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2. [IRISH ELECT A PRESIDENT FROM THE NORTH / MARY MCALEESE HAS STRESSED INCLUSIVENESS. SHE DENIES A DIRECT CONNECTION TO SINN FEIN.](#)

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3. [McAleese inaugurated as Ireland 's first president from north](#)

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4. [Accusation of I.R.A. Support Jolts a Sleepy Election in Ireland](#)

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5. [AP Photo NYR106 PRECEDE London](#)

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6. [AM-Northern- Ireland , Bgt ; Budget; With AM-Adams-Newsmaker; Blair labelled traitor" after meeting Sinn Fein leader](#)

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7. [SINN FEIN RENOUNCES VIOLENCE, JOINS TALKS; BUT SOME SKEPTICAL PROTESTANTS STAY AWAY](#)

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8. [British PM meets Sinn Fein leader: Called 'traitor' by Protestant protesters](#)

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9. [Northern Ireland talks resume; bomb explodes in Armagh](#)

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10. [NEWS BRIEFS](#)

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11. [INTEREST IN THE FINAL RITES TRANSCENDED BORDERS THE WORLD OVER](#)

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12. [NEWS DIGEST](#)

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13. [Iraq denies accusations of hiding weapons data](#)

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14. [Showdown in Portadown imminent over Protestant march](#)

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15. [Blair takes over No. 10 after stunning sweep](#)

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16. [Britain risks creating a martyr: Harsh confinement: Authorities under fire for treatment of IRA suspect, the pregnant daughter of a '70s Irish firebrand.](#)

**Client/Matter:** -None-

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17. [WORLD IN BRIEF; Backers demand release of pregnant IRA suspect](#)

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18. [AM-Canada-Deportation, Bgt ; Budget; Espy TorStar; Former terrorist deported from Canada; whereabouts unknown](#)

**Client/Matter:** -None-

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19. [AP Top News at 1 a.m. EDT Sunday, April 18, 1999](#)

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20. [AP Top News at 8 a.m. EST Tuesday, March 30, 1999](#)

**Client/Matter:** -None-

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21. [AP Top News at 1 p.m. EST Monday, Jan. 4, 1999](#)

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22. [Boy in skirts faces IRA bombs in London; McCabe novel shows brutal waste of the Irish Troubles](#)

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23. [Nireland's INLA Announce Cease-Fire](#)

**Client/Matter:** -None-

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24. [results of u.s. open](#)

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25. [NEWS IN BRIEF](#)

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26. [Bomb-Ravaged N. Ireland Grieves](#)

**Client/Matter:** -None-

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27. [Car bomb kills 25, wounds more than 150 in Northern Ireland 's deadliest atta](#)

**Client/Matter:** -None-

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28. [Little Northern Ireland town struggles with enormity of loss](#)

**Client/Matter:** -None-

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29. [\*With eye on Clinton visit, Sinn Fein says violence must be 'done with'\*](#)**Client/Matter:** -None-**Search Terms:** "Irish Republican Army"**Search Type:** Natural Language**Narrowed by:****Content Type**  
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Releases, Newspapers; Timeline: Jan 01, 1997 to May 30, 199933. [\*It was all a mistake / A novice panicked and blew up Omagh\*](#)**Client/Matter:** -None-**Search Terms:** "Irish Republican Army"**Search Type:** Natural Language**Narrowed by:****Content Type****Narrowed by**

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34. [Irish National Liberation Army announces cease-fire](#)

**Client/Matter:** -None-

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35. [10 Held in Foiled London Bombing](#)

**Client/Matter:** -None-

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36. [Nireland's INLA Announce Cease-Fire](#)

**Client/Matter:** -None-

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37. [AP Top News at 4 p.m. EDT Tuesday, Aug. 18, 1998](#)

**Client/Matter:** -None-

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38. [Bomb-Ravaged N. Ireland Grieves](#)

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39. [\*PM-World-News-Digest ; EDS: All stories below are also moving as separates. This digest will stand for the PM cycle.\*](#)

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40. [\*Britain sending more troops to combat Northern Ireland mayhem\*](#)

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41. [\*Loss in N. Ireland blast 'cut through all classes'\*](#)

**Client/Matter:** -None-

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42. [\*'Real IRA' Admits to Deadly Bombing\*](#)

**Client/Matter:** -None-

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43. [\*Britain sending more troops to combat Northern Ireland mayhem\*](#)

**Client/Matter:** -None-

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44. [\*British praise slick police operation credited with foiling terrorists\*](#)

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45. [\*Britain sends troops to combat Ireland mayhem\*](#)

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46. [\*British, Irish police hold 10 suspects after foiling London bombing attack\*](#)

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47. [\*Troops To Combat Nireland Mayhem\*](#)

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48. [\*A terrible mistake / Omagh blown up by novice who panicked\*](#)

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49. [PM-Walker-Trial, ; URGENT; Eds: CORRECTS year Walkers fled, combines takes; EDS: A publication ban on evidence from the preliminary hearing applies only in Britain . However, editors are advised to consult their lawyers if the story is distributed in Britain , such as via the Internet.](#)

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50. [Does Ulster have the courage to vote for sanity?](#)

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51. [IRA BACKS PEACE; FURLOUGHED TERRORISTS JOIN SINN FEIN COMRADES IN HEAVY 'YES' VOTE FOR ULSTER ; ACCORDS](#)

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52. [Teaching the kids to hate](#)

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53. [Schedule for Thursday, April 30th, 1000 GMT](#)

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54. [AP News Summary](#)

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55. [NEWS IN BRIEF](#)

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56. [Foreign Briefs](#)

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57. [AP Top News at 11 a.m. EST Monday Feb. 16, 1998](#)

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58. [NEWS IN BRIEF](#)

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59. [Thousands Mourn 'King Rat'](#)

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60. [Night Lead; Budget; Ulster Democrats withdraw from talks before being pushed](#)

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61. [AM-Northern- Ireland -Talks, NL Bgt ; Night Lead; Budget; Ulster Democrats withdraw from talks before being pushed](#)

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62. [Hillary Clinton meets peace-minded women, youth in Belfast](#)

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63. [\*Irish favour first Ulster president\*](#)

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64. [\*Blair Meets With Adams, I.R.A. Figure, In Belfast\*](#)

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65. [\*NEWS IN BRIEF\*](#)

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66. [\*Here's to you, Mrs Robinson\*](#)

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67. [\*Bomb explodes outside Belfast; talks resume\*](#)

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68. [\*Bomb Clouds N. Ireland Talks\*](#)

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69. [\*Northern Ireland talks resume; bomb explodes in Armagh\*](#)

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70. [\*AP Top News at 11 a.m. EDT Tuesday, Sept. 23, 1997\*](#)

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71. [\*News Summary\*](#)

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72. [AM-World-News-Digest ; EDS: All stories moving as separates; this digest stands for the AM cycle](#)

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73. [Precede BELFAST Showdown in Portadown imminent over Protestant march With](#)

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74. [Blair vows to end sleaze / Start of a new era, he says](#)

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82. [AP Top News at 1 p.m. EST Thursday, April 1, 1999](#)

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84. [AP Top News at 11 a.m. EST Monday, Feb. 22, 1999](#)

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85. [Hanks, Spielberg set to make 'Band of Brothers'](#)

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87. [AP Top News at 4 a.m. EDT Wednesday, Sept. 30, 1998](#)

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88. [AP Top News at 4 a.m. EDT Saturday, Aug. 22, 1998](#)

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89. [Clinton Highlights Irish Economy](#)

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90. [Clinton on Whirlwind of N. Ireland](#)

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91. [AP Top News at 5 a.m. EDT Saturday, Aug. 22, 1998](#)

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92. [\*Clinton Tours Northern Ireland\*](#)

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97. [AP Top News at 11 p.m. EDT Wednesday, Sept. 2, 1998](#)

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99. [N Ireland 's peace in ruins](#)

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100. [AP Top News at 6 p.m. EDT Wednesday, Sept. 2, 1998](#)

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**Dateline:** DUBLIN, Ireland

### **Body**

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Buoyed by a record-setting victory in the presidential election, Mary McAleese declared the dawn of "the true age of the Irish" and promised to step gently in reaching out to the people of her native Northern Ireland.

"I want us to share as a nation the adventure of this, the most dynamic country in Europe heading into that new millennium," McAleese said Friday after winning a record 58.7 percent of the vote.

"It will mark, I believe, the true age of the Irish because I believe we are an unstoppable nation, now very definitely in our stride," she said.

McAleese, a 46-year-old lawyer and university vice-chancellor from Belfast, was the first Irish president to come from British-ruled Northern Ireland. Her triumph was clouded, however, by a record-low turnout of 47.8 percent, compared to 64 percent in the 1990 election that made Mary Robinson the first woman president of Ireland.

McAleese won 45.2 percent of the first-round votes, an insurmountable lead over Mary Banotti, a member of the European Parliament, who was the first choice of 29.3 percent of the voters.

In the second count, when ballots for three other candidates were transferred to voters' second choices, McAleese won easily.

Ireland's president has few powers and is expected to be above the political fray, but Robinson demonstrated the power of symbols. She was the first Irish president to visit Northern Ireland and met with both Protestants and Roman Catholics.

McAleese, who was involved in diplomacy leading up to the **Irish Republican Army's** cease-fire, said she hoped the peace talks now under way would produce a political agreement that would bring an end to violence.

Her hope was that friendships would blossom across the divide.

"Simple friendships. No other hidden agenda," she told a news conference. "No other idea in mind except the growing of the kind of friendship that should grow and blossom naturally where people cohabit, live side by side, but somehow that has eluded us over too many generations."

McAleese, whose family was forced out of a Protestant neighborhood in the violence of the early 1970s, nonetheless proclaimed a "deep affection" for Protestant unionists who want Northern Ireland to remain part of the United Kingdom, and promised a special effort to reach out to them.

And while she would consider some immediate gesture, she added that "one has to be very very sensitive."

"These are long-held hurts. There are very raw wounds, and I want to be able to tread very, very gently to show people who will be suspicious and fearful that I do genuinely mean what I say," she said.

Thursday's election climaxed perhaps the most distinctive presidential race in Ireland's history. Four of the five candidates were women, and the lone male, former policeman Derek Nally, finished last with 4.8 percent of the vote.

Another candidate, Dana Rosemary Scallan, was also a native of Northern Ireland, but came to the race via Birmingham, Alabama, where she has lived for six years, working as host of a religious chat show on cable television. Dana, as she has known, won the Eurovision song contest in 1970 and surprised many by running third, with 13.8 percent of the first preferences.

Adi Roche, an anti-nuclear campaigner who started as the clear front-runner, finished fourth with 7 percent.

McAleese shocked the political establishment in Ireland by winning the nomination of Fianna Fail, the nation's largest party, and beating former prime minister Albert Reynolds in the process.

McAleese will be sworn in as Ireland's eighth president on Nov. 11, and will have to move from Rostrevor in Northern Ireland to the presidential mansion.

Her husband, Martin, is a dentist. They have three children: Emma, 15, and 12-year-old twins SaraMai and Justin.

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**IRISH ELECT A PRESIDENT FROM THE NORTH / MARY MCALEESE HAS STRESSED INCLUSIVENESS. SHE DENIES A DIRECT CONNECTION TO SINN FEIN.**

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**Dateline:** LIMERICK, Ireland

## **Body**

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For the first time, Irish voters have elected a Northern Irishman as their president.

She is Mary McAleese, an attorney, TV broadcaster, professor and ardent Catholic Irish nationalist from British-controlled Belfast who overcame opponents' accusations that she is sympathetic to the political agenda of Sinn Fein, the political arm of the outlawed **Irish Republican Army**.

The 46-year-old McAleese was declared Ireland's eighth president yesterday after Thursday's votes were tallied, becoming the second woman to take the largely ceremonial, seven-year post.

She succeeds Mary Robinson, Ireland's first woman president, who transformed the job from that of an honorary post held by a succession of elder male Irish politicians to one that has become an unofficial ambassadorship representing Ireland's interests around the world.

Robinson's huge popularity throughout Ireland inspired four **women** to run for the office she vacated. Never before have so many **women** campaigned for such a significant post in Ireland, a country where **women** are under-represented in public office. Ireland's parliament, the Dail, has just 20 **women** out of 166 members, and **female** representation on local government councils is just 14 percent.

McAleese's opponents included a respected member of the European Parliament, Mary Banotti, who finished second; an antiabortion pop singer currently living in America, Dana Rosemary Scallon, who finished third; and a well-known antinuclear activist, Adi Roche, the race's onetime favorite, who finished fourth. The one man in the race, Derek Nally, founder of a victims' support group, finished last.

The final vote count showed McAleese with a lead of more than 17 percentage points over Banotti. Turnout among Ireland's 2.7 million voters was less than 48 percent, a figure considered low.



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Under Irish law, anyone born in British-run Northern Ireland can claim Irish citizenship and run for public office in the republic. In fact, any immigrant of Irish background who has at least one grandparent born in Ireland has a right to Irish citizenship.

McAleese, who ran as the candidate of the ruling Fianna Fail party, grew up as a Catholic on Belfast's Protestant streets. Her family was forced to flee from its home in a Protestant area of the city after its house was machine-gunned and a bomb was left outside her father's pub.

But McAleese remained in Belfast to earn impressive professional credentials as a broadcaster on Ireland's government-operated Channel 4 television, a lawyer, and the first woman to hold one of three "pro vice-chancellor" positions at Belfast's Queen's University. Her personal views include "a commitment to the right to life of the unborn."

McAleese campaigned on a promise to "build bridges" throughout Ireland - including between Catholics in the republic and pro-British unionist Protestants in the north. She has denied any direct connection to Sinn Fein, though her candidacy was backed by Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams.

As president, she will have virtually no power and is obligated to initial legislation and appointments decided by the government. Under the 60-year-old Irish Constitution, the president has a right to refuse a prime minister's request to dissolve parliament, but in reality no president would be expected to take such a bold step.

McAleese, who has promised a presidency that "will be inclusive and embracing of all people," instead is expected, like Robinson, to become an international goodwill ambassador for Ireland.

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Mary McAleese arrives with Prime Minister Bertie Ahern at Dublin Castle. A crowd of supporters greeted her there yesterday. (Associated Press, OWEN HUMPHRIES)

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## *McAleese inaugurated as Ireland's first president from north*

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**Byline:** By SHAWN POGATCHNIK, Associated Press Writer

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### **Body**

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Ireland's new president took office Tuesday affirming her determination to build bridges across the political and religious divisions of the island, and praised a victim of *Irish Republican Army* violence for his example of forgiveness and love.

Mary McAleese, a 46-year-old Roman Catholic law professor from Belfast, is the first of Ireland's eight presidents to come from British-ruled Northern Ireland.

"Ireland sits tantalizingly ready to embrace a golden age of affluence, self-assurance, tolerance and peace. It will be my most profound privilege to be president of this beautiful, intriguing country," McAleese told 600 guests in St. Patrick's Hall of Dublin Castle.

"The theme of my presidency ... is building bridges," she said. "There will be those who are wary of such invitations, afraid that they are being invited to the edge of a precipice."

McAleese had invited all of Northern Ireland's political leaders to the inauguration, but most pro-British Protestants refused. They regard the president as head of a foreign state that maintains an illegal claim to Northern Ireland.

Among the guests at the ceremony was Joan Wilson, whose 20-year-old daughter Marie was one of 11 people killed by an IRA bomb a decade ago in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland.

The young woman's father, the late Gordon Wilson, was injured in the blast and gained international attention by quickly and publicly forgiving the IRA with the words of Christ: "God forgive them for they know not what they do."

"His words of love and forgiveness shocked us as if we were hearing them for the very first time, as if they had not been uttered first 2,000 years ago," McAleese said, as Mrs. Wilson dabbed a tear from her eye.

McAleese won a record 59 percent of the vote in Ireland's Oct. 30 election to succeed the nation's first *female* president, Mary Robinson, who resigned in September to become U.N. Commissioner for Human Rights.

McAleese was able to run even though as a resident of Northern Ireland she wasn't eligible to vote. Any candidate nominated by a political party in the Irish republic may run.

Tuesday's seating arrangements inside the castle - the center of British administration until southern Ireland's independence in 1922 - illustrated how Northern Ireland's peace process is bringing opponents together.

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Sitting side by side in the front row were Mo Mowlam, Britain's minister responsible for governing Northern Ireland; John Hume, leader of the north's moderate Catholics; and Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party - a political untouchable only a few years ago.

Behind Mrs. Wilson was Martin McGuinness, the reputed former IRA commander who now leads the Sinn Fein team in negotiations on Northern Ireland's future.

McAleese faced her first diplomatic test right after taking the oath, as she worked her way along the front row, shaking hands with each guest.

Robinson had angered Protestants by publicly shaking Adams' hand in Belfast in 1993, before the IRA called a cease-fire.

McAleese stopped short of Adams and returned to the podium without making eye contact with him. Sighs of relief could be heard in the hall.

McAleese continued shaking hands in the castle courtyard, where about 800 children from elementary and high schools across Ireland - pointedly including each of Northern Ireland's six counties, as well as the Irish Republic's 26 counties - cheered her as if she were a rock star.

The Irish government had given children a day off from school in honor of the inauguration.

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## ***Accusation of I.R.A. Support Jolts a Sleepy Election in Ireland***

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By JAMES F. CLARITY

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### **Body**

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The presidential election campaign here has erupted in a national debate over the outlawed ***Irish Republican Army*** and its political wing, Sinn Fein.

Most people here in the Irish Republic fear and abhor the I.R.A. -- which long waged a guerrilla war to end British rule in Northern Ireland -- and are skeptical about Sinn Fein's commitment to an end of the sectarian violence. The I.R.A. has declared a cease-fire, but the ultimate goal of both organizations remains a united Ireland free of British control, and this is a major issue at the peace talks now under way in Belfast.

Until this week, the presidential campaign had been maundering along with five candidates contending for the largely ceremonial post in the Oct. 30 election, all professing their dedication to the motherland.

The four **women** candidates seemed to be imitating the style of Mary Robinson, who left the job after a seven-year term to become United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights..

Some even sounded like they were using the high-minded phrases of Ms. Robinson, a former Senator and accomplished civil rights lawyer. Only one of the candidates, Mary McAleese, who is leading in opinion polls, is a college graduate, a law professor at Queens University in Belfast. The Irish Constitution permits any citizen of the island of Ireland -- North or the Republic -- to run.

The one man, Derek Nally, 61, a retired police sergeant who is running as an independent, wore dark suits and white shirts but sparked no fire in what most people felt was a soporific campaign.

Then he found the issue that has brought the campaign to life.

Mr. Nally charged, in effect, that Ms. McAleese, 45, was a closet supporter of the I.R.A. and Sinn Fein.

This is a volatile charge in the Irish Republic, where Sinn Fein receives only 2 percent of the national vote. Mr. Nally's charge was based on a memorandum written by Dymphna Hayes, a Foreign Affairs Department official who

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had spoken to Ms. McAleese last summer. It said that Ms. McAleese seemed sympathetic to Sinn Fein, approving of its election gains in Northern Ireland, even before the I.R.A. restored its cease-fire on July 20.

The cease-fire cleared the way for Sinn Fein to enter the broad-based peace talks in Belfast -- the first time since Ireland was partitioned 75 years ago that the largely Roman Catholic Sinn Fein has sat at a negotiating table with Protestant unionist leaders, discussing the future of the predominantly Protestant British province of Northern Ireland.

Mr. Nally questioned whether Ms. McAleese was "a proper person" to be President.

"Like me," he said in a statement this week, "most Irish people would never vote for Sinn Fein, peace process or no peace process, because they have been carrying on a murder campaign for 25 years. Mary McAleese seems to work on a different set of moral assumptions."

She responded by saying of the I.R.A., "I've no time for them in any shape or form."

But she did not deny outright her attitude toward Sinn Fein as represented in the Hayes memo. In recent days she has emphasized that while she is a devout Catholic and that her family, which had run a pub in Belfast, had been forced to move south to the Irish Republic by attacks by Protestant paramilitaries, she noted that in Northern Ireland, where she grew up and now lives again, many of her closest friends are Protestants, members of parties that want the North to remain British.

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### **Body**

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With interest in all things royal and British at a peak after Princess Diana's death, the timing is morbidly perfect for the release of "The Royals," Kitty Kelley's look at the lives and scandals of the House of Windsor.

The book, due in U.S. stores Wednesday, gives the British royal family the same tell-all treatment dished out to Frank Sinatra and Nancy Reagan in Ms. Kelley's earlier unauthorized biographies.

Diana is not unscathed but comes off better than some of her in-laws. "She certainly emerges, vulnerabilities and all, as the one person who can lay claim to royalty," Ms. Kelley said in an interview Monday.

"The Royals," which relies heavily on unidentified sources, details Diana's doomed marriage to Prince Charles; suggests that the 97-year-old Queen Mother Elizabeth is illegitimate and that Queen Elizabeth II was conceived by artificial insemination; and portrays the queen's sister, Princess Margaret, as an anti-Semite and the queen's husband, Prince Philip, as a racist.

Though Diana's death in an Aug. 31 car crash in Paris occurred after "The Royals" had been printed, the death and the outpouring of grief it provoked have affected plans for marketing the book.

People magazine canceled an excerpt for which it had paid dlsr 25,000, citing the "tragic circumstances." Meanwhile, publisher Warner Books sped up the publication date by six days.

"The Royals" is not being published in Britain, where the law makes it easier to show libel and win large sums in damages than in the United States.

"Too much of it would have had to be deleted" for the book to be released in Britain, Ms. Kelley said, adding that that decision should not be interpreted as a lack of faith in her material.

"I feel very confident in this book. Every word," she said.

Ms. Kelley said events of the last few weeks had not altered her belief that the British monarchy will endure. Even in death, she said, Diana continues "to breathe life into this moribund institution" by serving as an example of what the British want from the royal family.

The author said she attempted to give an "unblinking view" of the Windsors that includes both their scandals and their more positive achievements.

As examples of the latter, she cites Prince Charles' devotion to philanthropy, Prince Andrew's "dignity in the face of disgrace" after his divorce from Sarah Ferguson, and Prince Philip's public chivalry and devotion to the Queen.

Of course, interest in the Windsors' good works isn't why Warner paid Ms. Kelley a dlr 4 million advance and ordered a first printing of 1 million copies. Many readers will be looking for dirt.

Ms. Kelley obliges, airing the family's "secrets of alcoholism, drug addiction, epilepsy, insanity, homosexuality, bisexuality, adultery, infidelity and illegitimacy," all of which, she writes, "paled alongside their relationship with the Third Reich."

Some of the most scandalous allegations including the suggestion that the Queen Mother is the daughter of a Welsh maid \_ are simply presented as unsubstantiated rumor.

"I brought it up because it's crucial to a family who places so much stock in bloodlines," Ms. Kelley said.

An important on-the-record source is John Barratt, the former private secretary to Lord Louis Mountbatten. Barratt goes on at length about the Windsors' stinginess and describes Mountbatten's work as a "royal procurer" of women for the young Prince Charles, his great-nephew.

Mountbatten was slain by the Irish Republican Army in 1979.

Ms. Kelley, pictured holding an American flag on the book's jacket, said she tried to bring objectivity to "The Royals."

"It is a book written by an American and I say that because an American doesn't curtsy," she said.

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From Reuters-AP

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (CP) - Tony Blair shook hands with Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams on Monday in the first meeting in more than 70 years between a British prime minister and an Irish republican leader.

Later, Protestant demonstrators yelling "traitor" jostled and jeered Blair as he went on a walkabout at a Belfast shopping centre.

**Women** donned rubber gloves and thrust their hands at the British leader, screaming: "You are contaminated. You have shaken hands with a murderer."

As the angry crowd surged forward, armed police formed a cordon around Blair and ushered him into a bank for safety.

Blair's aides confirmed he shook hands with the Sinn Fein leader, although with cameras banned from the meeting the politically volatile gesture took place out of public sight.

His controversial meeting with the head of Sinn Fein, political wing of the outlawed **Irish Republican Army** guerrilla group, drew fierce criticism from Northern Ireland Protestants despite the fact he met the leaders of all seven other parties involved in the peace talks as well.

After the meeting, Blair emerged from the province's former parliament building in east Belfast to defend his decision.

"We can continue with the hatred and the despair and the killing, treating people as if they were not parts of humanity, or we can try and settle our differences by negotiation, by discussion, by debate," Blair told reporters.

"So, that's what's important, whether it's with Gerry Adams or with the Loyalist (pro-British Protestants) people I met or with anyone else," he said.

British officials said Blair had told Sinn Fein leaders that they and other parties to the peace talks had a once-in-a-lifetime chance to shape history.

"If we don't seize the opportunity now, we may not see it again in my lifetime," an official quoted Blair as telling Adams.



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**SINN FEIN RENOUNCES VIOLENCE, JOINS TALKS;  
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## **Body**

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Sinn Fein, the IRA ally that once embraced both the gun and the ballot box as agents of change, formally renounced violence Tuesday and took its place in talks on Northern Ireland's future.

But five party leaders of Northern Ireland's pro-British Protestant majority stayed away, underlining their skepticism of Sinn Fein's sincerity and of a process that they suspect will weaken Northern Ireland's union with Britain.

Former U.S. Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, chairman of the talks, said, "This is the first time in the modern history of Northern Ireland that there has been in place at the same time both negotiations and a cease-fire," referring to the **Irish Republican Army**'s decision two months ago to stop its campaign against British rule.

"I believe that's a significant step forward, although I acknowledge that the difficult steps remain to be taken," he said.

This is the first time since Northern Ireland was created in 1920 that the governments of Britain and the Irish Republic have jointly invited IRA supporters to join other parties to discuss the state's future. Sinn Fein was barred from talks in June 1996 because of IRA violence. In the British-ruled province, the Roman Catholic IRA has been fighting to join Ireland; the guerrilla war has claimed 3,200 lives since 1969.

At midday Tuesday, Sinn Fein's president, Gerry Adams, led his delegation into Stormont and pledged in a six-point plan known as the "Mitchell Principles" to renounce violence.

Accepting those principles - among them to seek disarmament of the IRA and pro-British paramilitary groups during negotiations - was a prerequisite for all parties in the talks.

### **A Fundamental Shift**

On paper, that was a fundamental shift. When Sinn Fein was about to begin contesting elections 15 years ago, spokesman Danny Morrison appealed to the IRA faithful saying: "Who here really believes we can win the war through the ballot box? But will anyone here object if, with a ballot paper in this hand and an Armalite (assault rifle) in this hand, we take power in Ireland?"

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Sinn Fein did reject a central premise of the negotiations - which is not one of the six points - that majority public support within Northern Ireland must be demonstrated for any new government structures.

Present for Adams' pledge to honor the six points were Mitchell; Paul Murphy, Britain's minister for political development in the province; and Irish Foreign Minister Ray Burke. Also on hand were representatives of the moderate Social Democratic and Labor Party, Sinn Fein's larger rival for Catholic votes; the cross-community Alliance Party; a tiny women's rights party; and an even tinier socialist party.

Northern Ireland's biggest party, the Ulster Unionists, will decide Saturday whether to take part when the negotiators are supposed to get to work on Monday.

Two sterner pro-British parties have withdrawn, and the other two - both affiliated with outlawed paramilitary groups - say they will attend only if the Ulster Unionists do.

Sinn Fein leaders reaffirmed that the IRA would not discard any weapons before their party agreed to a peace settlement.

Protestant demands for the IRA to start disarming deadlocked progress during a 17-month IRA cease-fire that ended in February 1996.

But Sinn Fein's stance appeared to flout Mitchell's second and third principles: that parties give "total and absolute commitment . . . to the total disarmament of all paramilitary organizations" and "agree that such disarmament must be verifiable to the satisfaction of an independent commission."

## Graphic

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PHOTO, Color Photo from AP - Gerry Adams (right) leads Sinn Fein negotiators in talks on Northern Ireland's future Tuesday in Belfast.

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## **British PM meets Sinn Fein leader: Called 'traitor' by Protestant protesters**

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Tony Blair shook hands with Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams on Monday in the first meeting in more than 70 years between a British prime minister and an Irish republican leader.

Later, Protestant demonstrators yelling "traitor" jostled and jeered Blair as he went on a walkabout at a Belfast shopping centre.

**Women** donned rubber gloves and thrust their hands at the British leader, screaming: "You are contaminated. You have shaken hands with a murderer."

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As the angry crowd surged forward, armed police formed a cordon around Blair and ushered him into a bank for safety.

Blair's aides confirmed he shook hands with the Sinn Fein leader, although with cameras banned from the meeting the politically volatile gesture took place out of public sight.

His controversial meeting with the head of Sinn Fein, political wing of the outlawed ***Irish Republican Army*** guerrilla group, drew fierce criticism from Northern Ireland Protestants despite the fact he met the leaders of all seven other parties involved in the peace talks as well.

After the meeting, Blair emerged from the province's former parliament building in east Belfast to defend his decision.

"We can continue with the hatred and the despair and the killing, treating people as if they were not parts of humanity, or we can try and settle our differences by negotiation, by discussion, by debate," Blair told reporters.

"So, that's what's important, whether it's with Gerry Adams or with the Loyalist (pro-British Protestant) people I met or with anyone else," he said.

British officials said Blair had told Sinn Fein leaders that they and other parties to the peace talks had a once-in-a-lifetime chance to shape history.

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Black & White Photo: associated press; Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair, right, is protected by bodyguards as he is jostled and jeered during a visit to a shopping centre in Protestant East Belfast on Monday.

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## *Northern Ireland talks resume; bomb explodes in Armagh*

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### **Body**

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A large bomb exploded outside a police station Tuesday, injuring no one but overshadowing the second day of Northern Ireland's peace talks.

Pro-British "unionists" accused the *Irish Republican Army* but the outlawed organization said it was not responsible. Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, accused unionists of using the bomb as another excuse to not negotiate.

The bomb, said by police sources to contain about 400 pounds (180 kgs) of explosives, was detonated in the town of Markethill, 35 miles (55 kms) southwest of Belfast, at noon.

The bombing "may well have been a deliberate attempt to sabotage the talks process," said Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam, the senior British official in the province.

"We must not let it succeed. Thank goodness no one was seriously hurt," she said.

Former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell, chairman of the talks, also said the bomb was intended to disrupt the talks. "It cannot be permitted to succeed," he said.

An outlawed pro-British group threatened to retaliate for the bomb.

The Ulster Unionists, the main pro-British Protestant party, withdrew from the talks Monday when Sinn Fein joined for the first time. It was permitted to participate after calling a cease-fire in July and affirming a commitment to non-violence last week.

The Ulster Unionists, the main pro-British party, stayed away again Tuesday.

Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble visited Markethill and said there was a "high level of probability" the IRA was involved.

He confirmed that his party had submitted a formal complaint about Sinn Fein's involvement in the talks before the bombing. "It's now a matter for the chairman and the Secretary of State to answer the question: 'What happens to Sinn Fein now that this has happened?'" Trimble said.

The IRA denied responsibility, and suspicion fell on republican splinter groups.

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Protestant paramilitaries have been abiding, officially, by their own cease-fire. But a breakaway group, the Loyalist Volunteer Force, said Tuesday that it would retaliate for the bombing.

"No unionist worth his salt would sit in these talks with Sinn Fein/IRA," the statement said.

After a day of British-Irish shuttle diplomacy on Monday among the pro-British parties, there had been hope that three of Northern Ireland's five Protestant parties will end their boycott.

Mowlam met early Tuesday with representatives of the Ulster Democratic Party and the Progressive Unionist party, both associated with pro-British paramilitary groups.

It was premature to say when they might return to the talks but "we want to go in as soon as possible," said David Ervine of the Progressive Unionists.

Sinn Fein had been barred from the talks, which started in June 1996, because of continuing IRA violence.

After the IRA's decision to resume a truce eight weeks ago, party leader Gerry Adams and several senior deputies joined the talks Monday in a half-empty conference chamber.

Also at the table were Mitchell, the British and Irish governments, and four other parties: the moderate Catholic Social Democratic and Labor Party; the middle-of-the-road Alliance Party; a tiny women's rights party and even tinier socialist party.

The other parties on Monday pressed Adams to clarify why he formally renounced violence, a requirement for all negotiators, while the IRA quickly said it disagreed with those principles.

Adams insisted his legal party has no "organic" link or joint policy with the IRA a view at odds with several Northern Ireland histories and the IRA's own field manual.

Two Protestant parties, Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionists and Bob McCartney's United Kingdom Unionists, are determined to stay out of the process so long as Sinn Fein is involved.

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## **NEWS BRIEFS**

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Unabomber lawyers attempt to bar evidence

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Theodore Kaczynski's defense lawyers are taking another crack at barring the most damaging evidence from his trial, arguing that the search warrant for the Unabomber suspect's cabin was too broad. U.S. District Court Judge Garland Burrell Jr. has already denied an earlier motion by federal defenders to suppress all of the evidence taken in the raid on Kaczynski's Montana cabin.

Judge declares mistrial in 1971 murder case

DECATUR, Ga. - A mistrial was declared Monday in Tracy Rhame's quest to prove that her stepfather killed her baby brother 26 years ago and framed her, a 2-year-old child. Mrs. Rhame admitted in court that she disobeyed the judge's order and watched her mother testify live on Court TV. The judge said he will decide Thursday whether to grant the mistrial with prejudice - which would mean that Mrs. Rhame's stepfather, Jan Barry Sandlin, could not be retried on murder charges in the 1971 death of 4-month-old Matthew Golder.

U.S. to ship food for kids in North Korea

WASHINGTON - Responding to floods and famine, the Clinton administration is shipping 100,000 metric tons of corn, rice, soya mix and other grains worth \$ 27million to North Korea. State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said the aid was targeted especially to children and the elderly. It is in addition to \$ 25million in surplus food sent to North Korea in February.

Hush payment revealed in recorded conversation

NEW YORK - A woman who claims to be Bill Cosby's illegitimate daughter signed a \$ 24million contract to keep quiet, telling Cosby's lawyer in a secretly recorded conversation: "It's enough to sustain me for the time being, I guess." Autumn Jackson, 22, was arrested on extortion and conspiracy charges just after signing the document. She could be sentenced to 12 years in prison if convicted.

Texaco investigator describes withheld data

NEW YORK - The man investigating the infamous Texaco tapes said he found a file containing documents company executives allegedly withheld from lawyers in a race-discrimination case. Michael Armstrong, an attorney hired by the company to analyze the tapes and determine what happened to the documents, said the folder had a note on it labeled "Documents withheld from Legal."



## NEWS BRIEFS

British official confirms talks with Sinn Fein

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - Britain and Sinn Fein, the **Irish Republican Army**'s political wing, have resumed communications after a one-month hiatus, a top British official said Monday. But the official, Mo Mowlam, insisted the contacts were for the purpose of explaining the British government's publicly stated positions and did not amount to negotiations. When the IRA killed two Protestant police officers June 16, the government cut off communication with Sinn Fein.

Sewage leaks foul the Moscow River

MOSCOW - The Moscow River, which flows through the center of the Russian capital, has been contaminated with cholera bacteria because of two sewage leaks into a tributary. Bacteria levels in the tributary, normally at 5,000 parts per quart, now stand at 240,000 parts per quart, the Interfax news agency reported. Bacteria levels are at 70,000 parts per quart where the tributary meets the Moscow River. Downstream uses of the river have been prohibited.

**Female** Navy pilot returns to flight duty today

WASHINGTON - One of the Navy's first **female** aircraft-carrier fighter pilots will be ordered back to flight duty today, after an inspector general's report and Navy evaluation board found she wrongfully was grounded for two years. Lt. Carey Lohrenz's reactivation does not restore her to carrier operations, but it reverses attempts by at least two male superior officers to bar her from all Navy planes in what she charges was prejudice against **female** combat fliers.

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## INTEREST IN THE FINAL RITES TRANSCENDED BORDERS THE WORLD OVER

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Hundreds of millions of people - from homemakers in Thailand to land-mine victims in Bosnia to AIDS patients in the United States - watched television coverage yesterday of the funeral of Princess Diana.

It was believed to be one of the largest live television audiences in history.

Live images of the funeral went out to 60 countries. Broadcasters think the watchers may have totaled 2.5 billion. Radio reports were transmitted in at least 44 languages.

In violence-torn Northern Ireland, Diana's death succeeded in uniting warring pro-Irish Catholics and pro-British Protestants, however briefly, in mutual admiration for her humanitarian work.

As British-ruled Northern Ireland came to a standstill for her funeral, the Republic of Ireland paid her a unique honor. Flags flew at half-staff from public buildings, the first such gesture for a British national since the outlawed **Irish Republican Army** assassinated Lord Mountbatten, the former viceroy of India, in 1979.

\* In South Africa - home to Diana's brother, Charles, the ninth Earl Spencer - the funeral was broadcast live. Business was subdued, traffic was light and empty parking spaces were plentiful at normally bustling shopping malls.

At the British Consulate in Johannesburg, where mourners have dropped hundreds of flower bouquets outside the gates, a few mourners stood and read the cards and letters tied to the iron fence.

Memorial services were held in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban.

\* Even in the Middle East, a part of the world normally preoccupied with its own tragedies, there was grief to spare for the princess. Live coverage of the funeral dominated television in Egypt, Lebanon and Israel, where the nation just Friday had buried school girls killed in a Jerusalem suicide bombing and soldiers who perished in Lebanon.

## INTEREST IN THE FINAL RITES TRANSCENDED BORDERS THE WORLD OVER

In a Jerusalem health club, joggers pounded away on their running machines, glued to the funeral coverage, and a few tearfully pulled up chairs to watch quietly.

Princess Diana had never been to Israel. After a brief back-and-forth about whether the prime minister's wife, Sara Netanyahu, would attend the funeral, Israel ended up not sending a representative. But its farmers sent flowers - two planeloads worth \$2 million to comply with the demand from English florists.

"Diana was a symbol who touched Israelis - women especially," said Ruth Calderon, a social commentator and professor of religious studies at Tel Aviv's Alma College. ". . . I'm impressed with her. True, she was not an intellectual, but she had something to say."

\* Caught up in a lavish celebration of Moscow's 850th anniversary, city residents virtually ignored the funeral of Princess Diana. Instead, they thronged the spruced-up streets of the capital to watch floats glide down the main avenue, to applaud as clowns and bears performed circus tricks at a new luxury mall outside the Kremlin walls, to admire a dazzling laser-and-music spectacle choreographed by Jean-Michael Jarre, and to listen to a 2,000-voice choir perform outside a new Orthodox cathedral.

Even if Muscovites had wanted to watch the funeral procession on television, they couldn't have. Most of the Russian networks were broadcasting the anniversary festivities, on orders from Moscow's powerful mayor and presidential hopeful, Yury M. Luzhkov. Although networks such as CNN and BBC are available through cable companies, few ordinary Russians can afford the service.

But that did not mean Russians were not moved by the death of the princess. A line of mourners snaked around the British Embassy on Tuesday and Wednesday as Muscovites waited patiently to sign condolence books. And many mourners had to stand during a packed memorial service held on Wednesday in the red-brick, Victorian-era St. Andrews Church.

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Texas voters OK tax-cutting measure AUSTIN, Texas - About 94 percent of Texas voters approved a \$ 1 billion property tax cut for homeowners Saturday, believed to be the largest margin of victory for a constitutional amendment in Texas history. The victory caps a two-year push by Gov. George W. Bush to lower and cap school property tax rates. The measure triples the homestead exemption from \$ 5,000 a year to \$ 15,000 and will save the average homeowner about \$ 140 a year.

'Conspiracy Theory' tops at box office

LOS ANGELES - The Mel Gibson-Julia Roberts drama Conspiracy Theory debuted atop the weekend box office, nudging Harrison Ford's Air Force One from the top spot, figures released Sunday showed. Conspiracy Theory took in \$ 19.4 million, compared with \$ 18.2 million for Air Force One. WEB SITE:

[www.conspiracytheory.com](http://www.conspiracytheory.com)

Inspectors scour Iraq for biological weapons

BAGHDAD, Iraq - U.N. inspectors probing Iraq's biological weapons program began a new round of examinations Sunday. The 12-member team follows a nine-day U.N. inspection that ended Aug. 4. Investigating Iraq's biological weapons program has been a priority for the commission since April, when inspectors found evidence of a more extensive program than Iraq had previously acknowledged.

Discovery crew uses robot with success

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. - Space shuttle Discovery's astronauts used an experimental 5-foot robot arm Sunday to unlock and open a hinged door in the cargo bay and to lift a small box. The remote-control work went much more smoothly than the first workout two days earlier. This is the orbital debut of the \$ 100 million Japanese arm, a prototype for the international space station. WEB SITE: [shuttle.nasa.gov](http://shuttle.nasa.gov)

Iran reportedly places woman in high post

TEHRAN, Iran - Iran's new president has appointed a woman to be his vice president for environmental affairs, according to the Iran News. She would be the first woman to serve in a high-ranking government position since Iran's 1979 Islamic revolution. The paper reported that Mohammad Khatami had named Massoumeh Ebtekar, a U.S.-educated woman who represented Iran at the Beijing women's conference two years ago, to the vice presidency.

## NEWS DIGEST

## IRA supporter calls for negotiations

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - A leader of the Sinn Fein party told a crowd of ***Irish Republican Army*** supporters Sunday that Protestants must come to the bargaining table if peace is to come to the divided nation. Caoimhghin O Caolain, who in June was elected as the first person to represent the modern Sinn Fein in the Irish Parliament, urged the leader of Northern Ireland's main Protestant party, David Trimble, "to take his seat at the table of negotiation and engagement."

## Firefighters making progress in California blazes

PIRU, Calif. - A wildfire moved away from this Southern California town as firefighters aided by high humidity and lower temperatures made progress Sunday against blazes across the state. Some in this town of about 1,000 people had prepared to leave their homes, but chances of an evacuation order are now remote. The fire has burned through 22,000 acres of unincorporated land and property in Los Padres National Forest since last week.

## Cambodia asks U.S. to resume flow of aid

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia - Cambodia asked the United States on Sunday to restore the foreign aid that Washington suspended after July's coup. Desaix Anderson, head of a State Department delegation, met with Cambodia's deputy prime minister, Sar Kheng, who called on the United States to play a "constructive role" in helping organize May 1998 elections. "Sar Kheng told Anderson that he hopes that the American government will reconsider the decision to suspend aid," an aide said.

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*Iraq denies accusations of hiding weapons data*

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Iraq blamed a "U.S. fabrication" for prompting a unanimous U.N. Security Council resolution that warns the Baghdad regime it faces further sanctions if it obstructs weapons inspectors. Charles Deulfer, deputy chief of the U.N. Special Commission overseeing elimination of Iraq's prohibited weapons, met Sunday with an adviser to President Saddam Hussein over the confrontation. Deulfer says Iraq still is hiding documents about its weapons program and concealing weapons of mass destruction. Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz denied the accusation. The U.N. imposed economic sanctions on Iraq after its 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

WHO IS A JEW? The Israeli government shelved a plan to formalize the Orthodox monopoly on conversions to Judaism in Israel. Reform and Conservative leaders, whose groups represent most U.S. Jews, agreed to delay a court fight. The "conversion bill" had threatened to cut U.S. fund-raising and harm the Israel lobby in Washington.

Separately, the government urged Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority to do more to curb confrontations in the divided West Bank city of Hebron following a week of clashes between stone-throwing Palestinian protesters and Israeli troops. The unrest continued Sunday with reports of an Israeli woman and an Arab boy injured in separate incidents. Palestinians are protesting expanded Jewish settlements in the West Bank, Gaza and Arab East Jerusalem. Those are areas Israel captured in the 1967 war.

NORTHERN IRELAND: Sinn Fein, the legal political wing of

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the outlawed **Irish Republican Army**, rejected efforts to disarm IRA guerilla backers and said the proposal is the biggest stumbling block to peace. British Prime Minister Tony Blair said multiparty peace talks being chaired by former U.S. senator George Mitchell would go on, with or without Sinn Fein. In Belfast, riot police stopped Protestant marchers from going through two Catholic villages. July is traditionally parade season when the Protestant majority celebrates its dominance.

NUDE PHOTOS: Russian Justice Minister Valentin Kovalyov, who also sits on the top-level Security Council, was suspended at his own request pending inquiry into grainy photos a newspaper published of what it said are Kovalyov with naked **women** in a sauna at a gangland nightclub. Kovalyov said he's done nothing wrong and suggested the photos were computer-manipulated fakes designed to discredit him.

AFGHAN CRICKET: A rare cricket match was played in war-torn Kabul under a new code the purist Islamic Taliban militia announced for sportsmen. Players must wear beards and must not wear shorts. Spectators must not clap, but should show their approval by shouting Allah-o-akbar (God is great). Games must stop at prayer time. Kabul radio said the provincial match Sunday was played in "a friendly atmosphere." It didn't give the score.

ALSO . . . SPAIN'S parliamentary Socialists elected former Cabinet minister Joaquin Almunia to replace party leader Felipe Gonzalez, the prime minister who was defeated by a center-right party last year. Almunia, a former labor minister and party spokesman, is a moderate. His first task is to unify the demoralized Socialists.

. . . ALEXY II, patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church, briefly collapsed during a religious service in Vienna but recovered and will continue his Austrian tour. Alexy, 68, is attending a European religious conference that begins today in Graz. . . . AN INVESTOR in a planned McDonald's outlet in Bermuda threatened to sue over a new ban on fast-food outlets. The British colony's parliament enacted the ban Friday, nixing plans for a Pizza Hut, Taco Bell and McDonald's. Backers say it will protect the Old-World charm of the island, which is heavily dependent on tourists.

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## **Showdown in Portadown imminent over Protestant march**

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This town is bedecked in the red, white and blue of the British flag - except for one fateful road where Roman Catholics live.

The British government and security forces went to the wire Friday in weighing whether to let Northern Ireland's main Protestant fraternal group, the Orange Order, parade Sunday down Garvaghy Road.

Catholic militants living on both sides of the road have threatened to block it and fight police if they don't confront the Orangemen, who will be celebrating Protestants' traditional dominance of this British-ruled province.

The scene is set for a repeat of last summer's showdown, when police first tried to block the march but reversed course following four nights of mounting Protestant violence. The result was even worse Catholic rioting. The clashes cost two lives, wounded hundreds and ruined property worth more than \$ 30 million.

Mo Mowlam, the British Cabinet member responsible for governing Northern Ireland, deferred a decision on how to deploy police and troops - and, critically, against which side - until she could mount a final diplomatic blitz of Orange and protest leaders.

But prospects for a last-minute compromise appeared dim. Mowlam has to shuttle between the two sides because Orange leaders have refused to meet the protest leader, former **Irish Republican Army** prisoner Breandan MacCionnaith.

Soldiers in armored cars rolled from Belfast into Portadown's main Mahon barracks at midday. They passed along roads candy cane-striped in Union Jack colors, and beneath arches displaying cherished Orange symbols - the British crown resting on an open Bible - and the telling motto, "What we have we hold."

The order was founded in 1795 after a deadly skirmish between Roman Catholics and Protestants over jobs and land near Portadown. The Orangemen were fundamental in founding Northern Ireland as a Protestant-majority state in 1920. Every year they celebrate their role and Roman Catholics resent it.

On Garvaghy Road, Catholics have hung green, white and orange Irish flags and decorated public housing projects with murals ridiculing Orangemen and the predominantly Protestant police force.

"We want the world to see that we are just ordinary people," said Evelyn White, one of many protesters camped out in a half-dozen tents on a grass slope overlooking the road.

## Showdown in Portadown imminent over Protestant march

She said Orangemen "seem to think that everybody's the IRA. We are not IRA. We're just ordinary women, ordinary families .. who don't want these people stomping through here like they own the whole town."

Robert Saulters, grand master of the 80,000-member Orange Order, surprised observers by endorsing a possible compromise in which the British government would officially proclaim the Orangemen's right to parade down Garvaghy Road - but then Portadown's Orangemen, their honor secured, would voluntarily parade somewhere else.

But Saulters acknowledged a few hours later that the plan would not work as a growing number of Orangemen are opposed to compromise.

"A people and their culture are under attack. Protestants have been ethnically cleansed off that road in Portadown," said Joel Patton, the leader of the hard-line faction.

"People must not lose sight of what's at stake here. The whole ethos of the Orange Order ... is now under threat. If we lose this parade once, we lose it forever," said Patton, a mushroom farmer in the nearby village of Moy.

Other Orangemen argue that confrontation will play into the IRA's hands.

"Nothing would please the IRA more than to see Orangemen in open conflict with the lawful forces of the state - or to see those same forces being seen to abuse Roman Catholic protesters," said the Rev. William Bingham, chaplain of the County Armagh branch of the Orange Order, which includes Portadown.

Bingham has suggested letting Catholics and Protestants each have one lane of the road, allowing the march and the protest to occur simultaneously. Catholics have rejected the proposal.

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## **Blair takes over No. 10 after stunning sweep**

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As the last results straggled in yesterday afternoon, as the vanquished John Major left 10 Downing St. and the victor, Tony Blair, accepted the queen's offer to move in, Britain surveyed with amazement the near obliteration of its Conservative Party.

The television maps of Britain - which portray Conservative-voting parliamentary districts in blue - were bathed in red, the colour of Labour. The Tories were completely wiped out in Scotland and Wales, now Tory-free zones. In London alone, the party lost 30 seats, free-falling from 41 to 11.

Labour captured 44.4 per cent of the popular vote vs. 31.4 per cent for the Conservatives, 17.2 per cent for the Liberal Democrats and the balance for others, who included Gerry Adams, head of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the **Irish Republican Army**, and his deputy, Martin McGuinness.

It was Sinn Fein's strongest showing ever in a British national election.

The double-digit gap between Labour and the Tories was "unheard of here," said Britain's most prominent pollster, Robert Worcester.

The Conservative Party, which controlled the 659-member House of Commons Thursday with 331 seats, now has 165, its lowest number since 1932. Labour shot from 271 to 419, giving it a majority of 179 seats in its best performance ever and bringing it back to power in style after 23 years without a general-election victory. The Liberal Democrats doubled their seats to 46.

The sheer number of seats the Tories lost was less surprising than the swings from Tory to Labour or Liberal Democrat by which they lost them: 15 to 18 per cent of the vote in districts where Labour was hoping for 7 or 8 per cent. The country also elected a record number of **female** MPs - about 120, double the current count.

It wasn't one issue or two issues that swayed the voters, said the Conservative Party's chief strategist, David Willetts. "A defeat like this can't be explained" that way, he said. It was everything.

Even the Conservatives' strongest card, the booming economy, might have worked against the party, Willetts said. "It made people feel they could take a risk with Labour."

## Blair takes over No. 10 after stunning sweep

"It was everybody," pollster Worcester said. And "they were mad. The tactical voting was marvelous," he added, referring to voters who crossed party lines to bolster the Liberal Democrats - Britain's third-largest party - where it would aid in unseating a Tory. "They wanted to humiliate this government," Worcester said.

"When the curtain falls, it's time to get off the stage," said Major as he left 10 Downing St. to submit his resignation to Queen Elizabeth. Major also announced that he would resign as leader of the Tories, setting off a battle among the survivors to take his place.

A modest British-style motorcade - three cars and some police motorcycles - escorted Blair from his home to Buckingham Palace, where he was asked, and agreed, to form a government.

Blair got out of his car on Whitehall, a half-block shy of the sealed-off entrance to Downing St., and walked amid adoring crowds to No. 10.

He went inside with his wife and three children and began appointing his top cabinet members - including deputy party leader John Prescott as deputy prime minister, Gordon Brown as chancellor of the exchequer and Robin Cook as foreign secretary.

## Graphic

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Color Photo: JOHN GILES, AFP / Martin McGuinness of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA, is hugged by party official Pat Doherty after being elected to Parliament.

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**Britain risks creating a martyr: Harsh confinement: Authorities under fire for treatment of IRA suspect, the pregnant daughter of a '70s Irish firebrand.**

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Roisin McAliskey is a martyr in the making. Even the British Home Office has started to worry that it will soon be facing an embarrassing outcry over her case.

The 25-year-old daughter of Bernadette Devlin McAliskey, the 1970s-era radical MP from Northern Ireland, has been in London's Holloway prison since December. She is awaiting an extradition hearing that could see her deported to Germany to face charges of attempted murder related to an **Irish Republican Army** attack on the British military base at Osnabruck last June.

She claims innocence and has not been formally charged with any crime. What makes Ms. McAliskey's case so explosive, however, is that she is seven months pregnant and, according to her mother, "frail, drawn and thin."

Ms. McAliskey has been told she won't be shackled when she gives birth, as some "high-risk" prisoners are. But she has also been told she could be separated from her child after birth.

Her supporters have already held demonstrations outside the prime minister's residence and in front of the London office of Lufthansa, the German national airline. More are planned for this weekend to coincide with International **Women's** Day.

The demonstrators are demanding that Ms. McAliskey's repeated requests for bail be granted or that she at least be given better care.

Dick Spring, the deputy prime minister of Ireland, joined the chorus, saying: "She's seven months pregnant. I believe she is entitled to certain basic decency."

He called for her release on bail, scoffing: "I don't think she is a threat in relation to escape."

A group of 40 British MPs has also taken up her cause, with Conservative Hugh Dykes claiming this week that anything short of moving Ms. McAliskey to high-grade hospital care would be "outrageous and inhumane."

Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch/Helsinki have both weighed in on Ms. McAliskey's behalf, publicly calling on the British government to review her situation. Amnesty warned that the conditions of her detention "may amount to cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment."

Britain risks creating a martyr: Harsh confinement: Authorities under fire for treatment of IRA suspect, the pregnant daughter of a '70s Irish firebrand.

But so far the authorities have been unmoved by any pleas. Ms. McAliskey was originally held in an all-male prison, but a public outcry ensured she was moved to Holloway. Her status as a high-risk prisoner means she is held in isolation, strip-searched twice a day, and only her lawyer and her family are allowed to visit.

Her mother comes every two weeks. She is still recognizable as the "student radical" from almost 30 years ago.

But now Mrs. Devlin McAliskey walks with a pronounced limp, the result of a 1981 attack. Protestant gunmen broke into her home and, as her horrified children watched, shot her and her husband.

Bernadette Devlin, who at 21 was the youngest woman ever elected when she took her seat in 1969, has emerged from semi-obscurity to take up her daughter's cause. She says she feels responsible for her predicament.

In an recent interview with a U.S. newspaper, Mrs. Devlin McAliskey said: "My daughter is being punished for the sins of the mother."

Authorities deny the charge even though Ms. McAliskey has no known previous connection with the IRA, the violent side of the movement to drive the British out of Northern Ireland.

Recent Hollywood movies have romanticized the republican struggle against the British.

That type of publicity infuriates many Britons, especially when they see that without some finesse by the government, the McAliskey case could soon spark another round of it.

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Black & White Photo: Roisin McAliskey is the daughter of a thorn in the side of earlier British governments

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**WORLD IN BRIEF;**  
**Backers demand release of pregnant IRA suspect**

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Protesters chanted and sang outside a London prison Saturday to demand the release of a pregnant Northern Ireland woman who is wanted in Germany in connection with an IRA attack on a British army barracks. Roisin McAliskey, 25 and almost eight months pregnant, has been in jail since November awaiting extradition proceedings.

German authorities believe she is linked to a mortar bomb attack on the barracks in Osnabruck on June 28. The **Irish Republican Army** fired three mortars, damaging buildings, but injuring no one. McAliskey is the daughter of Bernadette Devlin McAliskey, a Roman Catholic activist in the 1960s who was once a member of Parliament.

Prison officials have downgraded her security classification from high risk to standard risk.

### ASIA Debt agreement

Negotiators from the United States and Vietnam have reached a draft agreement on the repayment of debts incurred by Hanoi's defeated enemy, South Vietnam. "A bilateral agreement was initialed and is subject to the review of both governments before signature," said a Vietnamese Finance Ministry news release Saturday. Resolving the debt issue will move the two countries closer to concluding a trade agreement, one of the final steps to resuming fully normal relations. The United States is asking Vietnam to take responsibility for up to \$ 150 million in debts from the former government of the U.S.-backed South Vietnam.

### Border clash

Indian and Pakistani soldiers exchanged fire along a disputed border, critically wounding a bystander, a military spokesman said. The Pakistani military spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a woman who lives in the area was hit a stray bullet in the clash along the Indian-Pakistani border in the Kashmir region of the Himalayas. India and Pakistan are planning to resume talks next month over the status of Kashmir, the flash point of two previous wars between India and Pakistan.

### Deal on defector

## WORLD IN BRIEF; Backers demand release of pregnant IRA suspect

A high-ranking North Korean defector who has been in South Korea's consulate in Beijing since last month will soon be allowed to go to South Korea via a third country, a newspaper reported. The Nihon Keizai quoted unidentified diplomatic sources as saying South Korea and China have reached an agreement allowing Hwang Jang-yop to leave China on condition he initially go to a country other than the United States. North Korea appears to have accepted the deal, the Japanese newspaper said.

## MIDDLE EAST Rebels bombed

Israeli warplanes and artillery pounded suspected guerrilla positions in southern Lebanon, security officials said. Two Israeli warplanes fired four air-to-surface missiles at guerrilla positions in Iqlim al-Tuffah, a stronghold of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah group, the officials said, speaking on customary condition of anonymity. Israeli troops also fired 155 mm howitzer shells at suspected Hezbollah positions in the Iqlim al-Tuffah region, just across from an Israeli-occupied border enclave.

## EUROPE Pope, president meet

Pope John Paul II and Irish President Mary Robinson, who recently signed legislation legalizing divorce in her country, discussed Ireland's "spiritual values," the Vatican said. John Paul is an ardent defender of the Roman Catholic Church's ban on divorce. Spokesman Joaquin Navarro- Valls, describing the private audience, said "special reference" was made to "the defense and promotion of the spiritual values of the country." The pope's talk with Robinson, one of the world's few female national leaders, came on International Women's Day.

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Photo: An army medic checks a woman's blood pressure in Beijing during

China's International Women's Day celebration Saturday. / GREG BAKER /

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LONDON (CP) - A repentant Northern Irish terrorist who fought for years to stay in Canada has been deported, Canadian immigration officials confirmed Thursday.

They would not say where Patrick (Paddy) Ward had been sent, though it was believed he was put on a plane to London.

"I assume he's in Great Britain," Ward's lawyer, Irvin Sherman, said in an interview from Toronto.

Sherman said he didn't know his client's whereabouts, and wouldn't reveal them even if he did.

But experts on the terrorist group to which Ward once belonged said Ward would be well advised to steer clear of Northern Ireland.

"It's such a small culture if he came back ... he'd find himself in a betting shop with someone that would know someone that would know someone and they'd find him immediately," said Richard English, a politics professor at Queen's University in Belfast.

"And then it would be a question of whether they really wanted to take him out. And if they did, it wouldn't be all that difficult."

The Irish National Liberation Army, better known as INLA, probably wants him dead, English and others said.

Ward fell out with the fractious and brutal nationalist organization in the early 1980s when he disobeyed orders to kill two people.

The group had kidnapped the sister and step-father of a member who had turned informer while in prison. Leader Dominic (Mad Dog) McGlinchey, who has since been killed, ordered the pair executed.

Ward rebelled and told police where to find the two. INLA members then kidnapped and tortured him.

Jack Holland, co-author of a book on the INLA, said Ward was meant to be killed, but he escaped. He turned himself in to police and served three years for his part in the kidnapping.

AM-Canada-Deportation, Bgt ; Budget; Espy TorStar; Former terrorist deported from Canada; whereabouts unknown

Two days after leaving jail, he went to Canada on a visitor's visa. He stayed for 11 years, working as a machinist in the Toronto area.

He sought and was temporarily given refugee status but the ruling was overturned in 1990.

Ward fought it to the Supreme Court of Canada, which ordered the refugee board to re-evaluate his case. The board turned him down.

Earlier this week, a Federal Court judge rejected his application to have his deportation order stayed. The judge ruled that since most of the INLA leaders Ward had crossed had since been killed, his fear of execution was probably unjustified.

Not necessarily so, say people who know the INLA.

The INLA was formed in 1974 when a small group broke away from the official **Irish Republican Army** - not the provisional IRA, which is responsible for most of the nationalist violence in Northern Ireland.

The INLA has conducted several high profile attacks, including the 1979 assassination of a British member of Parliament who was a close adviser to Margaret Thatcher, and the 1982 bombing of a nightclub which killed 11 off-duty soldiers and six Protestant **women**.

But the INLA is more famous for its internal struggles than its attacks on British soldiers or Protestant paramilitaries, said Paul Wilkinson, an expert on terrorism at St. Andrews University in Scotland.

"They are a very violent group in terms of their own internal relations. They've had more purges than you and I have had hot dinners."

The fact that the people who kidnapped and tortured Ward are now dead does not necessarily protect him from retribution, said Holland, whose book INLA: Deadly Divisions chronicles the group's history.

"Ward was a turncoat ... who got some of their guys arrested. Even though they're all dead now, they might decide to settle old scores."

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### NATO Strikes Target Novi Sad

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)

NATO launched its most active day of airstrikes in its assault on Yugoslavia, pummeling refineries, bridges and dozens of other targets Sunday in what it claimed were "highly successful" operations. Air-raid sirens sounded early Monday in the Yugoslav capital and other major Serbian cities, warning of a 26th night of NATO strikes, aimed at making Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic halt his offensive in Kosovo and agree to a political settlement for the Serbian province. State media reported that a missile slammed into a provincial government building in the heart of Novi Sad, Serbia's second largest city. There were no injuries but damage was described as "great."

### Albright Says Strikes Are Working

WASHINGTON (AP)

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright today said NATO airstrikes at oil refineries, ammunition depots and Serb military command and control centers are "wearing down" Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's military and choking off vital supplies. The administration, she said, is acting to prevent "outside powers" from delivering oil to the Serb military through ports in Montenegro, a second Yugoslav republic. U.S. officials also are giving an international war crimes tribunal evidence of suspected Serb atrocities. The information includes satellite photos of mass graves and reports of ethnic Albanian women being raped and civilians slaughtered.

### Rebels Admit Avianca Kidnappings

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

Colombian rebels admitted Sunday that they hijacked an Avianca airliner last week and kidnapped all of its occupants. The National Liberation Army, Colombia's second-largest rebel group, acknowledged the hijacking in a statement faxed to a local television station. The group did not say what its demands were for the release of the hostages.

### N. Irish Militants Asked To Disarm

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

AP Top News at 1 a.m. EDT Sunday, April 18, 1999

Two militant groups based in Northern Ireland today were urged to turn over their weapons, an appeal aimed at persuading the IRA to follow suit. David Trimble, elected last year to lead Northern Ireland's still-unformed Protestant-Catholic government, said the two pro-British groups should turn in weapons to a disarmament commission established as part of the year-old peace accord. The **Irish Republican Army** has refused to start disarming as the peace agreement anticipated.

#### Sponsor Drops \$30M Olympics Deal

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)

Johnson & Johnson became the first sponsor to pull out of the scandal-ridden Olympics, backing off an estimated \$30 million deal for the 2002 Winter Games. The company Sunday said the bribery scandal was a factor. "We can't say that it didn't have anything to do with it," spokesman John McKeegan said. "It was certainly in the background." Investigations began after it was revealed the city's bid committee offered \$1.2 million in cash, scholarships and other gifts to International Olympic Committee members and their relatives during the campaign for the games.

#### Stocks Fall in Tokyo

TOKYO (AP)

Tokyo stock prices fell early Monday as weakness in technology issues weighed down the overall market. The Nikkei Stock Average lost 129.81 points to close the morning session at 16,721.77.

#### Gretzky Exits Ice For Last Time

NEW YORK (AP)

Wayne Gretzky ended his 21-year career Sunday with an assist, setting up a second-period goal as his New York Rangers lost to Pittsburgh 2-1 in overtime. Slowly circling the rink, soaking in the farewells from his fans, teammates and opponents, Gretzky didn't want it to end. NHL commissioner Gary Bettman ensured it would end historically by announcing before the game that no one will ever again wear No. 99 in the league.

#### Mariners Beat Angels 8-5

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)

Domingo Cedenio and Jay Buhner each hit two-run homers as the Seattle Mariners beat the Anaheim Angels 8-5 Sunday night in a fight-marred game. Three players were ejected following a brawl in the fourth inning. It started when Anaheim's Todd Greene charged the mound after being hit on the left arm by rookie Brett Hinchliffe, who had just given up a homer to Troy Glaus. Greene, Hinchliffe and Tim Belcher, who charged out of the Angels' dugout, were ejected. There were no further incidents.

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### NATO Steps Up Air Attacks on Serbs

WASHINGTON (AP)

The Pentagon is sending five B-1 bombers and additional radar-evading jets to Europe for intensified NATO airstrikes on Serb troops. A Pentagon spokesman said the planes will target troops and military vehicles. But he said that the Yugoslav military is widely dispersed in mountainous terrain, making for difficult targets. NATO has promised to continue airstrikes until Yugoslavia's military can't continue routing the ethnic Albanians in Kosovo or until President Slobodan Milosevic agrees to sign a peace agreement granting ethnic Albanians autonomy in the province. Meanwhile, a Yugoslav official for the first time acknowledged that atrocities by Yugoslav troops in Kosovo may be occurring.

### Russia Premier Meets With Milosevic

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)

Russian Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov is in the Yugoslav capital to meet with President Slobodan Milosevic and push for a diplomatic solution to the Kosovo crisis. Russia has been a vocal opponent of the NATO airstrikes on Serb targets. In Moscow, Russian President Boris Yeltsin said the attacks violate international law, but said his country will not get involved militarily. He also said he doesn't want the crisis to undermine relations with the United States.

### Blair Calls for Trust in N.Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

British Prime Minister Tony Blair appealed today for Northern Ireland's rival politicians to overcome their differences and form a coalition government. The Protestant-Catholic government is the linchpin of the nearly year-old peace accord. Blair called Protestant demands for **Irish Republican Army** disarmament before the government can be formed "a dispute that goes to the heart of the agreement, because it is about trust. Without trust between the parties, this agreement isn't going to work." The accord calls for the IRA to finish disarming in cooperation with an international commission by May 2000, but specifies no starting point.

### Four Teens Killed in Texas Shooting

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## ABILENE, Texas (AP)

Four teen-age girls were shot to death and a man was wounded at a duplex last night, and authorities are searching for a car seen speeding from the scene. Police described the scene as "very, very gruesome" and said it appeared some of the women might have been trying to escape. Police had no motive for the killings.

## Death Toll in India Quake at 110

## BIYASI, India (AP)

Rescue workers are searching today for survivors and more victims of yesterday's powerful earthquake in the lower Himalayas that left at least 110 people dead. In Chamoli, the devastated town near the epicenter, residents and army engineers pulled survivors and corpses from under collapsed homes and shops. Soldiers were breaking up concrete slabs with power tools, while townspeople dug with shovels and their bare hands.

## Japan Jobless Rate Hits Record High

## TOKYO (AP)

A shrinking economy and spreading layoffs drove Japan's jobless rate to a record 4.6 percent last month, jumping sharply from January and swelling the ranks of jobless to a historical 3.1 million. The figures come as Japan is battling its deepest economic slowdown in 50 years. The government has pumped billions of dollars into the economy in an all-out campaign to prod consumers to spend. A major factor behind spreading joblessness is corporate restructuring.

## Tokyo Stock Prices Fall

## TOKYO (AP)

Tokyo stocks fell today as concerns about Japan's weak economy overpowered the record close overnight for the Dow Jones industrial average. The Nikkei lost 149.72 points to close at 15,859.12.

## UConn Beats Duke 77-74

## ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)

Richard Hamilton scored 27 points and Ricky Moore made two key stops in the waning seconds as Connecticut won its first NCAA men's basketball title with a 77-74 victory over Duke last night. The loss ended Duke's 32-game winning streak, kept the Blue Devils from an NCAA record for wins in a season, and prevented them from ending the '90s with a third national crown.

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### Storm Spreads Misery Across East

CHICAGO (AP)

The misery created by the huge winter storm stretched into a third day today with frustrated air travelers still waiting for flights, highways slippery or clogged by snow and thousands of customers with no electricity. Hundreds of school districts canceled classes from Iowa to Ohio and in parts of New England. Police counted scores of accidents on ice-covered roads from Maine to South Carolina, and some Indiana roads were simply closed. At least 49 deaths had been blamed on the huge snow and ice storm. United Airlines canceled 60 percent of its flights out of Chicago yesterday, and American Airlines canceled at least half.

### Ashcroft May Not Run in 2000 Race

WASHINGTON (AP)

Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., a conservative former governor who spent the last year laying the groundwork for a presidential campaign, may be getting cold feet. Several supporters and Republican operatives said over the weekend that they believe he will not run for president. Ashcroft is scheduled to announce his intentions tomorrow. At the same time, Elizabeth Dole, wife of 1996 Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole, plans to resign today as president of the American Red Cross in what supporters hope will set the stage for her own run for the White House in 2000.

### Kosovo Rebels Outline Their Demands

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP)

Rebel fighters outlined their vision of Kosovo's future today, saying the province must be free from Serbia's rule and the rebels recognized as a regular army. Kosovo is an overwhelmingly ethnic Albanian province in Serbia, the dominant republic in Yugoslavia. The Serbian government refuses to grant the province more than limited self-rule, while ethnic Albanians insist on independence. Until 1989, Kosovo enjoyed broad autonomy, which Serbia then revoked. The Serbian government was expected to reject the KLA demands.

### Suspects in Omagh Attack Identified

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

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The detective leading the investigation into Northern Ireland's worst terrorist attack says he has identified key members of the IRA dissident gang responsible but does not yet have enough evidence to convict them, a newspaper reported today. Police have been working to capture the renegade ***Irish Republican Army*** members behind the Aug. 15 car bombing in Omagh that killed 29 people and wounded 370. The IRA dissidents, dubbed the Real IRA by Irish media because they refuse to use a different name, oppose the July 1997 cease-fire being observed by the parent organization.

Report: Priest Tortured in China

VATICAN CITY (AP)

A Roman Catholic priest in China was arrested, imprisoned and tortured by police, the Vatican missionary news service said today. Police arrested the Rev. Li Qinghua in November in Guan, a town in Hebei province in northern China, the news agency said. Li was interrogated by a police unit that included ***female*** agents who molested him and tried to force him to have sexual intercourse, the agency said. Authorities videotaped the episode to try to blackmail Li, the agency said.

13 Die in India Slum Fire

NEW DELHI, India (AP)

A fire swept through a densely populated slum in southern India today, killing 13 people, news agencies reported. Eight of the victims were children, the Press Trust of India reported. More than 300 huts were gutted in the fire.

Dow Gains About 120

NEW YORK (AP)

Stocks were higher this afternoon on the first day of trading in 1999, as computer stocks topped their blowout performance of last month. Just before 1 p.m. EST, the Dow industrials were up 118.44 points to 9,299.87. Advancing issues on the New York Stock Exchange led decliners 1,830-1,220. The Nasdaq was up 36.87 to 2,229.56.

Hewitt, Enqvist Win in Australia

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP)

Defending champion Lleyton Hewitt of Australia upset Nicolas Kiefer of Germany and second seed Thomas Enqvist overcame early nerves today to beat Mark Woodforde in first-round matches at the Australian men's hardcourt tennis championships, a warmup for the Australian Open. In earlier matches, Australians Jason Stoltenberg, Scott Draper and Michael Tebbutt won their first-round matches. Top seed Patrick Rafter plays his first match tomorrow.

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***Boy in skirts faces IRA bombs in London;  
McCabe novel shows brutal waste of the Irish Troubles***

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Breakfast on Pluto

- By: Patrick McCabe.

- Publisher: HarperCollins, 202 pages, \$ 22.

- Review: Set in London in the 1970s during a time of frequent IRA bombings, this tells the story of Patrick (Pussy) Braden, a transgender prostitute from a small Irish border town. As he did in "The Butcher Boy," McCabe will wring your heart with his love-starved, damaged protagonist.

- Author reading: 8 p.m. Jan. 20 at the Hungry Mind Bookstore, 1648 Grand Av., St. Paul.

At first, "Breakfast on Pluto" seems nothing like Patrick McCabe's earlier novels: "Carn," the saga of an Irish border town nearly destroyed by the Troubles, or "The Butcher Boy," his heartbreaking story of an abused and murderous boy in a small Irish town in the 1950s.

"Breakfast on Pluto," which was short-listed for this year's Booker Prize, is set in London in the 1970s. It's the first-person story of Patrick (Pussy) Braden, a sassy transgender prostitute who plies her trade in Picadilly Circus. Pussy comes from an Irish border town, but she's not interested in politics or the **Irish Republican Army**; her gushy memoirs are peppered with exclamation points, but only when she's writing about men or clothes.

Pussy's mother was a young Irish girl, a dead ringer for actress Mitzi Gaynor, and her father was the village priest, a man who saw his opportunity and took it. The result was Pussy, whose young mom packed the baby neatly in an empty detergent box and left it on a doorstep before disappearing.

Pussy grows up, discovers **women's** clothes and takes up with Eamon, a married politician. After Eamon is murdered by the IRA, Pussy takes off for London, hoping not just for a sugar daddy, but for true love: "Perhaps she might meet Sergeant Rock or Captain Yum Yum Be-My-Girl-For-Ever! And if the risk was not worth that, then life, she whispered to herself, it simply was not worth the living."

It's not clear, though, if Pussy's sad life really is worth living. She goes through man after man, pluckily looking for love, searching for her mother, plotting vengeance against her father and the church. Increasingly, as with Francie Brady in "The Butcher Boy," her grip on reality loosens and her vivid fantasy life takes over.

Boy in skirts faces IRA bombs in London; McCabe novel shows brutal waste of the Irish Troubles

As that happens, the gadabout narrative begins to reveal familiar McCabe themes: the brutal waste of the unrelenting Troubles; the sad vulnerability of such damaged children as Pussy and Francie; the evil arrogance of the church.

As London explodes with IRA bombs, it seems Pussy might be planting some of them. It's hard to know; the line between fantasy and reality gets hopelessly blurred.

She's dancing with a soldier in a London disco when the place blows up - a horrifying scene told with such gaiety and verve that you have to go back and re-read it. This is vintage McCabe, this casual way the most terrible events drop into the middle of a benign, everyday scene:

"The short-haired squaddie whispering in her ear: 'You fancy a drink of summat [something]? ' Puss coughing a little to summon up the courage to whisper, squeaky-voiced: 'Oh, yes!' and look into his eyes when one part of his head went to the left, the other part to the right and the brains which were inside to the floor pouring out like scrambled egg."

One of McCabe's most remarkable skills is his ability to induce compassion for the unlikeliest people. Pussy will break your heart with her desperate need for love and her self-destructive ways, just as Francie did in "The Butcher Boy."

"You must learn to forgive," a friend tells her. "For if you don't, you know what will happen? It will destroy you."

With the unsentimental, unyielding McCabe in charge, however, you know forgiveness is much less likely than destruction.

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## **Nireland's INLA Announce Cease-Fire**

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The Irish National Liberation Army, a small but vicious anti-British group opposed to Northern Ireland's peace agreement, announced a cease-fire today.

The outlawed group made its announcement hours before the people of Ireland, north and south alike, observed a minute's silence in memory of the 28 people slain in last weekend's car bombing in Omagh.

Thousands of people lined the streets in the shaken city to remember those killed.

Another anti-British group, dubbed the Real IRA, claimed responsibility for that attack.

The INLA statement is a significant boost to restoring confidence in Northern Ireland's search for peace.

The paramilitary group's last admitted violent act was June 25, when a car bomb exploded in the border town of Newtownhamilton, wounding 11 people.

The statement announced at the west Belfast headquarters of the INLA's political representatives, the Irish Republican Socialist Party means that only one anti-British group in Northern Ireland, the Continuity IRA, has yet to call a truce.

"We acknowledge and admit faults and grievous errors in our prosecution of the war," the INLA statement said.

"Innocent people were killed and injured and at times our actions as a liberation army fell far short of what they should have been," it added. "For this we as republicans, as socialists and as revolutionaries offer a sincere and heartfelt apology."

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern called the cease-fire pledge "good news at the end of a bleak and tragic week."

The INLA has killed more than 130 people since its founding in 1975 during the IRA's first lengthy truce.

The development follows the **Irish Republican Army** cease-fire of July 1997 and the announcement Wednesday by the Real IRA dissidents to observe their own "suspension" of attacks in British-ruled Northern Ireland.

## Nireland's INLA Announce Cease-Fire

The INLA's goal, like the IRA's, was to abolish Northern Ireland as a Protestant-majority state linked with Britain. Its deadliest attack came in 1982 when it bombed a rural disco frequented by off-duty British troops, killing 11 soldiers and six Protestant women.

But the INLA frequently suffered from infighting. The group's former commander, Gino Gallagher, was assassinated in Belfast last year by comrades arguing about how to split the proceeds from drug dealing and other criminal rackets.

The moment of silence was called for by the leaders of Ireland's four largest Christian denominations Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Anglican and Methodist.

Ministers will lead ecumenical prayers in at least 40 towns across Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic, but the main focus will be Omagh itself.

"We want to say with as loud a voice as possible that evil is not going to defeat us and that good will prevail," said a Presbyterian minister in Omagh, the Rev. Robert Herron, who is helping organize the ceremony.

"We must all go out in huge numbers if we can. It will be an important act of solidarity at this difficult time," said Ahern.

In a symbol of new life amid so much death, a 21-year-old Protestant woman who suffered leg wounds in the blast gave birth Friday to a 7-pound, 6-ounce baby girl.

Public revulsion against the Real IRA was demonstrated Friday in the Irish Republic border town of Dundalk.

Bernadette Sands-McKevitt, the political activist most prominently associated with the Real IRA dissidents, was prevented from opening up her picture frame and printing shop in a Dundalk shopping mall.

Mall managers complained they were losing business and didn't want to be associated with her or her partner Michael McKevitt \_ widely identified as the Real IRA's founder. Two security guards kicked her out after she refused to leave.

Sands-McKevitt, sister of late IRA hunger strike leader Bobby Sands, is a leader of a legal pressure group that opposes the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party's acceptance of an April agreement outlining a new compromise government for Northern Ireland.

She has condemned the killing of civilians in Omagh.

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following are the results on the opening day of the u.s. open tennis championships at the national tennis centre at new york on monday (prefix number denotes seeding): women's singles, first round: serena williams, united state, bt nicole pratt, australia, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 1-matina hingis, switzerland, bt aleksandra lsza, poland, 6-2, 6-0 irina spirlea, romania, bt elena likhovtseva, russia, 7-6 (7-0), 6-4 magdalena grybowska, poland, bt katarina studenikova, slovakia, 6-0, 6-1 kimberly po, united states, bt kerry-anne guse, australia, 6-4, 6-1 laura granville, united states, bt paola suarez, argentina, 6-4, 6-4 11-patty schnyder, switzerland, bt yuka yoshida, japan, 7-6 (7-5), 7-5 14-dominique van roost, belgium, bt julie halard-decugis, france, 6-2, 6-2 amelie cocheteux, france, bt sandra dopfer, austria, 6-3, 6-3 kveta hrdlickova, czech republic, bt barbara schwartz, austria, 6-2, 6-3 mary joe fernandez, united states, bt tina krizan, slovenia, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4) alexandra fusai, france, bt alexandra stevenson, united states, 6-4, 6-4 men's singles first round: 1-pete sampras, united states, bt marc goellner, germany, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 thomas muster, austria, bt 15-alberto berasategui, spain, 7-6 (7-1), 6-2, 6-3 14-goran ivanisevic, croatia, bt mark woodforde, australia, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 paul goldstein, united states, bt andrew ilie, australia, 6-7 (7-9), 7-6 (7-4), 6-4, 3-0 (retired) taylor dent, united states, bt alex radulescu, germany, 4-6, 7-5, 2-1 (retired) jonathan stark, united states, bt koon yong-il, south korea, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 dominik hrbaty, slovakia, bt marc rosset, switzerland, 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (7-3), 7-5 adrian voinea, romania, bt andrea gaudenzi, italy, 6-4, 3-6 6-2, 2-0 (retired) guillaume raoux, france, bt nicolas escude, france 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 (8-6) 9-karol kucera, slovakia, bt steve campbell, united states, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 jan siemerink, netherlands, bt dinu pescariu, romania, 6-4, 6-3, 6-0 more 02/09/98 00:27 gmt nnnn aints monday. the final official results and the allocation of seats was announced tuesday evening on tvk, the national television. the nec announced that ruling cambodian people's party (cpp) has won the election with more than 2.03 million votes, while funcinpec of prince ranariddh and sam rainsy party (srp) of sam rainsy gained about 1.55 million and 700,000 votes respectively. (cambodia-election-results) ---moscow --russian acting prime minister viktor chernomyrdin tuesday ordered the central bank, the finance ministry and the tax service to come up with urgent measures to boost people's confidence. at a meeting of acting ministers, chernomyrdin listed the priorities as the insurance of people's deposits, restoration of the foreign currency market, a balanced exchange rate policy, preservation of the banking system, strengthening of banks' liquidity and improved control over foreign currency operations. (russia-chernomyrdin-program) ----moscow --russian and u.s. officials held talks here tuesday on the utilization of weapons-grade uranium, a spokesman for the russian atomic energy ministry said. the talks were held on the sidelines of the summit between russian president boris yeltsin and his u.s. counterpart, bill clinton. acting atomic energy minister yevgeny adamov of russia and u.s. energy minister bill richardson, in their first round of talks, also discussed implementation of an intergovernmental agreement on deliveries of weapons-grade uranium to the u.s., the itar-tass news agency reported. (russia-us-nuclear) ----london --sinn fein, the political wing of the irish republican army, issued a statement tuesday declaring that violence is "a thing of the past --over, done with, gone." sinn fein leader gerry adams said in belfast that everyone must work to make sure last month's omagh bombing --which killed 28 people --was "the last violent incident in our country" and that sinn fein was committed to

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"making conflict a thing of the past." british prime minister tony blair's chief press spokesman welcomed the move, calling the announcement "significant." (uk-n.ireland-adams)

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

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#### In the Nation

Two New York City firefighters were suspended without pay yesterday for riding on a Labor Day parade float that mocked the killing of a black man in Texas and included white revelers in black face. Jonathan Walters and Robert Steiner, both 29, admitted that they were part of the group on the float. Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said they would be fired.

Former Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace was recovering from a potentially life-threatening bacterial blood infection, hospital officials in Montgomery said yesterday. Wallace, 79, was in serious condition, and his vital signs were stable. Hospital officials said Wallace had shown "marked improvement." He was suffering from septic shock and having difficulty breathing when he arrived at the hospital on Thursday.

Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright yesterday met gay businessman James Hormel, nominated to be U.S. ambassador to Luxembourg, and called on the Senate to lift its blockage of his appointment. Hormel, 65, the heir to a meat-company fortune, is a civic leader in San Francisco and has been active in the fight against AIDS.

A North Carolina man who stole more than \$17 million from an armored-car company vault before fleeing to Mexico in October 1997 pleaded guilty yesterday. David Scott Ghatt, a one-time Loomis, Fargo & Co. supervisor, faces up to 50 years in prison. He was captured in March at a Mexican resort. Seventeen of the 20 people indicted in the case have now entered guilty pleas; three are awaiting trial.

Police yesterday were investigating the slayings of three young people in the same Denver suburb where six were murdered earlier in the week. But police in Aurora, Colo., said they did not believe Thursday's attack, that also left one person seriously wounded, was related to the Labor Day killings. Police said gunmen bound and shot the four people - two males, aged 15 and 17, and two females, 16 and 23.

A federal agency has set up an Internet site to give people practical help in controlling their cholesterol. The site allows people to enter their cholesterol levels and gives advice on how to lower them. The site, created by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, can be found at [www.nhlbi.nih.gov](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov)

#### In the World

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Algerian President Liamine Zeroual announced yesterday that he intends to cut short his term of office and hand over power to a new leader to be elected in February. Zeroual said he would not be a candidate in the election, for which he gave no exact date. Thousands of Algerians have been killed in six years of strife between Islamic guerrillas and the army-backed authorities.

Britain freed six convicted IRA and pro-British militants yesterday under a provision of the Northern Ireland peace accord. Three ***Irish Republican Army*** members and three members of the Protestant paramilitary Ulster Defense Association left the Maze prison near Belfast. April's peace pact promised that more than 400 imprisoned members of the IRA, UDA and another pro-British paramilitary group, the Ulster Volunteer Force, would be freed by mid-2000 in recognition of their truces.

A Sudanese government warplane bombed the largest refugee camp in rebel-held southern Sudan, killing two people, an aid group said yesterday. The bombing on Thursday violates the government's Aug. 3 announcement of a unilateral cease-fire in southern Sudan, intended to promote the flow of aid to hundreds of thousands of hungry refugees displaced by fighting between rebels and government forces.

China is trimming its army by 100,000 soldiers this year - about 20 percent of the cuts it plans in the next three years, the People's Daily newspaper said yesterday. President Jiang Zemin has pledged to reduce the ranks of the People's Liberation Army by 500,000, to about 2.5 million. The savings are to go to upgrading weaponry and other defense systems.

Russian security forces stormed a nuclear-powered submarine early today and killed an armed conscript who had commandeered it after killing eight of his fellow crew members, the Itar-Tass news agency reported. The conscript, identified as 19-year-old Alexander Kuzminykh, had barricaded himself in the torpedo room of the sub, which was docked at a naval base near the port of Murmansk, Itar-Tass said.

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## **Bomb-Ravaged N. Ireland Grieves**

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While Northern Ireland's leaders vowed revenge on the bombers who killed at least 28 people and injured 220, the little town of Omagh struggled to come to grips with its entry into the province's grim history books.

Each of the city's 2,000 residents seemed to have a story to tell Sunday, offered in flat tones of disbelief: a school chum who won't be in class next month; a father and son who no longer will enliven a neighborhood; a shopkeeper who never again will greet customers with a ready smile.

"I don't understand why I'm living," said Jim Sharkey, who was knocked off his feet at his newsstand on bustling Market Street when the 500-pound car bomb exploded Saturday in the worst terrorist strike in Northern Ireland's history.

"How does this town deal with this?" asked the Rev. Michael Keaveny of Omagh's Sacred Heart Catholic Church, outside the makeshift headquarters where the dead, wounded and missing are being tracked.

Three generations of one family are gone: Avril Monaghan, 30, her 18-month-old daughter Maura and her mother Mary Grimes, 65, who had been visiting from nearby towns to shop on Market Street. Mrs. Monaghan was pregnant with twins.

A 12-year-old boy from Madrid who was visiting Ireland to learn English died, as did his **female** teacher twice his age. The two Spaniards had decided at the last minute to put off visiting a historical park to do some shopping.

Also killed was 39-year-old Philomena Skelton, who had been seeking a school uniform for her youngest daughter. Kevin Skelton was overcome with disbelief when he went to the morgue to formally identify his wife of 20 years.

She "hadn't a mark on her face," he said.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his Irish counterpart, Bertie Ahern, emerged Sunday from an hour-long meeting in Belfast, about 70 miles east of Omagh, vowing to work together to hunt down the bombers believed to belong to a renegade **Irish Republican Army** offshoot opposed to April's peace agreement.

"The purpose of that bombing was to destroy the work, destroy the hope and the agreement we built up," Blair said. "Our determination has got to be that these people will never win, and that democracy will triumph over evil."

## Bomb-Ravaged N. Ireland Grieves

Ronnie Flanagan, the head of Northern Ireland's police force, planned to team up today with his Irish counterpart, Pat Bryne, to assess security across the island.

Their recommendations will be forwarded to Blair and Ahern, who has refused to rule out the reintroduction of one of the most draconian responses available to his government under emergency powers: detention of terrorist suspects without trial.

Blair's spokesman would not discuss whether the measure might be brought back to Northern Ireland.

Exacerbating the carnage and the outrage was the misleading phone warning that caused police to unwittingly herd a large crowd, some attracted by a town festival, toward the full brunt of the blast.

Mary McAleese, the first Northern Ireland native to be elected president of the Irish Republic, traveled to Omagh on Sunday to condemn the bombers as "a posse of serial killers" who planted their device amid "a scene of simple, humble innocence."

Market Street remained sealed off, yet with signs that something terrible had taken place: a mangled baby carriage parked amid the rubble of a collapsing storefront, half-eaten meals abandoned on the tables of a cafe, diapers scattered pell-mell in the road.

Mairead Thompson brought her eight children from nearby Londonderry to view the devastation, to show what hate can do.

She said she hopes for the best, but fears Omagh a religiously mixed town that saw relatively little trouble before is forever marked.

"You can sense it already today, the change," she said, sweeping her arm around to underscore the unnatural quiet of the streets. "The silence."

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## **Car bomb kills 25, wounds more than 150 in Northern Ireland's deadliest attack**

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A car bomb tore apart the crowded center of this bustling market town Saturday, killing at least 25 people, injuring more than 160, and dealing a barbaric blow to Northern Ireland's peace agreement.

The blast in Omagh, 70 miles (110 kms) west of Belfast, was the single most deadly act in three decades of conflict in Northern Ireland. Among those slain were women and children, Protestant and Catholic alike, many of them unwittingly evacuated towards the bomb after police received a misleading phoned warning.

The local Tyrone County Hospital overflowed with wounded. Survivors used blown-off doors as makeshift stretchers. Others were ferried by ambulance or helicopter to hospitals in Belfast and Londonderry. The streets surrounding the bomb site were strewn with glass and rubble and streaked with blood.

"I saw bodies lying everywhere, dead people being zipped into bags," said Dorothy Boyle, 59, a Catholic resident of the town.

"The bodies were lying there with water running over them from burst pipes. There were limbs lying about that had been blown off people," she said, noting that one young pregnant woman had lost her legs.

Among the dead was an 18-month-old child, and four others younger than 18, police said.

"The carnage, the children, a young baby pure black, unrecognizable," said a Protestant local, Frank Hancock, too stunned to cry over what he'd seen. "A young girl down a manhole that we had to pull out. A young lad burning, his hair pure singeing.

"Any man who puts that (bomb) there," he said, pointing angrily at the bomb site, "and says, 'We're the "real" IRA' \_ they're cowards."

The attack coincided with the 29th anniversary of the deployment of British troops in Belfast, a traditional rallying point for Irish Republican Army supporters. It also came 17 days before U.S. President Bill Clinton arrives to salute the compromise April agreement among eight local parties on how this British-ruled territory should be governed. The White House said Clinton's plans would not be affected.

No group claimed responsibility for planting the 500-pound (200 kg) bomb in the religiously mixed town, which was crowded with weekend shoppers and families attending a festival.

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But politicians unanimously blamed IRA dissidents who are committed to shattering the outlawed group's 13-month-old truce and the peace agreement it helped inspire. Dissidents have planted several car bombs in other Northern Ireland towns in recent months, which caused many injuries but no deaths because of swift action by police.

This time, a phoned warning to the BBC newsroom in Belfast claimed that a bomb was left outside Omagh's courthouse on High Street, atop a slope on the west end of town. Police began directing people away from the area many of them east down Market Street. The blast 20 minutes later occurred behind the security cordon, tearing apart buildings and people alike.

"We have had men, **women** and children slaughtered here this afternoon, slaughtered by murderers who wanted to murder ... who gave us a totally inaccurate warning," said Northern Ireland Police Chief Ronnie Flanagan.

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern vowed that breakaway IRA members believed to number no more than 100 and mostly based in the Irish Republic would be "ruthlessly suppressed."

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, on vacation in France, told the BBC that he found it "impossible to get in the mind of anyone who could possibly do such a thing."

In a statement Queen Elizabeth II said she was "shocked to hear of the appalling crime in Omagh."

Northern Ireland's moderate Catholic leader, John Hume, said the atrocity was "carried out by undiluted fascists. Obviously they're trying to impose their will by murder on the people of Ireland, north and south."

Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, said he was "totally horrified" by the bombing. "I condemn it without any equivocation whatsoever," Adams said.

The wording was significant, since Adams in the past refused to "condemn" republican violence.

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## *Little Northern Ireland town struggles with enormity of loss*

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Police arrested five people Monday on suspicion of killing 28 men, women and children in the little town of Omagh, whose residents struggled to come to grips with its entry into the province's grim history books.

The five suspects were arrested at dawn in two villages north and southeast of Omagh and taken to the main police interrogation center in Belfast, 70 miles (110 kms) to the east, where under British anti-terrorist law they can be held for up to a week before being charged or released.

Each of the town's residents seemed to have a story to tell, offered in flat tones of disbelief: A school chum who won't be in class next month. A father and son who no longer will enliven a neighborhood. A shopkeeper who never again will greet customers with a ready smile.

"I don't understand why I'm living," said Jim Sharkey, who was knocked off his feet at his newsstand on bustling Market Street when the 500-pound (200-kg) car bomb exploded Saturday in the worst terrorist strike in Northern Ireland's history.

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Also killed was 39-year-old Philomena Skelton, who had been seeking a school uniform for her youngest daughter. Kevin Skelton marveled that when he went to the morgue to formally identify his wife of 20 years, she "hadn't a mark on her face."

"How does this town deal with this?" asked the Rev. Michael Keaveny of Omagh's Sacred Heart Catholic Church, outside the makeshift headquarters responsible for tracking the dead, the approximately 220 wounded and the handful of people still listed as missing.

## Little Northern Ireland town struggles with enormity of loss

British Prime Minister Tony Blair vowed Monday that he and his Irish counterpart, Bertie Ahern, would work together to hunt down the bombers believed to belong to a renegade **Irish Republican Army** offshoot opposed to the April peace agreement.

"We are only going to defeat them if we take the security measures we can take, and make sure we are offering a different way forward for the future," Blair said in a BBC radio interview.

On Sunday, U.S. President Bill Clinton expressed his condolences to the people of Northern Ireland during a 15-minute telephone conversation with Blair, who flew to Belfast on Sunday from his vacation in southern France.

"The prime minister briefed the president on his conversations with the political leaders there today," White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said. "I think the president and prime minister shared how personally difficult it is to deal with these experiences as leaders."

Ronnie Flanagan, commander of Northern Ireland's police force, planned to team up Monday with Pat Byrne, chief of the Irish Republic's police, to assess security across the island. Their recommendations will be forwarded to Blair and to Ahern, who has not ruled out reintroduction of one of the most draconian responses available to his government under emergency powers imprisoning terrorist suspects without trial.

Blair said he, Ahern and their police chiefs would "ensure we bear down and crush out this dissident rump, insofar as it is possible to do so."

In east Belfast, meanwhile, a building in the British government's center of administration for Northern Ireland was evacuated after an anonymous caller warned that a bomb had been abandoned in the parking lot outside. Police at the Stormont complex reported finding no explosives.

Blair's spokesman, graf 13 pvs

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## *With eye on Clinton visit, Sinn Fein says violence must be 'done with'*

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Sinn Fein party leader Gerry Adams' declaration that political violence in Northern Ireland must be "a thing of the past" has received a broad welcome from the British and Irish governments and U.S. President Bill Clinton.

Adams' statement in advance of Clinton's arrival here Thursday marked another rhetorical step away from the *Irish Republican Army*'s once-unshakeable determination to bomb and shoot until Northern Ireland was abolished.

Instead, his IRA-allied party is now angling to help govern the 77-year-old state alongside British Protestant politicians in a new administration envisioned in April's peace agreement.

The Protestant head of the embryonic government, David Trimble, has repeatedly demanded that Sinn Fein declare on behalf of the IRA that "their war is over" before he would talk with Adams about Sinn Fein's role in the new administration.

"We have to work politically to make the Omagh bombing the last violent incident in our country, the last incident of this kind," Adams said, referring to the car bomb detonated by IRA dissidents in defiance of the outlawed group's July 1997 truce.

The Aug. 15 attack in Omagh, 70 miles (110 kms) west of Belfast, was the deadliest since Northern Ireland's conflict began in the late 1960s. It claimed 28 lives and wounded more than 330.

"Sinn Fein believe the violence we have seen must be for all of us now a thing of the past, over, done with and gone," Adams said in a deliberate effort to match the sentiments, but avoid the precise words, contained in Trimble's demand.

In response, Trimble announced he would meet the leaders of several pro-agreement parties including Adams on Monday, a week before the new Northern Ireland legislative Assembly is scheduled to convene. But Trimble's aide, David Kerr, said a handshake between the two leaders would be impossible.

"Carefully crafted words alone are not enough. The people of Northern Ireland will now judge Sinn Fein on their actions over the coming days," Trimble said, emphasizing that Sinn Fein's acceptance of the agreement included a promise to get the IRA to disarm within two years.

With eye on Clinton visit, Sinn Fein says violence must be 'done with'

"An end to the war means the weapons of terrorism must be destroyed and all forms of paramilitary violence must cease for good," Trimble said, noting that the IRA had meted out more than 30 so-called "punishment" shootings and beatings within its Catholic power bases since Sinn Fein accepted the accord.

But in a well-choreographed push to build momentum before Clinton arrives, the British and Irish prime ministers, Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern, immediately welcomed Adams' statement.

Blair said it was "significant" and designed "to break down barriers of mistrust."

And in Moscow, Clinton said Adams had made "an important contribution to building the trust and confidence necessary to make the Good Friday accord a reality."

Meanwhile, Blair and Ahern are determined this week to enact new anti-terrorist laws against the IRA dissidents responsible for the Omagh bombing. Civil-rights activists and a handful of lawmakers complain they flout the spirit of the Belfast agreement.

The bills being debated Wednesday in emergency sessions of London's House of Commons and Dublin's lower house of parliament \_ propose restricting a suspect's right to silence during interrogation and in court, making police testimony more important to secure convictions, and allowing authorities to impound the property of convicted terrorists.

John Wadham, director of the British civil liberties lobbying group Liberty, called Blair's bill "the single most draconian piece of legislation that has emerged from any government Labor or Conservative since the Second World War."

One of Britain's leading legal crusaders, lawyer Michael Mansfield, said the proposed laws would mean "evidence will be supplanted by opinion" in anti-terrorist courts.

Also Wednesday, Belfast awaited the arrival of the American first lady, Hillary Clinton, one day ahead of her husband, to address a women's rights conference in the city's gleaming new riverside concert hall.

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## **Adams condemns brothers in arms - GUERRILLA BOMBING CRACK**

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Guerrilla bombing

cracks peace deal

SINN Fein leader Gerry Adams yesterday condemned the bomb blast by suspected republican guerrillas that killed at least 28 people in the Northern Irish town of Omagh.

It was believed to be the first time that Mr Adams, whose party is the political wing of the **Irish Republican Army**, had condemned a suspected republican guerrilla bombing in Northern Ireland.

"I am totally horrified by this action and I condemn it without any equivocation whatsoever," Mr Adams said in a one-sentence statement.

The unprecedented condemnation cannot have been easy for Mr Adams, who has staked his political future on the success of the Northern Irish peace process which calls for power sharing between Catholics and Protestants.  
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Mr Adams seemed to have swung the IRA \_ which called a ceasefire in 1997 \_ behind the accord but has had to live with mounting attacks from within his own camp and by dissidents who accuse him of selling out to Protestants.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair called the attack "a senseless, brutal act of savagery" while Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern said: "These people have set about to wreck (the peace settlement). We cannot be intimidated."

In Washington, President Bill Clinton issued a statement condemning the attack and saying that he would not cancel a planned visit to Northern Ireland next month. "I renew my pledge to stand with the people of Northern Ireland against the perpetrators of violence," he said.

The most evil aspect of yesterday's blast was the cruel deception played on the security forces.

A coded telephone warning from the terrorists at 2.30pm (12.30am, Queensland time) said a device had been left near the courthouse at one end of town.

The police ordered an immediate mass evacuation.

Many people were shepherded towards the junction of Market Street and Dublin Road where the bomb had actually been left.

## Adams condemns brothers in arms - GUERRILLA BOMBING CRACK

Thirty minutes later it exploded in an abandoned car.

A Royal Ulster Constabulary officer on the spot said: "It was sheer bloody murder. It was calculated to massacre people."

Last night, no one had admitted planting the bomb but suspicions were growing that it was the work of a breakaway IRA group which rejects the entire peace process \_ possibly the "Real IRA".

Its aim is a united Ireland independent of Britain and they see the Provisional IRA and Sinn Fein leaders such as Mr Adams as traitors.

Thought to have about 100 members, the group split from the Provisional IRA last October in opposition to the Stormont peace talks which led to the Good Friday peace agreement.

Two other splinter groups, the Irish National Liberation Army and the Continuity IRA \_ also have opposed the peace settlement.

Sunday's huge bomb blew up outside the Nicholls and Shiels drapery store on the corner of High Street and Market Street, which was packed with families doing their shopping.

Shocked men, women and children ran for their lives screaming.

Desperate police officers ran into a shop and grabbed nappies to use as bandages to stem the bleeding of the wounded.

The local Tyrone County hospital appealed for all off-duty staff to return immediately to deal with the major disaster and emergency services converged on the town from all over the province.

"Everyone was running round trying to help people," said Dorothy Boyle, 59, who lives in the town. "I saw bodies lying everywhere, dead people being zipped into bags. The bodies were lying there with water running over them from burst pipes.

"There were limbs lying about that had been blown off people.

"There was a girl in a wheelchair who was in a bad way, screaming for help.

"There were people with cuts on their heads, bleeding. One young boy had half of his leg completely blown off. He didn't cry or anything. He was just in a complete state of shock."

Other witnesses said the local priest had been called to the hospital to administer the last rites to people who were dying.

"He said he had never seen anything like it when he got in there," said Trevor Kane. "There was just screaming and blood everywhere."

Mr Kane said he believed there were children and a pregnant woman among the injured.

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## *Clinton highlights Irish economy as prize of peace*

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President Bill Clinton and his Irish friends turned Friday from the turmoil in Northern Ireland to the Irish Republic's thriving economy, holding it up as the prize of peace.

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern credited Clinton and his role in brokering the Good Friday peace accord with boosting the promise of prosperity for Northern Ireland.

"He's laid down for us for all of us that there is a path to follow and if we are sensible, if we're brave and we follow that path, then the reward is peace and stability and confidence. If we don't, well, then the future is as gloomy as the past," Ahern said at a picture-taking session with Clinton before their private meeting.

Clinton said the Irish can set an example for warring peoples in the Middle East and elsewhere. "The potential impact of resolving this could wash over many more people than live on this island," he said.

His talks with Ahern focused on the momentum in Northern Ireland to work out a new governing formula for parties there and on the province's ties to Britain and the Irish Republic, White House spokesman Mike McCurry said.

From central Dublin's Government Buildings, Clinton was heading to a tour of the Gateway 2000 computer plant in order to highlight business opportunities in Ireland.

Clinton met with Ireland's business and political leaders as new anti-terrorist laws took effect in Ireland and Britain Friday. The legislation is expected to bolster political efforts by Protestants and Catholics to make peace in Northern Ireland after 30 years of conflict.

With this trip meant to nudge along the infant peace pact, Clinton was asked whether he expected to visit the Irish again.

"For for the sake of the peace processs, I hope not. But for my own sake, I hope so," he said, laughingly suggesting that next time he would come more as tourist than enforcer.

Of the fragile peace process, Clinton said, "I hope it will be institutionalized and off and going."

The showers of Irish praise for Clinton on this tour were briefly interrupted with a jolt this morning as Clinton again faced criticism about his handling of the Monica Lewinsky affair.

## Clinton highlights Irish economy as prize of peace

Standing before news cameras with Ahern at his side, Clinton was peppered with reporters' questions about Democratic Sen. Joseph Lieberman's call for a formal "public rebuke." For the first time since admitting an inappropriate relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, Clinton publicly used the words "I'm sorry" in expressing regret for his actions.

U.S. investment has been a major factor in the growth of the Irish economy. Trade between the two countries last year was worth about dlr 12 billion, a 19 percent increase over 1996.

Attracting foreign investment and its stabilizing effects was similarly a theme in Northern Ireland, which Clinton visited before traveling to the Republic late Thursday.

"Visit here and we will welcome you; invest here and we will work with you. And if they didn't already know it, let the rest of the world take note: Northern Ireland is back in business," David Trimble, first minister designate of the province's new assembly, declared.

The president came to Dublin from Omagh, Northern Ireland, where he was "very touched" by his walk down the street where 28 people, mostly women and children, were killed and hundreds wounded in an Aug. 15 attack.

The car bombing, Northern Ireland's worst terror attack, was blamed on Irish Republican Army extremists trying to wreck Northern Ireland's peace agreement.

The new anti-terrorist law, written in the wake of the attack, became law in Ireland late Thursday while in Britain the legislation was sent to the queen for her signature, a formality for the measure to become law.

Both governments sought passage of the bills during Clinton's visit.

Following the meeting with Ahern and a lunch reception at the Royal College of Surgeons, Clinton was heading to Gateway's Dublin plant, which employs 1,300 people primarily producing personal computers for the European market. Gateway is considered a symbol of the decade-long economic boom that has seen American corporations build facilities in Ireland to service the European market.

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## *March supporters repelled after probing police lines EDS: UPDATES with polic*

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Police who have blocked Protestant marchers at a rural church fired plastic bullets Thursday morning to repel protesters who briefly broke through a security line. No injuries were reported.

The clash came hours before leaders of the Orange Order were to meet British Prime Minister Tony Blair in London in hopes of winning permission for a contentious march to go through a hostile Catholic neighborhood.

Blair has said he will not reverse a decision by Northern Ireland's Parades Commission barring the Orangemen from marching on the Garvaghy Road in Portadown, where Catholic residents say the Protestant marchers are not welcome. The Garvaghy Road march has sparked violent clashes the past three summers.

Overnight, police and soldiers were the target of gunfire and bombs at Newtownabbey, 5 miles (8 kms) north of Belfast, and in Portadown, and stolen vehicles were set afire as Protestant hard-liners mounted a fourth night of protest. Six men were arrested.

But police said it was the quietest night since Sunday, when they stopped the Orange march at the Anglican church at Drumcree, outside Portadown.

With upwards of 8,000 Orangemen and supporters massed in fields around the church, police said one group cut down a tree and used it as a bridge across the first of three security lines. Protesters retreated after police fired a dozen plastic bullets the first such action near the church since the march was stopped.

Police said they seized gasoline bombs in Carrickfergus, 12 miles (20 kilometers) northeast of Belfast, and bottles of concentrated nitric acid in Glarryford, 30 miles (50 kilometers) northwest of Belfast. Police said they believed the acid was intended to be used against them.

As of midday Wednesday, police reported a dozen shootings, two dozen grenade blasts, 73 homes of Catholics or police officers vandalized, 93 businesses and schools damaged by fire, 136 vehicles stolen and burned and another 279 damaged, 44 officers and an unknown number of rioters wounded.

"I think we are moving into a very, very dangerous situation whereby we could even come to the stage of a complete confrontation between the Orange and the army and police," David Jones, a spokesman for the Orange Order in Portadown, said Wednesday.

March supporters repelled after probing police lines EDS: UPDATES with polic

"That is a situation no one wants to see but the closer we come to the weekend and the 12th of July makes it a lot more difficult. That's why Tony Blair needs to be aware the clock is ticking and it is ticking fast and he doesn't have much time left."

The 12th of July, the anniversary of the Protestant King William's victory over the Catholic King James II at the Battle of the Boyne in 1690, is one of the most volatile and contentious dates in Northern Ireland. Across the province, members of the Orange Order march with fife and drum marches which many Catholics regard as swaggering demonstrations of Protestant dominance.

Orange leaders say they have a right to follow the same route they have used since 1807, and they have refused to meet with the leader of the Garvaghy Road protesters, a former ***Irish Republican Army*** prisoner.

"A little bit of tolerance could have been shown here and that parade could have gone down in 10 minutes and this would have all been over by now," said Connie Tedford, whose husband is among the marchers. She joined about a hundred ***women*** and children in a demonstration in Portadown Wednesday, before walking to the church.

Catholics opposed to Protestant marches along south Belfast's Ormeau Road took the Parades Commission to court Wednesday to challenge its decision permitting a small Orange parade next Monday.

Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, met Wednesday with British Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam, and said he was assured that "they will not force a march down Garvaghy Road," as happened in 1996 after four nights of Protestant mayhem.

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## *It was all a mistake / A novice panicked and blew up Omagh*

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### **Body**

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THE Omagh bomb that killed 28 people was "a tragic accident" hardline Republicans in this border town in the Republic of Ireland say, a mistake made by an inexperienced terrorist who parked the car bomb in the wrong place and then lost his nerve.

This account of the atrocity is backed up by sources in Belfast who said that the bomb was destined for the empty car park behind the Omagh courthouse, where it would explode, probably without any loss of life, on a holiday Saturday.

If one or two passers-by had died, according to my sources, they would have been considered as explainable "collateral damage". Now, everyone in the Republican movement along the Ulster-Eire border who is prepared to speak says that the Omagh bomb has been the greatest debacle in the history of what they call The War.

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First reliable accounts say the mission was entrusted to a young man, in his early 20s, with little experience.

The Real ***Irish Republican Army***, the splinter group from the Provisional IRA that planted the bomb, is low on soldiers and experience. This one, the story goes, panicked.

It made for a gloomy and tragic series of events. He ignored his backup cars, and his controllers themselves did not know there was a street carnival in Omagh on Saturday. Confronted with police one-way systems, and with the street to the courthouse closed -the sources said -the young man parked his stolen Vauxhall Astra in Market St.

But, his terrorist cohorts already had telephoned a coded warning to a Belfast news organisation, saying the car was behind the courthouse.

By the time the driver called them -himself by now frantic with a plot unravelling beyond his control -it was too late. The victims had run away from the bomb that didn't exist into the killing explosion of the one that did.

This mistake meant that back-up getaway cars were in the wrong place. Nobody could be alerted. In dismay -not for the victims, but for themselves -the Real IRA waited helplessly for the killer bomb to explode. The rest we now know, 28 dead, most ***women*** and children.

This frightful mess by the RIRA may have, in the end, the desired effect of putting an end to them forever. In the Republican movement, the bombing is seen as an act of gross stupidity and inhumanity. A leading supporter, if not

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member, of the Provisional IRA -the IRA's senior body -told me this was the worst moment in his lifelong commitment to the Irish Republican cause.

"The Good Friday accords meant the war is over. To me the war is over, and to the IRA the war is over. To Sinn Fein, the war is over. For God's sake let it be over. And for God's sake let us all pray this was a mistake, and not deliberate. If it was deliberate, we are in deep shit. In fact, we are doomed." The first funerals were being scheduled last night in a province that remains stunned.

Belfast streets were empty, and church bells ran all day. In Omagh, the relatives of victims lined up to talk, if they could, to Ulster TV about what had happened to them.

The family of a mother and young daughter killed in a terrorist car bombing prepared to say goodbye yesterday in the first in a long line of funerals.

The carnage and confusion that reigned on Omagh's Market St after the 200kg car bomb exploded meant the bodies were not released to their loved ones until yesterday.

"I'm sure we'll have a series of funerals through the week," said Father Lawrence Dawson.

The Catholic parish priest presided over back-to-back services yesterday in nearby Augher for Avril Monaghan, 30, pregnant with twins, and her 18-month-old daughter Maura.

Mrs Monaghan's mother, Mary Grimes, 65, also was killed in the bombing. She will be buried today.

The Irish Republic town of Buncrana almost came to a standstill as the hearses bearing the coffins of three local boys killed in the bombing arrived home last night.

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## ***Irish National Liberation Army announces cease-fire***

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The Irish National Liberation Army, a small but vicious anti-British gang opposed to the Belfast peace agreement, announced a cease-fire Saturday and apologized for killing innocent people.

The outlawed group made its announcement hours before the people of Ireland, north and south alike, prepared to observe a minute's silence in memory of the 28 people slain in last weekend's car bomb in Omagh. That attack was carried out by different anti-British gang nicknamed the "Real IRA."

The INLA statement will come as a significant boost to restoring confidence in Northern Ireland's search for peace.

The paramilitary group's last admitted violent act was June 25, when a car bomb destroyed part of the border town of Newtownhamilton, wounding 11 people.

The development follows the ***Irish Republican Army*** cease-fire of July 1997 and the announcement Wednesday by the Real IRA dissidents to observe their own "suspension" of attacks in British-ruled Northern Ireland.

The INLA statement announced at the west Belfast headquarters of its political representatives, the Irish Republican Socialist Party means that only one anti-British group, the Continuity IRA, has yet to call a truce.

"We acknowledge and admit faults and grievous errors in our prosecution of the war," the statement said.

"Innocent people were killed and injured and at times our actions as a liberation army fell far short of what they should have been," it added. "or this we as republicans, as socialists and as revolutionaries offer a sincere and heartfelt apology."

The INLA has killed more than 150 people since its foundation in 1975 during the IRA's first lengthy truce.

Its goal, like the IRA's, was to abolish Northern Ireland as a Protestant-majority state linked with Britain. Its deadliest attack came in 1982 when it bombed a rural disco frequented by off-duty British troops, killing 11 soldiers and six Protestant **women**.

The INLA frequently suffered from fratricidal in-fighting. Its former commander, Gino Gallagher, was assassinated in Belfast last year by comrades arguing about how to split the proceeds from drug-dealing and other criminal rackets.

## Irish National Liberation Army announces cease-fire

The leaders of Ireland's four largest Christian denominations \_ Catholic, Presbyterian, Anglican and Methodist have called for Ireland's 5.2 million people to fall silent at 3:10 p.m. (1410GMT), exactly one week after a car bomb planted by the Real IRA killed 28 people and wounded more than 330 in the town 70 miles (110 kms) west of Belfast.

Omagh itself was the focus of Saturday's "Acts of Prayerful Reflection."

"We want to say with as loud a voice as possible that evil is not going to defeat us and that good will prevail," said a Presbyterian minister in Omagh, the Rev. Robert Herron.

Ministers will lead ecumenical prayers in public places in at least 40 other towns across Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic.

"We must all go out in huge numbers if we can. It will be an important act of solidarity at this difficult time," said Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, who will visit patients in Omagh's Tyrone County Hospital after attending the ceremony.

In a symbol of new life amid so much death, a 21-year-old Protestant woman, Nicola Emery, who suffered leg wounds in the blast gave birth Friday in another hospital to a 7-pound, 6-ounce (3.3 kg) baby girl.

"I hope that the wee girl can grow up without any violence, without bombs and can be safe," said Michael Mulholland, the baby's father.

Public revulsion against the dissidents who refused to accept the IRA's July 1997 truce was demonstrated Friday in the Irish Republic border town of Dundalk, where several hundred people rallied in support of the Omagh victims.

Bernadette Sands-McKevitt, the political activist most prominently associated with the dissidents, was prevented from opening up her picture-frame and printing shop in a Dundalk shopping mall.

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## **10 Held in Foiled London Bombing**

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Police in Britain and Ireland were holding 10 alleged members of IRA splinter groups today after thwarting a bombing attack on the British capital that underscores the determination of hard-line groups to wreck Northern Ireland's recent landmark peace agreement.

London was "within minutes" of being attacked, said deputy Assistant Commissioner John Grieve, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch. He gave no details on possible targets or how many explosive devices were found.

Scotland Yard said it would not release further details today, and would not identify the four men and two women being questioned in London. They are being held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, which permits police to keep them in custody for seven days without charge.

The six arrests in London on Friday followed raids by police in Dublin, Wexford and Dundalk, all in the Republic of Ireland, in which four people were taken into custody, authorities said. Irish police said they could hold those four suspects for 48 hours without charge. None has been identified.

The Irish police operation, which had been under way for months, targeted "dissident criminal Irish republican terrorist groups" intent on foiling the April peace accord, said Grieve. Those groups have refused to observe cease-fires called by Northern Ireland's main paramilitaries, including the **Irish Republican Army**.

Information uncovered during the seizures in Ireland prompted police there to contact British authorities, leading to Friday afternoon's arrests in London.

Grieve said three men arrested near university buildings in the British capital had explosive devices that were ready for use. Witnesses said police descended on the area, south of the River Thames, brandishing guns and arrested two of the men within yards of each other outside a local supermarket.

"I saw them yell at a studenty-looking man, who was carrying a rucksack, 'Put the bag on the floor!' When he did that they shouted, 'Get down on the floor! Get down on the floor!'" said Ann-Marie Wholey, 14. "I stayed watching for what seemed like a few minutes. I just couldn't move. Then one of the men with a gun turned round and said, 'Get down the street, just move, move.'"

Later, a woman was apprehended near Oxford Street, one of the capital's busiest shopping districts, and a man and woman were seized near the new multimillion-dollar British Library, Scotland Yard said.

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No shots were fired and no one was injured during the arrests.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his Irish counterpart, Bertie Ahern, congratulated the authorities Friday after the arrests. Ahern added that his government "will continue to underpin the peace process by tackling the terrorist threat from whatever source."

IRA dissidents have rejected the peace agreement, even though the IRA called a truce in July 1997 and its allied Sinn Fein party was one of the eight political parties that took part in negotiations with the British and Irish governments to forge the pact.

The agreement, ratified by voters in May, set up a new assembly in the province with power-sharing between Catholics and Protestants. IRA dissidents have said they will settle for nothing short of an end to British rule in Northern Ireland and a unified island.

They have mainly staged attacks in Northern Ireland, although Irish police intercepted a car packed with explosives just before it was to board a ferry for England in April.

Before its truce, the IRA had often struck in London sometimes with small bombs or incendiary devices, and occasionally with large and devastating bombs.

The group bombed Hyde Park in 1982, Harrods department store in 1983 and the London Stock Exchange in 1990. In 1991, mortar shell fired from an abandoned van exploded 50 feet behind 10 Downing St., the prime minister's official residence.

The IRA called a truce in 1994, but broke it in February 1996 with a bomb in London's Docklands business area that killed two men and wounded scores of people. The IRA blamed foot-dragging by the British over peace talks for the reversion to violence.

The group resumed a cease-fire in July 1997, which it has maintained since.

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## **Nireland's INLA Announce Cease-Fire**

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The outlawed group made its announcement hours before the people of Ireland, north and south alike, observed a minute's silence in memory of the 28 people slain in last weekend's car bombing in Omagh.

Thousands of people lined the streets in the shaken city to remember those killed.

Another anti-British group, dubbed the Real IRA, claimed responsibility for that attack.

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"Innocent people were killed and injured and at times our actions as a liberation army fell far short of what they should have been," it added. "For this we as republicans, as socialists and as revolutionaries offer a sincere and heartfelt apology."

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern called the cease-fire pledge "good news at the end of a bleak and tragic week."

The INLA has killed more than 150 people since its founding in 1975 during the IRA's first lengthy truce.

The development follows the **Irish Republican Army** cease-fire of July 1997 and the announcement Wednesday by the Real IRA dissidents to observe their own "suspension" of attacks in British-ruled Northern Ireland.

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But the INLA frequently suffered from infighting. The group's former commander, Gino Gallagher, was assassinated in Belfast last year by comrades arguing about how to split the proceeds from drug dealing and other criminal rackets.

The moment of silence was called for by the leaders of Ireland's four largest Christian denominations Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Anglican and Methodist.

Ministers will lead ecumenical prayers in at least 40 towns across Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic, but the main focus will be Omagh itself.

"We want to say with as loud a voice as possible that evil is not going to defeat us and that good will prevail," said a Presbyterian minister in Omagh, the Rev. Robert Herron, who is helping organize the ceremony.

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Sands-McKevitt, sister of late IRA hunger strike leader Bobby Sands, is a leader of a legal pressure group that opposes the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party's acceptance of an April agreement outlining a new compromise government for Northern Ireland.

She has condemned the killing of civilians in Omagh.

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Sources: Lewinsky To Testify Again

WASHINGTON (AP)

Monica Lewinsky was summoned back to the grand jury in the aftermath of President Clinton's testimony that they had a relationship that was "wrong," sources familiar with the request said, speaking on condition of anonymity. One day after her husband acknowledged his link to the former White House intern, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton said through a spokeswoman that she is "committed to her marriage and loves her husband." Backers rallied around the president in TV shows, amplifying his plea for an end to the investigation by Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr that turned from Clinton's financial affairs to his private life. But there was no flood of support from members of Congress.

Former Clinton Aide Testifies

WASHINGTON (AP)

Kenneth Starr's grand jury, which yesterday heard from President Clinton, is back at work today and hearing testimony from former Clinton adviser Dick Morris. Morris, who resigned his position after a prostitute revealed a long-time affair with him, said he expected questions about his conversations with Clinton in the two or three days after the Monica Lewinsky story broke in January.

Albright Compares Bombings to War

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright donned a hard hat to walk through the bombed-out U.S. embassies, pledging to fight terrorism. "It's a war. That's what it looks like," said a grim Albright. Albright pledged to seek emergency funding from Congress next month to pay for re-establishing embassy operations in Tanzania and Kenya and to compensate families that "suffered irreparable harm."

'Real IRA' Claims Bombing

OMAGH, Northern Ireland (AP)

AP Top News at 4 p.m. EDT Tuesday, Aug. 18, 1998

The "Real IRA," a splinter group opposed to Northern Ireland's peace accord, today claimed responsibility for the Omagh bombing that killed 28 people and injured 220, and apologized for the huge civilian casualty. The group comprises defectors from the **Irish Republican Army** opposed to April's peace agreement providing for power-sharing between Protestants and Catholics in this British province. Meanwhile, Prince Charles was among the mourners today as a mother and her young daughter were laid to rest, the first in a long line of funerals for victims of the bombing.

#### Baby Switch Is Confirmed

BUENA VISTA, Va. (AP)

A genetic test proves that Rebecca Grace Chittum, one of two girls apparently switched at birth in 1995, is the biological daughter of the woman who has been raising the other little girl, a lawyer involved with the case said today. Earlier blood tests had shown that Callie Marie Johnson, the girl being raised by Paula K. Johnson, was not her biological daughter, and authorities suspected that Rebecca was switched with Callie at birth in June 1995. A test to determine whether Callie is the biological child of Ms. Rogers and Kevin Chittum is not expected until later this week. Ms. Rogers and Chittum were killed in a car crash last month.

#### Fed Leaves Interest Rates Alone

WASHINGTON (AP)

Federal Reserve policy-makers today chose to keep short-term interest rates unchanged. The rate on overnight loans between banks has been at 5.5 percent since March 1997.

#### Prices Rose 0.2 Percent Last Month

WASHINGTON (AP)

Tobacco, tomatoes, autos and air fare cost more in July but price drops for computers, clothing and gasoline helped to slow inflation. The Labor Department said the Consumer Price Index rose 0.2 percent last month and inflation is at a scant 1.5 percent annual rate.

#### Dow Up 145.98

NEW YORK (AP)

Technology stocks led a broad advance today on Wall Street. Just before the close, the Dow industrials were at 8,720.83, up 145.98. Advancing issues on the New York Stock Exchange led decliners 2,055-964. The Nasdaq was at 1,857.19, up 39.15.

#### E. German Swim Doping Admitted

BERLIN (AP)

Five former sports officials admitted they administered performance-enhancing drugs to East German **female** swimmers, but said they were unaware of any damaging side-effects. Two doctors and three coaches are charged with causing bodily harm to as many as 17 young **female** swimmers on East Germany's TSC Berlin team from 1978 to 1989.

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## **Bomb-Ravaged N. Ireland Grieves**

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While Northern Ireland's leaders vowed revenge on the bombers who killed at least 28 people and injured 220, the little town of Omagh struggled to come to grips with its entry into the province's grim history books.

Meanwhile, police arrested five suspects at dawn today in their homes near Omagh, said an officer in the Royal Ulster Constabulary, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The officer cautioned that the charges against the suspects were not imminent. Under Northern Ireland's anti-terrorist law, they could be questioned for up to a week before being charged or released.

On Sunday, each of the 2,000 residents of Omagh seemed to have a story to tell, offered in flat tones of disbelief: a school chum who won't be in class next month; a father and son who no longer will enliven a neighborhood; a shopkeeper who never again will greet customers with a ready smile.

"I don't understand why I'm living," said Jim Sharkey, who was knocked off his feet at his newsstand on bustling Market Street when the 500-pound car bomb exploded Saturday in the worst terrorist strike in Northern Ireland's history.

"How does this town deal with this?" asked the Rev. Michael Keaveny of Omagh's Sacred Heart Catholic Church, outside the makeshift headquarters where the dead, wounded and missing are being tracked.

Three generations of one family are gone: Avril Monaghan, 30, her 18-month-old daughter Maura and her mother Mary Grimes, 65, who had been visiting from nearby towns to shop on Market Street. Mrs. Monaghan was pregnant with twins.

A 12-year-old boy from Madrid who was visiting Ireland to learn English died, as did his female teacher twice his age. The two Spaniards had decided at the last minute to put off visiting a historical park to do some shopping.

Also killed was 39-year-old Philomena Skelton, who had been seeking a school uniform for her youngest daughter. Kevin Skelton was overcome with disbelief when he went to the morgue to formally identify his wife of 20 years.

She "hadn't a mark on her face," he said.

## Bomb-Ravaged N. Ireland Grieves

British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his Irish counterpart, Bertie Ahern, emerged Sunday from an hour-long meeting in Belfast, about 70 miles east of Omagh, vowing to work together to hunt down the bombers believed to belong to a renegade **Irish Republican Army** offshoot opposed to April's peace agreement.

"The purpose of that bombing was to destroy the work, destroy the hope and the agreement we built up," Blair said. "Our determination has got to be that these people will never win, and that democracy will triumph over evil."

Ronnie Flanagan, the head of Northern Ireland's police force, planned to team up today with his Irish counterpart, Pat Byrne, to assess security across the island.

Their recommendations will be forwarded to Blair and Ahern, who has refused to rule out the reintroduction of one of the most draconian responses available to his government under emergency powers: detention of terrorist suspects without trial.

Blair's spokesman would not discuss whether the measure might be brought back to Northern Ireland.

Exacerbating the carnage and the outrage was the misleading phone warning that caused police to unwittingly herd a large crowd, some attracted by a town festival, toward the full brunt of the blast.

Mary McAleese, the first Northern Ireland native to be elected president of the Irish Republic, traveled to Omagh on Sunday to condemn the bombers as "a posse of serial killers" who planted their device amid "a scene of simple, humble innocence."

Market Street remained sealed off, yet with signs that something terrible had taken place: a mangled baby carriage parked amid the rubble of a collapsing storefront, half-eaten meals abandoned on the tables of a cafe, diapers scattered pell-mell in the road.

Mairead Thompson brought her eight children from nearby Londonderry to view the devastation, to show what hate can do.

She said she hopes for the best, but fears Omagh a religiously mixed town that saw relatively little trouble before is forever marked.

"You can sense it already today, the change," she said, sweeping her arm around to underscore the unnatural quiet of the streets. "The silence."

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A summary of top world news today:

WASHINGTON - The thunderclap of cruise missile strikes against targets in Afghanistan and Sudan signalled what U.S. President Bill Clinton said would be a lengthy war on terrorists who bombed two U.S. embassies in Africa and were planning still more attacks.

-BODY- Calling Thursday's strike a preemptive measure, U.S. officials nevertheless warned that the military action almost certainly would provoke a terrorist response.

Some U.S. airports tightened security immediately, and the CIA told senior Clinton administration officials that the prospect of retaliation against Americans overseas was "very, very high." The State Department urged U.S. citizens travelling or residing abroad to remain alert and to exercise much greater caution than they usually would.

The FBI issued a countrywide alert to U.S. law enforcement officials to watch for signs of terrorist action.

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Divided over U.S. President Bill Clinton's personal life, critics and supporters in Congress are mostly united behind his decision to bomb terrorist targets in Afghanistan and Sudan.

"This does not involve the president of the United States," said Nevada Democratic Senator Harry Reid. "It involves the security of our nation."

But there were discordant voices in the choir. While some of the country's most prominent Republicans rallied behind Clinton, others questioned the timing of Thursday's attacks - just three days after the president admitted having an improper relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

"Because this president has broken his bond of trust with the American people, his motives will be suspect in every action he takes - both at home and abroad," said Republican Nebraska Representative Jon Christensen, nonetheless adding that he supported the bombings.

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BELFAST - Police have appealed for public help in identifying two men spotted parking and then walking nonchalantly away from the car carrying a bomb that killed 28 people in Northern Ireland.

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But police Thursday also freed three of the five men who had been arrested in the effort to track down the **Irish Republican Army** dissidents responsible for last Saturday's blast, the deadliest terrorist attack in Northern Ireland since the conflict here began in 1969.

Under British-anti-terrorist law, the two remaining suspects can be held for up to a week before being released or charged.

The police moves Thursday came after three days of funerals for all the civilians - two infant girls, nine teenagers, 12 **women** and five men, Protestant and Catholic alike - slain Saturday. More than 330 people were wounded in the attack.

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HEBRON, West Bank - Israeli troops sealed off the West Bank city of Hebron today while searching for a suspected Palestinian assailant who stabbed a Jewish settler to death and torched his home.

The army said it was barring Palestinians from entering and leaving the volatile city following the late-night killing of Rabbi Shlomo Raanan, 63-year-old grandson of a spiritual leader of Israel's settler movement.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced he would cut short a holiday in northern Israel, returning to Jerusalem in the afternoon for consultations in the face of tensions.

President Yasser Arafat promised Netanyahu's adviser, lawyer Yitzhak Molho, that he would order Palestinian police to take all steps to help catch the killer, Bushinsky said.

Early today, about 20 Palestinians took to the streets hurling rocks and bottles at Israeli soldiers. Palestinian police tried to break up the disturbance, witnesses said.

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WASHINGTON - Scientists have literally peered inside the human brain at the split second it creates a memory to discover which parts of your brain determine what you remember and what you forget.

In a unique pair of studies at Harvard and Stanford universities, researchers used sophisticated imaging techniques to measure people's neural activity - and accurately predicted in advance whether they would make a memory.

The findings "mark a significant step forward," said memory expert Michael Rugg of the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, who critiqued the studies, which were published today in the journal Science.

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What's ahead

Aug. 31

First anniversary of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales.

Sept. 5

London - Quebec Deputy Premier Bernard Landry visits London to speak to business people.

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## *Loss in N. Ireland blast 'cut through all classes'*

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At about 11 a.m. Monday, Tom Watterson emerged through his shop door and quickly turned to post a sign on the metal security screen covering his store windows.

Wattersons is a small dry goods store. Since Sunday, a neat handwritten sign has been taped to the screen saying the store would be closed until the funerals of the people killed in the bombing 200 yards up the road from Wattersons.

But by Monday morning, the work of identifying the dead had produced enough information for an update. Accordingly, Watterson posted a new sign.

Written in neat black ink, the sign said the store would be closed until the funerals of three "respected and totally dedicated members of staff who died so tragically on Sat. 15th August 1998."

Best friends Geraldine Breslin, a Catholic, and Anne McCombe, a Protestant, on Saturday had taken their lunch break from Wattersons together and headed up the street. A few minutes later, they were killed in the blast of a 500-pound bomb hidden in a stolen car parked on Market Street. Also among the dead from Wattersons is Veda Short, a grandmother.

Omagh, which became acutely aware of its loss Monday, long has been a place where people from different backgrounds got along, developed friendships and tended to the day-to-day issues of life in peace. "That's the thing," said Sean Clarke, chairman of the Omagh Council and a member of the Sinn Fein political party. "The bomb cut through all classes and creeds."

The death toll in the worst terrorist attack in the 30-year conflict here remained at 28. The count includes nine children --- including two babies --- 14 women and five men. Eight people are still in critical condition, but expected by hospital officials to survive. Another 100 were still hospitalized.

In an early morning raid, police arrested five men near Omagh in connection with the bombing, but it was not clear whether they were being held for questioning or as suspects. Under Northern Ireland's anti-terrorist law, they could be questioned for up to a week before being charged or released.

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Francis Mackey, leader of a group under suspicion in the bombing, denied the organization was to blame. His 19-year-old son, Shane, was one of those arrested. Mackey is chairman of the 32 County Sovereignty Committee, which denies allegations it is affiliated with the "Real IRA," a splinter group that broke away from the **Irish Republican Army** in opposition to the IRA's cease-fire in support of the peace process.

No one has claimed responsibility for the attack. Investigators continued to study the shards of bricks, boards and glass for evidence.

Authorities in Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic met much of the day to develop strategies for bringing those responsible to justice.

Dozens of people streamed into the small town carrying flowers, many of them with notes attached. Hundreds of small bouquets were left near Wattersons, where people congregated to read the messages and speak somberly among themselves.

The flood of condemnation continued. "This is a fanatic group, a minority group acting in a savage and wild way," Spanish Deputy Prime Minister Fernando Alvarez Cascos said after touring the town center. "All people living and believing in democracy should be fighting together this kind of thing in solidarity." One boy from Spain was killed and 11 Spanish children, here on an exchange visit, were injured in the blast.

Even though there is much political work to be done to salvage the fragile peace process, that was a task many people wanted to put off.

"That's tomorrow's job," said Barry McElduff, a local Sinn Fein representative. "Today's job is to bury the dead."

## Graphic

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Photo :

An unidentified boy studies a row of flowers placed outside a shop in Omagh, Northern Ireland --- tokens of respect for Saturday's bomb victims. / FINDLAY KEMBER / Associated Press

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## **'Real IRA' Admits to Deadly Bombing**

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The "Real IRA," a splinter group opposed to Northern Ireland's peace accord, admitted Tuesday that it carried out the bombing that killed 28 people and injured 220. It apologized for the deaths, saying its warnings were not properly followed.

"Despite media reports, it was not our intention at any time to kill any civilians," the group said in a statement telephoned to a newspaper in Dublin. "It was a commercial target, part of an ongoing war against the Brits."

"We offer apologies to these civilians," the statement added.

Britain's top official in the province, who was accompanying Prince Charles on a tour of this shattered town, denounced the apology as a "pathetic attempt to ... excuse mass murder."

"It is contemptible and it is an insult to the people of Omagh," said Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam. "The sole responsibility lies with the bombers and we and the Irish government will continue to do what we can to hunt them down."

The police and Ulster Television in Belfast also rejected the group's claim that it gave clear warnings.

The splinter group called the Dublin office of a Northern Ireland newspaper, Irish News, using a recognized codeword.

News media said the claim appeared authentic and reflected embarrassment over Saturday's bombing, which killed mainly women and children and was the deadliest attack in three decades of sectarian conflict.

On Monday, police arrested five suspected members of the "Real IRA," which rejects the peace accord approved by the Irish Republican Army and its political ally Sinn Fein because the pact does not provide for a united Ireland. The reputed commander is a former IRA commander, Michael McKevitt, who broke away in October.

"Real IRA" said it warned Ulster Television twice and a branch of the Samaritans that the bomb was 300 to 400 yards from Omagh's courthouse.

However, both the police and Ulster TV said the warnings stipulated the bomb was at the courthouse. Police cordoned off the building, unwittingly driving people closer to the blast in crowded shops of Market Street. The Royal Ulster Constabulary reiterated Tuesday that the warnings said the bomb was "near the courthouse."

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As dusk fell, 5,000 people gathered in the center of Omagh in a candlelit vigil for the victims.

Earlier in Augher, a tiny, grieving village 15 miles south of Omagh, 30-year-old Avril Monaghan and her 18-month-old daughter Maura were laid to rest in a hilltop rural cemetery, the first of a string of funerals. At least 12 more victims, including Mrs. Monaghan's 65-year-old mother, will be buried Wednesday.

The brown wooden casket of the young woman, heavily pregnant with twin daughters, dwarfed the white coffin of her child as the procession entered St. Macartan's Roman Catholic church.

Her husband, Michael, clasped the couple's other young children, two girls and a boy, and joined in singing "My soul is longing for peace" at the Requiem Mass.

"We are bereaved as a nation as a whole, Protestant and Catholic," said Bishop James Duffy.

The Rev. James Grimes, Mrs. Monaghan's uncle and one of the priests who celebrated the Mass, prayed that the Omagh tragedy "would be the last of the terrible agonies our people have suffered over the past 30 years."

Such hopes have risen from the despair of every mass killing in Northern Ireland.

After visiting with some bombing victims who were still hospitalized, Charles recalled the IRA's 1979 assassination of his great-uncle Lord Mountbatten.

"I remember hoping 19 years ago that something positive would come out of that," Charles said. "But unfortunately things have gone on. Let us pray this time will be an end to all the horrors that poor Ireland has had to suffer."

In Madrid, 250 people gathered Tuesday for the funerals of 12-year-old Fernando Blasco and Rocio Abad Ramos, 23, the two Spaniards killed in the Omagh car-bomb blast. The two had been on an exchange visit to Ireland to improve their English. Twelve Spaniards were among the injured.

The British and Irish governments have pledged to do all they can to track down the bombers. They are discussing changing laws to make it easier to convict suspected terrorists.

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In Washington, Mike McCurry, the White House press secretary, said the violence "runs contrary to the express wishes of the people of Northern Ireland who have now twice voted for peace over violence,"

He said some "have not gotten the message yet."

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It would have been the first terrorist strike on the British mainland since Northern Ireland's peace agreement: Irish republican dissidents with explosives were heading to targets across London at the height of rush-hour. With just minutes to spare, police say, they swooped in and foiled the plot.

Government leaders, ordinary Britons and the media praised British and Irish security forces Saturday for a slick joint operation credited with saving lives. "Minutes From A Massacre," said the banner headline in The Sun, Britain's largest-circulation tabloid. "Police Foil Terrorist Bomb Plot in London," echoed The Daily Telegraph, a conservative broadsheet.

The police action began Friday morning with a raid in the Irish town of Dundalk that authorities said uncovered guns, ammunition, bomb parts and important documents. By Friday evening, four people were under arrest in the Irish Republic and six in London three of them in possession of explosive devices.

The four men and two women arrested in London were questioned Saturday and can be held without charge for up to seven days under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. The four people arrested in the Irish cities of Dublin, Dundalk and Wexford can be held for 48 hours without charge.

None has been identified.

Scotland Yard's Deputy Assistant Commissioner John Grieve, head of the anti-terrorist branch, said the arrests were the result of "prolonged investigation into dissident criminal Irish republican terrorist groups" but police were not saying which splinter group or groups were involved or releasing any details of the arrests.

Media speculation in Britain and on both sides of the Irish border focused on the so-called Real IRA, whose leader is believed to be the IRA's reputed former chief quartermaster. Michael McKevitt defected from the **Irish Republican Army** leadership in October after unsuccessfully challenging the IRA-allied Sinn Fein Party's support for Northern Ireland's peace process.

IRA dissidents have said they will settle for nothing short of a union between Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic. They have attacked mainly in Northern Ireland, although Irish police in April intercepted a car packed with explosives just before it was to board a ferry to Britain and arrested several members of the Real IRA.

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The Guardian, a liberal broadsheet, said the arrests indicate that the Real IRA "appears to have been either deeply infiltrated by the security forces or at least kept under very close surveillance."

Ever since the April peace agreement, which was approved by 71.1 percent of Northern Ireland's population, security services have been concerned that dissident republican groups opposed to the accord might resort to violence.

Friday's bombings would have taken place during the worst week of violence in Northern Ireland since the peace agreement sparked by a government commission's ban on Protestants marching through a Catholic neighborhood in Portadown, 25 miles (40 kms) southwest of Belfast.

"The critical timing of the (foiled) attack ... could only have been designed to put further pressure on the peace process and provoke reaction by hard-line loyalists already on edge over the events in Portadown," The Independent, a liberal broadsheet, said Saturday.

The attacks appeared timed to create maximum impact.

The evening rush-hour had started when police seized two men near the South Bank University in south London and another near University College in central London, all carrying explosive devices.

"We believe these terrorist devices were intended to be used in London within minutes," assistant commissioner Grieve said.

Not long afterwards, a woman was arrested on Oxford Street, London's main shopping thoroughfare. About 20 police then surrounded a car near the new British Library and arrested a young man and woman.

Many Londoners were grateful no bombs went off, but unhappy at the prospect of more violence.

"We thought all the problems with Ireland were coming to a close, but it seems there are some people who don't want peace," office worker Tony Mulcahy was quoted as telling The Mirror.

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## **Britain sends troops to combat Ireland mayhem**

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Police in Britain and Ireland were holding 10 alleged members of IRA splinter groups today after thwarting a bombing attack on the British capital that underscores the determination of hard-line groups to wreck Northern Ireland's recent landmark peace agreement.

London was "within minutes" of being attacked, said deputy Assistant Commissioner John Grieve, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch. He gave no details on possible targets or how many explosive devices were found.

Scotland Yard said it would not release further details today, and would not identify the four men and two women being questioned in London. They are being held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, which permits police to keep them in custody for seven days without charge.

The six arrests in London on Friday followed raids by police in Dublin, Wexford and Dundalk, all in the Republic of Ireland, in which four people were taken into custody, authorities said. Irish police said they could hold those four suspects for 48 hours without charge. None has been identified.

The Irish police operation, which had been under way for months, targeted "dissident criminal Irish republican terrorist groups" intent on foiling the April peace accord, said Grieve. Those groups have refused to observe cease-fires called by Northern Ireland's main paramilitaries, including the Irish Republican Army.

Information uncovered during the seizures in Ireland prompted police there to contact British authorities, leading to Friday afternoon's arrests in London.

Grieve said three men arrested near university buildings in the British capital had explosive devices that were ready for use. Witnesses said police descended on the area, south of the River Thames, brandishing guns and arrested two of the men within yards of each other outside a local supermarket.

"I saw them yell at a studenty-looking man, who was carrying a rucksack, 'Put the bag on the floor!' When he did that they shouted, 'Get down on the floor! Get down on the floor!'" said Ann-Marie Wholey, 14. "I stayed watching for what seemed like a few minutes. I just couldn't move. Then one of the men with a gun turned round and said, 'Get down the street, just move, move.'"

Later, a woman was apprehended near Oxford Street, one of the capital's busiest shopping districts, and a man and woman were seized near the new multimillion-dollar British Library, Scotland Yard said.

## British, Irish police hold 10 suspects after foiling London bombing attack

No shots were fired and no one was injured during the arrests.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his Irish counterpart, Bertie Ahern, congratulated the authorities Friday after the arrests. Ahern added that his government "will continue to underpin the peace process by tackling the terrorist threat from whatever source."

IRA dissidents have rejected the peace agreement, even though the IRA called a truce in July 1997 and its allied Sinn Fein party was one of the eight political parties that took part in negotiations with the British and Irish governments to forge the pact.

The agreement, ratified by voters in May, set up a new assembly in the province with power-sharing between Catholics and Protestants. IRA dissidents have said they will settle for nothing short of an end to British rule in Northern Ireland and a unified island.

They have mainly staged attacks in Northern Ireland, although Irish police intercepted a car packed with explosives just before it was to board a ferry for England in April.

Before its truce, the IRA had often struck in London - sometimes with small bombs or incendiary devices, and occasionally with large and devastating bombs.

The group bombed Hyde Park in 1982, Harrods department store in 1983 and the London Stock Exchange in 1990. In 1991, mortar shell fired from an abandoned van exploded 50 feet behind 10 Downing St., the prime minister's official residence.

The IRA called a truce in 1994, but broke it in February 1996 with a bomb in London's Docklands business area that killed two men and wounded scores of people. The IRA blamed foot-dragging by the British over peace talks for the reversion to violence.

The group resumed a cease-fire in July 1997, which it has maintained since.

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## **Troops To Combat Nireland Mayhem**

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### **Body**

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After two straight nights of Protestant rioting, Britain decided Tuesday to send hundreds more troops into Northern Ireland to intercept mobs that were hijacking cars, attacking police and erecting flaming barricades.

The widespread unrest is aimed at overturning a ban on a Protestant march through a Catholic neighborhood.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair agreed to meet leaders of the 80,000-strong Protestant Orange Order to discuss whether its members can parade through the main Catholic enclave of Portadown, the group's spiritual heartland southwest of Belfast.

In Portadown, several hundred would-be marchers remained camped in tents Tuesday outside the rural Drumcree Anglican church, where extensive barbed-wire barricades prevented their annual parade Sunday from going near Catholic homes along Garvaghy Road.

They have vowed to hold their ground until authorities let them complete their parade along the entire route they have used since 1807.

The fight over whose rights should prevail those of the Orangemen or those of Garvaghy Road's militant Catholics has sparked sectarian mayhem across Northern Ireland for three summers running, with the Orangemen winning each time.

"No march should enter any area where they are not wanted. This is not an issue of conflicting rights. It is an issue of equality, of civil rights," said Gerry Adams, leader of the **Irish Republican Army**-allied Sinn Fein party, which in 1995 began organizing opposition to Orange parades that pass near Catholic areas.

Calling the Orange Order "a sectarian, anti-Catholic organization," Adams said its leaders must meet with the Garvaghy Road protest leader, former IRA prisoner Breandan MacCionnaith.

Instead, Orange leaders plan to meet Thursday with Blair to demand their right "to walk the queen's highway" something Blair says cannot happen on Garvaghy Road unless the Orangemen negotiate with their enemies.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary calculated that, from Sunday afternoon to Tuesday morning across the province, 42 police officers were wounded, 101 vehicles were set on fire and used as road barricades, 213 other cars were damaged, 110 homes and other buildings vandalized, and 63 rioters arrested.

## Troops To Combat Nireland Mayhem

Police said joint police and army patrols were barraged by gasoline bombs on 330 separate occasions.

They had no statistics for wounded rioters or soldiers, who support the 13,000-member police force. The army announced Tuesday it would reinforce its 18,000-member garrison in Northern Ireland with two battalions from England, or about 800 soldiers.

In Washington, Mike McCurry, the White House press secretary, said the violence "runs contrary to the express wishes of the people of Northern Ireland who have now twice voted for peace over violence,"

He said some "have not gotten the message yet."

The Orange Order's leaders insisted that, despite organizing mass protests against the authorities for blocking their Portadown march, they were not responsible for the Protestant riots.

"Orangemen must realize that if this violence continues, it will only be a matter of time before we once again are following coffins," warned Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble, an Orangeman who is the head of Northern Ireland's new cross-community government.

Trimble had championed their right to march down Garvaghy Road in 1995 but now stands accused of betrayal because he accepted the peace agreement in April that established the new government.

Protestants mounted protests all day Tuesday in Portadown. In the morning, they blocked both ends of Garvaghy Road, preventing people from getting to work or food deliveries from going in.

Later, soldiers prevented 500 Protestant women and children from parading to isolated Protestant homes on the edge of Garvaghy Road. Another parade passed through central Portadown, where police said shop owners were being threatened if they didn't close their businesses.

In the crowd were members of Northern Ireland's most ruthless Protestant gang, the Loyalist Volunteer Force. The outlawed group killed its first Catholic in 1996 immediately after police blocked Portadown's Orangemen that year.

The force's reputed commander and henchmen already have made well-received visits to the Orange camp outside Drumcree church.

Kenny McClinton, a paroled Catholic-killer and confidante of the group, said LVF members might strike again "if they see Protestants being bludgeoned off the roads."

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## *A terrible mistake / Omagh blown up by novice who panicked*

The Daily Telegraph (Sydney, Australia)

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### **Body**

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THE Omagh bomb that killed 28 people was "a tragic accident" hardline Republicans in this border town in the Republic of Ireland say, a mistake made by an inexperienced terrorist who parked the car bomb in the wrong place and then lost his nerve.

This account of the atrocity is backed up by sources in Belfast who said the bomb was destined for the empty car park behind the Omagh courthouse, where it would explode, probably without any loss of life, on a holiday Saturday.

If one or two passers-by had died, my sources say, they would have been considered as explainable "collateral damage". Now, everyone in the Republican movement along the Ulster-Eire border who is prepared to speak says the Omagh bomb has been the greatest debacle in the history of what they call The War.

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First reliable accounts say the mission was entrusted to a young man, in his early 20s, with little experience.

The Real ***Irish Republican Army***, the splinter group from the Provisional IRA that planted the bomb, is low on soldiers and experience. This one, the story goes, panicked.

It made for a gloomy and tragic series of events. He ignored his backup cars, and his controllers themselves did not know there was a street carnival in Omagh on Saturday. Confronted with police one-way systems, and with the street to the courthouse closed -the sources said -the young man parked his stolen Vauxhall Astra in Market St.

But, his terrorist cohorts already had telephoned a coded warning to a Belfast news organisation, saying the car was behind the courthouse.

By the time the driver called them -himself by now frantic with a plot unravelling beyond his control -it was too late.

The victims had run away from the bomb that didn't exist into the killing explosion of the one that did.

This mistake meant that back-up getaway cars were in the wrong place. Nobody could be alerted. In dismay -not for the victims, but for themselves -the Real IRA waited helplessly for the killer bomb to explode. The rest we now know, 28 dead, most ***women*** and children.

This frightful mess by the RIRA may have, in the end, the desired effect of putting an end to them forever. In the Republican movement, the bombing is seen as an act of gross stupidity and inhumanity. A leading supporter, if not

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member, of the Provisional IRA -the IRA's senior body -told me this was the worst moment in his lifelong commitment to the Irish Republican cause.

"The Good Friday accords meant the war is over. To me the war is over, and to the IRA the war is over. To Sinn Fein, the war is over. For God's sake let it be over. And for God's sake let us all pray this was a mistake, and not deliberate. If it was deliberate, we are in deep shit. In fact, we are doomed."

The people of Omagh turned out in their hundreds yesterday for the funeral of a pregnant mother and her 18-month-old daughter, victims of the 200kg car bomb.

Avril Monaghan, 30, a Catholic who was expecting twins next month, had been on a shopping trip to Omagh with her tiny daughter Maura and her 65-year-old mother Mary Grimes.

In the small Catholic church in the village of Augher near Omagh, Father Lance Dawson asked the 300 mourners inside and scores more listening on the hilltop outside to pray for "Avril as she takes her little angel Maura with her to heaven". Mourners struggled to comprehend the loss of three generations of one family. Father Dawson asked God to "begin the healing process" in the rural community in and around Omagh where Catholics and Protestants have lived side by side for years in relative harmony.

Mrs Monaghan, 30, leaves behind three children under the age of five.

Her mother will be buried separately.

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EXETER, England (CP) - The daughter of a fugitive financier who fled Canada and spent six years on the run with him is expected to take the stand later today in her father's murder trial.

The appearance of Sheena Walker, who was 15 when Albert Walker fled the country in 1990, ought to provide moments of high drama as father and daughter lay eyes upon each other for the first time in the nearly 19 months since he was taken into custody for the murder of Ronald Joseph Platt.

Prosecutor Charles Barton told the 12 member jury - comprising eight women and four men - that Sheena would be the first witness in the case.

Crown and defence lawyers selected the jury today, the open day of Walker's murder trial. The long-awaited trial is expected to last between four and six weeks.

Walker, 52, is charged with killing Platt, 51, on or around July 20, 1996, during a sailing trip off the Devon coast on Walker's boat, the Lady Jane.

Police believe Walker knocked Platt unconscious, hung a small anchor from his belt and dumped the body overboard. His body was recovered July 28 by a fisherman who pulled it up in his net.

The Crown's argument is that Platt was a threat to the new life the Ontario fugitive had built for himself and his daughter, Sheena, after fleeing Canada with millions of dollars in other people's money.

Defence counsel is expected to argue that the Crown's evidence is all circumstantial, and that Platt's death cannot be tied to Walker.

Defending Walker is prominent lawyer Richard Ferguson, who has defended a number of high profile Irish Republican Army members.

Walker has spent the last 19 months in custody. He was arrested on Halloween 1996, apparently in the process of abandoning the Essex home where he and Sheena were known as Ronald and Noel Platt, parents of Emily, now four, and Lily, now two.

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Sheena Walker returned to Canada shortly thereafter, taking her daughters with her. She was there reunited with her mother, Barbara, who had spent years trying to track her down.

Walker and his daughter - who was 15 when he ran away with her - were living in England under a variety of aliases as he built them a cushy new life far from the grasp of the Canadian justice system.

She was known as Noel Davis, Elaine C. Boyes and later Noel Platt. He was known as David W. Davis and later Ronald Platt - the dead man's name.

Canadian authorities had sought the help of Interpol, the international police agency, in an attempt to locate Walker, wanted on 18 charges of fraud, theft and money laundering.

The alleged crimes related to Walker's running of his London, Ont., financial investment service, through which it is alleged he bilked clients of retirement funds and nest eggs.

Despite the fact that he was named to the agency's 12 most wanted list - ranking No. 4 - it wasn't international police co-operation that uncovered Walker's whereabouts.

It was luck.

When Platt's body was found, police assumed it was a suicide or accidental drowning. They set about to notify next-of-kin by tracing the ownership of the Rolex watch on the corpse's wrist.

They discovered the watch belonged to Ronald Platt, of Chelmsford, Essex.

Platt's landlord put them in touch with David W. Davis, whom Platt had given as a reference when he rented the apartment.

Davis told police he hadn't seen his friend since June, and thought he'd moved to France.

All seemed run of the mill until police turned up at Davis's home one day to clear up a routine matter. Instead of finding Davis, they found a neighbor who informed them the man next door wasn't David Davis, but Ronald Platt.

Suddenly the investigation seemed anything but run of the mill.

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## *Does Ulster have the courage to vote for sanity?*

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These kids, who voted for more death and hatred and violence \_ and their teacher is a committed "Yes" voter, so she cannot be blamed \_ know nothing else. For some of them, sectarianism will become quite literally a career, unless sanity somehow prevails.

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## **Body**

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For decades, they battled for their political beliefs with bombs, bullets and a bitter rage that did not seem to fade during the years they spent in prison for their crimes. But yesterday, a phalanx of convicted terrorists stood up at a political meeting to endorse a new strategy: peace in Ireland.

Basking in a heroic reception from cheering, shouting, foot-stomping members of the Sinn Fein party, male and ***female*** "soldiers" of the heavily armed ***Irish Republican Army*** - including convicted murderers on a furlough from prison - endorsed the Good Friday agreement to end three decades of sectarian warfare in Northern Ireland.

And with that backing, the Sinn Fein convention voted overwhelmingly - 331 out of 350 - to endorse the peace plan adopted in Belfast a month ago, on Easter weekend.

The party's decision, together with the public conversion of the militants, can only add to the strong momentum that seems to have built up in favor of the peace agreement among the war-weary people of Ireland.

For the ambitious plan to take effect, it must be approved in separate referendums May 22 in the Republic of Ireland and the British province of Northern Ireland. Opinion polls, interviews and the tone of the talk shows, north and south, suggest that both jurisdictions will vote heavily for the peace plan.

The IRA is one of several violent sectarian armies that have waged street warfare and terrorism for 30 years over a political question - whether the six counties that comprise Northern Ireland should remain part of Britain or form a single nation with the republic. The IRA and Sinn Fein, its political arm, favor the latter, "republican" alternative.

But this single-minded focus and their tendency to use violence against any who opposed them marginalized the IRA and Sinn Fein in Irish politics. In both Irelands, most people seem fed up with violence, no matter what political goal it serves. At the meeting yesterday, several IRA terrorists, released from British or Irish prisons for this session, made it clear that they recognize this change.

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At one time, the IRA expressed its beliefs in the briefest of slogans: "Brits Out Now!" But the convicted bombers, killers and kidnappers who spoke today said the situation no longer looks that simple.

"After years of killing and imprisonment, after all the emotional and physical scars, our strategy has to be reassessed," said Padraic Wilson, who was imprisoned for his part in a terrorist bomb plot and now holds the IRA title commanding officer of prisoners of war in Belfast's Maze prison.

"Our first major task must be to set in motion the circumstances that will lead to the our goal - a united, democratic, socialist Ireland - even though it may take time to achieve."

Still, in endorsing the peace agreement, the IRA and Sinn Fein had to accept some things they had vowed to resist forever.

The agreement explicitly recognizes that Northern Ireland will remain part of Britain as long as a majority of its citizens prefer it. For that reason, it requires rewriting the constitution of the Republic of Ireland - a document drafted in 1937 by a beloved Sinn Fein leader.

Sinn Fein also will drop its traditional "principle of abstention" declaring that no Sinn Fein member will serve in any British governmental body. At yesterday's convention, Sinn Fein agreed that its members will serve in the new Northern Ireland assembly, a provincial body that will be created as part of the new peace plan.

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PHOTO (2), PHOTO: Paul McErlane/Associated Press: Sinn Fein's Martin McGuinness,; left, and President Gerry Adams, right, welcome jailed IRA terrorist Hugh; Doherty to yesterday's pivotal party conference at Royal Dublin Hall in; Dublin. Doherty was among a number of imprisoned IRA figures permitted to; attend the conference by Irish and British authorities.; Photo: IN NORTHERN IRELAND, the Sinn Fein Party Conference, including many; militant members of the IRA, votes overwhelmingly to support the recent; agreement to end three decades of sectarian warfare. Here, Sinn Fein President; Gerry Adams casts his "yes" vote. (Photo, Page A-1)

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## *Teaching the kids to hate*

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ISRAEL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY: Jerusalem - Israel begins celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of the founding of the modern state of Israel amid strict security measures; celebrations to culminate in a gala event in Jerusalem in the evening attended by U.S. Vice President Al Gore (Israel-Anniversary, 1st lead moved, reports, features, leads and roundups as available)

EUROPE:

Belgrade/ - Developments in Kosovo conflict

Pristina (Kosovo/ reports, leads, roundups as available)

Prague - Upper house of Czech parliament expected to vote in  
favour of joining NATO eastern expansion  
(CzechRep-NATO, as available)

Dublin/Belfast- The **Irish Republican Army** welcomes recently struck  
Northern Ireland peace agreement, but says it will  
not surrender its weapons  
(Ulster-Peace, roundup by 1300)

Copenhagen - Day four of nationwide strike in Denmark  
(Denmark-Strike, as available)

Brussels - European parliament ends debate on which countries  
are to join currency union  
(Europe-euro, report as available, curtain raiser for



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weekend EU-summit as available)

Geneva - Asian Development Bank's (ADB) annual conference  
continues  
(reports as available)

Torshovn - Parliamentary elections on Faro Islands  
(results after 2200)

## ASIA-PACIFIC:

Beijing - U.S. Secretary of State Albright holds talks with  
Chinese leaders; Chinese leaders say Washington  
should drop the few remaining sanctions it imposed on  
China after the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown  
(China-US, 2nd lead moved, roundup as available)

Islamabad - First round of Afghanistan peace talks ends.  
Second

round to begin in two weeks

(Afghanistan-Talks, as available)

## SPORT:

## TENNIS

Munich/ - ATP and WTA tournaments, 2nd rounds

Hamburg (Tennis-Germany, results, reports after 1500)

BASKETBALL East Rutherford - NBA Roundup: Michael Jordan scored 38 points as the New York Knicks beat the New Jersey Nets 116-101 in Game Three of the NBA playoffs to sweep their opening-round best-of-five Eastern Conference series. By Paul Levine (Basketball-NBA, 750 words, moved)

ICE HOCKEY Geneva - Ice Hockey World Championship preview by Steve Keating as available

FOOTBALL Madrid - Dramatic days for relegation strugglers in Spanish football. By Duncan Shaw (850 words/Football-Spain)

Bonn - Title battle for Kaiserslautern, Munich comes down to  
wire. By John Bagratuni (500 words, Football-Germany)

Rome/Paris/

London - Euro-Football previews as available

## BACKGROUNDERS AND BYLINERS MOVED:

Beirut - Former hostages return to Beirut and forgive captors.  
By Ali Jaber  
(Lebanon-Hostages, 500 words)

Hamburg - Journey to the third dimension: 3D for the home  
computer. By Ralf Blittkowsky  
(620 words/US-Computers)

Washington - Counter-observances take the other side of Israel's  
50th year. By Jim Anderson (520 words/US-Israel)

Bonn - Dispute over Euro-bank mirrors diverging Franco-

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Asuncion, - State provides no real help for flood-hit

Paraguay Paraguayans. By Hendrik Groth

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#### RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)

The Palestinians said Friday they would insist on a far-reaching Israeli troop withdrawal in the occupied West Bank, dampening hopes that the latest U.S. peace initiative could succeed. The Palestinian Cabinet convened Friday evening, just before Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat met with the chief U.S. Mideast mediator, Dennis Ross. Ross is trying to win acceptance for a U.S. proposal for an Israeli troop pullback from 13.1 percent of the West Bank over 12 weeks, with each gradual withdrawal to be met by Palestinian security gestures. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has rejected a pullback of that size. Under a U.S.-backed accord reached a year ago, Israel had pledged to carry out three pullbacks by this summer. The Palestinian Cabinet decided Friday that it would not accept changes in the 1997 accord. (ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS)

#### NEW DELHI, India (AP)

Prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee is expected to win a parliamentary vote of confidence Saturday, due more to abstentions by two regional groups than the support of his party's allies. Vajpayee, who served as prime minister for a mere 13 days two years ago, should benefit this time from dissent in the opposition ranks. The Telugu Desam Party is expected to avoid the vote because the fall of Vajpayee's government would likely put a Congress Party-led government into power. Another regional party, the National Conference, said it too would abstain. Vajpayee, the fourth prime minister in two years, pleaded Friday with lawmakers to help his Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party rescue India from instability and uncertainty. (INDIA-POLITICS)

#### ANKARA, Turkey (AP)

Top generals welcomed the government's efforts to curb the spread of Islam in Turkey's secular society Friday but urged officials to act even more quickly on the issue. The comments came after a daylong meeting between Turkish generals and top government officials. A statement issued by the military-dominated National Security Council did not specifically refer to the issue of headscarves worn by women at religious-oriented schools the most recent source of tension between the government and the military. The military has been angered by the government's lax enforcement of a ban on headscarves, which it considers to be a political symbol worn by female students who support an Islamic regime. (TURKEY-MILITARY-ISLAM)

#### BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

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Two gunmen shot and killed a former policeman outside a supermarket late Friday, police said. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the shooting in Armagh, 40 miles (65 kms) southwest of Belfast. But members and former members of Northern Ireland's police and army have been frequent targets in the past for the **Irish Republican Army** and other anti-British paramilitary groups. Friday's victim was with his wife, leaving the market and approaching his car, when he was gunned down by two masked men, police said. Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam identified the victim as Cyril Stewart, a member of the full-time police reserve for 18 years until he retired a year ago. (NIRELAND-SHOOTING)

WASHINGTON (AP)

The Justice Department indicated Friday that it did not plan to file federal charges against the 11- and 13-year-old boys arrested in the Arkansas school shootings. However, federal officials were consulting with Arkansas prosecutors late Friday, said a Justice Department official who spoke on condition of anonymity. "We are still reviewing all our options," department spokesman Myron Marlin said. The possibility of bringing federal charges arose in part because federal law might bring longer sentences than state laws. In addition, Arkansas law forbids trying children 13 and under as adults. The Justice Department had weighed bringing such charges for several days after Tuesday's shooting deaths of four children and a teacher at a Jonesboro, Arkansas, middle school. (US-SCHOOL SHOOTING-LAW)

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IN THE NATION Women who say Dow Corning breast implants damaged their health filed a \$3.8 billion proposal yesterday to end thousands of lawsuits, countering the company's own plan. The new proposal, filed in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Bay City, Mich., yesterday, calls for women to be paid within three years. Dow Corning proposed that \$3 billion be paid out over 16 years to 177,000 women to settle their claims that breast implants caused a range of illnesses. A hearing is to be held next month.

A federal judge in Phoenix has ruled that former Arizona Gov. Fife Symington must report to federal prison next week to begin a 2 1/2-year sentence for fraud committed while he was a prominent Phoenix developer. U.S. District Judge Roger Strand yesterday rejected Symington's request to be freed on bail pending appeal. He was convicted of six counts of bank and wire fraud.

Food stamps were issued to 25,881 dead people in 1995-96, federal auditors said yesterday. The General Accounting Office, a congressional watchdog, reported that \$8.5 million in stamps were issued to deceased people in the two-year period, sometimes sent in error, and sometimes fraudulently claimed by others.

A freight train struck a school bus at a crossing in Buffalo, Mont., early yesterday, killing two brothers and injuring three other children and the driver. One child and the driver were in serious condition yesterday; two children were treated and released. Officials said there was no obvious explanation for the accident.

Scientists failed in a bid to contact the Mars Pathfinder yesterday, declaring the craft officially "dead" four months after the end of a mission that produced the closest look at the Red Planet's surface. The project essentially ended Sept. 27, when NASA scientists abruptly lost communication with the lander after it had exceeded its original mission by about eight weeks.

The new Miss USA is Miss Massachusetts, Shawnae Jebbia, who was crowned last night, beating out second runner-up Melanie Breedlove, Miss Missouri, and first runner-up Shauna Gene Gambill, Miss California.

IN THE WORLD Irish police arrested four people yesterday in a hunt for the killer of a detective in a suspected IRA ambush. Local media said one of the four was a key Irish Republican Army figure suspected of involvement in the murder during a botched robbery in 1996. Detective Jerry McCabe was escorting a postal vehicle when a gang of

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three or four people rammed his car in the southern town of Adare. McCabe was shot dead during the attack - the first murder of a policeman in Ireland in a decade.

The Roman Catholic Church has no plans to let women be ordained as deacons, the step below priesthood that allows men to preach at Mass and help celebrate liturgical services, Vatican officials said yesterday. Ordination as deacons is widely done in the United States, which has 12,000 of the 22,000 deacons worldwide. Some critics, including many in the U.S. church, have questioned why women cannot become deacons since laymen, including married men, are allowed.

The United States says some 36,000 U.S. troops will remain in the Persian Gulf region until Iraq complies with U.N. arms-inspection demands. "We will make sure that we keep our forces here until such time that we see a trend that Iraq intends to comply fully," Gen. Henry Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said at a Kuwait briefing.

Saudi Arabia's King Fahd was reported improving yesterday after emergency gall bladder surgery, hospital officials said. The Saudi monarch was reported in stable condition after an operation Monday by American surgeons at the King Faisal Specialist Hospital in the Saudi capital of Riyadh, hospital officials said on condition of anonymity.

India's President K.R. Narayanan has asked a veteran Hindu nationalist to form India's next government, likely to be an unwieldy minority coalition backed by small, disparate parties. The Hindu, Atal Bihari Vajpayee of the Bharatiya Janata Party, was prime minister for 13 days after the 1996 election before his government collapsed when it failed to find allies for a parliamentary majority.

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Iraq: U.S. dominates inspector operations

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Iraq criticized the United States on Sunday for opposing the appointment of a Russian as deputy chief of U.N. weapons inspectors, saying this proved the Americans wanted to dominate inspection operations.

The statement on the official Iraqi News Agency came as U.N. officials said Scott Ritter, an American once blocked from working by Iraq, has led an inspection team on visits to six sites the Iraqis consider "sensitive."

Ritter's visits were seen as a test of Baghdad's pledge last month to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan to cooperate with the U.N. inspectors trying to certify that Iraq has destroyed its weapons of mass destruction.

Netanyahu ends 4-nation swing through Europe

LONDON - Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu characterized Sunday's talks with his British counterpart as "very positive," but was noncommittal about whether his four-nation European tour had provided hope of reviving Middle East peace talks.

Netanyahu was expected to present Tony Blair with a four-point plan to try to advance the peace process. He was reluctant, however, to answer questions when he emerged from Blair's No. 10 Downing Street office.

Details of the 90-minute meeting should be kept confidential "right now," Netanyahu said.

Avalanche kills up to 70 in northern Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan - Snow rushed down a mountain in northern Afghanistan, crushing a village and killing 70 people, a spokesman for the military alliance that controls the area said Sunday.

The avalanche Saturday night nearly destroyed the village of Darbandi, about 50 miles north of the Afghan capital, Kabul, spokesman Engineer Auruf said by telephone.

Soldiers using picks and shovels to dig through the snow found 50 survivors and worked Sunday to find more, he said. Dozens of people were missing.

Boat company charged

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BRISBANE, Australia - A boat company that takes divers to the Great Barrier Reef will be charged in the disappearance of an American couple, a Queensland state Cabinet minister said Sunday.

Thomas and Eileen Lonergan were apparently left behind Jan. 25 when the tour boat returned from a scuba diving trip to Saint Crispin Reef, part of the Great Barrier Reef.

Police were alerted 48 hours later when crew members found diving gear belonging to the Lonergans still on the boat, the Outer Edge.

Lonergan, 33, and his wife Eileen, 28, of Baton Rouge, La., were both experienced divers.

6 killed in Algeria

ALGIERS, Algeria - Attackers slit the throats of six people, including four blind women, in a village south of Algiers, the security forces said in a statement Sunday.

The killings took place early Sunday on a farm in Haouch Mena, about 20 miles south of the capital of this north African country.

No one claimed responsibility, but the attack was carried out a few hundred yards from the home village of Antar Zouabri, a leader of the militant Armed Islamic Group.

An estimated 75,000 people have been killed in an insurgency that began in 1992.

Leah Rabin honored

MUNICH, Germany - The widow of slain Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin praised the relationship between Germans and Israelis when she was honored Sunday at the opening of Germany's annual "Week of Brotherhood."

Leah Rabin spoke after receiving the Buber-Rosenzweig medal, presented annually to a person or institution that has served the cause of Christian-Jewish cooperation.

"We don't want to forget or forgive," Rabin said, referring to Nazi Germany and the Holocaust. "But ... for a long time already we have opened a new chapter in which we are building our relationship on the rubble of the past and with a lot of hope for the future."

Sinn Fein lists 'demands'

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams on Sunday outlined his IRA-allied party's "minimum requirements" in peace negotiations, but Protestant leaders dismissed them as unrealistic.

Sinn Fein can return to negotiations on the province's future Monday after serving a two-week suspension for two Belfast killings blamed on the Irish Republican Army.

The IRA's adherence to a nearly 8-month-old truce is the key condition for Sinn Fein to participate. But since the party's expulsion, dissidents have bombed two predominantly Protestant towns in hopes of undermining Adams.

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### China Airlines Jet Crashes in Taiwan

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)

A China Airlines A-300 jetliner returning from the Indonesian island of Bali with 197 passengers and crew crashed and burst into flame today just short of Taipei's Chiang Kai-shek airport, an aviation official said. No survivors had so far been found, according to reports. Among the passengers was Shu Yuang-tung, governor of Taiwan's Central Bank, his wife, and other finance officials returning from a conference in Bali. Most of the passengers were believed to be Taiwanese. The plane hit the ground several hundred yards short of the runway, burst into flame and skidded into a row of houses. There were no immediate reports of casualties on the ground. China Airlines is based in Taipei.

### Russia Leaders To Human Shield Iraq

MOSCOW (AP)

A Russian parliament member a follower of ultra-nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky says some lawmakers will use their bodies as "human shields" to protect Iraqi sites. The parliament member says some members of a delegation currently visiting Iraq plan to stay there. The delegation has been touring the presidential sites that Iraq has declared off-limits to U.N. weapons inspectors. The U.S. has threatened to use force if Iraq does not give the inspectors free access to the sites. Russia has told the U.S. it opposes the use of force in Iraq.

### Sinn Fein Likely To Be Expelled

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP)

Britain today called for Sinn Fein to be expelled from Northern Ireland peace talks because of two killings linked to the party's allies in the **Irish Republican Army**. Police have accused the IRA of violating its 7-month-old cease-fire the key condition for Sinn Fein's participation in negotiations on Northern Ireland's future by killing a drug dealer and Protestant militant last week. The Northern Ireland peace talks will be held in Dublin for three days this week.

### World's Working Moms Face Obstacles

GENEVA (AP)

AP Top News at 11 a.m. EST Monday Feb. 16, 1998

Many women worldwide are apparently finding it hard to take maternity leave or to return to their workplaces after they've done so. The findings are in a new study sponsored by the United Nations. Researchers say they looked at situations in dozens of developed and underdeveloped countries. They found that women face serious problems in advancing in their careers after they have kids. The study says these women encounter obstacles such as companies assuming that new mothers don't want challenging assignments. The study notes that the U.S., Australia and New Zealand are among the countries that don't require companies to grant paid maternity leave, although many companies do so anyway.

#### NASA Prepares for Martian Microbes

PHILADELPHIA (AP)

Several federal agencies are working to design and build a high-tech laboratory to protect Earth against live bacteria or viruses that could be contained in rock samples NASA plans to scoop up from Mars. A living Martian germ might pose a risk of disease or infection for the Earth's people, plants or animals when the samples are returned in about 10 years. "Samples from Mars should be considered hazardous until proven otherwise," Jonathan Y. Richmond, a biological containment expert for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said yesterday at the national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

#### Nashville Banner To Cease Publishing

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)

After 122 years, the Nashville Banner newspaper is closing its doors. The paper announced today that Friday's edition will be its last. A copy editor who's worked there since 1971 says there was a "stunned silence" in the newsroom. The publisher says the afternoon paper has a circulation of less than 40,000, compared with 63,000 ten years ago.

#### Russians Win Ice Dancing Gold

NAGANO, Japan (AP)

Russians Pasha Grishuk and Yevgeny Platov have won the gold medal in ice dancing at the Winter Olympics for the second consecutive time. They earned two perfect sixes for presentation of their free dance. Russians also took the silver medal. It went to Anjelika Krylova and Oleg Ovsyannikov. Bronze went to Marina Anissina and Gwendal Peizerat of France. Americans Elizabeth Punsalen and Jerod Swallow finished seventh.

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IN THE NATION Federal agencies expanded their manhunt nationwide yesterday for Eric Robert Rudolph, who is wanted for questioning in the bombing of an Alabama abortion clinic that killed one person and injured another. Rudolph, 31, is wanted as a material witness to the Jan. 29 bombing of the New Woman All Women Health Care center. Authorities said Rudolph's 1989 gray Nissan pickup truck, which witnesses reported having seen near the clinic, had been moved from his home near Murphy, N.C., to an FBI compound in Birmingham, Ala.

Discord among Senate Republicans yesterday stalled the official release of a 1,500-page GOP report condemning the Democratic fund-raising tactics on behalf of President Clinton's 1996 reelection. Republican senators on the Governmental Affairs Committee produced a strongly worded document accusing the White House and some of its top aides of repeatedly bending - and openly breaking - fund-raising laws. But some Republicans are expressing disagreements, and the panel will discuss them today.

A man pleaded guilty in Sacramento, Calif., yesterday to torching seven abortion clinics under a plea agreement that could send him to prison for nearly seven years. Richard T. Andrews, 60, of Wenatchee, Wash., admitted a three-year arson spree at clinics in California, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming. Andrews is a retired insurance company executive with a long history of antiabortion activities.

The ashes of 30 people were launched into orbit yesterday from Vadenberg Air Force Base in California in a rocket that carried three satellites. The Taurus rocket carried a quarter-ounce of each person's cremated remains in lipstick-sized capsules prepared by Celestis Inc.

Patients who take a potent new painkiller for longer than 10 days can suffer potentially fatal liver damage, the Food and Drug Administration said in a stern warning yesterday to doctors who prescribe the drug Duract. Duract began selling in August, as a nonnarcotic alternative for the short-term pain relief needed after surgery and for other acute pain. But the FDA said at least seven patients had suffered jaundice, severe hepatitis or even liver failure that required transplants. Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories said the injured patients had not been properly monitored.

IN THE WORLD Efforts to bring peace to Northern Ireland suffered a blow yesterday with two murders in 12 hours ending a two-week lull in guerrilla violence. Irish Republican Army gunmen were suspected of both killings, although no organization claimed responsibility. The sudden surge led to demands by pro-British Protestant unionist

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politicians for Sinn Fein to be expelled from multiparty talks if its IRA guerrilla ally was shown to be involved in the fresh outbreak.

Two Belgian adventurers have completed the longest unassisted crossing of Antarctica, traveling 2,375 miles across the frozen continent. Alain Hubert and Dixie Dansercoer arrived at McMurdo base on the Ross Sea early yesterday, about three months after they set out from Belgium's abandoned King Baudouin base.

Civil rights leader Jesse Jackson met opposition leaders in Congo yesterday, but President Laurent Kabila and his foreign minister, Bizima Karaha, postponed scheduled meetings. A Congo government official suggested the postponements were due to the failure by the U.S. Embassy in Kinshasa to submit Jackson's program and respect protocol during his visit.

In western Kenya, an outbreak of malaria has sickened thousands and killed 354 in the last two weeks, health officials said yesterday. Despite the high death toll, the Ministry of Health has not replied to requests for more medicine and medical staff, said Andrew Nyamweya, a senior health official in Kisii district, 155 miles west of Nairobi.

A Russian plane carrying medical aid for Iraq was cleared for the flight to Baghdad by the U.N. Iraqi sanctions committee, a U.N. spokesman said. The plane had been waiting on the ground in Armenia since Sunday with 222 passengers and crew, including ultra-nationalist leader Vladimir Zhirinovsky and 32 other Russian legislators. This was reduced to 7 Duma members, 15 reporters and 8 others, the U.N. said. Clearance was held up at the request of the United States, a committee source said.

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## **Thousands Mourn 'King Rat'**

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All shops were ordered closed and the British flag flew at half staff Tuesday as more than 3,000 people watched the coffin of "King Rat," Northern Ireland's most notorious militant, pass through this bitter Protestant town.

About 10 miles away several hundred Catholics bade farewell to Seamus Dillon, the Catholic security guard killed in retaliation Saturday for the assassination that day of Loyalist Volunteer Force commander Billy Wright "King Rat."

An IRA splinter group assassinated the 37-year-old Wright inside Northern Ireland's Maze Prison, where he was serving eight years for threatening to kill court witnesses.

Dillon, 45, was shot through the head as he and other guards prevented Wright's gunmen from entering a disco crowded with Catholic youths. Two other guards and a 14-year-old bar worker remained hospitalized.

Wright's coffin was draped in a Union Jack flag and flanked by 20 men in white shirts, black ties and armbands as they passed along Portadown's main street. Earlier, leaflets warned businesses to show respect for Wright by closing.

Leather-jacketed toughs loyal to Wright's outlawed pro-British paramilitary group ordered camera crews not to record anyone's faces in the crowd, pushed journalists around and confiscated film.

Many men, women and children had waited for hours in cold weather. They stared impassively at the slow-moving hearse when it arrived as darkness fell. Wright's common-law wife, Eleanor, followed the hearse holding a single red rose.

Kenny McClinton, a born-again Christian preacher who served 18 years in prison for killing Catholics, gave a graveside oration in the dark and cold.

He lauded Wright as "a complicated man, a sophisticated man, a man of integrity."

"This is the same man who may have committed himself to the terrible deeds of terrorism as many have, including myself but who wouldn't have robbed you of a penny," McClinton said in trying to explain the paradox of a man hated by many, yet clearly admired by a stubborn section of society, too.

Many within the province's Protestant majority admire hard-liners like Wright who killed Catholics in revenge for Irish Republican Army violence, and who oppose the ongoing peace talks involving the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party.

## Thousands Mourn 'King Rat'

In the Catholic town of Coalisland, mourners at St. Mary's and Joseph's Church lauded Dillon, saying he probably saved the lives of many young Catholics who had packed the hotel's disco.

The Rev. Seamus Rice told the congregation at Requiem Mass that Dillon "gave his life to save other people."

"Those who murdered him were happy to get somebody, and that somebody unfortunately was Seamus Dillon," the priest added.

Dillon was paroled in 1994 after imprisonment for the 1972 IRA murders of a policeman and a Protestant farmer. Martin McGuinness, Sinn Fein's chief negotiator who earlier this year was elected the area's member of British Parliament, was prominent among the mourners.

But Dillon's family said he had resigned from the IRA since his release and had been killed by coincidence. A local Gaelic football club's jersey adorned his coffin rather than the Irish flag, which would be typical for burials of IRA members.

"My brother severed his links and decided to rebuild his life, and for the first time in his life he was happy and content with his wife Tina," said his brother, Roger Dillon.

Of his brother's killers, he said: "We pardon them for what they've done. We do not want any retaliation on behalf of my brother. We don't want anyone to suffer. We want the peace process to work."

Mourners at Wright's funeral had a different message.

"The thousands of Protestants here today show we've had enough with this so-called peace process, which is about caving in to the IRA," said a mourner who would give only his first name, Nigel.

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## **Night Lead; Budget; Ulster Democrats withdraw from talks before being pushed**

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LONDON (CP) - The political party affiliated with Protestant gunmen who admitted killing three Catholics last week walked out of the Northern Ireland peace talks Monday rather than be ejected by the British and Irish governments.

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But the party's absence from the talks - even if it proves to be temporary - raises fresh concerns that the UFF may decide it has nothing to gain from the political process and returns to full-scale violence.

The governments were reluctant to expel the Ulster Democrats, who have a key role to play in the peace process. But the admission that its military wing had breached the ceasefire could not be ignored, said Mo Mowlam, Britain's Northern Ireland secretary.

"The past few weeks in Northern Ireland have led to great suffering. Families have been devastated in a way that we all hoped had been left behind us," she noted.

Ten people - eight Catholics, two Protestants - have been gunned down in Northern Ireland in tit-for-tat slayings in the month since renegade loyalist leader Billy "King Rat" Wright was killed by the Irish National Liberation Army, a republican splinter group.

The UFF admitted last week that it was behind three of the killings.

The peace talks, which moved to London this week, were stalled for much of Monday as the parties involved argued about whether to expel the Ulster Democrats.

Parties to the negotiations - and the paramilitary organizations they represent - must renounce the use of violence to take part in the talks. That rule kept Sinn Fein, the political wing of the **Irish Republican Army**, out of the talks from their start in June 1996 to September of last year.

Although it was not an unanimous position, the majority view Monday was that the Ulster Democrats could not participate in talks while their gunmen's rifle barrels were still warm.

## Night Lead; Budget; Ulster Democrats withdraw from talks before being pushed

Leader Gary McMichael eventually led his negotiating team from the talks, saying they wouldn't stay around to be humiliated. But he insisted the party is still firmly behind the process and promised to counsel the gunmen to hold their fire.

"It's important to recognize we're not walking away from this process, that we are firmly committed to it . . . and want to see it salvaged," McMichael said.

But he admitted the departure of his party would add to the instability, warning "this process is getting rockier and rockier and rockier as it goes."

Later, one of his deputies promised the party would be back.

"We will go back into the talks at the first opportunity," spokesman David Adams said during an interview on television.

"In the meantime . . . we will continue to try to do all we can to ensure that the loyalist ceasefire stays intact."

John Hume, the nationalist leader who has led the drive for peace in Northern Ireland, said he would welcome the return of McMichael's party.

"If there is a ceasefire that it clearly genuine and unequivocal we agree that the door should be left open to them to return to the process," said Hume, who leads the Social Democratic and Labor party.

Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams appeared to welcome the party's departure, suggesting the peace could not hold if it became clear to republicans that the murder of uninvolved Catholics would not be condemned.

But Monica McWilliams of the Women's Coalition - one of the smaller, nonsectarian parties - viewed the development as a disaster.

"I don't hold any of them responsible for the deaths of those men last week," she said of the Ulster Democrats' negotiating team.

"They worked their backsides off to try and persuade the UFF to call that ceasefire . . . (And) what did we give them today? The boot out the door."

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"We will go back into the talks at the first opportunity," spokesman David Adams said during an interview on television.

"In the meantime . . . we will continue to try to do all we can to ensure that the loyalist ceasefire stays intact."

John Hume, the nationalist leader who has led the drive for peace in Northern Ireland, said he would welcome the return of McMichael's party.

"If there is a ceasefire that it clearly genuine and unequivocal we agree that the door should be left open to them to return to the process," said Hume, who leads the Social Democratic and Labor party.

Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams appeared to welcome the party's departure, suggesting the peace could not hold if it became clear to republicans that the murder of uninvolved Catholics would not be condemned.

But Monica McWilliams of the Women's Coalition - one of the smaller, nonsectarian parties - viewed the development as a disaster.

"I don't hold any of them responsible for the deaths of those men last week," she said of the Ulster Democrats' negotiating team.

"They worked their backsides off to try and persuade the UFF to call that ceasefire . . . (And) what did we give them today? The boot out the door."

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## *Hillary Clinton meets peace-minded women, youth in Belfast*

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Hillary Rodham Clinton praised peace-minded women and young people Friday during a speaking tour of Belfast and said she hoped ongoing negotiations would "end a generation of senseless killing."

"I can see in the faces before me evidence of why peace can and must be your destiny," the U.S. first lady told more than 1,000 students and young adults at a conference aimed at Northern Ireland's future leaders.

"You represent the present hope and the future possibility of this ancient and storied land. And you, more than any of us, have more at stake in building what this society will be like in the 21st century," she said.

Mrs. Clinton departed after dark for a private dinner with Prime Minister Tony Blair at the British leader's official rural English retreat, Chequers.

She left behind a Northern Ireland with a second dose of the good vibes that flowed through the British-ruled state when she and U.S. President Bill Clinton visited Nov. 30, 1995.

At the University of Ulster, she gave a memorial lecture to a Catholic community worker whose cross-community tea shop she visited two years ago.

Joyce McCartan who devoted her life to building bridges with Protestants despite having 11 relatives killed, mostly by pro-British paramilitary groups died of natural causes two months after meeting Mrs. Clinton.

"When Hillary Clinton gives credit to the work that ordinary women are doing for peace in Northern Ireland, the world takes notice," said Monica McWilliams, leader of a small party devoted to bringing women into politics, the Women's Coalition, which Mrs. Clinton singled out for praise.

"Women here have realized the importance of building up personal relationships much more than men," McWilliams said. "But you can still count on one hand the number of women like myself involved in the negotiations."

Talks involving the British and Irish governments and nine local parties began in June 1996 under the direction of former U.S. Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell. Blair last month also admitted the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party after the Irish Republican Army called an open-ended truce in July.

## Hillary Clinton meets peace-minded women, youth in Belfast

While two pro-British Protestant parties withdrew in protest the largest one, the Ulster Unionists, remains involved. The goal is a compromise way to govern Northern Ireland acceptable to the Protestant majority and to Catholics who want stronger ties with the rest of Ireland, which won independence from Britain 75 years ago.

"I am delighted to be back, at a time when the peace process is back on track and discussions are ongoing," Mrs. Clinton told the crowd of future leaders. "For the first time in more than 25 years, leaders of the communities here are meeting, and the world is watching to see whether they will end a generation of senseless killing and forge a lasting peace."

The most critical woman in the negotiations, Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam, joined Mrs. Clinton at a round-table discussion with 11 Northern Ireland community development workers, a mixture of Catholics and Protestants.

University of Ulster student David Brady, 20, told the first lady that Northern Ireland children needed to be taught to be tolerant of "the other side" when they are extremely young.

"We pick up knives and forks when we're 3 or 4. We should start changing attitudes at that age," he said.

Martin McMenamin, 16, told her the British government should stop asking the IRA to hand over weapons and should start releasing IRA prisoners, which he said were both "stumbling blocks" to progress.

She glossed over whether she agreed with him, saying many Northern Ireland people hoped negotiators would be "getting on with it" soon.

Their backdrop was a "Wall of Peace" letters from international figures on their hopes for a Northern Ireland settlement, solicited by students at a Belfast high school.

Mrs. Clinton's letter took pride of place in the top center.

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## *Irish favour first Ulster president*

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IRISH voters are set to elect their first president from Northern Ireland when they go to the polls today after an election campaign dogged by controversy.

Final polls showed Belfast law professor Mary McAleese, the avowedly nationalist and anti-abortion candidate supported by the ruling Fianna Fail-Progressive Democrat coalition, holding an unassailable lead.

The polls came as Dr McAleese received an unexpected boost with the arrest of a ministerial staffer of the former government in connection with the leaking of documents used by the opposition to try to damage her campaign.

In a curious twist, a Cork man failed in a last-minute High Court challenge to have all four women candidates disqualified on the basis that a section of the Irish constitution used the words "he, his and him" to describe the president.

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The developments cap off a more-than-usually dramatic presidential election campaign to select a successor to the popular Mary Robinson in the largely ceremonial post as head of State of the Irish republic.

A poll by the MRBI survey group published in the Irish Times yesterday put Dr McAleese's primary vote at 37 per cent, 13 points ahead of Mary Banotti, a member of the European Parliament who is the candidate for the main opposition party, Fine Gael.

The contest has become a two-horse race.

The three other candidates are trailing well behind. The Irish Times poll put independent anti-abortion gospel singer Dana on 8 per cent, anti-nuclear campaigner Adi Roche -supported by the opposition Labour Party -on 7 per cent, and another independent candidate, former policeman Derek Nally, on 4 per cent. There was a relatively high undecided vote of 20 per cent.

Irish presidential elections have preferential voting similar to the Australian system.

The winner is determined after the distribution of preferences. The Irish Times poll suggested that after such a distribution, Dr McAleese would cruise to victory with 60 per cent of the vote to Ms Banotti's 40 per cent.

The latest poll is in line with surveys carried out in recent days. Dublin bookies have virtually anointed Dr McAleese as the next president with odds of 12-1 on.

## Irish favour first Ulster president

MRBI chairman Jack Jones said Dr McAleese would win comfortably when votes were counted tomorrow because of a successful campaign to present herself as the unity candidate. "She's pulling support right across the spectrum," Mr Jones told The Australian. "This lady is highly articulate, highly intelligent, and highly qualified.

The voters do see something there of Mary Robinson in her."

During a carefully scripted election campaign in which journalists were given limited direct access, Dr McAleese has concentrated less on specific issues than on fostering a warm image, putting herself forward as the candidate who can "build bridges" across Irish politics and society.

On a walkabout in Dublin this week, she said she would be "a president people can be very, very proud of because I am very proud of the Irish people, and I want to be a very good ambassador for them right across the world". She has presented her upbringing in Catholic West Belfast, where her family was victimised by Protestants, as helping her understand the problems of Northern Ireland. The majority of Irish voters appeared to have accepted this argument, and rejected allegations that she was a closet sympathiser of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the **Irish Republican Army**.

The allegations surfaced after the leaking of Department of Foreign Affairs documents suggesting she supported Sinn Fein, prompting a police inquiry and the arrest and subsequent release of the former ministerial staffer. The affair appears to have backfired on the opposition, and Ms Banotti has been falling back in the opinion polls.

"It stains Fine Gael's attempts to discredit Fianna Fail . . . the combination overall will solidify support for McAleese," an expert on Irish politics at the University of London, Brendan O'Duffy, told The Australian.

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## **Blair Meets With Adams, I.R.A. Figure, In Belfast**

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In a highly charged gesture meant to symbolize his commitment to peace talks in Northern Ireland, Prime Minister Tony Blair met today with Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the **Irish Republican Army**.

The meeting, in Stormont in East Belfast, was the first between a British Prime Minister and a Sinn Fein leader in 76 years and seemed, however tentatively, to signify a new era in Northern Ireland's troubled history.

Reporters were not allowed into the meeting. But a report emerged that Mr. Blair shook Mr. Adams's hand. The symbolic move infuriated members of Northern Ireland's Protestant majority, who saw the gesture as conferring unwarranted legitimacy on Mr. Adams and on the often-violent I.R.A.

Fully aware of the historic significance of his handshake, Mr. Blair nevertheless seemed almost to play it down when speaking to reporters afterward.

"I treated Gerry Adams and the members of Sinn Fein in the same way I treat any other human being," Mr. Blair said as he emerged from the meeting. "I think what is important about the situation in Northern Ireland is that we do actually treat each other as human beings."

The Prime Minister urged people on all sides of the Irish question -- the Protestants Unionists, who want Northern Ireland to remain part of Britain, as well as the Catholic republicans, who want the province to be part of a united, independent Ireland -- to support the peace talks and to put an end to decades of sectarian violence over the province's future.

"We can continue with the hatred and the despair and the killing, treating people as if they were not parts of humanity, or we can try and settle our disagreements by negotiation, by discussion, by debate," Mr. Blair said.

Referring to leaders of unionist groups, or Loyalists, with whom he also met today, Mr. Blair added: "That's what's important -- whether it's with Gerry Adams or the Loyalist people I met or anyone else."

## Blair Meets With Adams, I.R.A. Figure, In Belfast

Some politicians praised his move as a brave step forward in the bumpy road to Irish peace. But it was immediately denounced by Protestant groups, which see Mr. Adams as a terrorist, plain and simple, and are furious that the I.R.A. has so far refused to lay down its arms. The group has called a cease-fire, allowing Sinn Fein to take part in the peace talks for the first time, but has not given up its weapons. Ken Maginnis, security spokesman for the Ulster Unionist Party, the main Protestant group in Northern Ireland, said it was "demeaning for the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom to be meeting unreconstructed terrorists like Gerry Adams."

And Mr. Blair was greeted by a crowd of angry hecklers as he walked through a shopping mall after the meeting in a heavily Unionist part of Ulster, surrounded by bodyguards. Several women wearing rubber gloves called Mr. Blair "contaminated," yelling that he had "shaken hands with a murderer."

As for Mr. Adams, he also played down the significance of his meeting -- the first between a British Prime Minister and a leader of Sinn Fein since Lloyd George met with Michael Collins and Eamon de Valera in 1921, before the partition of Ireland. "Well, I have shaken hands with many people," he said. But he added, "I think we are dealing with a man who certainly recognizes a historic opportunity."

Mr. Adams said he remained adamantly in favor of a united Ireland, independent of British rule. Speaking of Mr. Blair, he said: "We want to see Irish unity. We want him to be the Prime Minister that helps brings that about. And indeed, as I said to him, we want him to be the last British Prime Minister with jurisdiction in Ireland."

## Graphic

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Photos: Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain, flanked above by Political Development Minister Paul Murphy and Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam, addressed the press yesterday after his meeting in Belfast with Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Fein, shown below at a separate news conference. (Photographs by Reuters)

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IN THE NATION Two white men accused of dousing a black man with gasoline and burning him alive after a night of heavy drinking, then beheading his corpse were indicted yesterday on murder charges. The Grayson County, Va., grand jury charged Louis Ceparano, 42, with capital murder and Emmett Cressell Jr., 36, with first-degree murder. Police say Ceparano and Cressell along with two women had been drinking at Ceparano's trailer in Grayson County when they attacked Garnett P. Johnson on July 25.

The Air Force has concluded that the pilot of an A-10 warplane deliberately flew into a mountain in Colorado in April, NBC News, ABC and CBS reported yesterday. An Air Force report states that Capt. Craig Button "intentionally deviated" from the planned flight, avoided other mountains and intentionally crashed on Gold Dust Peak near Vail. An Air Force official did not return a call yesterday for comment.

Jury selection in the second Oklahoma City bombing trial was about 80 percent complete yesterday, and attorneys left court in Denver predicting opening statements would be given the middle of next week. Terry Nichols, 42, faces the death penalty if convicted.

San Francisco utility officials increased security at power stations yesterday after FBI investigators said someone intentionally cut power to the city's downtown. Thursday's widespread outage was "a deliberate act," FBI spokesman George Grotz said. Pacific Gas & Electric Co. found no evidence of an explosion, fire or other problems, but did find that breakers and switches were not in positions they should have been.

The House by 233-171 approved a compromise spending bill yesterday that protects an ancient redwood forest in California and shields Yellowstone National Park from a proposed mine. The \$13.8 billion Interior spending bill also includes \$98 million for the National Endowment for the Arts. The White House has threatened a veto.

A drug designed to thin patients' blood and lower their risk of heart attack and stroke won a Food and Drug Administration committee recommendation for approval yesterday. Studies showed the drug, Clopidogrel, being developed jointly by the drug companies Sanofi Inc. and Bristol-Myers Squibb, did those jobs better than aspirin.

IN THE WORLD U.S. envoy Bill Richardson arrived in Congo yesterday for talks with President Laurent Kabila on a stalled U.N. probe into alleged massacres of Rwandan Hutu refugees there. Kabila aides said Richardson, Washington's ambassador to the United Nations, would meet Kabila today.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Britain announced plans yesterday to commemorate thousands of victims of North Ireland's violence with a memorial reflecting both sorrow and hope. The government empowered a commission determine on how best to remember casualties in the bitter dispute, set off when the **Irish Republican Army** launched its bid to drive the British from Northern Ireland in 1969.

In Indonesia, the worst drought in half a century has reduced harvests by as much as 40 percent, the government said yesterday. Agriculture Minister Syarifuddin Baharsyah said coffee, tea, peanuts and corn were among the crops affected. The drought has left many parts of the country tinder dry, fueling hundreds of wildfires that have raged since July.

Thai Prime Minister Chavalit Yongchaiyudh, pressured by a week of protests calling for his resignation, tried to defuse a political and economic crisis by reshuffling his cabinet yesterday. A government spokesman pledged to consider new laws that would allow early elections; Chavalit previously had said he would not call elections before May.

In downtown Berlin, the first new building opened yesterday in the reconstructed Potsdamer Platz - the former "crossroads of Europe" that was leveled during World War II and bisected for decades by the Berlin Wall. Plans call for turning the 27-acre site into a "city within a city" with new housing, shopping, theaters and offices.

A U.S. Marine Corps Harrier fighter jet crashed yesterday in waters off southwestern Japan, the U.S. military said. The pilot was rescued by a Japanese fisherman after ejecting from the aircraft, Marine officials said. The cause of the crash was under investigation.

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## *Here's to you, Mrs Robinson*

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The Irish Republic's President Mary Robinson steps down today. Valerie Hanley in Dublin reports on her ground-breaking role and her legacy

WHEN Mary Robinson, President of the Irish Republic, opens a new housing development for homeless youth in central Dublin today, it will be the low-key finale to her term as head of state.

Although the brief ceremony will signal a fresh start for wayward youth eager to get their lives back on track, it also will signal the end of an era.

For it was during Robinson's seven-year term of office that the presidency of the republic changed from an undemanding, attractive retirement scheme for the country's leading politicians to a strenuous public role which saw the 53-year-old former human rights lawyer and now United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights designate criss-crossing the country to perform three to four official functions a day.

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The first woman to be appointed to the UN post, Robinson takes up her new appointment next week.

Earlier this year she was tipped to be appointed UN secretary-general, and was backed by the United States, which was keen to have a Westerner in the job.

But the UN Security Council's African members blocked her bid, and instead she was offered the human rights job. It is a role for which she is well-qualified, and would appear to have been working towards since graduating from Dublin's Trinity College 30 years ago.

She started her political career two years later. By the time she was 25, she had won a seat in the Seanad, the Lower House of Parliament.

Throughout her 23-year career as a constitutional lawyer, Robinson won a series of landmark cases leading to the decriminalisation of homosexuality and the introduction of contraception in a predominantly Catholic country.

She also led the political fight for divorce, a battle she won narrowly earlier this year after a bitter referendum campaign.

Elected as president in November 1990, Robinson used her role to improve cross-border relations between the Republic and Northern Ireland, and with Britain.

Here's to you, Mrs Robinson

Robinson visited Northern Ireland 18 times, ignoring a groundswell of Protestant Unionist anger at her high-profile travels north of the border.

But it was her handshake in 1993 with Gerry Adams, president of the **Irish Republican Army**'s political wing, Sinn Fein, which angered Protestant politicians most. It also was a turning point in the history of the Irish presidency.

Undeterred by the subsequent public outcry and demands for her resignation from infuriated northern Protestant politicians and a small number of people in the Republic, she continued to visit Northern Ireland.

As part of her efforts to improve Anglo-Irish relations, she also visited Britain, and became the first Irish president to visit Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace.

She was the first president of the Republic to give official recognition to minorities. Gay and lesbian groups were entertained regularly at official functions in her official residence in Dublin's Phoenix Park, as were gypsies.

Before Robinson, previous presidents tended to limit their official functions to greeting visiting foreign leaders and travelling abroad on state visits, and generally veered away from disadvantaged areas.

But throughout her presidency Robinson consistently made an effort to visit poorer community groups.

Expected to serve two presidential terms, her decision to cut her first term short by two months to take up her new posting with the UN shocked many of Dublin's political observers.

The race for her successor starts next month, with two **women** already declaring an interest. One is Mary Banotti, a separated mother of one who represents Ireland at the European Parliament. She is a grand-niece of Michael Collins, long regarded as the "godfather" of the IRA.

The other declared **female** candidate is Avril Doyle, a current member of the Lower House of the Irish Parliament.

Other runners are Foreign Minister Albert Reynolds, who helped broker the first IRA ceasefire three years ago, and former foreign minister Michael O'Kennedy.

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## **Bomb explodes outside Belfast; talks resume**

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### **Body**

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A bomb blew up outside a police station outside the capital today, casting a pall over peace talks even though no one was injured. Once again, the main pro-British Protestant party stayed away from the talks.

The bombing "may well have been a deliberate attempt to sabotage the talks process," said Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam, the senior British official in the province. "We must not let it succeed. Thank goodness no one was seriously hurt."

Former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell, chairman of the talks, also said the bomb was intended to disrupt the talks. "It cannot be permitted to succeed," he said.

There was no claim of responsibility for the bombing in Markethill, 35 miles southwest of Belfast. The **Irish Republican Army** said it was not behind the bombing, which damaged the police station. Unlike the IRA, a caller warning of today's blast did not use a code word.

The Ulster Unionists, the main pro-British Protestant party, which withdrew from the talks Monday, stayed away again today, considering British and Irish proposals to get them back to the table.

Before today's blast, Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, had called on Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble to have the "courage of his convictions" and join negotiations. Adams also accused Trimble's party of trying to renegotiate the talks process from the outside.

"The reality is that they are afraid of the negotiations, they are afraid of real negotiations because they are afraid of change," Adams said.

After a day of British-Irish shuttle diplomacy among the pro-British parties Monday, there had been hope that three of Northern Ireland's five Protestant parties would end their boycott and rejoin the process.

Mowlam met today with representatives of the Ulster Democratic Party and the Progressive Unionist party, who said the talks had been positive.

It was "premature to say" when they might return to the talks, but "we want to go in as soon as possible," said David Ervine of the Progressive Unionists.

## Bomb explodes outside Belfast; talks resume

The Ulster Unionists remained at their headquarters in central Belfast studying a British-Irish document they were given overnight in an attempt to calm their fears that the issue of disarming the paramilitary groups would be pushed to the side during negotiations.

Sinn Fein was barred from the talks when they started in June 1996, because of continuing IRA violence. But after the IRA's decision to resume a truce eight weeks ago, Adams and several senior deputies joined the talks Monday in a half-empty conference chamber.

Mowlam said late Monday she thought the Ulster Unionists were serious about achieving a new compromise government acceptable to both Protestant and Roman Catholic leaders.

She noted that Trimble has to feel sure his negotiators won't be outvoted or marginalized.

Already at the table are Mitchell, the talks chairman; the British and Irish governments and five parties. These include Sinn Fein, John Hume's moderate Catholic Social Democratic and Labor Party, the middle-of-the-road Alliance Party, a tiny women's rights party and even tinier Socialist party.

The other parties pressed Adams on Monday to honestly address Sinn Fein's close relationship with the IRA and explain why he formally renounced violence - a requirement for all negotiators - while the IRA immediately said it disagreed with that principle.

Adams insisted Sinn Fein has no "organic" link or joint policy with the outlawed IRA - a view at odds with several Northern Ireland histories and the IRA's own field manual.

"It's a ridiculous situation. Sinn Fein pretends they've no idea how to get a hold of the IRA. All they have to do is look in the mirror," said John Alderdice, leader of the Alliance Party.

Two Protestant parties, Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionists and Bob McCartney's United Kingdom Unionists, are determined to stay out of the process as long as Sinn Fein is involved.

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## **Bomb Clouds N. Ireland Talks**

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But pro-British unionists still pointed the finger at the IRA, and anti-Catholic paramilitary groups threatened retaliation.

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The chairman of the talks, former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell, urged the province's leaders "not to give in to those who use these reprehensible and immoral tactics."

"It is obvious that those who planted the bomb are attempting to damage this talks process and the inclusive nature of it," said Ireland's foreign secretary, Ray Burke.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry sharply condemned the bombing.

"This was a cruel effort by extremists opposed to a peaceful settlement, aimed at disrupting the all-party talks," he said. "We urge all parties not to allow the enemies of peace to divert them from the important task of finding a lasting and just solution for the people of Northern Ireland."

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The parties now at the table, in addition to Sinn Fein, are the moderate Catholic Social Democratic and Labor Party, which represents the largest block of Catholic opinion; the Alliance Party; a tiny women's rights party and an even tinier Socialist party.

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## *Northern Ireland talks resume; bomb explodes in Armagh*

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The parties now at the table, in addition to Sinn Fein, are the moderate Catholic Social Democratic and Labor Party, which represents the largest block of Catholic opinion; the Alliance Party; a tiny women's rights party and an even tinier Socialist party.

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### 2 Killed on College Campus

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)

A University of Michigan police officer shot a man to death early today as he attacked a **female** student with a knife outside the campus apartment they shared. The woman later died of multiple stab wounds. The officer, responding to a 911 call shortly after midnight, spotted the man as he repeatedly stabbed the woman, and shot him when he refused to stop, according to a school official. The woman was identified as Tamara Williams, a 20-year-old senior. Her killer was identified as Kevin Nelson, 26, who lived with Williams and who was convicted of a domestic assault on Williams in 1995.

### 200 Killed in Algeria Violence

Algiers, ALGERIA (AP)

There was no claim of responsibility for the attack in Algeria today that left at least 200 people dead and 100 others wounded. The attack took place near Baraki in the suburbs of the Algerian capital. Such massacres are frequently blamed on the Armed Islamic Group, one of several organizations trying to topple Algeria's military-backed government.

### 4 Killed in Calif. Plane Crash

TORRANCE, Calif. (AP)

A man who headed the U.S. subsidiary of a Japanese printing company was among the four people killed when their small plane crashed into a Torrance medical building on Sunday, an employee said today. Shimpei Matsumoto, who is also the son of Daicolo president Hajime Matsumoto, was killed instantly in the crash shortly after takeoff. The plane crashed through the top two floors of the three-story medical office building. Nobody was inside the building at the time.

### Enemies Meet at N.Ireland Talks

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

AP Top News at 11 a.m. EDT Tuesday, Sept. 23, 1997

Two of Northern Ireland's most implacable opponents faced each other over a negotiating table for the first time today in a meeting Britain hopes will prepare the way for all-party talks. The only business on the day's agenda, however, was the Ulster Unionist Party's demand that the Sinn Fein Party be thrown out of the talks because of its links to the ***Irish Republican Army***. Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam, the senior British official in the province, will have to decide whether to accept or reject the unionist challenge to Sinn Fein's participation in the talks.

Report: Israel ID's Suicide Bombers

NABLUS, West Bank (AP)

Israeli radio stations and newspapers reported today that the security forces have identified the militants who carried out two suicide bombings in Jerusalem. Israeli security forces have tightened their siege of a West Bank village. Israel's military censor is not allowing news organizations to report all available details in the case, including the name of the village under blockade. Media reports said a government announcement was expected later today or tomorrow.

Penthouse Co-Founder Dies

NEW YORK (AP)

Kathy Keeton Guccione, who founded Penthouse magazine in the U.S. along with her husband, Bob Guccione, died Friday at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Manhattan. She was 58. The cause of her death was complications from surgery to remove an obstruction in her digestive tract, said a spokeswoman for General Media, the magazine's publisher. Ms. Keeton was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1995. In 1969, she and her husband brought Penthouse to the United States. Ms. Keeton co-founded the science magazine Omni in 1979 and the health magazine Longevity in 1989.

Dow Down 36 in Early Going

NEW YORK (AP)

Stock prices are lower today. The Dow industrials are down 36.10 to 7,960.73. NYSE decliners lead advancers 1,311-1,031. The Nasdaq is up 3.37 to 1,692.82.

Albert Accuser To Testify Today

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP)

Marv Albert's accuser is expected to testify today as the NBC sportscaster's trial resumes this morning. Prosecutors say Albert, who pleaded innocent yesterday, expected three-way sex, and became angry when the woman arrived at his hotel room alone. The defense portrays the woman as vengeful and unbalanced and says the sex was consensual. Albert is charged with sodomy and assault. If convicted, he could get life in prison.

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## News Summary

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INTERNATIONAL 3-13

#### Diana Dies in Accident In Tunnel by the Seine

Diana, the Princess of Wales, died after a car accident in Paris that also killed Emad Mohammed al-Fayed, who was the Harrods heir and her companion recently, and the car's driver. A bodyguard was injured. The crash occurred while photographers on motorcycles were pursuing the car, the authorities said. 1

#### Migrant Flow Overstated

The first formal migration study to be sponsored by the American and Mexican Governments found that the number of undocumented Mexican workers who have settled in the United States in the 1990's is far lower than some politicians have suggested, only about 105,000 a year. 1

#### Limerick Rising From Ashes

The Irish city of Limerick at first felt ridiculed by the memoir, "Angela's Ashes," but now people there seem to agree that the book is talking about an unlamented past of poverty, and not the Limerick of today. 1

#### Asian Economies Rocked

After gyrations in stock and currency markets, some experts are wondering how secure the foundation is under the Asian economic miracle. 6

#### Accusations Precede Albright

Palestinians and Israelis exchanged more bitter accusations ahead of a visit by Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright, who will try to bring the peace talks "back from the abyss," a spokesman said. 11

#### Rioting in Belfast

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## Baptist Leader Under Siege

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With the resignation of William F. Weld, the new Governor, Paul Cellucci, is getting a chance to audition for Massachusetts voters. 14

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Cities across the nation are developing programs to prevent pollution of drinking water at its source, but nothing approaches the magnitude of the cleanup that has just begun in the 2,000 square miles of hills and river valleys funneling water to the eight million people of New York City. 1

## Jobs Elude Welfare Mothers

New York City is pushing thousands of welfare mothers into the job market for the first time in years. But while nearly 8,000 women are pounding the pavement, the vast majority fail to find work, officials say. 1

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Diana, Princess of Wales

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The former wife of Prince Charles and the mother of the future king of England was 36. Diana was a teen-ager when she was thrust into the world spotlight through her relationship to Prince Charles and their 1981 marriage, which ended in divorce last year. She became one of the world's most glamorous women at the same time that she pursued humanitarian causes. 31

Emad Mohammed al-Fayed

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A summary of the top world news Monday:

WASHINGTON - Representatives of Rene Levesque's Parti Quebecois government repeatedly approached a U.S. diplomat about joining the United States in the event of a nasty divorce from Canada, newly available documents say.

L. Michael Rives, a former U.S. consul general in Montreal, suggested to the unidentified PQ representative that the United States was not interested in absorbing Quebec and advised the PQ to shelve independence.

Levesque and a senior cabinet minister also provided regular and detailed briefings to a senior U.S. diplomat on the path of Quebec independence, a former foreign service officer said.

The revelations are contained in an unvarnished and often barbed series of recollections by U.S. diplomats who served in Canada from the 1930s to 1985. ---

PACIFIC GROVE, Calif. - With such 1970s hits as Rocky Mountain High, Sunshine on My Shoulders and Take Me Home, Country Roads, John Denver was a wholesome, wire-rimmed hippie who turned out sunny music for cynical times.

In the end, he died in a setting straight out of his music, soaring over the mountains, sea and sky before his experimental plane crashed Sunday in picturesque Monterey Bay. He was 53.

Peter, Paul and Mary made a hit of Denver's Leaving on a Jet Plane in 1969, and on Monday, Mary Travers mourned him as man who offered an alternative to angry rock and help bind the wounds of tumultuous times.

"I think he brought a sense of optimism, a sort of naivete we were thrilled to have after Vietnam, after Watergate, after the rising tide of cynicism of the 1970s," she said. "He was talking about how beautiful it was in the mountains, saying, "There is another side to it all."

Denver's single-engine Y-shaped plane crashed during the afternoon in the choppy waters just offshore. His identity was confirmed Monday with fingerprints sent from Colorado. ---

Plague fears mount in storm-wrecked Acapulco



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ACAPULCO - Health workers vaccinated thousands of residents of hurricane-devastated Acapulco at makeshift centres on Monday, hoping to halt the spread of deadly diseases.

Health workers also set up vaccine centres in other smaller villages along the coasts of Guerrero and Oaxaca, the two southwestern Mexican states wrecked by hurricane Pauline last week.

Up to 400 people may have died in the flooding and chaos that accompanied Pauline's deadly sweep along the Pacific coast. But officials now fear epidemics could threaten many more in the largely poor region, where drinking water has become mixed with sewage by the flood. ---

PRINCETON, Mass. - A man whose 14-year-old daughter's death spurred him to run long distance to raise money to fight cancer dropped dead of a heart attack just two metres from the finish line of his first half-marathon.

John Pierce, 51, crumpled to the pavement Saturday during the 20-kilometre Applefest Half-Marathon in Hollis, N.H. He was wearing a baseball cap that read: "In Memory of Ali Pierce."

Pierce's widow, Anna, consoled herself Monday with the thought that father and daughter were together again: "That's what's giving me the strength to open my eyes this morning."

His daughter died less than a year ago, after being diagnosed with liver cancer in 1994. ---

BELFAST - Tony Blair shook hands with Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams on Monday in the first meeting in more than 70 years between a British prime minister and an Irish republican leader.

Later, Protestant demonstrators yelling "traitor" jostled and jeered Blair as he went on a walkabout at a Belfast shopping centre.

**Women** donned rubber gloves and thrust their hands at the British leader, screaming: "You are contaminated. You have shaken hands with a murderer."

His controversial meeting with the head of Sinn Fein, political wing of the outlawed **Irish Republican Army** guerrilla group, drew fierce criticism from Northern Ireland Protestants despite the fact he met the leaders of all seven other parties involved in the peace talks as well.

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## **Precede BELFAST Showdown in Portadown imminent over Protestant march With**

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### **Body**

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This town is bedecked in the red, white and blue of the British flag except for one fateful road where the Roman Catholics live.

The British government and security forces went to the wire Friday in weighing whether to let Northern Ireland's main Protestant fraternal group, the Orange Order, parade on Sunday down Garvaghy Road.

Catholic militants living on both sides of the road have threatened to block it and fight police if they don't instead confront the Orangemen, whose annual parades they consider anti-Catholic.

The scene is set for a repeat of last summer's Catch-22 showdown, when police first tried to block the march but reversed course following four nights of mounting Protestant violence. That triggered even worse Catholic rioting. The clashes cost two lives, wounded hundreds and ruined property worth more than 20 million pounds (dlrs 30 million).

Mo Mowlam, the British Cabinet member responsible for governing Northern Ireland, deferred a decision on how to deploy police and troops and, critically, against which side until she could mount a final diplomatic blitz of Orange and protest leaders.

But prospects for a last-minute compromise appeared dim. Mowlam has to shuttle between the two sides because Orange leaders have refused to meet the protest leader, former **Irish Republican Army** prisoner Breandan MacCionnaith. He says his community will resist if the police try to force even a single Orangeman through.

Reinforcements of soldiers in Saxon armored cars rolled from Belfast into Portadown's main Mahon barracks at midday. They passed along roads candy cane-striped in Union Jack colors, and beneath arches displaying cherished Orange symbols the British crown resting on an open Bible and the telling motto, "What we have we hold."

On Garvaghy Road, protesters have hung green, white and orange Irish flags and decorated public housing projects with massive murals ridiculing Orangemen and the predominantly Protestant police force.

"We want the world to see that we are just ordinary people," said Evelyn White, a grandmother among the **female**-only protesters camped out in a half-dozen tents on a grass slope overlooking the road.

## Precede BELFAST Showdown in Portadown imminent over Protestant march With

She said Orangemen "seem to think that everybody's the IRA. We are not IRA. We're just ordinary women, ordinary families .. who don't want these people stomping through here like they own the whole town."

Robert Saulters, grand master of the 80,000-member Orange Order, surprised observers by endorsing a possible compromise in which the British government would officially proclaim the Orangemen's right to parade down Garvaghy Road but then Portadown's Orangemen, their honor secured, would voluntarily parade somewhere else.

But the Orange Order is divided over the merits of any compromise, and Saulters acknowledged a few hours later that the plan would not work.

A growing faction within the order has dubbed itself "The Spirit of Drumcree," in honor of the Anglican church north of Portadown that is the focus of Sunday's march. They say most Orangemen support their no-compromise message and want Saulters to resign.

"A people and their culture are under attack. Protestants have been ethnically cleansed off that road in Portadown," said Spirit of Drumcree leader Joel Patton, a mushroom farmer in the nearby village of Moy.

"People must not lose sight of what's at stake here. The whole ethos of the Orange Order ... is now under threat. If we lose this parade once, we lose it forever," he said.

Other Orangemen argue that confrontation will play into the IRA's hands.

"Nothing would please the IRA more than to see Orangemen in open conflict with the lawful forces of the state or to see those same forces being seen to abuse Roman Catholic protesters," said the Rev. William Bingham, chaplain of the County Armagh branch of the Orange Order, which includes Portadown.

Bingham wants the march to take place simultaneously in one lane of the road while protesters demonstrate in the other, but protesters have rejected that.

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## **Blair vows to end sleaze / Start of a new era, he says**

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New British Prime Minister Tony Blair has promised to restore clean government after the sleaze of the defeated Conservatives.

The British leader, elected in a landslide victory, will celebrate his 44th birthday tomorrow as the youngest PM this century.

Outside 10 Downing Street, with his family beside him, Blair promised to unite Britain and reach out to all classes and "clean up" the administration.

It was a day of tears at Downing Street for outgoing PM John Major's loyalists, who looked out of windows of Number 10 weeping as he departed.

His government had been plagued by problems, with several MPs forced to resign over sex scandals and others ousted for taking money to ask questions in parliament.

But it was a day of celebration for Blair supporters as the new leader rode past the iron gates outside his new residence to be greeted by cheering crowds.

Complete results from Thursday's election indicated Labour would have a parliamentary majority of 179 seats, the largest in its history. The projected lineup was Labour 419 seats, Conservatives 165, Liberal Democrats 46 and others 29.

The Conservatives were left with no seats in Scotland and Wales, and reduced to a minority in England that was largely confined to the suburbs and small towns. It was their worst defeat since 1832.

In Northern Ireland, Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams, whose party fronts for the **Irish Republican Army**, won back the parliamentary seat he lost in 1992.

Another Sinn Fein leader, Martin McGuinness, also won a seat.

Many of the so-called Eurosceptics who may have contributed to the Labour landslide by dividing the Conservative Party were also beaten. But a few prominent ones survived.

The new Parliament will have about 120 **women** members, a record number that is almost double the present 62.

Nearly 400 **women** ran for office, and Labour has promised half of its MPs will be **women** within 10 years.

## Blair vows to end sleaze / Start of a new era, he says

The voter turnout was 71.3 per cent, an all-time postwar low. In 1992, 77.7 per cent voted.

Major went to Buckingham Palace to submit his resignation, and little more than a half hour later Queen Elizabeth II met with Blair and entrusted him to form a government.

In the next two days Blair will name junior ministers. He may hold his first Cabinet meeting on his birthday tomorrow.

In his brief speech in Downing Street, Blair said the voters had "above all sent a mandate to bring this nation together." He promised to unite Britain, restore clean government, decentralise administration and "give people hope once again that politics is about the service of the public". "And it will be a government that seek to restore trust in politics in this country, that cleans it up, that decentralises it, that gives people hope once again that politics is and should be always about the service of the public."

He also offered "strength and confidence in leadership, at home and abroad, particularly in Europe."

European leaders, in turn, gave a warm but cautious welcome to Blair and the Labour Party, and are waiting to see if Blair will open a new era in relations or if Britain will remain the cantankerous sceptic .

"The impression has arisen that the Labour Party is the one that is more Europe-friendly," said German Chancellor Helmut Kohl. "We'll have to see if it remains that way." French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette said he was "pleased with the election, which marked a decline in British Euroscepticism."

To the disgruntled leftists in Labour who dislike his party reform, and may now press him to adopt a radical agenda, Blair said: "We campaigned as New Labour, and we will govern as New Labour. This is not a mandate to return to the past." He promised a partnership with business. The pound strengthened and stock prices rose in reaction to his victory.

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**Crowds cheer 'Tony, Tony, Tony': From his old home to 10 Downing St., Blair was mobbed**

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Prime Minister Tony Blair will put the finishing touches on his cabinet today after sharing his stunning electoral triumph with his closest Labor colleagues Friday.

Fresh from accepting the Queen's offer to him to form a government, Blair rewarded the key men who helped him persuade the nation to put their trust in his new Labor.

John Prescott was appointed deputy prime minister, Gordon Brown named Chancellor of the Exchequer, Robin Cook made Foreign Secretary and Jack Straw named Home Secretary.

But as much as he tried to include his party in the afterglow of victory, Friday was Blair day in Britain.  
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From the time he left home with his wife Cherie to drive to Buckingham Palace until he entered the door of 10 Downing Street for the first time as prime minister an hour later, Blair was mobbed by jubilant crowds. Office workers hung out of windows along the route of his motorcade to cheer him on.

Throngs of party workers, tourists and ordinary Londoners pushed and shoved and craned to see him. They stretched out their arms to touch him and wildly chanted "Tony, Tony, Tony."

The scene was unprecedented. It resembled something Princess Di should be involved in, not a prime minister.

It took until late Friday for the exact size of Blair's victory to be calculated. The final tally was Labor 419, Conservatives 165, Liberal Democrats 46, and other parties 29. It gives Blair a majority of 179 in the 659-seat House of Commons.

The extent of the changes sweeping over Britain in the wake of the Labor tidal wave is just beginning to sink in.

The Tory meltdown was the worst in 165 years. Both Scotland and Wales are Tory-free zones.

**Women** were elected in numbers previously only dreamed of. There will be 120 **females** in the Commons, almost double the previous number.

Crowds cheer 'Tony, Tony, Tony': From his old home to 10 Downing St., Blair was mobbed

In Northern Ireland, Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness, two MPs representing Sinn Fein, the political wing of the **Irish Republican Army**, were elected. They'll take offices at Westminster but won't swear an oath of allegiance or sit in the Commons.

Paddy Ashdown's Liberal Democrats had their best election night since Lloyd George's time early in this century. Their share of the vote dipped slightly but they won 28 more seats.

In his first speech Blair praised Major. He paid tribute to his "dignity and his courage" and thanked him "for the manner of his leaving, the essential decency of which is the mark of the man."

Blair offered no poetic flourishes as he kicked off his mandate. He said he would lead "a government of practical measures in pursuit of noble causes."

"For 18 years, 18 long years, my party has been in Opposition," he said. "It could only say, it could not do. Today we are charged with the deep responsibility of government. Today, enough of talking. It is time now to do."

He pledged during the campaign his program would include enabling legislation to set in motion a promise of referenda in both Scotland and Wales asking citizens if they want parliaments of their own with limited self-rule powers.

He will have to deal with the two big problems that faced the last government -- Northern Ireland and Europe.

Irish Prime Minister John Bruton is expected to meet Blair Thursday to discuss how to revive the moribund Northern Ireland peace process. Many think Blair's massive victory could give peace new impetus and the pressure is on the IRA to give him the benefit of the doubt for an immediate ceasefire.

The European Union is also demanding Blair's immediate attention. After years of British obstructionism, the union wants Blair to take a positive interest in the far-reaching structural changes it wants to make at its June summit in Amsterdam.

These changes will define the union into the next century and Blair's input could be crucial.

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#### In the Nation

Chicago police have charged a 25-year-old ex-convict in the rape, beating and poisoning of a 9-year-old child known as Girl X, nearly three months after she was found unconscious in a public housing stairwell. Patrick Sykes, who was in prison from 1991 to 1993 for attempted criminal sexual assault, confessed and was charged Thursday, police spokesman Paul Jenkins said. After beating and assaulting the girl, Sykes poured a gasoline-type substance down her throat, Jenkins said.

A small earthquake and aftershock shook the Los Angeles area early yesterday, shattering windows and jolting residents. Slight damage was reported, but no injuries. The 3.3-magnitude quake occurred at 1:26 a.m., one mile north of Inglewood, officials said.

Connecticut Gov. John G. Rowland has agreed to pay a \$3,919 penalty for illegally accepting upgrades to \$160 box seats - after buying cheaper \$54 tickets - from a lobbyist for a half-dozen concerts, the state Ethics Commission said yesterday. The difference exceeds the yearly \$50 limit for gifts given to state officials from the same individual or organization.

Two men accused of abducting Michigan sisters were ordered held without bond yesterday by a U.S. magistrate in Grand Rapids. Ronald Stafford, 22, and Richard Geer, 20, did not enter a plea. A private proceeding was held for 17-year-old Lee Stafford because he is a juvenile. The trio allegedly abducted Teresa, 9, and Jessica Hainer, 6, as they left their school bus near Kalamazoo, Mich., March 21. They were found four days later in Daytona, Fla.

Alabama state police released a New York trucker yesterday after questioning him about \$24 million worth of cocaine found inside his banana-laden 18-wheeler. Police labeled their find the biggest drug haul in the state's history. The trucker's log showed the shipment originated in Slidell, La., and was headed for an unnamed New Jersey destination.

The Army dropped 35 charges yesterday against an Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., drill instructor accused of misconduct involving **female** trainees. Staff Sgt. Delmar Simpson still faces 94 counts of sexual misconduct and other violations after an investigation into sexual harassment by Aberdeen trainers against **female** subordinates.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

## In the World

Bosnian Croat and Muslim policemen conducted the first joint patrols yesterday in the divided city of Mostar. The formation of the 100-member police force represents a breakthrough for the troubled Muslim-Croat Federation that governs half of Bosnia. For years, Mostar, about 50 miles southwest of Sarajevo, has been one of the worst sources of Muslim-Croat tension and violence.

Bowing to public opposition, Serbia's government yesterday dropped proposed restrictions on independent news media. Legislation presented by President Slobodan Milosevic's administration would have limited the broadcast range of independent radio and television stations and restricted private ownership of newspapers.

London police shut down five central train stations yesterday after a bomb threat believed to be from the **Irish Republican Army**. The IRA claimed responsibility for planting two bombs discovered Thursday under an elevated section of a vital British highway.

The French government said yesterday that it would allow one of India's best-known criminals, an admitted killer suspected of murdering 14 tourists in Thailand, to enter France. Charles Sobhraj, freed from an Indian prison in February after serving a 21-year term, has been detained by police since then because he doesn't have valid travel documents.

Police in western Siberia have arrested a group of criminals who planned to sell 11 pounds of radioactive uranium stolen from a plant in neighboring Kazakhstan, authorities said yesterday. The group stole the uranium-235 from a metallurgical plant and planned to smuggle it to Pakistan or China or sell it in Russia, a police spokesman said.

Former President George Bush met Pope John Paul II yesterday during a visit to Italy. The Vatican said that the audience at the papal residence of Castel Gandolfo was private and that no details would be released.

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## **HOLLYWOOD BRIEFS: Gary Oldman to play Dr. Smith in "Lost In Space"**

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Gary Oldman is in final negotiations to star as the amiably villainous Dr. Zachary Smith in New Line's sci-fi action thriller "Lost In Space" which is to begin filming in March in London. The Hollywood Reporter says Oldman will be paid 4 million dollars for the role in the film based on the 1960s TV series about the space family Robinson, doomed to wander the universe due to the antics of stowaway Smith. The original Dr. Smith was played by Jonathan Harris, who now lends his campy voice to cartoon characters.

Olympics security guard seeking movie deal =

Hollywood (dpa) - Olympics security guard Richard Jewell, who claims the FBI and the press ruined his life by naming him as a suspect in the Summer Olympics bombing, is reportedly close to signing a movie deal. Daily Variety reports that Jewell is leaning toward a mid-six-figure deal from one of three studios trying to get the rights to his story. Jewell settled a libel suit against NBC out of court, and the FBI has officially announced he is no longer a suspect in the 1996 Atlanta bombing that killed one woman.

Now, the Gracies =

Hollywood (dpa) - The Foundation of American Women in Radio & Television has received permission from the estate of comedian Gracie Allen to rename its commendation awards in her memory. The AWRT awards, henceforth known as the Gracies, each year honour the woman whose pioneering efforts are responsible for paving the way for other women's media careers. The Gracies will be presented this spring.

Julia Roberts, Mel Gibson to get Hasty Pudding awards =

Cambridge, Massachusetts (dpa) - Harvard University's Hasty Pudding Theatricals has named actress Julia Roberts and actor-director Mel Gibson as the 1996 recipients of their "Woman and Man of the Year" awards. The annual awards are presented to people who the students believe have made a "lasting and impressive contribution to the world of entertainment" as well as "those the students would like to meet and hang out with for the day."

Whitney Houston producing "How To Marry A Black Man" =

Hollywood (dpa) - Singer Whitney Houston is putting on her filmmaker's hat by producing a romantic comedy called "How To Marry A Black Man", about the friendship between two professional women and their experiences with

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love. The film will be based on a how-to book published last year by two women. Variety says Houston's Disney-based company, Houston Productions, optioned the book as well as the authors' life stories last February.

Hollywood bomb hoax prompted evacuation of studio =

Hollywood (dpa) - Police have filed charges against a Russian immigrant who claimed he had 5,000 pounds of explosives in a truck parked outside Paramount Studios in Hollywood over the weekend. Abram Bene Nacham, 64, was arrested Saturday after he kept police at bay for several hours and forced the evacuation of thousands when he parked his truck outside a local television station at Paramount Studios. A car body shop owner, Nacham reportedly was distraught over a dispute with the American Automobile Association (AAA).

"Devil" may care attitude could have been costly for Brad Pitt =

Hollywood (dpa) - Actor Brad Pitt is talking down his next screen project, "Devil's Own," co-starring with Harrison Ford. In the film Pitt plays an Irish Republican Army gun runner who befriends Ford, an Irish-American police officer in New York. Pitt tells Newsweek there were a lot of script revisions and he and Ford did not get along well. "I wanted out and the studio head said, 'All right, we'll let you out. But it'll be \$ 63 million for starters,'" Pitt said. So he stayed.

Michael Jackson Junior due February 27 =

Hollywood (dpa) - Mark your calendars: February 27 is the official due date for Michael Jackson Jr., according to People magazine. A source close to the pop star says tests show that the baby Debbie Rowe is carrying is a boy and the parents-to-be have chosen that name. Jackson is on a break following the first leg of his worldwide "HIStory" tour. He and Rowe were married in November in Sydney between concert dates. dpa eg

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## *Old hero restyled as legend*

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THAT splendid film Michael Collins subverts the maxim: "when the legend becomes fact, print the legend". Collins was not a legend but a less-remembered hero of the Irish independence struggle. Director Neil Jordan is not so much publishing the legend as creating it.

According to my books, Collins did not lead the delegation that resulted in the treaty establishing the Irish Free State. Arthur Griffith both led the negotiators and replaced Eamon De Valera, president of the Dail Eireann, the underground Irish parliament, when he resigned in disgust at the treaty.

My interest in the story is sentimental: my grandfather, Thomas Fennessy, was educated by a Fenian and supported the 1916 rising from Australia. His life's great joy was going back in 1922 to see Home Rule and, I fear, to pick up guns at bargain-basement prices in Germany, where the Irish traditionally shopped for weapons.

Film-makers can't create legends without paring back distracting details -which Jordan does tactfully enough but I wish he'd been fair to the women. The love interest, Kitty Kiernan, portrayed by Julia Roberts, may have been a sop to his American backers but did she have to be played as brain dead?

I did not expect cousin Kitty Fennessy, who was a paymaster for the Irish Republican Army, to get a guernsey but I yearned to see Meryl Streep doing Countess Markiewicz, trading bullets with British officers at St Stephens Green while Liam Neeson was jock-strapping at the post office.

Condemned to death in 1916 and reprieved, Markiewicz became the first woman elected to Parliament in Great Britain but could not conveniently take her seat because, in 1918, she was in jail again. Three years later, as secretary for labour in De Valera's Cabinet, wearing the green uniform of the women volunteer fighters, she opposed the Free State treaty -as did all five women in the Dail.

I hoped to see Markiewicz sniping from rooftops in the attack on the Four Courts . . . this time against Michael Collins's Free State Army.

Perhaps Michelle Pfeiffer could have made a cameo appearance as Maud Gonne, the Irish Joan of Arc. Sympathetic to the treaty, she organised a women's delegation to the Four Courts, seeking to end the fratricide. While the republicans accepted, Collins and Griffith refused.

LIKE many portrayals of the Irish problem, the film gives the impression that all the king had to do was say "Free Ireland!

' and the Liffey would turn to Guinness. A panoramic view reveals that the struggle was never simply England versus Ireland: it was North versus South, Catholics versus Protestants, successful manufacturers versus struggling farmers, unionists versus republicans, oddheshes versus sodheshes and, during 1921, republicans against Free Staters.

The republicans could not tell their friends from their enemies. In 1886 and again in 1913, British liberals sincerely strove to pass a Home Rule Bill, while the conservatives used the issue to undermine the liberal government, which they were able to do because the intractable complexity of Irish politics lent itself to divide and rule. This was not England's fault -it was the luck of parliamentary democracy.

Centuries of occupation, strife, poverty and lack of education, bigoted priests and negligent landlords had unfitted many Irish for learning to use Parliament.

Although Parnell had 86 Fenians in the British Parliament when Gladstone was labouring for Home Rule in 1886, and John Redmond had 82 Home Rulers in 1913, the lads back home never understood that politics is the art of the possible -and very slow too!

In 1913, the liberals were pledged to Home Rule and pushed through a compromise bill despite horrendous entanglements. It was almost law when it had to be deferred because World War I intervened.

Ireland prospered with the Great War and prepared to wait for the bill to be revived. The Easter Rising was not popular: the rebels shat in their hats. They did not have the justification of the Tupac Amaru rebels in Peru.

Terrorism is a costly way to do politics -and not often rewarding. The legendary Collins got the British out of Ireland: Collins's actual legacy -terrorism -brought them back again.

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**MOVIE REVIEW: Film unable to make viewers care about IRA martyrs or their mothers**

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Some Mother's Son MM 1/2

Starring: Helen Mirren, Aidan Gillen,

Fionnula Flanagan Directed by: Terry George

Written by: Terry George & Jim Sheridan

Rating: AA

Playing at: World Exchange

In 1981, an **Irish Republican Army** prisoner named Bobby Sands spearheaded a jail protest by a group of fellow IRA members in Northern Ireland. The detainees demanded that they be treated as political prisoners rather than common criminals, which meant the right to wear civilian clothes rather than jail garb. To press their demands, they organized a hunger strike; eventually, 10 of them died.

This piece of Irish history is dramatized in *Some Mother's Son*, the account of the dilemma faced by the mothers of two of the prisoners who have the power to save their sons from starvation. The result is a strangely unaffffecting film that fails to involve us in either the righteousness of the protest or the emotional journey faced by the two mothers. Made with obvious passion by the people who brought us the galvanizing Irish film *In The Name of the Father*, with which it shares screenwriters, *Some Mother's Son* cannot find a way to make us care about the causes of the strike, which seem purely symbolic but lie at the centre of the Terry George/Jim Sheridan script.

Helen Mirren plays Kathleen Quigley, whose son Gerard (Aidan Gillen) is arrested in the company of IRA leader Frank Higgins (David O'Hara). Both are convicted of terrorism and attempted murder and sentenced to long terms.

The case brings the apolitical and middle-class Kathleen into contact with Annie Higgins (Fionnula Flanagan), a feisty working-class warrior who fully supports her son's IRA activities. *Some Mother's Son* attempts to show the bond of motherhood -- of being the mother of an imprisoned son -- that cuts across the political and economic differences and binds the **women**. But the **women**'s journey together is a rather short one; by the end, they haven't gone far beyond accepting the other as just a different kind of mother.

## MOVIE REVIEW: Film unable to make viewers care about IRA martyrs or their mothers

Meanwhile, in jail, Gerard and Frank have come under the influence of Sands (John Lynch), who is portrayed as the sympathetic leader of a just cause. What got him into prison is never mentioned; nor is it easy to care too deeply over whether the prisoners will have the "right" or just the "privilege" of wearing civilian clothes or, indeed, about whether they can wear them at all. The clothes are symbolic of a larger issue of whether they are political prisoners, but the importance of this to their cause seems like small potatoes and is not developed

.George and Sheridan appear to acknowledge that in the screenplay, and one of its themes is the strange warrior behavior of men that cuts women off from the true work of keeping love alive.

The plots work at cross-purposes, however, and we never see either woman as having any kind of moral problem. Kathleen, especially, does not appear to understand the necessity for the hunger strike; her problem is just a matter of going against her son's wishes, which seem ill-advised in any event

.The film throws in a lot of double-dealing British administrators to heat up the drama, but these behind-the-scenes are contrived and false. Nor does it help that the hunger-strikers, with their unshaven beards and stringy hair, look more and more like Jesus as they near the end of the line

.Mirren, best known as Jane Tennison on TV's Prime Suspect, and Flanagan, who won an Emmy for the mini-series Rich Man, Poor Man, have the chief relationship in the film, but despite their very good performances, their scenes together are so underwritten that we never really see them connect.

This is a movie that tries to show us the hidden, human costs of conflict. Unfortunately, it doesn't know how to make us care

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### Yugoslav Officials Warn of Disaster

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)

Serbian authorities today warned of an ecological catastrophe if NATO strikes a chemical plant near Belgrade, floodlighting the factory so allied planes can see it. The factory, which processes components for washing detergents, contains 180 tons of hydrofluoride. If NATO strikes the plant, a cloud with a lethal dose of the acid would spread in a 20-mile radius, said Slobodan Tosovic said, a Belgrade health official. His warning comes on a day that saw NATO's most active airstrikes in its assault on Yugoslavia.

### Albright Says Strikes Are Working

WASHINGTON (AP)

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright today said NATO airstrikes at oil refineries, ammunition depots and Serb military command and control centers are "wearing down" Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's military and choking off vital supplies. The administration, she said, is acting to prevent "outside powers" from delivering oil to the Serb military through ports in Montenegro, a second Yugoslav republic. U.S. officials also are giving an international war crimes tribunal evidence of suspected Serb atrocities. The information includes satellite photos of mass graves and reports of ethnic Albanian women being raped and civilians slaughtered.

### Rebels Admit Avianca Kidnappings

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

Colombian rebels admitted on Sunday that they hijacked an Avianca airliner last week and kidnapped all of its occupants. The National Liberation Army, Colombia's second-largest rebel group, acknowledged the hijacking in a statement faxed to a local television station. The group did not say what its demands were for the release of the hostages.

### N. Irish Militants Asked To Disarm

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)



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Two militant groups based in Northern Ireland today were urged to turn over their weapons, an appeal aimed at persuading the IRA to follow suit. David Trimble, elected last year to lead Northern Ireland's still-unformed Protestant-Catholic government, said the two pro-British groups should turn in weapons to a disarmament commission established as part of the year-old peace accord. The **Irish Republican Army** has refused to start disarming as the peace agreement anticipated.

Italy Election Fails To Draw Voters

ROME (AP)

A referendum to change Italy's electoral system and make its revolving-door governments more stable failed to draw enough voters to be binding. The measure, which proposed abolishing the proportional representation system used to divvy up 25 percent of the seats in the Chamber of Deputies, needed a turnout of more than 50 percent to be valid. The current system allows even tiny parties to wield enough power to bring down a shaky coalition or stall legislation.

Water Polo Team Stripping for Funds

MEDELLIN, Colombia (AP)

Colombia's national water polo team is promising "The Full Monty" in a one-time-only striptease show to raise enough money to reach the world championships in Essen, Germany. The team hopes to earn \$32,000 at next Thursday's show at a disco. Only **women** will be admitted, at \$12 a ticket. The idea, which came from a team member's girlfriend, was inspired by the 1997 British movie about male strippers in unemployment-stricken Sheffield, England.

Tokyo Stocks Mixed Early

TOKYO (AP)

The Nikkei Stock Average was down in early trading on first 30 minutes of trading on Monday. It lost 55.71 points to 16,795.87 in the first 30 minutes of trading. The dip follows a 124.50-point gain on Friday.

Gretzky Exits Ice For Last Time

NEW YORK (AP)

Wayne Gretzky ended his 21-year career Sunday with an assist, setting up a second-period goal as his New York Rangers lost to Pittsburgh 2-1 in overtime. Slowly circling the rink, soaking in the farewells from his fans, teammates and opponents, Gretzky didn't want it to end. NHL commissioner Gary Bettman ensured it would end historically by announcing before the game that no one will ever again wear No. 99 in the league.

Bulls Edge Bucks 79-77

CHICAGO (AP)

The Chicago Bulls snapped a seven-game losing streak tonight by beating the Milwaukee Bucks 79-77 Sunday night. Glenn Robinson, who beat the Bulls with a last-second dunk at the United Center in February, missed a 13-footer at the buzzer, ending an 18-turnover, 38-percent shooting performance by the Bucks. The win marked the first time the Bulls defeated the Bucks this season.

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### NATO Steps Up Air Attacks on Serbs

WASHINGTON (AP)

The Pentagon is sending five B-1 bombers and additional radar-evading jets to Europe for intensified NATO airstrikes on Serb troops. A Pentagon spokesman said the planes will target troops and military vehicles. But he said that the Yugoslav military is widely dispersed in mountainous terrain, making for difficult targets. NATO has promised to continue airstrikes until Yugoslavia's military can't continue routing the ethnic Albanians in Kosovo or until President Slobodan Milosevic agrees to sign a peace agreement granting ethnic Albanians autonomy in the province. Meanwhile, a Yugoslav official for the first time acknowledged that atrocities by Yugoslav troops in Kosovo may be occurring.

### Russia Premier Meets With Milosevic

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)

Russian Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov is in the Yugoslav capital to meet with President Slobodan Milosevic and push for a diplomatic solution to the Kosovo crisis. Russia has been a vocal opponent of the NATO airstrikes on Serb targets. In Moscow, Russian President Boris Yeltsin said the attacks violate international law, but said his country will not get involved militarily. He also said he doesn't want the crisis to undermine relations with the United States.

### Fed Said Unlikely To Change Rates

WASHINGTON (AP)

The Federal Reserve's policy-making panel will meet today, and in light of continued U.S. economic growth, most economists expect that the Fed will vote to leave short-term interest rates unchanged. The Fed says a rate cut is not needed to stave off recession. The Fed has not changed interest rates since last Nov. 17, the day it cut its benchmark rate on overnight loans between banks for the third time in seven weeks. Those moves were taken after Russia's economic crisis sent Wall Street reeling and threatened to induce a U.S. credit crunch.

### Blair Calls for Trust in N.Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

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British Prime Minister Tony Blair appealed today for Northern Ireland's rival politicians to overcome their differences and form a coalition government. The Protestant-Catholic government is the linchpin of the nearly year-old peace accord. Blair called Protestant demands for **Irish Republican Army** disarmament before the government can be formed "a dispute that goes to the heart of the agreement, because it is about trust. Without trust between the parties, this agreement isn't going to work." The accord calls for the IRA to finish disarming in cooperation with an international commission by May 2000, but specifies no starting point.

#### Four Teens Killed in Texas Shooting

ABILENE, Texas (AP)

Four teen-age girls were shot to death and a man was wounded at a duplex last night, and authorities are searching for a car seen speeding from the scene. Police described the scene as "very, very gruesome" and said it appeared some of the **women** might have been trying to escape. Police had no motive for the killings.

#### Death Toll in India Quake at 110

BIYASI, India (AP)

Rescue workers are searching today for survivors and more victims of yesterday's powerful earthquake in the lower Himalayas that left at least 110 people dead. In Chamoli, the devastated town near the epicenter, residents and army engineers pulled survivors and corpses from under collapsed homes and shops. Soldiers were breaking up concrete slabs with power tools, while townspeople dug with shovels and their bare hands.

#### Japan Jobless Rate Hits Record High

TOKYO (AP)

A shrinking economy and spreading layoffs drove Japan's jobless rate to a record 4.6 percent last month, jumping sharply from January and swelling the ranks of jobless to a historical 3.1 million. The figures come as Japan is battling its deepest economic slowdown in 50 years. The government has pumped billions of dollars into the economy in an all-out campaign to prod consumers to spend. A major factor behind spreading joblessness is corporate restructuring.

#### Tokyo Stock Prices Fall

TOKYO (AP)

Tokyo stocks fell today as concerns about Japan's weak economy overpowered the record close overnight for the Dow Jones industrial average. The Nikkei lost 149.72 points to close at 15,859.12.

#### UConn Beats Duke 77-74

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)

Richard Hamilton scored 27 points and Ricky Moore made two key stops in the waning seconds as Connecticut won its first NCAA men's basketball title with a 77-74 victory over Duke last night. The loss ended Duke's 32-game winning streak, kept the Blue Devils from an NCAA record for wins in a season, and prevented them from ending the '90s with a third national crown.

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### Captured U.S. Soldiers To Be Tried

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)

Three U.S. soldiers captured by Yugoslav forces in Kosovo will face a military trial tomorrow, the state news agency reported. The Tanjug report said Jovica Jovanovic, a judicial official in Pristina, the Kosovo capital, said an authorized military court would conduct the trial of the three soldiers. NATO officials warned today they would hold Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic responsible for any mistreatment of the three Americans, who disappeared during a patrol along the Macedonia-Yugoslavia border on Wednesday after sending a radio message they were under attack.

### Clinton Says Strikes Need Time

WASHINGTON (AP)

President Clinton says NATO allies and the American public need to show resolve with the air campaign against Yugoslavia, now in its second week. Despite a growing humanitarian crisis, Clinton remains opposed to sending in U.S. ground troops. "The thing that bothers me about introducing ground troops into a hostile situation into Kosovo and into the Balkans is the prospect of never being able to get them out," Clinton said in an interview yesterday with CBS. As Serb forces appear to be pushing ethnic Albanians out of Kosovo, critics of Clinton's policy increasingly are saying an air-power-only approach will not bring Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to the peace table.

### Marine: I Said To Ditch Cable Tape

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP)

A crewman on the Marine jet that clipped an Italian gondola cable, killing 20 people, testified today he advised the navigator to get rid of a videotape shot during the flight. Capt. Chandler Seagraves' admission came during the sentencing phase of the court-martial of Capt. Joseph Schweitzer, 31, of Westbury, N.Y. Schweitzer pleaded guilty to charges of obstruction of justice and conspiracy to obstruct justice. He faces 10 years in prison. The Marine EA-6B Prowler was on a low-level training flight near Cavalese, Italy, when it severed the ski lift cable Feb. 3, 1998.

### Northern Ireland Talks Adjourn

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

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Round-the-clock talks adjourned today without resolving the crisis besetting Northern Ireland's peace accord. Britain's Tony Blair and Ireland's Bertie Ahern unveiled a joint plan to persuade the eight parties to accept a "national day of reconciliation." The holiday would provide the **Irish Republican Army** and various pro-British gangs a focal point to start the process of disarmament, which has bedeviled peacemaking efforts for four years. Blair said talks would resume April 13.

#### South African Prisoners Can Vote

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP)

South Africa's highest court ruled today that prisoners should be allowed to vote in upcoming national elections. The Constitutional Court's decision means provisions must now be made for the country's 146,000 prisoners to register and vote in the June 2 elections, which they previously were barred from doing. More than 17.2 million people about 75 percent of the estimated 23 million eligible voters have registered for South Africa's second all-race elections.

#### Dolly the Cloned Sheep Has 3 Lambs

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP)

Dolly the sheep, the first cloned mammal, has given birth to healthy triplets conceived the old-fashioned way, scientists announced today. Dolly gave birth to two males and one **female** lamb yesterday, and "we are delighted," said Dr. Harry Griffin, assistant director of the Roslin Institute near Edinburgh. It was a second pregnancy for Dolly, who gave birth to a single lamb, Bonnie, last spring. The institute says Dolly's pregnancies show that despite her unusual origins, she is able to breed normally.

#### Stocks Somewhat Higher; Dow Up 10.83

NEW YORK (AP)

Stocks rose today but were well off their earlier highs as reports of continuing economic strength deepened the market's concerns about inflation. Just before 1 p.m. EST, the Dow was up 10.83 at 9,796.99. Decliners led advancers 1,406-1,376. The Nasdaq was up 16.57 at 2,477.97.

#### Norm Stewart Resigns From Missouri

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP)

Norm Stewart resigned as Missouri basketball coach today after 32 years. He was college basketball's third-winningest active coach with 731 victories. Stewart's last team went 20-9, losing in the first round of the NCAA tournament to New Mexico. It was another postseason disappointment for Missouri \_ Stewart took the Tigers to the tournament 16 times without ever reaching the Final Four. Stewart did not immediately say what was behind his decision.

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### Clinton Urges Irish Peace

WASHINGTON (AP)

President Clinton sent a St. Patrick's Day message to Northern Ireland's peacemakers. He appealed for them to cross "the last divide of the peace process" by forming a Protestant-Catholic government. Clinton met separately with Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams and Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble. The two have argued for months over when, if ever, the **Irish Republican Army** will disarm.

### Deadly Amtrak Crash Probed

BOURBONNAIS, Ill. (AP)

Investigators are focusing on the time just before an Amtrak train on Monday slammed into a tractor-trailer truck loaded with steel bars. The crash killed 11 people and injured 100 more. The National Transportation Safety Board says the engineer has been too shaken by the experience to provide a clear account of what happened. State police are analyzing two tire tracks in the mud at the crossing to determine if the truck driver tried to go around the gates.

### General OKs Plea Bargain

FORT LEWIS, Wash. (AP)

A retired Army general who pleaded guilty to sexual misconduct admitted that he targeted **women** in troubled marriages. Maj. Gen. David Hale pleaded guilty today to eight charges involving sexual improprieties with the wives of subordinates. In exchange, the Army dropped nine charges and Hale will get a reduced sentence.

### Starr Prosecutors Defend Tactics

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)

Prosecutors today put a former Whitewater grand juror on the witness stand at Susan McDougal's trial. It was an effort to show that Kenneth Starr's investigators were not out to get President Clinton. Mrs. McDougal's lawyer responded by subpoenaing a top Starr deputy. Her defense begins its case tomorrow. She is on trial for her defiance of a federal judge's order to testify about Clinton.

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## Spring Floods Are Forecast

WASHINGTON (AP)

The Weather Service's annual spring flood forecast today pointed to North Dakota and the Pacific Northwest as potential danger spots. The area of greatest flooding potential is along the Red River in North Dakota and Devil's Lake, N.D. John J. Kelly, director of the National Weather Service, said: "Now is the time to be thinking about what to do when the warning comes." Each year, floods kill 100-140 Americans and do an average of \$4.5 billion in damage.

## Balloon Team Crosses Mexico

GENEVA (AP)

A Swiss-English balloon team raced across Mexico early today and then slowed down to change jet streams over the Caribbean beginning the final leg of their quest to become the first to circle the globe nonstop. The team's Geneva headquarters said the pilots, Brian Jones of England and Bertrand Piccard of Switzerland "admitted to being very tired." They already hold the world balloon distance record.

## Microsoft Has New Internet Software

NEW YORK (AP)

Microsoft is releasing a new version of its Internet Explorer software that makes it easier to separate some Web navigation features from computer desktop functions. Critics said the features in Internet Explorer 5.0, which will be available starting tomorrow, are inconsistent with Microsoft's steadfast contention in its antitrust battle that its Web browser is an essential part of the Windows operating system.

## Netscape Shareholders OK Merger

DULLES, Va. (AP)

America Online has completed its nearly \$10 billion acquisition of Netscape Communications, creating a powerful new Internet force. AOL completed its all-stock purchase after Netscape shareholders voted overwhelmingly in favor of the deal. The Justice Department said last week it wouldn't oppose the takeover.

## Stocks Open Lower in Japan

TOKYO (AP)

Japanese stocks fell moderately early Thursday following a decline earlier on Wall Street. The Nikkei shed 106.55 points to 16,161.56 in early trading. In New York, the Dow fell 51.06 to 9,879.41.

## Simpson Does Ads for Lawyer's Group

LOS ANGELES (AP)

O.J. Simpson said he agreed to do television ads for a lawyer's group because he feels many people accused of crimes don't have decent lawyers. "The main thing I have learned is you can't walk into a courtroom without competent legal representation," Simpson told The Associated Press. Justice Media plans to sell the Simpson commercials to law firms across the country.

## NFL Brings Back Instant Replay

PHOENIX (AP)

AP Top News at 9 p.m. EST Wednesday, March 17, 1999

NFL owners voted today to bring back instant replay for the first time since 1991. The system to help officials make the right calls will include coaches' challenges and an official in the press box who will control replays in the final two minutes of each half.

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### Fighting Breaks Out in Kosovo

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP)

Serb forces battled ethnic Albanian rebels northwest of Pristina today as negotiators tried desperately to save the Kosovo peace process. It was initially reported that Serb police were separating men from women and children in two ethnic Albanian villages near the fighting, which was the precursor to past group slayings, but one official said the report was untrue. The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe says the latest fighting began when about 10 Serb military vehicles came under fire. But ethnic Albanians say the fighting started when government troops attacked three villages. There is no word on casualties.

### Albright Seeks Help for Kosovo Deal

RAMBOUILLET, France (AP)

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright pressured ethnic Albanians today to sign a Kosovo peace accord, so the full focus of diplomacy could be aimed at the holdout Serbs. A U.S. official said the future of the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army remained a sticking point for the ethnic Albanians. Under the proposed three-year interim plan, the KLA would be disarmed. Serb negotiators say they are prepared to sign a deal giving Kosovo Albanians wide autonomy, but they refuse a military annex to the agreement that calls for up to 30,000 NATO troops to enforce the deal. The NATO-imposed deadline for peace is less than 24 hours away. NATO has threatened to launch airstrikes on Yugoslavia if the sides don't agree.

### US Warplanes Bomb Iraqi Radar Sites

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)

U.S. warplanes bombed Iraqi military sites today after being targeted by Iraqi radar in the northern "no-fly" zone, the U.S. military said. An unspecified number of U.S. F-15s dropped 11 precision-guided bombs on Iraqi anti-aircraft artillery and radar sites near Mosul, officials said. U.S. and British planes also struck in the southern no-fly zone today after two Iraqi planes crossed into the zone. Allied warplanes have barred Iraqi military flights over northern and southern Iraq since after the 1991 Persian Gulf War to protect Kurdish rebel and Shiite Muslim groups.

### CIA Killer Wants Intervention

AP Top News at 11 a.m. EST Monday, Feb. 22, 1999

## WAVERLY, Va. (AP)

The convicted killer of two CIA employees wants the International Court of Justice to hear his case. Mir Aimal Kasi of Pakistan said he hasn't received justice in the United States and should be considered a political prisoner who "did my moral duty by attacking CIA." Kasi gunned down CIA communications worker Frank Darling, 28, and CIA analyst and physician Lansing Bennett, 66, as they sat in their cars at a stoplight. He said he was angry over the agency meddling in Muslim nations. Without intervention by the international court, Virginia will execute Kasi when his appeals are spent.

## New Arrest in Omagh Bombing

## BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Police arrested an eighth man today on suspicion of involvement in last year's car bombing in Omagh, the deadliest attack in the 30 years of Northern Ireland's conflict. Twenty-nine people were killed and about 370 were wounded by a bomb that tore through a crowd of Protestants, Catholics and Spanish tourists in the market town 60 miles west of Belfast. All of those arrested are allegedly members of an **Irish Republican Army** dissident group.

## Minority Broadcasting Code Sought

## WASHINGTON (AP)

The government is urging advertisers and broadcasters to adopt a system to prevent advertisers from discriminating against radio stations owned by or geared to minority listeners. Vice President Gore and the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission will be making the pitch today at an advertising conference. The FCC head is expected to suggest that the advertising and broadcasting industries develop a voluntary code guided by the principal of "fair competition." A by the FCC last month said advertisers often bypass or pay less money to minority-owned radio stations or stations targeting black or Hispanic listeners.

## Dow Up 40

## NEW YORK (AP)

Blue chip stocks opened higher today, jolted by a fresh round of corporate takeover news. Just before 11 a.m. EST, the Dow industrials were up 40.26 to 9,380.21. Advancing issues on the New York Stock Exchange led decliners 1,563-917. The Nasdaq was up 2.29 to 2,285.89.

## Duke No. 1 in AP Men's Hoops Poll

## DURHAM, N.C. (AP)

Duke remained No. 1 in the Associated Press' men's college basketball poll after winning its 22nd straight game. Auburn (25-1) moved up one place to No. 2, the highest ranking in school history. Big Ten regular-season champion Michigan State is No. 3. Connecticut fell from No. 2 to No. 4 after losing to Miami.

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## **Hanks, Spielberg set to make 'Band of Brothers'**

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Fresh from their partnership on Saving Private Ryan, Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks will co-produce a 13-hour HBO miniseries based on a U.S. Army unit in World War II, the network said Tuesday.

Band of Brothers will begin production next year. No air date has been set for the miniseries.

The project is based on the nonfiction book by Stephen Ambrose about an Army rifle company that parachuted into France on D-Day.

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Hanks produced the miniseries, From the Earth to the Moon, for HBO this spring.

Spielberg produced and Hanks starred this summer in the movie Saving Private Ryan about an effort to rescue a soldier in Europe during World War II.

Fans to vote on Internet for favorite stars

Alan Alda, Harrison Ford and Barbra Streisand are among the nominees in three new People's Choice Awards categories in which Internet users will determine the winners. The nominees in those and 15 other categories were announced Monday and determined by a national Gallup poll.

Voting on the special "all-time" categories will be open to anyone with Internet access by using the CBS website (<http://marketing.cbs.com/pca/>) between Dec. 1 and Dec. 14.

Irish pop stars record charity album

Ireland's top pop stars have united to make a charity album for the victims of Northern Ireland's worst bomb atrocity. U2, Van Morrison, Sinéad O'Connor have combined their talents to raise money for those caught in the **Irish Republican Army** bomb blast in Omagh that killed 29 people in August.

TV show host says illness puts career in perspective

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Kevin Newman, the co-host of Good Morning America, said his wife's diagnosis of multiple sclerosis put his worries about slipping ratings and replacement rumors in perspective.

"I don't mean to belittle what I do, but it's just TV," Newman said in the Dec. 5 issue of TV Guide. "It's not my real life. What matters to me are the people I love. If I can continue sharing myself with the audience, great. If not, I'm still a whole person."

Newman's wife, Cathy, was diagnosed with the chronic degenerative disorder in August. Newman said he feels the strain of rumors he may not have his job for long as the ratings slide. He said he's been told he will stay through Christmas.

Steinem and investors

buy 'Ms.' magazine

Ms., the grandmother of all feminist publications, has been sold to a group of investors led by Gloria Steinem, who helped found the magazine 27 years ago. MacDonald Communications Corp., which has owned Ms. for about 2 1/2 years, agreed Monday to sell the bimonthly magazine to Liberty Media for Women, which is backed by more than a dozen women investors. They include Steinem, who was a founding editor of the magazine in 1972 and has continued to contribute to it, and Marcia Ann Gillespie, its editor in chief since 1993. Terms of the sale were not disclosed, but The Wall Street Journal reported Tuesday it was roughly \$ 3-million to \$ 4-million.

Letterman fan gets

probation for trespassing

A South Carolina woman received a year's probation from a Connecticut judge Tuesday for trespassing on the property of television celebrity David Letterman, who has had problems with stalkers.

Postal Service worker Nellie Shirley, 39, was arrested on Letterman's New Canaan, Conn., lawn in late September, days before his best-known female stalker, Margaret Ray, killed herself under a coal train in Colorado in October. Dean also granted a prosecution request that Shirley be banned from all contact with Letterman.

Ray had made news by repeatedly breaking into Letterman's home, claiming to be his wife and being arrested for stealing his Porsche.

Amazing Rhythm Aces

founder dies of cancer

David H. "Butch" McDade, drummer and songwriter for the Amazing Rhythm Aces, died Sunday of cancer in Maryville, Tenn. He was 52. McDade founded the band in 1975 and played until it broke up in 1981.

The group, led by singer-songwriter Russell Smith, reunited in 1995. McDade wrote many songs for the band, including Last Letter Home, The Beautiful Lie and Pretty Words." Smith wrote the band's most enduring hit, Third Rate Romance.

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Protestant and Catholic politicians ended months of stalemate by agreeing Friday on the shape of a future coalition government in Northern Ireland, just hours before the first surrendered weapons were destroyed in a shower of sparks and burning metal.

The politicians shook hands and smiled wearily after an agreement on the future government --- the central plank of April's peace accord.

Six hours later, guns that once belonged to the outlawed Loyalist Volunteer Force were cut to pieces, the first weapons handed over under terms of the accord.

The Loyalist Volunteers spent two years targeting Catholics at random in hopes of derailing peace negotiations, but called a cease-fire in May in recognition of widespread public support for the accord.

David Trimble, the Protestant politician elected to lead Northern Ireland's future government, said the Catholic *Irish Republican Army* and its allied Sinn Fein party should follow the Loyalist Volunteers' example.

ASIA China leader rejects Western system Chinese President Jiang Zemin applauded 20 years of economic reforms that have pulled millions out of poverty, but he vowed that China will never adopt a Western-style democratic political system. Addressing an assembly of the Communist Party elite, Jiang declared the present system "must not be shaken, weakened or discarded."

South Koreans search for ship After chasing and then sinking a North Korean speedboat in a gunbattle, South Korean navy ships and planes began a sea and air search for the ship that launched the boat. The body of a North Korean in a scuba suit was recovered shortly after the sinking of the vessel, described as a low-slung, high-speed boat. Earlier, South Korean officials had described it as a mini-submarine.

EUROPE Serb official shot in head A top Yugoslav official promised another security sweep targeting Kosovo Albanian rebels after the body of a Serb mayor who was shot between the eyes was found dumped along a roadside. Yugoslav Deputy Premier Nikola Sainovic --- addressing angry Serbs at a rally hours after the brutal killing of the municipal leader of Kosovo Polje, just outside Pristina --- called the death "one more attack on Serbia."

Flu slows pope's schedule In Vatican City, Pope John Paul II was forced to cancel his appointments after coming down with the flu, but he was reported to be feeling better by the evening. The 78-year-old pontiff still was expected to miss his engagements today as well, including a Christmas concert at the Vatican.

## World in Brief; Agreement ends stalemate in N. Ireland

Doctors strike in pay protest Doctors across Germany shut their offices in opposition to a new law capping their income, the first major protest against the 7-week-old government. At least half of Germany's 110,000 doctors with private practices took part in the one-day action.

Poles to see police files A bill that will allow victims of Poland's communist-era repression to see their secret police files was signed into law after years of wrangling. President Aleksander Kwasniewski called the bill a "bad law" but signed it because lawmakers had overridden his veto.

THE AMERICAS Honduran children to hold class in tents More than 100,000 Honduran children will attend classes in tents next year because of damage to schools from Hurricane Mitch, Education Minister Ramon Calix Figueroa announced. The United Nations has agreed to donate 1,000 tents for schools, and Calix said he expected other organizations to follow suit.

Sex trial ends in acquittal A former premier of Nova Scotia and one-time Canadian cabinet minister was acquitted of sex-crime charges involving three women who claimed he assaulted them as teenagers in the 1950s and '60s. The six-week trial was a contest of credibility between Gerald Regan and his accusers, who gave emotional accounts of the alleged assaults but lacked corroborating testimony.

COMING UP Warring parties in Congo's five-month civil war agreed to meet later this month to sign a cease-fire treaty, Burkina Faso's President Blaise Compaore said. Representatives of the five countries embroiled in the war worked on a "pre-agreement" during a summit of the Organization of African Unity. "We hope the finalization of this pact will be" when the warring parties meet Dec. 27 and 28, Compaore said.

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Former top African National Congress official Allan Boesak (center)

exits the Cape Town Supreme Court on Friday, with wife Elna (right) and a supporter. A judge denied a motion to dismiss all the embezzlement charges against Boesak. / Associated Press

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Wall St. Underwhelmed by Rate Cut

WASHINGTON (AP)

Financial markets, banks and businesses didn't seem to be impressed by the Federal Reserve's modest quarter-point cut in short-term interest rates. The Dow Jones industrial average initially plunged more than 100 points after the Fed announced yesterday it was reducing the benchmark federal funds rate on overnight loans between banks from 5.5 percent to 5.25 percent. Some on Wall Street were hoping for a more dramatic half-point cut. Nevertheless, the Dow largely recovered, closing down 28 points at 8,081.

Tokyo Stocks Nosedive

TOKYO (AP)

Japanese stocks plummeted 3 percent to their lowest level in 12 years today after Moody's credit rating agency downgraded the nation's biggest securities firm. The benchmark 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average dropped 415.04 points, or 3 percent, to 13,406.39 points by the close of afternoon trading, the lowest finish since Feb. 21, 1986, when it closed at 13,394.31 points. After gaining slightly in the morning session, prices, especially securities company stocks, went south in the final hour of trading after Moody's Investors Service cut the debt rating of Nomura Securities Co.

Bodies of 600 Sri Lankans Collected

NEW DELHI, India (AP)

The Red Cross collected the bodies of 600 soldiers from Tamil rebels today after the heaviest fighting this year in Sri Lanka's intractable ethnic war. A Red Cross spokesman said the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam handed over the bodies at Mallavi, 25 miles southwest of Kilinochchi, a key town wracked by fierce fighting. In addition, the military itself said it collected the bodies of at least 262 soldiers killed in the battles for a strategic highway that began Sunday. The military said it killed 477 rebels in the fighting and that over 300 soldiers were wounded.

World Bank: Asia Crisis May Worsen

WASHINGTON (AP)



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The World Bank has a bleak view of Asia's financial crisis: It is severe; it could get worse and global economic expansion may be threatened. Children in the region are dropping out of school, families are going hungry and teenage girls are being pushed into prostitution, the bank said in a new report on Asia issued yesterday. As investors fear Asia's meltdown will spread to Latin America, the bank warned that the financial crisis has taken on "systemic proportions" in Thailand, Indonesia, South Korea and Malaysia with many banks and companies bankrupt or hovering on the brink. The report said Indonesia remains unstable.

#### Blair Seeks To Break IRA Impasse

BLACKPOOL, England (AP)

Prime Minister Tony Blair is seeking to break the impasse over **Irish Republican Army** weapons, a stalemate that is holding up the formation of Northern Ireland's new assembly. Blair scheduled meetings today with the leaders of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party and the two main Protestant parties after urging them "to close their ears to the prejudices of their own parties" and enact the Belfast peace agreement. The dispute concerns the IRA's surrendering its weapons as proof of the sincerity of its 14-month-old truce.

#### Details in Starr's Report Leak Out

WASHINGTON (AP)

Details are leaking about soon-to-be-released testimony on President Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky, including the relationship between his aides and **women** linked to the president and the first lady's knowledge of her husband's contact with the former intern. The White House objected strongly to yesterday's leaks. The material is among thousands of pages of supporting documents that Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr submitted to Congress along with his report on possible impeachable offenses committed by Clinton. The material could be key to any congressional inquiry of Clinton.

#### Brown K's 16 As Padres Beat Astros

HOUSTON (AP)

With his sinker and forkball leaving Houston batters flailing, Kevin Brown boosted the San Diego Padres into control of their NL division series with a 2-1 win over Randy Johnson and the Astros. Brown was brilliant, striking out a career-high 16 and allowing just two hits in eight innings. Bob Gibson is the only pitcher with more postseason strikeouts, 17, in the 1968 World Series. Houston's Killer B's Craig Biggio, Derek Bell and Jeff Bagwell were a combined 0-for-10 with seven strikeouts.

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Hurricane Threatens Southeast U.S.

MIAMI (AP)

The hurricane season kicked off with a double threat as the year's first full-fledged storm, Bonnie, gathered strength and threatened the Southeast, while a weaker tropical storm in the Gulf of Mexico neared the Texas coast. Bonnie's winds crossed the threshold to hurricane strength by midnight, skirting south of the Bahamas and moving west-northwest near 17 mph. Its top winds were near 75 mph. It could reach the U.S. coast by Monday and forecasters warned homeowners to prepare.

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FBI Mum on Embassy Bombing Clues

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## NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)

Searching for clues in the East Africa embassy bombings, authorities staged a pair of raids but were tight-lipped about what evidence, if any, was uncovered. Investigators were still describing their probe into twin bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania as being in the preliminary stages, even two weeks after the Aug. 7 attacks and even after the United States launched cruise missile strikes it said were in response to the embassy bombings. FBI Director Louis Freeh said he had made "no final conclusions" about who carried out the bombings.

## Bomb Defused in Indonesia Building

## JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)

Police defused a small bomb that was discovered in Indonesia's tallest building, according to newspaper reports. The explosive was found by a security guard yesterday near a bathroom door on the ground floor of the 50-story Wisna BNI 46 tower in the capital, Jakarta. There were no claims of responsibility and police declined to speculate on who may have planted it.

## Irish Plan To Honor Bomb Victims

## BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Church leaders have called on Ireland's 5.2 million people to observe one minute of silence today to mark Northern Ireland's worst-ever terrorist attack. The people of Ireland north and south, Protestant and Catholic plan to observe the silence at 3:10 p.m., exactly one week after a car bomb planted by **Irish Republican Army** dissidents killed 28 people and wounded 330 in the town of Omagh, 70 miles west of Belfast.

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## NEW YORK (AP)

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## McGwire Stays at 51, Cardinals Lose

## NEW YORK (AP)

After getting a pinch-hit, RBI double in a 10-5 first-game win over the New York Mets, McGwire struck out three times and walked as the St. Louis Cardinals lost the second game 1-0. Twice, McGwire took called third strikes from Armando Reynoso (5-0). The second time, he turned around to discuss the call with plate umpire Paul Nauert. "I believe it was off the plate," McGwire said. "I have a pretty good eye on the plate." McGwire, who homered twice Wednesday and two more times in Thursday's doubleheader to reach 51, has 34 games remaining to reach Maris' record of 61.

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## *Clinton Highlights Irish Economy*

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President Clinton turned today from the turmoil in Northern Ireland to the Irish Republic's thriving economy, holding it up as the prize of peace and a model for other nations. "I hope that success will whet your appetite for working together," the president said.

Ireland, with the highest economic growth rate of any country in Europe, is a "truly astonishing" model for other nations, Clinton said at a reception for Ireland's business and political leaders at the Royal College of Surgeons.

"There has literally never been a better time, I don't suppose, to be Irish because of the economic success, because of the renaissance in writing, filmmaking, because of what so many people are doing in so many ways to advance the cause of peace."

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, in turn, credited Clinton and his role in brokering the Good Friday peace accord with holding out to Northern Ireland the same promise of prosperity.

"He's laid down for us for all of us that there is a path to follow and if we are sensible, if we're brave and we follow that path, then the reward is peace and stability and confidence. If we don't, well, then the future is as gloomy as the past," Ahern said at a picture-taking session with Clinton before their private meeting this morning.

Clinton said the Irish can set an example for warring peoples in the Middle East and elsewhere. "The potential impact of resolving this could wash over many more people than live on this island," he said.

But the president warned against complacency. "I hope that success will whet your appetite for working together instead of causing as success sometimes does people to forget what brought them to the point of success."

His talks with Ahern focused on the momentum in Northern Ireland to work out a new governing formula for formerly warring parties there and on the province's ties to Britain and the Irish Republic, White House spokesman Mike McCurry said.

From his official hobnobbing in Dublin, Clinton was heading to the northern suburb of Santry and a tour of the Gateway 2000 computer plant in order to highlight business opportunities in Ireland.

## Clinton Highlights Irish Economy

Clinton met with business and political leaders as new anti-terrorist laws took effect in Ireland and Britain today. Both governments sought passage of the bills during Clinton's visit. The legislation is expected to bolster political efforts by Protestants and Catholics to make peace in Northern Ireland after 30 years of conflict.

With this trip meant to nudge along the infant peace pact, Clinton was asked whether he expected to visit the Irish again.

"For the sake of the peace process, I hope not. But for my own sake, I hope so," he said, laughingly suggesting that next time he would come more as tourist than enforcer.

Of the fragile peace process, Clinton said, "I hope it will be institutionalized and off and going."

The showers of Irish praise for Clinton on this tour were briefly interrupted with a jolt this morning as Clinton again faced criticism about his handling of the Monica Lewinsky affair.

Standing before news cameras with Ahern at his side, Clinton was peppered with reporters' questions about Democratic Sen. Joseph Lieberman's call for a formal "public rebuke." For the first time since admitting an inappropriate relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, Clinton publicly used the words "I'm sorry" in expressing regret for his actions.

U.S. investment has been a major factor in the growth of the Irish economy. Trade between the two countries last year was worth about \$12 billion, a 19 percent increase over 1996.

Gateway's Dublin plant employs 1,300 people, mostly producing personal computers for the European market. Gateway is considered a symbol of the decade-long economic boom that has seen American corporations build facilities in Ireland to serve the European market.

The president came to Dublin from Omagh, Northern Ireland, where he said he was "very touched" by his walk down the street where 28 people, mostly women and children, were killed and hundreds wounded in an Aug. 15 attack.

The car bombing, Northern Ireland's worst terror attack, was blamed on **Irish Republican Army** extremists trying to wreck Northern Ireland's peace agreement.

Clinton said today he was "just overwhelmed by the dimension of the tragedy and the grim, cruel nature of the violence." He added he was heartened by the spirit of the survivors. "Even the people who have suffered the most from the test of peace don't want to give into it."

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## *Clinton on Whirlwind of N. Ireland*

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Boosted by Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams' dramatic declaration that violence must end, President Clinton today launched a whirlwind tour of Northern Ireland, hoping to strengthen conciliation and embellish his peacemaker reputation along the way.

Shortly after Air Force One touched down in this storied province, Clinton went into meetings with one-time foes now enmeshed in creating a new government under the terms of an accord he helped broker last April. The most emotional part of the day promised to be his meetings with victims of 30 years of violence in Northern Ireland.

Clinton's national security adviser, Sandy Berger, showed off the day's headline in the Independent, announcing that David Trimble, the Protestant head of Northern Ireland's embryonic government, had agreed to meet with Adams, whose Sinn Fein group is allied with the *Irish Republican Army*.

Berger called it a breakthrough. "This is the headline we wanted to see when we got here," he enthused to reporters.

One of Northern Ireland's two major highways was shut down at morning rush hour to allow speedy passage of the presidential entourage across Belfast to the site for the new cross-community government, the Stormont office complex atop a hill in the city's eastern suburbs.

Clinton was greeted there by the government's two appointed leaders, Trimble and Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of the Social Democratic and Labor Party, an Irish Catholic. British Prime Minister Tony Blair accompanied them inside Stormont for a briefing on the status of the shaky peace accord and for meetings with elected members of the new Northern Ireland Assembly.

The Sinn Fein party, including Adams, was there in force.

Adams' declaration, which was encouraged by the Clinton administration, came closer than ever before to declaring an end to the violence that has left more than 3,400 people dead over the past three decades.

But several shadowy groups remain opposed to the peace accord. Artfully ambiguous, it leaves unsettled whether the province will be wedded to the predominantly Catholic Republic of Ireland or maintain strong ties to mostly Protestant Britain.

## Clinton on Whirlwind of N. Ireland

After meeting with Northern Ireland's leaders, Clinton was participating in a groundbreaking on the new campus for the University of Ulster in West Belfast, an area of unrest over the years. Later today, he planned to visit Omagh, where a bombing killed 28 people and wounded more than 330 on Aug. 13, and address a peace gathering at Armagh, the most venerated of Irish cities, which St. Patrick called "my sweet hill."

James Steinberg, the president's deputy national security adviser, said Wednesday that even with Adams' statement, there was no way to rule out more bombs. But, he said, violence-prone groups were on the run.

"They're defensive. They're unwilling to stand up and defend the actions they have taken," Steinberg said.

Adams' statement in advance of Clinton's arrival marked another step away from the IRA's once unshakable determination to bomb and shoot until Northern Ireland was abolished.

Instead, Adams' Sinn Fein party now is angling to help govern the 77-year-old state alongside Protestant politicians.

Trimble had repeatedly demanded that Sinn Fein declare on behalf of the IRA that "their war is over" before he would talk to Adams about an IRA role in the new administration.

In Washington, former Sen. George Mitchell, who brokered the peace accord, said anti-terrorist measures that British and Irish lawmakers were considering would help combat IRA dissidents destructive of the peace process.

Mitchell said Clinton's visit would "encourage the people who want this process to succeed."

Arriving a day ahead of her husband, Hillary Rodham Clinton on Wednesday called Northern Ireland's women a quiet catalyst for the peace agreement, but said they must play a bigger role in politics for real reconciliation to take root.

"It was women whose whispers of 'Enough!' became a torrent of voices that could no longer be ignored," she said at a conference called "Vital Voices: Women in Democracy."

"It is up to you, the women of Northern Ireland, speaking out whenever injustice arises, to point out opportunities, to face up to challenges, and to speak for those who are still voiceless," she said.

Mrs. Clinton's speech brought together not only grassroots Protestant and Catholic activists, but once-deadly opponents in Northern Ireland's three-decade-old conflict virtually all of them men.

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Report: Bombing Linked To Bin Laden

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)

Three men being held by Kenyan authorities in the U.S. embassy bombing have confessed to links with renegade Saudi millionaire Osama bin Laden, a Nairobi newspaper reported today. Neither Kenyan police nor FBI officials would comment on the report, which also said the three had been seen filming the American embassy in Nairobi days before the Aug. 7 blast. The three told police they had planned the bombing while based in the Indian Ocean port city of Mombasa and that their activities were financed by bin Laden, the report said.

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#### Congo's Neighbors Prepare for War

KINSHASA, Congo (AP)

From central to eastern to southern Africa, the war in vast and troubled Congo is threatening the stability of an already troubled region. Zimbabwe to the south began deploying troops Friday in support of President Laurent Kabila. Rwanda in the east called for a cease-fire but warned it would intervene unless the Zimbabweans withdrew. Angolan soldiers have also begun arriving in Kinshasa to help Kabila, radio in Mozambique reported.

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#### Red Sox 9, Twins 2

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)

Steve Avery pitched a season-high seven innings and Damon Buford and Nomar Garciaparra each hit three-run homers last night, leading the Boston Red Sox to a 9-2 win over the Twins. Avery (9-5) allowed four hits, walked three and struck out one. He avenged a loss to the Twins last Sunday when he was tagged for six runs and nine hits in three innings. Nomar Garciaparra went 3-for-5 with four RBIs and Mo Vaughn drove in two runs for Boston. Four Twins pitchers helped the Red Sox with eight walks and two wild pitches.

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Shortly after Air Force One touched down in this storied province, Clinton went into meetings with one-time foes now enmeshed in creating a new government under the terms of an accord he helped broker last April.

"What can I do to help?" Clinton asked in opening a private briefing on the shaky peace accord with British Prime Minister Tony Blair and the two appointed leaders of Northern Ireland's embryonic government, David Trimble and Seamus Mallon.

The most emotional part of the day promised to be his meetings with victims of 30 years of violence in Northern Ireland.

Clinton's national security adviser, Sandy Berger, showed off the day's headline in the Independent, announcing that Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, had agreed to meet with Adams, whose Sinn Fein group is allied with the *Irish Republican Army*.

Berger called it a breakthrough. "This is the headline we wanted to see when we got here," he enthused to reporters.

One of Northern Ireland's two major highways was shut down at morning rush hour to allow Clinton's speedy passage across Belfast to the seat of the new cross-community government, the Stormont office complex atop a hill in the city's eastern suburbs.

Clinton, in what press secretary Mike McCurry likened to a "college mixer," worked Stormont's Long Hall, where elected members of Northern Ireland's assembly stood grouped by parties to greet the president.

The Sinn Fein party, including Adams, was there in force.

Adams' declaration, which was encouraged by the Clinton administration, came closer than ever before to declaring an end to the violence that has left more than 3,400 people dead over the past three decades.

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But several shadowy groups remain opposed to the peace accord, which creates new links with the predominantly Catholic Republic of Ireland but also maintain old ties to mostly Protestant Britain.

Clinton was also participating in a groundbreaking on the new campus for the University of Ulster in West Belfast, an area of unrest over the years. Later today, he planned to visit Omagh, where a bombing killed 28 people and wounded more than 330 on Aug. 15, and address a peace gathering at Armagh, the most venerated of Irish cities, which St. Patrick called "my sweet hill."

James Steinberg, the president's deputy national security adviser, said Wednesday that even with Adams' statement, there was no way to rule out more bombs. But, he said, violence-prone groups were on the run.

"They're defensive. They're unwilling to stand up and defend the actions they have taken," Steinberg said.

Adams' statement in advance of Clinton's arrival marked another step away from the IRA's once unshakable determination to bomb and shoot until Northern Ireland was abolished.

Instead, Adams' Sinn Fein party now is angling to help govern the 77-year-old state alongside Protestant politicians.

Trimble had repeatedly demanded that Sinn Fein declare on behalf of the IRA that "their war is over" before he would talk to Adams about a Sinn Fein role in the new administration.

In Washington, former Sen. George Mitchell, who brokered the peace accord, said anti-terrorist measures that British and Irish lawmakers were considering would help combat IRA dissidents destructive of the peace process.

Mitchell said Clinton's visit would "encourage the people who want this process to succeed."

Arriving a day ahead of her husband, Hillary Rodham Clinton on Wednesday called Northern Ireland's women a quiet catalyst for the peace agreement, but said they must play a bigger role in politics for real reconciliation to take root.

"It was women whose whispers of 'Enough!' became a torrent of voices that could no longer be ignored," she said at a conference called "Vital Voices: Women in Democracy."

"It is up to you, the women of Northern Ireland, speaking out whenever injustice arises, to point out opportunities, to face up to challenges, and to speak for those who are still voiceless," she said.

Mrs. Clinton's speech brought together not only grassroots Protestant and Catholic activists, but once-deadly opponents in Northern Ireland's three-decade-old conflict virtually all of them men.

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## *To Catch Bombers, Ireland Unveils 'Extremely Draconian' Measures*

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### **Body**

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Northern Ireland's worst bomb atrocity this century is having a delayed-action effect: It is exploding in the face of the perpetrators.

The renegade "real" IRA, which admitted killing 28 civilians and wounding more than 300 in the town of Omagh last Saturday, is coming under intense public and government pressure to cease operations and disband.

On Wednesday the outrage triggered the unveiling of what Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern called "extremely Draconian" anti-terrorist measures by his government. They seem certain to be approved by an emergency session of the Dublin parliament to be held in two weeks.

The main measures include:

- \* Permitting the seizure of property, including land, which has been used for stockpiling bombs and other weapons.
- \* Extending the right of police to detain terrorist suspects for questioning from 48 to 72 hours.
- \* Withdrawing the right of terrorist suspects to remain silent under questioning and allowing police to draw conclusions from a suspect's silence.
- \* Making the directing of an unlawful organization, training persons in the use of firearms or explosives, and withholding information concerning terrorist actions, criminal offenses.

Mr. Ahern said detention without trial of known terrorists was "not ruled out." Existing Irish law would permit this.

## To Catch Bombers, Ireland Unveils 'Extremely Draconian' Measures

British Prime Minister Tony Blair supported Ahern's actions. "The measures announced by the Irish government indicate they are being true to their word," he said in a statement released yesterday. "There is unprecedented cooperation between our two governments as we take our plans forward."

The British government is pledging to take comparably severe measures against groups that violate the Northern Ireland ceasefire - and to cooperate with police in the Irish Republic in implementing them. Northern Ireland police sources say unspecified electronic surveillance equipment will be used by security forces in border areas in a bid to halt cross-border terrorist operations.

Public opinion on both sides of the province's religious divide appears united in the belief that the "real" IRA must be wiped out.

In a highly unusual move, David Trimble, Northern Ireland's Protestant first minister, attended funerals of Catholic victims of the bombing on Wednesday. Mixed congregations of Protestants and Catholics attended church services for several of the blast victims. Mr. Trimble later traveled to Dublin and, after a briefing by Ahern on the new security measures, announced that he was "satisfied" with the steps being taken.

After his talks with the Irish premier, Trimble said the British government should restore internment without trial to the statute book. Sources close to Britain's Northern Ireland secretary, Mo Mowlam, say this is unlikely to happen. In the early 1980s, several jailed suspects starved themselves to death in a Belfast prison in protest against their internment.

Just across the Northern Ireland border, residents of Dundalk, where police say the "real" IRA has an operational base, say they resent being associated with Saturday's outrage. Some shopkeepers are refusing to serve customers thought to be linked to the terrorist group.

Yesterday, Dublin's Irish Times newspaper reported that the people of Dundalk were expressing outrage at the continued operation of a shop run by Michael McKevitt, the group's alleged leader, and his partner, Bernadette Sands-McKevitt, vice-chairwoman of the 32-County Sovereignty Movement which has close links to the "real" IRA.

Sources within the group, which broke away from the main ***Irish Republican Army*** last October, concede that the bomb attack was a huge political blunder. Mr. McKevitt has gone into hiding, and the group has announced immediate suspension of its "military activities."

An attempt on Tuesday by the terrorists to "apologize" for the attack evoked widespread anger. Ms. Mowlam called it "an insult to the people of Omagh" and "a pathetic attempt to excuse mass murder."

As hostility towards the "real" IRA intensified, political analysts said it would be surprising if the group - believed to number less than 100 - could withstand the pressure. Henry Patterson, professor of politics at the University of Ulster, said: "I think Omagh has been terminal for them."

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## To Catch Bombers, Ireland Unveils 'Extremely Draconian' Measures

PHOTOS: 1) PRAYING FOR PEACE: Two women participate in a vigil in Blackrock, Ireland, near the home of the alleged leader of the 'real' IRA. Villagers gathered to protest last Saturday's bombing in Omagh, which the 'real' IRA claimed responsibility for. BY DYLAN MARTINEZ/REUTERS 2) BOMBING SUSPECTS: Michael McKevitt, alleged leader of the 'real' IRA, stands with his partner, Bernadette Sands-McKevitt. BY AP

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**Precedes OMAGH, Northern Ireland Clinton points to Northern Ireland as exam**

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Northern Ireland's peace was obtained through the courage and determination of its people, an example to war-torn peoples the world over, U.S. President Bill Clinton said Thursday.

Capping an emotional day of celebrating the Good Friday peace his intervention helped mold in April, Clinton said he came to battle-scarred Armagh "to thank you to thank you for the peace, to thank you for strengthening the hand of everyone, everyone anywhere who is working to make the world a little better."

"When I go now to other troubled places, I point to you as proof that peace is not an idle daydream, for your peace is real, and it resonates around the world."

Earlier, in a gymnasium hushed in grief at Omagh, Clinton consoled families torn by the worst terror attack of Northern Ireland's three decades of agony. There, he declared it is "high time to stop yesterday's nightmares from killing tomorrow's dreams."

The president also walked down Omagh's bomb-shattered Market Street and gazed at scenes of wreckage where 28 people mostly women and children died and hundreds were wounded in an Aug. 15 attack blamed on **Irish Republican Army** extremists trying to wreck the peace agreement.

"The terror in Omagh was not the last bomb of the 'Troubles,'" Clinton said in a speech in Belfast to members of the legislative Assembly born from the agreement. "It was the opening shot of a vicious attack on the peace."

But Clinton expressed optimism that Northern Ireland had turned from its bloody past toward a hopeful future. "Do not let it slip away," he urged. "It will not come again in our lifetime."

Arriving in Northern Ireland from a two-day Moscow visit, Clinton was greeted by friendly crowds although not the massive turnout he encountered on his first visit three years ago. The crowd at the evening address in Armagh was far less than half the 25,000 whom organizers had talked about.

Clinton said the Omagh attack had backfired. "Out of the unimaginably horrible agony of Omagh, the people said it is high time somebody told these people that we are through with hate, through with war, through with destruction. It will not work anymore."

Precedes OMAGH, Northern Ireland Clinton points to Northern Ireland as exam

The audience cheered.

"Now when I meet Palestinians and Israelis, I can say: Don't tell me impossible look at Northern Ireland," Clinton said, to more applause.

"When I meet Albanians and Serbs in Kosovo, I can say: Don't tell me it's impossible look at Northern Ireland.

"When I hear what the Indians and Pakistanis say about each other over their religious differences, I say: Don't tell me you can't work this out look at Northern Ireland.

"Centuries were put to bed, and a new day has dawned."

The president's motorcade took him past rolling green hills of grazing sheep and cows, a bucolic contrast to the suspense-filled Kremlin halls where he had worried over Russia's economic and political turmoil. In Omagh, there was a festive mood as thousands pressed to see the president after he visited the bomb site. He shook hundreds of hands.

Security was intense. Streets were barricaded and store doors were sealed after police checks. Secret Service Director Lew Merletti kept vigil over Clinton and agents nearly surrounded him.

The mood was solemn earlier at the community center where Clinton met with about 500 relatives of the victims of the bombing. They sat at tables spread across the room and fell silent when Clinton and British Prime Minister Tony Blair spoke.

Clinton and his wife, Hillary, and Blair and his wife, Cherie, went out into the crowd, stopping at each table with words of solace and encouragement, aides said. The Clintons stopped first at the table of 14-year-old Claire Gallagher who was blinded in the bombing. Her mother, a radiologist, was on duty at the hospital when her daughter was brought in.

Her dad, Seamus, said Clinton told her "to keep up her good work on the piano, to keep fighting, to keep her chin up. Mrs. Clinton actually said to Claire that if she ever came to America that she would get her to come play the piano for her."

Clinton has made Northern Ireland peacemaking a priority of his foreign policy, and Blair said, "There is no president of the United States of America who has done more for peace in Northern Ireland."

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## *As funerals begin, 'Real IRA' claims responsibility for car bomb*

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The "Real IRA," a splinter group opposed to Northern Ireland's peace accord, admitted Tuesday that it carried out the bombing that killed 28 people and injured 220. It apologized for the deaths, saying its warnings were not properly followed.

"Despite media reports, it was not our intention at any time to kill any civilians," the group said in a statement telephoned to a newspaper in Dublin. "It was a commercial target, part of an ongoing war against the Brits."

"We offer apologies to these civilians," the statement added.

Britain's top official in the province, who was accompanying Prince Charles on a tour of this shattered town, denounced the apology as a "pathetic attempt to ... excuse mass murder."

"It is contemptible and it is an insult to the people of Omagh," said Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam. "The sole responsibility lies with the bombers and we and the Irish government will continue to do what we can to hunt them down."

The police and Ulster Television in Belfast also rejected the group's claim that it gave clear warnings.

The splinter group called the Dublin office of a Northern Ireland newspaper, Irish News, using a recognized codeword.

News media said the claim appeared authentic and reflected embarrassment over Saturday's bombing, which killed mainly women and children and was the deadliest attack in three decades of sectarian conflict.

On Monday, police arrested five suspected members of the "Real IRA," which rejects the peace accord approved by the Irish Republican Army and its political ally Sinn Fein because the pact does not provide for a united Ireland. The reputed commander is a former IRA commander, Michael McKevitt, who broke away in October.

"Real IRA" said it warned Ulster Television twice and a branch of the Samaritans that the bomb was 300 to 400 yards from Omagh's courthouse.

However, both the police and Ulster TV said the warnings stipulated the bomb was at the courthouse. Police cordoned off the building, unwittingly driving people closer to the blast in crowded shops of Market Street. The Royal Ulster Constabulary reiterated Tuesday that the warnings said the bomb was "near the courthouse."

As funerals begin, 'Real IRA' claims responsibility for car bomb

As dusk fell, 5,000 people gathered in the center of Omagh in a candlelit vigil for the victims.

Earlier in Augher, a tiny, grieving village 15 miles south of Omagh, 30-year-old Avril Monaghan and her 18-month-old daughter Maura were laid to rest in a hilltop rural cemetery, the first of a string of funerals. At least 12 more victims, including Mrs. Monaghan's 65-year-old mother, will be buried Wednesday.

The brown wooden casket of the young woman, heavily pregnant with twin daughters, dwarfed the white coffin of her child as the procession entered St. Macartan's Roman Catholic church.

Her husband, Michael, clasped the couple's other young children, two girls and a boy, and joined in singing "My soul is longing for peace" at the Requiem Mass.

"We are bereaved as a nation as a whole, Protestant and Catholic," said Bishop James Duffy.

The Rev. James Grimes, Mrs. Monaghan's uncle and one of the priests who celebrated the Mass, prayed that the Omagh tragedy "would be the last of the terrible agonies our people have suffered over the past 30 years."

Such hopes have risen from the despair of every mass killing in Northern Ireland.

After visiting with some bombing victims who were still hospitalized, Charles recalled the IRA's 1979 assassination of his great-uncle Lord Mountbatten.

"I remember hoping 19 years ago that something positive would come out of that," Charles said. "But unfortunately things have gone on. Let us pray this time will be an end to all the horrors that poor Ireland has had to suffer."

In Madrid, 250 people gathered Tuesday for the funerals of 12-year-old Fernando Blasco and Rocio Abad Ramos, 23, the two Spaniards killed in the Omagh car-bomb blast. The two had been on an exchange visit to Ireland to improve their English. Twelve Spaniards were among the injured.

The British and Irish governments have pledged to do all they can to track down the bombers. They are discussing changing laws to make it easier to convict suspected terrorists.

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## **Bomb Suspects Arrested in N.Ireland**

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### **Body**

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Police arrested five suspects at dawn today in connection with the car bomb that killed 28 people and shattered hundreds of lives as it ripped through this religiously mixed town in Northern Ireland.

The suspects were found in their homes near Omagh, said an officer in the Royal Ulster Constabulary, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The officer cautioned that charges against the suspects were not imminent. Under Northern Ireland's anti-terrorist law, they could be questioned for up to a week before being charged or released.

Also today, a bomb threat at Stormont, the center of British administration for Northern Ireland in east Belfast, caused the evacuation of staff. No injuries were reported and no bomb was found.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his Irish counterpart, Bertie Ahern, emerged Sunday from an hour-long meeting in Belfast, 70 miles east of Omagh, vowing to work together to hunt down the bombers believed to belong to a renegade ***Irish Republican Army*** offshoot opposed to April's peace agreement.

"The purpose of that bombing was to destroy the work, destroy the hope and the agreement we built up," Blair said. "Our determination has got to be that these people will never win, and that democracy will triumph over evil."

Each of the 2,000 residents of Omagh seemed to have a story to tell about Saturday's bombing, offered in flat tones of disbelief: a school chum who won't be in class next month; a father and son who no longer will enliven a neighborhood; a shopkeeper who never again will greet customers with a ready smile.

"I don't understand why I'm living," said Jim Sharkey, who was knocked off his feet at his newsstand on bustling Market Street when the 500-pound car bomb exploded in the worst terrorist strike in Northern Ireland's history.

"How does this town deal with this?" asked the Rev. Michael Keaveny of Omagh's Sacred Heart Catholic Church, outside the makeshift headquarters where the dead, wounded and missing are being tracked.

Three generations of one family are gone: Avril Monaghan, 30, her 18-month-old daughter Maura and her mother Mary Grimes, 65, who had been visiting from nearby towns to shop on Market Street. Mrs. Monaghan was pregnant with twins.

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A 12-year-old boy from Madrid who was visiting Ireland to learn English died, as did his **female** teacher twice his age. The two Spaniards had decided at the last minute to put off visiting a historic park to do some shopping.

Also killed was 39-year-old Philomena Skelton, who had been seeking a school uniform for her youngest daughter. Kevin Skelton was overcome with disbelief when he went to the morgue to formally identify his wife of 20 years.

She "hadn't a mark on her face," he said.

Ronnie Flanagan, the head of Northern Ireland's police force, planned to team up today with his Irish counterpart, Pat Byrne, to assess security across the island.

Their recommendations will be forwarded to Blair and Ahern, who has refused to rule out the reintroduction of one of the most draconian responses available to his government under emergency powers: detention of terrorist suspects without trial.

Blair's spokesman would not discuss whether the measure might be brought back to Northern Ireland.

Exacerbating the carnage and the outrage was the misleading phone warning that caused police to unwittingly herd a large crowd, some attracted by a town festival, toward the full brunt of the blast.

Mary McAleese, the first Northern Ireland native to be elected president of the Irish Republic, traveled to Omagh on Sunday to condemn the bombers as "a posse of serial killers" who planted their device amid "a scene of simple, humble innocence."

Market Street remained sealed off, yet with signs that something terrible had taken place: a mangled baby carriage parked amid the rubble of a collapsing storefront, half-eaten meals abandoned on the tables of a cafe, diapers scattered pell-mell in the road.

Mairead Thompson brought her eight children from nearby Londonderry to view the devastation, to show what hate can do.

She said she hopes for the best, but fears Omagh a religiously mixed town that saw relatively little trouble before is forever marked.

"You can sense it already today, the change," she said, sweeping her arm around to underscore the unnatural quiet of the streets. "The silence."

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Thousands Flee Hurricane Earl

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. (AP)

Hurricane Earl moved toward Florida's Panhandle tonight with 100 mph winds, flooding streets, shearing off tree limbs and whipping up dangerous surf. Thousands of people fled the Gulf Coast, heeding warnings that included a state of emergency declared by Gov. Lawton Chiles and tornado warnings covering half of the state's 67 counties. By evening, Earl was centered about 70 miles south-southwest of Destin, Fla. Hurricane-force winds extended out 90 miles to the east of the center and winds of 39 mph extended out 175 miles.

Storms Fan Calif. Fires

LOS ANGELES (AP)

Thunderstorms roiled up over Southern California today, bringing fierce winds to reinvigorate a fire that has burned 7,000 acres of wildland. Lightning strikes from the storms could spark even more blazes. Winds gusting to 60 mph whipped up the Santiago Canyon fire that started Monday night. Embers jumped a toll road, creating spot fires at the El Toro Marine base and an industrial park in Lake Forest. No building damage or injuries were reported.

'Morning-After' Pill Gets OK

WASHINGTON (AP)

A company won government permission today to sell regular contraceptive pills as a "morning-after" product to prevent pregnancy. The technique has been 75 percent effective in tests when taken within three days of sex. The PREVEN kits, made by Gynetics Inc. of Somerville, N.J., will be available by prescription by the end of September. The kits, which include the four pills needed for emergency contraception, will sell for about \$20 and include a pregnancy test.

FDA Experts OK Two Cancer Drugs

BETHESDA, Md. (AP)

The first in a wave of gene-based attacks on cancer took a major step forward today as government scientists recommended that the drug Herceptin be sold to fight advanced breast cancer. For some 30 percent of patients

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whose tumors are fueled by a bad gene, it offers a chance at living a little longer, scientific advisers to the Food and Drug Administration concluded. Also, the FDA's advisers said another drug, tamoxifen, may reduce the chances that certain healthy women will get the disease later in life. But the panelists stressed that the FDA should approve tamoxifen only for women considered at high risk of developing breast cancer, because it also can cause lethal side effects.

#### IRA Moves Closer To Disarmament

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

The **Irish Republican Army** took a step closer to disarming today, while peacemaking momentum mounted on the eve of President Clinton's visit. Ending months of delay, the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party announced that Martin McGuinness its senior negotiator and a reputed former IRA chief \_ would work with the Canadian-led commission charged with disarming paramilitary groups. In London and Dublin, the British and Irish governments welcomed Sinn Fein's move as they convened emergency sessions of lawmakers to push through anti-terrorist laws designed to imprison IRA dissidents who oppose the April accord.

#### Northwest Lays Off 27,500

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)

Northwest Airlines today laid off 27,500 employees more than half its work force and canceled all flights through Labor Day because of the pilots strike. The layoffs included flight attendants, mechanics, customer service employees and other ground workers. Both sides agreed to meet for "exploratory" talks in Chicago on Saturday at the request of federal mediators. The National Mediation Board was careful not to describe the talks as negotiations. Because of the layoffs, it will take up to 10 days to resume a full flight schedule when the strike ends.

#### Tokyo Stocks Lower

TOKYO (AP)

Tokyo stocks slipped on Thursday on lingering worries over the direction of world markets. The benchmark Nikkei Stock Average fell 104.34 points to 14,272.28 after the first hour of morning trading. In New York, the Dow fell 45.06 to close at 7,782.37.

#### McGwire Hits 58th, 59th HRs

MIAMI (AP)

Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals hit two homers tonight against the Florida Marlins for the second consecutive night, giving him a career-high 59. He needs just two more to tie Roger Maris' 37-year-old major league record. McGwire homered in the seventh inning, a 497-foot shot into the upper deck in left, against Brian Edmondson; and again in the eighth, a 458-foot shot to left-center against Rob Stanifer. Each was a two-run homer. They came hours after Sammy Sosa hit home run No. 56 for the Chicago Cubs.

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## *Funeral Held for N. Ireland Boys*

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### **Body**

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On a cold, gray July day, in the "saddest of sad funerals," the people of Northern Ireland said a tear-filled farewell Tuesday to three young brothers burned to death in a sectarian attack that came as they slept.

As a bell tolled mournfully, the small coffins of Richard, Mark and Jason Quinn three boys born to a Catholic mother who were being raised as Protestants were carried into a rural Roman Catholic church by strapping young men whose faces were contorted with grief.

"We meet in sorrow for the death of these children, but our shared sorrow is a beacon of hope for all our community," said the Rev. Peter Forde, Ballymoney's Roman Catholic parish priest. "And in this, our very troubled country, may it light our way ahead."

The hundreds of Catholic and Protestant mourners who overflowed the Church of Our Lady and St. Patrick wept throughout much of the 90-minute Requiem Mass. But it was a heartfelt poem written by two young women who knew the boys that struck the deepest chord and drew spontaneous applause.

"Why would someone do this, is the question on our lips. Who would have so much evil at their fingertips?" one of the women, Andrea Ramsey, read in a strong, clear voice.

"Three jolly fellas, who had so much to learn and enjoy, have been snatched away from us today," she continued. "And we all have a feeling of loss that will never go away."

The crowd murmured its approval of the line: "Oh Lord, please let the evil people be brought to justice some day."

Tensions spilling over from a Protestant march blocked since July 5 near Portadown, 60 miles southwest of Ballymoney, were blamed for the Sunday morning firebombing of the Quinn house.

Authorities said they believed the family was targeted because Chrissie Quinn, 29, lived there with her Protestant boyfriend. Two men are being questioned in connection with the attack.

Ms. Quinn and the boys' 13-year-old brother Lee, who survived because he was spending the night at his grandmother's, were still in shock Tuesday, sitting dazed and expressionless during the Mass.

Not so the 12 pallbearers, who found the task of carrying the little white coffins to the altar almost more than they could bear.

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Though four men shared a task one man could easily shoulder alone, members of each group leaned on each other for support and comforted those who broke down as they entered the old stone church.

Pictures of the smiling boys ages 11, 10 and 9 lay atop the white coffins, alongside brass nameplates and crosses.

During "this saddest of sad funerals," the Most Rev. Patrick Walsh, bishop of Down and Connor, told the congregation that in the wake of the horrific killings "voices have been raised voices of sanity, voices of reason."

"Agonizing words, words of self-examination, courageous words, words of strength, words of healing have been spoken."

He also made an indirect reference to the Protestant marchers' insistence on parading through a Catholic neighborhood in Portadown and the violence that demand has touched off.

"The weapons of hate-filled words inevitably fuel weapons of murderous destruction," he said.

Later, a sweet, lilting choir sang a hymn: "If you walk among the burning flames, you shall not be harmed."

Richard, Mark and Jason Quinn were buried in nearby Rasharkin, where the Quinn family has its roots, in the Catholic ground of St. Mary's Church.

Irene Quinn, the boys' grandmother, said her daughter wanted them buried there so she never again would have to set foot in Ballymoney. Chrissie Quinn was also insistent the boys have a Catholic funeral.

Among the mourners were the firefighters who tried to save the boys: Colin Parry, who lost a son in a 1993 **Irish Republican Army** bombing in Warrington, England; and Seamus Mallon, the Catholic deputy leader of the new Assembly set up as part of Northern Ireland's fledgling peace plan.

"The entire community must begin to work together at every level to eradicate the evil of sectarianism and to ensure that all of the problems that we have are solved by everyone whatever their religion or political persuasion," Mallon said.

But mourner Kate Condry, 67, who tried to help heal the wounds for years as a member of Northern Ireland's nonsectarian Alliance Party, was not hopeful.

"You would think something like this would shock sense into people," she said. "But the people who did this are unshockable."

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## *N Ireland's peace in ruins*

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### **Body**

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SURVIVORS of Northern Ireland's deadliest bomb blast are fighting for their lives in hospitals as politicians assess the damage to the province's fragile peace process.

The death toll from a massive car bomb on Saturday in the town of Omagh, 80km west of Belfast, rose to 28 yesterday, police said.

At least 220 other people were injured, many seriously.

Victims included at least 15 women out shopping and their children.

Some were literally torn to pieces by the blast, others were horribly maimed.

Only five of the dead had been identified yesterday.

Doctors and nurses worked through the night to treat the wounded in six different hospitals. Shocked relatives waited outside for news.

Police said the blast's impact was increased by a misleading telephone warning, which directed evacuees towards the car where the explosives were planted.

No group has yet claimed responsibility. Politicians mostly have blamed dissident republican groups opposed to a peace agreement signed last April, which is intended to end 30 years of Catholic-Protestant strife in the British province.

Police and soldiers sealed off the wrecked shopping street and

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forensic scientists prepared to sift the wreckage for clues to the bombers' identity.

Television reports said Protestant paramilitaries now planned to meet in secret to decide whether to break off their ceasefire and seek revenge against Catholics for the bombing.

Northern Ireland's First Minister, Protestant David Trimble, called on all sides in the province to avoid retribution.

"Above all, I call on any individual or group seeking retaliation to think again. Not only would it be wrong, it would be foolish," he said in a signed article for the Sunday Mirror.

Amateur video footage shot just after the blast and aired on television showed hundreds of people, many of them streaming with blood, staggering through the wrecked street where the bomb went off. Screams could be heard from the wounded.

"What I saw I never want to see again. I saw a two-year-old child . . . pure black, the smoke coming out of it," said witness Frank Pancott.

"There was a hand lying on the road. There was a man lying there and his leg was lying beside him."

The omens for future co-operation looked bleak hours after the blast, when Trimble said the massacre could have been avoided had the **Irish Republican Army** handed in its arsenal of weapons and explosives.

"This day will be remembered as the day that violent republicanism plunged to new depths of depravity," said Trimble, leader of the largest Protestant group, the Ulster Unionist Party.

Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA's political wing Sinn Fein, issued an unprecedented condemnation of the bombing.

"I condemn it without any equivocation whatsoever," Adams said.

It remained to be seen what effect this statement would have on Trimble, who has refused to sit at the same table as his Catholic

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counterpart.

Protestants have always been unhappy that the deal did not force the IRA to hand in its weapons.

They were increasingly concerned about the early release of republican guerillas, who, they said, could easily return to their old ways.

"We were promised peace and we were given war," complained hard-line

Protestant politician Ian Paisley, a leading opponent of the peace agreement.

A Royal Ulster Constabulary policeman guards buildings damaged by the blast.

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The White House said US President Bill Clinton would stick to his plans to visit Northern Ireland on September 3.

The president also spoke out against the attack.

"On behalf of every American, I condemn this butchery and hope that the culprits will be brought to justice quickly," Clinton said.

British Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott was to fly to Northern Ireland yesterday to visit the scene of the attack and offer support to relatives of the dead and injured.

Northern Ireland's main Catholic and Protestant guerilla groups are operating ceasefires but dissident splinter groups have let off a number of bombs in the past few months, causing widespread damage but few serious injuries.

On August 1, a car bomb exploded in the centre of Banbridge, a town near Belfast, but the area had been evacuated after a warning and no one was injured.

A renegade republican group calling itself the "Real IRA" claimed responsibility for that attack.

In continuing violence in Northern Ireland, incendiary devices sparked fires in two shops in central Belfast yesterday, police said.

No one claimed responsibility but the attacks were similar to others in recent weeks which have been blamed on dissident republican groups.

The previous bloodiest attack in Northern Ireland occurred in August 1979, when 18 soldiers were killed in an IRA truck bombing at Warrenpoint.

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### Hurricane Threatens Gulf Coast

PANAMA CITY, Fla. (AP)

Hurricane Earl revved up into a 90-mph storm today in the Gulf of Mexico. It began pouring heavy rain on northern Florida. Gov. Lawton Chiles declared a state of emergency, mandatory evacuations were ordered for barrier islands southwest of Tallahassee, and traffic built on coastal roads as people headed inland. Hurricane warnings were posted from Pascagoula, Miss., to Florida's Big Bend, about 100 miles north of Tampa. During the afternoon, Earl was centered about 140 miles southwest of Destin, Fla., its position little changed in three hours.

### FDA OKs 'Morning-After' Pill

WASHINGTON (AP)

For the first time, a company won government permission today to advertise and sell regular contraceptive pills as a "morning-after" product to prevent pregnancy after unprotected sex. The technique uses regular birth control pills. The method has been 75 percent effective at preventing pregnancy in tests when taken within three days of sex. The PREVEN kits, made by Gynetics Inc. of Somerville, N.J., will be available by prescription by the end of September. The PREVEN kits will include only the four pills needed for emergency contraception. Each kit will sell for about \$20 and also include a pregnancy test.

### FDA Panel Backs Breast Cancer Drug

BETHESDA, Md. (AP)

Government scientists today reluctantly recommended that certain women take a drug called tamoxifen to reduce their risk of breast cancer later in life even though the pills can cause serious side effects. But advisers to the Food and Drug Administration stressed that they weren't sure exactly who should take tamoxifen. The FDA panel said there's no proof it prevents breast cancer from ever appearing. It may just delay a tumor for a few years.

### IRA Moves Closer To Disarmament

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

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The **Irish Republican Army** took a step closer to disarming today, while peacemaking momentum mounted on the eve of President Clinton's visit. Ending months of delay, the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party announced that Martin McGuinness its senior negotiator and a reputed former IRA chief \_ would work with the Canadian-led commission charged with disarming paramilitary groups. In London and Dublin, the British and Irish governments welcomed Sinn Fein's move as they convened emergency sessions of lawmakers to push through anti-terrorist laws designed to imprison IRA dissidents who oppose the April accord.

#### Ex-Rwanda Mayor Guilty of Genocide

ARUSHA, Tanzania (AP)

The International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda today found Jean-Paul Akayesu responsible for the slayings of 2,000 minority Tutsis who had sought his protection. In its first verdict, the tribunal found Akayesu guilty of genocide, crimes against humanity, rape, murder and torture. He could be sentenced to a maximum of life in prison. Defense lawyer Nicolas Tiangaye said Akayesu was a scapegoat for a genocide that even the United Nations failed to prevent. Tiangaye said Akayesu, who maintained his innocence throughout his 20-month trial, would appeal.

#### Northwest Lays Off 27,500 Employees

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)

Northwest Airlines laid off 27,500 more employees today and canceled all its flights through Labor Day weekend because of a strike by its pilots. The company said more layoffs among its approximately 50,000 employees may follow. The affected employees include mechanics, flight attendants, customer service employees and other ground workers. Northwest's first layoffs, announced yesterday, covered 177 workers. Meanwhile, in Washington, the National Mediation Board called an "exploration meeting" to bring airline and union negotiators back to the table to identify areas of flexibility.

#### Dow Ends 45.06 Lower

NEW YORK (AP)

Late selling today cut short Wall Street's bid to extend its rebound from August's big selloff. The Dow Jones industrial average, down 512.61 on Monday and up 288.23 Tuesday, fell 45.06 to close at 7,782.37. The average of 30 blue chip stocks had been holding onto gains until the final minutes of trading. At one point, the Dow was up as much as 125.13. On the NYSE, gainers led losers 1,872-1,255. The Nasdaq rose 17.76 to 1,592.85 as the battered technology group held some gains.

#### Sammy Sosa Hits 56th Home Run

CHICAGO (AP)

Sammy Sosa moved one behind Mark McGwire in the chase for Roger Maris' record today with his 56th home run of the season. The Cubs' Sosa hit an 0-1 pitch from Cincinnati's Jason Bere into the first row of the right field bleachers. He is five homers short of the major league record set by Maris in 1961.

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