

House OKs Nicaraguan mining resolution, delays aid

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WASHINGTON — The House joined the Senate last night in condemning the CIA-directed mining of Nicaraguan ports, and leaders of Congress abandoned efforts to funnel an emergency appropriation to the Salvadoran government which the Reagan administration says is desperately needed to battle leftist revolutionaries.

By a vote of 281-111, the House, controlled by Democrats, passed a non-binding resolution expressing "the sense of Congress that no additional funds be used to mine the ports or territorial waters of Nicaragua."

Meanwhile, sources said Senate Majority Leader Howard H. Baker Jr., R-Tenn., and Speaker of the House Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., D-Mass., decided there was not time for a House-Senate conference committee to decide Central American aid issues before a 10-day Easter recess beginning today.

A senior State Department official, speaking on condition that he not be identified, said earlier that congressional failure to approve funds for El Salvador before the recess would "create major difficulties for the Salvadoran military."

A source close to the Senate GOP leadership said O'Neill and Baker offered to allow the diversion to El Salvador of \$32 million in funds appropriated for other purposes as a stopgap until the conferees could meet after the recess to consider the administration's request for \$61.7 million.

Marc Weinberg, a White House spokesman, said the administration was "continuing private discussions with members of Congress" on the issue.

Some administration supporters in Congress condemned the delay.

Meanwhile leaders of Congress charted a collision course over whether to continue U.S. aid to Nicaraguan guerrillas, with the GOP leadership of the House vowing to support continued aid and Democratic leaders of the House saying they would fight it.

Opening debate on the resolution condemning mining of Nicaraguan ports, Rep. David Bonior, D-Mich., said, "This administration has engaged in international terrorism and the world awaits to see if the American people will stand up for international law."

House Minority Leader Robert Michel, R-Ill., responded by describing the resolution as "a partisan sideshow affecting international politics."

"You are aiming at the president but you are going to hit the people of El Salvador," Michel told the House, making the argument that the mining is needed to halt Soviet and Cuban arms shipments to Marxist-led Salvadoran rebels.

In emotion-charged debate, supporters of the measure charged that Reagan administration policies were drawing the United States nearer to war, and opponents of the resolution said strong steps were needed to stem the spread of communism in the Western Hemisphere.

Rep. Geraldine Ferraro, D-N.Y., told the House, "What worries me most about the mining of Nicaragua is not that it is illegal, an act of war and bound to fail. What worries me most, as the mother of a 21-year-old son, is that it will not mark the end of U.S. involvement in the war that rages throughout Central America."

But Rep. Henry J. Hyde, R-Ill., asked, "If covert war is wrong, how would you suggest we defend freedom?" And Rep. Jack Kemp, R-N.Y., told his colleagues, "If you think you are condemning President Reagan you are wrong. If you take this vote today, you are condemning the United States of

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— Robert Michel, House minority leader

America and our fight for democracy and freedom."

Virtually the same resolution was approved 84-12 by the Republican-controlled Senate on Tuesday. The House version was approved 32-3 Wednesday by the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Baker supported the anti-mining resolution, but said yesterday he favors continued U.S. assistance to the Nicaraguan insurgents and believes a majority of the Senate agrees with him.

O'Neill said, however, that he and other Democratic leaders in the House were determined to eliminate further aid to the Nicaraguan guerrillas and sharply reduce emergency military aid to El Salvador.

When reporters in Dallas, where

President Reagan spoke yesterday, shouted that the Senate was against him, he replied, "What else is new?"

In other developments:

- Thirteen Democratic members of the House Judiciary Committee, including the chairman, Rep. Peter Rodino of New Jersey, wrote Attorney General William French Smith asked for appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate whether high Reagan administration officials had violated the Neutrality Act of 1794 by aiding a rebellion against Nicaragua's leftist government.

The law forbids U.S. citizens from supporting or taking part in a military action against a foreign country with whom the United States is not at war.

- U.N. ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, in a speech in Washington, branded Nicaragua an aggressor nation in Central America and said its complaint to the World Court about the mining of its harbors was "blatantly propagandistic."

- Civilian and military sources in Nicaragua said insurgent forces had placed land mines on roads leading from the Atlantic port of Puerto Cabezas to the Honduran border 60 miles away.

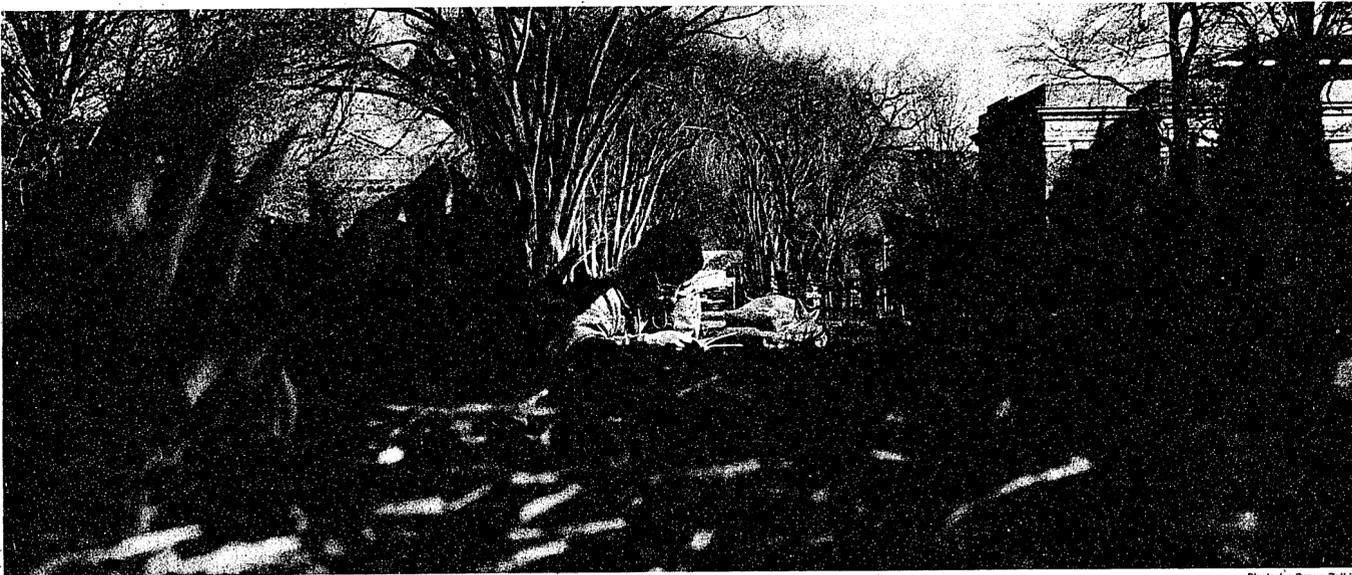


Photo by Gregg Zelkin

Study in spring

Michaël Glassman (junior-general arts and sciences) takes advantage of the warm weather while studying in front of Pattee Library. The recent spring temperatures and clear blue skies have caused flowers to pop out of the ground and buds to burst open. Students have been able to enjoy almost a week of fair sunny weather. Today's weather forecast calls for rain.

Israeli troops storm bus, free hostages

Editor's note: The following story was submitted to the Israeli military censor, who ordered significant material deleted.

By DAVID NORDELL
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ISRAELI-OCCUPIED GAZA STRIP — Arab guerrillas armed with grenades hijacked a bus carrying about 40 Israelis and sped toward the Egyptian border, but Israeli soldiers shot out the tires, stormed aboard early today and rescued the hostages, a military spokesman reported.

A military communique said six of the bus passengers were wounded, but made no mention of casualties among the hijackers or soldiers. Sources said earlier that two hijackers were killed. The communique said bomb experts were searching the bus for explosives.

Sources and witnesses reported that Israeli soldiers pursuing the bus shot out the tires and punctured the fuel tank, then surrounded the immobilized vehicle.

The hijackers seized the bus at about 7:30 p.m. after it had left Ashdod on its run from Tel Aviv to the Mediterranean port of Ashkelon.

Fire from the troops stopped the bus, which seats 42 people and left Tel Aviv nearly full, near the Palestinian refugee camp of Dir el Balah, 10 miles north of the Egyptian border, Israeli sources said.

Some passengers fled through an open door when the bus was halted, the sources said, and two others — including a pregnant woman — were freed later.

Military sources said the Arabs apparently boarded the bus as paying passengers, then pulled weapons and forced the driver to take it to the border.

The daily newspaper Haaretz reported that the driver and eight of more than 40 passengers escaped and a pregnant woman was freed by the terrorists.

Commission bangs out noise changes

By MICHAEL J. VAND
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The State College Planning Commission at a public work session last night began hammering out proposed changes to the borough noise ordinance. Planning Commission Chairman Roger Downs told the meeting that contrary to an article in The Daily Collegian on Tuesday, no decisions have been made about recommendations that will go to the State College Municipal Council.

He said planning commission members are ready to hear comments before making a recommendation, and a public hearing will be held in May.

"This is only the beginning of the process," Downs said.

Borough Health Officer Mark Henry outlined changes in the ordinance suggested by the Noise Task Force. The task force, including University acoustics experts, has been investigating noise problems in State College.

Most of the changes suggested by the task force are in terminology, but some are substantive, Henry said. The decibel levels — based on federal guidelines — have not changed. The task force recommends 55 decibels for residential neighborhoods and 62 decibels for commercial districts, the same as the present ordinance, he said.

The recommendation expands a

list of exemptions and removes a section pertaining to motor vehicles. Motor vehicle noise limits are regulated by state law, Henry said. The recommendation also removes a list of decibel limits for specific equipment.

Undergraduate Student Government President-elect Adam Levinson presented a report prepared by USG, the Interfraternity Council and the Organization for Town Independent Students.

Levinson said the student groups are concerned that the ordinance will not take varying activity levels during the day and week into consideration. They suggest that different decibel levels be allowed during daytime and evening hours

and on weekends.

The report suggests that a 62 decibel limit be allowed in residential districts on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday between 10 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. A 55 decibel limit could be in effect the rest of the night. However, on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday the 62 decibel limit could run to 1 a.m.

In the commercial district the report suggests a 62 decibel limit between 7 a.m. and 2 a.m. every day with 55 decibels the rest of the time.

Steve Mizel, 454 E. Prospect Ave., said the underlying problem in the noise debate is social responsibility.

"The social contract has broken

down, common sense doesn't work," he said.

And he said the only thing that seemed to help was calling police. But often elderly residents do not complain to police because of a fear of harassment.

Rita Federaro, president of the Holmes Foster Neighborhood Association, said her organization was concerned that a special waivers section in the proposed ordinance might enable people to bypass its intent.

IFC President Maury Billig said after the meeting that he believes fraternities are being blamed for a lot of problems caused by others. Noisy people in the streets late at night are not necessarily always fraternity members, he said.

Twin success:

Two satellites trek through the stars as astronauts head home

By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL
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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The space shuttle astronauts got ready yesterday to come home with an empty cargo bay — a symbol of their twin successes in delivering one satellite to space and repairing another.

Solar Max, the first satellite to undergo surgery in space, was speeding along at 17,400 mph in an orbit all its own, apparently fully recovered. Challenger released it at 4:26 a.m., then flew nearby for eight hours, ready to grab it back just in case.

"As things look now, the repairs were successful," said Jim Elliott, a spokesman at Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland, which is controlling the sun-study satellite and reading its data.

The shuttle is to land at Kennedy Space Center at 7:07 a.m. today, on its 106th revolution of the

Earth since launch April 5. The shuttle's course will take it across the Gulf of California in Mexico, coming over the United States north of Brownsville, Texas, and across the Gulf of Mexico and central Florida to the three-mile-long KSC runway.

There was a second opportunity for landing in Florida after one more orbit, at 8:47 a.m., in case of early-morning ground fog. That possibility was a concern, but Maj. Donald Greene, an Air Force weather officer, said "it looks like it's going to be really nice." A shift in the wind canceled an earlier forecast of unacceptable clouds.

"Satellite servicing is something that's here to stay," said commander Robert L. Crippen, who will guide Challenger down to its second landing here. "We pick up, repair and deliver."

The delivery part came Saturday, when mission specialist Terry Hart guided the shuttle arm to a bus-size satellite in the cargo bay and put it overboard for retrieval in 10 months by

another crew. The 11-ton cylinder holds 57 experiments that will be exposed to micrometeorites, cosmic rays and atomic oxygen in studies vital to building space stations.

On Tuesday, Crippen guided Challenger close to Solar Max and Hart, with one stab of the arm, locked on and took it into the cargo bay.

Repair day was Wednesday. Nelson and James van Hoften replaced the system that accurately points the satellite's instruments at the sun. They also swapped an electronics unit.

After more than three years of circling the globe as a barely functioning satellite, Solar Max was then ready to provide valuable information on giant solar flares that pour torrents of radiation into interplanetary space. What scientists learn from the satellite may help them better understand the sun and how it affects weather, radio communications and other conditions on Earth.

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weather

Thickening clouds and warm today with a few light showers. The high will be 61. Mostly cloudy and breezy tonight with scattered showers. Low of 44. Cloudy tomorrow with scattered showers or thundershowers. The high near 58.....by Glenn Rolph

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The Daily Collegian is printed at the Centre Daily Times, whose printing press has not been working properly for the past two days. Because of the equipment problems, the Collegian may have reached you later than usual yesterday and this morning. The equipment should be back to normal by Monday.