

News briefs

### U.S. PLO support growing

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — A Palestine Liberation Organization official just back from a three-week lecture tour of the United States said yesterday that U.S. congressional support for Palestinian rights is growing.

"There are many congressmen and senators who are beginning to appreciate the justice of the Palestinian 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 magazine Monday Morning.

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

McGovern, D-S.D., "is also sympathetic and is aware that the American attitude should be changed."

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

"The U.S. realizes that the PLO is becoming an important factor and 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 condition that he refrain from making statements for publication to the media. Israeli officials had urged the State Department to refuse Hout a visa.

### Tag may get blame for mishap

HARRISBURG (AP) — Two crucial indicator lights on a reactor control panel may have been covered by a red maintenance tag, compounding the Three Mile Island nuclear accident, a state legislator said.

Company officials told state Rep. James Wright, chairman of the legislative panel investigating the accident, that the tag may have prevented operators from knowing that a backup water system was out of service in the early hours of the March 28 accident.

"A red maintenance tag was laying across part of one of the lights. And one of the control room operators said this possibly blocked part of the lights. They don't know for sure and

neither do we," Wright said Saturday.

Auxiliary feedwater pumps kicked on automatically to provide vital coolant. But the flow was blocked by two valves that had been manually closed during maintenance operations two weeks before the accident, a violation of Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulations.

Jack Herbein, vice president of Metropolitan Edison Co., said lights in the huge control room should have told operators that the backup system was inoperable.

A series of human blunders and mechanical breakdowns were involved in the accident, the worst in the nation's commercial nuclear 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, non-surgical 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 much."

### Socialist party wins in Austria

VIENNA, Austria (UPI) — Chancellor Bruno Kreisky led his Socialist Party to its fourth consecutive election victory yesterday, strengthening the absolute majority the party has held since 1971.

Interior Minister Erwin Lanc said initial official results showed the Socialists won 96 seats, a gain of three seats from the 93 it won in the last elections in 1975.

The conservative People's Party won 76, a drop of four from 80 in 1975, and the rightist Freedom Party won 10, a loss of one from 11.

The tiny Communist Party, not represented in parliament since 1959, failed again to win a seat, according to early results.

Kreisky's victory after nine years

in office, longer than any of his predecessors since the break-up of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy, marks a personal success for the 68-year-old leader.

Political observers said Kreisky and his party obtained the victory mainly because they succeeded in ensuring full employment and one of the lowest inflation rates in the world.

Kreisky, often described by his political opponents as "past his prime and in poor health," said his doctors told him he is in good health and is determined to stay in office for the entire four-year term.

Final official results may not be known before Tuesday because some 270,000 absentee ballots will be counted Monday and Tuesday.

### 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

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 said.

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 added.

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 much time left."

### Official urges refining increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of a key House energy subcommittee called on President Carter yesterday to order the nation's oil companies to increase their production of gasoline, saying such 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 oil.

Moffett said Carter has the authority now to order the refineries

to increase their output.

"They don't need any more authority from us to force the production of more gasoline and heating oil," he said. "And they 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 of gasoline by the end of the summer."

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

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — Israeli 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 bom-

bardment. Palestinian guerrilla officials said the Israeli air strikes were primarily aimed at the refugee camp of Nahr Al Bared, south of the village of Mohammara, where Palestinian anti-aircraft 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 attacks.

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 Minister-elect Abel Muzorewa yesterday asked new British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher for negotiations leading to Britain's formal granting of independence to Rhodesia.

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 in 1965.

"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 justice."

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 recognize the "internal" majority rule accord that

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 the swearing-in ceremony.

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