

U.N. adopts plan for Iraq

Resolution creates multi-national force to attract assistance

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The Security Council unanimously adopted a resolution Thursday aimed at attracting more troops and money to help stabilize Iraq and speed its independence — a diplomatic victory for Washington after the bitter dispute over the war.

The resolution's success hinges on whether it generates additional funds for Iraq's reconstruction at next week's donors conference in Madrid, Spain, and whether countries decide to send new forces to Iraq.

In a dramatic shift, France, Germany and Russia — key opponents of the U.S.-led war against Iraq — supported the resolution. But they immediately ruled out any new military or financial help, reflecting ongoing concern about the speed with which Washington would transfer authority to Iraqis.

The resolution gives U.N. authorization to a multinational force under unified command that will be led by the United States and calls for troop contributions as well as "substantial pledges" from the 191 U.N. member states at the Madrid donors conference on Oct. 23-24.

The 15-0 vote was a coup for Secretary of State Colin Powell, who called the outcome "a great achievement" — although he cautioned that the resolution should not be seen as "opening the door to troops."

Powell led six weeks of intense U.S. lobbying and worked the phones from the early hours Wednesday. When he launched his final diplomatic blitz, U.S. officials were concerned the resolution might get only the minimum nine "yes" votes needed for adoption.

A day earlier, France, Russia and Germany failed to persuade the United States to include in the resolution a timetable for restoring Iraq's sovereignty. In-
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Students, faculty and community members commemorating Project 500 march across the intersection of Goodwin Avenue and Illinois Street toward the Illini Union on Thursday.

Group marches to remember original 500

Students, faculty, community members recreate journey from ISR to Union for Project's 35th anniversary

BY AMARA ENYIA
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One phrase united more than 500 students, faculty and community members gathered in front of the Union on Thursday: "We are black and we are one."

In the fall of 1968, 500 black students — products of Project 500 — marched from the Illinois Street Residence Halls to the Union demanding that the University provide the educational access it promised all its students. Thirty-five years later, black students on campus marched again.

The walk was one of several events held this week to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the implementation of Project 500 —

the University's first major push to increase the number of minority students on campus.

An overtone of excitement coupled with reverence for those of the original 500 in attendance overrode the chill in the fall air.

"It's historic and it's the best thing black people can do," said William Hoff Jr., Ph.D. He received his degree from the University in 1987. Alumni in attendance provided a historical background about Project 500 to students.

Sandra Kato, Ph.D., said if not for Project 500, many students who enrolled at the University from community colleges would not have had a chance to attend the University. Kato received both her bachelor's and doctorate degrees

from the University. Alumna Gladys Pope said although she was not in the original 500, all of her friends, her sister, and her nephew, Nathaniel Banks — director of the African-American Cultural Program — came in under the program.

Coordinators and administrators alike said they were surprised by the turnout. Co-coordinator Marcus Coleman said gathering the students was easy because of the level of the students' motivation and the support they received. And for co-coordinator and graduate student Sheri Shaw, the turnout was an answer to her prayers.

Shaw said she had 500 T-shirts made but did not expect to sell all of them.

"The NAACP, Central Black Stu-

dent Union and Black Greek Council all helped," she said. "Without them we could not have done it."

Black students and community members were not the only participants. A mix of white, Latino and Asian students also participated.

A smattering of flags from around the world waved amidst the crowd. Eric Lugo, senior in LAS, waved the Puerto Rican flag proudly. Lugo's aunt was one of the original 500.

"I'm basically paying homage to the 550 students (from Project 500)," he said. Standing next to him, Oliver Hatchett, member of Illini Union Board, echoed Lugo's sentiments.

"If it wasn't for the efforts of students in 1968, people like me and Eric wouldn't have the oppor-

tunities we have today," he said. "It's a blessing to be here now and I thank God for the privilege. Me being African American and (Eric) being Latino, we now have the opportunity to work together — to go to school together."

Kris Campbell, assistant to the Chancellor and member of the Project 500 commemoration planning committee, said students of all races and ethnicities were encouraged to participate.

"Project 500 really impacted everyone's lives on campus, not just blacks and Latinos," she said.

Participants walked down Illinois Street and across the Quad to the Union. Traffic was stopped to allow the marchers to pass.

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High hopes dashed; fans look to next year

Cubs still shadowed by curse

Fan's opinions divided over foul controversy

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CHICAGO — Sam Sianis, owner of the Billy Goat Tavern, bought a younger goat with "more power" in the hopes that it would take the Cubs to their first World Series since 1945.

Well, it was worth a shot. But breaking the curse placed on the Cubs by his uncle 58 years ago wasn't so easy Wednesday night during Game 7 against the Florida Marlins in the National League Championship Series.

So, the Cubs have been on a losing streak all these years because of a goat and a hex? That's how the story goes.

In 1945, Sam Sianis' uncle, William "Billy Goat" Sianis, bought two tickets to last game of the World Series at Wrigley Field. One for him, and one for his goat.

"He got two tickets and went to the game and they wouldn't let him in," Sianis said, while sitting at the tavern off of lower Michigan Avenue during Saturday night's Game 4 of the NLCS.

P.K. Wrigley, then owner of the Cubs, told William Sianis "the goat smells" and would not admit the animal into the stands.

"Well, he left and went back to his tavern. He left and says, 'You guys turned me down and my goat got disappointed and you guys, you're not going to win anymore after I leave,'" Sianis said in his thick Greek accent.

When the Cubs lost that day against Detroit, Sianis said his uncle sent Wrigley a telegram the next day: "Who smells now?" The original telegram sits framed in the Michigan Avenue tavern, along with 58 years of



The Associated Press

Sam Sianis, owner of the Billy Goat Tavern in Chicago, sits with his Billy goat Thursday. Many fans of the Chicago Cubs blame the curse of the goat for the team's 9-6 loss to the Florida Marlins in Game 7 of the National League championship series.

Chicago history.

Like many legends, though, the exact details of the curse are unknown. William Sianis' nephew tells it differently each time.

Some say the Cubs were cursed to never again play in a World Series. Some say the team was damned to never win one again.

Fans hoped the curse would be broken in 1969 with the Cubs up 9 1/2 games over the New York Mets late in the season, but the older Sianis told three journalists, including famed Chicago columnist Mike Royko, "They're not going anywhere."

In the last month of the season, the Mets came back and claimed the National League East title.

William Sianis died later that year.

Some say the curse died with William Sianis.

Despite the younger Sianis' efforts to lift the curse over time — years of bringing a goat to Wrigley Field in support of the team — nothing seems able to push the Cubs through to the World Series.

"I remember 1984. That was the first time they invited me to the game," said Sianis about the Cubs' first postseason game since 1945. "They left me behind (when they played the San Diego Padres in San Diego) and they lost."

Sianis said he and his goat
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CHICAGO (AP) — When a suburban man reached out and deflected a foul ball that seemed destined for Moises Alou's glove Tuesday night, he became the embodiment of a decades-old curse on the Chicago Cubs.

On Wednesday, hours after the 26-year-old man was escorted from Wrigley Field as he was threatened by angry fans, the incident was the talk of Chicago and the nation.

Angry broadcasters castigated the fan. A local newspaper found in a Web poll that while thousands of people pinned the team's 8-3 playoff loss to the Florida Marlins on the Cubs, thousands also blamed the fan. Even the governor weighed in on the loss, which sent the NL championship series to a final seventh game Wednesday night.

As talk of the incident continued, a question emerged: Did the man sitting along the left field line simply do what any fan would have done, given the opportunity to catch a foul ball?

Everyone in Chicago — from Cubs devotees to ex-players to neighbors of the fan — had an opinion Wednesday.

"If you are a fan who's been around for a while, you just know not to interfere with a player," said Don Emond, 66, a longtime season ticket holder who was at the game. "I think these fans like that are sort of selfish or they don't really care about the consequences of what happened."

The Associated Press, like most local media, was holding off on naming the man.

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DON EMOND
Cubs fan

Gov. Rod Blagojevich, a Cubs fan, at once sympathized with the man and gave his opinion of his actions. "Nobody can justify any kind of threat to someone who does something stupid like reach for that ball," he said.

A childhood friend of the fan said that even after he realized who had deflected the ball, he still wanted to beat him up.

Don Kessinger went after countless pop flies near the stands while he played shortstop for the Cubs in the 1960s and '70s.

"I think he did what 40,000 people (at the game) would have done," said Kessinger.

"My experience has been when you go into the stands, they are going to try to catch the ball," said Kessinger, who now is in the real estate business in Oxford, Miss. "I'm going to try to catch it and they are going to try to catch it."

Even Alou, who was initially furious about the incident, seemed to soften later.

"At the time, I was real upset," he said Tuesday night. "But at same time, I kind of feel bad for the guy now, because every fan in every ballpark, their first reaction is they want a souvenir. Nobody's going to think about the outcome
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FDA keeps eye on UI pigs

The Food and Drug Administration's investigation of the University's disposal of pigs involved in genetic experiments has concluded with the FDA keeping a close eye on the University's research, said FDA spokeswoman Linda Grassie.

Grassie said the FDA does not plan to fine the University, and it does not expect an immediate response to the two letters the FDA sent to the University earlier this year.

The letters addressed the University's alleged practice of allowing at least 386 pigs that were involved in genetic experiments to enter into the food supply. The letters also stated that the FDA would keep tabs on the University's research, Grassie said.

University spokeswoman Robin Kaler said the FDA's investigation is the result of a miscommunication. Initially the University did not know about the FDA's rule of prohibiting genetically engineered animals to be placed into the human food supply, she said. This includes all control pigs.

"Now we understand what the (FDA) means and we do not let any pigs, (genetically engineered) or not, be sold," Kaler said.

The FDA does not know if there are any health risks, Grassie said.

"We make sure it is safe," she said. "We don't have to prove that it's unsafe."

— Tina Shah