WORLD BRIEF

Communism takes a blow in Hungary

BUDAPEST, Hungary - (AP) Hard-line opponents of reform said Sunday that the national Communist Party, dissolved by delegates to a party congress, still exists and its fate must be decided by its major constituents.

Congress delegates on Saturday voted to dissolve the party saying "its history... has ended." The Communist Party, officially called the Hungarian Socialist Workers Party, is to be replaced by the Hungarian Communist Party, according to the congress resolution. Reform leaders said the new party would be similar to Western European socialists.

USA BRIEF

Followers support a convicted Bakker

ORLANDO, Fla. - (AP) About 200 faithful followers and a few curious tourists attended services at Jim and Tammy Bakker's shopping center church, Sunday, the convicted evangelist and his wife's first to be held open for public worship.

Bakker, convicted last week of telling his PTL ministry followers of a $35,000 settlement with his wife to his round Orlando hotel Sunday. Windows at the house were stapled over to ensure no one could see inside.

Bakker is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 31, and faces up to 120 years in prison and $3 million in fines on 24 counts of fraud and conspiracy.

USC BRIEF

USC holds conference discussing EEC

American and European political and business leaders will take part in a conference on how the 1993 unification of the European Economic Community will affect U.S.-European trade Oct. 13-15 in USC.

Originally scheduled to take place at Kuwait Island, the conference has been moved to Columbia because of damage to the South Carolina coastal barrier island. (USC)

By the Associated Press

LAUSANNE, Switzerland - Wildlife specialists squared off Sunday for a bitter fight over how to keep Africa's fast-declining elephant population from vaulting forever into ivory piano keys and cheap pieces.

Delegates from more than 100 countries will meet until Oct. 31 at the biennial conference of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, known as CITES. The conference began Sunday with strategy sessions and formally opens Monday.

Although they will also consider a number of other issues, the elephant crisis has increasingly become the main focus of the conference. The debate runs parallel to that of the international conferences on elephants.

By some reckoning, the great lumbering, the greatacho of Africa, in many an unmistakable symbol of the wild, will survive in any man the turn of the century. When we talk about halving the population in 10 years, we're talking about disaster," says Douglas Hamilton, a widely respected expert, said in a telephone interview from Kenya.

David Western of Wildlife Conservation International, who commissioned the last census, said: "Numbers are dropping so fast elephant populations may be eucratized in most areas within 20 or 30 years." Overall, he said, just more than 600,000 remain in Africa, compared to estimates ranging from 1.3 million to 4 million a decade ago. Each year, poachers kill at least 70,000, often spraying gas- fires at females and calves along with the few old tuskers left in Kenya alone, whereas all 17,000 are left of the 160,000 elephants counted in 1970.

The convention's rulings come in the form of non-legally binding resolutions that rely on international cooperation for enforcement. CITES regulates can opt out of a resolution, but that costs it the role of environmental law.

CITES delegates must find common ground between the East African Union for an ivory ban, backed by the United States and Western Europe, and southern Africa's push for trade in called tusks.

Zimbabwe, South Africa and Botswana argue that careful management has increased their herds, and that ivory finances anti-poaching measures.

Zimbabwe earns $9 million a year by selling ivory from herds estimated at 52,000.

Campus Crime

Crime

Entire at the University Police crime log for October 2 in October 7, 1989.

October 7

0100 hours, Grand Larceny, Radcliffe Department. Removed by RCA, Cambridge from building by unknown person.

2240 hours, Lamar, Petersen Cafe. Unknown person removed an unsecured pan from a cafeteria table.

October 3

1120 hours, Damage to State Property. Several parking meters were either destroyed or damaged by unknown person.

1313 hours, Room 408, Lion's Cafe. Several issues were removed from an announced room.

October 4

0106 hours, Larceny, Pickney College. Bicycle removed by unknown person.

1600 hours, Lamar, Thomas Cooper Library. An unsecured book was removed from a table by unknown person.

1800 hours, Grand Larceny, Bann White. Automobile stolen from Bann West parking lot by unknown persons.

1930 hours, Grand Larceny, Wool Street. Several items were removed from a car.

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