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Black Caucus rallying against PSU holdings

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The Black Caucus has launched a campaign to gain student support for its drive to persuade the University to divest of all investments in South African-related companies.

The group's goal is to have the University drop its interests in any company profiting from investments in South Africa, Butch Randolph, caucus president, said.

"We cannot force the University into divestiture," he said. Randolph said the removal of investments will be slow even though a significant number of people are aware of the problem.

A petition recommending the dropping of such investments has been signed by about 1,000 students, Randolph said.

Eventually, he said, the petition will be presented to all representative student organizations on campus to gain their support for a bill to be introduced to the Undergraduate Student Government

Senate. The bill will call for a resolution demanding divestiture.

A similar recommendation also will be introduced to the Student Advisory Board to University President John W. Oswald, Randolph said.

"The University makes it a question of economics and ignores the question of slave labor," he said. But the caucus, according to Randolph, wants to publicize other organizations' efforts for nationwide divestiture rather than offer its own opinions on the situation.

"We need the cooperation of all organizations," he said.

Future efforts of the caucus to bring about divestiture will include large workshops, and perhaps student rallies, if they will put pressure on the University, Randolph said. The group will show the films "Last Grave at Dimbaza" and "Apartheid: 20th Century Slavery" next week in Kern and at the Paul Robeson Cultural Center.

Ex-professor rejects previous settlement in tenure denial suit

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A professor who sued University president John W. Oswald last summer to learn the reasons he was denied tenure has rejected an offer of an out-of-court settlement.

Kurosh Ostovar, formerly an assistant professor of food science, said he expects a hearing on his case to be held in the fall, but did not speculate whether it will be held in Williamsburg or Harrisburg District Court.

Ostovar said he was never told the reasons he was denied tenure, but said he believes they may have been on non-academic grounds. He also said that Oswald — who makes the final decision in tenure cases — had not consulted with the tenure committee in his department and college.

Ostovar said this summer his department head, David R. Lineback, had rated him a 3.6 out of a possible 4.0 points for academic performance. Lineback declined comment on the case.

In July, Ostovar speculated that he was dismissed because he is the owner of La Chaudiere restaurant, on West College Avenue. "That's the first thing that came up," he said. "Myself, the head of the department and the dean thought, 'What else could it be?'"

"There's nothing in the regulations that says a faculty member can't get involved in an outside business," he said.

James M. Beattie, dean of the College of Agriculture, said in July that although he had recommended tenure be granted in Ostovar's case, he nevertheless believed tenure policy had been followed in the dismissal.

Ostovar rejects settlement

A hearing previously scheduled for August was postponed when an out-of-court settlement was reached, but Ostovar said he has since rejected any settlement. He declined to comment on terms of the rejected settlement.

Mark Faulkner, a State College attorney who is working on the case with University lawyer Delbert McQuaide, said the University would not comment on the most recent developments in the case.



Sentinels Afternoon crowds watch Wednesday's soccer game from the new stands at the soccer fields.

Connally testifies on assassination of JFK

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Former Texas Gov. John Connally, brushing tears from his eyes, Wednesday relived the events "indelibly etched in my memory" of the day in Dallas when he was wounded and President John F. Kennedy was killed by an assassin's bullets.

Connally and his wife Nellie testified on the opening day of the House Assassination Committee's month-long public hearing into Kennedy's slaying.

The Connallys agreed there were three shots — although Connally did not hear the second, which hit him — and they came from behind and to the right of the presidential limousine in which they

were riding with Kennedy and his wife Jacqueline.

Their accounts substantially agreed with Connally's evidence before the Warren Commission 14 years ago which concluded Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone assassin.

Connally said he felt the hearings could not answer all the remaining questions about the assassination.

"I wish I could believe that all the speculation and all the rumors could be dispelled. I don't believe that ... Some circumstances are incapable of being solved," he said.

Opening the hearings, committee chairman Louis Stokes, D-Ohio, had

cautioned "certain issues may not be resolved at all ... not all questions that can be asked can be answered."

Following the Connallys' appearance, the panel viewed a series of previously published films and photographs which have been the basis of various conspiracy theories of the assassination. But any analysis was left for later sessions.

Thursday's hearings will be concerned solely with the Kennedy autopsy reports and expert analysis on the nature of the wounds.

After viewing a color film of the shooting, Connally said he would not

argue with other theories of the number and direction of the fatal shots.

"These things are etched in my mind," he said. "I'm not going to argue with experts. Things we say we are certain about because we are absolutely sure that's what happened."

He said as the motorcade passed the Texas School Book Depository on Dealey Plaza on Nov. 22, 1963, "I heard what I thought was a rifle shot. I immediately had fear of an assassination."

"Then I was hit. I was knocked over. The force of the bullet drove my body over ... I was drenched with blood so I knew I was badly hit."

"I did not hear the shot that hit me."

Legionnaires disease strikes in New York

NEW YORK (UPI) — Medical investigators moved into the crowded Garment District Wednesday in an effort to find the source of Legionnaires disease, which killed one man and was suspected as a cause in eight other cases, two of them also fatalities.

The dead man and the suspected victims all worked in or near three large buildings containing about 150 typing offices, apparel showrooms and manufacturing firms.

The federal and local investigators began a systematic survey to determine the extent of the disease and the source of its airborne bacteria. The search found two more possible cases in addition to the seven previously identified as confirmed or suspicious.

Of the newly identified cases, one was a 65-year-old woman who worked for a garment manufacturer,

Health Department officials said. She later died at Caledonian Hospital in Brooklyn.

The other was a plainclothes policeman assigned to the area, officials said. He was reported hospitalized in good condition.

Dr. John Marr, director of epidemiology for the Health Department, said the woman became ill on Aug. 15 and the policeman five days later. "We have not been able to ascertain any new cases for at least two weeks," he said.

That only two possible additional cases were found left officials optimistic. "When we look back, I think we're going to see (the outbreak) was in mid-August, it is not continuing and the number is very small," Marr said.

By late Wednesday, investigators still had not pin-

pointed the source of the disease's bacteria. Air conditioning, identified as a source in instances of the disease elsewhere, was initially ruled out because none of the buildings has a central cooling system.

Mayor Edward Koch emphasized that there were few confirmed or suspected victims and, taken in the context of a city that had 1,600 cases each of tuberculosis and hepatitis last year, "it is not a panic situation."

Marr said the disease cannot be communicated from person to person and added that in the last of the suspicious cases, the symptoms appeared Aug. 24.

Specialists from the city's Health Department and the national Center for Disease Control in Atlanta fanned out throughout the three buildings interviewing workers.

Summit leaders ask for prayers, meet in private

CAMP DAVID, Md. (UPI) — President Carter, Egypt's President Anwar Sadat and Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin began their Middle East peace summit Wednesday with a two-hour meeting on the sun-flecked patio of Carter's lodge.

Preceding their first joint conference with an appeal for the prayers of mankind, the three leaders started into their labors in complete privacy and with none of their advisers present, said White House press secretary Jody Powell.

He said the first conclave began at mid-afternoon and lasted just under two hours. In keeping with the rule of secrecy imposed by Carter, however, Powell would not disclose the initial topics of discussion or describe the atmosphere of the meeting.

Photographs showed Carter in sports attire, and Sadat and Begin in coat and tie seated at a wooden table on the patio. Carter was grinning and Begin was smiling at Sadat, who was gesturing in illustration of some comment.

Earlier, the three leaders issued their first joint statement from the ultra-private summit in Carter's guarded mountaintop retreat. It was an inspirational appeal White House aides said was framed by Carter and approved by Sadat and Begin.

"As we meet here at Camp David," it said, "we ask people of all faiths to pray with us that peace and justice result from these deliberations."

Although secrecy was the order of the day, White House officials said enough to indicate the cozy, informal atmosphere was starting to have the effect Carter wanted.

They said Sadat and Begin broke the ice when they encountered each other by accident on a sun-dappled walking

path. Cabinet ministers were said to be riding around the camp on bikes.

Wednesday's three-way conference was the first of a series of parleys that may run for a week, 10 days, or longer, in this setting. Powell kept a tight lid on news, even declining to comment on the mood of the proceedings.

"Frankly, we felt it would not be in the best interests to engage in temperature-taking at sporadic times," Powell said.

The opening session was the first working meeting between Sadat and Begin since last Christmas in Egypt, when their dramatic peace contacts started losing steam and heading toward collapse.

Powell said Carter laid the groundwork by holding separate two-hour meetings with each man beforehand.

Although aides have said Carter's plan is to shun fixed agendas and ease into the issues in a conversational way, the three men eventually will have to deal with the central disputes concerning Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and the future of the Palestinians.

Meantime, the casual setting of the rustic camp also provided just the sort of ice-breaking touch Carter had been hoping for.

Well before the appointed hour of their first conference table meeting, Powell said, Sadat and Begin met each other while strolling in shirt-sleeves along the camp's wooded walkways.

They shook hands and exchanged pleasantries for a few minutes before continuing their separate constitutional under sunny, blue skies. While they were chatting, Powell said, Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizmann — a man especially well-liked by Sadat — pedaled up on a bicycle and joined them.



Kurosh Ostovar rejects settlement



Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, left, chats with President Carter on the patio of the Aspen Lodge at Camp David, Maryland, where the two leaders are conducting a Mideast summit conference along with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.