

Arafat calls on U.S. to accept peace opening

ALGIERS, Algeria — PLO chief Yasser Arafat said Tuesday it was up to the United States to make the next move toward Middle East peace now that the Palestinians have formed an independent state that implicitly recognizes Israel.

The declaration accepted U.N. Security Council Resolution 242, which implicitly recognizes Israel when it refers to the right of all countries in the region to live within secure and recognized borders. The proclamation topped the list of issues taken up during the council's four-day special session in Algeria,

which ended Tuesday. The 450-member council also voted to form a provisional government at a future date and pledged to restrict guerrilla operations to military targets in Israeli-occupied territories. The council's move, largely symbolic and clearly aimed at capitalizing on the 11-month-old Palestinian uprising in Israeli-occupied lands, sought to remove obstacles to U.S.

and Israeli dealings with the Palestine Liberation Organization. Referring to the intifadah, or uprising, Arafat told a news conference: "It is true that this is the intifadah session of the (council), but it also could be the session of peace with the U.S. administration and Israel." The PLO chief said the council had given him a mandate to pursue a political settlement. "But if we are

met with a rebuff," he said, "only God knows the outcome." "Let it also be clear, I can always come back to our (council) and declare that moderation does not pay," Arafat said. Israel immediately rejected Arafat's declaration, calling it "double talk" and denying that it recognized Israel or truly renounced terrorism.

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Bush names Brady Treasury Secretary

WASHINGTON — President-elect George Bush, back from a relaxing Florida vacation, announced Tuesday that Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady would remain in that job and met with his first foreign leader in his new role.

Brady, a former investment banker and Bush's longtime friend, is the second person chosen for the new Cabinet. Bush last week picked James A. Baker III, his election campaign

chairman, as secretary of state. A former senator from New Jersey, Brady, 58, succeeded Baker at Treasury in August, and it had been widely rumored he would stay in the post.

Announcing his choice, Bush said of Brady: "He knows the most important priority is to keep our economy growing with low inflation. He knows we've got to sit down with the Congress on a deficit-reduction agree-

ment and we've got to do it soon." He disclosed the appointment immediately after a meeting with West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, the first foreign leader to see him since Election Day. "I'll do my best to help the president-elect, serve the people and to build on this, the longest recovery in the history of the country," Brady said. He had no comment on the dollar, which has fallen sharply on foreign markets in recent days.

Charges dropped in Kearney State fraternity fall death

KEARNEY — Charges filed against three Kearney State College fraternity members after a former student died in a fall during a party were dismissed Tuesday.

Buffalo County Attorney Richard Anderson dismissed the charges a day after County Judge John P. Icenogle threw out a similar misdemeanor charge filed against Michael Masters, president of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Icenogle said insufficient evidence was presented during a trial Monday to support the Class III misdemeanor against Masters, 22, of Kearney.

Jeffrey J. Rehberg, 19, of Loveland, Colo., died of injuries he suffered in a 22-foot fall from the fraternity house balcony during a July party. Amy Chapman, 17, of Lexington also was injured in the fall.

The parents of both Rehberg and Miss Chapman have filed separate lawsuits against the fraternity.

Anderson dismissed charges of selling alcohol to minors against William D. Gellatly, 21, of Walbach,

and Mark C. McGregor, 20, of Hartington. A misdemeanor charge of false reporting filed against Christopher P. Henry, 20, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, also was dismissed.

All the charges were dismissed without prejudice, which means they could be refiled within 18 months if warranted.

Minors who attended the party, Kearney police and campus security officers testified Monday that 200 to 400 people were at the party.

Icenogle said organizations that hold open parties at which there is liquor must ensure that minors are not given alcohol. But he said the hosts cannot be held criminally responsible when an uninvited guest brings his or her own liquor.

Steve Lowe, the lawyer representing Masters, asked Icenogle to dismiss the charge against his client Monday, saying Masters did not organize the party and that there was no evidence he had done anything wrong.

Anderson argued that Masters had responsibility to control alcohol consumption at the party.

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