

## Leaders invite Bush to planned drug summit

ICA, Peru -- The presidents of Peru, Colombia and Bolivia, where the illegal cocaine trade has its roots, invited President George Bush on Tuesday to attend a drug summit within 90 days. He accepted immediately.

In a brief communique at the end of a five-hour meeting on a common anti-drug strategy, the leaders said European leaders also should take part in the summit, to be held in Latin America. They pledged to continue "all-out war" on drug trafficking.

White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said: "The president will go." He said 90 days was "within the time frame we have been considering. It's reasonable."

In their communique, Presidents Alan Garcia of Peru, Virgilio Barco of Colombia and Jaime Paz Zamora of Bolivia said both the production and consumption of cocaine must be addressed.

The statement appeared to reflect Latin American concern over Bush's emphasis on police and military actions against the trade.

Garcia, Barco and Paz suggested details of

the summit be worked out at a meeting Nov. 20 in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, of lower-level officials.

Fitzwater said the United States had no objection to participation by Europeans and security concerns would not stand in the way of a summit. Of a planning meeting Nov. 20, he said: "I'm sure that's fine with us."

Garcia has been promoting inclusion of European nations as active participants in a war against the cocaine traffic. If the United States is successful in slowing the flow of cocaine over its borders, he says, smugglers will shift their focus to Europe.

The Peruvian president read the communique to hundreds of reporters gathered in Ica for the closed-door summit, but did not answer questions.

An army battalion of 300 guarded the hotel, which is surrounded by extensive gardens. Three thousand plainclothes policemen circulated in the city.

Heavy security was ordered in case of attacks by the Shining Path, a Maoist guerrilla

group that has fought Peruvian governments since 1980.

A bomb exploded before dawn Tuesday in Trujillo, a northern city where five Latin American foreign ministers were meeting to prepare the agenda for a summit of the Group of Eight countries that begins today in Ica.

It went off at the offices of a public housing agency, damaging the building but causing no injuries. Police said no group claimed responsibility.

Ica suffered two brief blackouts Tuesday morning, but officials said technical problems caused them, not sabotage.

Garcia, the Peruvian president, said the drug summit "will represent our point of view on how to confront the escalation of violence that drug traffickers have unleashed in our countries, and also our perspective on the United States president's proposals."

The three countries have criticized President George Bush's emphasis on military-style

repression of the drug trade. They say it should be accompanied by more economic aid to provide alternative crops or sources of income for the hundreds of thousands of peasants who grow coca.

Barco began a crackdown on Colombian cocaine barons Aug. 19 and has received \$65 million worth of U.S. military aid to help in the effort.

Garcia has been especially vocal on what he considers the limitations of the Bush plan, which includes \$261 million for the three countries, mainly in the form of weapons.

Peru and Bolivia produce more than 90 percent of the world's coca. Colombian drug cartels turn semi-refined coca paste from the two countries into pure cocaine and smuggle it to the United States and Europe.

Hundreds of thousands of peasants in Peru and Bolivia live by growing coca. Officials of both countries say there is little hope of eradicating the crop unless the growers have another way of making a living.

## Florida considers restrictions on abortion; citizens demonstrate

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- State lawmakers Tuesday convened a special session on abortion that drew thousands of chanting demonstrators and national attention though the Legislature's Democratic leaders predicted no new restrictions.

Republican Gov. Bob Martinez called the 3 1/2-day session soon after the U.S. Supreme Court in July upheld a Missouri law giving the state more authority to regulate abortions.

Martinez's proposals include banning public financing and use of public resources for abortions, expanding regulations for abortion clinics, requiring viability tests on the fetuses of women who are at least 20 weeks pregnant and requiring physicians to tell women seeking abortions about the development of their fetuses.

Both the House and Senate met for about a half-hour Tuesday and referred numerous bills, many of them abortion-related, to committees, which began work.

The Senate Health and Rehabilitative Services Committee took up four bills Tuesday afternoon, including proposals for a seven-day waiting period before an abortion, a ban on use of public funds, employees or facilities for abortions and testing for

the viability of a fetus.

The House HRS committee, meanwhile, heard testimony but planned no action until later in the week.

Despite widespread criticism by Democrats that the session will accomplish nothing and may result in unconstitutional law, Martinez repeated his view that the entire package should be considered.

"Having a hearing on each of these bills is important to the people of Florida," Martinez said. "All of these, I think, deserve a good debate."

As uniformed police closely guarded the doors to the Senate and House chambers, pro-choice and anti-abortion demonstrators marched around the Capitol and chanted, putting forth their messages on their chests, in their songs and in the air.

The pro-choice side sang "America the Beautiful" and had a banner-trailing airplane saying "Keep Abortion Legal."

Anti-abortion protesters wore a T-shirt saying, "Spoken As a Former Fetus... I'm Glad I'm Here."

Tallahassee police spokesman Dewey Riou estimated that 8,000 people attended the demonstrations.

## E. German leaders possibly shifting

BERLIN -- Communist officials met opposition leaders in Dresden and talks were expected soon in Leipzig in the first sign of a shift in the East German government's hard-line stance, news reports said Tuesday.

Prominent Lutheran official Hans Otto Furian, meanwhile, said in East Berlin that the Communist Party "must give up its grip on total power."

There were increasing signs of willingness Tuesday by some Communist Party officials to talk with pro-democracy activists. But East German leader Erich Honecker reiterated his hard-line stance.

West German station ZDF said talks between local Communist lead-

ers in Leipzig and pro-democracy activists also are set to begin. It gave no timetable.

Talks between Communist officials and opposition activists already have been held in Dresden.

West German radio reported Dresden's mayor, Wolfgang Berghofer, told activists that all demonstrators who are still jailed "who were not accused of violence would be freed."

Several hundred people, and possibly thousands, were arrested in weekend demonstrations.

Communist officials in Dresden first met with opposition leaders on Monday. Berghofer said another meeting was scheduled for next week.



Andy Manhart/Daily Nebraskan

## Night fliers drive couple 'batty'

GREENE, N.Y. -- Ever since she was a child and a bat flew into her bedroom one night, Brett Whitney has feared the little monsters. Now she's scared to death.

It all began when she and her husband, Bill, bought a century-old farmhouse in upstate New York, not knowing the attic was a roost for 1,600 of the night-flying creatures.

At dusk, the sky blackens and fills with screeches as hundreds of bats pour out of the house, spreading their wings and dropping like miniature parachuters before circling back over their roost and heading for the nearby Chenango River to feed.

"I don't want to go up there," Mrs. Whitney says, motioning toward the attic where the bats hang upside down from the rafters during the day like clusters of grapes.

But while many people like the Whitneys are trying to rid their homes of bats, conservationists are working to save them.

Bat experts say the winged mammals are vitally important for insect control, eating up to 50 percent of their body weight during each nocturnal feeding.

"Bats are some of the most misunderstood animals in the world," says Pat Morton, director of the Texas-based Bat Conserva-

tion International. "They've been shrouded for centuries in myth and misinformation because they fly at night and are needlessly feared."

Her organization educates people about the importance of bats. And with the return of Batman to movie screens across the country this summer, that job was made a little easier. Morton says requests for information about bats has doubled.

Even Brett Whitney has been leaning on the Caped Crusader to help her deal with the thousands of bats in her home.

"You have to have a sense of humor about it. I'm buying all this Batman paraphernalia," she says, pointing to the bat sticker on the window of her black Renault. "I tell my friends I'm driving my Bat Mobile to the Bat House."

Bats have been soaring around the planet for some 60 million years, at speeds up to 40 mph. They're not blind but use sound waves for navigation and to hunt for food.

Despite sensational accounts of people being bitten by rabid bats, such attacks are rare. Less than one-half of 1 percent of bats contract rabies, and those that do seldom become aggressive, according to Dr. Stephen C. Frantz of the New York State Department of Health.

In fact, bats do more for humans than we think.

Many flowers, fruits and plants grown in the tropics, including peaches, grapefruit, avocados and bananas, depend on bats for pollination.

The bat's instinctive radar system may lead to development of devices to help the blind.

Even so, having hundreds of bats living in your attic is enough to, well, drive you batty.

"We've been fighting them for five years," says Robert Harrington, who has 2,000 or so living in the attic of his North Bay home on the shore of Oneida Lake.

Harrington has spent almost \$1,500 trying to keep the flying creatures out of his attic. But it hasn't done any good. They can get through a hole the size of a dime, he says.

"I've sprayed ammonia, bought cases and cases of mothballs, and all it's done is stunk up the house," he says.

His two daughters refuse to sleep in the house. They sleep outside in the family's truck.

There are no exact figures on how many houses in the country are infested with bats. In New York state, Frantz knows of about half a dozen homes where more than 500 bats have moved in and taken over.

## African National Congress leaders to be freed

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa -- President F.W. de Klerk said Tuesday that six African National Congress leaders will soon be freed but that Nelson Mandela is not among them.

De Klerk said the formalities may take some time, but all the men had served many years and were quite old.

The guerrilla leaders were among

eight prisoners the government said soon would be released. They were sentenced to life in prison along with Mandela in 1964.

The announcement, read on government-run television, said that Mandela's own release "is not now on the agenda."

The most prominent of the prisoners to be released is Walter Sisulu, 77, who ran day-to-day operations of the

African National Congress as its secretary-general from 1949-54, when the government ordered him to resign.

Sisulu was imprisoned for life in June 1964 along with the other leaders of the guerrilla group's internal military wing.

Mandela, South Africa's most prominent anti-apartheid activist, has been in prison since 1962.

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