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Columbus Seeks New Route To Spice Islands

By Julio Alvarez

MADRID - Spokesman for Captain Christopher Columbus of Genoa announced plans today to seek a new sea route to India, China and the lands of the East. The voyage will be funded by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain.

Columbus plans to sail a fleet of three

ships westward into the Atlantic Ocean. He claims that, in this way, he will eventually reach the Far East. It is hoped that this route will prove to be shorter and more inexpensive than the passage presently used, which goes around the southern tip of Africa.

Critics of the project, however, claim that Columbus is mad for attempting

this trip. Geographical experts around Europe, citing the fact that the earth is flat, warn that he will probably fall off its edge.

"It's ridiculous," one said. "How can Columbus expect to get to the East by sailing west? He's insane."

Queen Isabella, when asked why her government is funding this project,

replied, "To get the bastard off our backs, He's been bugging us for months. Personally, I hope he does fall off."

Columbus is reported to be resting in preparation for the journey, and was unavailable for comment. No date has been set for his departure.

Exclusive Karen Quinlan Interview

The following is the transcript of a telephone interview conducted with the hospitalized Karen Quinlan on Tuesday March 29, her 23rd birthday.

Q. Good afternoon, Karen. How are you feeling today?

A.

Q. Well, I won't take too much of your time. I'd just like to ask you a few questions. First of all, I was wondering,

in all the stir which your case has caused in the national media, do you feel that they've treated you fairly?

A.

Q. When your parents first decided to have your respirator turned off, they had to go through many court hearings.

Do you think your interests were adequately defended at these hearings?

A.

Q. What do you think the outcome would have been if you had been present to testify in your own behalf?

A.

Q. Do you agree with the final outcome of those proceedings?

A.

Q. Your doctors have classified you as a "vegetable". Do you agree with this term?

A.

Q. When your respirator finally was disconnected, you had the audacity not to die. How do you think your parents feel now, having spent all this time and money on you?

A.

Q. Don't you feel low, Karen?

A.

Q. If you ever do regain consciousness, what will be the first thing you say to your parents?

A.

Q. Well, Karen, I'll let you go now. This has been a really enjoyable interview. Thanks a lot, and happy birthday. Eat a piece of cake for me, too.

A.

Q. By the way - what're you doing next Saturday night?

President To Fight Idi Amin

Washington March 32, (SOB)

Ladys and gentlemen, fellow Americans, the unbelievable has happened. International politics and diplomacy will, for the first time in history, turn into a boxing contest.

At 4 o'clock GMT, this afternoon, the president of the United States Jimmy Carter, will face the strong man of Africa, Field Marshal Idi Amin, the President of Uganda, in a free style boxing tournament in Bermuda.

Details of the fight, labelled "confidential," by usually reliable sources close to the White House say "the fight is to decide the issues once and for all." It may be recalled that President Carter has recently attacked Idi Amin's violations of human rights, and that Idi Amin did not like that at all.

CBS has been granted exclusive rights to cover the fights. So, if you would like to know which way US-Uganda policy will go, do not forget the date: Friday April 1, 1977, time 4P.M. GMT.

In other news, the president has today signed legislation demanding that at or before 12 midnight tonight, thirty-five percent of all whites in America must turn either black or Puerto Rican. This, the president hopes, will eliminate once and for all the question of minority problems in the country.

Worm Eats New Building

By Baffo Washnard

The New Building, located directly across from the main entrance of the building depicted in the photograph on this page, has been eaten by a giant worm, informed sources said today.

According to these same sources the worm has sought vengeance for the disruption of smaller worms' sleeping quarters due to the construction of the New Building.

According to Dr. James D. South, who sometimes goes by the name of Jerry, the New Building was ever nearer to completion than this paper had previously reported, when the worm struck.

In an harried and confusing interview with the worm, after it devoured the building, the worm said, "We worms must stand up for our rights and not let these people step all over us."

Plans for negotiations with the worm to consider a new site for the building will be discussed later on this week.

Weekend Weather

There may be no weekend this weekend, but if there is here's what the weather will be like. The sun will come up in the morning and the sun will come up at night. Friday's temperature's will range from low to high, but mostly high around here! Saturday looks like it'll be peaked. Watch out for a giant worm storm coming from Canada. Sunday will be much the same, but a day later. Also on Sunday, palms are expected; wear your sandals, ride an ass, and have a glass of wine.

