-News briefs-

U.S. PLO support growing

Palestine Liberation Organization pathetic and is aware that the lecture tour of the United States said changed.' yesterday that U.S. congressional support for Palestinian rights is

"There are many congressmen and senators who are beginning to appreciate the justice of the Palestinian becoming an important factor and cause," said Shafiq Al Hout, head of the PLO's Beirut office.

"But they are still afraid to express this because they know what it would mean if the Zionist groups started to act against them. They know the effect those groups can have on their political future."

Hout made his comments in an interview with the Beirut weekly condition that he refrain from magazine Monday Morning.

He said Rep. Paul Findley, R-Ill., "made it a point to accompany me around Capitol Hill" and Sen. George a visa.

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — A McGovern, D-S.D., "is also symofficial just back from a three-week American attitude should be

> "There are many others but I would rather not mention their

"The U.S. realizes that the PLO is that if they want to tackle the Palestine question they cannot do so without consulting the PLO," he said.

Hout visited the United States at the invitations of Columbia, Yale, Harvard and Princeton Universities to give lectures.

He was issued a visa under the making statements for publication to the media. Israeli officials had urged

Tag may get blame for mishap

HARRISBURG (AP) - Two neither do we," Wright said Saturcrucial indicator lights on a reactor day. control panel may have been covered Auxiliary feedwater pumps kicked

legislative panel investigating the Regulatory Commission regulations. accident, that the tag may have Jack Herbein, vice president of March 28 accident. "A red maintenance tag was laying

by a red maintenance tag, com- on automatically to provide vital pounding the Three Mile Island coolant. But the flow was blocked by nuclear accident, a state legislator two valves that had been manually closed during maintenance Company officials told state Rep. operations two weeks before the James Wright, chairman of the accident, a violation of Nuclear

prevented operators from knowing Metropolitan Edison Co., said lights that a backup water system was out in the huge control room should have of service in the early hours of the told operators that the backup system was inoperable.

A series of human blunders and across part of one of the lights. And mechanical breakdowns were inone of the control room operators said volved in the accident, the worst in this possibly blocked part of the the nation's commercial nuclear lights. They don't know for sure and plant history.

John Wayne's condition stable



John Wayne

LOS ANGELES (UPI) - John Wayne, who faces experimental medical treatment this week for cancer, spent a comfortable night and his condition was stable, a spokeswoman at UCLA Medical Center said yesterday.

The spokeswoman said it had not yet been determined when Wayne would begin the voluntary, nonsurgical treatment, which doctors said could include radiation, chemotherapy and oral drug treatments and was part of an ongoing research project.

One or more of Wayne's family was always at the hospital, she added.

The actor got a surprise visit Saturday from President Carter and through him sent his thanks to all his well-wishers "for loving him so"

Socialist party wins in Austria

strengthening the absolute majority year-old leader. the party has held since 1971.

seats from the 93 it won in the last the lowest inflation rates in the world. elections in 1975.

The conservative People's Party 10, a loss of one from 11.

The tiny Communist Party, not entire four-year term. represented in parliament since 1959, to early results.

Kreisky's victory after nine years counted Monday and Tuesday.

VIENNA, Austria (UPI) — - in office, longer than any of his Chancellor Bruno Kreisky led his predecessors since the break-up of Socialist Party to its fourth con- the Austro-Hungarian monarchy, secutive election victory yesterday, marks a personal success for the 68-

Political observers said Kreisky Interior Minister Erwin Lanc said and his party obtained the victory initial official results showed the mainly because they succeeded in Socialists won 96 seats, a gain of three ensuring full employment and one of

Kreisky, often described by his political opponents as "past his prime won 76, a drop of four from 80 in 1975, and in poor health," said his doctors and the rightist Freedom Party won told him he is in good health and is determined to stay in office for the

Final official results may not be failed again to win a seat, according known before Tuesday because some 270,000 absentee ballots will be

Pittsburgh rally protests draft

PITTSBURGH (AP) — About 1,000 persons rallied at a public park yesterday against pending legislation that would revive mandatory military service for the nation's young men.

"The next two weeks are crucial, and it's time to take a stand," said Ray Brock, an organizer of the rally

at Pittsburgh's Schenley Park. The Friends Peace Center of Pittsburgh and a local chapter of the newly formed Committee Against Registration and the Draft (CARD) organized the rally as a step toward enlisting local Congressmen in the fight to continue the nation's volunteer armed forces.

Among those who addressed Sunday's rally were the Rev. Barry Lynn, co-founder of CARD, and Tom Kerr, Pennsylvania chairman of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The protest leaders are most much time left."

concerned about the proposed House Military Procurement Act. Attached to that long-range military funding bill are four sentences requiring all 18-year-olds males to register in 1981 for possible military duty, Brock

Language proposing the immediate revival of the draft system was part of an earlier version of the bill, which was defeated by a 5-4 vote of a House armed services subcommittee, he

The revised procurement bill will reach the floor of the House within weeks, Brock said.

Pittsburgh area members of Congress are undecided on the issue, he said.

"All the representatives are on the fence," he said. "We need to make them decide, because there's not

Official urges refining increase

WASHINGTON (AP) - The to increase their output. chairman of a key House energy Carter yesterday to order the nation's action already is overdue.

Rep. Toby Moffett, D-Conn.. chairman of the energy subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee, said oil refineries are operating well below capacity and below a level that could be justified by the cutoff of Iranian

authority now to order the refineries mer."

"They don't need any more subcommittee called on President authority from us to force the production of more gasoline and oil companies to increase their heating oil," he said. "And they production of gasoline, saying such should be doing it right now, not pleading with the oil companies, not being polite, but using their authority....

"They have to do it now, because if we get to the middle of the summer and then they decide they're going to force refineries to produce heating oil (for the approaching winter) ... they will be bringing on a terrible shortage Moffett said Carter has the of gasoline by the end of the sum-

Israeli planes break U.N.-arranged cease-fire

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — Israeli bardment. Palestinian guerrilla officials warplanes yesterday bombed a Palestinian base in northern Lebanon and a nearby village in the first major breach of a U.N.-arranged cease-fire.

In Lebanon's southern border, rightist militiamen pounded a Palestinian stronghold and several Palestinian-held villages early yesterday, reports from the scene said.

Most of the rightist militia shellfire was directed against the Beaufort Crusader Castle at Arnoun and its surrounding hills, where five persons were wounded in the five-hour bomsaid the Israeli air strikes were. primarily aimed at the refugee camp of Nahr Al Bared, south of the village of Mohammara, where Palestinian antiaircraft gunners shot at the Israeli aircraft.

(In Israel, military authorities said the camp was used "to organize and train terrorists and there had been preparations to launch terrorist attacks against Israel" from it. It said the jets returned safely to base.)

As rescue workers dug through the rubble of devastated homes in Mohammara, the state-owned Beirut radio said early reports indicated 30 persons attending a wedding reception at the home of a local villager were killed or wounded in the raid.

The radical Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine said four persons were killed and "many more" wounded in the mid-morning Israeli air action against Nahr El Bared.

It said the region's Palestinian guerrillas and local leftist militiamen

were on alert in anticipation of fresh The air strikes marked the first major breach of a United Nations-mediated cease-fire that halted four days of massive Israeli sea, air and artillery attacks against Palestinian positions in south Lebanon late last month,

Lebanese government officials said at the time the attacks had killed 50 persons and wounded 80 others.

While the April raids came in retaliation for a Palestinian guerrilla. attack against the north Israeli coastal town of Nahariya, yesterday's air strikes could not be connected to any single Palestinian action.

Rhodesian asks for formal independence talks

SALISBURY, Rhodesia (UPI) — Prime Ministerelect Abel Muzorewa yesterday asked new British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher for negotiations leading to Britain's formal granting of independence to

Muzorewa told the Sunday Mail that Britain abrogated its responsibility toward its former colony by taking the issue to the United Nations when Prime Minister Ian Smith declared independence unilaterally

"Mrs. Thatcher has the right and the power to rectify this," he said. "Our two governments would then be in a position to settle the issues amicably in fairness and iustice.'

Muzorewa said that with last month's black majority rule elections, which gave his party 51 of the 72 black seats in the new parliament, Rhodesia had "removed all the causes for which this country has previously been condemned.

"We have earned our right to legality. If the British now lead by example, many other nations will follow and we can expect the early lifting of sanctions and international recognition."

At Britain's request, the United Nations for 15 years has demanded that its members apply trade sanctions against Rhodesia.

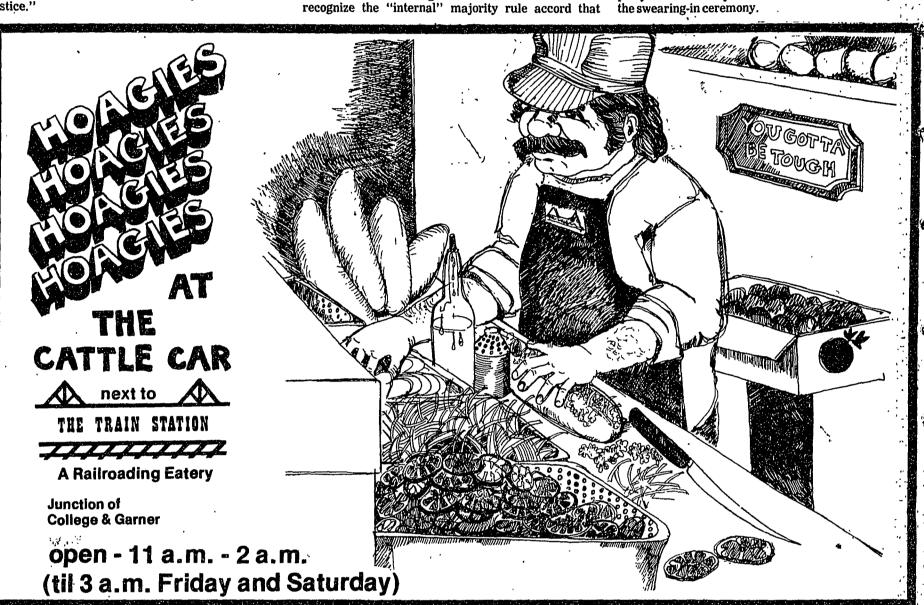
London and Washington have to date refused to

produced last month's election because it excluded black nationalist guerrillas, who rejected the elections: The newly elected black parliament members are to

sit for the first time today when they join 20 elected white members to select another eight white members from a list of 16 candidates submitted by Smith's. Rhodesian Front party.

Smith will control all 28 white seats — a bloc which § can veto proposed changes in the country's new

majority rule constitution for 10 years. The Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole, who came second in the black rule election, reiterated over the weekend that his party will not take up the 12 seats it won and will boycott

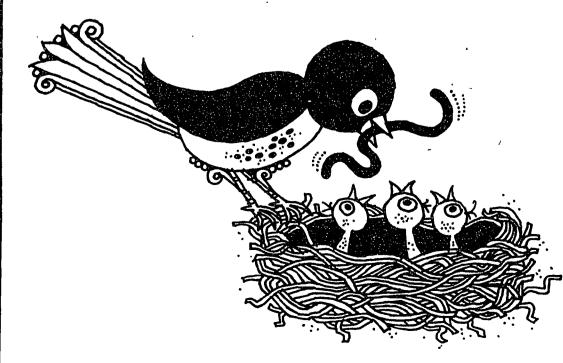


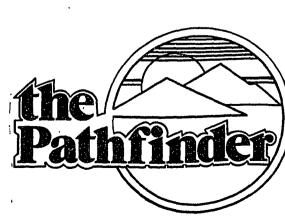
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