

Group calls Carter 'arrogant'

PLO says U.S. is 'heir of Nazism'

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — The Palestine Liberation Organization on Sunday described President Carter as "arrogant" for grouping the PLO in with such other movements as the Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan.

The PLO-run WAFA news agency said Carter, by making the comparison, was trying to "disassociate himself from the Nazi label."

In a town-meeting appearance near Pittsburgh Saturday, Carter was asked why the Yasser Arafat-led PLO was allowed to maintain a small informational office in Washington.

The president responded by saying many organizations are distasteful to many Americans but still have the right to free speech as long as they don't pose a threat to the nation's security.

"There are a lot of organizations in our country which are obnoxious to some of us, what they stand for, what they believe in..." Carter said. "There are many groups like this that cause us concern — the Ku Klux Klan, the Communist Party, the Nazis. It would be nice for us if they would just go away."

Referring specifically to that remark, WAFA said: "That's real arrogance. Go away from where and from whom? We are neither in the United States nor with the United States, so what does Carter mean?"

"He means we should go away from our homeland, the homeland of our grandfathers and the Arab nation... so that the United States can be pleased and Carter can rest," WAFA said.

"We cannot understand how Carter can compare us to the Nazi party. How can he reach such an

arrogant comparison? We cannot understand how Carter can compare Nazism to the PLO, which

defends itself against the Israeli-launched and American-supported war of annihilation."

WAFA said it is the United States, not the PLO, that is the "honest heir of Nazism."

making the news

From Associated Press reports

Portland — New tests have reconfirmed their conclusion that the walls of the control building at the Trojan nuclear power plant can resist earthquakes, say Portland General Electric and Bechtel Power Corp.

The firms say they conducted a sophisticated computer analysis of structural problems and submitted their findings this week to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in San Francisco.

Bruce Landrey, PGE spokesman, said the utility hopes federal hearings on restarting the plant can begin early in October.

The plant near Rainier has been shut down since March 17, when refueling began. In April PGE discovered the walls of the building housing controls did not meet design standards for withstanding earthquakes.

Don Broehl, assistant vice president for engineering and construction at PGE, said the most recent analysis confirms the conclusions of three earlier examinations: that the walls can resist the worst earth tremors that might occur, allowing safe shutdown of the reactor.

The latest analysis relied on a computer modeling technique just recently available to Bechtel, the primary contractor for Trojan, and PGE, Broehl said. It involved a more precise approach than previous tests, he said.

He said the firms were "wholly confident the building can withstand an earthquake."

Washington — Soil is being stripped from the land faster than it is being replaced, Paul Edwards of the Frederick County, Md., Soil Conservation Service has told the National Geographic Society.

On farmland, where healthy topsoil is crucial to crops, soil is being lost through erosion three times faster than it is being formed — at a national rate of three to four billion tons a year, he said.

Washington — The Consumer Product Safety Commission chairer, Susan King, says the agency is abandoning its scattershot tactics and will zero in on the 24 most serious hazards facing consumers.

In an interview with U.S. News & World Report, Ms. King said that in the past the commission tried to address more hazards than its staff and budget could handle.

She said a priority list of 24 items has been drawn up. Among them are outdoor antennas for television and CB radios, power mowers, unvented gas-fired space heaters, chain saws and consumer products that contain benzene, which has been linked to leukemia.

Life comes back with new design, Look will be next

NEW YORK (AP) — There is Life after death.

And the magazine that ceased publication six years ago after 1,864 weekly editions, goes on sale again Monday, with the familiar logo and over-sized pages and pictures stuffed cover-to-cover.

Life's new editors, who call it a "redesigned" magazine, insist it still offers what creator and then-Time editor Henry Luce called "picture-magic: to astonish, to teach, to delight, to touch."

Its October issue has picture and story features about ballooning, family reunions, the Shah of Iran, Antarctica and fashion designer Halston. There are even pictures of Jackie Kennedy Onassis, conveniently snapped by Alfred Eisenstaedt, now 79 and one of four original Life photographers.

"This will not be the Life that people remember," cautions Ralph Graves, managing editor of the earlier magazine and now a corporate editor.

The price is one change. It's now \$1.50; no longer the "biggest and best package of pictures for a dime," as publisher Luce boasted when it first appeared at news-

stands on Nov. 23, 1936.

It is a monthly, which means 40 persons will do what once required 340 Life staffers. And its first issue has a press run of 700,000 — compared to a 5.6 million circulation in 1972. And 56 of its 140 pages are filled with advertising, for a total \$848,000 in revenue, a record for any first issue of a magazine.

Editors of the "restructured" Life said that the magazine's higher prices will help it cope with rising postal rates. Also, they point to the success of specialty magazines, like People magazine, also owned by Life's owner, Time Inc.

And, there is more for picture-magazine buffs. Life's biggest competitor, Look, is scheduled to be resurrected next January.

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