

Year of Peace begins with turbulence, hope

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United Nations has declared 1986 as the Year of Peace, but the turbulent state of the world may make the Oriental observance of the Year of the Tiger more appropriate.

On Oct. 24, the U.N.'s 40th anniversary, the General Assembly passed a resolution proclaiming 1986 the International Year of Peace and called on "all peoples to join with the United Nations in resolute efforts to safeguard peace."

In a New Year's message, U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said the world is faced with a "rare opportunity" to focus on prospects for peace.

At the close of 1985, armed rebellions were active in Cambodia, Afghanistan, the Philippines, Uganda, East Timor, Nicaragua, El Salvador, the western Sahara and

Angola.

Local terrorist groups launched attacks in Peru and Colombia. Violent separatist movements included Basques in Spain, Kurds in Turkey and Tamils in Sri Lanka.

Internal unrest and cross-border violence plagued southern Africa.

The Middle East was perhaps most turbulent of all, with Iran and Iraq engaged in a full-scale war, and Israel and Syria threatening a new round of fighting. Homicidal anarchy reigned in Lebanon.

The Middle East also bred international terror. The recent massacres at Rome and Vienna, Austria, airports have been blamed by many on an outlaw Palestinian splinter group headed by Abu Nidal.

The world scene appeared ready for the Year of the

Tiger, which started Wednesday for millions of Japanese who remember that World War I and the Korean War both began in previous Years of the Tiger.

But there also were scattered signs of hope.

Perez de Cuellar said in his message, "It is especially promising that, in this Year of Peace, the process of dialogue initiated by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States in Geneva, (Switzerland), last November will be furthered by another summit meeting."

Also, just days before the new year, Lebanon's major militia leaders, after a decade of civil war, agreed on the principles of a political settlement.

And in the final month of 1985, the General Assembly and Security Council agreed on historic resolutions condemning terrorism and hostage-taking.

'Live Aid' TV showing is canceled by China

PEKING (AP) — China canceled without explanation the scheduled Wednesday showing of last July's "Live Aid" concert.

The concert raised \$50 million for African famine relief.

Asked the reason for the cancellation, a telephone receptionist at the state-run China Central Television said: "This is something we are unclear about. Perhaps it will be shown later."

Another CCTV official claimed there was a mistake in the television listings published by the normally reliable China Daily, an official English-language newspaper. No one was available for comment at the paper, which was closed Wednesday for the New Year's holiday.

Like the cancellation of a November tour by the Australian pop group Men at Work, the failure to broadcast the "Live Aid" concert may reflect renewed Communist Party concern over "unhealthy tendencies" entering China under leader Deng Xiaoping's open-door policies.

The first major rock group to visit the People's Republic, the British duo Wham, received a cool official reception last April when its two concerts featured go-go dancers in black leather.

China, nevertheless, agreed to broadcast a four-hour taped version of the "Live Aid" concert organized by Irish rock singer Bob Geldof and staged in London and Philadelphia.

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cut, California and New Mexico. That brings the total, of Wednesday, to 13 states plus the District of Columbia.

Illinois drivers have another safety law to consider Wednesday. A new anti-drunken-driving law means automatic drivers' license suspensions for New Year's revelers who were found to be intoxicated behind the wheel.

In Florida, day care center workers and others who help take care of children — including volunteers who work more than 15 hours a week — will have to be fingerprinted, starting Wednesday, as part of a sweeping child-protection bill passed by the 1985 Legislature.

The fingerprint records will be checked to keep convicted child molesters from the day-care ranks.

A law to make more organs available for transplants goes into effect Wednesday in New York. The law, similar to one passed earlier in Oregon, requires hospitals to ask next of kin if they will allow a deceased person's organs to be removed for donation if the doctors believe such donation is feasible.

People in Maryland who live near a plant that produces toxic wastes will be able to see routine state health department records of the plant. Previously, that right was extended only to the plant's workers.

The poor were singled out for aid in some state laws taking effect Wednesday. New York has increased welfare benefits by about 10 percent, creating a supplemental home energy allowance. By saying the money is for energy costs rather than general expenses, the state increases the welfare grant without having poor people lose some federal food stamps.

Poor North Carolinians will get free annual physical exams, starting in this year, and a change in the tax code creates an income tax credit for some 2.5 million low- and moderate-income taxpayers there.

General tax cuts were in store in some states, including Pennsylvania and New York. A utility law revision in Illinois means savings for some consumers there, while Alabama has abolished its unemployment compensation tax on workers and rolled back the tax on employers.

In Arizona, the state's new law to combat air-pollution standards. Starting Wednesday, vehicles that fail emissions tests will be inspected to make sure factory-installed anti-pollution devices have not been tampered with. The state will require owners to repair or replace devices that have been altered.

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partment said the Abu Nidal group is "probably the best organized and most effective of the radical Palestinian terrorist groups."

"The group has repeatedly demonstrated its ability to operate in any country it chooses," notably in Western Europe.

Any U.S. military action against Libya likely would involve U.S. planes flying from the deck of an aircraft carrier or from the nearest U.S. land base, the joint American-Italian base at Sigonella, Sicily.

The Coral Sea, the only aircraft carrier in the Mediterranean Sea, has been in port in Naples, Italy, since before Christmas and was scheduled to remain there until Thursday, the sources noted.

No leaves had been canceled, and rounding up the Coral Sea's sailors on short notice would be difficult since many of them

probably took advantage of the leave to travel around Italy or ski in nearby Switzerland, the sources said.

The cruiser Yorktown is alongside the Coral Sea, and its sailors are also on leave, the sources said. The cruiser and its sophisticated Aegis battle management radar would probably play a key role in defending the U.S. planes during an attack.

Other Navy ships remained at ports in Rota, Spain, and Haifa, Israel, Pentagon officials said.

A U.S. attack on Libya would have to run a gauntlet of anti-aircraft missiles and Soviet-built Libyan planes. Khadafy has purchased large amounts of military equipment from the Soviet Union in the last decade, including thousands of missiles and planes.

U.S. officials have confirmed that Soviet-built SA-5 anti-aircraft missiles have been installed at two sites in Libya, although the sources said the long-range weapons are not yet operational.

The SA-5s have a range of about 150 miles, which would permit them to hit

American reconnaissance planes over the Gulf of Sidra. Other missiles, with ranges up to 40 miles, are operational.

American and Libyan forces have tangled once during the Reagan administration. In August 1981, two Navy F-14 jets shot down a pair of Soviet-made Libyan fighters in a brief dogfight over the Gulf of Sidra, the Mediterranean waters north of Libya where the U.S. Navy was conducting maneuvers.

"But that was over water; that was our turf," one Navy source said. "It's different over land. Look at what happened in Syria."

In December 1983, 28 U.S. warplanes attacked Syrian positions in Lebanon's central mountains in retaliation for Syrian attacks on the U.S. peacekeeping force, which was then in Lebanon.

Two of the American planes were shot down. One American was killed, and a second, Navy Lt. Robert O. Goodman, was taken prisoner. He was freed early in 1984 during a visit to Syria by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who was then a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination.

NELSON

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and having difficulty.

"He said smoke was filling the cockpit," Ruggles said. "I watched the airplane descend to a very low altitude, and about 500 feet above the ground we started noticing smoke trailing the airplane."

The plane clipped two electric power poles and came to rest in flames about 200 yards from a farmhouse. Ruggles landed nearby. "We just simply couldn't get to them because of the heat and the flames," he said.

"It was on fire when it came over me," said Don Lewis, a farmer who was feeding his cattle when the plane flew by. "Smoke was just belching out of the right side."

Rank and Ferguson were in critical but stable condition at St. Michael Hospital in Texas. Ferguson would be trans-

ferred to a burn center in Little Rock, Ark., she said.

Nelson's manager, Greg McDonald, said late Tuesday he was calling relatives of people who were on the plane and consoling them.

"All we know is that Ricky and his band were on the plane," McDonald said at a voice broadcast.

Greg Leach, a flight instructor at Guntersville Airport, Tenn., said Nelson and his band were in the lounge in Guntersville on Monday night and arrived about 10 p.m. Tuesday.

Leach, who oversees airport operations, said the aircraft was delayed by heavy fog.

Pat Upton, co-owner of PJ's Lounge and former member of Nelson's Rock Canyon Band, said Nelson played in Guntersville as a favor. He said Nelson and Blair had been dating about three years and were recently engaged.

At the Park Suite Hotel in north Dallas, where Nelson was to have performed Tues-

day night, about 100 people milled around in the lobby, some in white tuxedos, after the crash was announced.

It was to be the 6-month anniversary of first New Year's Eve on stage, with Nelson appearing on the bill with other acts. Hotel officials planned the night a tribute, but offered refunds to those who chose to leave. Many did.

Born Eric Hilliard Nelson in Teaneck, N.J., on May 8, 1940, he literally grew up on "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet" television series, which featured his parents and brother, David, and launched his musical career.

In 1957, Nelson first performed "Teenage Romance" and "I'm Walkin'" on the show. They became his first million-sellers.

From 1959 to 1966 Nelson went from a crew-cut 11-year-old to a real-life teen-age singing idol to a 25-year-old husband. All of Nelson's early songs were featured on the TV show before the final episode in 1966.

His hit songs helped boost the show in the ratings with younger viewers during the later years of its run.

temperatures

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20	27	56	67
20	27	28	39
35	49	57	67
23	46	81	74
28	46	51	60
27	39	21	40
15	27	23	47
21	49	30	47
27	41	49	58
27	39	30	51
42	58	43	51
25	38	43	51
18	43	52	51
71	80	29	44

European weather

Forecast for Thursday: Partly cloudy to cloudy with widespread morning fog. Afternoon haze. Snow, or rain and snow mixed, in some possible freezing rain will be the west-to-northwest areas and slowly spread eastward. High temperatures from mid to high 20s; lows from mid to low 10s. Sunset Thursday 4:34 p.m.; sunrise Friday 6:51 a.m. Outlook for Friday: Weather conditions will be the same, but temperatures will be slightly warmer.

Temperatures reported Wednesday:		4am 4pm	
Adana, m	42	30	40
Amsterdam, m	45	30	19
Athens, m	53	61	34
Aviano, m	36	39	43
Berlin, d	14	14	21
Bremenhaven, m	23	27	25
Brussels, m	25	30	48

Other worldwide temperatures:		High Low	
Cairo, c	22	50	21
Dublin, i	43	32	18
Helsinki, f	19	18	05
Jerusalem, c	64	50	25
London, m	59	43	37

—Supplied by the Associated Press.

F—fair; c—cloudy; m—mostly cloudy; p—partly cloudy; r—rain; f—fog.