

Germans congregate at UNL

The Society for German-American Studies will have its ninth annual symposium at UNL Thursday through April 27.

The symposium will draw scholars from throughout the United States to present papers and discuss various aspects of the cultural, social and historical heritage of German-Americans in the United States.

A banquet on Thursday will feature two speakers. Frederick Luebke, UNL professor of history and director of the Center for Great Plains Studies, will speak on the topic "Anti-German Riots in Brazil, April 1917." Andreas Gommernann, a faculty member at Creighton University in Omaha, will talk and show a videotape presentation titled "Maximillian's Journey."

The program begins Thursday with a reception. Hans Brisch, NU associate executive vice president and provost, will give the welcoming address.

On April 26, there will be a tour of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia.

Sessions on April 26 and 27 will include presentations on German-American writers, poets and painters, German folk music in America, religion, language and citizenship. Speakers will be from the AHSGR, the Stuhr Museum, the New York theatrical community and universities and colleges in Nebraska, Iowa, Ohio, Wisconsin, Texas, Florida, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Georgia and Pennsylvania.

The registration fee is \$15 if received by Monday, \$20 after that date. Refreshment breaks and the Thursday reception are included in the fee.

For more information contact the department of conferences and institutes, Nebraska Center for Continuing Education 205, 472-2844.

The banquet, and all other symposium sessions, will be at the center, 33rd and Holdrege streets.

The symposium is open to the public. Sponsors are the College of Arts and Sciences and department of conferences and institutes.

Reuter Report

Cable television magnate launches bid for CBS

NEW YORK — Maverick cable television magnate Ted Turner, saying he always wanted to own his own network, Thursday launched a multibillion-dollar bid to takeover CBS. Wall Street scoffed at his offer.

In mid-day trading, CBS stock fell 1 1/2 points to \$108 a share as analysts and investors balked at his plan to offer CBS shareholders stock and assets in his Turner Broadcasting Systems Inc. in return for their shares. He valued the swap at \$5.4 billion and said that CBS shareholders who went for the deal would be receiving stock and assets worth \$175 per CBS share.

Wall Street analysts said they were not impressed with his plan because he was not making a cash offer and because he said he planned to sell off all non-broadcasting CBS businesses and its highly-profitable radio stations as well. But Turner defended his move in a meeting with Wall Street analysts, which say tempers flare when many of them were refused entry.

After talking to the analysts he told more than 200 reporters crowded into a ballroom at the Park Lane hotel: "We have been very interested in joining forces with one of the three networks because of our desire to be No. 1 in our business. We must have access to all the TV households in this country if we are to achieve this goal."

He said that CBS has refused since 1981 to buy his company, so now he was out to take over the network, which is the most prestigious in American broadcasting.

Union Carbide announces relief plan

NEW YORK — Union Carbide announced Thursday it was willing to make an immediate payment of \$5 million to the victims of last December's gas leak disaster in Bhopal, India.

In a letter sent to each of the more than 50 lawyers representing the victims the company said: "If a payment of \$5 million . . . can properly and effectively be made available to the victims of the disaster, we are prepared, as we have been all along, to make such a payment."

The figure is the lower of two sums suggested by federal Judge John Keenan at a pre-trial conference in New York last Tuesday to discuss the billions of dollars in claims being brought against the company. Keenan said then that a figure between \$5 million and \$10 million would be appropriate and urged all the parties involved to agree on a sum as a "matter of human decency" so that the relief could be sent to India as soon as possible.

In its letter, a copy of which was sent to Keenan, the company said the money should be paid to the Indian government for distribution to the victims.

Cheating on moratorium worries U.S.

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration said Thursday it would study any formal Soviet proposal for a moratorium on nuclear testing but said it was deeply concerned that cheating could not be detected.

The State Department statement came in response to Soviet agreement Wednesday with a proposed moratorium starting August 6, the 40th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.

The moratorium was proposed by the Center for Defense Information, a private Washington research group.

The administration had previously rejected the proposal. The State Department said: "A declared moratorium on nuclear tests would not in any way address the very real compliance and verification concerns, nor the lessons of history."

U.S. wants to see no-shoot order

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon said Thursday it wants to examine a new Soviet agreement not to fire on U.S. liaison troops in East Germany to determine if the no-shoot orders are adequate.

Spokesman Michael Burch also said he hoped there would be other meetings between the United States and the Soviet Union to deal with the U.S. demand for an apology for the killing of Maj. Arthur Nicholson and compensation to his family.

Nicholson, a member of the U.S. military liaison team in East Germany, was killed by a Soviet sentry in East Germany March 24 while taking photographs of a Soviet military base at Ludwigslust, northwest of Berlin.

An agreement by the Soviet Union not to permit the use of force or weapons against members of the U.S. team was reached at a U.S.-Soviet meeting in Potsdam April 12.

Burch said orders to U.S. troops already forbid them to use force against any members of a similar Soviet liaison mission based in West Germany.

Asked if he was satisfied now that Moscow had agreed not to use force in the future, Burch said: "We would like to see a copy of the instructions they will give to their troops."

Reagan: Aid compromise possible

WASHINGTON — President Reagan said Thursday he was open to compromise on his request for new aid for Nicaraguan rebels, which appears headed for defeat in Congress.

He also accused Democratic leaders in the House of Representatives of acting immorally in scheduling an early vote on the proposal.

"My feet aren't in concrete on this . . . yes, we're flexible in some of the details," Reagan told a luncheon of regional editors and broadcasters.

The request for \$14 million in aid is expected to be defeated in the Democratic-controlled House. A vote there is scheduled for Tuesday, the same day the Senate is to vote.

Observers said the vote schedule would deny the president momentum from a victory in the Republican-controlled Senate that might be useful in a lobbying effort in the House.

Reagan said he would have liked more time to discuss his plan with congressmen and criticized the House, saying, "I think it is immoral to demand that vote that quickly."

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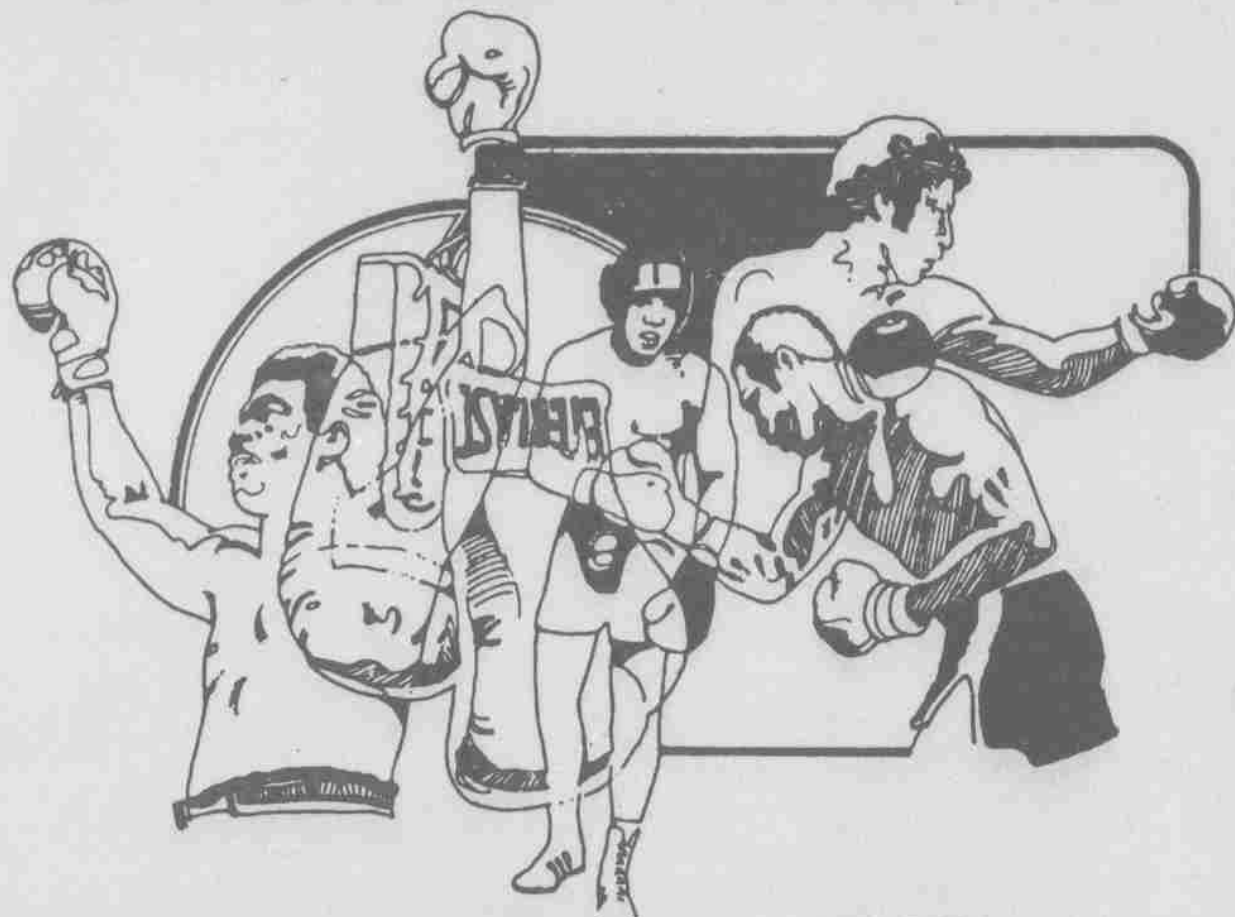


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