

# News Digest

By The Associated Press

## Hussein, Arafat set to meet today

AMMAN, Jordan — PLO chairman Yasser Arafat and King Hussein discuss their strained alliance and the future of Mideast peace efforts at a meeting scheduled in Amman today.

Hussein has said he is unhappy with the alliance and is "reassessing the entire situation" following a series of military actions and diplomatic failures that have set back the joint peace drive Hussein and Arafat launched in February.

"Monday and Tuesday will be crucial," said Jerusalem newspaper editor Hanna Siniora, referring to the scheduled meetings.

Siniora, on a visit to Amman, is one of several Palestinians who have been mentioned as possible participants in a Palestinian delegation to peace talks. He said he believed Jordan and the

PLO would patch up their differences.

Hussein suggested last week he was near a showdown with Arafat. "In terms of a lot of things that have happened, we're not very happy," Hussein said at a news conference.

He said the quest for peace had been set back by the killing of three Israeli tourists in Cyprus last month, Israel's retaliatory air raid on PLO headquarters in Tunis on Oct. 1, the Palestinian hijacking of an Italian cruise liner Oct. 7 and the collapse of planned talks involving Britain's foreign secretary and senior PLO officials.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres has called Hussein's reassessment "an interesting development," and appeared to offer the king an incentive to loosen his links with the PLO.

Hussein wants an international conference on Mideast peace and Peres told an Israeli newspaper on Friday: "If it is possible to oust the PLO from the picture then one should be a little more relaxed about the international framework."

Israel will not talk with the PLO. It seeks direct talks with Hussein or with a joint delegation of Jordanians and Palestinians not belonging to the PLO.

Arafat also has some things to discuss with Hussein.

The PLO leader has expressed concern over Saudi Arabian-sponsored efforts to reconcile Jordan and Syria. President Hafez Assad of Syria backs PLO factions hostile to Arafat and has opposed the Jordan-PLO accord for an approach to Mideast peace.

## U.S. businessmen pledge to help end apartheid in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Fifty-two American corporate leaders with interests in South Africa pledged Sunday in a newspaper advertisement to "play an active role" in ending apartheid.

The ads were in support of an initiative Sept. 29 by 91 South African corporate leaders who bought newspaper space to urge President P. W. Botha's government to end the country's system of racial separation.

"Today, we add our voice to theirs," said the latest ad, placed by the U.S. Corporate Council on South Africa. It was signed by the council's co-chairmen W. Michael Blumenthal, chairman of the Burroughs Corp., and General Motors Chairman Roger B. Smith.

The advertising campaign demonstrated growing pressure by the business community on South Africa's leaders to end apartheid. There have been

widespread campaigns abroad for economic and other sanctions against South Africa and an end to foreign investment in the country, which already is suffering economic problems.

In new riots around the country Sunday, police said they shot three blacks dead and two policemen were wounded by bullets.

Police also announced Sunday that after 14 months of persistent riots, the national forces of some 45,000 police will be expanded by 25 percent, with 11,000 new officers to be put into uniform.

More than 770 people have been killed since the riots began on Sept. 3, 1984.

The American businessmen said in their ad that the group "strongly supports" the South African businessmen

in their call for abolition of statutory race discrimination "wherever it exists," government negotiations with black leaders about power-sharing, granting South African citizenship to all South Africans and "restoring and entrenching the rule of law."

"We pledge to play an active role in peacefully achieving their goals," the Americans said in their ad.

No details of what specific actions the American companies intended were published.

The United States is one of South Africa's leading trading partners. With some 300 or so U.S. firms operating in South Africa, U.S. investment in the country is estimated at \$3 billion. Some say it is much higher if one counts U.S. loans and investments in corporations that conduct their own business in South Africa.

## Soviets' 50-percent cut proposal boosts possibility for arms pact

WASHINGTON — Sen. Richard Lugar, chair. of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, says the Soviet Union's "unique" proposal to cut nuclear arms 50 percent moves the arms control process "miles down the trail toward some type of agreement."

"Giving credit where credit is due, and not (looking at it) as a propaganda ploy but as an interesting and substantive proposal, the Soviet deep-cut situation is unique," the Indiana Republican said.

"The Soviets haven't offered this kind of thing before," he said. "A year ago they weren't even at the table at all. The fact that they are there and that they have made a (comprehensive) proposal is significant," said Lugar, a consistent supporter of Reagan administration foreign policy.

Lugar's statements, taken together with last week's comment by Vice Pres-

ident George Bush that the Soviet proposal was a "step in the right direction," probably mark most the positive assessment of the Soviet offer from ranking U.S. officials to date.

But Robert McFarlane, the president's national security adviser, on Sunday reiterated the administration's warning that an arms control agreement hinges on Moscow's willingness to settle regional conflicts and alter its human rights policies.

"President Reagan, probably more than on any other issue, believes that his moment and his responsibility is to leave office with a real reduction in nuclear weapons," McFarlane said on CBS' "Face The Nation."

"But for that to endure it has to be surrounded by a climate of responsible behavior," he added.

When Secretary of State George Shultz goes to Moscow this week for

pre-summit planning, there could be some progress on such issues as air safety and boundary rights, "if indeed the Soviet Union really wants it," McFarlane said.

Acknowledging strong U.S. objections to the Soviet proposal as it stands, Lugar said he nevertheless found it an encouraging and a positive base for negotiation as both nations prepare for the summit meeting between President Reagan and Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

"So we're miles down the trail toward some type of agreement with the Soviets if in fact they are of a mind to really proceed with that, and it appears they are at least devoting considerable energy to their negotiating positions and perhaps have some genuine desire to reach agreement," Lugar said in the interview on Friday.

## Soviet sailor interviewed about defection

BELLE CHASSE, La. — U.S. officials boarded a Soviet freighter anchored in the Mississippi River on Sunday, seeking to determine if a sailor who jumped ship twice wants to stay in the United States.

After each attempt to leave the ship, on Thursday and Friday, the sailor was returned to the Marshal Koniev by American authorities even though witnesses said he was pleading to stay.

White House national security adviser Robert McFarlane said the State Department wants to interview the sailor at a neutral site and find out what he wants to do. McFarlane said the United States has the right to interview the sailor.

"I think we have a responsibility to assure that the wishes of the individual are understood," McFarlane said on CBS' "Face The Nation."

"I would expect the Soviet Union to understand that is our authority and our interest and I expect it will be resolved," McFarlane said.

As two Coast Guard crew boats circled the grain freighter in choppy waters about 75 miles upriver from the Gulf of Mexico, State Department spokesman Peter Martinez in Washington said the agency was still trying to find out what the sailor wanted to do.

Mike Flad, a U.S. agent for the Soviet vessel, said he saw the sailor Friday morning about 16 hours after he had first jumped. The man appeared to be in his 20s, said Flad, an employee of the Universal Shipping Agency.

The unidentified sailor first dove off the ship near Belle Chasse, a small town in Plaquemines Parish downriver from New Orleans, on Friday. Flad said he swam 80-100 yards to shore. Border

Patrol agents returned him to the vessel.

Thomas Richard, who works for the Universal Shipping Agents, said he received a call from the Border Patrol on Thursday night saying that a sailor had jumped ship and come ashore.

Richard said he was ordered to put the sailor back on the ship. The seaman jumped from the boat that was ferrying him back to the Soviet freighter, but was recaptured.

He was returned again after he jumped a second time Friday, but Immigration Service officials in New Orleans contacted their headquarters in Washington, said David H. Lambert, district director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Lambert said Border Patrol agents could not communicate with the man and thought he was a stowaway.

## In Brief

### Hijack prosecutors press rival claims

ROME — An Italian news agency said Sunday that a Sicilian prosecutor investigating the hijacking of the cruise ship Achille Lauro apparently issued a warrant for the arrest of a PLO official on the basis of his taped conversations with the hijackers.

The news agency ANSA said a warrant for the arrest of Mohammed Abbas apparently was issued after prosecutors in Sicily reviewed a tape of Abbas talking to the four hijackers, who seized the ship Oct. 7 with more than 500 people on board.

Abbas, the leader of a faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization, was with the hijackers on a jet that was forced down in Sicily by American warplanes.

Italy released him, an action that provoked sharp criticism from the United States and was a factor in the fall of Premier Bettino Craxi's government.

Craxi has said Italian judicial authorities determined there were insufficient legal grounds to hold Abbas.

On Saturday, prosecutors in Siracusa, Sicily issued an international arrest warrant for Abbas, charging him with murder, kidnapping, hijacking and transportation and possession of arms and explosives, officials said.

### U.S. Chrysler workers approve pact

DETROIT — Autoworkers at Chrysler Corp. voted to approve a new contract, ending a 12-day walkout by 70,000 union members that cost the company an estimated \$15 million a day, United Auto Workers officials said Sunday.

Before the vote was announced, local union leaders hailed the agreement as a personal victory for United Auto Workers President Owen Bieber.

"It's the best thing that's happened in many, many years. It's brought the union together," said John Coyne, president of Local 212, which represents 2,800 UAW members at a Chrysler trim plant in Detroit.

Union locals nationwide voted Saturday and early Sunday on the three-year pact, which gives Chrysler workers pay and benefits comparable to their counterparts at Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Corp.

Coyne said the contract, which gives the 70,000 Chrysler workers immediate cash bonuses of \$2,120 each for granting concessions when the automaker neared bankruptcy, is a personal victory for Bieber.

### Kentucky players reveal payoffs

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Some former Kentucky basketball players say they did a thriving business selling complimentary tickets at inflated prices to boosters and received cash and other improper gifts from zealous supporters, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported.

A copyright story in Sunday's editions told of players getting up to \$1,000 each for the tickets and finding \$50 to \$100 in their palms after shaking hands with supporters.

Clothing, car tires and free meals also came their way from a small corps of boosters during the past 13 years, the former players said.

The newspaper said the story was based on interviews with more than 200 people in the past seven months.

Thirty-three players were interviewed, 31 of whom said they knew of improper activities while they played at Kentucky. Twenty-six players told the Herald-Leader they received money, gifts or meals.

University President Otis Singletary told the school's general counsel, John Darsie, to begin an internal investigation after speaking to Herald-Leader reporters Oct. 9, the story said. Darsie declined to comment on the investigation last week.

Coach Joe B. Hall, who directed the Kentucky program for 13 years until resigning in March, told the paper he was unaware of improprieties.

### Committee may be issue for Daub

OMAHA, Neb. — While Nebraska Rep. Hal Daub has not committed himself to run for the Republican nomination for governor, a Washington lobbyist and several party officials say Daub's membership on the House Ways and Means Committee may become an issue.

Mutual of Omaha's Washington lobbyist James Barrett, said it has been the understanding that House members seeking positions on the powerful Ways and Means Committee would serve on the tax-writing committee for some time.

"It's been that way for the 30 years I have been here," Barrett told the Omaha World-Herald. "With congressmen who seek out a position on the committee, as Hal did, there is an implied commitment to stay around for a while."

Barrett said an event like Kerrey's announcement could be considered "an unforeseen circumstance that changes all the rules and commitments."

Daub said his assignment this year to the Ways and Means Committee was a dream come true.

### Paintings lost in 'theft of the century'

PARIS — At least five men brandishing revolvers invaded a museum Sunday, forced guards and visitors to lie on the floor and in five minutes stripped the walls of nine paintings, including a priceless Monet that inspired the name for the impressionist movement.

Curator Yves Brayer of the Marmottan museum called it "the theft of the century."

Four other impressionist paintings by Claude Monet and two by Pierre August Renoir were among the stolen works that Brayer valued at a total of 100 million francs, about \$12.5 million.

He said Monet's "Impression Soleil Levant," or "Impression Sunrise," "has no price" because of its historic value.

The men entered the museum during visiting hours shortly after 10 a.m., forced guards and visitors to the floor, pulled the nine paintings from walls in several rooms of the museum and fled, said Brayer in a telephone interview.

The Marmottan Museum, located on a quiet street in Paris' elegant 16th district, houses an important collection of impressionist paintings, 87 of them Monets.