

Walesa calls to rebuild Solidarity after ruling

WARSAW, Poland -- Lech Walesa on Monday called on Poles to rebuild Solidarity "skillfully and quickly" just hours after a court declared the independent union legal again and ended seven years of government suppression.

"I appeal to all workers and supporters of our union to form factory organizations as soon as possible where they still don't exist and to report their membership in Solidarity or to join it," said Walesa, in a statement read in Warsaw by union spokesman Janusz Onyszkiewicz.

Onyszkiewicz said an independent union press should begin operating by the end of the month, and that Solidarity should get new national headquarters in Gdansk by Tuesday. "Our effort, devotion and suffering have not been in vain," Walesa said in his statement. "We defended our workers' rights, together we are paving a road to a fully democratic and sovereign Poland."

But he cautioned the "day of success" came in hard economic times.

"The Polish nation is facing tasks which are much more complex than in 1980. Now we must undertake a trial of real and deep economic reform and democratic restructuring of the state," he said.

The Warsaw provincial court registered the reborn Solidarity in the same room where its original charter was approved in November 1980.

"We've just returned to the road of democracy and freedom," Walesa said from his home in Gdansk, where he was recovering from a bad cold. Onyszkiewicz said Walesa stayed

away in part because the union always regarded itself as legal, so the session had "a technical rather than symbolic nature."

Nevertheless, there was thunderous applause when the verdict was complete, sealing an about-face approved earlier by Communist Party leaders.

Polish leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski tried to dissolve Solidarity in a December 1981 martial-law crackdown, but now seeks the movement's help to pull Poland out of economic crisis.

Senior Solidarity sources hinted a meeting might take place Tuesday between Jaruzelski and Walesa -- the army general and the union electrician who are now part of an unlikely alliance for reform. It would be their first meeting since before martial law.

Party and government officials also admit that by legalizing the union they hope to encourage the West to provide economic help to Poland, burdened by a \$38 billion foreign debt.

President Bush on Monday announced an aid package to help Poland's economy. He told a Polish-American crowd in Hamtramck, Mich., that continued aid would depend on consistent moves by the communist government toward reform.

The concessions could open the way for up to \$1 billion in new loans, loan rescheduling and trade and investment relief, according to administration and international monetary sources.

Wright charged with violations

WASHINGTON -- The House Ethics Committee, with Democrats and Republicans united, formally charged Speaker Jim Wright Monday with 69 violations of the chamber's rules including what the panel's chairman called "a scheme to evade" limits on outside earnings.

After a 10-month, \$1.5 million investigation, the committee of six Democrats and six Republicans voted unanimously to issue a report finding "reason to believe" the Texas Democrat had run afoul of House rules requiring reporting of gifts, barring acceptance of gifts from persons with a direct interest in legislation and limiting outside earned income.

"I know in my heart I have not violated any of the rules of that

institution," Wright said in a speech to a labor meeting shortly after the ethics report was released.

He said he had asked "very urgently, very earnestly" for a quick meeting with the committee "to confront them, to confront the allegations head-on, face-to-face."

At a news conference, committee chairman Rep. Julian Dixon, D-Calif., emphasized that Wright is presumed innocent until the charges are proven, and he underscored that proving them requires a much higher weight of evidence than the step taken Monday, which is the panel's equivalent of an indictment.

The move set in motion a series of steps in which Wright can defend himself and the panel must

prove with "clear and convincing" evidence that the violations occurred. That is likely ultimately to throw the matter before the full

House, where Wright's position as the nation's highest elected Democrat, or even his House seat, could be on the line.

Wright immediately began his defense in earnest, operating what one supporter, Rep. Charles Wilson, D-Texas, called "a war room" out of his office. "At some point we've got to start figuring out who's on our side and who's on the other side," Wilson said.

Wilson predicted Wright would win on the floor, "losing a few cowardly Democrats and picking up some brave Republicans."

Poll: Abortion ban won't stop abortion

NEW YORK -- Though a sizable minority of adults oppose abortions, Americans overwhelmingly believe that banning them would do little to curtail them, a Media General-Associated Press survey has found.

With the U.S. Supreme Court poised to reconsider the issue next week, the national poll found support for legal abortion ranging from 50 percent to 65 percent of the 1,108 adults polled, depending on the question posed.

Fifty-three percent, for example, were in favor of the court's 1973 ruling legalizing abortion in the first three months of pregnancy. And if the court reversed itself and let each state

make its own abortion law, 57 percent would want abortion legal in their state.

Moreover, large majorities said outlawing abortion would fail to prevent it from occurring -- an argument used by those who argue many women would have unsafe illegal abortions if the operation were banned.

The poll asked: "If abortion were illegal in your state, do you think that would stop most women there who want abortions from having them, or would most of them go to another state where it was legal?" Eighty-seven percent said the women would go to another state.

The survey next asked if making

abortions illegal nationwide would stop most women from having them, or if those women would have illegal abortions or go to a country where abortion is legal. Seventy-three percent said most women would find a way to have abortions.

The survey nonetheless found its closest split on the question of a constitutional amendment to make abortions illegal except in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother: Fifty percent were opposed and 44 percent in favor, a division within the poll's margin of error.

No amendment with those provisions is before Congress, but they are the terms President George Bush has said he would support.

Standing-room-only areas may be banned in England

SHEFFIELD, England -- Criticism increased Monday into the police handling of the soccer stadium disaster that killed 94 fans, and the government launched its own inquiry and said it may ban standing-room-only sections.

Officials and fans accused the South Yorkshire police of letting thousands of late arrivals into Hillsborough stadium -- and then responding too slowly when the surging crowd was crushed against a steel anti-riot fence in one of the standing-room-only terraces.

Home Secretary Douglas Hurd, speaking to a hushed House of Commons, said the inquiry headed by Lord Justice Taylor would begin work Tuesday and "make recommendations about the needs of crowd control and safety at sports grounds."

"We have to set our sights high and find a better way for British football (soccer)," Hurd said. "We owe a duty to these passionate supporters of football to examine urgently and thoroughly the causes and background and to do all in our power to prevent such a thing happening again."

Hurd told the Commons the decision of a senior police officer to open the gate because he "considered that there was a possible danger to the lives of the spectators at the front" would be a central question for inves-

tigators. Survivors said about 4,000 fans were pushing at turnstiles to get inside.

Hillsborough gatekeeper Jack Stone told the Sheffield Star he refused police orders to open the outer gate and was forced to hand over his keys to a police inspector.

"I handed the keys to him and told him it was his responsibility and not mine," Stone was quoted as saying.

Liverpool fan Stephen Mitton, who was caught in the crush outside the gate, told BBC-TV:

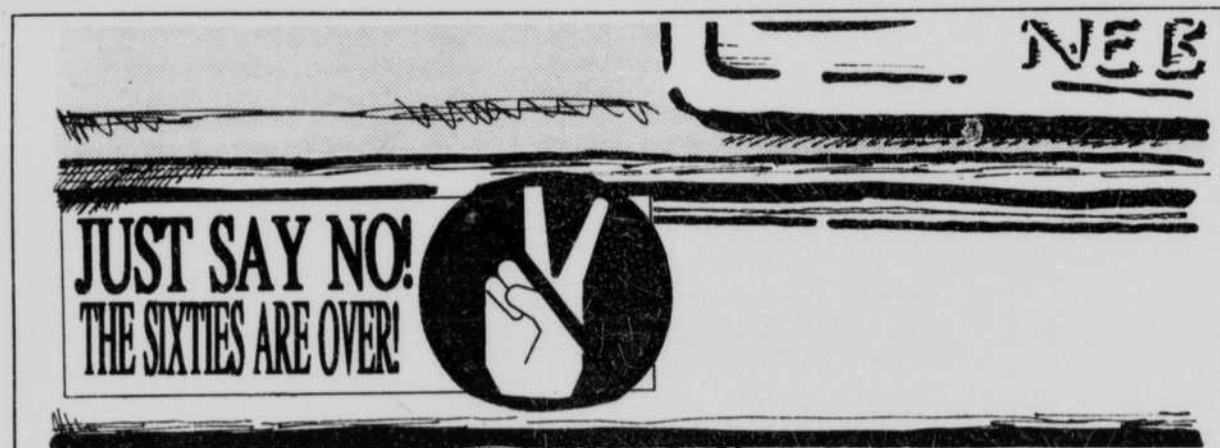
"The steward put his hand on the gate and said, 'Don't open it.' The police said, 'Open the gate. There's going to be a crush.' Then two police officers opened the gate."

Police released the names of those killed in the disaster.

All were British, 34 were teenagers, 33 were in their 20s, and seven were women.

Press Association, Britain's domestic news agency, said as many as 40 who perished are thought to have died in the rush through a tunnel to the center terrace at the Liverpool goal. The rest were crushed against the 10-foot fence in front of the terrace or were trampled underfoot, it said.

They ranged in age from 10 to 67. Of the 170 injured, 47 remained hospitalized Monday, including 17 in intensive care.



John Bruce/Daily Nebraskan

Anti-nostalgists say stop rehashing '60s

CHICAGO -- Does "The Big Chill" leave you cold? Tired of hearing "oldies" older than you on TV commercials? Three exasperated young upstarts say, "Right on!"

The reminder that the calendar says 1989 comes from the National Association for the Advancement of Time -- three guys in their 20s who say "We want to end the '60s in your lifetime."

"Let's make nostalgia a thing of the past!" say these fellows who've had enough of the baby boom -- that huge post-World War II generation whose sheer bulk spurred creation of the retail market for teen-agers, divided the nation over Vietnam and now is taking up space discovering adulthood -- marriage, careers and babies destined to grow up hearing stories about Woodstock.

Anti-nostalgia crusader Eugene Dillenburg dismisses baby boomers as "50 million teenagers who never grew up."

But they won't go away.

"There's so many of them. If they want to live in their past, that's fine -- but they're forcing ME to live in their past," gripes Dillenburg, 29, of Chicago. He founded NAFTAT with friends Bruce Elliott of Los Angeles and John Keeney of New York City.

Here's a sampling from Dillenburg's long list of complaints:

- Movies -- "The Big Chill."
- Theater -- the revival of "Hair."
- Television -- "The Wonder Years."
- Print Media -- Bob Greene's nationally syndicated Chicago Tribune column.
- Books -- volumes on the riotous 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, "as insignificant an event as ever happened in this country."

NAFTAT is part of a natural anti-boomer backlash, according to Northwestern University sociologist Bernard Beck, who says any cultural statement that lasts too long "seems to generate resentment."

By failing to step aside "the way it's supposed to," the baby-boom generation has "thrown out of kilter the ordinary succession of generations," Beck said.

"There always has been disdain toward this generation because there's so many of us in it," observed Greene, singled out by Dillenburg as a sort of arch-boomer. Greene defends nostalgia, saying readers of all ages respond to his columns about the past.

But when Dillenburg and Elliott got together in 1987 and discovered their mutual exasperation with "oldies" radio, they decided it was time to get the Monkees off

their backs.

Preserve what is worth remembering from the '60s -- the Beatles, Bob Dylan and the civil rights movement, for example -- and scrap the rest, Dillenburg suggests.

NAFTAT cranks out leaflets calling on sympathizers to "fight for the present and annoy a lot of self-important ex-hippies in the process."

Today's young people may not go in for demonstrations, but they care about apartheid and other issues, he said.

NAFTAT's feelings about the baby boomers are not altogether different from the reaction the post-war generation got from their "silent majority" elders 20 years ago, Beck said.

Many parents waited through the Depression and World War II to have children, and their offspring "grew up being told by everyone around them -- and believing -- that they were the most important thing in the world," he said.

"They are endlessly fascinated with their own lives," he said, and their vast numbers make every setback "central cultural business."

The message baby-boomers send to others, Dillenburg said, is: "You missed the '60s -- your life is meaningless. Your life is irrelevant because it came after mine."

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