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UNICEF LEADS AID EFFORTS IN SOMALIA

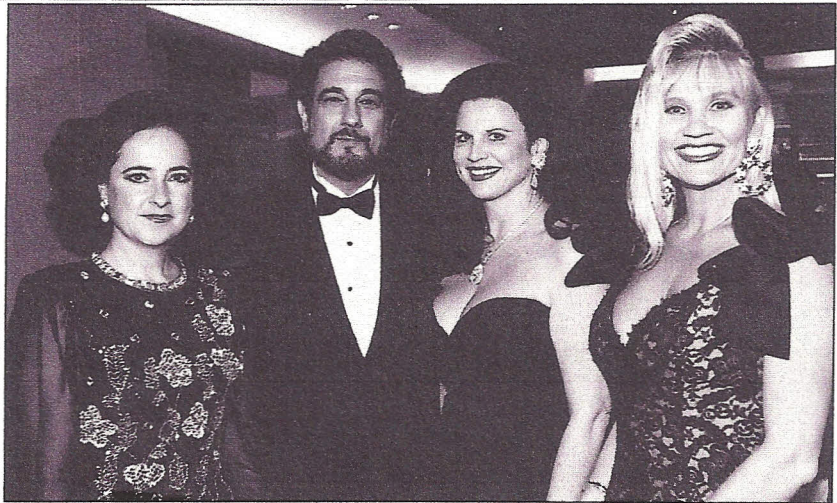
The first major convoy of relief trucks to move out of the Somali capital since the 24th of November carried eight metric tons of equipment for UNICEF-assisted feeding centers and medical facilities in the famine-stricken town of Baidoa.

The 20 World Food Program trucks left Mogadishu's port shortly before dawn on December 20th. The convoy, whose main cargo was 280 MT of relief grain, was protected by United States Marines and French troops of the Combined Task Force (CTF). No security incidents were reported on the 250 kilometer trip to Baidoa.

Measles vaccines, Vitamin A capsules, needles and syringes included in the shipment will be used by the UNICEF mobile vaccination team in Baidoa for an immunization campaign in surrounding towns and villages.

UNICEF now feeds over 187,000 malnourished children twice a day in 131 feeding centers and is providing medicine and drugs to more than 200 hospitals and health posts throughout the country. UNICEF has made safe water available to more than 500,000 people by building new wells and rehabilitating and chlorinating existing wells.

UNICEF is also supplying farmers with seeds and tools, in hopes that planting crops of maize and sesame will mean future food sources for Somalis. To date, nearly 18,000 families have received seeds and tools.



Credit: Joann Sowell

With renowned tenor Placido Domingo, above, is First Lady of Mexico, Sra. Cecilia Occelli de Salinas, left; concert chair Baroness Sandra di Portanova, and co-chair Mrs. Ingrid Moody.

DOMINGO-RONSTADT CONCERT NETS OVER \$250,000 FOR UNICEF PROJECTS IN MEXICO

The Placido Domingo and Linda Ronstadt concert which took place at Houston's Summit Arena on November 18, not only provided a spectacular musical introduction to a very special evening, but brought together a local and international black tie coterie for an elegant post-concert dinner dance. The benefit raised over \$250,000 net for the children of Mexico.

"A Concert for Life" combined the impressive and diversified talents of Domingo and Ronstadt in donated performances to help support UNICEF-assisted water and sanitation projects in the rural communities of Oaxaca, Guerrero, and Chiapas, Mexico.

The concert crowd of over 5,000 attending the one-time only event, enjoyed a striking musical variance of Domingo's operatic arias, portions of Ronstadt's Frenesi album, and the "West Side Story" duets they sang together.

The 70-piece orchestra, conducted by Houston Grand Opera's John DeMain, was custom-selected from musicians of the Houston Grand Opera, the Houston Ballet, the Houston Symphony, and some of the top musicians from Maestro Danny Ward's own orchestra.

The dinner-dance gala which followed at Neiman Marcus in Houston's Galleria, was attended by a crowd of over 600, including leaders from social, corporate and governmental environs from the U.S. and abroad.

Among the VIP guests were Mexico's first lady, Cecilia Occelli de Salinas; Ambassador Selwa "Lucky" Roosevelt, from Washington, D.C., U. S. Chief of Protocol during the Reagan administration; San Francisco's Ann Getty, who brought her guests and Placido Domingo to Houston aboard

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