

# News Digest

By The Associated Press

## Letter may mean Nicaragua peace

WASHINGTON — A letter by presidential envoy Philip Habib, declaring the Reagan administration would end aid for the Contra rebels when Nicaragua signs a proposed peace agreement, is being seen as a potential breakthrough for ending the conflict in Central America.

Rep. Jim Slattery, D-Kan., an opponent of Contra aid a recipient of the letter, said Thursday, "I think it creates a historic opportunity for us to end the Contra war."

Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, also a foe

of Contra aid, called the letter "a very profound basis for reconciliation."

In the letter April 11, Habib said the United States interprets existing draft proposals by the so-called Contadora nations "as requiring a cessation of support to irregular forces."

He said the United States would "support and abide" by implementation of an agreement fulfilling the objectives of the Contadora peace effort if Nicaragua does likewise.

The Contadora objectives include specific steps to eliminate the military

threat by Nicaragua to its neighbors and also new elections and the restoration of democratic institutions, including a free press, inside Nicaragua.

Slattery said in an interview with The Associated Press Thursday that the letter "makes very clear that if Nicaragua signs... then U.S. aid to the Contras would terminate."

Nobody is certain whether Reagan would agree. The president Wednesday restated a strong commitment to the Contras.

## Terrorism data to be shared

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Common Market ministers agreed Thursday to exchange information with non-member nations, including the United States, on terrorism, terrorist suspects and their methods of operations.

The interior and justice ministers of the 12-member trading bloc said in a communique that in view of recent events "both inside and outside Europe, combating terrorism calls for increased vigilance and determination within the framework of European cooperation."

As part of that cooperation, the Common Market would contact "those

third countries with which it is deemed useful and necessary to establish contact," the communique said.

Dutch Justice Minister Frits Korthals Altes, who chaired the meeting, said the document did not specify the United States as an exchange nation and would leave the choice of such contacts to Common Market leaders.

However, British Home Secretary Douglas Hurd told a news conference: "Obviously pre-eminent among those (exchange countries) is the United States."

## Bomb damages airline office

LONDON — A pre-dawn bomb blast damaged a British Airways office and other stores on London's busiest shopping street and igniting a fire. One passer-by was treated for shock.

Deputy Home Secretary Giles Shaw told the House of Commons there was no information linking the blast with Libya, which has vowed revenge against Britain and the United States for the U.S. air raid April 15 on Libyan cities. Britain approved the use of U.S. planes based in England for the raid.

Scotland Yard said a number of callers telephoned police and news

media to claim responsibility for the bombing.

Oxford Street was closed for seven hours while police searched for possible additional bombs. Victoria Station, the busiest in London, also was evacuated briefly Thursday morning because of a bomb scare that turned out to be a hoax, police said.

Oxford Street is popular among tourists, and business officials expressed fear the blast would further hurt tourism, already falling off as Americans wary of terrorist attacks cancel trips to Europe.

## Duchess of Windsor dead at 89

PARIS — The Duchess of Windsor, 89, the American divorcee for whom King Edward VIII gave up the British throne, died Thursday at her home near Paris.

The duchess had been in frail health and confined to her home for eight years. Sources who spoke on condition of anonymity said she died of bronchial pneumonia.

Her death was announced in London by Buckingham Palace.

The palace announcement said the duchess will be buried at Windsor Castle's Frogmore Garden next to her husband, who died in 1972.

Buckingham Palace said a funeral will be held Tuesday at the castle and will be private "in accordance with the wishes of the duke and duchess."

## Setting it Straight

In an article titled, "Report says UNL faculty pay among lowest in Big Eight" (Daily Nebraskan, April 24), the following statements were incorrectly attributed: "College professors are more tolerant of low pay than members of other professions because of loyalty to the institution or family ties in the state. There is no simple solution. The university has been doing a better job of 'squeezing' money out of certain areas, but there is no longer any 'fat' in the university. What we really need is increased state support."

The article implied that English professor Linda Pratt made the statements, but they actually were made by Susan Welch, president of the UNL chapter of AAUP.



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