushed

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania (UPI) — Ugandan commandos attempted to overthrow President Idi Amin last week but the revolt was crushed in room-to-room combat by loyal troops, East African diplomatic sources said yesterday.

In London, 14 British diplomats and 11 members of their families arrived yesterday following their expulsion from Kampala, the Ugandan capital.

At least 15 soldiers of a special commando division, established personally by Amin, were killed and several others wounded in the short-lived rebellion Wednesday at Kampala's Mbuya barracks, the sources said.

Diplomatic sources said the revolt started when commandos, who guard strategic installations throughout the country, complained they had not been paid for three months and had not received full food rations.

Amin quickly moved loyal troops into the insurgent Mbuya barracks and crushed the rebels room-to-room fighting, the

Sugar price rebellion seen

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers in some richer countries, including the United States, are rebelling against record high sugar prices by cutting consumption, the Agriculture Department said yesterday.
"The world is likely to consume a record amount of sugar

during 1974-74," the department said, "Higher prices, however, will slow the rate of increase.

Retail prices in the United States have climbed sharply and show no sign of retreating soon. Last week five pound bags of sugar that cost about 70 cents a year ago were selling for \$2.20 or more and were expected by some retail officials to climb to over \$3 per bag in the near future.

L.C. Hurt, a specialist in the department's Foreign Agricultural Service, said world sugar output in the crop year which began last May 1 now is estimated at 81.1 million metric

Many of the poorer developing countries which produce sugar set consumer prices and have allowed only minor price increases domestically, Hurt said.

"There is some evidence of per capita reductions in sugar consumption in the United States, as well as in some West European countries, and in Japan," he said.

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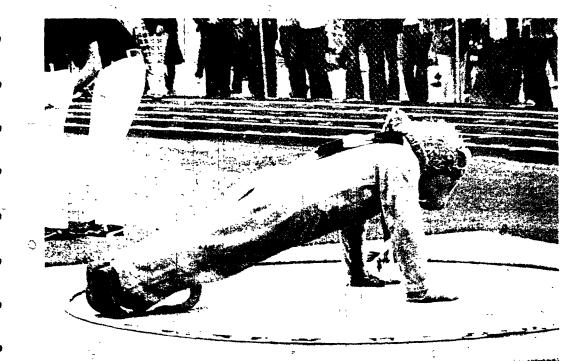
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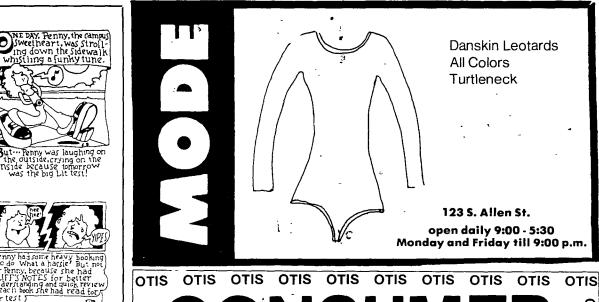
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