

U.S. rejects World Court power in Nicaragua

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WASHINGTON — The mining of Nicaraguan waters and the Reagan administration's decision to remove its Central American policies from World Court jurisdiction provoked a furor in Congress yesterday, as Nicaragua appealed to the international community to halt U.S. support for anti-government guerrillas.

Congressional Democratic leaders said the latest turn of events in Nicaragua had perhaps doomed the administration's request for funds to finance undercover operations against the leftist Sandinista government in Nicaragua.

Even before Nicaragua petitioned the International Court of Justice in The Hague for assistance, the United States announced it would not recognize the court's right to rule in any cases involving Central America for the next two years.

State Department spokesman John Hughes indicated that the administration did not want to have to answer questions from the World Court about alleged U.S. intelligence activities in Nicaragua. He said Washington also did not want the court to be

turned into a "propaganda forum" by the Nicaraguans.

House and Senate hearings into the Nicaraguan situation were scheduled. Seven House members introduced a resolution demanding an immediate end to the mining of Nicaraguan harbors, which congressional sources say was carried out by CIA agents. The State Department refuses to comment on the CIA's reported involvement.

Both developments were denounced by the three Democratic presidential candidates, and one of them — the Rev. Jesse Jackson — announced in Pittsburgh he would lead a "peace delegation" to Nicaragua later this month or in early May.

"Mining the harbor is close to an act of war," Jackson said. "It's provocative or dangerous. The situation in Central America is deteriorating."

The House resolution, which would not have the force of law but would only express congressional sentiment, was introduced by Rep. Thomas J. Downey, D-N.Y., who said, "There is no better way to put resolve in the Nicaraguan government than for the United States to actively lay siege to the country."

Rep. Michael D. Barnes, D-Md.,

chairman of the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on Western Hemisphere affairs, said he was "shocked that the president shows so little respect for international law."

Barnes said his subcommittee would hold immediate hearings on what he called "this shameful episode" regarding the World Court.

Sen. Charles H. Percy, R-Ill., called a closed meeting of the Foreign Relations Committee today for a briefing on the mining, the World Court action and reports of a contingency plan for sending U.S. troops into Central America. He said public hearings may follow.

"I just don't know where the sensitivity is in a case like that," he told James Michel, deputy assistant secretary of state for Western Hemisphere affairs, who was testifying on proposed U.S. aid to Central America.

"I think we are all put in an extraordinarily difficult position," Percy said. "I will certainly expedite the hearing on this, and I assume it will be a warm hearing, to put it mildly."

Michel told the committee the United

States had never previously moved to exempt itself from World Court jurisdiction, but that Canada, India, Britain and Australia formerly had done so.

Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Miguel d'Escoto told reporters at his country's embassy here that the "contras," or anti-government guerrillas, had killed 1,300 Nicaraguans since the CIA-organized insurgency began in late 1981.

D'Escoto said Nicaragua had brought its complaint before the World Court because it "seeks a complete and open examination of the facts" and the chance to demonstrate that U.S. support for the insurgency is "an issue of force in clear violation of international law."

Coincidentally, President Reagan signed a proclamation yesterday designating May 1 as Law Day in the United States and said that "without law there can be no freedom."

The United States has taken cases to the World Court in the past. The most notable case in recent years was a complaint against Iran for seizing American hostages in 1979. The court ruled that Iran had violated international law, but the hostages were not released until January 1981.

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The administration's latest move was interpreted by critics as an admission that its case for supporting that guerrillas fighting Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government was weak and that it feared an adverse World Court ruling.

Former Vice President Walter F. Mondale, campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination, said of the administration's action: "I think it's a mistake, and I think it will cost us substantially in terms of the moral authority we need to conduct an effective foreign policy."

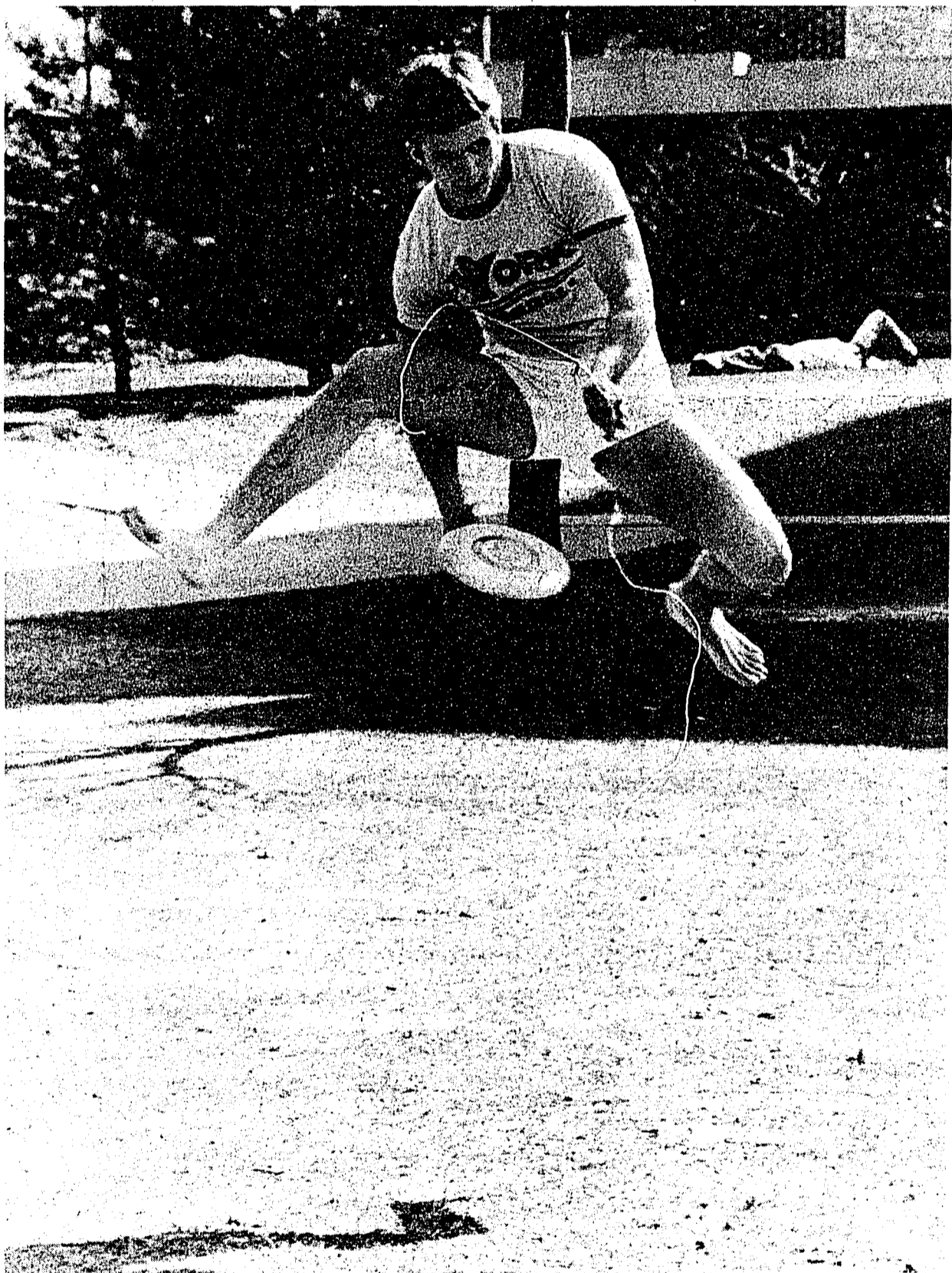


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Flyin' high

Bruce McIvried (sophomore-engineering) takes advantage of yesterday's warm weather to play some Frisbee outside Stuart Hall.

America tunes in to the Oscars

By BOB THOMAS
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jack Nicholson, the pot-bellied, womanizing ex-astronaut in "Terms of Endearment," and Linda Hunt, the idealistic male dwarf photographer in "The Year of Living Dangerously," won Oscars as best supporting actor and actress, while "Fanny & Alexander" and "The Right Stuff" made strong showings in early awards last night.

"Fanny & Alexander," which the great Swedish director Ingmar Bergman says will be his last movie, was honored as best foreign film. Sven Nykvist won the best cinematography award for his work on the film, and the movie also won for costume design and art direction.

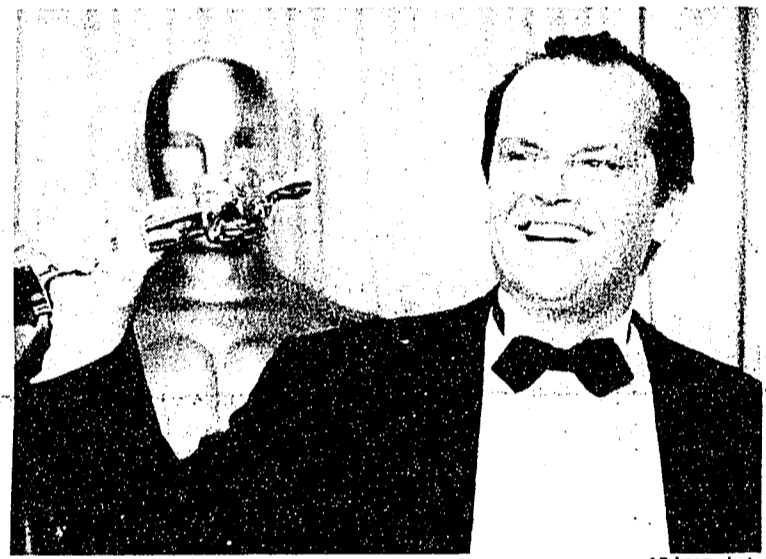
Nicholson, who won the best actor award in 1975 for "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," becomes only the third actor to win in both categories, joining Jack Lemmon and Robert De Niro.

"Terms," the bittersweet story of a mother-daughter relationship through the years, had been expected in advance to sweep the top honors. Shirley MacLaine, nominated four times previously but never a winner, was favored as best actress for her role as Debra Winger's eccentric mother.

"The Right Stuff," the critically praised box-office flop about America's first astronauts, picked up awards for best sound effects editing, best film editing and best sound. In the latter two categories it was up against "Terms."

Comedian Johnny Carson was back after a year's absence as host for the 56th annual Academy Awards ceremony, televised live from the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion to an estimated audience of more than 500 million people around the world.

Carson drew a big laugh with a reference to some quirky ABC camera work — an upside-down shot of the glittering crowds entering the auditorium. "As you can see . . . people are literally standing on their heads with excitement," he cracked.



Jack Nicholson

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Nicholson accepted his Oscar with his usual offbeat humor, congratulating the four other contenders and producer-director-writer James L. Brooks: "He did everything for us on 'Terms of Endearment' including writing 11 versions of this speech."

As his name was announced among the nominees in the audience, Nicholson, wearing dark glasses, stuck out his tongue at the TV camera.

Last year's top moneymaker, "Return of the Jedi," was honored for best visual effects.

"Sundae in New York" was voted best animated short film, and "Boys and Girls" was best action short film.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, whose members vote for the winners, reported that only three of the acting nominees sent regrets for the ceremonies: actor-playwright Sam Shepard, supporting-actor nominee for "The Right Stuff"; Albert Finney, up for best actor because of "The Dresser"; and Tom Conti, nominee as best actor for "Reuben, Reuben."

"Yentl" won the Oscar for best original song score.

Barbra Streisand, who was snubbed by the academy's nominating voters as star, director, producer and co-writer of "Yentl,"

was not present to sing the songs nominated from the movie. She was touring the Mideast and Europe to open her film.

All of the best-actress nominees agreed to attend: Jane Alexander, "Testament"; Miss MacLaine and Debra Winger, "Terms of Endearment"; Meryl Streep, "Silkwood"; and Julie Walters, "Educating Rita."

Also these best-actor nominees: Michael Caine, "Educating Rita"; Tom Courtenay, "The Dresser"; Robert Duvall, "Tender Mercies."

Nine of the nominees for supporting performance were expected to be in the audience and three of the directorial candidates.

Following is a partial list of winners.

PICTURE: "Terms of Endearment."

ACTOR: Robert Duvall, "Tender Mercies."

ACTRESS: Shirley MacLaine, "Terms of Endearment."

SUPPORTING ACTOR: Jack Nicholson, "Terms of Endearment."

SUPPORTING ACTRESS: Linda Hunt, "The Year of Living Dangerously."

DIRECTOR: James L. Brooks, "Terms of Endearment."

FILM EDITING: "The Right Stuff."

SOUND: "The Right Stuff."

Crew will try again to fix crippled satellite

By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL
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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Short on maneuvering fuel and given "a fighting chance" but no guarantees, Challenger's orbiting repairmen will try again today to tow the slowly turning Solar Max satellite into the shuttle cargo bay to be fixed.

Their gas for the rescue was low, so flight controllers worked out a plan yesterday to get the most out of what was left. They set up one engine firing instead of a series and told commander Robert L. Crippen: "The strategy behind the burn is hopefully this will provide us with a free ride."

When it left the launch pad Friday, Challenger carried 1,488 pounds of nitrogen tetroxide and 930 pounds of hydrazine to power its small forward steering jets. An 880,000-mile chase to rendezvous with Solar Max and Sunday's failed attempt by George Nelson to lock on to the crippled sun-watching satellite left the shuttle with only 22 percent of the fuel. NASA rules set 3 percent as

the minimum.

Paradoxically, Nelson's effort to steady the Solar Max on Sunday set it turning like a ball in flight and raised fears it would be impossible to control.

But NASA engineers, racing the clock in an all-out effort, beamed a barrage of computer commands to stop Solar Max's gyrations. They succeeded, and mission control told the astronauts that the satellite was rolling in only one direction at one-half degree a second — in other words, marking one complete turn every 12 minutes.

"We are in good shape and anticipate a good shot at it tomorrow," said flight director Jay Greene.

The fuel shortage rules out any further attempt by Nelson to fly out to the satellite. The shuttle would not have enough gas to go to his rescue if something went wrong.

Crippen and pilot Dick Scobee will draw Challenger alongside the satellite, fly in formation with it, and wait for a pin on Solar Max's side to come within reach of the shuttle

arm. At the right moment, astronaut Terry Hart must guide the arm to snatch it and lift it into a repair cradle in the cargo bay.

"It's going to be tight; we have no guarantees," Greene said. "But if everything works the way it does in the simulator, we have a fighting chance."

Greene raised the possibility that the satellite will be brought back to Earth for repair if Challenger uses too much maneuvering fuel. A different supply powers the shuttle's large orbital engines, so the shortage has no effect on the crew's ability to return home.

If the capture is successful, Greene said the astronauts likely will extend their flight an extra day, until Friday, repairing the satellite tomorrow and checking it out from the ground Thursday before it is released.

The satellite would cost \$235 million to replace. Crippen and his crew had hoped to try again to rendezvous with the satellite yesterday, but the radio commands succeeded in steadying Solar Max so well that engineers had to start it spinning slowly again.

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