



World View

International

Team to negotiate peace

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. secretary-general said Wednesday he is sending a team to Iran and Iraq to work out details of a cease-fire and will announce a starting date soon. Iraq proposed direct talks between the belligerents.

Javier Perez de Cuellar, the secretary-general, called the cease-fire date "D-Day." He said he prefers direct negotiations between the parties, but Iranian Ambassador Mohammad Ja'afar Mahallati declared: "No, No."

Perez de Cuellar said a team of 10-12 military officers from U.N. Middle East operations would work out cease-fire details with officials in Baghdad and Tehran and return in no more than a week. He did not announce their itinerary.

After that, the secretary-general said, he will announce a starting date "promptly" and set dates for troop withdrawal, prisoner exchange, peace negotiations and the investigation of responsibility for the war.

When the cease-fire takes effect, Perez de Cuellar said, he will send up to 250 military observers into the area to verify and supervise the truce and withdrawal of military forces.

National

Libyan sympathizers arrested

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI agents Wednesday arrested eight men linked to pro-Libyan activities in the United States.

U.S. Attorney Henry Hudson said one of those arrested, Mousa Hawanda, a 42-year-old travel agency owner, was involved in a potential assassination plot against a "high government official of the United States." Hudson did not identify the official.

Six of the defendants, members of the Libyan-sponsored People's Committee for Libyan Students, appeared with their hands and feet bound by chains before a U.S. magistrate in nearby Alexandria, Va. They were charged with illegally diverting funds to support the regime of Col. Moammar Gadhafi.

The other defendant was described as an agent for Hawanda's Manara Travel Agency.

Hudson said defendant Saleh Mohamed Guima Al-Rajhi, 32, a citizen of Morocco, had given the Libyan government a list of names of people in the federal government who may have been involved in the 1986 U.S. bombing of Libya. The prosecutor said this could have been done for the purpose of retaliation by Libya.

"This is a rare case, a sensitive case involving national security," Hudson told the magistrate. He said the prosecution had obtained much of the information leading to the arrests from informants whose lives were in danger.

Regional

Oregon tourism flourishing

EUGENE (AP) — State officials say this summer could be the best tourist season Oregon has ever had.

The eight welcome centers located at Oregon's borders are greeting a record number of visitors to the state, with 77,000 people in June alone, according to Debby Kennedy, state tourism director.

Reservations at motels, resorts and campgrounds all are up substantially from last year, she said.

"We were a little ahead in June and we're 10 percent ahead of attendance in July," added Hod Johnson, manager of the Sea Lion Caves north of Florence, one of the state's top tourist attractions. "It looks good for the rest of the summer."

One of Oregon's growing tourist attractions are its vineyards and wineries.

"Our visitors are up 20 to 25 percent this year," says Sue Aufort, marketing director for Hinman Vineyards west of Eugene. "We are getting folks from California who come up just to check out Oregon pinot noirs and chardonnays."

Room taxes collected by hotels and motels in Eugene, Springfield, Florence and rural Lane County were up 17 percent for the fiscal-year period through June 2, said Linda Weston, executive director of the Eugene-Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau.

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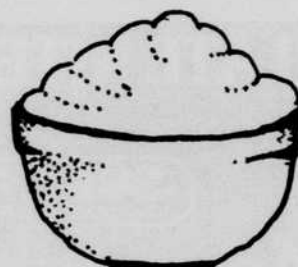
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changes the relationship between Frank and Charley, his high school classmate and musical collaborator, and Mary, an aspiring writer who falls in love with Frank.

As the play's action moves back in time, the audience learns how Frank came to be as he is at the beginning of the play: unhappily married to his second wife and estranged from his old friends.

The scenes are divided by cast members singing differing versions of the same theme, a device Sondheim uses to tie all the action together through melody. The result of this is a redundancy that quickly becomes tiresome. Some of the songs within the acts also are too lengthy.

There are some bright moments. Mary Russell, who plays Frank's first wife Beth, displays her considerable talent in the song "Not a Day Goes By," a romantic ballad that fills every corner of the theater with sound. Another upbeat number is Charley's "Franklin Shepard, Inc.," a song that shows Hadley's comic and vocal abilities.

In fact, it is Hadley's performance as Charley that carries the show. His quick timing and ability to slip from broad humour to reflection make his

character a believable one. Goodman's energy is almost palpable but his portrayal of Frank Shepard comes across as strained, and an energy that should be there between the two friends, even when they are bitterly divided, is not present.

Something similar happens with Robinson. In the 1979 scene, her portrayal of Mary as an embittered theater critic is overbearing, and all that comes through is a sense of too much effort. Toward the end of the play, she is more subdued and her younger Mary is much more comfortable to watch.

A notable piece of characterization is Sher Alltucker's portrayal of Gussie, Frank's second wife. Everything from her costuming to the tone of her voice is perfectly in keeping with her role as a spoiled socialite constantly seeking the right people.

The technical aspects of the show, such as lighting, orchestration and costumes, are excellent. Unfortunately, those elements in addition to Hadley and Alltucker are not enough to make up for what is lacking in this show.

"Merrily We Roll Along" runs weekends through Aug. 6 at the Robinson Theatre on campus. The play is directed by Richard Gray.

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