

Powell cites AIDS fight frustration

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell says he is frustrated over the bare trickle of donations from Europe to a global fund for fighting AIDS. He pledged to ask Congress to fatten the United States' contribution and turn up pressure on the rest of the world to do the same.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Powell described the "mind-boggling" drop in African life expectancies due to AIDS. In Botswana alone, he said, it plummeted from 64 years to 49. And he expressed hope that this week's special U.N. session on AIDS will prompt the world community to ante up for the fight against this disease with a greater sense of urgency.

"Everybody should be coming up on this, every European country," Powell said Friday.

Powell and Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson will head the U.S. delegation to the United Nations session, which opens Monday.

Powell, who will address the session Monday, held no illusions that world nations will contribute enough money to make a big difference. But he said he envisions a "world-wide mobilization" that combines multinational dollars with charitable activities and in-kind giving.

For example, he pointed to the Coca-Cola Co.'s decision to incorporate AIDS prevention and education into its "huge retail establishment" on the African continent.

"Every Coke truck going by is a rolling billboard," Powell said. "The Coke truck that delivers Cokes can also deliver condoms. That kind of involvement is probably as valuable as a financial con-



Secretary-General Kofi Annan (C) joins hands with United States Secretary of State Colin Powell (R) and U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson (L) before a meeting at the United Nations in New York on Monday. In a speech at the U.N. Powell promised that the United States would provide more money for a global AIDS fund, saying the initial \$200 million U.S. contribution was only the beginning.

tribution. A number of companies are now looking for this kind of creative response, using their footprint in these countries to do something."

Looking for dollars, Powell said President Bush made "a rather passionate" pitch for more AIDS fund contributions during his recent meeting with European Union officials in Goteborg, Sweden. At that same meeting, Powell described what he saw during a visit to Africa last month.

"I was very candid," Powell said. "I said, 'You've got to find a way quickly to show your commitment to this. The EU has to give a lot more.'"

The fund, kicked off with \$200 million by the United States last month, now contains \$582 million. France and Britain, former colonial powers in Africa, offered \$127 million and \$100 mil-

lion respectively, with the rest coming from private entities such as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which also pledged \$100 million.

"That's not a bad start but it is nowhere near meeting the need," Powell said. "I also don't think we should just restrict it to the big, affluent, former colonial powers. We really need to engage everybody."

As for the United States' contribution, Powell admitted scraping together the \$200 million seed money was difficult. "But as the president prepares the 2003 budget, I'll make a case for finding more money and adding more money," he said.

Secretary General Kofi Annan and some African leaders have estimated that the fund will need at least \$7 billion annually to begin having an impact on the African AIDS pandemic. A report in

that much remains to be done.

"Thirty-three years ago, we were dealing with the dogs of poverty, racism and violence," he said. "Thirty-three years later, we're still dealing with the same old dogs."

King talked of his relationship with his father, who was assassinated April 4, 1968, and said many elements of his family's life are worth emulating.

His mother kept him and his three siblings on a "tight leash," he said, and the family ate dinner together as often as possible and discussed his father's work.

Rioting charges dropped against black Ohio teen

CINCINNATI (AP) - Charges of aggravated rioting and robbery against a 14-year-old black teen-ager accused of attacking a truck driver and a hot dog vendor during the city's April riots were dropped Friday, court officials said.

The teen-ager, whose name was not released because he is a juvenile, appeared Friday before Magistrate Denis Holtmeier in Hamilton County Juvenile Court.

Court officials said the charges were dropped after witnesses, including truck driver Robert Stearns, were unable to positively identify the teen-ager from a videotape of the April 10 attack. The boy said he was innocent.

There was no answer Friday night to calls to the county prosecutor's office for comment.

Film of the truck driver's beating was aired during television news coverage of rioting that followed a white police officer's fatal shooting of an unarmed black man, Timothy Thomas, 19, on April 7.

A 15-year-old black teen-ager accused of pulling Stearns from his vehicle will appear in Juvenile Court July 9 for a hearing to determine whether he will be transferred to Common Pleas Court for trial as an adult.

The 15-year-old is charged with abducting Stearns and with robbery and aggravated rioting in an attack on another hot dog vendor. He is also charged with ethnic intimidation, Ohio's version of hate-crime legislation.

Police allege that the 15-year-old attacked the white trucker, from Louisville, Ky., because of his race.

Under Ohio law, the teen-ager could be held only until he is 21 if convicted as a juvenile. If convicted as an adult, he could receive up to 28 1/2 years in prison.

The 14-year-old's case could not be transferred to adult court because he was 13 when the alleged offenses occurred. In Ohio, a person must be at least 14 for charges to be handled by an adult court.

Sixty-three people have been indicted in the rioting.

King's Ill: Racism, violence still prevalent

ROANOKE, Va. - The racism, poverty and violence that Martin Luther King Jr. faced 33 years ago remain problems today, his son says.

"We can't change other selves until we've changed ourselves," Martin Luther King III, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, told the organization's 2001 Virginia convention Friday night. "That's what our mission is."

King, 43, said much has been done to address the problems his father fought as SCLC president during the civil rights movement, but



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