

China Night — Nevada Opera Theatre — Sunday, September 25



(L-R) Edward Evarts, Papote Veret, Lee Driscoll & Sandy Peltyn.

TWA, an 11 day excursion to China and a diamond necklace donated by John Fish Jewelers. Tove Allen, Benefit Chairman will be assisted by committee members' Patricia Adams-Fauci, Cheryl Collinsworth, Mara and Chuck Dixon, Lee Driscoll, Edward Evarts, Joyce Hosker, Su Phelps and Jeanne Maxwell-Williams.

Eileen Hayes and Sandy Peltyn, co-chairman of the benefit committee will present a program of opera selections from "Turandot," "Madama Butterfly," and "The Mikado" performed by Nevada Opera Theatre Artists and members of the Nevada Opera Theatre Orchestra conducted by Dr. James Stivers, Chairman of the Music Department at UNLV.

A Chinese banquet will precede a showing of the Chinese Historical Costume Collection. The costumes will arrive directly from Washington, D.C. through the courtesy of the Coordinating

Arafat Discusses Statehood Plan With U.N. Chief, But Not The Press

GENEVA (JTA) — Yasir Arafat told United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar that a government in exile is one of

the ideas he plans to present when the Palestine National Council meets next month in Algiers.

But the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman appeared to be more cautious than some of his aides in discussing details of the plan for statehood.

The normally publicity-hungry Arafat surprised the Geneva press corps by canceling a news conference scheduled to take place after his 90-minute meeting with the secretary-general. Instead of making a public appearance, the PLO chairman was reportedly whisked out a back door of the European headquarters of the United Nations here.

Perez de Cuellar, for

Council for North American Affairs, The Republic of China on Taiwan and the Chinese American Culture Center.

Denny Weddle, SUMMA executive is the Master of Ceremonies for this festive evening and Elaine Newton is the commentator for the Chinese Dynasty Historical Collection Showing dating from 220 B.C. to the 20th Century. Modeling the exclusive collection will be well known Las Vegas including Jodie Ghanem, Myra Greenspun, Robin Greenspun, Dr. and Mrs. Loring Jacobs, Jan Laverly Jones, Roger Thomas, Jane Nielsen and Jeanie von Tobel.

Other models include Barbara Molasky, Susan Molasky, Jeanne Maxwell Williams, Pam Brown, Angie Wallin, Babette Cammack, Janie Gale, Dr. Leslie Jacobs, Maria Quirk and Bonnie Schreck. The ticket price per person is \$125 and a table of 10 sponsorship is \$1,250. For additional information regarding China Night and the 1988-89 season, please call the Nevada Opera Theatre office at 451-6331.

his part, made it clear that the meeting took place at Arafat's request.

A statement issued by the PLO reported that the discussion focused on the secretary-general's efforts to secure compliance with various U.N. declarations. Arafat expressed concern over alleged Israeli acts of aggression against Palestinian refugee camps and villages in southern Lebanon.

The PLO chairman was also said to have expressed his organization's desire to participate in an international peace conference on the Middle East. Israel has opposed PLO participation in such a conference, though the government is split on whether to back a conference that would include a joint Jordanian-Pales-

tinian delegation.

Arafat was vague in discussing details of PLO plans to declare an independent state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and set up a government in exile. He is apparently wary of the reaction of more militant factions of the PLO, which see the idea as an abandonment of the PLO's armed struggle against Israel.

The outlines of the proposal were described in interviews given by Bassam Abu-Sharif, a close aide to Arafat. Sharif told The New York Times and the Associated Press that the Palestine National Council could pass a resolution, signed by Arafat with the approval of the various PLO factions, that would declare a state and recognize Israel on the basis of the U.N. partition plan of 1947.

China Night, the major benefit of Nevada Opera Theatre for the 1988-89 season is set for Sunday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Imperial Ballroom at the Aladdin Hotel and Casino. The evening festivities will begin with silent and live auctions that will feature a trip to London for two donated by

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