

Bag your plants over term break

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You're leaving soon for term break, and you just don't know how to break it to your green roommates. You'd like to take them with you, but it was tough enough securing a ride in the first place — the driver didn't say you could bring your fronds along.

If you don't do something, your lovely greens will turn a deadly shade of brown during your absence. They'll suffer from your ignorance, and as Mark Twain once observed, "ignorance is a crime."

Maybe you can hire a plant-sitter. These fine folks haven't organized yet and still work for reasonable rates. Find someone you can trust, and make sure he or she isn't leaving town. A really nice stereo may provide impetus to someone who might otherwise be reluctant to visit your empty apartment.

If you have no friends or you live in a dormitory, you can still keep your plants happy while you're gone. Construct a mini-greenhouse around them.

As strange as it may seem, plastic can be a plant's best friend — at least, when you're not around. Clear wrap from the kitchen or closet will induce a humid, tropical feeling for which your plants will surely thank you.

Before you begin bagging, water heavily. As soon as the excess water has seeped out and been disposed of, surround individual plants with a sandwich bag and then pinch the open end between the pot and the saucer.

A large plant (or several small ones) may need a full-size bag from the cleaner's. Try not to let the plastic rest on the leaves, and be sure the bag is free from rips and perforations. If there are tears, seal them with rubber bands or the "twistems" that came with the bags.

Green Thumbs

Place your bagged buddies in a little less light than usual. If too much direct sunlight hits them, the temperature inside the tent may become uncomfortably high.

Speaking of temperature, it might be wise to check with that shifty landlord and find out if he's going to try and save energy while you're gone. The bags will hold in some heat, but if it's going to get below 50 degrees F (10 degrees C) for long periods of time, there may be complaints from some of the weaker leaves. If the owner's going to cool it, move those plants to a warmer climate.

Israelis kill 4 Arab infiltrators

By UPI
Israel forces hunted down and killed four Arab guerrilla infiltrators in an apple orchard near the northern town of Metulla yesterday, then crossed the border into Lebanon to arrest two men who watched the fighting from the other side, the military command said.

He said the guerrillas were members of the Arab Liberation Front, an Iraqi-backed group responsible for the Kfar Yuval attack June 15 in which three Israelis and four terrorists were killed. Military sources said troops followed footprints leading from the scene of the fighting to the border fence, where they arrested the two other men. The command spokesman called them "suspicious Lebanese civilians." The

sources said the pair were being interrogated to determine if they were part of the guerrilla mission. The command spokesman said mortar fire was directed from Lebanese territory at the Israeli forces as they combed the area during the day, but there were no Israeli casualties. The guerrillas wore civilian clothes and sneakers and carried grenades and Soviet-built Kalachnikov sub-machineguns, the spokesman said. One of them had a tape recorder, something never seen before on Arab infiltrators. A Palestinian guerrilla group spokesman in Lebanon said one of its suicide units stormed a hotel and a resort house in the settlement of Kfar Jelaadi in northern Israel. A communique distributed by the Palestine News Agency in Beirut said the guerrillas "engaged with enemy forces there at dawn yesterday in a battle under difficult weather conditions." It gave no further details. A Lebanese military spokesman said 15 Israeli soldiers and two vehicles crossed over the border into southern Lebanon near the town of Marjeyoun but Lebanese artillery drove them back.

Chile says invasion thwarted

SANTIAGO, Chile (UPI) — The Chilean government yesterday said it had detected and frustrated an invasion of Chile by more than 1,200 guerrillas from Cuba and Argentina. Reports by the Chilean secret police, known as DINA, said that the invasion was to have been carried out on Nov. 15 by 40 guerrillas trained in Cuba and 1,200 more from Argentina. The government said 14 persons had been arrested in connection with the invasion, code named "Boomerang 1-2."

persons, all identified, arrived in Panama from Cuba on flight 466 of the Cubana airlines. Four of them continued on to Lima on flight 977 of Braniff Airlines "to proceed to infiltrate Chile" from Peru. The secret police said that security services also had discovered that 1,200 guerrillas were also

preparing to infiltrate Chile from the southern Argentine resort city of San Carlos de Bariloche. The guerrillas "were to have used different means of transport, especially on horseback," to cross numerous Andes Mountain passes in that region, DINA said.

Glum Moroccans retreat

TAH, Spanish Sahara (UPI) — Thousands of Moroccan volunteers who poured cheering into the Spanish Sahara last week on a "march of conquest" streamed glumly back across the border yesterday under orders from King Hassan II. A few marchers tried to move on the Spanish defense lines but were turned back. Hassan, threatened with war by Spain and Algeria, called off the march Sunday in a dramatic radio-television speech. He said, without explanation, that the march had "attained its objective" and said Morocco would now switch to diplomacy in its bid to take over the mineral-rich territory in Africa's north-west corner. Press reports said Spain and Morocco

would shortly announce a compromise under which the United Nations would administer the Spanish Sahara until a diplomatic solution could be worked out. But Hassan made no mention of the United Nations in his speech. The 200,000 volunteers folded their tents at dawn and clambered onto trucks for the trek back to their tent city near Tarfaya, 25 miles north of the frontier. A contingent of 300 cadet national police arrived along the route of the withdrawal to guard against possible trouble among the disgruntled volunteers. Spanish news agency reports said that during the night a group of Moroccans tried to enter Spanish lines but were chased away by Spanish soldiers and swooping jets. One youth was captured, the reports said.

Other small groups approached the defense lines yesterday morning, the reports said, and this time Moroccan national police headed them off. There were no reports of any shooting or any casualties. In Madrid, Prince Juan Carlos de Borbon won public acclaim for his handling of the Spanish Sahara crisis, his first test of leadership since assuming power from the ailing Generalissimo Francisco Franco. Most of the volunteers listened in glum silence to the speech over loudspeakers mounted on top of vehicles in their sprawling camp. "I'm afraid I look like idiots to the rest of the world," a Moroccan journalist said. The main line of 200,000 marchers had stopped six miles inside the Sahara

Angola divided in independence

LUANDA, Angola (UPI) — Saying it had nothing to be ashamed of, Portugal pulled out from divided Angola without ceremony yesterday, ending five centuries of colonial rule and leaving three black independence movements to fight it out for control of the mineral-rich West African country. Portugal's last high commissioner, Adm. Leonel Cardoso, ordered the Portuguese flag lowered for the last time at dusk and transferred power "to the Angolan people" before sailing for home in a frigate.

All Portuguese troops were ordered to sail and be out of Angola's territorial waters by midnight — the official time of independence. "In the name of the President of the Portuguese Republic, I solemnly proclaim, effective from zero hours of the eleventh day of November 1975, the independence of Angola and its full sovereignty, rooted in the Angolan people, who shall decide the forms of its execution," Cardoso said at a news conference some 12 hours before the deadline. In 10 months of bitter

fighting between the rival armies, an estimated 30,000 persons have been killed while 300,000 of the half-million white population fled. The Soviet-backed Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola, which controls Luanda, said it was assuming power and declared its revolutionary poet leader, Agostinho Neto, 52, first president. In the areas under their control, the other two liberation movements planned similar proclamations. Only hours before formal

independence, Popular Movement troops yesterday fought an artillery battle near Quifangondo, 12 miles north of Luanda, with forces of one of the rival liberation movements. In the process Luanda's main water supply lines may have been damaged because water taps in the capital dried up at midday. City engineers said it could take a week to repair the damage. "Portugal leaves without sentiments of guilt and without having to be ashamed," Cardoso said.

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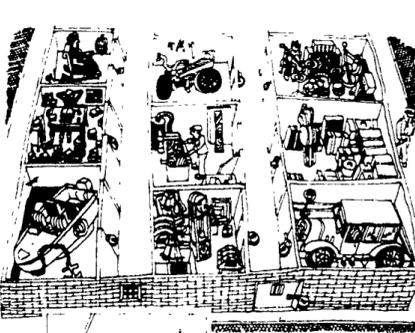
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