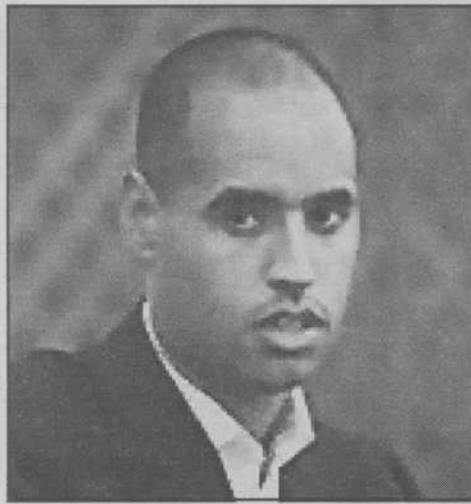


Gadhafi's son warns Europe on AIDS case

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) - The son of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi warned European Parliament members Saturday against politicizing the case of five Bulgarian nurses convicted of infecting Libyan children with HIV and sentenced to death.

The message from Seif al-Islam Gadhafi came in response to European Commission threats that Libyan-European relations would be harmed if the Bulgarian nurses and a Palestinian doctor convicted of the same charges are executed.

"Pressures by Europeans on Libya will have a negative impact on the situation of the nurses and the Palestinian doctor and will take the case out of its legal and judiciary context to the political arena," Gadhafi said



Seif al-Islam Gadhafi

in the statement issued by the Gadhafi International Association for Charitable Organizations, which he heads.

He also cautioned that European pressures would "hinder efforts exerted in several directions to reach a just solution and complete settlement for this issue." He did not elaborate.

A court in Tripoli last month convicted the nurses and a Palestinian doctor of intentionally infecting 400 Libyan children at a hospital and sentenced the six to death. Fifty children have died, and the rest have been treated in Europe.

Bulgaria, which joined the EU in January, has blamed the infections on unhygienic

practices at the hospital and accused Libya of making the medical workers scapegoats. Samples from the children showed their viruses were contracted before the six defendants started working at the hospital.

The nurses and doctor — who have been in Libyan custody since 1999 — plan to appeal their convictions and sentences to Libya's Supreme Court.

Libya's prosecution of the nurses has become a point of contention in the country's efforts to rebuild ties with the West.

Europe and the United States have called for the medical workers' release, indicating that future relations with Libya would likely be affected by the verdict.

Sheriff

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"I walked around with an amount of shame," the Colorado Springs, Colo., man said.

"I didn't know why, why it happened to us, that I wasn't there to do something — to do something!" he said with anguish.

Former Gov. William Winter, who was co-chairman of President Clinton's racial reconciliation initiative, said the latest arrest — though done by federal rather than state authorities — shows that Mississippi "now

is obviously seeking to make up for lost time in bringing people to justice."

"Mississippi is taking a look at those crimes that were committed in a different era when a different attitude prevailed," said Winter, who governor in the 1980s.

On May 2, 1964, Charles Moore and Dee were hitchhiking near an ice cream stand in the town of Meadville when Seale pulled over and offered them a ride, a Klan informant told the FBI. The Klan had heard rumors of Black Muslim gun-

running in the area, and Seale believed the two were involved, authorities said.

According to FBI interrogators, Edwards admitted that he and Seale took the two men into the woods for a whipping. But Edwards said both men were alive when he left them.

An informant told the FBI that Seale's brother and another Klansman took the unconscious Blacks to the river,

lashed their bodies to a Jeep engine block and some old railroad tracks, and dumped them over the side of a boat. The other Klansmen and the informant have since died.

Searchers were combing the woods and swamps for James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner when the remains of Dee and Moore were discovered near Tallulah, La. The bodies of Chaney,

Goodman and Schwerner were found in an earthen dam in Mississippi a short time later.

According to FBI documents from the 1960s, authorities confronted Seale and told him they knew he and others killed the hitchhikers, and "the Lord above knows you did it."

"Yes," Seale was quoted as replying, "but I'm not going to admit it. You are go-

ing to have to prove it."

The U.S. Justice Department reopened the case after the *Clarion-Ledger* of Jackson uncovered documents indicating that the beatings had occurred in the Homochitto National Forest, giving the FBI jurisdiction. But the case languished until Seale was located. "I had other plans to confront him a long time ago — violently," Thomas Moore said.

Morial

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as political empowerment, would put the African-American community on the track to full equality and prosperity in the United States for Blacks — especially the poor — "the additional weapon of cash" to combat discrimination. He foresaw a "host of positive psychological effects" that would result from widespread economic security among Blacks.

"The dignity of the individual will flourish when the decisions concerning his life are in his own hands, when he has the assurance that his income is stable and certain, and when he knows that he has the means to seek self-improvement. Personal conflicts between husband, wife and children will diminish when the unjust measurement of human worth on a scale of dollars is eliminated," he told the SCLC nearly 40 years ago.

At a National Urban League forum in Harlem last June discussing the impact of the "n-word," one panelist said part of the reason why the younger generation invokes the word more freely than their elders is that they are not as aware of the racial epithet's history. They don't feel the pain of the word because their elders would rather repress bitter memories of the past than relive them. But that's the last thing we should do in our efforts to move forward to be stronger and better than ever.

When our youth are unaware of what came before, we are undermining their ability to build upon the movement's progress and create a brighter future for future generations. Without those memories, we have no context in which to put our aspirations. While the movement has taken on a new form and will serve new constituents as the United States evolves demographically, we must not forget the reason why we embraced this struggle in the first place.

We must concede that the challenges now faced by the Black community are somewhat different from the 1960s. Our youth have our legacy in their hands. We can either engage them and emerge stronger, or ignore them and relinquish our power.

Marc H. Morial is President and CEO, National Urban League.

Your Horoscope Says... Jan. 25- Jan. 31

ARIES

Take advantage of bursts of energy all week. Body and mind are in sync. Don't take things too personally this week; you might get your feelings hurt. If you do, night time is a great time to make up. Make the call.

Soul Affirmation: My hunches are right more often than not this week.

Lucky Numbers: 16, 26, 29

TAURUS

Lucky! Your natural ability to shine is magnified this week. You'll be garnering positive attention on a project you recently completed. Bask in the glow of public admiration. Be daring. You'll find much support for the things you want to do.

Soul Affirmation: This week I forgive myself for everything that has happened.

Lucky Numbers: 12, 13, 28

GEMINI

A celebration is in store, and you are the guest of honor. You've achieved something wonderful, and you need to take some time to enjoy it. Let yourself enjoy the applause then move onward and upward.

Soul Affirmation: I entertain wild ideas about making money this week.

Lucky Numbers: 9, 12, 36

CANCER

Stay flexible this week, especially where a partner is concerned. While they may be moody, there's no need for you to join them in their attitude unless you really, really want to. Stay positive and go with the good vibrations that surround you.

Soul Affirmation: I exercise to

lower tension this week.

Lucky Numbers: 31, 48, 52

LEO

You feel great! Your shining spirit attracts many seekers this week, so let your best wisest self answer questions that are put to you by those who want advice. You'll smooth over a sticky situation at work with ease.

Soul Affirmation: Distant love is sometimes sweeter.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 22, 37

VIRGO

Busy week. You'll want to get up with the birdies, and you may even want to whistle a happy little tune. You'll be very much in demand for your expertise and positive attitude. Way to go!

Soul Affirmation: I enjoy the act of adoring.

Lucky Numbers: 15, 16, 19

LIBRA

Center yourself at every opportunity during this busy week and keep your quest for emotional and spiritual balance in the forefront. Make an effort to take your time. That way, you'll recognize opportunity from impulse-control problems immediately.

Soul Affirmation: My spirit gives me limitless possibilities.

Lucky Numbers: 12, 23, 36

SCORPIO

Happiness arrives and sits on your shoulder like a bright butterfly this week. A relationship can make significant progress if you stay open to love. Keep your evening free for romance in a social setting.

Soul Affirmation: I give thanks for who I am this week.

Lucky Numbers: 15, 22, 44

SAGITTARIUS

Take charge of a project at work and get it finished up. It's been languishing on someone else's shoulders and desk for way too long. A sensible outlook will get you far this week. Forget about all grudges and move forward in love.

Soul Affirmation: My hunches work well for me this week.

Lucky Numbers: 7, 12, 48

CAPRICORN

You may find yourself faced with many distractions this week, but you'll sail through and accomplish much if you stay focused on each task and take them one at a time. You know you can do it this evening.

Soul Affirmation: Money opens doors for friendship to enter.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 32, 46

AQUARIUS

Creativity is favored and yours is especially favored with some project that you've been working especially hard on. For the next few days, watch for a romance that will bring special gifts.

Soul Affirmation: I care deeply about the feelings of others.

Lucky Numbers: 14, 17, 29

PISCES

Your new ideas combine well with your will and skill. You get a lot done at work this week. Be soft and forceful. Make time for family life this week. Your rewards come from those who are related to you by blood.

Soul Affirmation: I let positive emotions carry me through the week.

Lucky Numbers: 6, 22, 36