

# PLO to bargain for terrorist's body

(AP) — Palestinian guerrillas claimed Thursday they were holding bodies of Israeli soldiers killed in an incident inside a guerrilla-held portion of southern Lebanon. Sources said they would try to bargain for the body of a female terrorist who led the March 11 highway attack inside Israel that touched off the big Israeli push into Lebanon.

Conflicting reports of the number of dead ranged from three to five, the first Israeli casualties reported since a cease-fire was declared March 21. Israel claimed the guer-

rillas had ambushed an Israeli jeep Wednesday four miles south of the port of Tyre.

The incident was reported as U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim sent a message to Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin urging "speedy" withdrawal of the invading forces from southern Lebanon.

Diplomatic sources at the United Nations reported that the 21-nation Arab bloc will call for a Security Council meeting to consider possible sanctions against Israel for

refusing to remove its troops.

In Jerusalem, a U.N. spokesman said Israel Thursday had presented a plan for partial withdrawal of its forces.

Israel reported three dead in the Wednesday ambush. Palestinian guerrillas in Beirut claimed four were slain and one captured "unharmful," and the United Nations said its reports indicated all five were killed.

The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) claimed the jeep was an Israeli patrol trying to infiltrate guerrilla-held positions, and

sources said the PLO would try to bargain for the body of Dalal Mograbi, 22, the female guerrilla who led the March 11 terrorist attack inside Israel.

The United Nations asked the International Red Cross to arrange the return of the Israeli casualties to their homeland.

In other developments, the Israeli Foreign Ministry said it does not believe its use of U.S.-supplied arms in the invasion of southern Lebanon was a violation of a 1952 U.S.-Israeli arms pact.

## World at a glance

From Associated Press reports

### Food price rise slow

WASHINGTON — Food prices slowed their rise in March, helping to hold the month's increase in wholesale prices to 0.6 percent, the government said Thursday.

Although the March wholesale price increase was substantially lower than the February hike of 1.1 percent, it still would mean an annual inflation rate on the wholesale level of near 7.5 percent.

Meanwhile, in a separate report, the Carter administration's wage and price agency said overall inflation "seems hopelessly stuck" in the six percent to seven percent range, and that the threat of it getting worse is greater than chances of improvement.

### Mead raps student critics

LOUDONVILLE, N.Y. — Anthropologist Margaret Mead says she's tired of hearing that today's college students are not as politically involved and concerned about the world as students of the Vietnam War era were.

"There was never more than four percent of the students in any institution that cared in the least what was happening in the world," Dr. Mead said at Siena College here Wednesday night.

"But when that four percent marched, the rest marched with them because they felt a bond among themselves — they felt they belonged to the same kind of people," she said.

### Vet benefits may rise

WASHINGTON — About 2.2 million veterans disabled in military service would receive a 6.5 percent monthly benefit increase under a bill approved by a House subcommittee.

The same increase would go to widows and children of servicemen who died from service-connected causes. An estimated 471,000 people in these categories would benefit.

### Bond supports ERA boycott

SEATTLE — Georgia state Sen. Julian Bond says he supports a resolution by the National Drug Abuse Conference to move next year's convention from New Orleans because Louisiana has not ratified the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).

Bond said in Seattle Wednesday that opponents of the ERA are ill-informed but well organized and determined to defeat the proposed constitutional amendment.

## North Carolina prisons called 'repressive' system

BONN, West Germany (AP) — Amnesty International criticized North Carolina's "repressive" prison system Wednesday and demanded unconditional pardons for 13 persons it claims were convicted "solely on the basis of their political convictions."

The London-based human rights organization issued the statement through its office in Bonn while North Carolina Gov. James Hunt was on a tour of West Germany.

The statement criticized Hunt personally, saying he refused to meet with two Amnesty International officials who wanted to talk with him Tuesday about

the "Wilmington 10" and the "Charlotte Three."

Amnesty International said the 13 were civil rights workers and described them as "political prisoners."

Three young blacks known as "the Charlotte Three" were sentenced to prison terms of up to 25 years in 1972 following an arson incident at a riding stable in Charlotte, N.C. Their conviction stirred controversy, with supporters charging they were convicted on the testimony of a bribed witness. Two are now free on bail and the third has been paroled.

The Wilmington 10 are nine black men convicted in 1972 of conspiracy and unlawful burning in the firebombing of a Wilmington grocery store during racial strife in that city in 1971.

### Report lists 'heroin' cities

SEATTLE (AP) — San Francisco, Los Angeles and Phoenix are the top three cities in population of heroin addicts, says a report released Thursday at the National Drug Abuse Conference.

Next came Detroit, San Diego, Chicago, San Antonio, New York, Seattle, Minneapolis, Miami, Denver, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and New Orleans, said Dr. Robert DuPont, director of the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA), which prepared the report.

Seattle's ninth place standing was due to being a seaport, and its closeness to Vancouver, the heroin-use capital of Canada.

Nationally, the NIDA report showed that use of marijuana, cocaine and phencyclidine which causes hallucinations rose while use of other drugs remained stable during 1977.

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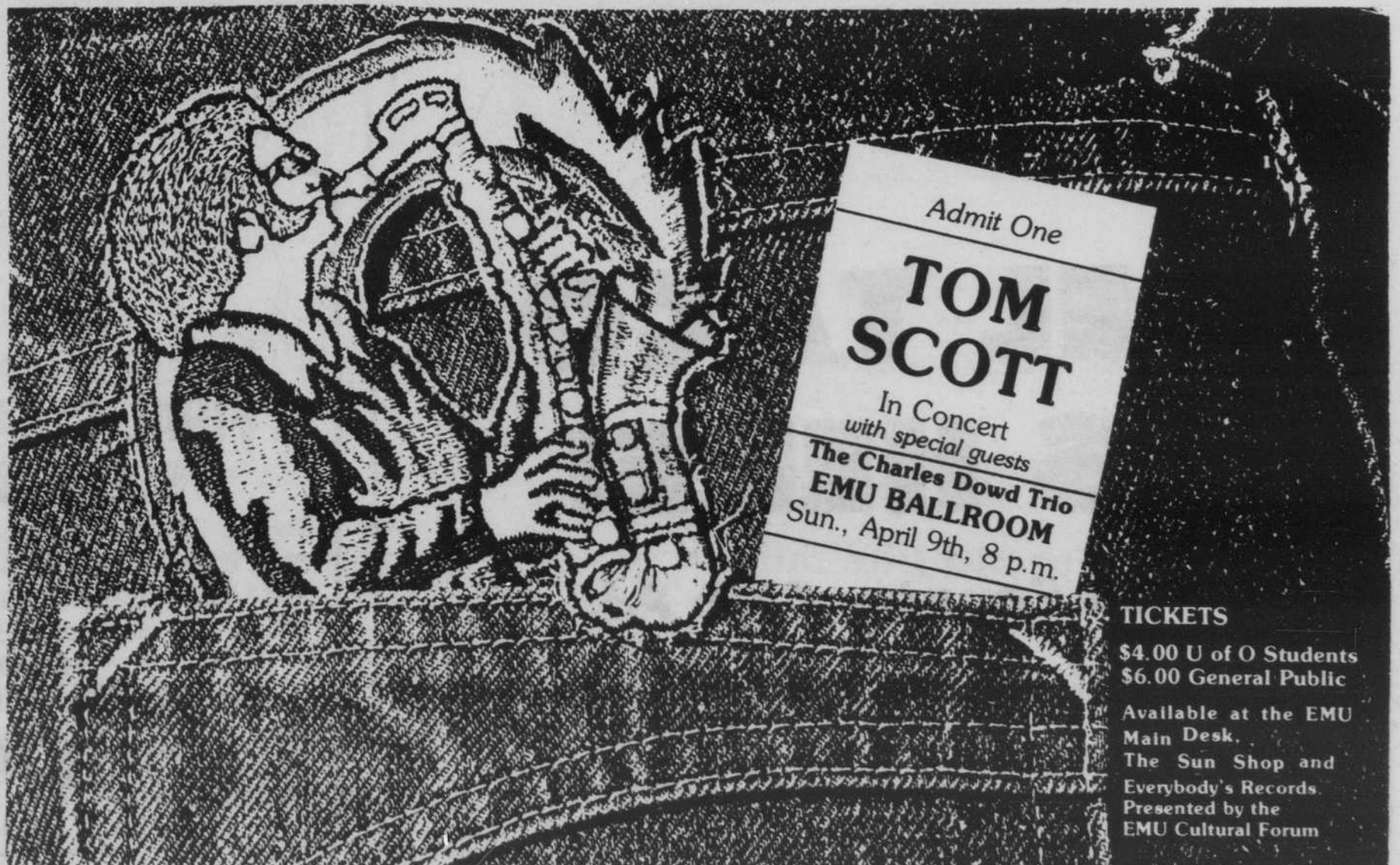
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## Pot quality questioned

(AP) — The drug information office at the University has been receiving about 70 calls a day from persons wanting to know the effects of herbicide-contaminated marijuana.

However, center director Miller said research shows the effects of smoking marijuana sprayed with paraquat is not as dangerous as some persons allege.

"A casual user, using highly contaminated marijuana, would experience microscopic damage," Miller said Thursday.



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