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1. [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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2. [1000 YEARS OF OCCUPATION CONTINUES IN IRELAND](#)

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3. [Canadian risks death in 20 days on hunger strike: Brazilian jail protest will kill Spencer, Ottawa doctor warns](#)

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4. [AP News Digest](#)

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5. [Parties work overtime for N. Ireland deal](#)

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6. [AP News Digest](#)

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7. [Spate of Killings Puts Cloud Over Talks on Ulster Peace](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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8. [New Irish president has peace in mind](#)

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Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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9. [A 'Scared' and Unlikely Hero: To the Irish , there is nothing so loathsome as an informer. But when an ex-Irish Army corporal becomes the star witness a the trial of a drug baron accused in the murder of a crusading woman reporter; the country's attitude could change.](#)

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Search Type: Natural Language

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10. [A KEY PROTESTANT PARTY COMES TO SITE OF TALKS ON N. IRELAND / ALL THE MAJOR PARTIES GATHERED UNDER ONE ROOF DESPITE A BOMBING. FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS ARE EXPECTED LATER.](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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11. [IRELAND : FOUR WOMEN TO CONTEST FOR PRESIDENCY OF IRELAND](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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12. [Taxman eyes Tomba: Short millions in payments, newspapers say](#)

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13. [Sold-out crowd shows Thatcherism hasn't lost favor](#)

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14. [BRIEFS](#)

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15. [*Irish Governing Parties Fight for Political Life*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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16. [*WORLD IN BRIEF; Mandela pushes Zaire peace talks*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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17. [*WORLD & NATION BRIEFS*](#)

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18. [*STORY FALLS SHORT, BUT PITT AND FORD SHINE IN 'DEVIL'S OWN'*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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19. [*BLOOD-SOAKED ULSTER STRIKES A VEIN OF POLITICAL FRIGHT*](#)

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Search Type: Natural Language

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20. [*Storm closes theaters, but videos fill the gap*](#)

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21. [*WORLD IN BRIEF; Clinton speaks up for Hong Kong*](#)

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22. [*WORLD IN BRIEF; High winds kill 10 in Europe*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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23. [*The shootings that ended hope for a generation Twenty-five years on, Bloody Sunday's dead still haunt the conflict-torn province of Northern Ireland*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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24. [AP Top News at 1 a.m. EST Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1998](#)

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25. [AP Top News at 1 a.m. EST Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1998](#)

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26. [AP Top News at 1 a.m. EST Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1998](#)

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27. [Rick Bennewitz](#)

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28. [NEWS SUMMARY](#)

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29. [Leverage and Folk Memory Keep I.R.A. Armed](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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30. [NEWS SUMMARY](#)

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31. ['Bloody murder' in Ulster : Men, women, children killed, more than 200 wounded as huge car bomb devastates Northern Ireland market town. Single deadliest blast in 30-year history of the Troubles](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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32. [--A-P News Agenda--](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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33. [AN AGONIZING WAIT AT ROLL CALL OF THE DEAD / IN N. IRELAND , RELATIVES GATHERED AT A MAKESHIFT MORGUE. EVERY FEW HOURS, THE FAMILY OF A BOMBING VICTIM WAS SUMMONED.](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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34. [Answers Sought in Africa Bombings](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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35. [Northern Ireland Relatively Calm as Protestant Marchers Are Kept From Catholic Area](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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36. [At the End of a Long Trek, Ulster's Apostle of Peace Is Still Trekking](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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Search Type: Natural Language

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37. [A CLEAR CALL: PEACE; AFTER DECADES OF DIVISION, THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND RESOUNDINGLY EMBRACE A HISTORIC ACCORD, BRIGHTENING THE FUTURE WITH A PROMISE OF PEACE.](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

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38. [Memo From Belfast; Gerry Adams Blunders, and Peace Drive Stumbles](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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39. [The Shadow of 3,200 Dead Falls on Ulster Vote Today](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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40. [IRISH SPEAK RESOUNDINGLY FOR PEACE / 71% IN NORTH, 94% IN SOUTH VOTE FOR PLAN TO END STRIFE](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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41. ['Courage has triumphed': Irish peace talks reach historic accord](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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42. [AP News Digest](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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43. [New Political Structure for Northern Ireland Emerging at Talks](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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44. [AP News Digest](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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45. [A Kennedy Family Pattern: Triumph and Tragedy](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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46. [--A-P News Agenda--](#)

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47. [AP Top News at 1 a.m. EST Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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48. [Sinn Fein Joins Ulster Talks But Protestants Stay Away](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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49. [HIGHWAY DOCUMENTARY BYPASSES OHIO ROUTES](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Irish Republican Army"

Search Type: Natural Language

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50. [AP Top News at 1 a.m. EST Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1998](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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51. [BRIEFS](#)

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52. [AP Top News at 1 a.m. EST Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1998](#)

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53. [BRIEFS](#)

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54. [NEWS SUMMARY](#)

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55. [BRIEFS](#)

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56. [NEWS SUMMARY](#)

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57. [British election blurs the political lines](#)

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58. [Turkey has work to do before it can join Europe: Setbacks: Turkey 's application to join the European Union appeared to be plain sailing, but obstacles have appeared, some set up by the Turks themselves](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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59. [--A-P News Agenda--](#)

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60. [MIRREN IN HER PRIME](#)

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61. [AP Top News at 1 a.m. EST Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1998](#)

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62. [AP Top News at 1 a.m. EST Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1998](#)

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63. [AP Top News at 1 a.m. EST Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1998](#)

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64. [Sandro Cherchi](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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65. [Obituaries in the News](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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66. [Two Irish peace brokers win Nobel; The Nobel Committee honors John Hume and David Trimble for their role in finding a solution to violence.](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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67. [NEWS SUMMARY](#)**Client/Matter:** -None-**Search Terms:** "Irish Republican Army"**Search Type:** Natural Language**Narrowed by:****Content Type**
News**Narrowed by**
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Releases, Newspapers; Timeline: Jan 01, 1997 to May 30, 199968. [Deaths in N. Ireland strike deep; Sectarian violence reminds many of peace yet to be obtained but gives life to hopes of completing the process.](#)**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, 199969. [Critic praises Clinton's policy on Ireland](#)**Client/Matter:** -None-**Search Terms:** "Irish Republican Army"**Search Type:** Natural Language**Narrowed by:****Content Type**
News**Narrowed by**
Publication Type: Newswires & Press
Releases, Newspapers; Timeline: Jan 01, 1997 to May 30, 199970. [Ulster 's Fire-and-Brimstone Loyalist Preaches 'No!'](#)**Client/Matter:** -None-**Search Terms:** "Irish Republican Army"**Search Type:** Natural Language**Narrowed by:****Content Type**
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72. [IN N. IRELAND PRISON, LIFE OF THE CAREFREE / UNREPENTANT KILLERS AND BOMBERS ROAM FREELY. A MURDER AND AN ESCAPE RAISE QUESTIONS.](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

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73. [AP News Summary](#)

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74. [BRIEFS](#)

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75. [BRIEFS](#)

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76. [News Summary](#)

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77. [NEWS SUMMARY](#)

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78. [NEWS SUMMARY](#)

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79. [VILLAGERS FEAR THAT PROTESTANT MARCH WILL IGNITE VIOLENCE](#)

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80. [BRIEFS](#)

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81. [IRISH REVOLUTIONARY'S JAILED DAUGHTER IS NOW A CAUSE CELEBRE / INTERNATIONAL SYMPATHY HAS BEEN GROWING FOR ROISIN MCALISKEY, WHO IS EIGHT MONTHS PREGNANT. SHE HAS NOT BEEN CHARGED WITH A CRIME.](#)

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88. [Irish Feel Fierce Crosswinds as Fateful Vote Nears](#)

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89. [PARTIES REACH ACCORD ON N. IRELAND / LEADERS BARELY AVERT LAST-MINUTE COLLAPSE](#)

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90. [The News in Brief](#)

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91. [NATION/WORLD BRIEFS](#)

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94. [Belfast bustle belies tedium of peace talks](#)

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96. [On the Murky Trail of Stolen Art](#)

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**PM-World-News-Digest ; Eds: All stories below are also moving as
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The Canadian Press (CP)

May 1, 1998 Friday

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Section: FOREIGN GENERAL NEWS

Length: 1012 words

Byline: By The Canadian Press

Body

A summary of top world news Friday:

SEVILLE, Spain - The Canadian-based mining company whose tailings dam burst last weekend and caused an ecological disaster in southwestern Spain may have had plenty of warning that something was seriously amiss at the zinc mine, the Globe and Mail reports.

An engineer fired by Boliden's Spanish mining subsidiary warned authorities more than two years ago about "the risk of provoking a natural disaster of incalculable consequences" if major problems at the dam holding waste from the mine were not solved.

Manuel Aguilar Campos's prediction came true last Saturday, when a tidal wave of toxic mud spilled through a breach in the tailings pond at Bolidens Aznalcollar mine, west of Seville.

An estimated five billion litres of toxic waste spewed into the Guadiamar River and threatened Donana National Park, Europe's largest nature reserve.

Boliden says the dam's failure was an accident, but the engineer's complaint and a sheaf of other documents made public by local environmentalists suggest the danger may have been known well in advance.

In a formal complaint filed with the regional government's environmental agency in 1995, Campos warned of "the alarming state" of the tailings pond at the mine and the "galloping degradation" of the nearby Guadiamar River because of toxic leaks from the site. ---

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. - It wasn't one of the more glamorous assignments in the history of space flight. Still, astronaut Richard Linnehan couldn't bring himself kill the rat.

"My guess is he may be attached to this guy," said Joseph Bielitzki, NASA's chief veterinarian. "I don't blame him."

So the white rodent will return to Earth aboard space shuttle Columbia on Sunday along with the crew and the other surviving animals.

Linnehan was ordered by ground controllers to kill the adult male rat Thursday after its electronic cap and brain electrodes came off.

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Scientists feared the small, exposed wound on the rat's head might become infected. But after examining the rat, Linnehan applied ointment to its head and returned the animal to its cage.

Linnehan and two doctors aboard Columbia, including Canadian astronaut Dave Williams, have been conducting a series of experiments on hundreds of rats and other animals during the shuttle flight.

The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, a nonprofit group in Washington, has blasted NASA for the "wasteful and unnecessary" experiments on the flight, particularly those involving animals. ---

BISMARCK, N.D. - As a chemical dependency therapist, Jim Shirk has developed an ear for stories that may not be true. The words he read on his computer screen last March had the ring of truth.

"Amanda I murdered because her mother stood between us," said the message posted in an online support group for problem drinkers.

The 165-word message and a followup explaining how the girl was killed "struck me as being real," Shirk said. He and two other people reading the message called police.

Larry Froistad, a San Diego computer programmer, was arrested and charged with murdering his five-year-old daughter three years earlier in Bowman, N.D.

Froistad's attorneys say he will plead innocent. They contend the messages could have been sent by someone else and are not admissible evidence.

The follow-up posting in the on-line group detailed a bitter custody fight over Amanda and how: "I got wickedly drunk, set our house on fire, went to bed, listened to her scream twice, climbed out the window and set about putting on a show of shock, surprise and grief to remove culpability from myself."

The 1995 fire had been ruled an accident. ---

NEW YORK - Now that men are making a new impotence pill one of the most popular drugs on pharmacy shelves, women are lining up in the hope that it can also restore their sex lives.

"If it's something that's going to help me the way I need it to help me, I'll take the risk," said Robin Lyles, 39, of Germantown, Md., who noticed her sexual performance decline markedly after a hysterectomy. "I want to be a sort of guinea pig."

Baltimore hairdresser Laurie Kline tried Viagra, the new Pfizer drug for men, this week and said she had her first orgasm since her hysterectomy five years ago.

Now the drug's manufacturer, New York-based Pfizer Inc., is doing early tests of Viagra involving 500 women in England. And Kline's doctor is taking part in a Boston University study. If the studies show the pill works as well in women as in men, the soon-to-be blockbuster drug could be far and away the best-seller in the drug industry.

Kline, 39, took the pill on Wednesday and was a believer a day later. "It was like it used to be - maybe even a little bit better," she said. "It seemed like my body was back to what it used to be." ---

BELFAST - Although the Irish Republican Army says otherwise, the chairman of Northern Ireland's successful peace talks says he's confident the paramilitary group will eventually disarm as required by the accord.

Former U.S. Senator George Mitchell, who led 22 months of talks that concluded with a sweeping compromise accord April 10, made his prediction even after the IRA - in its first comment on the accord - ruled out complying with the provision that it gradually hand over its hidden arsenal to international inspectors.

"I believe strongly that there must be the total decommissioning of all paramilitary arms," Mitchell said. "I believe in the decommissioning of arms. I believe that it must and will eventually happen."

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But Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams, whose IRA-allied party hasn't formally endorsed the agreement he helped negotiate, says people shouldn't be surprised that the IRA plans to retain its weaponry.

"What do people expect the IRA to say?" he asked. "We are all in a transitional stage. There is a whole raft of issues that have to be sorted out and settled." What's ahead :

May 4

Daytona Beach, Fla. - Trial of John Rainey begins, charged with murdering Mark Fyke of Belleville, Ont.

May 12

London - Prime Minister Jean Chretien arrives.

May 13

Cannes, France - Cannes Film Festival. Through May 24.

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1000 YEARS OF OCCUPATION CONTINUES IN IRELAND

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Body

AS AN Irish Australian I have been shocked and disgusted recently to hear repeatedly on news programs in the Australia media the statement that "three decades of violence in Northern Ireland are over".

(They're not; the so called "peace deal" is a shameful farce, and in the case of the self-styled Irish republican Mr Adams an act of open treachery, which not only doesn't end the British Empire on Irish soil, but actually entrenches its existence there.) "Three decades!" Let a few truths about Ireland be told. The English occupation of Ireland has lasted for one thousand years. Not three decades! One thousand years of English terror and persecution of their Irish victims. Of rape and torture and murder. Of the genocide of 13/4 million Irish people in English-occupied Ireland in the 19th century in the phony famine in which only Irish Catholics, men, **women** and children, died. Of the murder by the English of Irish priests. Of the constant persecution by the Protestant English of the Irish because of their Catholic faith and attempts to force them to become Protestants.

The **Irish Republican Army** kicked the English out of most of Ireland early this century but the British Government still obstinately refuses to hand over a third of Ireland to its Irish owners.

One thousand years of English occupation and terror in Ireland; and the Australian media describe that as "three decades of sectarian violence as though the Irish are at least 50 per cent guilty for the crimes committed against them as are the British criminals who committed the crimes! in Northern Ireland".

"Three decades"; is that some kind of monstrous joke? KEITH P. VERNLLS Lyneham

Equality impossible over native title SENATOR MINCHIN boasts that "our Bill provides that native title claimants must have the same procedural rights as pastoralists" ("Aiming at equal rights for farmers and Aborigines", CT, 3 April, p.13).

There are several problems with this. One is that pastoralists have no right to negotiate but merely a right to be informed and compensated for any financial loss suffered. This is certainly tough on the pastoralist but it is surely much tougher on native-title holders, whose interest in the land is more often cultural than economic. To be unceremoniously informed that an important spiritual site is to be destroyed is hardly the same as having to build a new bore or fence to replace those destroyed by a new mine. How, I wonder, does Senator Minchin propose to calculate the compensation to be paid for the destruction of such sites? It is also worth remembering that the right to negotiate was included in the Native Title Act as compensation for the validation of legally dubious leases issued in the 18 years between the Racial Discrimination Act and the former Act. This is the right which Messrs Howard and Minchin propose to take away with their unctuous talk about procedural equality between pastoralists and native-title holders.

1000 YEARS OF OCCUPATION CONTINUES IN IRELAND

What equality is there between those who have had a clearly defined economic interest in land for a century and a half at most and those who have had a spiritual connection with it for millennia? GEOFF PAGE Red Hill

Thoughts on SIDS and dummies I READ in the Health & Fitness section (CT, 5 April, p.24) the article "Dummies lower SIDS risk: study", by Lien van der Leij.

The problem of SIDS has caught my attention over the years. Having read the article today, it suddenly occurred to me that it would seem obvious to anyone that a baby with a dummy in its mouth should not physically be able to suffocate if it rolled over on its face, as the dummy should preserve the air flow to nose and mouth by keeping the air spaces open - and even tend to make the baby roll back onto its side. The dummy should surely not allow the nose and mouth to be enveloped by the pillow, or any other bed clothes, which might otherwise be capable of cutting off air supply.

Perhaps you could suggest that the researchers could examine this simple possibility. They could ask if a baby who had been given a dummy when put to bed, and died, still had it installed when found. It is not impossible that it had lost it.

I recall that when our children were babies some 50 years ago we used chaff (or similar, I forget) filled pillows because of this possible problem. Their mother did not believe in the dummy practice. Is the expedient of using this sort of pillow still recommended these days? J. R. SMART Fraser

Cyclists have the law on their side RE THE complaints of L. Hughes and James Smith' about cyclists (Letters, 8 April). Why should we cyclists have to defend our territory? By law, our territory extends beyond the glass-littered and poorly maintained bike paths to public roads.

Is L. Hughes ignorant of Canberra's road laws in demanding that cyclists not use the roads? The consequence of such ignorance, combined with an unshakeable view that cars are "superior in every way", is belligerent motorists. Cyclists do not pay registration because they do not damage roads and rarely damage others. Even if we paid rego, would you accommodate us on your roads? I doubt it.

Undoubtedly, a minority of cyclists are unaware of their responsibilities as road users. More commonly, it is the case that motorists do not obey or just do not know the road rules, evidenced by that common motorist apology: "Gee, sorry mate, I didn't even see you!".

And, James Smith, the roads are blocked off to allow Canberrans the privilege of watching the world's greatest women cyclists doing what they do best. Get out of your car and watch - you might even enjoy it.

P. CHESWORTH Griffith

Journalists are not such a great bunch YOUR CLAIM ("Fodder for feeding sharks", Addendum, Panorama, p.2, CT, 4 April) that journalists on average are superior in character, judgement and capacity to politicians, clergymen and judges made sad reading. It is difficult to know how to react. Should you be condemned for vaunting arrogance or given sympathy for a confidence-sapping inferiority feeling? Could it be that your staff have a morale problem? I hope that at least they were buoyed by your paternal pat on the back.

While normally I respect the work of Canberra Times writers, that of their fellows elsewhere is often suspect. Have you not followed Media Watch? You should apologise to the polities, clergy and judiciary for putting them down by such subjective generalisation.

Pryor's lampooning of John Howard (CT, 7 April, p.10) is ironic in this context.

ERIC FRENCH Higgins

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Canadian risks death in 20 days on hunger strike: Brazilian jail protest will kill Spencer, Ottawa doctor warns

The Ottawa Citizen

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Dateline: TORONTO

Body

If he keeps starving himself in his Sao Paulo prison, David Spencer faces death in about 20 days, warns an Ottawa doctor who has treated hunger strikers.

Christine Lamont, however, would outlive her boyfriend by three or more months, sustained by the natural body fat that makes **women** fitter candidates than men for the ugly ordeal of a hunger protest.

"The girl will have no problem. But the guy, who is already thin, will die," said Dr. Byron Hyde, the Ottawa physician who treated Senator Jacques Hebert during his 21-day hunger strike in 1986.

"If they're not cheating, Spencer will probably take 35 days to die. She'll probably survive indefinitely."

The Canadian couple and eight South American revolutionaries are on the 12th day of a hunger strike in separate men's and **women**'s prisons in Sao Paulo, hoping that Brazil might free them from prison and expel the nine foreigners to their home countries.

Mr. Spencer, 34, and Ms. Lamont, 39, are in the ninth year of their 28-year sentences for helping the group abduct a wealthy Brazilian in 1989 to raise money for left-wing rebels in El Salvador.

The couple turned down a recent offer from Brazil to be transferred to Canadian prisons, where the Liberal government has said they'd be eligible for immediate parole.

Instead, Mr. Spencer and Ms. Lamont are refusing food in solidarity with their comrades, who are seeking outright expulsion.

"Tell him to bloody well get off it," Dr. Hyde said yesterday. "Tell him he's going to die if he keeps this up."

Mr. Spencer's father, by nature stoic, was sad when reached yesterday at his home in Moncton.

"David has lost the most of any of them in weight," said Bill Spencer. "He weighed 130 pounds when he went into this and he's lost 11 pounds so far. I hope they'll get to some kind of solution before it gets too far."

Canadian risks death in 20 days on hunger strike: Brazilian jail protest will kill Spencer, Ottawa doctor warns

The prisoners have issued statements saying they're prepared to die. But from her home in British Columbia, Ms. Lamont's mother, Marilyn, said she wasn't aware Mr. Spencer could die so soon.

"I'm very sorry to hear what (Dr. Hyde) says. I don't think David knows about this time period. And I plan to get that message to him as soon as possible," she said. "I know Christine would be just sick with worry if she knew this."

Ms. Lamont lost 9.7 pounds in the first 10 days of the strike.

"From the looks of him, David doesn't have any fat to mine," said Dr. Hyde.

"He's losing more than a pound a day. He doesn't have a chance in hell if he's serious."

Such are the unforgiving truths of hunger striking, which has a long and often fatal record in the history of political protest. Mahatma Gandhi successfully fasted to protest British colonialism and ethnic violence in India.

But the most famous and deadly episode occurred in 1981, when 10 **Irish Republican Army** prisoners starved themselves to death in Ulster's Maze Prison in a failed protest over jail conditions. Bobby Sands, who led the IRA strike, died after 66 days without food. His comrades lasted from 40 to 80 days each.

Women last much longer. The Price sisters starved to death for the IRA cause in 1974 after 205 days without food.

"Men who are muscularly thin, have no fat and very little in their buttocks, they've got nothing to survive on," said Dr. Hyde. In **women**, "it's a genetic survival thing. The high amount of fat in a woman allowed them to get through the winters millions of years ago when there was no food and they might be pregnant, so they could still maintain the species. Men, it was irrelevant. If they died there were always other men."

Mr. Hebert began a hunger strike in 1986 to protest the Mulroney government's decision to cut funding to Katimavik, a youth employment program. He failed to save the program (which has since been reinstated by the Liberals), but remained healthy throughout his 21-day fast because he was "slightly fat," says Dr. Hyde.

When people stop feeding themselves the body takes over, searching for energy by cannibalizing fat stores wherever they lie, including inside the brain. Once the fat is exhausted, the body eats the protein supplies lurking in the muscles, the liver and the kidneys.

Overcoming hunger in the first three days is the most difficult part, after which people fall into a kind of painless rapture. The senses all still work, the brain is clear, and "people don't realize how close they are to the end," said Dr. Hyde, "because you don't feel that bad when you don't eat."

Doctors can tell when a person is about to die, when they're close to "metabolic shutdown," because they stop urinating. Usually hunger strikers just die in their sleep.

Mr. Hebert said he lost 30 pounds during his hunger strike, spread out before pilgrims in the lobby of the Senate. "But I had the pounds to lose," he said yesterday.

Added Dr. Hyde: "With the senator, what the public didn't know is that he did a fast every year for about a month. And he did that every year since he was a young man, so his body was used to that type of fasting."

"Fasting has some virtue," said Mr. Hebert. "It clears your head quite a lot. You feel light, you feel more alert -- my English probably got a lot better then. On a hunger strike you think more clearly, and it's stimulating intellectually, I would say."

Mr. Hebert said there's one important difference between what he did and what's happening in Sao Paulo. He had broad public support for his action in 1986, despite his critics in the media and Parliament. Mr. Spencer and Ms. Lamont, having turned down an offer to come home, appear to have little sympathy either in Canada or Brazil.

Canadian risks death in 20 days on hunger strike: Brazilian jail protest will kill Spencer, Ottawa doctor warns

"I had an average of 1,000 visitors a day. This will not happen to these guys in prison," said Mr. Hebert. "A hunger strike should not be about you personally. It should not be to save your skin or to get out of jail. It can't be about you -- otherwise it verges on blackmail."

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WORLD AT 1100 GMT:

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BRITAIN-UN-IRAQ. U.N. chief: U.S. and allies should not "humiliate" Iraq.

MIDEAST-EU. European Commission president urges Iraq to implement U.N. resolutions.

TURKEY-US-IRAQ. Turkey complains of insufficient U.S. communication.

CHINA-US-PHYSICIST. Chinese scientists appeal for release of physicist.

RWANDA-ATTACK. Hutu rebels hack to death 58 people.

US-CAMPAIGN FUND RAISING. Report on fund-raising abuses suggests Vice President Gore misstated his fund-raising activities.

POPE-YELTSIN. Russian President Boris Yeltsin to meet Pope John Paul II.

ITALY-YELTSIN. The Iraq crisis dominates Yeltsin's talks with Italian leaders.

CORSICA-OFFICIAL KILLED. Prime minister to announce new security measures.

BANGLADESH-MILITANTS. Tribal rebels disband armed wing.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

BAGHDAD, Iraq American threats to destroy President Saddam Hussein's power base are likely to face an elaborate Iraqi strategy to evade the full impact of the massive airpower deployed by the United States in the Gulf. IRAQ-SURVIVAL PLAN. Has moved. By Leon Barko. AP Photos.

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates Offers of support for U.S. military action against Iraq are growing, and there is "a real coalition" building both inside and outside the Gulf for airstrikes against Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction, Defense Secretary William Cohen says Tuesday. US-IRAQ. Lead has moved. By Susanne M. Schaffer.

ALSO MOVED:

IRAQ. Iraqi foreign minister says standoff over U.N. inspections cannot be ended by military force.

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MIDEAST-EU. European Commission president urges Iraq to implement U.N. resolutions. AP Photo AMM101.

US-IRAQ-WEAPONS. U.S. military commanders worry about readiness of new sophisticated high-tech weaponry for strikes against Iraq. AP Graphic GULF WEAPONS.

BRITAIN-UN-IRAQ. U.N. chief: U.S. and allies should not "humiliate" Iraq.

CANADA-IRAQ; CHINA-IRAQ-US; AUSTRALIA-IRAQ; JAPAN-US-IRAQ; UN-IRAQ-ASIA; TURKEY-US-IRAQ.

TBILISI, Georgia President Eduard Shevardnadze narrowly escapes an assassination attempt that left three people dead, and he says afterward that opponents at home and abroad are intent on destabilizing the former Soviet republic. GEORGIA-SHEVARNADZE. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Misha Dzhindzhikhashvili.

RUSTAQ, Afghanistan Rescuers in jeeps and on donkeys begin reaching mountain villages Tuesday with the first desperately needed aid, as a fresh tremor rattles the area in northeastern Afghanistan where an earthquake is estimated to have killed more than 3,000 people. AFGHANISTAN-EARTHQUAKE. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Zaheeruddin Abdullah.

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone With West African peacekeepers fighting their way closer and closer to Freetown, hundreds of civilians flee to the relative safety of the city's center Monday. SIERRA LEONE. Expected by 1300 GMT. By Clarence Roy-Macauley.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland Politicians on Tuesday accuse the **Irish Republican Army** of fatally shooting a suspected drug dealer and wounding his **female** companion in normally peaceful south Belfast. NIRELAND-KILLING. Has moved. By Shawn Pogatchnik.

AJACCIO, Corsica French police stage a new series of early morning raids aimed at finding the assassins of a high state official. Prime Minister Lionel Jospin plans to announce new measures to restore order on Corsica. CORSICA-OFFICIAL KILLED. Developing.

VATICAN CITY Meeting Pope John Paul II for a second time, Boris Yeltsin plans to renew an invitation for the pope to visit Russia. But the president's aides say differences between the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches make such a visit improbable at the moment. POPE-YELTSIN. Developing from Yeltsin audience at Vatican scheduled for 1630 GMT.

ALSO:

ITALY-YELTSIN. The Iraq crisis dominates Russian President Boris Yeltsin's talks with Italian leaders. Developing.

NAGANO, Japan Speedskater Hiroyasu Shimizu sprints into the hearts of the Japanese on Tuesday, overcoming enormous pressure to win the 500 meters and clinching the host nation's first gold medal of the Nagano Games. SPORTS-OLYMPICS-ROUNDUP. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Raf Casert. AP Photos.

ALSO MOVED:

SPORTS-OLYMPICS-TUNNELS OF WAR. Tunnels near Olympics remind visitors of Japan's darker history.

KIGALI, Rwanda Hutu rebels armed with farming tools hacked 58 people to death in northwestern Rwanda, a government official says Tuesday. RWANDA-ATTACK. Has moved; developments will be expedited.

BEIJING An exiled Chinese activist who traveled covertly to China for meetings with other dissidents is swiftly deported to the United States, officials and dissidents say Tuesday. CHINA-DISSIDENT. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Elaine Kurtenbach.

ALSO MOVED:

AP News Digest

CHINA-US-PHYSICIST. Top Chinese scientists appeal to United States to release jailed Taiwan-born physicist who pleaded guilty to passing classified nuclear weapons information to China.

KHAGRACHARI, Bangladesh Tribal rebels end their 22-year war in the southern hills on Tuesday when they surrender their arms to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. BANGLADESH-MILITANTS. Has moved. By Farid Hossain.

WASHINGTON The lawyer for Monica Lewinsky tries to block the former White House intern's scheduled appearance before a grand jury this week. US-CLINTON-CONTROVERSY. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Pete Yost. AP Photo WX103.

ALSO MOVED:

US-CAMPAIGN FUND RAISING. Report on fund-raising abuses suggests Vice President Al Gore misstated his fund-raising activities and some top Democratic money men were connected with the Chinese government.

BEVERLY HILLS, California Already on pace to become history's highest-grossing movie, "Titanic" may have relatively little to gain from the publicity of the Academy Awards. US-OSCAR NOMINATIONS. Nominations scheduled to begin at 1338 GMT. Stands for item on digest listed as US-ACADEMY AWARDS. By John Horn. AP Photos staffing.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Wednesday, Iran marks National Day, which celebrates Islamic Revolution.

FEATURE:

NEW:

DENVER The box office blockbuster "Titanic" has revived interest in one of the doomed ocean liner's most famous passengers: Colorado mining queen Molly Brown, unsinkable and proudly unquenchable. ARTS-US-UNSinkable MOLLY BROWN. Expected by 1200 GMT. By Robert Weller. AP Photos DX101-103.

OTHER FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-INDIA-CONGRESS WOES. Congressm party of Gandhis and Nehru, needs to refurbish its image. AP Photos DEL101-102 of Feb. 8.

FEA-JAPAN-PLAYING WITH KNIVES. Children and knives: Japanese worry about rise in stabbings. AP Photo TOK101.

FEA-SOUTH AFRICA-GOLD BLUES. Boom over South Africa confronts plunge in gold prices. AP Photos NY450-454.

FEA-BRAZIL-ECONOMY. Brazil's economic picture less bleak than anticipated. AP Photo NY455.

FEA-US-IN THE FOOTLIGHTS. Businesses project ads with light beams. AP Photo NY327.

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Parties work overtime for N. Ireland deal

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Body

A marathon day of negotiations continued into the early hours this morning in pursuit of a far-reaching agreement that could achieve a dream of historic dimensions: peace in Northern Ireland.

A midnight Thursday deadline came and went, but negotiators, including the prime ministers of Britain and Ireland and representatives of eight Northern Ireland political parties, kept right on talking at the Stormont Castle complex here. Participants said there was no point in stopping because they were so close to approving a proposed settlement. The plan preserves Northern Ireland's political tie to Britain but builds a closer relationship between this British province and the Republic of Ireland to the south.

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If the deal is reached, and if the people of the two Irelands approve it in referendums next month - the opinion polls suggest that they will - the Stormont agreement of 1998 could end one of the most intractable and bitter sectarian conflicts of the century.

The basic dispute concerns who will govern this province of 1.6-million people. The Protestant majority wants Northern Ireland to remain part of Britain. The Catholic minority generally supports a break with Britain and a union with the Irish Republic. In pursuit of these ends, sectarian street armies on both sides have for nearly 30 years waged a terrorist conflict in which more than 3,200 people have been killed.

On Thursday, a strange spring day that saw snow falling from a sunny blue sky, the mood among the negotiators seemed to swing back and forth as wildly as the weather. Groups of demonstrators trooped to the castle's imposing gate, some singing songs for peace and some chanting that the deal was a "sellout."

But the atmosphere appeared to change at nightfall, when David Trimble, 54, the leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, the province's largest Protestant party, left the talks for a session with his group's executive council in downtown Belfast. After he returned to the castle, the momentum of the talks seemed to accelerate because the party leadership had given him the authority to keep negotiating into the night.

"We're going to make a deal," said Monica McWilliams, leader of a centrist party, the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition, as the deadline neared. "And I always said we would finish by midnight. But I didn't say which midnight."

Shortly after midnight there was a scene that showed how much opinions have changed in recent months. The Rev. Ian Paisley, an unrelenting hard-liner who was once the leading Protestant politician, showed up outside the

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castle with supporters to protest any deal. As he sought to address the crowd, Paisley was shouted down by fellow Protestants eager for an agreement.

Even so, memories are long in Ireland, and the decades of outright hatred clearly made it harder for the parties to agree. "We need to find the courage to trust each other," said professor Anthony Alcock, a historian who is a negotiator for one of the moderate Protestant parties.

But trust has been in short supply in a place where neighborhoods, public buildings and even churches are surrounded by bullet-pocked concrete walls topped with menacing bails of barbed wire. The red brick walls of Belfast's neighborhoods are marked with brightly colored murals honoring the memory of gunmen and bombers who were killed in the terrorist battles or given the death penalty for murder.

For Trimble and other unionists - those who insist on continued union with Britain - the hardest thing to swallow in the settlement plan is the creation of "North-South bodies" through which Northern Ireland and Ireland will work on joint interests such as tourism and industrial development. Protestant hard-liners denounce these commissions as harbingers of a united Ireland.

For the Catholic nationalists - who want to see a single Irish nation, governed from Dublin - the hardest point to accept is the agreement's clear statement that the six northern counties will remain in the United Kingdom. In fact, the deal would require Ireland to rewrite a cherished clause in its constitution that declares, "The national territory consists of the whole island of Ireland."

On the other hand, the agreement would assure the Catholics of significant changes in the electoral and legal system of Northern Ireland that would grant them a greater say in its affairs.

As the negotiations continued early today, a leader of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the **Irish Republican Army**, said he doubted that a speedy agreement could be reached. Mitchel McLaughlin, the party chairman, said: "There are a number of differing views and there is no agreement at all at the moment to report."

He accused the Ulster Unionist Party of blocking a deal.

"We may not have got to the point where the unionists are prepared to embrace the idea of working with republicans to ensure that we have a democratic and a peaceful path forward," McLaughlin said. He said Sinn Fein was determined to keep negotiating "for however long as it takes" to reach a settlement. "We were there at the beginning and we will be there at the end - whether there is a successful outcome or whether there is eventual failure."

John Taylor, deputy leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, said an agreement was in sight but could take several more hours. "Certainly we are well on our way toward an agreement," he said. "I can see this going on for another three, four, perhaps five hours."

In terms of sheer death and suffering, the Northern Ireland dispute has not been as horrendous as recent conflicts in the former Yugoslavia and in Rwanda. But the notorious "Troubles" have loomed large in the American media. This is partly because the Irish battle has been so long and intractable, and partly because some 44-million U.S. residents describe themselves as Irish-American - nine times the number of people on this island.

If a deal is struck, the winners will be the average citizens of Northern Ireland who have lived amid hatred, death and destruction for decades. An opinion poll last week showed that 77 percent want an agreement.

The most unlikely hero of this quintessentially Irish drama has been a soft-spoken American: George Mitchell, the former Senate majority leader from Maine. He has served as chairman of the talks for 21 months and won praise from almost all sides for his patient leadership.

It was Mitchell who decided to make Thursday, on the eve of the Easter holiday, the deadline for agreement. Everyone involved seemed to agree that this declaration turned a long gabfest into a serious round of negotiations.

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WORLD AT 0700 GMT:

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IRAQ-WORLD REACTION. Governments welcome agreement that could end crisis.

ISRAEL-IRAQ. Israel prefers diplomatic solution to Iraq crisis.

SRI LANKA-CIVIL WAR. Rebels attack convoy at sea, 70 killed.

ASIAN CRISIS-DEPENDENTS. Weakened Asian tigers look for new Japanese investment.

INDONESIA-CURRENCY PLAN. Report: Indonesia shelves currency board plan.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

BAGHDAD, Iraq In a breakthrough that could avert a U.S.-led attack on Iraq, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan has struck a deal with Saddam Hussein on the core issue of the 4 1/2-month Iraqi crisis: opening Saddam's presidential compounds to U.N. arms inspectors. IRAQ. Developing. Signing ceremony set for 0730 GMT. By Robert H. Reid. AP Photos BAG110,114-116, LON111-112.

WASHINGTON Intrigued but not convinced that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had met all conditions for unlimited U.N. access to weapons sites, the Clinton administration is moving ahead with military preparations while awaiting a full account of what U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan worked out in Baghdad. US-IRAQ. Lead expected by 0800 GMT. By Barry Schweid. AP Photos WX104-105.

BAGHDAD, Iraq The apparent deal to end the Iraq crisis could spare Iraq a devastating military blow and give the United States a way to avoid the political damage Washington would sustain by delivering it. ANALYSIS-IRAQ-CLIMBING DOWN. Has moved. By Robert H. Reid.

TOKYO Governments around the world react with a mixture of cautious optimism and relief on Monday that the United Nations and Baghdad had reached an agreement that could avert a U.S.-led attack against Iraq. IRAQ-WORLD REACTION. Developing. By Todd Zaun.

ALSO MOVED:

IRAQ-DAY'S DEVELOPMENTS. A glance at the highlights.

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IRAQ-CRISIS CHRONOLOGY. Dates in Iraq's standoff over U.N. inspections.

JORDAN-IRAQ-PROTESTS. Tanks rumble down the streets and troops impose a curfew in a desert city battered by protests.

US-IRAQ-HOLY WARS. U.S. religious question legitimacy of strike at Iraq.

IRAQ-BE PREPARED. Iraq uses the military training of its citizens to show Iraqi determination.

ISRAEL-GAS MASK SHOPPING. On the third floor, past the kitchen appliances, the gas-mask counter is doing a brisk business. AP Photos JRL102-103.

ISRAEL-IRAQ. Israel prefers diplomatic solution to Iraq crisis.

NEW DELHI, India Left-wing guerrillas trigger a land mine in southeastern India, killing four election officers and two policemen returning with ballot boxes, as the death toll rises to 21 in the second round of voting for a new parliament, domestic news agencies report Monday. INDIA-ELECTIONS. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Hema Shukla.

WITH:

INDIA-BITTER TOWN. A candidate plays on voters' fear. Has moved.

INDIA-HINDU NATIONALISTS. India's main Hindu nationalist party threatens nationwide protests. Has moved.

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka Tamil rebel gunboats sink two ships in a 12-ship convoy carrying soldiers to northern Sri Lanka. Up to 70 people are killed, military officials say. SRI LANKA-CIVIL WAR. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Nireesh Eliatamby.

ARUSHA, Tanzania A former commander of U.N. peacekeepers in Rwanda whose warnings of an impending genocide were ignored by his superiors is testifying publicly for the first time at a genocide trial. RWANDA-TRIBUNAL. Lead expected by 1000 GMT. By Karin Davies. AP Photos planned.

BEIJING The economic upheavals afflicting Asia couldn't have come at a better time for China's strategic ambitions or at a more troublesome moment for its struggling economy. ASIAN-CRISIS-CHINA. Has moved. By Elaine Kurtenbach. AP Photo NY194.

BANGKOK, Thailand Japanese investment was the cornerstone of what became Southeast Asia's economic miracle. But now that economic crisis has deflated the region's miracle, Japan's "dependents" are looking to their benefactor for a way forward _ while Japanese companies are simply looking to survive. ASIAN CRISIS-DEPENDENTS. Has moved. By Patrick McDowell.

AP Photo NY121, Graphic INVEST FALL SE ASIA.

JAKARTA Indonesia has suspended a plan to fix the rupiah to the U.S. dollar through a currency board in the face of growing international opposition, news reports Monday quote a senior Indonesian official as saying. INDONESIA-CURRENCY PLAN. Has moved; developments will be expedited.

LONDON Russia and the world's seven top industrialized nations adopt a jobs strategy that seeks to combine free market incentives with getting the low-skilled into work. G7-FINANCE MINISTERS. Has moved. By Maureen Johnson. AP Photo LON107.

NAGANO, Japan The games behind them, the athletes of the 1998 Winter Olympics dance among ancient Japanese icons and modern pop stars to close the world's fair of sports and say thanks to the moments that defined them and the Japanese hosts who welcomed them. OLYMPICS-CLOSING CEREMONY. Has moved. By Ted Anthony. AP Photos.

ALSO MOVED:

SPORTS-OLYMPICS-WORLD REACTION. Host Japan and other countries bask in success of Nagano Olympics.

FRANKFURT, Germany A Cambodian, an American and a Briton are now "international ambassadors" for the International Campaign to Ban Landmines. GERMANY-LAND MINE CAMPAIGN. Has moved. By Ian Mader.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland Northern Ireland's peace talks are set to resume Monday with the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party serving a two-week suspension because of killings blamed on the **Irish Republican Army**. NORTHERN IRELAND. Lead expected by 1100 GMT. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photo XBFT101.

BERLIN A Brazilian film made for less than dlr\$ 3 million beats out big-budget Hollywood offerings to take the grand prize at the Berlin Film Festival. GERMANY-BERLIN FILM FEST. Has moved. By Paul Geitner. AP Photos BER101-102,104-105,108.

LOOKING AHEAD: Monday is the third stage of voting in India's parliamentary elections. Tuesday is the International Pancake Race between **women** of Liberal, Kansas and Olney, England.

OTHER FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-FARMING IN CUBA. Though privileged, Cuba's private farmers don't have easy life. AP Photos NY304-306; AP Graphic CUBA FARMING.

FEA-BRITAIN-DOUBLY GREEN. New Rockefeller Foundation chief wants environmentally friendly 'Doubly Green Revolution'. AP Photo NY300.

FEA-THAILAND-FLICKERING CANDLE. Slum children may pay price for Thailand's economic collapse. AP Photos NY310-316.

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Spate of Killings Puts Cloud Over Talks on Ulster Peace

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Body

Tension over the future of the fragile peace talks in Northern Ireland rose today after a Catholic man was shot dead and five others were wounded in a pub in Belfast during New Year's Eve festivities by masked Protestant paramilitaries.

It was the third sectarian killing in the province in a week and prompted expressions of fear along with the customary calls for calm.

"If we cannot find an alternative to attempting to solve every problem with guns or bombs, then nothing but grief beckons as we herald in a New Year," said George Livingstone, Deputy Chief Assistant of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

The Clifton Tavern in the Catholic Cliftonville Road area of North Belfast was packed with customers when two men, one carrying a handgun and the other a submachine gun, kicked open the door soon after 9 P.M. and began firing at random. They then sped away in a waiting car with a woman in the back yelling in triumph, according to onlookers.

The slain man, Eddie Trainor, 31, was pronounced dead at Royal Victoria Hospital, where the five other victims were admitted in conditions ranging from "comfortable" to "ill but stable."

The Loyalist Volunteer Force, a breakaway group opposed to the peace talks, claimed responsibility for the killing and promised more bloodshed. It issued a statement that read: "An active service unit of the Loyalist Volunteer Force (West Belfast Brigade) carried out the New Year's Eve attack in retaliation for the death of a true loyalist, Billy Wright. This is not the end."

Mr. Wright, 37, the group's founder and leader, was killed in the Maze Prison outside Belfast on Saturday. He was brought down by five shots in the back from three Catholic inmates who were members of the Irish National Liberation Army, a breakaway organization of the *Irish Republican Army*.

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Mr. Wright's group has already claimed one victim in revenge, Seamus Dillon, 45, a doorkeeper at a dance hall outside a Catholic-owned hotel in County Tyrone, who was shot dead on Saturday night in an attack in which gunmen also stepped from a car and fired indiscriminately into a crowd. Three people were wounded in that attack.

The Loyalist Volunteer Force was created by Mr. Wright, known as "King Rat," to protest the declarations of cease-fires adopted by the larger Protestant paramilitary groups in 1994. Those truces became the condition for entry into the peace talks of their political representatives along with those of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the I.R.A., who joined the negotiations in September after its fighters declared their own cease-fire in July.

The talks, sponsored by the British and Irish Governments and headed by a former United States Senator, George S. Mitchell, are due to resume on Jan. 12 after a holiday break. They are aimed at ending nearly 30 years of religious and political conflict that has resulted in more than 3,200 deaths. While progress toward an accord by a May deadline has been halting at best, the talks had succeeded in forestalling the kind of retaliatory violence that has returned this past week.

In recent weeks the atmosphere around the talks has become increasingly sour, with the leaders of the Protestant groups taking part complaining bitterly that the British Government is showing favoritism toward the Catholics. Citing the need for confidence-building measures to shore up the negotiations, London has permitted 161 prisoners from the Maze to take 10-day Christmas leaves with their families, approved the moving of some Catholic prisoners from British jails to Irish ones, and staged the dramatically symbolic visit of Gerry Adams and a delegation of his Sinn Fein party to 10 Downing Street to meet with Prime Minister Tony Blair.

The Protestant leaders have expressed anger in particular about what they see as a one-sided attitude by the British Secretary for Northern Ireland, Mo Mowlam, and called this week for her dismissal. Ken Maginnis, the deputy leader of the largest Protestant group, the Ulster Unionist Party, said today that his group did not excuse this week's two Protestant attacks but said Ms. Mowlam's role was contributing to the kind of instability in his community that led to violence.

"If you look at what has happened over the last couple of months, with concession after concession after concession being given to the Provisional I.R.A., then people here have become so dispirited they have been not wishing for terror but saying, 'The only thing that pays is violence.' The Secretary of State and her team have done nothing to contradict that particular notion."

On Wednesday Ms. Mowlam held a two-hour meeting with a Unionist delegation led by David Trimble, the head of the Ulster Unionist Party, that was described as acrimonious. Mr. Trimble was denouncing what he contends is coddling of Catholic inmates and demanding a public inquiry into a recent series of lapses in what is supposed to be Britain's highest security prison. The lapses included evidence that the weapons used to shoot Mr. Wright were smuggled in to his Catholic killers during a Christmas party for inmates' children. That same afternoon a convicted I.R.A. murderer escaped by disguising himself as female guest.

Mr. Trimble emerged from his meeting with Ms. Mowlam calling the conversation "very disappointing" and saying that he was "astonished" by her lack of understanding of his community's restiveness. "She has singularly failed to build confidence," he said. Protestant extremists, he added, may be taking their cue from "the correct perception that the Secretary of State has been concerned merely to appease and assuage the feelings of Republicans and has not addressed the feelings of the community at large."

In a New Year's message, Ms. Mowlam said: "We must keep the past few days in perspective. Progress has been made in the last eight months -- further than ever before -- and we should celebrate that progress."

Neither Mr. Dillon nor Mr. Trainor appeared to have been singled out in the two shootings.

The Protestant killers, said David Ervine, leader of the Progressive Unionist Party, are people "who just, I think, probably hate Catholics." Asked on the BBC today whether the renegade groups trying to scuttle the peace effort would succeed, Mr. Ervine, a participant in the talks, said, "I can't say for certain whether they will succeed or whether they have already succeeded."

Graphic

Photo: Policemen sealed off the Clifton pub late yesterday where masked gunmen from a Protestant group killed one and wounded five. (Agence France-Presse)

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Body

For an island about the size of West Virginia, Ireland has peopled the world with an astonishing array of writers, entertainers, politicians and just ordinary folk. Close to 45-million of us in the United States - almost a fifth of the population - have roots in the land of Guinness and shamrocks.

So it didn't seem strange that the Republic of Ireland's new president - 46-year-old law professor Mary McAleese - should pay tribute in her inaugural speech Tuesday to all those who had fled.

"They are a crucial part of our global Irish family," she said in a colorful ceremony at Dublin Castle that included a 21-gun salute and a spin in a black Rolls-Royce past the crowds in the cobblestoned courtyard.

MARTIN

"Among those who are owed an enormous debt of thanks are the countless emigrants whose letters home with dollars and pound notes . . . bridged the gap between the Ireland they left and the Ireland which greets them today when they return as tourists or return to stay."

The fact that thousands are returning to stay in this misty, mystical place - wracked for generations by poverty and religious violence - speaks encouragingly of the changes in modern Ireland. So, too, did the election of McAleese, Ireland's second woman president and the first head of state born in predominantly Protestant, British-controlled Northern Ireland.

In her speech she vowed to work for peace between north and south and end the "cruelty and capriciousness" that have scarred all Irish.

A Catholic who grew up in a Protestant area of Belfast, McAleese once arrived home from Mass to find her house riddled by machine-gun fire. Her deaf brother was badly beaten and almost killed in another sectarian attack. She has confessed that she could understand - though not condone - why people joined the *Irish Republican Army*, the terrorist force trying to boot out the British and reunite the six counties of the north with the largely Catholic Republic of Ireland.

McAleese's campaign was marred by allegations she supported the IRA's political wing, Sinn Fein, whose leader, Gerry Adams, endorsed her. But voters elected her over four other candidates, accepting her explanation that she had been involved in a "peace ministry" to permanently end the violence.

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Rather than deplore Sinn Fein's support, some commentators have even expressed hope that McAleese's election - coming at a time when the Northern Ireland peace talks are proceeding slowly but steadily - will give Sinn Fein and the IRA more confidence in the power of politics to solve "the troubles."

It was an idea McAleese echoed.

"Our own history has been hard on lives young and old," she told the inaugural guests in her rich, sonorous voice. "We hope and pray, indeed we insist, we have seen the last of the violence. We demand the right to solve our problems by dialogue and the noble pursuit of consensus."

Just this week, McAleese deflected another controversy that flared when she decided not to don a red poppy, traditionally worn by the British on Nov. 11 to honor those killed in war. Critics saw it as a slap at pro-British Protestants in Northern Ireland but were silenced when McAleese attended a remembrance day service - "making manifest her respect for Irishmen of all traditions who sacrificed their lives in the great world confrontations," the Irish Times said in an admiring editorial.

In a place where symbols take on enormous meaning, McAleese already has become one to many of Ireland's 3.6-million people.

As a former BBC reporter and vice chancellor of Belfast's Queen's College, she is a role model for Irish women who just a generation ago were often forced to quit work when they got married. Although she is strongly anti-divorce and anti-abortion, she supports women for the priesthood and equal employment opportunities. She and her husband, a dentist, have three teenage children, two of them girls.

At a relatively youthful age for an Irish leader, McAleese is a symbol, too, of an invigorated Ireland that currently boasts one of the strongest economies in Europe. Poverty still exists but nothing like 50 years ago when a young Frank McCourt had to put boot black on his shins to hide the holes in his one pair of socks, as he relates in his Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *Angela's Ashes*, about growing up in Limerick.

The seven-year job of Irish president pays well (about \$ 170,240) but is largely ceremonial. Presidents, unlike prime ministers, aren't supposed to express political views and can't even leave the country without the government's permission. Their power is pretty much limited to referring bills to Ireland's Supreme Court for a review of their constitutionality.

However, many see McAleese following in the tradition of her predecessor, Mary Robinson, who broke out of the fuddy-duddy mold of past male presidents to tout Ireland abroad and visit Third World countries. Robinson left her term a year early to become the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights.

In her inaugural speech, as in her campaign, McAleese talked of "building bridges" - between north and south, Protestant and Catholic, young and old, haves and have-nots. To that end she invited 26 people from all walks of life: among them, a nurse, a refugee, a farmer, a dancer and - showing she was truly serious - a journalist.

Guests also included hundreds of schoolchildren from every county in Ireland, northern as well as southern. All other students got the day off to watch the ceremonies on TV and, if they lived close enough, to see the fireworks at night in Dublin's Phoenix Park.

By U.S. standards it was a low-key affair - except for Sinn Fein's Adams, none of the guests was famous outside of Ireland and the leading daily newspaper didn't even mention the inaugural on its front page Tuesday.

But in an elegant camel-hair outfit (created by a noted Irish fashion designer to reflect her "coloring and stature," the press kit said), McAleese looked every inch a world leader.

Under a rare blue sky she concluded the ceremony by shaking hands with hundreds of well-wishers as a military band played Hey, Look Me Over.

The world might do the same for the suddenly vibrant country she now heads.

Graphic

COLOR PHOTO, Associated Press; COLOR PHOTO, Reuters; Mary McAleese and her husband, Martin, meet with schoolchildren at Dublin Castle.; President Mary McAleese reviews an honor guard after her inauguration. She vowed to work for peace.

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A 'Scared' and Unlikely Hero: To the Irish, there is nothing so loathsome as an informer. But when an ex-Irish Army corporal becomes the star witness a the trial of a drug baron accused in the murder of a crusading woman reporter; the country's attitude could change.

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Body

For someone who's supposed to be a tough guy, Charlie Bowden looked awfully scared the other day, hiking behind a phalanx of police as he walked out of the Criminal court here, a coat on his head, a bullet-proof vest on his back.

'He is scared,' a police officer who was guarding him said later.

Bowden, 32, a martial arts expert and former corporal in the Irish Army, was the first person to enter Ireland's witness protection program.

He is expected to be the star witness in the upcoming trial of the Dublin gangsters who allegedly gunned down a newspaper reporter, Veronica Guerin, last year after her stories about them proved too embarrassing.
The Boston Globe

This is new to the Irish.

In their national consciousness, there is nothing quite so loathsome as an informer.

It is why, for the past 30 years, bodies with hoods on their heads and their hands tied behind their backs turned up on lonely roads in Northern Ireland.

It is an antipathy that transcends borders and generations, the root of Charlestown's infamous Code of Silence, in which Irish-American Bostonians would rather suffer murderers in their midst than be called squealers.

Ireland's history is replete with those who sold out the nation and their friends for money or leniency.

But as Charlie Bowden and others prepare to testify against their erstwhile friends for Guerin's murder, there is a cultural metamorphosis occurring, the transformation of informer from villain to hero.

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Before he sentenced Bowden last week, Judge Cyril Kelly lamented that he had no domestic case law to rely on, as Irish courts, reflecting a cultural bias, have tended to discount evidence put forward by informers.

But, after reading up on how authorities in Australia, Britain, and the United States treat criminals who turn on their associates, Kelly said it was in the public interest that those who co-operate with the police be rewarded with leniency.

Kelly gave Bowden six years, Bowden could have gotten life.

To some who know him, Bowden is singularly undeserving of praise, sympathy or leniency.

A man who used to live next door to the convict and his girlfriend, Juliette Bacon, and who asked not to be identified for fear of reprisals, recalled Bowden as a violent Bully.

When he complained to Bowden about all-night parties that kept his children awake, the neighbour said, Bowden challenged him to a fight in nearby Phoenix Park.

'He had no consideration for his neighbours, or his family, from what I could tell.'

When Bowden's home was torched by arsonists last April, presumably in an attempt to intimidate him, the neighbour was thrilled, despite the smoke damage done to his own home, 'It was small sacrifice to get rid of him,' he said.

Sitting in Mick Hughe's pub, around the corner from the courthouse where Bowden was about to face sentencing, Tony Hickey sipped at his coffee and spoke more sympathetically of Ireland's first protected witness.

'I am not trying to be patronizing, but I think Charlie Bowden is courageous,' he said. 'He is at great risks to his personal safety and those close to him, willing to testify against some of the most evil people in society.'

Hickey, an unassuming, white-haired man who is one of this country's most dogged policeman, is in charge of the most ambitious investigation in the 75-year history of the state.

He and a team of some 60 detectives have arrested more than 250 people as they try to establish who killed Guerin and why.

He said that Bowden, arrested on drug and weapons charges, cracked within a few hours of questioning. Hickey remembered being struck by Bowden's reaction as detectives laid out what happened to Guerin.

'Charlie was genuinely remorseful. He knew that when Veronica was murdered, a 7-year-old boy had been deprived of his mother,' Hickey said.

'Like most criminals, Charlie Bowden was prepared to make the money and live the life. But he wasn't prepared to shoot women and leave children without their mothers.'

The money was good'

Almost \$7,000 a week to look after shipments of marijuana and to clean and store the guns that Bowden's gang used to intimidate and, sometimes, shoot rivals.

Brian Meehan discovered Charlie Bowden. Meehan who was arrested in Amsterdam last week, told his boss, John Gilligan, that Bowden had useful skills.

Gilligan allegedly presided over the gang of a half-dozen men who had come to control Dublin's drug trade, one that had become especially lucrative as Ireland's economy became the fastest-growing in Europe.

One of Bowden's selling points was that he didn't have a record.

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Gilligan, a career criminal known as the Warehouseman for his propensity for ripping off warehouses, had decided in prison to model his next gang after the **Irish Republican Army**.

To guard against informers, the IRA in the 1970s had created a 'cell' structure, in which operatives knew only those few in their group instead of the entire organization.

The IRA loved 'sleepers,' members without police records.

Bowden, who cleaned and supplied the gun used to kill Guerin, told detectives he didn't even meet Gilligan until after the murder.

In the fact of Gilligan's alleged chortling over her killing, Bowden was chilled to the bone.

'He realized these people would kill anyone. He isn't of that calibre,' said Hickey.

Gilligan allegedly had Guerin killed because he was outraged that she wrote about his criminal exploits, without naming him, even as he tried to publicly reinvent himself as a country squire with a stud farm in County Kildare.

Bowden had no such pretensions.

He liked to get drunk and high and spend money. He fathered three children by his wife and as many by his girlfriends.

Both families are now under armed guard. So is Bowden, moved from cell to cell in the bowels of Arbour Hill prison, where he is locked up 23 hours a day. His food is specially prepared to prevent his being poisoned.

Bowden will be front and centre early next year, when the murder trial is expected to begin.

After that, said his lawyer, Paul O'Higgins, he intends to 'vanish off the face of the earth.'

Exile, so common a fate of Irish patriots, is now the fate of Ireland's first state-sanctioned informer.

Graphic

Photo: AP; Gunned Down ... Veronica Guerin died after exposing a drug dealer's criminal exploits.

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**A KEY PROTESTANT PARTY COMES TO SITE OF TALKS ON N. IRELAND /
ALL THE MAJOR PARTIES GATHERED UNDER ONE ROOF DESPITE A
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Body

Northern Ireland's beleaguered peace talks took a significant step forward yesterday when the province's main Protestant political party, the Ulster Unionist Party, arrived at the negotiation site less than 24 hours after a bomb blast threatened to destroy the process.

UUP leader David Trimble did not actually sit down at the peace talks table with longtime enemy Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA-allied party Sinn Fein. Before walking into the talks site at plain brown government office buildings outside Belfast yesterday morning, Trimble declared: "We are not here to negotiate with [Sinn Fein], but to confront them - to expose their fascist character."

But the moment of Trimble's arrival was considered historic nonetheless.

For the first time since Northern Ireland's 1921 creation as a turbulent British outpost on the island of Ireland, all its major political forces - moderate unionists and nationalists, aggressive British loyalists and belligerently anti-British Sinn Fein - had finally come together under one roof in an attempt to forge a political settlement ending decades of Catholic and Protestant bloodshed.

The feeling yesterday among British and Irish government officials was that the UUP and two smaller unionist parties representing outlawed Protestant paramilitary groups would join the formal talks eventually. The party of acerbic Protestant leader Ian Paisley and another small party, the U.K. Unionists, seemed likely to continue their boycott longer.

A MAY 31 DEADLINE Once representatives of major parties including the UUP are negotiating formally, they face a formidable May 31 deadline - set by the British - for writing a settlement that would determine Northern Ireland's political future as well as its future relationship with the Republic of Ireland to the south. The agreement would be put to a vote in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

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A skeleton of the settlement was spelled out in a "framework agreement" signed by the British and Irish governments before this latest round of negotiations began in June 1996.

Negotiators are expected to endorse a limited-power Northern Ireland parliament fairly representing Catholics and Protestants, as well as new cross-border government institutions. But many hurdles face negotiators before they can reach this end point - including a decision on how and when the outlawed IRA and outlawed Protestant paramilitary groups will be required to turn in their considerable caches of illegal guns, rockets and bombs.

"Nobody said it was going to be easy," Marjorie Mowlam, Britain's secretary for Northern Ireland, said yesterday. "Today is a good news morning because everyone is in the building. But we will have difficult days in the weeks and months ahead. We all know that."

Mowlam's "good news morning" had nearly been scuttled Tuesday when an unnamed group set off a powerful bomb in the Protestant village of Markethill in County Armagh. The blast, believed to have been set by a republican group that had broken away from the **Irish Republican Army**, demolished the community's marketplace and nearly destroyed the peace process.

TRIMBLE TOURED BOMB SITE Trimble had stayed away from the first day of the talks on Monday. But he had been prepared to enter the talks site Tuesday - just before the bomb exploded. Instead, he made a detour to Markethill to tour the damage and declare there was a "high probability" that the bomb was the work of the IRA.

Trimble called for expelling Sinn Fein from the talks, since the party had been invited into negotiations this summer only because the IRA had declared a new cease-fire in July.

Under heavy pressure not to let a bomber dictate his party's moves, however, Trimble came to the talks site yesterday. But he predicted that there would be "two to three more bombs falling because we have reason to believe that will be the case."

In a rare show of unionist unity, he walked into the building alongside David Ervine and Gary McMichael, leaders of two unionist political parties representing outlawed Protestant paramilitary groups, who have maintained their own cease-fire since October 1994.

Trimble said yesterday that he would still try to have Sinn Fein excluded from the talks. But he said he was leaving the decision in the hands of the British government, a maneuver that will allow the UUP to formally participate in the peace negotiations without losing face if the government allows Sinn Fein to stay.

For a few hours here yesterday, the starkly plain "Castle Buildings," a government office complex on a hill outside Belfast, held the most improbable collection of Northern Ireland political leaders and former convicts ever gathered under one roof.

There were Sinn Fein president Adams and vice president Martin McGuinness, who have both served prison time on terrorism-related convictions, in the same building with their formerly jailed counterparts on the other side, Ervine, McMichael and Billy Hutchinson.

They are expected to mix and ultimately negotiate with representatives of several other parties, including the Northern Ireland **Women's** Coalition, as well as top officials from the British and Irish governments. John Hume, leader of the predominantly Catholic Socialist and Democratic Labor Party and a man widely respected for originally bringing Adams into the peace process, will play a significant role during the talks.

The usually rumpled-looking Hume stood outside the talks site yesterday to comment on the significance of the day.

"I think that now that we're all in the same building it won't be too long until we're all in the same room getting down to the real task that we're here for, which is to negotiate a lasting settlement," he said. "As I've often said before, when you have a problem like ours . . . and if you're at the stage to where you're really looking for a solution, all sides have to leave the past behind them in order to build a new future."

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Tuesday's bombers, Hume said, "represent no one, only themselves," while political representatives inside the building "represent the vast majority of the people. . . . The approach to dealing with [bombers] is not to let them knock us off the track."

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IRELAND: FOUR WOMEN TO CONTEST FOR PRESIDENCY OF IRELAND

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Body

In what may be a world first, four women -- and no men -- are contesting the presidency of Ireland following the departure of the former president, Mary Robinson, to become the new Human Rights Commissioner at the United Nations.

Like Robinson, three of the women say they are outside politics or are political independents. The front-runner for the Oct. 30 election is Mary McAleese, who comes from Belfast in Northern Ireland. She is a vice-chancellor and professor of law at Queen's University, Belfast, the first Catholic to hold that position.

Before her election, Robinson was professor of law at Trinity College, Dublin.

The only candidate who acknowledges any party political affiliation is the woman who cannot avoid it. Mary Banotti, a member of the center-right Fine Gael party, has been a member of European Parliament since 1984.

The other candidates are Labor Party nominee Adi Roche and independent candidate Rosemary Scallon,

Columnist Miriam Lord, writing in the Irish Independent newspaper today, said that the four women candidates were "clones of Mary Robinson," the much-loved ex-President who is now committed to reviving the United Nations' slow-moving human rights bureaucracy in Geneva.

McAleese confounded pundits yesterday when she won a surprise victory over former Irish prime minister Albert Reynolds for the nomination of Fianna Fail, the country's largest party and the leading party in the government coalition with the right-wing Progressive Democrats.

Besides being the only candidate with experience in parliamentary politics, Banotti has good family connections. Her sister, Nora Owen, is deputy leader of the Fine Gael party, and she is the grand-niece of Michael Collins, leader of the Irish Republican Army (IRA) before he entered negotiations with the British government which led to a partitioned island in the 1920s, creating what is now the Republic of Ireland and British-ruled Northern Ireland.

Banotti, who has been active as a mediator on children's issues in the European Parliament, played a central role in setting up a women's refuge in Dublin. She is also a former chairperson of the Rutland Center, which treats people for alcoholism.

Like Robinson, Adi Roche is the Labor Party nominee for the presidential contest, and like Robinson she is an activist who is also backed by the Green Party and Democratic Left.

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While Robinson was active in her support for what is known here as "the liberal agenda" -- access to contraception, divorce, and information on abortion -- Roche is a campaigner for nuclear disarmament, known for her charitable work in the Chernobyl Children's Project.

She has brought hundreds of children from Belarus to Ireland for holidays or hospital treatment. The most prominent supporter of Roche is fellow Chernobyl activist Ali Hewson, wife of U2 lead singer, Bono.

With Roche, people are already talking about the "Princess Diana" factor. It just happens that Roche has blonde hair, and like the late princess of Wales, is known for her compassion and work with the sick and vulnerable. She emphasizes peace and dialogue in general terms in her interviews, and denounces "dirty politics," eschewing gossip or "anything negative" about any other candidate.

Of the four candidates, the only one with no party support is Rosemary Scallon, who is backed by Christian fundamentalists and opponents of abortion. Scallon says she will be "the people's President."

A committed Catholic who has spent years working for a Christian broadcasting station in the United States, Scallon is best known in Europe as Dana, the singer from Derry, Northern Ireland who won the Eurovision Song Contest in 1972 with her tune "All Kinds of Everything."

Under the constitution, the role of the president is simply to sign bills into legislation, or to refer them to the Supreme Court to test whether they are constitutional. The president is supposed to be "above politics."

In an interview today, McAleese emphasized the constitutional role of the presidency as the watchdog of the Irish constitution.

"The president doesn't make law, the president doesn't engage in crusades," she said. "It is the government which makes law, it is the Dail (parliament, lower house) which makes law and the Seanad (senate, upper house). People change the constitution, and the President ensures that the laws match the wishes of the people as expressed in the constitution."

Both of the main broadsheet newspapers here approved the Fianna Fail choice of McAleese over Reynolds. "Fianna Fail voted for a brilliant lawyer, an eminent academic, a woman noted for her eloquence and forthright expression," said the Irish Independent in an editorial today.

The Irish Times said that Fianna Fail was now back in the race for the presidency. Fianna Fail had feared that while Reynolds could attract the core party vote of 44 percent, he might not have the cross-party appeal of a candidate like McAleese.

While Reynolds is one of the politicians credited with bringing about the Northern Ireland peace process, his name has also been linked to a series of controversies, including the government's provision of passports to an Arab family who happened to have invested in the Reynolds family pet food firm.

"All hell would have broken out if Reynolds had been nominated," professor of political science Michael Laver said on Irish state radio today. "He would have been a free-fire zone as far as the Dublin media were concerned."

However, if McAleese wants to be elected President of Ireland, she will need to talk about more than the constitutional niceties of the position.

One reason for downplaying her ideas is that liberals here think she is "too Catholic" for the job, and some say she is "too nationalist."

After 25 years of political violence in Northern Ireland, there is a growing distaste for nationalist politics among the Dublin middle-class intelligentsia, although attitudes have softened over the last three years of the peace process, and two ceasefires by the IRA.

Whatever their politics however, some members of the public simply don't like the fact that they are women.

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"My sadness is for the male population of this country," said a male caller to a broadcast chat show this week, who said he had voted for Mrs. Robinson in 1990.

He complained about the lack of a strong role model for men, suggesting now there would only be "namby pamby politicians" contesting the presidency. "This is extremely sad," he said. "What is happening to the male population of this country?"

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Taxman eyes Tomba: Short millions in payments, newspapers say

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Body

Italian prosecutors are looking into the multimillion-dollar earnings of ski champion Alberto Tomba.

Bologna prosecutor Luigi Persico confirmed yesterday that his office was examining the possibility that taxes were not paid on millions of dollars of earnings for endorsements and other publicity contracts, Italian newspapers reported.

Soccer

England won a soccer game against France for the first time in 48 years, beating the French 1-0 yesterday on Alan Shearer's goal with four minutes remaining.

England, which beat Italy on Wednesday, is 2-0 in the exhibition Tournoi de France, which is being used to prepare organizers for the 1998 World Cup next summer.

- IN LAGOS, Nigeria became the first country to win a spot in next year's World Cup, beating Kenya 3-0 yesterday on goals by Sunday Olise, Emmanuel Amunike and Wilson Oruma. Defending champion Brazil and host France automatically qualify for the 32-nation tournament, which starts on June 10, 1998. The other 30 teams are determined in the qualifying tournament.

In European Group Seven in Brussels, Belgium overwhelmed San Marino 6-0 to pull even at 15 points with the Netherlands through six games.

In Group Nine, Ukraine and Germany played a scoreless draw in Kiev. The tie kept Ukraine atop the group with 14 points in eight games to 12 for Germany in six.

Rugby

Gareth Rees kicked a last-minute penalty from 42 yards out to lead Canada to a 17-16 win over Hong Kong in Pacific Rim rugby action yesterday. Rees had 12 points on the day.

The win moved Canada closer to defending its title at the four-country competition. Canada is 3-1 with 13 points and two games remaining, ahead of 2-2 Hong Kong with nine points. The Americans have eight points and Japan one.

The Americans beat Japan 51-29 in the other game yesterday.

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- IN PRETORIA, South Africa, Danie van Schalkwyk scored two tries, including a crucial one in the second half after stealing an errant pass, to lead the Northern Transvaal provincial side to a 35-30 victory over the British Lions in an exhibition.

- IN BUENOS AIRES, Facundo Soler scored one of his two tries and Gonzalo Quesada kicked eight of his 13 points in the first 30 minutes yesterday, allowing Argentina to cruise to a 30-13 victory over England in its second and final test.

England, missing several stars currently on tour with the Lions in South Africa, rarely tested Argentina.

Miscellany

German prosecutors plan to start filing charges this summer against former members of East Germany's sports establishment for giving performance-boosting drugs to athletes, a spokesman said yesterday.

About 50 former East German coaches and team doctors are under investigation for possible charges of bodily injury related to the doping. Former swimming coaches of two East Berlin clubs are expected to be charged first. Also under suspicion are coaches in track and field, canoeing, rowing and weightlifting, the report said.

- IN EPSOM, England, Benny the Dip, with Willie Ryan aboard, won yesterday's 218th English Derby in a photo-finish over Silver Patriarch.

Benny the Dip, who went out at 11-1 and was the third favourite, held the lead with about one-quarter mile to run and then fought off a furious charge by Silver Patriarch, a 6-1 choice ridden by Pat Eddery. Romanov, 25-1, was third.

The race, attended by Queen Elizabeth II, was run amid heightened security after the Grand National steeplechase two months ago was postponed for 48 hours by a bomb threat by the **Irish Republican Army**.

- IN EDOLO, Italy, leader Ivan Gotti all but assured himself of over-all victory in the Giro d'Italia yesterday by staying with defending champion Pavel Tonkov during the 21st and longest stage of the cycling event.

Gotti, closing in on the first Giro title for an Italian since 1991, held on to an over-all advantage of one minute, 27 seconds with one stage left. Tonkov did out-sprint Gotti and Wladimir Belli at the end of the 238-kilometre route through the Dolemites.

- AT BIRMINGHAM, England, Australian captain Mark Taylor played the innings of his life, a heroic unbeaten 108, as Australia fought back into the first cricket test yesterday.

Taylor's innings took Australia to 256 for one at stumps, reducing the tourists' deficit from 360 runs to 104 with two days' play remaining.

- In Hull, Brian Barkhouse of Chester, Ont., won the Canadian Duathlon Championship, completing a 35-kilometre bike ride, sandwiched by a pair of 5-kilometre runs, in one hour, 25 minutes, 54 seconds.

Barkhouse, like **women's** winner Sarah Howell (1:34:49) of Vancouver, automatically qualifies for the Duathlon World Championships, to be held in September, in Guernica, Spain.

Montreal-area age-group qualifiers for the Worlds', most from the Titans training club, include Stephan Proulx of Longueuil (under-20), Steve Murray of Laval (25-29), Mark Pitts and Luc Trottier of Montreal (35-39), Joanne Kay of Westmount and Maeve Muldowney of Montreal (25-29), Saint-Hilaire's Genevieve Shurtleff (under-20), Udo Buechner of D.D.O. (50-54), and Montreal's Joanne Walford (40-44).

- ON MOUNT ROYAL, the Standard Life "Marathon" is actually a 10-kilometre fundraiser to benefit the Foundation for research into children's diseases. Patrick Billette left himself no time to pick up extra pledges, covering the hilly

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loop around Mount Royal in 32 minutes, 40 seconds. Paul Tessier (33:06) and Hazrati Ramin (33:24), who stayed with Billette on the early uphill, held on for second and third.

Margaret Szymanski (40:57) led all women, closely followed by Masters' champion Janet Labuc (41:02), with Lisa Sandvold (41:35) taking third.

- IN WINNIPEG, Farell Duclair scored from the one-yard line with 29 seconds remaining to lead the Calgary Stampeders to a 24-20 victory over the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in the first exhibition game of the 1997 CFL season.

- IN CALGARY, Mario Deslauriers of Bromont has a slim lead going into today's final competition for Canada's show-jumping title.

Deslauriers, 32, edged Hugh Graham of Schomberg, Ont., in yesterday's Canadian Pacific World Cup.

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Sold-out crowd shows Thatcherism hasn't lost favor

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Body

Margaret, the Lady Thatcher, will speak tonight at the annual banquet of the Center of the American Experiment. Although her topic is "The Moral Foundations of Democracy," Mitch Pearlstein, president of the center, says the audience would gladly listen to her read from the phone book.

Thatcher, Britain's prime minister from 1979-90, hasn't made much news in years. But she was such a transformative political figure that, after this month's British election, New York Times foreign affairs columnist Thomas Friedman wrote: "There are only two facts to keep in mind about the British election: The winner was Margaret Thatcher. The loser was Margaret Thatcher. Everything else is just commentary."

The \$ 100-a-plate dinner at the Minneapolis Convention Center has been sold out for months. She will not make any general public appearances during her visit.

Thatcher, daughter of a middle-class grocer, served in the House of Commons from 1959 through 1990. Her election as Tory leader in 1975, on a promise to reverse Britain's post-war trend toward democratic socialism, appears to have been important in the conservative ascendancy that reshaped not only British but U.S. politics over the next two decades.

Thatcher's friendship and ideological kinship with Ronald Reagan did much to reaffirm the special relationship between their countries. Thatcher's memoir, "The Downing Street Years," includes a photo of Reagan looking on entranced while Thatcher speaks. He inscribed the photo: "Dear Margaret - As you can see, I agree with every word you are saying. I always do. Warmest Friendship, Sincerely, Ron."

In the decades after World War II, the U.S. and British governments steadily expanded the role of the state. The Republican and Tory parties in the two countries often complained about the welfare state, but when they gained office they did little to reduce it.

After becoming Britain's first ***female*** prime minister in 1979, Thatcher soon demonstrated that her government would do more than just slow the growth rate of the government. She privatized several enterprises that had been nationalized, gave tenants of state-owned housing the option of buying their homes, took on the powerful coal-miner's union and generally limited the power of unions.

Prof. Robert Holt of the University of Minnesota, a scholar of international politics, said Thatcher's economic policies became an alternative model of development that ended up being influential in such seemingly diverse

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economies as those of China, India, Egypt and Latin America. "It was often called Thatcherism," Holt said. "It was seldom called Reaganism."

In 1982, Thatcher refused to allow Argentina to take by force the Falkland Islands, one of Britain's few remaining colonies. The costly, bloody war to defend the faraway islands, holding little economic or strategic value for Britain and populated mostly by sheep, may have made little geopolitical sense. But it heartened a nation that had endured decades of decline from major power status. It secured Thatcher's reputation for toughness, revived her flagging popularity and helped her win a new term in 1983.

Thatcher's enduring contribution to the international scene may have been her role in ending the Cold War. Larry Witherell of the University of Minnesota said Thatcher was the first Western leader who recognized that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev was someone with whom the West could do business.

In 1984, an ***Irish Republican Army*** bomb exploded at a hotel in Brighton, England, where the Tories were having their annual conference and just hours before they were scheduled to discuss Northern Ireland policy. A Tory member of Parliament and the wives of two party officials were killed. Thatcher, who narrowly escaped injury, insisted that the conference continue as scheduled to demonstrate British determination not to be deterred by terrorism.

Her tenure brought no lasting progress on the Anglo-Irish conflict, and she was despised in Irish Republican circles. Minnesotans for a United Ireland organized an all-night hunger strike Thursday night and plan to demonstrate at the Convention Center from 6 to 7:30 tonight.

In 1987, Thatcher won an unprecedented third term and became Britain's longest-serving prime minister. In 1989, she pushed through a deeply regressive revision of the tax code, replacing the existing property tax with a per-person poll tax. In 1990, she was challenged for the leadership of her own party. Although she led on the first ballot, she failed to get a strong mandate and resigned. She was able to arrange for John Major to succeed her. He continued a milder form of Thatcherism until his ouster this month.

The Labor victory was such a landslide that it even captured Thatcher's old district, long one of the safest Tory seats. But the new prime minister, Tony Blair, won largely by promising not to reverse any of the big things that Thatcher had done. That is part of what Friedman meant when he called the election both a victory and a defeat for her.

Upon leaving the House of Commons, she was named a baroness, which entitles her to a seat in the House of Lords.

- For more information about the Center of the American Experiment, go to <http://www.04amexp.org>

From Thatcher's 'The Downing Street Years':

- Seen from afar or from above . . . socialism has a certain nobility; equal sacrifice, fair shares, everyone pulling together. Seen from below, however, it looked very different. Fair shares somehow always turn out to be small shares. Then someone has to enforce their fairness. . . . All this promotes an atmosphere of envy and tittle-tattle.

- No theory of government was ever given a fairer test or a more prolonged experiment in a democratic country than democratic socialism received in Britain. Yet it was a miserable failure in every respect. Far from reversing the slow relative decline of Britain vis-a-vis its main industrial competitors, it accelerated it. We fell further behind them, until by 1979 we were widely dismissed as "the sick man of Europe." The relative worsening of our economic position was disguised by the rising affluence of the West as a whole. . . . As the 1970s wore grimly on, we began to fail in absolute as well as relative terms.

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COLORADO

More Remains Of Breakaway Pilot Found

The Air Force has found more remains of Air Force Capt. Craig Button, and more of the wreckage of the A-10 attack bomber he flew when he disappeared into the Colorado wilderness. The 500-pound, high-explosive bombs the plane was carrying are still missing.

Button peeled away from his formation during a routine training mission over Arizona April 2 without giving any explanation of his maneuver. His plane was found on a snow-covered mountainside 800 miles to the northeast.

AP

U.S. ARMY

Staff Sergeant Guilty Of Sexual Misconduct

A court-martial in Fort McClellan, Ala., convicted Staff Sgt. David Norwood of two counts of sexual misconduct Saturday and fined him \$ 600.

Norwood was accused by six trainees and a female lieutenant of improper behavior, including touching them on the knee, leg, breast or waist, asking for dates and undressing in front of them.

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CALIFORNIA

Gunfire From Mexico Wounds U.S. Agent

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Gunfire from Mexico early Saturday wounded a U.S. Border Patrol agent working near the fence separating California from Mexico.

The victim was alone in a marked Border Patrol vehicle at about 3 a.m. near the fence across from Mexico's Ensenada Highway when six to 10 shots were fired, supervisory Border Patrol agent Wayne Preston said. He declined to give the agent's name.

Preston said bullets pierced the windshield and hit the agent in the head and shoulder. He was able to drive about 150 yards north of the border fence, where he stopped and called for help.

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IRAQ

Turkish Offensive Kills 900 Kurdish Rebels

Turkish ground forces have killed more than 900 Kurdish rebels in a four-day operation in Iraq, the official Turkish news agency said Saturday. Forty Turkish soldiers have been killed.

Since Wednesday, Turkey has sent tens of thousands of troops, backed by warplanes, tanks and armored personnel carriers, into Iraq. The offensive is aimed at the Iraq bases of the separatist Kurdistan Workers Party, nearly all of whose 10,000 guerrillas have been chased out of Turkey.

While Arab countries have protested Turkey's incursion, there are no signs that Turkey plans to withdraw its forces - estimated at between 25,000 and 50,000.

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Truck convoys have shuttled food, ammunition, mattresses, telephone poles and construction material across the border since Friday, suggesting that the army planned an extended stay in Iraq.

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AP

NORTHERN IRELAND

Sinn Fein, British Prime Minister To Meet

Sinn Fein, the principal nonmilitary organization campaigning for the end of British rule in Northern Ireland, has accepted British prime minister Tony Blair's invitation to peace talks.

Blair's invitation represented a break from longstanding British policy not to meet Sinn Fein unless the outlawed **Irish Republican Army** desists from terrorism and violence.

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Blair's predecessor, John Major, broke off all direct contact with Sinn Fein after a truck bomb killed two men in London in February 1996. The IRA claimed responsibility.

Sinn Fein demands that it have the same top-level access to the British government as other Northern Ireland parties enjoy, regardless of what the IRA does.

AP

MIDDLE EAST

Stop Settlements, Palestinians Warn Israel

The Palestinian Cabinet warned Israel Saturday that unless the United States can persuade Israel to stop building new Jewish settlements, violence would resume in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

A statement issued after a four-hour Cabinet meeting said the relative calm of recent weeks could not survive a further stalemate in Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, a deadlock the United States has been unable to break.

In the West Bank town of Nablus, thousands of Palestinians cheered and whistled as a dozen would-be suicide bombers covered in fake blood marched behind white coffins, chanting "We are the death-seekers."

Leaders of the extremist group Hamas told the crowd that only violent resistance, not negotiations, would halt Jewish settlement construction.

AP

CUBAN EXILES

Boat Protest Aims To Inspire General Strike

A fleet of about 10 small craft manned by Cuban exiles arrived Saturday just outside Cuba's territorial waters off the island's north coast to inspire a general strike on the Communist-ruled Caribbean island.

Cuba described the floating demonstration as a "new attempt at a provocation" and said it would use "the necessary means" to ensure there were no violations of its territory.

Democracy Movement, the prominent Miami-based Cuban exile group that organized the demonstration, assured U.S. and Cuban authorities it did not intend to enter Cuban waters.

Cuban exiles made a number of demonstrations at the edge of Cuban territorial waters in the Florida Straits.

In February 1996, Cuban fighter jets shot down two unarmed U.S. civilian planes between Florida and Cuba, killing four aviators for the exile group Brothers to the Rescue.

The incident provoked international outrage against Cuba. But President Fidel Castro's government defended its action by saying the planes were violating its territory. Washington said the planes were outside Cuban airspace and should not have been shot down.

Reuters

BRAZIL

BRIEFS

Inmates Take Over Prison, Hold Hostages

Inmates have seized control of Vila Velha Penitentiary in eastern Brazil and taken six hostages, including the warden, and threatened to kill them unless authorities provide getaway cars and guns, an inmate leader said Saturday.

Talks with authorities broke down Saturday over the prisoners' demands, officials said.

"We don't want to kill them, but we will if the authorities don't give us what we want," said the inmate leader, who identified himself as Wilson Carioca.

Carioca said the inmates initially rebelled to protest poor sanitation, irregular visiting hours, unkept promises to install a telephone for prisoners to call their relatives and Brazil's slow justice system. Carioca said he had been waiting for two years for his trial on murder charges.

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Suspect Who Jumped Bail Is Captured

Li Yung Chung, the chief suspect in the biggest heroin seizure in U.S. history, has been captured in Burma and was returned Saturday to Thailand where he jumped bail earlier.

Li had been granted bail in Thailand in February despite a request from the United States for his extradition in connection with 1,070 pounds of heroin seized in a warehouse in Hayward, Calif., in 1991. U.S. officials estimated the street value of the drugs at more than \$ 1 billion.

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Body

The ancient Celts, a brave and ferocious tribe who settled political differences with axes and bludgeons, are said in legend to have had only one fear: that the sky would fall on their heads. Frances Fitzgerald, a member of the Irish Parliament campaigning to hold her seat in the national election on June 6, knows the feeling.

As she urged voters to support her Saturday morning in this suburban village on the south edge of Dublin, she had no time to stroll on Sandymount Strand, described by James Joyce as "at the lacefringe of the tide." Not enough voters there, and Ms. Fitzgerald and her party, Fine Gael, are desperate for voters.

Polls show that if the election were held today, the coalition Government headed by Prime Minister John Bruton of Fine Gael, cobbled together with the Labor and Democratic Left parties in 1994 after the previous Government's collapse and never popularly elected, would lose. The winners would be a coalition led by Fianna Fail, Ireland's largest party, headed by Bertie Ahern, and the fiscally conservative Progressive Democrats, headed by Mary Harney.

Ms. Fitzgerald's seat, including upper-middle-class areas like Sandymount and depressed working-class areas like Ringsend, has long been considered safe for Fine Gael. If the party lost here, it would be as if the political heavens had snuffed it.

"We have got to take this seat again," Ms. Fitzgerald said, as she began ringing doorbells, handing out leaflets and listening to voters talk about the main issues of the campaign: crime, taxes, the environment and peace and war in Northern Ireland. There are seven candidates for the four seats in Parliament to be elected in the district.

"We have to run against everybody," she said. "The Greens are strong against us here."

Ms. Fitzgerald, 46, the former head of the National Women's Council, an independent umbrella organization, hopes she will be helped by Ireland's highly complicated system of proportional representation, a process slightly clearer to most voters than the provisions of the Schleswig-Holstein accord. Under P.R., as it is known, voters indicate their preferences in numerical order and parliamentary seats are given to any candidates whose first-place votes meet a

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quota of votes cast. Seats that remain open after the first round of ballot-counting are filled by transferring second-, third- or lower-place votes.

To make it clear she needs first-place votes, Ms. Fitzgerald has her campaign workers wear bright-blue T-shirts lettered "Fitzgerald. No 1."

Suddenly, a huge bus covered with Labor Party signs arrived at the village green, bearing the Labor candidate, Finance Minister Ruairi Quinn, a coalition ally.

"Hi, Ruairi!" shouted Ms. Fitzgerald.

"We'll save some transfers for you," he called back smiling, meaning that he would tell voters to vote for him in first place, and for her in second or third.

Later, in her car, Ms. Fitzgerald said on a mobile phone to her headquarters: "Ruairi Quinn has a huge bus in Sandymount. We don't even have our posters up. And we've none up in Ranelagh or Ringsend. You've just got to get them up."

For Jane McCarthy, a 27-year-old computer saleswoman who lives in a neat brick house on Sandymount Castle Road, the prime issues are crime and education.

"Especially education," she added. "Some kids are totally disadvantaged, in families that have had no work for three generations."

Ms. Fitzgerald said her coalition was using the revenue produced by the improved economy -- which politicians call the Celtic Tiger -- to create 1,000 jobs a week.

A few doors away, Finola McCarthy, no relation to Jane, said: "I think John Bruton is doing O.K. And this Government is doing well on the North." Then she added: "But it doesn't really matter which Irish government is in power. It all depends on Blair." She was referring to the new British Prime Minister, Tony Blair, who on Friday offered a new chance to enter peace talks to Sinn Fein, the political wing of the **Irish Republican Army**.

Christine O'Neill, who grew up in Zurich, said she would vote for the Green Party, and possibly give Ms. Fitzgerald a second or third preference vote. Ms. O'Neill gestured toward Dublin Bay. "The dirt going into the sea is appalling," she said. "And people swim in it."

Joe Jeffers, a 39-year-old biochemist, said his apartment block had been burglarized 10 times in the last three years by drug addicts arriving in Sandymount on trains of the Dublin Area Rapid Transit, or DART.

"They come in on the DART, burgle us and go back on the DART," he said.

Ms. Fitzgerald added, "They come to grab handbags for drug money." She said that the Government was providing more treatment centers for drug addicts and that the waiting list for treatment was down to 2,000.

In Ringsend, the drab working-class area a few miles up the coast where there are pockets of long-term unemployment as high as 75 percent, a dozen people waited on Bridge Street for the No. 3 bus to downtown Dublin. For many of them, the Celtic Tiger is as much use as a three-legged dog.

Joan Nolan said one of her sons, after a long time on welfare, recently found a job as a maintenance worker for about \$5 an hour. But social welfare officials told him he would have to repay part of the public assistance he had been collecting.

"A tax on unemployment," she said. "There's nothing here for youth today." Ms. Fitzgerald responded that her Government, if re-elected, plans to eliminate taxes for thousands of low-income people.

Agnes and Willie Galvin, a retired couple in their 70's, said the No. 3 bus came only once every 45 minutes. Ms. Fitzgerald said she had been fighting for better service.

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Mr. Galvin was asked what he thought of the scandal surrounding recent disclosures that politicians from the major parties had been taking huge sums of money from Dunnes, the largest chain of department stores in the country.

He looked around him, as if he thought a party informer might be listening, smiled and whispered, "Wouldn't they all be on the fiddle, now?"

Graphic

Photo: Frances Fitzgerald, right, campaigned in Ringsend Saturday, a working-class neighborhood that forms part of her Dublin district, in her bid to keep her seat in the Irish Parliament. National elections will be held June 6. (Eamonn Farrell/Photocall, for The New York Times)

Map showing the location of Sandymount, Ireland: Sandymount is part of the Dublin Southeast constituency.

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Body

South African President Nelson Mandela on Thursday invited Zaire's president, Mobutu Sese Seko, to talk with the rebel leader trying to topple Mobutu, a sign of momentum after weeks of delicate political maneuvering.

There was no clear sign that Mobutu or rebel leader Laurent Kabila were ready for talks to end Zaire's civil war. Each side has had opposing positions on talks in the past, and there was no direct word Thursday from Mobutu or Kabila.

U.N. envoy Mohammed Sahnoun said Mobutu and Kabila "have agreed that there will be a meeting at the highest level," a "remarkable achievement in view of the complexity of the issue."

A rebel spokesman said a site had been picked for Mobutu-Kabila talks, but no location or date was announced.

THE AMERICAS War on drugs

U.S. drug czar Barry McCaffrey said he is confident Mexico is building an anti-drug program that can be trusted despite scandals that have exposed corruption among top officials. At the end of a 24-hour visit to Mexico, McCaffrey said he asked U.S. drug officials in Mexico City about Mexico's drug-fighting program and came away satisfied. McCaffrey said President Clinton would highlight cooperation, not confrontation, in the drug effort when he opens a Latin American tour with a visit to Mexico on May 6.

Indians protest

Indians who accuse the Canadian government of ignoring their problems set up roadblocks and staged rallies during a national day of protest. The biggest traffic jam occurred outside Prime Minister Jean Chretien's residence in Ottawa. Cars were backed up nearly two miles during the morning rush hour while Indian activists handed out pamphlets to motorists inching past their checkpoint. Ovide Mercredi, leader of the national assembly of Indian chiefs, said Chretien's Liberal Party government has reneged on promises to Indians. Mercredi is urging Canadians to vote for other parties in a federal election expected in June.

Landless protest

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Landless peasants converged on Brazil's capital at the end of a two-month protest march and were welcomed by opposition leaders, clergy and cheering crowds. The rally marked the largest anti-government demonstration against President Fernando Henrique Cardoso's two-year tenure and showed growing support for land reform in Brazil, where the richest 20 percent of the people own 88 percent of the land.

Legislators dismissed

Ecuador's Congress dismissed 13 legislators for mishandling public funds in the government of ousted President Abdala Bucaram. The ousters, including that of Bucaram's brother Santiago, were based on a report issued last week by the government's anti-corruption commission. It accused 17 congressmen of diverting government funds toward "phantom companies" and then receiving checks from those companies.

Protests quelled

Security forces used armored cars and tear gas to break up a protest in the capital of French Guiana, a French territory in South America. The protesters in Cayenne were demanding news of opposition activists and others detained by the government over the past two weeks for questioning about November riots sparked by student demands for better schools.

EUROPE Election set

Coaxed by an international envoy, Albanian political parties set June 29 as the date for parliamentary elections to end anarchy and put the country back on track toward stability. The remaining concerns raised by parties meeting with the envoy, former Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky, were continued control of rebel committees in the south, an electoral law that effectively shuts small parties out of Parliament and unequal opposition access to state-run TV and radio.

Pact predicted

Russia next month will sign an agreement outlining a new post-Cold War relationship with NATO, President Boris Yeltsin said. German Chancellor Helmut Kohl was more cautious after meeting the Russian leader for four hours, saying there was "a good chance" of overcoming "considerable differences" by May 27, the date named by Yeltsin. Both leaders refused to give details of their talks about the eastward expansion of NATO, which Russia steadfastly has opposed.

HIV homicide charge

For months, an HIV-positive American man has been sitting in a jail in Finland, charged with infecting dozens of women with the deadly AIDS virus. On Thursday, the seriousness of the case against him became clear, with police saying he faces multiple counts of attempted homicide. Steven Thomas, 35, of New York has been on trial behind closed doors since Jan. 23. But under the Finnish legal system, the charges had been secret until Thursday.

3 charged in shootings

A Northern Ireland man who was shot in the back by British soldiers in suspicious circumstances seven years ago was charged Thursday with trying to kill a police officer. Miceal Caraher, 30, was one of three men arrested last week when soldiers seized one of the Irish Republican Army's most prized weapons, a U.S.-made Barrett .50-caliber sniping rifle designed for American special forces - as well as a Kalashnikov assault rifle and ammunition. Caraher appeared in court with Martin McGinn, 39, and Martin Mines, 28.

ASIA Sentences upheld

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The South Korean Supreme Court upheld lengthy sentences for two former presidents convicted in a coup and a massacre of pro-democracy demonstrators 17 years ago. The decision ended their courtroom battles but opened a new national debate: Do Chun Doo-hwan and Roh Tae-woo deserve special pardons? In a unanimous ruling by the 13 justices, the highest South Korean court ordered Chun, president from 1980 to 1987, to spend the rest of his life in prison, and it sentenced Roh, his successor, to 17 years.

Statues threatened

Afghanistan's Taliban rulers are threatening to destroy two 2,000- year-old Buddhist statues they regard as an insult to Islam. The statues are in Bamyán province in central Afghanistan, an area controlled by minority Shiite Muslims led by Karim Khalili. The Taliban's front-line commander, Mullah Abdul Wahed, said the statues "are not Islamic, and we will have to destroy them" if the Taliban rulers take Bamyán.

MIDDLE EAST Another Mecca fire

Muslim pilgrims in Saudi Arabia returning Thursday to a sprawling tent city after paying tribute in the holy city of Mecca again saw flames. This time, the fire was put out quickly and no injuries were reported. Two days earlier, a fire on the same plain in nearby Mina killed at least 343 people.

Graphic

Italian peacekeepers, part of a multinational force in Albania, head out of the port of Durres on Thursday en route to their job of guarding aid deliveries near Fier. / LUCA BRUNO / Associated Press

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PASADENA, Md.

Mother gives birth to triplets -- again

Twelve years ago, Paula Robinson gave birth to triplets. On Wednesday, she did it again. And on Sunday, she was due to return home from the hospital -- just in time for Mother's Day.

"Our first sonogram said we were going to have one baby," she said. "But on the second one, (the doctor) said, 'It's twins. Congratulations.' ... Then he said, 'Oh, congratulations again, it's triplets.'"

Nicole Lynn, Jordan William and Joshua James Robinson were born at 1:43 p.m., 1:44 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. Wednesday at St. Agnes Hospital, weighing 4 pounds, 9 ounces; 4 pounds, 4 ounces and 1 pound, 13 ounces respectively.

Doctors predict all three will be fine.

In the past 14 years, there have been 14,000 cases of triplets nationwide, but only four women have given birth to two sets of triplets, said Janet Bleyl, founder of the Triplet Connection, an organization that collects data on multiple births.

Robinson used fertility drugs to conceive her first set of triplets. The second set was conceived through in-vitro fertilization.

Robinson, who runs a day-care center, had the first set when she was recently divorced. As a single mother, she changed, bathed and fed them in assembly line style.

BALTIMORE

Water main break in Baltimore condemns homes, carries away cars

A water main rupture flooded a residential neighborhood 5 feet deep, floating cars down streets and forcing dozens of people to flee their homes, some of them by boat.

Seventeen homes were condemned by the city because of water damage, and part of one street collapsed and swallowed a car after the main broke Friday shortly before midnight. No injuries were reported.

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"I thought it was raining at first, then I saw a big hole opened up in the street and there was water everywhere," said Edward Carter, who was evacuated from his home.

The cause wasn't known yet, fire department spokesman Hector Torres said Saturday.

"The water flow actually resembled almost a whitewater situation. The water level was above the cars, we actually had boats we were using to get around," he said.

"These cars down the street were actually floating last night," said city public works director George Balog.

In addition to the 17 condemned homes, Mayor Kurt Schmoke said at least 75 others were damaged.

CHICAGO

Despite computer glitch at FTD, flower deliveries continue for Mother's Day

Computer glitches at FTD were nipped in the bud and moms across the country should have a rosy Mother's Day, FTD's president said Saturday.

Independent florists around the country reported last week that Florists' Transworld Delivery's problems had taken the bloom off the biggest week for the flower industry.

But Bob Norton, president of the flowers-by-wire service, characterized the problem as minor, saying power was down for about five hours last week.

"Not one order was lost from the outage," he said. "We processed over a half-million orders Friday. We are having a record week."

He said FTD continued taking Mother's Day orders on Saturday. It couldn't guarantee those orders would be filled on Sunday, he said, "but most orders will get there. We are in better shape than we have ever been to deliver on Mother's Day."

SANTA FE, N.M.

Former teacher says relationship with student dates to 640 A.D.

A former teacher says his relationship with a young female student dated to their past lives in Tibet more than 1,000 years ago, when she saved his life by taking an arrow meant for him and he had to repay the debt of love.

A judge didn't buy it, and sentenced Roger Katz to 1 1/2 years in prison.

"Frankly, Mr. Katz, a wolf in sheep's skin is still a wolf. You sir, are a wolf. You preyed on a 14-year-old and violated all the laws as far as I am concerned," state District Judge Steve Herrera said at Friday's sentencing.

Herrera also prohibited the 50-year-old Katz from writing to the girl, now 16, and from receiving visits from her while he is in prison.

Katz said he is in love with the girl, who had been a student in his social studies class at DeVargas Junior High School. He said he did not begin his affair with her until after she no longer was in his class.

Katz's attorney, Aaron Wolf, said: "I hope my daughters find men who love them as much as he loves her."

Katz, who resigned from his teaching job after his Feb. 16, 1996, arrest, pleaded guilty in March to contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland

Irish nationalist splinter group admits killing off-duty officer

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A Irish nationalist splinter group admitted Saturday having planned and carried out the murder of an off-duty policeman in a Belfast nightspot.

The Irish National Liberation Army said the two gunmen who shot and killed officer Darren Bradshaw in the crowded Parliament Bar on Friday night were members of the group.

The INLA is a maverick offshoot of the much larger **Irish Republican Army**, which denied involvement in the shooting minutes before the INLA made its claim. Both groups draw support from militant Catholics in their shared aim of ending British rule of Northern Ireland.

"This was a well thought-out and planned operation," Police Detective Superintendent John Middlemiss, who is heading the investigation, said Saturday.

Later Saturday, police charged five men with the murder of 25-year-old Robert Hamill, a Roman Catholic badly beaten by a Protestant mob two weeks ago in Portadown, 30 miles southwest of Belfast.

LOS ANGELES

'Seinfeld' cast to return for another year

All Jerry Seinfeld's quirky friends will return to the top-rated NBC comedy "Seinfeld" for next season, the network announced Saturday.

Julia Louis-Dreyfus, who plays Elaine, Michael Richards, who plays Kramer, and Jason Alexander, who plays George, will return for a ninth season.

The three Seinfeld pals each demanded \$ 1 million per episode from NBC to film 22 half-hour installments of the show, ranked behind only "ER" as the most-watched series this year.

The network did not give details of their contracts. An industry source who declined to be identified said the trio didn't get the \$ 1 million per episode price tag, but offered no further details. Each of the three supporting stars agreed to remain with the show for two more seasons. But Seinfeld only agreed to appear next season. He will wait until January to decide whether to return for a 10th season, the network said.

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STORY FALLS SHORT, BUT PITT AND FORD SHINE IN 'DEVIL'S OWN'

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The Devil's Own" is about Harrison Ford and Brad Pitt.

Two handsome guys with highly appealing personalities can go a long way to helping you not to notice that there's nothing new going on.

In terms of the 700-year-old British-Irish conflict, seldom has so little been said about so much. In all fairness, however, one must grant that this is primarily a character film. At that, Ford and Pitt are commendable.

The story begins with wonderful Irish coastal fishing town atmosphere. As a little Catholic family dines peacefully at home, their 8-year-old boy, Francis McGuire, bears witness as masked gunmen burst in and shoot his father dead. He had been suspected by the British of **Irish Republican Army** sympathies.

Cut to 20 years later. Francis (Brad Pitt) has led a life of revenge. His kill record of 13 British soldiers and 11 British officials has made him their Public Enemy No. 1.

In Belfast, cornered by British troops and local police, he escapes (by running out the back door?!).

In a short time, he arrives here in the United States, met by Judge Fitzsimmons (George Hearn), an IRA sympathizer who will finance him. The judge prevails upon a friend, Tom O'Meara (Harrison Ford), an honest police sergeant and a real nice guy, to take in this unemployed young man, who identifies himself as Rory Devaney.

Sure, says Tom, he and his wife (Margaret Colin) and three daughters won't mind. Rory can live in the cellar awhile.

Rory is carrying a big wad of money with him. His secret mission is to purchase Stinger missiles from a certain Billy Burke (Treat Williams). Then he's to transport them across the Atlantic in a prearranged tugboat, to be used against British helicopters.

Burke, a saloon chain owner and arms merchant, drives a hard, dangerous deal. But Rory, a veteran fighter within the well-organized IRA, warns Burke he's in over his head.

Tom, meantime, a fair, decent and dedicated cop, is facing the challenge of his life: His impetuous partner (Ruben Blades) has shot an unarmed fleeing suspect in the back and killed him. Will Tom, after a lifetime of honesty, cover for his partner in the pending investigation?

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Some heady issues are raised regarding the two men, Tom and Rory, who have developed a father-son relationship. Rory, of course, will be discovered by Tom for who he and his mission really are. Uncompromisingly honest cop, sworn to law and justice, meets a fiercely dedicated guerrilla fighter with a well-substantiated cause. What then?

Ford and Pitt do a powerful job with this. Pitt, in particular, has obviously studied this role for both accent and emphasis in the dialogue. You can be excused, as you watch him, for taking on IRA sympathies. But the plot in which they move is not exemplary and is often hackneyed. And Rory's romance with IRA co-worker Megan Doherty (Natascha McElhone) is perfunctory.

Veteran director Alan J. Pakula has discreetly opted for an understated, low-toned dialogue style. Unfortunately, the result is often a whisper which, with a Belfast accent, makes the words incomprehensible. Still, in principle, the contrast of this generally soft demeanor with the violent shootouts is nicely thought out and gives the film a distinction from conventional crime thriller fare.

Ford is reliable and Pitt is major. A more canny story would have helped.

'Selena' no match for the real thing

Selena was great. "Selena" is not great.

Director Gregory Nava ventures into big-time mainstream production lacking the awareness that delivery, not substance, is almost the entire show. Thus the story of Selena Quintanilla Perez, one of the most charismatic singer celebrities in recent history, develops into a simple by-the-numbers account of a dynamic personality, but with no personality of its own.

It picks up in 1961, in Corpus Christi, Texas. Abraham Quintanilla Jr., a young musician, finds his little Mexican-American band turned away from a booking at a club. "Sorry, a mistake, whites only," says the owner.

But his problems go deeper: Abraham's "Tejano" music, a mix of polka, rock, pop, R&B, and traditional Latin, is of no interest to Mexican-Americans. With nowhere to play, the group folds.

Cut to 1982. Abraham has a happy little family in South Texas. Selena, his 9-year-old daughter, is showing exceptional singing talent, not to say a vivacious, captivating personality. Abraham decides to pull his family together into music.

To sidestep the prejudice thing, Abraham opens up his own cafe. But the little band's music is of another time. The cafe is a failure.

Now in hard times, Abraham actively promotes Selena (Becky Lee Meza as the child). She has a natural exhibitionist flair, sensuous moves, and a savvy and understanding mother (Constance Marie) to guide her.

But there's a nagging problem: At 14, she still does not speak a word of Spanish. The Mexican press will chew her up, the father fears. And, reminds the mother, Mexico will not accept a female entertainer.

When Selena is 16 (now Jennifer Lopez), and having tutored her in Spanish, Dad wants to open Selena in Mexico, still fearing her imperfection with Spanish.

No problem: So entranced are the Mexican press reporters that they are in love with her.

Selena takes off into recordland orbit, getting a Grammy and five albums on the "Billboard" charts at once.

At 20, Selena is in love with the group's guitarist, Chris Perez (Jon Seda). But Chris is hot-blooded and often drunk, and soon falls from Abraham's favor.

More troublesome is the matter of Yolanda Saldivar (Lupe Ontiveros), Selena's fan club president and supposedly close friend, is not. Yolanda is caught embezzling.

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The slaying of 23-year-old Selena is not detailed, but the implication here is that Yolanda did it.

Lopez, as the star, is a real crowd pleaser. And the tribute to this magnificent celebrity presence is admirable. But "Selena" remains as a movie of memory only. There are no tricks to it. Everything is very orderly and conventional in the old rags-to-riches, star-is-born genre, the underdog victorious over the system. The theme is reliable, but the style has not been updated.

In a word, the movie is smaller than Selena.

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BLOOD-SOAKED ULSTER STRIKES A VEIN OF POLITICAL FRIGHT

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BLOOD-SOAKED ULSTER STRIKES A VEIN OF POLITICAL FRIGHT

There is a second, different election in Britain next week where 18 constituencies have shown they can control all of Britain, writes correspondent BRUCE WILSON in Belfast.

JUST when the British security forces claim to have found the super-killer sniper rifle used by "One-Shot Paddy", and Paddy himself, along with one of the men who blew up London's Canary Wharf, Ulster's six counties prepare to come to grips with democracy.

This is a strange procedure, the chief electoral officer is at pains to keep the candidate's home addresses secret because there is hardly one from a major party who has not been on the shabby end of an assassination attempt. Manifestos tend to be on the primitive edge of politics.

QNP

None of the major UK parties - Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat - has any significant presence here and the 18 seats will be split among parties that exist only in northern Ireland.

However, a group of these parties, loosely called 'unionists' played a significant part in saving the Major administration during its last staggering weeks when, numerically, it was a minority government.

In any close election, this is the risk run by any government hoping to stay in power. It is a political nightmare: that power will depend on support from one or the other of the Ulster blocks, most of whom have blood on their hands and bigotry in their hearts.

Late last week, I went to the launch of the Sinn Féin manifesto in the grim old mill in the heart of Catholic Belfast that is Catholic headquarters.

There were six men and two women on the podium, led by party president Gerry Adams and senior spokesman Martin McGuinness.

Their opponents and plenty of other people would lay many deaths on, or very near to, the doorsteps of these two men.

As the political wing of the Irish Republican Army, they had chosen the day in which IRA bomb threats had brought much of south-east England to a stop.

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Sitting in front of the bank of microphones, with their one-page manifesto being distributed, Adams and McGuinness continued with the old, old farce: that Sinn Fein has no control over the IRA or any knowledge of what it is up to.

On the other side of town, I saw Nigel Dodds, twice lord mayor of Belfast and secretary of the Democratic Unionist Party, whose leader is the Rev Ian Paisley.

As recently in December Dodds survived an assassination attempt by the Provisional wing of the IRA, the group linked with Sinn Fein. He was visiting his sick son in hospital when, as he puts it, "my bodyguards spotted something". The fact that he needs bodyguards speaks volumes.

There was a free and frank exchange of fire; some minor wounds, no lives lost.

Dodds resembles nothing so much as an aspirant president of a suburban Rotary Club. But his line is just as off-the-wall as Sinn Fein's.

"The DUP and the Unionist parties have no links, no links I say, in gods name, with any of the so-called Protestant paramilitary groups," he said.

There is not a fair-minded person - or any other for that matter - in all of Belfast who believes this. Where would the Ulster Freedom Fighters or the Ulster Volunteer Force get weapons and money, of which they have both, if the wealthy Protestant parties were not supporting them?

And we are talking serious wealth here. Ian Paisley's Free Presbyterian Church in East Belfast is presently having \$2 million extension put on since his weekly message of Catholic hatred and pro-British jingoism has outgrown a church that can hold 3000 people.

Paisley fills it three times every weekend and takes what is known as "the silent collection" since only notes are welcome in the buckets.

"Never, never," said Dodds, "will we sit down with Sinn Fein, even if the IRA promises a new ceasefire.

"We know that will be a lie. They live by violence and murder and threat and, until they totally renounce those, they cannot sit at a peace table with us."

There is plenty more of that but the thing is that it is just more of the same. The day before, Sinn Fein's manifesto was less strident but perhaps more deceitful than the frothy mouths stuff Paisley pronounces, but on equally unremitting terms, by Dodds.

Sinn Fein's top table is at least as creepy as the ultra-Unionists. These are not your jolly Irishmen in for a joke and a pint of the black stuff. The almost mono-syllabic manifesto had five points: credible negotiations; effective representation; equality of treatment; a lasting settlement; permanent peace.

To many Ulster Roman Catholics, the key of one of those is "equality of treatment." Ulster's Catholic community, which will soon outnumber the Protestants if demographic trends continue, smarts under the belief it has been discriminated against at all levels. But there is still no guarantee it will blindly follow Adams and his candidates, who are standing in all seats but one.

In fact, the Catholic community has often turned to the Social Democratic Labour Party, led by the eminent peace-seeker John Hume of Derry who so often seems a voice of sense in a weird and helpless wilderness. Sinn Fein chairman Mitchel McLaughlan is running against him in Derry.

In the past Sinn Fein has never taken up any Ulster seat it has won in the House of Commons, running simply to act as a kind of blockade against democratic representation for the people. Most of its supporters believe that it will continue this policy, but last week there was a hint from Adams that Sinn Fein might indeed go to Westminster were any of its candidates to win.

BLOOD-SOAKED ULSTER STRIKES A VEIN OF POLITICAL FRIGHT

In this hatred-strewn province, nothing is as it seems. It is very likely that Protestants will tactically vote for the SDLP _ something they would never normally do _ to prevent Sinn Fein from winning.

There also is little doubt that many Catholics here are sickened by the IRA's breaking of the ceasefire, and will blame Sinn Fein for it.

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Storm closes theaters, but videos fill the gap

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Body

"It's Saturday, April 5. Sorry we're closed due to the storm. We will be open again Sunday, April 6."

That was the recording we got Sunday from the Plaza Three theaters in Bismarck.

Being trapped at the Tribune myself, it was hardly a surprise. By Saturday night, every movie theater in Bismarck-Mandan was closed thanks to this blizzard of the decade.

"The drifts out in the lot are just getting too high," said Gateway Carmike employee Kevin Paape, as they were closing up shop early Saturday. "People are getting stuck in the lot. Everything in the mall closed early, too."

Plaza Three manager Nancy Schumacher said this was one of maybe five times in 15 years that the theaters closed because of the weather. "Unless the weather's really bad, we won't."

Blockbuster Video, meanwhile, was packing them in. Said Laura Balliet -- a customer service representative for the store -- "It's been very, very crazy. It's been steady all day."

Not only did customers clean out the new release section, Blockbuster had to call in extra help. When we spoke -- shortly after 7 p.m. Saturday -- they planned to stay open until midnight.

When I called Sunday afternoon, there was no answer. But we did, however, get one answer from Premiere Video on south Washington. Though Premiere closed about 7:30 p.m. Saturday, clerk Chris Horner was there punching the clock at 9 a.m. Sunday. He didn't drive; he lives across the street.

He was expecting a call from his district manager, in Fargo, as to whether they'd stay open all day. He didn't think so. By 2 p.m. he'd only helped about six to eight customers.

So what was popular on the rental circuit? New releases. "Sleepers" went out fast. "The Chamber." "The Long Kiss Goodnight."

Being a curious sport, I'd like to know what you saw. I'm not talking the big stuff, mind you, but some of the more obscure titles that you had to choose because all of the big stuff was gone.

Did you rent a movie that you'd probably never have seen, if not for this blizzard? What was your take on it? Any suggestions for movies if you're trapped?

Call me, and I'll print some of the best responses here later this week.

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Meanwhile, let's say you should dig out from your cavern and the theaters are actually able to open their doors. What would you want to see?

Well "Breaking the Waves," the Oscar-nominated Lars Von Trier film will certainly move you, though I can't promise in what way.

I first reviewed this movie in mid-February, but didn't think it would make it to Bismarck, edge of the earth. Jerry Brekke, amazingly, has done it again.

This Danish film has received much attention, mostly because of the phenomenal work of Best Actress nominee Emily Watson in the lead role. The film (as you may have seen advertised) has been named to more than 75 top 10 lists, and was called the No. 1 film of the year by Entertainment Weekly.

High praise.

Von Trier isn't well known in the U.S., and his obscure work -- "Zentropa" and "The Elements of Crime" -- is mostly recognized for its style and cinematography.

You'll find stark cinematography in "Breaking the Waves," too, so much so that the theater I saw it at (the Lagoon in Minneapolis) posted warnings at the door. The film is shot entirely on a handheld camera and can, in fact, make you dizzy.

So can the story, a seven-chapter epic that follows the experiences of Bess, a young newlywed in a small Scottish town, and her marriage to an oil rig worker.

Heady themes questioning motives, lives, personal prejudices, the church and the very existence of God weave this "Breaking the Waves" together, when Bess takes the levels of sacrificing for a marriage to new heights.

As I wrote in February: it's got some strong themes against both patriarchy and the church, as well as a strong, dissonant sexual theme that will press even the most open-minded of us in Bismarck. As the chapters in this film progress, you'll find yourself in uncomfortable awe.

If you've a weak disposition (or particularly strong feelings about the exploitation of women), you'll be moved to walk out. My mom did.

If you've seen this movie, please get a hold of me. I'd like to know what you think on this one, more than most. This is definitely a film to talk about.

If nothing else, think about this: In one of my more recent discussions with Cathy Kurihara, she asked a question about this film that still burns in my head.

God has better things to do than play semantic games with the stupid.

If you see this "Breaking the Waves," it's a question that will stick in your head for a while, too.

Talking with fellow muscleheads at Third Street Gym this week, some had heard "The Devil's Own" wasn't so good.

I wouldn't go that far. "The Devil's Own," starring Harrison Ford and Brad Pitt, is the story of a young member of the Irish Republican Army (Pitt) who flees to America to both hide out from the law as well as plan more terrorist activity.

He ends up staying with an Irish New York cop (Ford), who takes him under his wing and getting him on his feet. The two become friends, but then the reality of their circumstances begins to hit.

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This film has received much bad press, mostly thanks due to Pitt. During and after the filming, he complained to anyone who would listen that it was "irresponsible" filmmaking -- though he's somewhat reversed himself since its release.

If the film suffers anywhere, it's from a lack of action. "The Devil's Own" opens with a terrifically and terrifyingly violent scene, setting a great premise. But from there the film often drags, and what little action remains is like water for the parched throat: you want more.

At least, for once, though, it's not a happily-ever-after ending. Welcome change.

"There is no happy ending," says Pitt's character, at the end of the film. "It's not an American story."

(G. Troy Melhus' reviews more to Friday starting this week. The reviews will appear on Fanfare.)

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WORLD IN BRIEF;
Clinton speaks up for Hong Kong

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Increasing pressure on Beijing, President Clinton met Friday with a prominent Hong Kong democrat and insisted that Chinese leaders "live up to their agreement" to preserve civil liberties after they regain control of the colony. Martin Lee is chairman of Hong Kong's top vote-getting political party and a member of the elected legislature, which China plans to abolish when it takes over Hong Kong from Britain on July 1. A delicate diplomatic ploy, the visit follows China's announcement of plans to roll back freedom of assembly and other basic liberties.

"The United States has to make it clear that Hong Kong is important to us - the people of Hong Kong are important," Clinton told reporters afterward. Emerging from the 25-minute conversation, Lee said, "I have no doubt the United States government will defend Hong Kong's freedoms."

The symbolic importance of the meeting itself may matter more than what the Clinton and Lee said afterward. It signaled a modest shift in U.S. policy: Fearing backlash from Beijing, the president did not meet with Lee during a 1996 White House visit.

MIDDLE EAST Bombers recruited

Iranian hard-liners staged an enlistment drive in Tehran Friday for suicide bombers to avenge a German court ruling that accused Iran of assassinating exiled dissidents. Dozens of people - including a 12-year-old boy - signed up. But Ansar'e Hezbollah is not believed to have the power or the means to carry out its threats. A German court last week convicted an Iranian and four Lebanese men in the 1992 killings of Kurdish Iranian dissidents in Berlin, and said the murders were ordered by Iran's leaders. Iran has denied involvement.

Flight to Egypt

A Texas adventurer flew into Egypt on Friday in a silver 1935 twin-propeller aircraft as part of her dream to retrace and finish the round-the-world flight that claimed the life of aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart 60 years ago. Linda Finch arrived in Luxor after a six-hour flight from Athens, Greece, in a gleaming aluminum Lockheed Electra 10E along with her navigator, Wilmot David. Finch said she plans to spend five days in Luxor, and her next stop is Dubai in the United Arab Emirates.

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Attack remembered

With prayers for the dead, curses for Israel and criticism of the United States, Lebanon on Friday marked the first anniversary of an Israeli artillery strike that killed about 100 civilians. Hundreds of people converged on the small market town of Qana and thousands of others rallied in the nearby port city of Tyre to remember the men, women and children who died in the attack. Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri lashed out at the United States for arming Israel and shielding it from accountability before the world. "The problem was and still is with the United States," he said, adding that Israel's "mass execution" of civilians at Qana was carried out by U.S.-made artillery.

EUROPE Bombs snarl traffic

Explosions and bomb threats blamed on the Irish Republican Army snarled rail and road traffic between northern and southern England on Friday but caused little damage. Although no group claimed responsibility, Prime Minister John Major and Labor challenger Tony Blair claimed the IRA was trying to disrupt Britain's election campaigns. They pledged it would not succeed.

New lords named

Former British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd is among 21 retiring lawmakers who have been made life peers, members of the upper house of Parliament allowed to use the title "Lord." The government announced the appointments Friday, two weeks before parliamentary elections in which Hurd's Conservative Party is expected to be defeated.

Radiation scare

A rainstorm left a white residue on the clothes of people living near the Chernobyl nuclear reactor in Ukraine, touching off a panic among residents who suspected the substance was radioactive, a news agency reported Friday. But laboratory tests in the southern Russian town of Kursk showed the rain contained only salty water from the Black Sea, said Yevgeny Mikhailov, an official with the region's Department for Ecological Issues, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency.

Cash only, Maggie

It happened to Bob Dole. And to Deion Sanders. But that was television advertising. It happened to Margaret Thatcher for real Friday when the former British prime minister didn't have a bank debit card. The clerk at a Tesco supermarket check-out told her she couldn't use a check to buy \$ 40 worth of food. "I can't override the system, so there was no way I could take her check," said cashier Shirley Taylor.

Puppetry fun fades

Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar - resplendent in leather jacket, earrings and Mohawk - shouts rap lyrics into a microphone. His vice premier is on drums, his education minister on guitar. In the real world, of course, Spain's conservative political leaders don't moonlight as pop stars. But ungainly rubber puppets resembling them are turning up in all sorts of bizarre guises on a spoof newscast that itself has become news. When he was running for office, Aznar was an appreciative viewer of "The Puppet News," telling reporters the show made him laugh. Since Aznar won the election and became the show's prime target, however, political puppetry doesn't seem to tickle him quite as much.

ASIA Tiananmen protest

Facing almost certain arrest, an autoworker-turned-democracy campaigner demanded Friday that the Chinese government reassess its condemnation of the 1989 Tiananmen Square protest movement. Leng Wanbao's appeal

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to Qiao Shi, chairman of the National People's Congress, was one of the few acts in recent months by China's tiny, persecuted dissident community. Leng called on the government to release all demonstrators jailed after the military crushed the protests in Beijing and other cities June 3-4, 1989, and urged the rehabilitation of Zhao Ziyang, the Communist Party chief ousted for sympathizing with the protesters. He also appealed for a reversal of the official verdict on the student-led demonstrations as a "counterrevolutionary" act.

Graphic

Dining with Raisa Gorbachev in New Orleans Friday, former Louisiana Rep.

Lindy Boggs (left) is a top candidate for the nomination as U.S.

ambassador to the Vatican, current Ambassador Raymond Flynn said. / JERRY

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Hurricane-force winds tore through parts of Europe on Friday, killing at least 10 people, uprooting trees and peeling off roofs.

Record winds of up to 123 mph roared through the Czech Republic, and a 23-year-old man was killed by a falling tree near Prague, the CTK news agency reported.

Winds of up to 91 mph were clocked in parts of Germany. A 19-year-old woman near the east German town of Golzow was killed by a hay wagon that was blown on top of her, police said.

Trees were uprooted and tossed onto German railroad tracks, delaying trains traveling between Berlin and Leipzig and on at least three other lines.

Winds exceeded 75 mph in many parts of Poland.

AFRICA Reforms hailed

Hillary Rodham Clinton held up Uganda Friday as a model of economic and social reform, even as she essentially ignored its reported involvement in the civil war in neighboring Zaire that threatens to destabilize the entire central African region. Approaching the end of her two-week goodwill mission to Africa, the first lady hailed Uganda's progress in educating young girls, fighting AIDS and expanding work opportunities for women. Assistant Secretary of State George Moose, who is traveling with Clinton, met separately with Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni on Zaire for 90 minutes Friday.

Rebels claim town

Vowing to continue their westward offensive, Zairian rebels said Friday they had seized a town on the Zambian border and were poised to capture the last government stronghold in eastern Zaire. The rebels took Kasenga, 135 miles northeast of Lubumbashi, the capital of the mineral-rich Shaba region, rebel spokesman Nyembwe Kazadi said. Kazadi said the Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire was about 60 miles from Lubumbashi. He said Lubumbashi could fall before the first direct negotiations with President Mobutu Sese Seko's representatives, expected next week in South Africa.

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THE AMERICAS Bombing suspect held

Canada's intelligence agency says a Saudi man linked to a militant Islamic group participated in the 1996 bombing that killed 19 U.S. airmen in Saudi Arabia, an unsolved attack that has frustrated American investigators. Hani al-Sayegh, 28, allegedly conducted surveillance at the military housing complex in Dharhan, Saudi Arabia, and drove the car that signaled the go-ahead to the driver of a fuel truck packed with 2 1/2 tons of explosives. Canadian intelligence agents told a court Thursday that al-Sayegh, who was arrested last week at an Ottawa grocery store, should be deported as a national security threat. Both Saudi and U.S. officials hope to question al-Sayegh, who denies any involvement in the bombing.

ASIA Ainu recognized

For the first time, a court has identified a group of people as an indigenous minority in Japan, a country that has long refused to acknowledge that the Japanese comprise more than one ethnic group. The Sapporo District Court ruled Thursday that a regional government acted illegally by expropriating land to build a dam without considering its cultural significance to the Ainu, who are concentrated in northern Japan. Like American Indians, the Ainu lost most of the land where they lived, fished and hunted to settlers from other parts of Japan beginning hundreds of years ago. Even though the Ainu are Japanese citizens, they have long faced discrimination and have never been officially considered among Japan's original inhabitants.

Tall ships regatta

A flotilla of 32 tall ships and yachts sailed out of Hong Kong harbor Friday to begin a race to Japan to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Osaka. The 1,450-nautical-mile regatta will end up in the Japanese port city after stops in Okinawa and Kagoshima. Organized by Osaka, the race is aimed at promoting friendship among sailors. Ships from Hong Kong and 12 countries, including the United States, Russia, Mexico, Japan, Australia, France, and Italy, are participating in the event.

EUROPE Cloning defended

President Clinton's decision to bar federal funding on human cloning was a "knee-jerk political reaction," a leading British fertility expert says. Lord Robert Winston also blamed the news media for the sometimes fearful public reaction to the cloned sheep, Dolly. Winston argued that cloning offered tremendous potential for humans, including growing tissue for transplant and bone marrow to treat leukemia and treating infertility.

Bombings claimed

The **Irish Republican Army** claimed responsibility Friday for planting two bombs that disrupted rail service in northern England, breaking a nine-month lull in bombings on mainland Britain. The admission heightened fears that the outlawed guerrilla group was embarking on a bombing campaign ahead of Britain's general elections on May 1. The IRA's brief statement included no threats, but a bombing campaign would generate huge publicity for its Sinn Fein allies who are fielding candidates in Northern Ireland.

Workers charge police

Belgian steelworkers charged police trucks with bulldozers on the Brussels-Paris freeway Friday in clashes that left 10 police officers and one demonstrator injured. Police used water cannons, tear gas and baton charges against hundreds of workers protesting the threatened closure of the Clabecq steel mill south of Brussels. The local union leader warned of more violence if police again try to stop protests. Friday's clash was the latest in a series of sometimes violent demonstrations since the European Union blocked a government rescue package for the struggling mill in January.

Convicted of spying

A Moscow court found a former Russian airline official guilty Friday of spying for Zimbabwe and convicted him of high treason. Vladimir Gurdzhiyants, who worked in the Zimbabwe office of the Russian state air carrier Aeroflot, was sentenced to eight years in prison. In 1992 and 1993, Gurdzhiyants contacted Zimbabwean secret service officers and passed them classified information on Russian security officers working in Zimbabwe.

Workers return

Russian workers returned to their jobs Friday after a daylong strike that President Boris Yeltsin said showed the government its "weak spots and shortcomings." Yeltsin's revamped administration will seek to remedy those deficiencies, presidential spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky said.

Graphic

Firemen clear away scaffolding on a downtown Frankfurt, Germany, street.

The structure collapsed and buried three cars when hit by gusts of the high winds that struck parts of Europe Friday morning. / BERND KAMMERER / Associated Press

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The shootings that ended hope for a generation; Twenty-five years on, Bloody Sunday's dead still haunt the conflict-torn province of Northern Ireland

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Body

The effect of the Bloody Sunday killings was more than anyone could have calculated, reports Herald Correspondent CHRIS HENNING .

THE march was just ending. It was a carnival atmosphere, as much as anything could be in a place like Londonderry in the midst of the Troubles. The marchers were gathering for a protest meeting at Free Derry Corner, near the city centre.

The city was blocked to the marchers by a checkpoint manned by heavily armed troops of the British Army's First Parachute Regiment. There was catcalling between demonstrators and soldiers.

One witness, Paddy Walsh, said: "A big crowd of us broke away and kept calling the army to get that barricade away. They were sitting on it, prepared for anything. I think that's what got most of us angry. The army was brought here to protect us, but when we saw them lined up just doing the same job as the RUC (Royal Ulster Constabulary) had done before them, that sort of set the temper a wee bit."

Rocks were thrown. Water cannon were brought in from the army side, and the troops began to fire rubber bullets into the crowd.

Then five personnel carriers drove at speed into the Rossville Street square and squads of paratroopers armed with self-loading rifles sprang out, some moving forward to arrest the demonstrators, who were fleeing in all directions.

About 20 soldiers moved to the street corners, took aim and opened fire into the crowd. Thirty-one people were hit. Thirteen were killed on the spot, and another died from injuries later. More than a dozen were seriously wounded.

Londonderry's former Catholic bishop Edward Daly, then a priest, was at the demonstration, and scattered along with the others when the paratroopers moved in. When the first shots rang out, he saw a friend, Jackie Duddy, a 17-year-old amateur boxer, die.

"I saw him look at me. He was kind of smiling - you know, a mixture of fear and laughter. He gasped simultaneously with the shot and he fell."

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Father Daly administered the last rites as Duddy lay dying, as he did to many of the others killed that day. What also died in that hail of British Army bullets fired by men from one of its elite regiments was any hope for moderation in resolving the conflict.

Northern Ireland has too many anniversaries. Today is yet another in the miserable litany: it is 25 years since that day in Londonderry, which has been known ever since as Bloody Sunday.

The most notorious is the Battle of the Boyne, the 1690 confrontation in which the forces of the Protestant King William defeated those of Catholicism to gain control of Ireland. It is still celebrated in Protestant communities every July as the highlight of the Ulster marching season.

There is another anniversary coming up on Sunday week which few on either side will celebrate. On February 9, it will be one year since the **Irish Republican Army** ended the ceasefire which had brought the first substantial hope of peace in the Province since Bloody Sunday snuffed it out.

THE marchers on that day 25 years ago were predominantly Catholics, demonstrating against internment without trial, introduced in 1971 in an attempt to curb the upsurge in IRA activities which had begun in the late 1960s.

The organisers called the rally a civil rights march, and saw themselves as part of a world-wide movement. Ulster's minority Catholic population might gain the political initiative which Martin Luther King had given the blacks in the US.

The effect of the British Army shootings was more than anyone could have calculated. The outpouring of public anger which followed culminated in a two-day siege of the British Embassy in Dublin by demonstrators who finally broke in and burnt it down as the Irish police watched.

The British Army and ministry began their long attempt to defend the indefensible, with statements claiming that demonstrators had fired first. When the Home Secretary, Reginald Maudling, presented this story to the House of Commons, the young MP for Mid-Ulster, Bernardette Devlin, said: "The Minister has stood up and lied to the House. Nobody shot at the paratroopers but somebody will shortly. I have a right as the only representative in this House who is an eyewitness to ask a question of that murdering hypocrite." She later slapped him in the face.

The British Government called on its Chief Justice, Lord Widgery, to investigate the shootings. In his report, he blamed the organisers of the march, which had been declared illegal, for creating a situation in which a clash with security forces was inevitable. He concluded that some of those who were shot had handled bombs or firearms, though he also said none was proved to have been shot while doing so. Subsequently the paratroop commander on the day was awarded the OBE.

THE long-term consequences of Bloody Sunday and the official whitewash were more profound. British troops had been in Northern Ireland since 1969, initially welcomed by the Catholics as being less likely to favour Protestants than the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

That idea had been sorely tested by the troops' record. With Bloody Sunday and its aftermath, it was exploded forever. In nationalist eyes, Britain was back in its role as the colonialist oppressor.

The Prime Minister, Edward Heath, concerned about the effect of internment without trial, demanded that the Northern Ireland Government headed by Brian Faulkner hand over control of security to London. Mr Faulkner resigned, and Britain assumed full control of the province's administration for the first time since 1920.

According to Dr Bernard O'Leary, Professor of Political Science at the London School of Economics, apart from the fall of the Stormont Government, the other long-term effect was to drive nationalist opinion away from moderation.

"It consolidated support for radical republicanism in the urban areas of Northern Ireland," he said. "Bloody Sunday created an environment in which large numbers of Catholics queued up to join the IRA."

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Graphic

Illus: Father Edward Daly, who later became Bishop of Londonderry, gives the last rites to a dying demonstrator shot by British paratroopers on Bloody Sunday. Thirty-one people were hit, including two women and a child.

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Mexico Cop Confesses in Massacre

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP)

Local police commander Felipe Vazquez Monday provided the first direct link between government officials and a massacre of 45 indians. He testified he had been ordered to check if civilians carrying illegal weapons were members of the Institutional Revolutionary Party. If they were, he said, he was told "to leave them be." The commander of the Chiapas state police detachment near the site of the Dec. 22 massacre has been charged with supplying weapons to the attackers. The attorney general's office, however, has yet to name any state officials as suspects.

Expert: Di's Car Going Only 60 MPH

LONDON (AP)

A professor of transportation safety says the Mercedes in which Princess Diana was killed was traveling at 60 mph twice as slow as reported earlier when it crashed. All occupants of the car would have survived if Paris' Pont de l'Alma traffic tunnel had been equipped with crash barriers, according to Murray Mackay, of the University of Birmingham. He said his conclusions were drawn from the French police investigation, as well as a visit to the tunnel.

Tokyo Stocks Slightly Down

TOKYO (AP)

Tokyo stocks slipped Tuesday morning, giving up early gains, amid persistent concern over the prospects for the economy. The Nikkei ended the morning session at 14,637.66 points, down 26.78 points. In New York the Dow was up 66.76 to close at 7,647.18.

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ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP)

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WASHINGTON (AP)

Researchers say they may have found the "cellular fountain of youth," an enzyme that in laboratory experiments causes human cells to avoid the normal process of aging and cell death. The finding by the team from University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center won't make people any younger or allow them to live forever but scientists said it could conceivably keep them healthier longer. By keeping the cells alive and dividing, Dr. Jerry Shay said, it may be possible to control age-related disorders ranging from skin wrinkling to blindness to cardiovascular disease.

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NEW YORK (AP)

Intel Corp. reported that profits fell 9 percent in the fourth quarter, as price competition with rival makers of microprocessors took a toll on earnings. But the results beat expectations amid stronger-than-expected sales of Intel's latest Pentium chips and an unexpectedly lower rate on corporate taxes. The world's largest maker of computer chips said it earned \$1.74 billion in the three months ended Dec. 27.

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ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)

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WASHINGTON (AP)

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright says the economic turmoil in Southeast Asia is a top priority this year. Albright said restoring confidence in Asia is in America's best interest. Albright also said the International Monetary Fund offers the "best path toward resolving Asian problems." Albright also took Congress to task over the failure to pay the United States' U.N. debts, and asked for an indefinite expansion of the U.S. peacekeeping role in Bosnia and the admission of three new NATO members.

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Albright Attacks Congress Over U.N.

WASHINGTON (AP)

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright says the economic turmoil in Southeast Asia is a top priority this year. Albright said restoring confidence in Asia is in America's best interest. Albright also said the International Monetary Fund offers the "best path toward resolving Asian problems." Albright also took Congress to task over the failure to pay the United States' U.N. debts, and asked for an indefinite expansion of the U.S. peacekeeping role in Bosnia and the admission of three new NATO members.

Microsoft, Judge Argue Over Order

WASHINGTON (AP)

An attorney for Microsoft sparred with a federal judge today over the scope of his order that prevents the company from forcing computer makers to install its Internet software as a condition of licensing its Windows 95 program. The hearing was being held to see whether the software company should be found in contempt. The government filed that charge, saying that Microsoft violated the judge's order about the browser.

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New Flu Strain Circulating in U.S.

ATLANTA (AP)

A flu strain that's slightly different from the ones that can be combated by this year's vaccine has sickened people in at least two states and may be spreading, the government said today. The Centers for Disease Control says Type A Sydney flu has been found in about 40 percent of all influenza cases it has studied. The vaccine is made every year to protect against the three strains expected to be the worst. The U.S. flu vaccine is 70 percent to 90 percent effective among healthy adults.

Advertising in Gay Press Grows

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Advertising in gay publications is soaring with an increasing number of huge companies pitching cars, travel, computers, investments, drugs, clothing and more. New advertisers in 1997 included IBM, United Airlines and American Express. Readers of gay newspapers in 10 major markets have an average individual income of \$47,090, according to market research. Total ad spending jumped 36 percent to \$100.2 million in 1997 from a year earlier and has nearly doubled since 1994.

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Secretary of State Madeleine Albright says the economic turmoil in Southeast Asia is a top priority this year. Albright said restoring confidence in Asia is in America's best interest. Albright also said the International Monetary Fund offers the "best path toward resolving Asian problems." Albright also took Congress to task over the failure to pay the United States' U.N. debts, and asked for an indefinite expansion of the U.S. peacekeeping role in Bosnia and the admission of three new NATO members.

Microsoft, Judge Argue Over Order

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An attorney for Microsoft sparred with a federal judge today over the scope of his order that prevents the company from forcing computer makers to install its Internet software as a condition of licensing its Windows 95 program. The hearing was being held to see whether the software company should be found in contempt. The government filed that charge, saying that Microsoft violated the judge's order about the browser.

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His credits included "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" with Jessica Lange and Tommy Lee Jones for American Playhouse and a "Showtime" production of "Pippin" he co-directed with Bob Fosse.

Bennewitz also worked on daytime dramas including "The Young and the Restless," "Santa Barbara" and "General Hospital."

Joanne Gordon

TULSA, Okla. (AP) - Joanne Gordon, whose humor columns about motherhood and life's daily irritations appeared in the Tulsa World for 37 years, died Wednesday. She was 76.

In 1943 she went to work as a reporter for International News Service in Detroit. She came to the World in 1952 and wrote her column from 1955 to 1992.

Her husband, Troy Gordon, also wrote a humor column for the World from 1956 until his death in 1981.

Survivors include three daughters, a son and several grandchildren.

Jerzy Grotowski

WARSAW, Poland (AP) - Jerzy Grotowski, an avant-garde Polish director who was one of the most influential theatrical innovators of his time, died Thursday from leukemia and a heart condition. He was 65.

Grotowski studied acting and directing at the State Theater School in Krakow and in Moscow. He made his directorial debut in 1959 at the Old Theater in Krakow with "Chairs," by Eugene Ionesco.

Rick Bennewitz

Grotowski found world recognition with his Laboratory Theater, which he founded in Opole, about 200 miles southwest of Warsaw. Grotowski left Poland in 1982 for the United States, and the company closed in 1984.

Three years after leaving Poland, he moved to Italy and opened a theater center in Pontedera.

Tweet Kimball

DENVER (AP) - Tweet Kimball, an heiress who amassed one of the nation's most eclectic art and book collections and established the Cherokee Ranch Foundation, died Friday at 84.

Kimball, heiress of a Tennessee ranching family, lived alone in a Scottish-style castle on her 5,000-acre Cherokee Ranch north of Sedalia. In 1996 she sold development rights to the land for \$ 2 million, and a conservation easement assures the property will remain undeveloped.

Under a living trust, Kimball retained use of about 2,000 acres to raise her champion strain of Santa Gertrudis cattle. The property - appraised at about \$ 20 million - is in an area under intense development pressure as an exclusive Front Range residential area.

Living in London during World War II, Kimball became good friends with Winston Churchill. She eventually befriended eight U.S. presidents. Britain's Princess Anne was a castle guest.

Kimball gathered one of the nation's most eclectic art and book collections, including originals by Rubens, Bruegel, and Pliny the Elder. Her collection of rare books included a third folio of Shakespeare's works, published while Shakespeare was living.

Kimball served as a director of the Denver Art Museum and the World Wildlife Fund USA Council. In 1961, she established the Rocky Mountain Santa Gertrudis Association.

Buzz Kulik

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Buzz Kulik, who directed dozens of television films including "A Storm in Summer" and "Brian's Song," died Wednesday of heart failure. He was 76.

Kulik began his career in 1947 directing cameras at Yankees Stadium. He also directed episodes of television anthology series, including "Lux Video Theater," "Kraft Theater" and "Playhouse 90."

He received his first Emmy nomination for directing an episode of "Dr. Kildare" in 1961 and others for 1975's "Babe" and 1972's "Brian's Song," which was so popular it became one of the few television movies to have a theatrical release.

He won an Emmy Award for 1970's "A Storm in Summer."

Kulik also directed several features including the 1973 Burt Reynolds film "Shamus" and Steve McQueen's last movie, "The Hunter" (1980). Other TV film credits include 1986's "***Women*** of Valor" and the 1985 miniseries "Kane & Abel," as well as "Rage of Angels" (1983) and "From Here to Eternity" (1979).

Lord Lowry

LONDON (AP) - Lord Lowry, once Northern Ireland's senior judge who in the early 1980s survived an assassination attempt by the ***Irish Republican Army***, died Friday at 79.

He was appointed a judge in 1964 and served as lord chief justice - Northern Ireland's senior position overseeing the highest court of appeal - from 1971 to 1988.

Rick Bennewitz

Lowry was awarded an honorary lordship in 1979, and three years later survived an IRA bid on his life while visiting Queen's University in Belfast. None of four bullets fired hit him, but one struck and wounded a professor nearby.

In 1988, Lowry took up a new senior judicial post in London.

He retired in 1994 on his 75th birthday.

Joseph V. Morog

NEWTON, Mass. (AP) - Joseph V. Morog, an architect with design credits for landmark buildings such as the John Hancock Tower, died Saturday of heart failure. He was 69.

In addition to the Hancock building, he was credited with the Christian Science Church extension and the Long Wharf Hotel in Boston, the Juilliard School in New York, the Toronto City Opera House and the Embassy Suites hotels in Boston and Philadelphia.

He recently completed work on the Shapiro Clinical Center at Beth Israel Hospital.

He was associated with I.M. Pei & Partners, and Cossuta & Associates in New York.

He retired recently from Moshe Safdie & Associates in Boston but continued as a consultant for Rothman Partners of Boston.

Raymond Peynet

PARIS (AP) - Raymond Peynet, the cartoon illustrator whose drawings of young lovers embodied romance for generations of French, died Thursday. He was 90.

Peynet created his starry-eyed "Lovers" during World War II: They hold hands, kiss and embrace in an expression of tender devotion that his daughter, Annie Peynet, said reflected his own happy marriage.

Peynet also designed a series of dolls portraying the women of Paris. Britain's Queen Elizabeth purchased a set on a state visit here in 1957.

Peynet's drawings of "Les Amoureux" (The Lovers) were widely used in France to symbolize Valentine's Day and were emblazoned on scarves, greeting cards, posters, jewelry, a postage stamp, and even national lottery tickets sold on Feb. 14.

Two museums in Japan and two in France are devoted solely to Peynet's work. Three statues of the Lovers were erected in Japan, including one in Hiroshima symbolizing love and peace.

Aldo van Eyck

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) - Aldo van Eyck, considered the most important Dutch architect of the 20th century, died Thursday. He was 80.

Van Eyck's most famous creation was the State Orphanage designed in Amsterdam in 1959, which was credited with smashing all architectural conventions of the time. The simple, villagelike structure featured small houses for the children linked by covered plains and walkways.

Van Eyck, who often collaborated with his wife, Annie, also designed a colorful house for single mothers in the Dutch capital and dozens of children's playgrounds throughout the city.

A 1995 magazine article named Van Eyck the nation's Architect of the Century.

Rick Bennewitz

Van Eyck also gained fame by designing the 1949 international exhibition of experimental art at Amsterdam's Stedelijk Museum, featuring works by Dutch, Belgian and Danish artists.

John A. Zona Jr.

BOSTON (AP) - John A. Zona Jr., a supervisor in the secretary of state's office, died Tuesday after becoming ill at work. He was 49.

He was a supervisor in the lobbyist section of the secretary of state's office for 14 years.

Earlier he was a correspondent for the Worcester Telegram & Gazette and a sports commentator for WORC radio in Worcester.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, his parents and a brother.

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INTERNATIONAL A3-14

Hurricane Toll Exceeds 1,000 in Central America

Intense and widespread flooding in the wake of Hurricane Mitch has killed more than a thousand people in Central America, with hundreds more still missing, their villages buried under huge mudslides, relief and government officials said. A1

Memorial for Yitzak Rabin

Israel held its first nationwide memorial for Yitzak Rabin, the former Prime Minister, three years after his assassination, signaling a concerted effort to transform him from a partisan hero into a figure of consensus -- a national symbol of peace. A12

Hamas Warns Arafat's Officers

The armed wing of the militant Islamic group Hamas warned for the first time that it may turn its guns on Yasir Arafat's police force. The Palestinian chief of police vowed that his men would respond, and he issued orders from his Gaza office to shoot at suspected assailants. The Hamas threat was a departure in its longstanding position that it would never be drawn into a civil war and signaled a deepening crisis for the Palestinian Authority. A12

New U.S.-Israeli Pact

President Clinton and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu signed an agreement that officials in both countries described as a significant intensification of the American commitment to safeguard Israel's security in a post-Soviet world. A13

U.S. Demands Iraqi Compliance

The Clinton Administration said it would consider military strikes against Iraq if President Saddam Hussein did not back down from his decision to halt all cooperation with United Nations weapons inspectors. President Clinton said Iraq's move clearly violated United Nations Security Council resolutions. A12

Treaty Faces Tough Battle

NEWS SUMMARY

International negotiators will resume talks today in Buenos Aires over details in the treaty to fight global warming, but with their expectations sharply lowered. Little progress has been made since the Kyoto Protocol was approved last year, and it appears unlikely that an agreement on the details will be reached in time for the United States Senate to vote on ratification before the elections in 2000. A6

Distress in South Korea

Growing numbers of "economic orphans," though still very rare, are just one symptom of the psychological distress tearing at families as South Korea's economy descends in a tailspin. A14

Adams Seeks I.R.A. Restraint

Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the **Irish Republican Army**, said he would appeal to the overwhelmingly Roman Catholic guerrilla organization not to retaliate for the killing, apparently by Protestants, of a Catholic man in Belfast on Saturday. A8

NATIONAL A16-23

Clinton Leads a Drive To Galvanize Black Voters

President Clinton invoked Speaker Newt Gingrich, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks in an impassioned plea that was part of a drive by Democrats to spur turnout by black voters in the election on Tuesday. Mr. Clinton appeared at a predominantly black church in Baltimore in his final barnstorming trip of the campaign year. A1

In scores of tight House and Senate races across the country, campaign workers are applying the personal touch and powers of persuasion to rally supporters. In a non-Presidential election year like this, with the economy humming and no national issues stirring passions, only committed voters -- less than 4 in 10 of those eligible -- are expected to vote on Tuesday. A20

Voters across the nation this week face measures that would allow direct citizen lawmaking through a process generally known as "initiative and referendum," with the battles around some of them so intense that they have generated at least as much attention as Congressional races. A22

Democratic Governors in the 14-state interior West risk falling in status from endangered to nearly extinct. In the three states with Democratic Governors -- Colorado, Nebraska and Nevada -- Republican candidates approach the elections with leads in opinion polls. A22

Glenn Talks of Faith

Senator John Glenn said his return to space aboard the shuttle Discovery has strengthened his religious faith and illustrates the benefits of cooperating with other nations in space instead of competing with them, as was the case during his first flight three decades ago. A16

Citigroup President to Resign

Jamie Dimon, president of Citigroup, the world's largest financial services concern, said that he would leave the company, a surprising move that raises questions about a successor. A18

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NEWS SUMMARY

Old-Style Politicking Colors a Senate Race

Representative Charles E. Schumer campaigned for the Senate in black, Jewish and Hispanic neighborhoods across New York City, bringing in Vice President Al Gore in an effort to rally support in the election. His opponent, Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato, went to Orthodox Jewish communities in Brooklyn, portraying himself as an underdog in the final weekend of the bruising race. A1

The Democratic and Republican Parties are using a new technique -- calls to potential voters that feature recorded messages from the candidates and political celebrities -- along with the customary mailings, fliers and telephone banks to get their voters to the polls. A1

Peter F. Vallone, the Democratic candidate for Governor, debated what he called "an empty chair," participating in a televised forum without his Republican opponent, Governor Pataki, who skipped the event and stumped upstate. B5

B. Thomas Golisano's decision to spend \$20 million of his fortune on a third-party campaign for governor may turn out to have been another smart investment. The stock price of Mr. Golisano's payroll processing company, Paychex, has jumped, just as it did when he ran for governor in 1994. B5

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Bulldog Turner

A Chicago Bears Hall of Fame center and linebacker who played on four National Football League championship teams in the 1940's, he was 79. B11

Peter Griffin

An algebra teacher with such a winning way with numbers that he unlocked the mathematics of blackjack with a wink and became a cult figure to a generation of casino card counters, along the way writing the authoritative "Theory of Blackjack," he was 61. B11

BUSINESS DAY C1-10

Part-Timers as Full-Timers

A new class of part-timers, mostly women, is emerging and working what used to be considered full-time hours -- 35 or 40 hours a week. The employees want to cut back their official hours so they can spend more time with their children or deal with other responsibilities. A1

\$1 Billion Software Deal

BMC Software, a software company based in Houston, is expected to announce today that it is acquiring Boole & Babbage, one of Silicon Valley's older companies, for nearly \$1 billion in stock. C2

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Jets Win, 20-17

John Hall kicked a winning field goal with 2 seconds remaining. D1

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Marathon Winners

John Kagwe of Kenya repeated as champion of the New York City Marathon. Franca Fiacconi became the first Italian woman to win the New York race. F1

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The News Summary yesterday included an entry erroneously in some copies for an obituary of Rudolph J. Melone, founder of the Gilroy, Calif., Garlic Festival. It appears today, on page B11.

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Leverage and Folk Memory Keep I.R.A. Armed

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Body

The **Irish Republican Army**, despite this year's peace accord and efforts by Protestant and Catholic leaders to persuade it to disarm, continues to maintain a huge secret arsenal, according to Irish and British officials and other experts.

The overwhelmingly Catholic I.R.A., the officials and experts said in a series of interviews, still has enough machine guns, automatic rifles and Semtex explosive to carry on well into the new century what it calls "the armed struggle" to force the British authorities out of Northern Ireland, the predominantly Protestant British province to the north. Twice in recent months the outlawed guerrilla group has said that it will not disarm.

The I.R.A.'s political wing, Sinn Fein, notes, accurately, that the Belfast agreement, approved last spring, does not require disarmament, known here as "decommissioning," until the agreement is fully enacted in the spring of 2000.

The officials and experts said that while some token disarmament may take place in coming months, the I.R.A. is virtually certain to retain enough weapons to mount a new offensive if it becomes dissatisfied with the progress of the new peace agreement. In the meantime, though, the I.R.A. has declared itself committed to a cease-fire for the last 15 months.

"They have enough resources to continue the war, if they want, for some decades, even if there is some token decommissioning," said Andy Wood, a political consultant and former information director for the British Government in Northern Ireland. He and other officials said the I.R.A. position was rooted in the traditional Irish rebel belief in "keeping a pike in the thatch," in case peace efforts collapse, which they all have since the current violence began 29 years ago.

Today, Prime Minister Bertie Ahern of Ireland said that because of the dispute over disarmament, the two Governments and the northern political parties would miss the Oct. 31 deadline for the creation of a new North-South Ministerial Council. The Council, which is to give the Irish Republic more influence in the affairs of the North, was one of the major concessions made in the peace agreement to the Catholics of the I.R.A. and Sinn Fein.

Leverage and Folk Memory Keep I.R.A. Armed

A disarmament commission headed by Gen. John de Chastelain, former chief of the Canadian armed forces and former Ambassador to the United States, is believed to be suggesting to Sinn Fein two ways of disarming.

One plan foresees the destruction of weapons to be verified by neutral experts. The other would have the I.R.A. tell officials where they can find arms and destroy them. General de Chastelain and other officials would then decide whether the amount of arms offered for destruction fulfilled the requirements of the agreement. Officials said they did not expect any disarmament to take place before the end of the year.

"I'm fed up," said Monica McWilliams, a member of the new Northern Ireland Assembly from the Women's Coalition, made up of Catholics and Protestants. "What are they waiting for? This stuff costs a lot of money. Do they want to sell it? Are they afraid to lose their assets? But how can you legitimately sell Semtex?"

"I was elected four months ago," she continued. "But instead of governing and leading I'm sitting around waiting."

The disarmament issue has been blocking political progress for months as the principal Protestant leader in Northern Ireland, First Minister David Trimble, insists that some disarmament must begin before Sinn Fein is allowed to take part fully in the new Assembly created by the agreement and intended to give more power to Catholics in Ulster.

Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, notes that there is no time deadline for disarmament in the Belfast agreement.

Meanwhile, the officials and experts provided an ominous picture of the I.R.A.'s military power. Since 1969, when the sectarian violence erupted in the province, the I.R.A. has killed more than half of the 3,200 victims of the conflict. They have lost about 300 guerrillas.

Their arms are hidden in bunkers and tunnels on both sides of the border, but mostly here in the Irish Republic. The arsenal, estimated at 100 tons, includes several tons of Semtex, the explosive used to give added power to homemade bombs.

Some of the weapons are buried in holes and caves in farmland in lightly populated areas in the Irish counties of Louth and Cavan.

The Irish police and army have found dozens of arms caches over the years, and often seem able to make such finds at a politically opportune moment. .

The Irish police and army are occasionally alerted to arms caches by civilian hikers and picnickers. Other discoveries have been made after the police notice or are informed of electric lights burning late at an uninhabited farmhouse.

In such hiding places, I.R.A. operatives, using ordinary coffee grinders, pulverize nitrate fertilizer widely used in farming and mix in sugar to control the burn rate of the eventual blast. A few pounds of Semtex adds to the bomb's power. A video-cassette-sized packet of Semtex can blow a car to smithereens.

In August in the town of Omagh, in Northern Ireland, such a bomb placed by an I.R.A. splinter group killed 29 people. The I.R.A. denounced the attack, but retains the means to make one of its own if it became impatient about the peace effort. In 1996, the I.R.A. became impatient with the stalled peace talks and killed two people and caused millions of dollars in damage with an explosion in the Docklands area of London. Within 10 days, the British Government made a significant political concession.

The skilled use of Semtex has rendered obsolete I.R.A. weapons like the "drogue bomb," an armor-piercing projectile, used against police and army vehicles, made from a baked-bean can with a copper nose.

Protestant guerrillas, by comparison, are only lightly armed. At the start of the conflict, some of them were still using Martini-Henri rifles, so old that the guns are noted by Rudyard Kipling in a poem on the Zulu War.

Leverage and Folk Memory Keep I.R.A. Armed

The I.R.A. arsenal comes largely, officials said, from shipments from Libya in the early 1980's. The Libyan leader, Muammar el-Qaddafi, said publicly that he was arming the I.R.A. as a response to the decision by Margaret Thatcher, then Prime Minister, to help the American bombing raids on Libya.

At least three shiploads of machine guns, surface-to-air missiles and Kalashnikov rifles arrived undetected in the Irish Republic. In 1987, the French intercepted a Panama-registered ship, the Eksund, bound for Ireland with several tons of weaponry. The estimates of the present arsenal are based partly on what was found on that ship.

"Never underestimate the impact of folk memory on the psychology of republicanism," said Paul Arthur, a politics professor at Ulster University in Belfast. "The republican attitude toward decommissioning is more emotional than a matter of security. Fathers tell sons what happened in the earlier generation. The natural tendency was and is to be fundamentally suspicious of the British."

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INTERNATIONAL A3-11

Mideast Leaders Face Protest Over Agreement

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu returned to a turbulent political climate in Israel in the wake of the new peace agreement. West Bank settlers formally broke relations with Mr. Netanyahu and announced that they were seeking a new candidate, while the Palestinian leader, Yasir Arafat, also faced protests at home. A1

The Wye agreement between Israel and the Palestinians has been met with reticence among Arab leaders, who have signaled a common mistrust of the intentions of Mr. Netanyahu and doubt about American motives. A8

European Union Protects Data

The European Union put into effect a law prohibiting American-style buying and selling of personal data, a move that could interrupt electronic commerce with the United States if the two sides fail to resolve differences over protecting privacy. A1

Europe Leans to Open Markets

Leaders of the 15-member European Union agreed at the close of a weekend summit meeting in Austria to pursue less restrictive economic and monetary policies to guard against a world recession. Germany and countries that have followed its lead in cutting deficits now seem set to press the independent European central bank to let up and allow them to use the new European currency to stimulate economic growth. A6

I.R.A. Maintains Its Arsenal

The **Irish Republican Army** continues to maintain a huge secret arsenal, despite this year's peace accord and efforts by Protestant and Catholic leaders to persuade it to disarm, according to Irish and British officials and other experts. Prime Minister Bertie Ahern of Ireland said that because of controversy over disarmament, the Oct. 31 deadline for the creation of a new North-South Council would be missed. A3

NATO Assurance on Kosovo

NEWS SUMMARY

NATO's top two generals left Belgrade with assurances that Yugoslavia would withdraw enough of its forces from Kosovo by a Tuesday deadline to avoid punitive air strikes, Western diplomats said. A11

Cardoso Rivals Win Elections

Rivals of President Fernando Henrique Cardoso won important victories in Brazilian gubernatorial races, handing the recently re-elected President a complex landscape for pushing through long-delayed Government and economic reforms. A10

Conservatives Surge in Iran

Iran's conservative clerics cemented their grip on a significant power base by winning an overwhelming majority of seats in the Assembly of Experts, according to final election results. Conservative candidates won at least 70 of the 86 seats. A9

Moderates Lead in Basque Vote

Moderates beat leftist independence advocates in elections for the Basque regional Parliament, in a vote closely watched for its impact on peace prospects. A11

NATIONAL A12-18

Both Parties Spending Millions on Ads

At the same time that some top Republicans are urging an investigation into the Democratic Party's 1996 spending on issue advertisements, the Republicans are honing the practice and far outspending their opponents. A1

Ground Broken for Memorial

Vice President Al Gore broke ground on a memorial to the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing three years ago and the ordinary people who helped the city's physical and spiritual rebuilding. A12

Student Accused of Assault

A University of Maryland senior has been arrested and charged with assault after, the police said, he threatened a teaching assistant in an effort to receive an A on a test he had not taken. A15

Gender Just One Factor in Race

For just the third time in the nation's history, two women are running against each other for the United States Senate. In some ways, this race in Washington State illustrates the increasing political prominence of women. But with two very different candidates, it also shows that just having more women elected does not guarantee that any particular policies will be favored in Congress. A18

In Georgia, 2 Sides of a Coin

The race for Georgia governor has centered on the question of whether the state's glass is half full or half empty. Roy E. Barnes, a Democratic legislator, presents himself as a steward of the state's recent progress. Guy W. Millner offers himself as an agent of change who will protect the most successful Democratic programs. A18

Hurricane Shows Weaknesses

For people in the Florida Keys, Hurricane Georges exposed what one official calls the "sins of yesterday": grandfathered or unenforced sanitation, and building and flood regulations that, for years, allowed uncontrolled and unsafe development. A14

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NEW YORK/REGION B1-12

Slain Doctor Described As Conscientious

Dr. Barnett A. Slepian, the gynecologist who was killed by a sniper who fired into his home in Buffalo, continued to perform abortions in the face of threats not because he was a narrow, pro-abortion zealot, his friends said, but because he was a well-rounded doctor who believed in a woman's right to choose and wanted to practice the full range of medicine he had been taught. A1

MOMA Gives Up 4 Works

The Museum of Modern Art, bound by a clause in a benefactor's will, has quietly given to other museums four works valued at more than \$40 million. At her death in 1948, the benefactor, Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, left to the museum she helped found two drawings by van Gogh and two by Seurat. She stipulated that 50 years after her death, when, she estimated, the works would no longer be modern, they be given up. A1

Senate Candidates Debate

Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato and Representative Charles E. Schumer laid out sharply different views on tax cuts, gun control and abortion rights in a free-flowing debate marked by sarcastic retorts and efforts by each man to try to discredit the other's credentials. Unlike their first debate, this one did cover the issues. B1

Hospital Faulted in Death

The state Department of Health has officially faulted New York Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn for its role in the malnutrition death of an infant who was turned aside for care at a clinic when her mother, Tatiana Cheeks, had neither money nor a Medicaid card. On Friday, the department accepted the hospital's plan of correction, a 60-day program of staff re-education. B1

OBITUARIES A19

Noel Carroll

A half miler who set Irish, European and world records and helped establish Villanova as a showcase for a generation of Irish track stars, he was 56. A19

BUSINESS DAY C1-10

Change at the Top at NBC

NBC plans to name a new president for its entertainment division today, setting up a transition that will eventually put all the network's entertainment operations under the executive, Scott Sassa, senior NBC officials said. C1

Slow Transition to Digital

On Sunday, the nation begins the Government-mandated transition to digital broadcasting, and though the change will eventually affect every household, for a while it will be exceedingly hard to notice. C1

Stocks Lower in Tokyo

Stocks were trading lower in Tokyo today. In early trading, the benchmark Nikkei index of 225 issues was down 240.85 points, or 1.70 percent, at 13,903.85. (Bloomberg News)

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'Bloody murder' in Ulster: Men, women, children killed, more than 200 wounded as huge car bomb devastates Northern Ireland market town. Single deadliest blast in 30-year history of the Troubles

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A car bomb tore apart the center of this bustling market town yesterday, killing at least 28 people and injuring more than 200 in the single deadliest blast in decades of conflict in Northern Ireland.

Hospital officials interviewed last night said they expected the death toll to rise.

Many of those slain yesterday in Omagh, 110 kilometres west of Belfast, were unwittingly evacuated closer to the bomb by police acting on a misleading phone warning.

"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. "Those who planted this device were intent on taking life ... this was bloody murder," he said.

The dead included both Protestants and Catholics, as well as five children: three teenage girls, a teenage boy and an 18-month-old girl.

"The carnage, the children, a young baby -- pure black, unrecognizable," said Frank Hancock, a shocked resident. "A young girl down a manhole that we had to pull out. A young lad burning, his hair pure singeing."

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 several weeks before U.S. President Clinton is to visit Belfast to celebrate Northern Ireland's historic peace accord.

No group claimed responsibility for planting the 500-pound bomb in Omagh, which was crowded with weekend shoppers and families attending a festival. But politicians unanimously blamed IRA dissidents who hope to shatter the IRA's 13-month-old truce and the peace agreement it helped inspire.

IRA dissidents have planted several car bombs in other Northern Ireland towns recently, which have caused many injuries but no deaths because of swift action by police. On July 10, an imminent bombing in London was foiled in a joint British-Irish operation against IRA splinter groups.

'Bloody murder' in Ulster : Men, women, children killed, more than 200 wounded as huge car bomb devastates Northern Ireland market town. Single deadliest blast

Hospital officials said 28 people were killed and 220 were injured. 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.

"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.

Tyrone County Hospital overflowed with the wounded late yesterday. Some survivors used blown-off doors as makeshift stretchers. Others were ferried by ambulance or helicopter to hospitals in Belfast and Londonderry.

Rev. John Gilmore, a Catholic priest, gave last rites to dozens of the injured.

"It was just non-stop. There were people on the floors, mattresses and chairs," said Rev. Gilmore. "Some of the early ones were very badly injured. Some I anointed on mattresses on the floor."

A phoned warning to the BBC newsroom in Belfast earlier in the day claimed a bomb had been left outside Omagh's courthouse on High Street, on the west end of town.

Police began directing people away from the area -- many of them east down Market Street. Twenty minutes later the bomb blew up behind the security cordon, tearing apart both buildings and people.

A retired fireman, Paddy McGowan, said his car was "lifted off the ground" from the impact of the bomb. He, like many drivers, saw the billowing smoke and ran to the scene to try to help.

"It was absolute carnage, the most horrific I have ever seen," Mr. McGowan said, shaking. "There were bodies everywhere, and people covered in blood screaming."

Mr. Clinton, who is scheduled to visit Northern Ireland Sept. 3, condemned the attack. His spokesman said Mr. Clinton has no plans to cancel his visit.

"I renew my pledge to stand with the people of Northern Ireland against the perpetrators of violence; they will find no friends here," Mr. Clinton said in a statement. "On behalf of the American people, I condemn this butchery."

Prime Minister Jean Chretien also expressed outrage at what he called a "cowardly assault" on peace.

"The bombing is a contemptible and cowardly assault on the hopes and dreams of the Irish people for peace," Mr. Chretien said in a statement. "Words cannot express our anger at this outrage. We grieve for the families who have lost loved ones and our thoughts and prayers are with the injured."

Mr. Chretien said he was confident the "despicable act" would not weaken efforts to achieve a lasting peace in Northern Ireland.

Former U.S. senator George Mitchell, considered the architect of the peace accord, said the bombers had little public support.

"This is a very tiny minority of cowards and murderers that are trying to destroy a process that is supported by an overwhelming majority of the people of Northern Ireland," Mr. Mitchell said. "This will obviously have a negative effect, but it will not be a fatal effect, insofar as the peace process is concerned."

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

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

'Bloody murder' in Ulster : Men, women, children killed, more than 200 wounded as huge car bomb devastates Northern Ireland market town. Single deadliest blast

Police said the dead were being taken to a temporary mortuary at a nearby British army barracks.

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."

Martin McGuinness, chief negotiator of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, said he was "appalled and disgusted" by this "indefensible action."

"It's designed to wreck the peace process, and everyone should work to ensure that the peace process continues," said Mr. McGuinness, who is thought to be the IRA's former commander.

The attack was reminiscent of the province's darkest days, in the 1970s, when the IRA bombed commercial centres in Belfast, Londonderry and England.

Omagh's death toll eclipsed the previous worst single attack in Northern Ireland, when the IRA killed 18 soldiers with two bombs on Aug. 27, 1979.

The IRA killed 21 people in a double bombing of two pubs in Birmingham, England, in Nov. 21, 1974. The bloodiest day of the Troubles remains May 17, 1974, when three car bombs planted by a pro-British gang fatally wounded 35 people in the Irish Republic.

Graphic

Color Photo: The Associated Press / Survivors try to help the less-fortunate yesterday as bodies and debris litter Market Street in Omagh, Northern Ireland. A car bomb killed at least 28 people, including an infant girl, and injured more than 200 in the worst single bombing in the history of the Northern Ireland conflict.

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(Bethesda, Maryland) -- Government scientists are recommending that a genetically engineered drug be sold to fight advanced breast cancer.

Herceptin does not cure the disease. But Food and Drug Administration advisers say it could help some 30 percent of breast cancer patients whose tumors are fueled by a bad gene. They say it offers them a chance at living a little longer after the cancer has spread through the body.

-BODY- In tests, the drug provided about three more months before the cancer progressed in most patients.

Earlier today, the F-D-A advisers said another drug -- tamoxifen (tuh-MAHX'-ih-fin) -- may reduce the chances that certain healthy women will get breast cancer later in life.

The F-D-A is scheduled to make final decisions on both drugs by November. It's not bound by the advisory panel recommendations, but typically follows them.

(Miami) -- Hurricane "Earl" is getting closer to land. At last check, its center was about 70 miles south-southwest of Destin, Florida -- moving toward the northeast at around ten miles an hour. The National Hurricane Center says that would have it making landfall early tomorrow.

(Washington) -- Legal sources say Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr has evidence that President Clinton asked a White House aide to help Monica Lewinsky in her search for a job.

The sources who spoke to The Associated Press were from outside Starr's office. They say that Clinton admitted to prosecutors last month that he asked an aide for help when Lewinsky told him she wanted to return to the White House after being transferred to the Pentagon.

The sources say Clinton also acknowledged that he asked the aide for a favorable recommendation for Lewinsky when she began looking for a private job. That was after she couldn't get back on at the White House.

The president, according to a source familiar with his grand jury testimony, says he only asked and did not order any action on behalf of Lewinsky by his aides.

(Moscow) -- The Moscow summit is over, and now, it's on to Northern Ireland for President Clinton.

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A few hours from now, Clinton flies to the British-ruled province, hoping to nurture the peace process he helped start in 1995.

Clinton will meet with members of the new legislature which starts work next month -- and help dedicate a vocational school in an embattled neighborhood of Belfast.

On the eve of his visit, the head of Sinn Fein (shin fayn), Gerry Adams, has declared political violence a "thing of the past." Sinn Fein is the political ally of the outlawed **Irish Republican Army**.

Clinton adviser Jim Steinberg says the president welcomes that announcement.

(New York) -- The stock market was mixed as the Dow Industrials declined. The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 45 points, but gainers led decliners by three-to-two. About 896 (m) million shares traded on the New York Stock Exchange. The S-and-P 500 Index lost three and a-half, and the Nasdaq Composite Index was up 17 and a-half.

Wall Street was disappointed that the Dow Industrials, which had been up 120 points during the session, sold off at the close. Technical analysts expect the 30-Industrials to test their recent lows before any real upward move.

(Newark, New Jersey) -- Abortion rights activists are applauding a government decision to allow sales of a morning-after contraceptive.

The Food and Drug Administration has given a New Jersey company the go-ahead to advertise and to sell special "morning-after" kits. They'll be marketed under the name PREVEN (pree-VEHN').

Kate Michelman, of the National Abortion Rights Action League, says approval was long overdue. She notes that these kinds of contraceptives have been available to European **women** for more than a decade.

Medical ethics expert Arthur Caplan, of the University of Pennsylvania, says the decision gives **women** more options.

Anti-abortion groups, however, have criticized the method.

Gynetics (GY'-net-iks) says the PREVEN kits will be available through prescription by the end of this month.

(Minneapolis) -- A positive development in the Northwest Airlines pilots' strike.

Both the company and the union have agreed to meet for "exploratory" talks in Chicago on Saturday. Federal mediators had asked them to do so -- though they're careful not to describe the talks as negotiations.

The strike has lasted five days so far. Today, Northwest laid off more than 27-thousand employees and canceled all flights through Labor Day.

Meantime, Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater has ordered two Northwest feeder airliners back into the air. The commuter carriers operating as Northwest Airlink must resume service to 17 small communities in the Midwest and South.

Slater says a federal program prohibits the carriers from suspending air service below mandated levels without first filing a 90-day notice.

(Hazelton, Kansas) -- The fire is now out on three derailed train cars in Hazelton, Kansas.

A helicopter dumped hundreds of gallons of water on them this afternoon, after officials determined they did not contain a chemical that could explode on contact with water.

The burning cars had been carrying sodium hydroxide, among other things. A more dangerous chemical -- nitric acid -- was on the train, but was not involved in the fire.

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About 200 people in the area had to be evacuated after the derailment as a precaution. No injuries were reported.

In all, four cars derailed -- but only three caught fire.

(New York) -- A woman says her boyfriend -- a second-year medical resident -- tied her up and injected her several times with a drug that knocked her out.

The New York City woman -- who was pregnant -- later suffered heavy bleeding and a miscarriage.

In a criminal complaint, the woman says that her boyfriend didn't want her to give birth to his child.

New York prosecutors say Mark Redeker (RAY'-deh-kur), an obstetrics and gynecology resident at a hospital, is out on bail after being charged with assault and unauthorized practice of medicine.

Tests are now being done to see what drug the woman was given, and whether it caused her miscarriage. The defendant reportedly told police he gave the woman a depressant drug.

(Washington) -- A man who says he was kicked in the groin by Mike Tyson following a minor traffic accident on Monday filed a misdemeanor second-degree assault charge today against the former heavyweight boxing champion. Fifty-year-old Richard Hardick claims the 32-year-old Tyson kicked him after his car rear-ended a Mercedes driven by Tyson's wife. Hardick said his car was forced into Tyson's car after it was rear-ended by a third vehicle.

A preliminary hearing on the assault charge has been set for October second. If convicted, Tyson faces ten years in jail and-or a 25-hundred dollar fine.

Meanwhile, the judge in Indianapolis who sentenced Tyson to prison following a previous rape conviction, says she expects probation officials would review the Maryland incident.

Tyson is due to be released from court supervision in March. ---

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Body

In a tearroom inside Omagh's large and cheery-looking community sports center yesterday, ashen-faced families huddled around small round tables, dreading the call of their names.

At a tortuously slow rate - about one family every four hours - they were called forward by officials for individual visits to a makeshift morgue at a local British army barracks.

There, with social workers and clerics standing nearby in case they collapsed, the family members made the final identification of loved ones snatched forever from them by Saturday's heartless bomb blast in Omagh's small downtown.

The count of dead in Northern Ireland's worst atrocity since the start of the Troubles here three decades ago stood at 28 yesterday, with local politicians warning that the number could rise to 30 as final identifications are made.

Blamed on dissident Catholic republicans bent on destroying not only people but also Northern Ireland's new peace settlement, the bomb struck with terrorism's usual randomness.

Among the dead in this county-seat town of 25,000 were a 65-year-old grandmother, her pregnant daughter and her 18-month-old granddaughter. The blast also killed as many as five workers in a bed-linen shop.

The victims also included a 12-year-old Spanish exchange student and his teacher, three young Northern Ireland boys on a shopping trip, and a 17-year-old boy on a simple quest to find some new jeans.

Six children, 13 women and nine men were reported killed. More than 200 others were injured by the impact of the blast, fire, and flying shrapnel and glass after a bomb warning called into a Belfast TV newsroom misidentified the site of the impending explosion.

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Police directed people away from the courthouse site mentioned in the warning call and instead herded them toward a busy intersection where - unbeknownst to them - a 500-pound fertilizer bomb was set to go off in a parked car.

The deadly blast bore a striking resemblance to another blast in the Northern Ireland town of Banbridge on a Saturday afternoon just two weeks ago. In that blast, a 500-pound bomb went off in a parked car in the center of town.

Police were given just a 20-minute warning by a caller, barely allowing enough time to clear pedestrians from the streets, and 35 were injured in the explosion.

A newly formed **Irish Republican Army** splinter group called the Real IRA took responsibility for the Banbridge blast, and politicians including Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern yesterday blamed the same group, which has headquarters in the Republic of Ireland, for the Omagh bombing.

Calling it a "terrible, cowardly, evil act," Ahern said that his government would "rule nothing out" in tracking down the terrorists. He raised the possibility of a temporary return of the controversial "internment without trial" policy that previously allowed Northern Ireland police to instantly imprison thousands of suspected Catholic terrorists in the early 1970s.

Ahern and British Prime Minister Tony Blair said police commissioners of both countries would meet today to plan a joint investigation.

If the Real IRA is indeed behind Saturday's bombing, its members may not be difficult to track down. The small dissident group is widely reported to be led by a former and well-known IRA "quartermaster" who until recently was in charge of hiding and distributing the IRA's vast weapons arsenal.

He walked out of an IRA meeting last February along with several other IRA members who oppose the group's turn toward a democratic peace settlement and away from its historic "armed struggle" against the British forces in Northern Ireland.

There are believed to be no more than 100 members of the Real IRA, whose headquarters are in the Irish border town of Dundalk. The former IRA quartermaster who is said to lead the group is married to Berndadette Sands McKeivitt, the sister of famous IRA hunger striker Bobby Sands and leader of an Irish unity group called the 32-County Sovereignty Committee.

Yesterday, a spokesman for the committee, Joe Dillon, issued a statement saying, "the killing of innocent people cannot be justified in any circumstance. We are a political movement and not a military group. We reject categorically any suggestion publicly made that our movement was responsible in any way."

It remained a mystery why the Real IRA or any other dissident Catholic republican group would target a town such as Omagh, which has a majority Catholic population. Most of the victims of the attack were apparently Catholics.

"I've asked myself that question for the last 24 hours," said Joe Byrne, a local politician with the Catholic-oriented Social Democratic and Labor Party.

Byrne theorized that the terrorists might have picked the town because it has several prominent members of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein Party, which strongly endorses the peace settlement. "The people who planted this bomb wanted to embarrass them, and to shatter the confidence of the [Catholic] nationalist community for agreeing with a political peace process," he said.

Protestant and Catholic politicians on far ends of Northern Ireland's political spectrum all agreed yesterday that the purpose of the bomb was to "wreck" the province's new peace settlement by sparking a return to Catholic-Protestant warfare.

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In the immediate aftermath of the bombing, they had not succeeded. Politicians as far apart politically as Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams and Willie Thompson, a Protestant leader who opposes the peace agreement, condemned the bombing and called for all residents to come together in sympathy for the dead and the dying.

Adams repeated his unprecedented condemnation of a republican attack, and noted "it isn't a day for party politics. . . . It looks like up to 30 people killed here and hundreds of people injured. So the first thing at a human level is to reach out and express sympathy with all of their families."

Thompson applauded Adams' condemnation of the bombing. With the condemnation and Ahern's promise to "crush terrorism," Thompson said, "those are two positive developments, and perhaps we can look forward to a better future for Northern Ireland."

Omagh resident Brigid Fleming wasn't sure if Northern Ireland's peace could withstand the latest bombing. "I just feel like moving away. Another week, it will be another town - it will never be over," she said.

But Fleming counted herself among the lucky ones.

Her daughter, Sharon, 26, had shrapnel in her leg and throat. Her sister Teresa had a punctured lung, her sister Marian's legs were scarred, and her brother Patrick's legs were pierced by flying debris. Her two grandsons, ages 5 and 2, had been covered in others' blood.

But "thank God," said the shaken Fleming, sitting in the Tyrone County Hospital lobby yesterday, "they're all all right."

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Two of the grieving wait for news on loved ones at the information center in Omagh. (Associated Press, PETER MORRISON)

A mother and son attend a Mass in Omagh, Northern Ireland, a town of 25,000 left stunned by the car bombing. The British and Irish police commissioners are to meet today to plan a joint probe. (Associated Press, PAUL McERLANE)

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Answers Sought in Africa Bombings

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Body

Weary rescue workers heard tapping today under the debris of a bombed building next to the U.S. Embassy, raising hopes for the survival of a woman buried in the rubble. Investigators believe the powerful explosive, Semtex, may have caused the destruction.

Nearly simultaneous blasts at the American embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam, the capital of Tanzania, were sophisticated attacks requiring expertise.

At least 200 people were killed by the bombing in Nairobi and nearly 5,000 injured; at least 10 died and 74 were injured in Tanzania.

Kenyan Red Cross workers say they believe two women, Rose and Jane, were alive in the ruins of the collapsed Ufundi Cooperative House, adjacent to the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi.

Israeli rescuers, who were using a 150-ton crane, drills and blowtorches, said they heard tapping inside the Ufundi building this morning, spurring them on in their search for Rose. That search was halted briefly when stone work began falling off a nearby bank building.

When work resumed, a bulldozer was brought in to clear the top layer of rubble from the Ufundi building.

"Rose last spoke at 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Since then, we've heard nothing. There's just no sound coming back. Jane hasn't been heard of for much, much longer," Red Cross spokesman John Sparrow had said before the tapping was heard.

"This happened before, when Rose went quiet and then spoke again. She may be asleep. She may be unconscious. So you live in hope," he said.

Israeli rescue workers called for a giant crane to be brought in, as police urged people to stay clear of the area around seven damaged buildings because of the risk of collapse.

Israel army radio, in a report from Nairobi today, said investigators suspect the bombers used the Czech-manufactured Semtex, which is much more powerful than more traditional explosives such as TNT.

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The investigators, who were not identified by name, said use of the plastic explosive, which is favored by the **Irish Republican Army**, implies a big organization, or even a state, plotted the attack because Semtex is not easily obtained, the radio report said.

Since the downfall of the Soviet bloc, however, Semtex has been much more readily available on the international arms market.

At the bombed-out embassy, staff members tried to salvage what they could. It is "heartbreaking," Ambassador Patricia Bushnell said, to find that things survived, but not people.

Gerard Bradford, head of a disaster response team from the United States, said his people were combing the building for the nine missing Kenyan employees.

"There is hip-deep debris in a lot of those rooms," he said.

Wendy Auldridge and Joyce Reed were trying to rescue the mail from the embassy basement, a nod at the normal in a world fractured by violence.

"It's a small thing, but I think it will boost morale," Reed said.

The sound of tinkling glass could be heard for blocks around the embassy, where a small army of people was sweeping up the shards of blast-shattered windows that blanketed streets and sidewalks.

On Sunday, Israeli rescuers found a mother and son in a building near the embassy. They were alive and well. But the rescuers also brought out a dead woman.

At the pile of concrete, steel and glass next door that once housed a secretarial school, hopes of finding anyone alive were slim. On Sunday and early today, only bodies were brought out of the debris.

"There is no sign of life, but I believe in miracles," said Farid Abdul Kadir, a relief coordinator for the Kenyan Red Cross.

The mother and son in the bank building were lucky. They weren't hurt, just terrified to come out until rescuers arrived to help them down from the 20th floor.

Sniffer dogs from the United States, France and Israel padded over rubble, one with a cut nose from the sea of broken glass.

Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi visited the embassy site Sunday and said there were some leads. He did not elaborate.

In Washington, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright warned that it could take a long time to find out who was behind the attacks. She promised "appropriate action" against any country or person found responsible.

The FBI and other U.S. agencies have sent teams to Nairobi and Dar es Salaam. If they can figure out what kind of explosives were used and how, the FBI says it would be like finding the bombers' "fingerprints."

The United States is a favorite target of militant Islamic militants, such as the exiled Saudi financier Osama bin Laden, one potential suspect.

Another favorite target Israel on Sunday offered the help of Mossad and other intelligence agencies.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said early signs were that the attacks were the work of "international terrorism centered on Islamic fundamentalism."

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The Washington Post today quoted an unidentified U.S. Embassy official as saying the vehicle apparently containing the bomb first drove to the embassy's main entrance but was sent by guards to the rear, where the bomb exploded.

"They saved people's lives by sending it around back," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "If they hadn't done that, I don't think I would be around today talking to you."

The Post also reported that at least one hand grenade was used to kill guards at the rear entrance. The main bomb then exploded, the newspaper said.

The Sunday Nation quoted a man who works for the environment ministry, Ocheng Okwach, as saying he saw two men drive a yellow pickup truck to the back of the embassy and jump out brandishing machine guns.

"One man ran back into the vehicle as the other sprayed bullets into the American Embassy," Okwach was quoted as saying.

The Nation also quoted an unidentified security man as saying he'd seen three people filming the embassy four days before the attack.

The Sunday Times of London quoted Kenyan police superintendent Mike Harries as saying witnesses saw a suicide bomber drive a pickup truck into the car park behind the embassy and sit there quietly until the blast.

Security at the damaged embassy now a crime scene that might yield clues was extremely tight. Marines in battle gear stood guard and black fabric draped the perimeter to obstruct the view from outside.

Survivors of the bombing honored their dead at a private memorial service Sunday at Ambassador Patricia Bushnell's residence.

A dozen Americans and 24 Kenyans inside the embassy died and scores were missing.

Among the dead were Consul General Julian Bartley and his son, Jay, a university student at the United States International University in Nairobi.

Ten people died in the Tanzanian bombing, none of them Americans, hospital officials said.

If Sunday was a day for mourning, today was a time for picking up the pieces.

The bombing not only killed, maimed and bereaved; it also displaced thousands of people from their workplaces.

The embassy was moving its operations into the U.S. Agency for International Development building in a residential area. And hundreds of people flown in to handle the investigation were setting up shop.

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Northern Ireland Relatively Calm as Protestant Marchers Are Kept From Catholic Area

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Body

The British Government used hundreds of combat-ready army troops and Northern Ireland policemen today to prevent several thousand Protestants from marching, as Protestants have since 1807, through a small Roman Catholic enclave in this town.

The Government acted to prevent clashes between the Catholic minority and the Protestant majority in this predominantly Protestant British province.

The marchers, members of the patriotic Orange Order wearing black suits and orange sashes, dispersed after one of their leaders walked up to a huge concrete roadblock and spoke a message of protest through a high chain fence blocking the way to the Catholic area, Drumcree, along the Garvaghy Road. But there was no one on the other side to listen, and no violence followed.

The Government feared that the march might lead to rioting and vandalism, as it did in the last three annual parades here. Widespread violence could endanger the recently approved peace agreement, which spells out drastic political reforms that will give Catholics more power in the North.

The Government was clearly gambling that this year would be different -- that Protestants, many of whom voted for the peace agreement in a referendum in May, would be less angry at Catholics and the Government now than in 1996.

Then, a Government ban was announced several days before the march through the Drumcree enclave, but the decision was reversed because Protestant rioters wreaked millions of dollars of property damage. The Protestant violence and the decision to let them march provoked retaliation by Catholics.

"Only God will save us," said the parish priest of the Drumcree Protestant Church of Ireland, the Rev. John Pickering. He spoke to the congregation before it left the church to confront British officials. But no officials, not even a soldier or a policeman, were at the roadblock.

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"This is a total disgrace," said Harold Gracey, head of the local Orange Order. "We'll stay here until we are allowed our legitimate right to walk on the road."

An hour after he spoke, most Orangemen had left the area, but some set up a Union Jack and a white Ulster flag on the streamside, facing the security forces 500 yards away.

Two men, informally dressed, not wearing Orange Order regalia, were arrested after they tried to cross the barbed wire. Several tents were put up by people who said they intended to stay all night.

Tonight, Protestants protesting the ban created disturbances in Belfast and other towns. Some roads and streets were blocked and a few cars burned, the police said, and there were instances of youths throwing stones at policemen, but there were no serious injuries.

Bus service was suspended in Belfast, but there were no reports of serious vandalism and no clashes between Protestants and Catholics. The police said the level of disorder was lower than that in 1996, when the province was in turmoil for four days and nights.

The leader of the Catholics in Drumcree, Breandan MacCionnaith, urged Catholics to be wary of Protestants trying to sneak through the British lines to demonstrate.

Perhaps 200 marchers remained quietly on the side of a hill near the Church of Ireland church at Drumcree, where they had attended an annual service. The Orangemen, and a few women, looked across a small stream, its banks scooped steeper by British diggers, at several rows of four-foot-high barbed wire coils and armed security forces.

The all-male Orange Order says marching is a matter of freedom of assembly, a basic democratic right. Last year, the British official in charge of Northern Ireland, Mo Mowlam, agreed and allowed the march after the police forcibly lifted protesting Catholics, often roughly, from the road. But this year, approving the ban, she said the rights of the Protestants and Catholics had to be balanced.

Generally, the 3,000 Protestant parades held each summer celebrate the victory at the Battle of the Boyne in 1690 of the Protestant William of Orange over his father-in-law, King James II. The victory established the Protestant Ascendancy, and British rule in Ireland.

Catholics regard the marches, only a handful of which are contentious, as offensive and triumphalist as the Orangemen strut stiffly by to the martial music of loud drums. Today, only one group, the Edgarstown Drum and Accordion Band, marched up to the roadblock, thumping and wheezing its martial airs through the fence.

Most of today's marchers, particularly the younger men, did not wear the traditional black bowler hat, which costs about \$100. Some were barbered in skinhead style and wore small rings in their ears.

Most of the marchers milled around, chatting, even smiling, looking at the gray sky threatening rain, seeing a single police helicopter.

One angry man explained why Orangemen refused to negotiate with Mr. MacCionnaith, the Catholic leader, identifying him as "the one who blew up the Legion Hall in Thomas Street." Mr. MacCionnaith served time in a British prison as an Irish Republican Army operative convicted for his role in the destruction of the British social club hall in 1981.

By the roadblock, Robert Brown, an Orangeman with a Bible in his right hand, upbraided the Catholic Church and the overwhelmingly Catholic Irish Republic to the south. Referring to the Irish national color, he said: "God has a color code. Green is the color of Satan. Blue, white, red of the Union Jack are the colors of God. Green is a sign of pagan worship." He also attacked Pope Gregory XIII for changing the Western calendar 400 years ago.

Notably absent today was David Trimble, an Orangeman and leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, who was chosen on Wednesday as First Minister of the new Northern Ireland Assembly, the engine of progress toward peace. Mr.

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Trimble, now committed to cooperation with Catholics in political reforms, was a star of the 1995 Drumcree march when he raised his arm in triumph after walking past Catholic homes.

The gesture helped him win his party's leadership and, eventually, the post of First Minister. Now, instead of inciting Protestant anger, he calls for calm.

Several teams of people identifying themselves as observers, mostly Americans, drifted around the Garvaghy Road, in case, they said, the police used violence against Catholics. Under questioning, they said they would also note any rock or bottle-throwing by Catholics, also a regular feature of the Drumcree event. They said they were ad hoc groups invited to observe by Catholic leaders in Drumcree.

But there was no violence to observe. One young observer rushed up a small hill and breathlessly announced: "I've been on a mission. I found the Thai restaurant." The other observers congratulated her, and they all had a laugh.

Graphic

Photo: Members of the Orange Order, a Protestant group, halted their march in Portadown, Northern Ireland, when they reached a police barricade that kept them from their traditional route through a Catholic neighborhood. (Associated Press)

Map showing the location of Portadown, Northern Ireland: The annual Orange march in Portadown was foiled by officials.

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At the End of a Long Trek, Ulster's Apostle of Peace Is Still Trekking

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Body

In the last days before the referendum on the new Northern Ireland peace agreement, John Hume was still trudging through the towns and villages, continuing his life's work: trying to persuade Catholics and Protestants that a negotiated peace is better than endless sectarian warfare that leaves their loved ones dead in the streets.

For the last 30 years, Mr. Hume has been the principal champion of a peace settlement between the province's Protestant majority and its Catholic minority. Without his indefatigable campaigning here -- and in London, Dublin and Washington -- there probably would not be a new peace agreement, according to leaders like President Clinton, Prime Ministers Bertie Ahern of Ireland and Tony Blair of Britain and former Senator George J. Mitchell, who presided over the talks that produced the agreement last month.

The new pact, which is widely expected to be approved, would give Catholics in the North more political power, and the overwhelmingly Catholic Irish Republic more influence in Northern affairs.

But Mr. Hume, the most influential mainstream Catholic leader in the North, who is now 61 and says he is under medical treatment for serious stress, was taking nothing for granted. He had his jacket pockets filled with "Vote Yes" cards as he traveled across the province, covering 300 miles in campaign stops in Londonderry, Belfast and the towns of Downpatrick, Newcastle and Warrenpoint on the Irish Sea.

As usual, Mr. Hume spoke to people in the street in a soft but firm voice, cajoling, arguing, not quite begging, shaking hundreds of hands, hugging scores of people, to sell to both Catholics and Protestants his well-known but often-rejected hope for a peaceful settlement of the sectarian violence that has killed more than 3,200 people in the province since 1969.

"We have to start spilling our sweat, not our blood," he said repeatedly, in Downpatrick and Newcastle, as he has hundreds of times in recent years all over the province. "Europeans were slaughtering each other for centuries. World War II, 35 million killed. Now, in the European Union, they are together, respecting each other's differences. And the French are still French, and the Germans are still German. Why can't we do that here?"

At the End of a Long Trek, Ulster 's Apostle of Peace Is Still Trekking

Most people nodded, shook his hand. Several hugged him, accepted "Vote Yes" cards with Mr. Hume's photograph on them. Several young women asked him to autograph the cards. Mothers pushed their small boys and girls up to shake his hand. He spoke to an old woman in Gaelic.

He does not have the charm or dazzle of a rock star, or even of some other Northern politicians, but for most Catholics, and an increasing number of Protestants, John Hume, a former French teacher, is the tousle-haired, professorial king of the Northern Ireland peace effort.

Despite his work for peace, some politicians consider him arrogant; his supporters concede that he does not suffer fools gladly. Some leaders of his Social Democratic and Labor Party say privately that he does little to help the party function, that it is time for him to step back from active politics here. The old joke persists: The difference between God and John Hume is that God does not think he is John Hume.

Mr. Hume, who has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize this year, seems now to be considering what to do with the rest of his life. He said he might not run for a seat in the new Northern Assembly, allowing younger politicians to take control of his party, which he helped found in 1970.

He would still be a member of the British Parliament in London and the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France. He might step back from party politics in the North, but he said he would continue to visit the United States, particularly Washington. He has lobbied every American President since Gerald R. Ford to support a policy of moderation in Northern Ireland, and to ignore those Irish-Americans who support the violent campaign of the I.R.A. His efforts were instrumental in drying up American contributions to Noraid, which helped finance the I.R.A.

He began the present peace effort five years ago in secret talks with Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army. He was the only non-republican official in the province the I.R.A. felt it could trust. He persuaded two British Governments and Mr. Clinton to listen to Mr. Adams; he went to the I.R.A. with Mr. Adams last summer and persuaded the guerrillas to call the cease-fire that eventually led to the peace agreement.

Now, he noted, he and Mr. Adams will return to their normal relationship, that of enemies contending for the Catholic vote for the new Assembly. Some Social Democrats say that by cooperating with Mr. Adams in the peace effort, Mr. Hume helped Sinn Fein gain political strength, siphoning votes away from his own party, an analysis he rejects.

He refused to take direct credit for the new peace settlement. "I obviously feel very pleased," he said, "that we have at last all come together after many years of very difficult work through times that were serious and dangerous."

"People come and go," he said. "Creating institutions solve our problems no matter who the people are."

Because he does not deal in the bombast that characterizes much of Northern Ireland's sectarian politics, his words are not stirring. But he bears down relentlessly in a calm voice, chipping away at prejudice, dissipating religious hatred, encouraging people, without insulting them, to think and act as if they were civilized.

"Northern Ireland is different," said a man in Downpatrick who added that he would not vote for the peace agreement.

"Why is it different?" Mr. Hume said. "Please think it over, please think about voting yes on Friday."

An older Protestant woman, Anne McCorkell, sitting in a garden chair soliciting money for charity, listened carefully to Mr. Hume and accepted his card. She told him that her daughter had been seriously wounded by an I.R.A. bomb 20 years ago.

"I don't believe it'll make peace at all," she said softly. "And I don't want to live in the Irish Republic. I want to stay British. Why don't they mind their own business in down in the Irish Republic?"

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But Mr. Hume appeared to succeed with several conversions. In Newcastle, Margaret McFarland, a Protestant, told him that the new agreement would "continue to polarize us." After he left, she said she would consider his arguments and "possibly, just possibly" vote yes.

In the lounge of a fashionable hotel outside Londonderry, he listened to a Protestant man say that Catholics had not been poorly treated and that there was no need for a peace agreement.

In a rare flash of public anger, he snapped, "When I was growing up in this city, you wouldn't give us jobs, you wouldn't give us houses."

Graphic

Photo: John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labor Party in Ulster, with his wife, Pat, before voting in Londonderry yesterday. (Agence France-Presse)

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A CLEAR CALL: PEACE;
AFTER DECADES OF DIVISION, THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND
RESOUNDINGLY EMBRACE A HISTORIC ACCORD, BRIGHTENING THE
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Body

United at last by a yearning for peace, the people of Northern Ireland shouted an overwhelming "Yes!" to the ambitious peace plan designed to revamp the government of this British province - and end one of the most intractable civil wars of recent history.

In a referendum that prompted the largest voter turnout ever here, 71.1 percent gave their approval to the agreement reached April 10 after two years of multiparty negotiations. The size of the "yes" vote suggests that the plan won majority support across the community - from Protestants as well as Catholics, from staunch pro-Britain voters as well as those who want the province to break its ties with London and merge with the Republic of Ireland to the south.

Voters in the Republic backed the plan by an even stronger margin, with 94 percent supporting changes in their country's constitution that will be necessary for the plan to be implemented.

"I think the war is over," said Marjorie Mowlam, the British government minister responsible for this province of 1.6 million people. "They voted to take the gun out of politics, north and south."

The gun, the bomb and even the ground-to-ground missile have been central tools of a bitter political dispute here as to whether Northern Ireland should remain in the United Kingdom or become part of Ireland. Sectarian forces have been fighting for three decades, and more than 3,400 people have been killed - some in street warfare and some in terrorist bombings. Victims have ranged from the elderly to elementary school students caught in cross-fire on a playground.

Most of the "unionists" - those who want to keep the union with Britain - are Protestant. Most of the "nationalists" - those who want a single Irish nation - are Catholic. But the dispute here has been primarily political, not religious, with animosity heightened by the killings and kidnappings on both sides.

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The 68-page agreement approved this weekend was worked out by eight political parties and the governments of Britain and Ireland in months of talks chaired by an American, former Senate Majority Leader George J. Mitchell of Maine.

The deal calls for Northern Ireland to retain its political allegiance to Britain. But it creates new political mechanisms under which the people of this province could choose, by majority vote, to break with London and merge with the Republic of Ireland. It includes a somewhat vague plan for disarming the various paramilitary groups within two years and promises the eventual release of hundreds of sectarian fighters locked up in Irish or British prisons.

Northern Ireland is a world of rolling green hills, surrounding valleys that are even greener and dappled, these late spring days, with purple splashes of blooming lilac. It is primarily agricultural country, except for some new high-tech plants in Londonderry and the old factories and shipyards of Belfast, where the Titanic was built.

Over the past decade or so, a new generation of residents - tired of living in a society where schools, parks and even churches must be protected by barbed wire and concrete walls - began to demand something different.

The old political parties, which focused on angry memories and the settling of old scores, gave way to new political leadership, in both the nationalist and unionist communities, that looked to the future and constantly invoked the word "peace."

This weekend's election results suggest that these peace-oriented parties are now in the strongest position for the next step in Northern Ireland's transition: the election to be held June 25 for a new Northern Ireland Assembly. This is a new governing body created by the agreement. It will give the province a considerable degree of local autonomy even as it retains its political tie to Britain.

If parties that oppose the agreement win a significant number of places in the 108-seat Assembly, they could block progress on other aspects of the plan.

But the voting on this weekend's referendum suggests that people here are ready to move ahead with the agreement. "In many ways, perhaps, the people are ahead of some of the politicians," said Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, the political arm of the **Irish Republican Army**, one of the oldest terrorist groups.

Accordingly, the big majority for "yes" - in an election that saw a record 81 percent of eligible voters in the North taking part - was welcomed by political leaders who backed the deal.

"I think they're saying yes to a new millennium . . . yes to the interdependence of unionism and nationalism, yes, yes, yes to the end of violence," said David Ervine, head the Progressive Unionist Party, a new political offshoot of one of the sectarian street armies.

John Alderdice, who runs a new centrist party, the Alliance, said the voting was a resounding rejection of the nay-sayers. "The people of Northern Ireland . . . have said we're tired of all this old negative stuff and we want to move forward."

Political leaders who opposed the April 10 agreement were left even more marginalized by the vote. But some said they would forge ahead toward the next election without changing their stance.

The Rev. Ian Paisley, an iron-lunged advocate of continuing the union with Britain, fought relentlessly for a "no" vote. "Remember, nine of the 10 commandments contain the word 'no,' " he roared last week. Paisley didn't change his tune by a note after the voting results were announced Saturday. "We were right!" he roared to a jeering crowd.

But Monica McWilliams, a founder of the Northern Ireland **Women's** Coalition, a centrist movement, predicted that many of the 29 percent who voted "no" would eventually accept the changes approved by the majority.

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"My God, the war is over only a matter of months ago," she said. "People are hurt, people are frightened, people are concerned. And many people registered an individual vote of 'no' because of their hurt."

President Clinton called the vote "a beacon to peoples around the globe in places where strife prevails and peace seems remote.

"It is the culmination of a springtime of peace, and it must be the beginning of a long season of happiness and prosperity," he said.

The people of Northern Ireland are delighted to debate the often minute differences among their many political parties. But the campaign waged here over the past month seemed quite different from the polished TV ads and the slick sound bites that mark present-day electioneering in America.

The various parties fought for their views with posters and yard signs, door-to-door canvassing and debates in church basements. John Hume, leader of the largest nationalist party, the Social Democratic and Labor Party, spent election day walking the streets of his hometown, approaching voters and asking, "Have you voted 'aye' yet?"

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Graphic

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Associated Press An exuberant Paul Shiels, 11, from the Old Par;

section of Belfast, Northern Ireland, vaults a newspaper billboard displaying the result of Friday's peace referendum on Saturday as his friends look on. A larger-than-expected majority - 71.1 percent - of Northern Ireland voters approved the Good Friday Agreement.;

John Hume

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Memo From Belfast;
Gerry Adams Blunders, and Peace Drive Stumbles

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Body

It is every campaign's worst fear: everything at risk with one searing image.

It happened to President Bush when he tapped into voters' fears that he was out of touch by checking his watch three times during a debate with Bill Clinton. It happened to Michael Dukakis when he tapped into voters' fears that he was militarily challenged by playing Snoopy in a tank.

Now the curse of the indelible image, the one that crystallizes anxieties and gnaws at voters, has struck Gerry Adams -- at just the moment he seemed to be successfully negotiating Northern Ireland's treacherous shoals from rifle to ballot box, from rebel to high-ranking official.

Mr. Adams, the president of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the **Irish Republican Army**, and a linchpin of the jittery coalition trying to win a referendum here and in the Irish Republic on Friday on the Northern Ireland peace agreement, made the blunder at a party convention 11 days ago. He took to the stage surrounded by strutting I.R.A. guerrillas who had been released from prison to attend the event.

The yes campaign, while still expected to prevail, took a dive in the polls. Suddenly, all the Protestants in Northern Ireland were obsessing about marauding prisoners taking over Northern Ireland and terrorists in black masks holding high Government positions.

Mr. Adams's unionist partners were livid -- some publicly attacked him -- and the accord's opponents gleefully mocked the cocky tableau. They also used it to stoke fears over the agreement's provision for the accelerated release of political prisoners. One anti-referendum advertisement in newspapers this week painted this picture if the accord is approved: "We got murderers on the street, godfathers in government and gangsters acting as police."

Just two days before the voting, supporters of the agreement are still struggling to overcome the political damage, hoping that a concert by the wildly popular rock group U2 will have erased the stench. The gaffe had such serious reverberations because it underscored the tensions in one of the most fragile coalitions in history, consisting of

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partners who may not even shake hands, may even loathe each other, may not even speak outside the negotiating table, but who are manacled together by the agreement. They are forced to put aside centuries of resentment and campaign for the same side.

David Trimble, head of the largest unionist party, who backs the agreement, branded the assemblage "a disgusting display."

Officials involved with the campaign for the accord said that was a major reason why U2 scheduled its special appearance on the referendum's behalf here this week. And it explains why the British Prime Minister, Tony Blair, flew to the town of Coleraine north of here today and pledged that prisoners would be kept in jail unless they gave up their criminal activity for good.

In a television interview late tonight, Mr. Blair declared, "Who could feel anything but revulsion with prisoners parading themselves about?"

In a rare admission of failure, Mr. Adams, in an interview here today, referred to the event as "my mistake." But British and Irish officials now concede privately that it was a huge miscalculation for them to allow the temporary release of seven prominent I.R.A. prisoners so they could appear at the Sinn Fein convention in Dublin on May 10.

The spectacle of defiant guerrillas who had served sentences for bombings and shootings drawing thunderous applause as they appeared on stage with Mr. Adams infuriated many voters. While Catholics are widely behind the agreement, Protestants are divided and polls show that the event in Dublin -- which has been repeated again and again on television -- has been the biggest single factor causing them to turn against the agreement.

"That took quite a few chunks out of the yes campaign," said a senior British Government official who has monitored the polling closely, and spoke on the condition of anonymity. "It shoved a lot of 'don't knows' into the no category. And there's some evidence that even some moderate nationalists were turned off by the obvious triumphalism of the guys. It's the way they were treated -- and the way they behaved."

Seeking to allay voters' fears about prisoners taking over the streets, backers of the accord have contended that many prisoners would be eligible for release in a year or two anyway. Pressing its argument that terrorists of the past can become good citizens of today, the yes campaign this morning called a news conference at which it produced three former prisoners on the unionist side. In contrast to the swaggering inmates at the Sinn Fein conference, these men looked meek, repentant -- and respectable.

"I'm sorry, I'm sorry, I'm sorry for what I have done," said James Tate, a carpenter who went to prison in the 1970's for possession of a gun and now is in a Christian support group with other former prisoners, including reformed I.R.A. terrorists.

In Belfast, a city of intrigue, there was immediate speculation that the acute and brash Sinn Fein leader was either deliberately trying to scuttle the agreement or show he was not under the thumb of his Union Jack partners.

But Mr. Adams, in the interview at the heavily guarded Sinn Fein compound here, insisted that he had not intended to turn the event into such a spectacle, and he acknowledged that he had misjudged the situation.

"What I underestimated, I have to say, was the actual emotional effect," he said. "I can understand how some people could be offended bad. But I can understand how others wanted to be offended bad, and seized upon it."

Yet Mr. Adams's remorse only went so far; he reminded reporters that four of the men who appeared with him on stage "were buried for 24 years in a British prison -- I was glad they were there."

"I asked for them to be there," he added.

Publicly, British officials sought to play down the damage caused by the event. Mo Mowlam, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, would only go as far as to concede to reporters here that it "increased some of the doubts and discontent in the unionist community."

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British and Irish officials said they allowed for the prisoner releases because they thought it would inject excitement into the convention and insure that the organization would vote to endorse the accord. But Sinn Fein had been expected to approve the agreement anyway.

Britain had transferred five prominent I.R.A. prisoners from jails in Britain to one in Ireland, giving them a day's furlough to attend the conference. It also allowed two I.R.A. women who were in prison in the North to go to the conference.

Despite the cheers in the hall, the spectacle did not play well, particularly in Protestant areas in Northern Ireland.

Asked why she was voting no on Friday, Liz Lynn, 27, who works at a syringe factory near the Northern Ireland town of Ballybogey, said simply, "Letting prisoners out early."

Then she added, "This country's doing quite well under British rule."

Graphic

Photo: Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein leader, caused an uproar among Protestants in Ulster when he paraded I.R.A. prisoners at a party convention. (Associated Press)

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The Shadow of 3,200 Dead Falls on Ulster Vote Today

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Body

In tones trembling with hurt, the people on the folding chairs in the municipal gymnasium were trading indignant charges over the referendum on Friday on the Northern Ireland peace settlement.

Then the quiet and steady voice of Anne Slaine, a white-haired woman in a lilac dress, rose from the front row, and the room fell silent.

"I take a very simplistic view of life," she said, "and I would like to think I could live as an equal to my Catholic neighbor and live in peace and concord and happiness with them all. I, however, am the mother of a young man who was literally cut in two by a rocket which went through his car, injuring him and killing a female colleague."

She paused and smoothed her lap. "He is a victim and has to live with that the rest of his life," she said. "I have to watch him. I watch him going about the floor on his bottom using his arms to propel him, and it's a painful situation for me. His children, their friends are afraid of him because of how he looks."

"I would like the situation in Ireland very much to change," she concluded, "but if I vote yes, am I betraying him and everything he believes in?"

In this typical Northern Ireland town, her comment typified the wariness of change, the fear of betraying family and communal loyalties and the resentful feelings of victimization that have left the majority Protestant population of Ulster reluctant to approve the peace settlement that they must vote on this Friday.

The respectful silence lasted only a moment before the invective that passes for debate in this bitterly divided province resumed. God was freely recruited by all sides to validate the bitter comments, with supporting scripture from Romans, Leviticus and Deuteronomy.

A young Protestant woman named the son of a Catholic man on the other side of the hall as the murderer of her father. Ministers from the hard-line Free Presbyterian Church said that the peace settlement was "ungodly" and that Christian forgiveness did not apply to terrorist crimes. A heavyset man behind Mrs. Slaine growled that the promised prisoner releases would simply put back on the street "the godfathers of massacres."

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Dungannon, a County Tyrone hill town of beef and dairy farmers, small-business men and steep streets in the precise geographical middle of Northern Ireland, is sometimes slighted as "the dead center" of the province.

Never a spot on fashionable itineraries, Tyrone and its neighboring county represented the enduring nature of the Irish conflict as long ago as the aftermath of World War I, when Winston Churchill warned that "as the deluge subsides and the waters fall short, we see the dreary steeples of Fermanagh and Tyrone emerging once again."

In spring, the valleys, forests and bogs below Lough Neagh sprout yellow gorse, plants that some have seen as symbolic this year of the choice facing Northern Ireland. The clumps are welcome for binding the sandy soil but treacherous to the touch with their thorny leaves.

Built as a headquarters for Celtic chieftains -- the word dun means fort -- Dungannon divides its population of 9,500 evenly between Catholics and Protestants and boasts the first local government to have ever distributed power between the two communities. Under an arrangement followed since 1988, Catholics and Protestants swap the city council leadership every six months.

Though their streets and buildings do not bear the tribal graffiti and flags and militaristic wall murals that demarcate neighborhoods in Belfast, the citizens of Dungannon still live largely segregated lives. Catholics drink in Macleers on the Donaghmore Road, Protestants in Halliday's on Church Street.

The security barriers that mark all the entrance roads to the town recall its history of sectarian bombings and killings that in the 1970's earned the area bounded by Dungannon, Armagh and Portadown the name the "Murder Triangle."

The gathering in the gym of people from the mutually suspicious Catholic and Protestant communities, a rare occurrence in the North, was sponsored by BBC Radio Ulster for a call-in show with an unintentionally appropriate name for the conversational bent of this region. It's called "Talk Back."

"You don't discuss politics here with your neighbors," said the Rev. Denis Faul, 65, the headmaster of St. Patrick's Academy, where he has taught for 40 years.

"Catholics here wouldn't talk to Protestants about that unless you'd be wanting to start a riot." Like most Catholics, he is for the agreement. "I like it and I'll vote for it," he said, "but I have my doubts about its future, knowing how deep the bigotry goes."

The agreement sets up a new Northern Ireland Assembly and two other consultative bodies aimed at balancing the desire of Protestants to reaffirm their status as British and the longing of Catholics to pursue the goal of unity with the Republic of Ireland to the south.

The burden of trying to move long-held extreme positions in from the fringes toward the center has now shifted from the negotiators of the accord to the 1.2 million voters of Northern Ireland, and the culture among the long-dominant Protestants of stubborn resistance to any tampering with tradition is not yielding easily.

A grimly complicating factor is the body count of more than 3,200 people killed in the conflict since 1969. Almost every person in Northern Ireland has suffered the loss of a relative or close friend, and the memories figure poignantly in the process of making up minds.

In addition, people are reacting to the fierce feelings of community loyalty that often bar the way to stepping across traditional cultural lines.

The Rev. Brian Bower of the Church of Ireland said many of his parishioners wanted to vote yes but could not bring themselves to do so because of feelings of obligation to a neighbor who may have had a family member killed. He predicted that some people would deliberately "spoil" their ballots, allowing them to satisfy their commitment to voting without having to make a decision.

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In such a polarized place, self-protection comes before self-interest. Brian MacAuley, manager of the Dungannon Enterprise Center, said that the business sector "desperately" wanted the stability that a yes vote promises, but that businessmen would "steer clear" of expressing any view on the vote.

"You take a stance on politics here, and it reflects on your trade," he explained.

From the rows of students in the bleachers came a voice decrying the "negativism" of those opposed to the settlement. "I hear a lot of talk about killing, but what you dinosaurs are killing is our future," the young man said.

It seemed by the end of the tumultuous hour that no one remembered Anne Slaine's quiet plea for guidance on how to reconcile her vote with the fate of her son Paul, the police officer maimed by an **Irish Republican Army** rocket seven years ago.

Then a student in the navy blue school sweater of St. Patrick's spoke up.

"I would like to address a comment to the lady in the front," he said softly. "I understand how she thinks a yes vote will betray her son. But I ask her to consider the fact that a no vote might betray her grandsons."

Graphic

Map of Northern Ireland showing location of Dungannon: Today's referendum was debated at an assembly in Dungannon.

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IRISH SPEAK RESOUNDINGLY FOR PEACE / 71% IN NORTH, 94% IN SOUTH
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Body

More than 71 percent of Northern Ireland's voters have said yes to a historic peace agreement for their troubled province - sending a loud message to politicians and paramilitaries that they want 30 years of Catholic and Protestant bloodshed to come to an end.

Support for the accord came from 71.2 percent as a record 81 percent of voters turned out. An even higher 94 percent backed the agreement in the Republic of Ireland, where turnout was 56 percent.

As the results of the Friday vote were counted and then announced yesterday afternoon in Belfast's cavernous King's Hall, a huge roar went up among peace negotiators, some of whom wiped away tears.

The Rev. Ian Paisley, the province's most outspoken anti-Catholic and its strongest vote-no campaigner, had come to make a speech deriding the outcome, but instead found himself drowned out by boisterous Protestant "yes" campaigners who shouted "Go back to Jurassic Park!" and sang a goodbye chant of "Cheerio! Cheerio!" as Paisley and his supporters left the hall.

It was a day of deep emotion and relief for Northern Ireland's politicians, ranging from the ***Irish Republican Army***-allied Sinn Fein party to the moderate Ulster Unionist Party (UUP), who themselves seemed awed by the historic import of what they had achieved.

"I know now that we are on our way to something new; I know my children will be able to walk the streets of this place and feel a real sense of belonging," said a tearful ***Women's*** Coalition Party member, Ann Carr, a Protestant whose Catholic husband survived an attack by Protestant paramilitaries.

"People throughout this island have voted to change," Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams said. "There's a lot of hope out there, and now we have to deliver on that."

IRISH SPEAK RESOUNDINGLY FOR PEACE / 71% IN NORTH, 94% IN SOUTH VOTE FOR PLAN TO END STRIFE

After two years of fractious and bitter talks ending with a proposed agreement on April 10, Adams, UUP president David Trimble, and the leaders of six other Northern Ireland parties accomplished yesterday what most originally thought impossible: They won an overwhelming vote of public support for an unprecedented settlement that hopes to bring peace to Northern Ireland by offering carefully balanced political gains to its Catholic and Protestant communities.

For the first time in the province's 77-year history, there is now political and public agreement on a way to end the divisions created by the island's 1921 partition into an independent 26-county south and a six-county British-controlled north.

Those divisions erupted into an intractable bloody conflict in 1969, when Northern Ireland Catholics began protesting unfair treatment at the hands of the Protestant-dominated Northern Ireland government.

In the ensuing three decades, the Catholic IRA grew into a fearsome paramilitary force, and Protestant paramilitary groups grew in strength to confront the IRA. Nearly 3,600 people - more than half of them civilians - were killed by bullets and bombs. No one under the age of 30 in the troubled province has known peace, save for periodic cease-fires declared by the IRA.

BALANCED PROPOSALS Under the agreement approved yesterday, political leaders hope to put Northern Ireland's bloodshed in the past with several carefully balanced proposals:

- * Protestants are assured of continuing British rule over the province for the time being. But Catholics are assured that Northern Ireland will unite with Ireland when and if the day comes that a majority of voters approve that.
- * Protestants will see the return of the Northern Ireland Assembly that was disbanded by the British government in 1972. But with a carefully weighted "consensus" system of voting, the Catholic community will be assured of an equal vote in the new assembly even though a majority of Northern Ireland's residents are Protestant.
- * Catholics will see the introduction of cross-border government bodies between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland that may lay the foundation for a united Ireland of the future. But Protestants won a vote from the Republic of Ireland that it will give up words in its 1937 constitution claiming the six counties of the north as its own.

MORE HURDLES AHEAD Despite the overwhelming vote for the agreement in the north, almost as many hurdles lie ahead for the new pact as the ones it has overcome.

Already, there are disagreements over the size of the Northern Ireland Protestant unionist vote backing the agreement. Paisley and his followers yesterday claimed that 56 percent of Ulster's unionists voted "no." David Trimble and UUP leaders, who campaigned for the agreement, said it won the support of 60 to 62 percent of all unionists. British government officials said that most unionists supported it.

"In my view, there has been a democratic vote - the majority of both communities have said yes," said Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam, one of the chief politicians behind the agreement's success.

Government vote-counters did not break down the 71 percent yes vote into Catholics and Protestants.

But if, in fact, less than half of unionists supported the agreement, it could face disaster on June 25 when elections are held for the new assembly. The supporters of Paisley's party and other hard-line Protestant parties are counting on widespread unionist support as they run for seats on the assembly; with sufficient numbers, they could wreck the workings of the assembly, and the peace agreement would fail.

Even without interference from hard-line unionists, the assembly faces failure unless the UUP agrees to work with its historic enemy, Sinn Fein. Because of the IRA's continuing refusal to turn in weapons, UUP negotiators never shared so much as a single word with Sinn Fein negotiators during the two-year course of negotiations and show no sign of willingness to work with Sinn Fein in the new assembly.

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Sinn Fein leader Adams yesterday gave no indication the IRA would decommission any weapons to help break the political impasse.

"I want to see all the guns taken out of Irish politics," Adams said. "I want to see the decommissioning of [Protestant] Orange Order parades, prisoners released. . . . But I'm not using that as an obstacle. I'm saying, let's come to this with a mind to resolve all these issues."

Other major issues threatening the agreement's success will be the planned reorganization of Northern Ireland's police force, now about 95 percent Protestant. More than 200 IRA and Protestant paramilitary prisoners are also to be released within the next two years, but it is not clear yet if that will happen without decommissioning of weapons by the IRA and Protestant paramilitary groups.

"This is a historic day - we've shown the strength of will of the people," said a triumphant John Hume, one of the architects of the new agreement and leader of the Social Democratic and Labor Party.

However, said one of the SDLP's chief negotiators, Mark Durkan: "It won't be easy. None of what we achieved was easy. And all the same problems that were there before that made people believe it couldn't be done are still there."

The future of the peace agreement, Durkan said, "is not going to be anything more sexy or artful than stumbling over the stumbling blocks all over again."

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'Courage has triumphed': Irish peace talks reach historic accord

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Body

In the boldest, most sweeping bid at healing Northern Ireland's festering wounds, the leaders of Britain, the Irish Republic and local political parties signed a peace and power-sharing agreement meant to end violence, bloodshed and hatred between this province's Protestant and Catholic communities.

Seventeen and a half hours after a self-imposed midnight deadline expired, and following marathon overnight talks and the repeated intervention by telephone of President Bill Clinton, George Mitchell, the former U.S. Senate majority leader and chairman of the negotiations that began 22 months ago, was able to announce a landmark settlement.

"We can say to the men of violence across Northern Ireland, who disdain democracy, whose tools are bombs and bullets: 'Your way is not the right way. You will not solve the problems of Northern Ireland, you will only make them worse,'" Mr. Mitchell said in a speech carried live on television.

"Courage has triumphed," British Prime Minister Tony Blair said.

John Hume -- the haggard but happy leader of Northern Ireland's largest Catholic party who didn't sleep a wink as the talks reached their end -- observed: "It's been a long hard road, but we have got there today. I think that for all our people, Good Friday will be a very good Friday."

Peace talks co-chairman John de Chastelain, the former chief of Canada's defence staff, was hesitant to call this "history." That comes later. "It is the end of the beginning," he said.

In the narrowest sense, the package deal, which proposes a power-sharing formula between majority Protestants and minority Catholics in a new Northern Ireland legislature and cabinet, is designed to curtail the three decades of Troubles in this British-ruled province. Here, more than 3,200 civilians -- men, women and children -- and police officers, British soldiers and guerrilla fighters have lost their lives.

In the larger sense, this deal brings the two Irelands closer than ever, since this island, for centuries under rule from London, was divided and the Irish Free State founded in the 26 predominantly Catholic counties of the island's south in December 1921.

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"Something amazing has happened -- it's truly a new and golden opportunity," David Ervine, whose Progressive Unionist Party is linked to Protestant paramilitaries, mused as it became clear agreement was near. He compared today's events to the razing of the Berlin Wall.

The breakthrough was the greatest political and diplomatic success yet for Mr. Blair, elected last May in a Labor landslide. On Dec. 11, in a gamble that paid off this week, Blair became the first British prime minister since 1922 to receive Irish nationalists at his official Downing Street residence.

On Tuesday, the 44-year-old British leader flew here from London and toiled in his shirt sleeves with other participants in the talks, including the "Taoiseach" or Irish prime minister, Bertie Ahern, 45, who temporarily returned to Dublin to bury his mother Wednesday.

Mr. Blair made it clear the task of bringing peace to Northern Ireland and its 1.6 million people wasn't over. "Today, we have just a sense of the prize that is before us," he said. "The work to win that prize goes on. We cannot, we must not, let it slip from our grasp."

Prudent after a quarter-century of abortive efforts to curb communal violence and polarization in this land about the size of Connecticut, many participants in the Northern Ireland talks stressed that putting together the peace deal, and implementing it, will be very different things.

A copy of the agreement is to be sent to every home in the British-ruled province over the next two weeks. On May 22, voters on both sides of the Irish border will be asked to approve it in a referendum.

But given the long, conflict-ridden history of Irish-British relations, just getting the politicians to agree seemed a colossal achievement in itself. "It's almost impossible to overstate what's been achieved here -- it supersedes everything, maybe going back 400 years," a stunned Dennis Murray, BBC's Belfast correspondent, told his viewers from the talks site at Stormont government buildings outside Belfast.

The text of the deal was not immediately released. But British government and other sources said it included:

--A new provincial assembly, with 108 legislators and a 12-member government, to be elected in June. It will serve as a vehicle for power-sharing for the first time between Northern Ireland's 54 percent Protestant majority and its 43 percent Catholic minority. For the past 26 years, the province has been under direct rule from London.

--The new assembly, in concert with the Dail, the Dublin-based parliament of the Republic of Ireland, will form a cross-border or "north-south" council, in a year to coordinate policies across Ireland. If the assembly and Dail concur, the council could take actions for all of Ireland, marking the first time since the end of British rule in the south that there would be some form of island-wide executive.

--The Irish government will seek support among its citizens for a revision of Articles 2 and 3 of their 1937 Constitution. As it now stands, it defines Ireland as the entire island and calls for "reintegration" of the six counties of Ulster. The constitution would be amended to specify that Irish reunification will only come about if a clear majority in Northern Ireland desires it.

--A "Council of the Isles" will link governments in Belfast and Dublin and the new legislative assemblies being set up in Scotland and Wales as part of a devolution of power from Parliament in London.

Some of those who negotiated Friday's accord were sworn enemies, adding to the euphoria and incredulity felt by the 400 journalists who milled around the talks site waiting for the end.

David Trimble and the rest of the pro-British Ulster Unionist Party wouldn't even talk to Gerry Adams and other delegates from Sinn Fein, the political wing of the **Irish Republican Army** that began fighting in 1970 to overthrow British rule in Ulster.

"We are here reaching out the hand of friendship," the bearded, 49-year-old Adams said Friday, adding that Sinn Fein's goal remains a united Ireland.

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Since "The Troubles" began after a mass civil rights campaign by the Catholic minority in 1968-69, Northern Ireland has been rocked by more than 10,000 explosions, 2,600 attacks on police stations and 2,000 "punishment" shootings -- most often a bullet intended to cripple fired into the victim's kneecap.

More than 30,000 people have been injured and 250 outside the province -- in Britain, the Irish republic and continental Europe -- have been killed.

The IRA is blamed, and was responsible, for most of the deaths. But Loyalists -- fighters "loyal" to the preservation of Northern Ireland as an integral part of the United Kingdom -- were behind the worst single day of killing. That was May 17, 1974, when three car bombs in Dublin and another in Monaghan claimed the lives of 33 people, including two babies.

Graphic

Color Photo: The Associated Press / For Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, left, and British Prime Minister Tony Blair, the historic peace and power-sharing agreement for Northern Ireland is a political and diplomatic success.

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US-RUSSIA. President Clinton monitoring Russian Cabinet shakeup.

CAMBODIA-RANARIDDH RETURN-KHMER ROUGE. Khmer Rouge say it will boycott elections.

SOUTH AFRICA-CLINTON AWARD. Clinton may get same South African medal as Gadhafi.

NORTHERN IRELAND Sinn Fein returns to table as negotiations on Northern Ireland resume.

LEBANON-ISRAEL. Israeli warplanes attack guerrilla base in south Lebanon.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

MOSCOW Russian President Boris Yeltsin fires his entire government Monday, declaring a new team is vital to ensure that economic reform works in Russia and democrats win the next presidential election. RUSSIA-POLITICS. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Maura Reynolds. AP Photos MOSB104-108, LON102-105, NY116-122.

ALSO MOVED:

US-RUSSIA. President Clinton monitoring Russian Cabinet shakeup.

RUSSIA-TEXT. Yeltsin's decree firing government.

ABUJA, Nigeria Pope John Paul II on Monday caps his trip to troubled Nigeria with words of hope, telling the country's people they can build a "a new reality" by respecting the human rights of all. POPE-NIGERIA. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Susan Linnee AP Photo ABU103.

ACCRA, Ghana Opening a six-nation tour of Africa, President Bill Clinton is greeted Monday by throngs of Ghanaians, whose president says the American visit would help "lay the foundation for development and peace" in the struggling continent. AFRICA-CLINTON. Has moved; developments will be expedited. Clinton due to depart for Uganda at 1700 GMT. By Sonya Ross. AP Photos staffing.

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US-CLINTON-MANDELA. President Bill Clinton's meeting with South African leader Nelson Mandela offers both leaders their first real chance to develop the relationship on which they hope to build the future of the African continent.

AFRICA-CLINTON-GLANCE. Stops on President Clinton's African tour.

SOUTH AFRICA-CLINTON AWARD. Clinton may get same South African medal as Gadhafi.

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates Kuwait, Iran and the United Arab Emirates announce Monday that they would follow the lead of three major oil producers and cut output to shore up world prices. GULF-OIL CUTS. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Faiza Saleh Ambah.

BACOLOD, Philippines A Philippine Airlines jet that plowed into houses and a disco pub killing three people on the ground had landed beyond the first half of the runway, causing the pilot to lose control, the air transport chief says Monday. PHILIPPINES-PLANE ACCIDENT. Has moved; developments will be expedited.

NEW DELHI, India India's new prime minister takes another oath of office Monday, a procedural step before he gets down to the business of governing a nation mired in political and economic uncertainty. INDIA-POLITICS. Has moved; developments will be expedited. Stands for item on earlier digest slugged INDIA-PARLIAMENT.

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia As Kosovo's Albanians push defiantly on with their bid for independence, the troubled province's minority Serbs are growing increasingly angry. Serbian students vow to protest a Serb-Albanian education agreement. YUGOSLAVIA-KOSOVO. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Katarina Kratovac.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland Negotiations resume on a new way of governing this divided British province, with the Irish Republican Army's political ally, Sinn Fein, back at the table after a four-week suspension because of two killings. NORTHERN IRELAND. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Shawn Pogatchnik.

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip Palestinian women and children demonstrate Monday for the release of prisoners in Israeli jails as U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan arrives in the Gaza Strip for talks with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. MIDEAST-UN. Lead has moved. By Ibrahim Barzak.

ALSO MOVED:

ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS. Palestinian officials express serious misgivings about new U.S. peace initiative, but unlike Israeli leaders do not reject it outright.

LEBANON-ISRAEL. Israeli warplanes attack guerrilla base in south Lebanon.

BAGHDAD, Iraq U.N. officials hold talks with Iraq's deputy prime minister Monday about searching President Saddam Hussein's presidential compounds for weapons of mass destruction. IRAQ. Has moved. By Waiel Faleh. AP Photo BAG101.

BANGKOK, Thailand Prince Norodom Ranariddh's advisers say Monday he will end nine months of exile and return to Cambodia on March 30, but raise concerns over his safety and suggest he be accompanied by U.S. congressmen. CAMBODIA-RANARIDDH RETURN. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Robert Horn. AP Photos BK102.

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CAMBODIA-RANARIDDH RETURN-KHMER ROUGE. Khmer Rouge say it will boycott elections.

LOS ANGELES It's comeback time at the Academy Awards. Organizers of Monday night's Oscars invited every living acting winner for an encore appearance in the international broadcast. Not to be outdone, Academy Award

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voters nominated several performers who haven't been heard from or seen in years. US-OSCARS. Has moved. Oscars ceremony begins at 0200 GMT. By John Horn. AP Photos.

ALSO MOVED:

US-OSCARS-SECURITY. Opening limo doors, standing in the wings, security is everywhere at the Academy Awards ceremony. AP Photos XLA101,105.

OSCARS-TWO WINNERS. Two Oscar winners, Louise Fletcher and Cliff Robertson, write about what it's like to win the planet's most celebrated acting prize. AP Photos NY107, NY8.

PARIS The extreme right holds the key in elections Monday for the presidencies of several key French regions. FRANCE-ELECTIONS. Lead expected by 1300 GMT. By Deborah Seward. AP Photos staffing.

KISHINEV, Moldova The Communists' party, the successor of the old guard Soviet communists, receives the most votes in Moldova's parliamentary elections but falls far short of a majority, election results show Monday. MOLDOVA-ELECTIONS. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Anatol Golea.

VICTORIA, Seychelles Seychelles' voters on Monday re-elect President France Albert Rene to another five-year term in the Indian Ocean archipelago's second multiparty vote. SEYCHELLES-ELECTIONS. Has moved.

LOOKING AHEAD: U.S. President Bill Clinton meets with Ugandan President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni on Tuesday. French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Helmut Kohl arrive in Moscow on Wednesday for meeting with Russian leader Boris Yeltsin.

FEATURES:

LEWA DOWNS, Kenya The carcasses of six elephants lay like discarded leather bags in scrub brush where poachers shot them down and hacked away their tusks. Conservationists fear that a loosening of an international ban on ivory sales last year is likely to lead to more poaching throughout Africa. FEA-KENYA-PREVENTING POACHING. Expected by 1200 GMT. By Jean-Marc Bouju. AP Photos NY111-113, 115.

OTHER FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-BOSNIA-THE TRUTH. As myths of Bosnian war break down, glimmer of truth emerges. AP Photo NY313.

FEA-HUNGARY-GYPSY SCHOOL. Hungary's all-gypsy high school tries to make a difference. AP Photo NY305.

FEA-MEXICO-HUNGRY FOR LAND. Hunger for land remains as stalemate with Mexican rebels drags on. AP Photos NY306-312; AP Graphic CHIAPAS MEXICO.

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New Political Structure for Northern Ireland Emerging at Talks

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For the first time since the current peace effort began five years ago, the shape of a new political structure for Northern Ireland has begun to emerge clearly in formal talks between political leaders of the Protestant majority and the Roman Catholic minority.

The structure under discussion would give the overwhelmingly Catholic Irish Republic increased influence in the affairs of the British province. But it would also guarantee that no changes would be made without the approval of the province's Protestant majority, most of whom want to remain British.

The formal peace talks began 20 months ago in an effort to end sectarian violence that has killed more than 3,200 people since 1969. Until recent weeks they had foundered in political arguing and posturing. Then, to the relief of the British and Irish Governments, which are sponsoring the talks, the leaders of the Protestant and Catholic communities began serious discussion of new political structures, participants said.

While the leaders continued to joust with one another in public, inside the negotiating room they began for the first time to explore particulars of three new political institutions:

* A regional legislature, probably with 90 members. Britain has governed the province directly since 1972, when sectarian violence made it impossible for the Protestant-controlled regional Assembly to govern.

* A ministerial council with members from Northern Ireland, Britain and the Irish Republic to deal with trans-border issues like tourism and agriculture.

* An intergovernmental body of Irish Republic and British officials to replace the Anglo-Irish treaty of 1985, which gave Dublin a consulting role in northern affairs for the first time.

The politicians have begun working on an agreement on the new structure, which would be put to a referendum in the North and the Irish Republic.

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"We are discussing substantive issues," said Bronagh Hinds, who is taking part in the talks as a member of the Women's Coalition, a mix of Protestants and Catholics. "People are trying to find a comfortable way into those issues. People are beginning to accommodate others' agendas."

George J. Mitchell, the American former Senator who has been chairman of the talks since they began in June 1996, said in an interview, "The real story is that slowly but steadily we've been inching forward toward what I believe will be an historic resolution of the conflict in Northern Ireland."

The Irish Prime Minister, Bertie Ahern, said this week that cooperation between his Government and the British was now "excellent," a sign that the peace issues that have often divided London and Dublin had been resolved in discussions with Mo Mowlam, the British Northern Ireland Secretary. She stood by his side in Dublin, smiling in approval.

On Saturday, Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain said after a three-day visit to the United States that President Clinton said he would visit Belfast in May "if the peace process goes according to plan." Experts took this as another sign of official optimism that a pact would be reached by May, the target set by Britain and the Irish Republic.

Mr. Mitchell and British and Irish officials say the peace effort could still be brought down by renewed sectarian terrorism. But that now seems less likely than it did even during the most recent outburst of attacks, which killed eight Catholics and two Protestants during the last two months.

"There is still a very long way to go," Mr. Mitchell said. "There are tragically some people in Northern Ireland who will do all they can to prevent an agreement from being reached." He said he was confident, though, that the May deadline would be met.

He said he would be giving White House officials his assessment in the coming week. Now, many officials, including Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Blair, say sporadic violence by Catholic and Protestant paramilitary splinter groups is to be expected as negotiators move closer to agreement.

Other officials and experts say this is whistling in the dark, a tactic to brace the public for more violence. Others say that only the assassination of a prominent political figure could halt the momentum that the talks have gained in the last three weeks. They agree that prospects are now better than at any time since Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army, and John Hume, the most prominent mainstream Catholic leader, started secret meetings in the spring of 1993. The two men have muted their rivalry to advance the peace effort.

The delegates to the peace talks say it is unlikely that Mr. Adams will achieve the traditional Republican goal of a united Ireland, or that the Protestant leader David Trimble, head of the Ulster Unionist Party, the largest in the province, will be able to guarantee Protestants that they will never live in the Ireland sought by the I.R.A.: free of British control, ruled from Dublin.

But the outlook is probably better than ever for an agreement on the new political structure of the province. Success would require an agreement worded so that both sides can promote it as a victory, gaining public approval in referendums in the North and the Irish Republic.

At the heart of the current negotiations is what kind of power the cross-border ministerial council will have. Mr. Adams says he cannot approve a council under tight control of the Protestant majority. Still, he seems to acknowledge clearly that he will not get a united Ireland.

"We're prepared to look at transitional structures and arrangements and all that," he said on Wednesday.

Dissidents in the Republican movement were certain to interpret his words as a sellout of Republican goals. The ultimate question is whether a transitional arrangement would be acceptable to the I.R.A., which has observed a cease-fire since July.

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In recent days, Mr. Adams has squabbled publicly with Mr. Hume on the creation of a new regional legislature. This signals that as an agreement seems more likely, the two will return to normal politics, with Sinn Fein and Mr. Hume's organization, the Social Democratic Labor Party, contending for seats in the new legislature.

Mr. Adams, who has spent most of his political life attacking Protestant unionist leaders, surprised many people here when he began a recent letter to Mr. Trimble with the Gaelic "A Chara," which means Dear Friend. Despite this Mr. Trimble rejected Mr. Adams's proposal for a direct meeting. At present the two men sit in the same negotiation room but do not address each other.

Mr. Trimble is under pressure from hard-line Protestant groups -- like the Democratic Unionist Party of the Rev. Ian Paisley, which is boycotting the talks -- to shun Mr. Adams and Sinn Fein. The Trimble and Paisley parties would compete for seats in a new legislature.

Ms. Mowlam, the British Northern Ireland Secretary, said after the two sides discussed hard issues in London last week: "We have to bear in mind there are people around that table who have families or friends or relatives that have been killed. We can't force people to negotiate."

But on the peace agreement, she said this week, "I believe it will in the end come through."

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Report: police suspect bomb in trolley bus explosion

CHINA-SUNKEN SHIP. Chinese freighter sinks, 30 crew members missing.

JAPAN-SCANDAL. Japan's top banks implicated in bribery scandal.

BOSNIA-GERMANY. German foreign minister shows support for Serb moderates.

CHINA-IRAQ. Chinese president worried about escalating Gulf crisis.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

BAGHDAD, Iraq While welcoming a U.N. team mapping presidential compounds in an attempt to resolve the crisis over weapons inspections, Iraq warns Monday that Iraqis would defend with their lives the symbols of its sovereignty. IRAQ. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Leon Barkho. AP Photo BAG103.

WASHINGTON Top Clinton administration officials say they see no answer to the diplomatic impasse with Iraq and are prepared to go to the nation to explain why a military strike may be necessary and unavoidable. US-IRAQ. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Jim Abrams. AP Photos WX102-103.

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ANALYSIS-UN-IRAQ DIPLOMACY. Integrity of U.N. inspections may be the price for peaceful solution to Iraq standoff. Has moved.

IRAQ-DAY'S DEVELOPMENTS. A brief look at events.

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BRITAIN-IRAQ. British secret agencies, police drawing up contingency plans for Iraqi terrorist attacks.

NEW ZEALAND-US-IRAQ. New Zealand offers commandos and planes for Iraq strike.

AUSTRALIA-US-IRAQ. Australian forces to leave for Gulf.

JAPAN-IRAQ. Japanese foreign minister demands Iraq open up to U.N. weapons inspections.

FRANCE-IRAQ. Iraqi foreign minister to meet with Chirac in Paris.

CHINA-IRAQ. Chinese president worries about escalating Gulf crisis.

JAKARTA, Indonesia President Suharto installs a trusted former aide as Indonesia's new armed forces commander Monday as ethnically-charged unrest flares for a fourth day in protest against soaring food prices. INDONESIA-UNREST. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Geoff Spencer. AP Photo JAK102.

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INDONESIA-VICE PRESIDENT. Controversial minister becomes front runner for vice president's post. AP Photo JAK105.

INDONESIA-TOURIST COCOON. As poor Indonesians riot, foreign tourists enjoy a tropical paradise.

NEW DELHI, India Despite heavy security, the first day of voting Monday for India's federal parliament is marred by bombings, raids on polling stations and gunfights between political rivals. INDIA-ELECTIONS. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Donna Bryson. AP Photos DEL102, 106.

WITH:

INDIA-ELECTIONS-VIOLENCE. Five killed in election violence in eastern India.

INDIA-PRESIDENT VOTES. President and first lady vote for the first time.

SEOUL, South Korea North Korean leader Kim Jong Il turns 56 on Monday amid signs that his reclusive communist country may try to defrost its icy relations with arch-rival South Korea. NKOREA-KIM'S BIRTHDAY. Has moved. By Paul Shin.

BRUSSELS, Belgium The head of the International Monetary Fund joins European Union finance ministers to discuss the fallout from the Asian currency crash and consider ways to prevent such crises from recurring. EU-IMF-ASIA. Expected by 1400 GMT. By Paul Ames.

BEIJING Police suspect a bomb ripped apart a trolley bus in an explosion that killed 16 people on a strategic bridge over the Yangtze River, according to China's state-run media. CHINA-BUS EXPLOSION. Has moved; developments will be expedited.

ALSO MOVED:

CHINA-SUNKEN SHIP. Chinese freighter sinks, 30 crew members missing.

THE HAGUE, Netherlands Chinese premier urges "constructive dialogue" on human rights issues. NETHERLANDS-LI PENG. Expected by 1300 GMT. By Jenifer Chao.

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel visits this northern town in a sign of western support for the new moderate Bosnian Serb leadership in its struggle to sideline supporters of war crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic. BOSNIA-GERMANY. Expected by 1500 GMT. By Irena Gajic.

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TOKYO Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto on Monday promises bold action to shore up Japan's ailing economy and says that 1998 was "the last hurdle" before economic good times return. JAPAN-POLITICS. Has moved; developments will be expedited. By Joji Sakurai. AP Photos TOK102-104.

ALSO MOVED:

JAPAN-SCANDAL. Two of Japan's top commercial banks, Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd. and Sumitomo Bank Ltd., are implicated Monday in a widening bribery scandal that has shamed the powerful Finance Ministry.

NAGANO, Japan Favorites Hermann Maier and Katja Seizinger finally came through with Olympic gold Monday. The Austrian daredevil put a horrifying crash behind him to win the Super-G, and the German star put a bout of self doubt behind her to take the women's downhill. SPORTS-OLYMPICS-ROUNDUP. Has moved; developments will be expedited. Moving with 's' category code. By Raf Casert. AP Photos.

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone Relief workers warn of a humanitarian crisis in Sierra Leone, saying captured military junta rebels face punitive retaliation while much of the population must cope with food shortages and the outbreak of disease. SIERRA LEONE. Expected by 1400 GMT. By Clarence Roy-Macaulay.

DUBLIN, Ireland The IRA-allied Sinn Fein party says Britain has decided to eject it from Northern Ireland peace talks in reprisal for two killings blamed by police on the Irish Republican Army. NORTHERN IRELAND. Talks resume at 1100 GMT. Lead expected by 1300 GMT. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photos XDUB101-102.

OTTAWA In what the chief justice calls Canada's most important legal case ever, the Supreme Court must decide whether Quebec has the right to secede unilaterally and declare independence. CANADA-QUEBEC SECESSION. Has moved; will be led by 1530 GMT after hearing opens. By David Crary.

HAVANA Cuba's pardon of 300 inmates does not give the green light for unrestricted dissent, a top official warns, even as activists express cautious hopes for greater political openness. CUBA-PRISONERS FREED. Has moved. By John Rice. AP Photo NY108.

ALSO MOVED:

CUBA-MAINE HOMAGE. Cuba pays homage to sailors of U.S. battleship Maine.

LOOKING AHEAD: Japan and Germany hold consultations in Tokyo on Tuesday. Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov arrives on Budapest, Hungary, on Wednesday for a two-day visit.

FEATURES:

NEW:

ON THE ATRATO RIVER, Colombia The voyage upriver takes 11 hours, but that doesn't seem to bother the passengers on the old wooden boat. They have more serious worries. For three decades, violence has forced Colombian peasants to flee their homes. Since December, the government has been working with the Roman Catholic Church to organize the return of some of the refugees. FEA-COLOMBIA-REFUGEES RETURN. Expected by 1200 GMT. By Vivian Sequera. AP Photos NY110, 111.

OTHER FEATURES MOVED:

FEA-BHUTAN-DRAGON KINGDOM. Bhutan drives toward modernism with its foot on the brake. AP Graphic BHUTAN, AP Photos NY313-318.

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FEA-EASTERN EUROPE-BAD HEALTH. Health system ailing across former communist bloc. AP Photo NY342.

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The death of Michael Kennedy in a New Year's Eve skiing accident is but the latest blow for the third generation of America's most prominent political family, which has been scarred by drugs and death, alcoholism and sexual improprieties, marriage travails and even criminal charges.

But the scandals and headlines have focused on the stumblings of relatively few of the younger Kennedys, and they have tended to mask the accomplishments and quietly productive lives of others in a clan that grew up with wealth and privilege as well as the burdens of public scrutiny and the legacy of tragedy.

That legacy is familiar to most Americans: of the second generation begun by Joseph P. Kennedy Sr., a Boston millionaire who was Ambassador to Britain, and his wife, Rose, President John F. Kennedy and Senator Robert F. Kennedy were felled by assassins, Joseph Jr. was killed in World War II, and Kathleen died in a plane crash.

While Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, has continued to carry the second generation political torch, his Presidential hopes were dashed in July 1969 when his car missed a bridge on Chappaquiddick Island on Martha's Vineyard and a young woman with him, Mary Jo Kopechne, drowned.

As with the Senator, the lives of the family's third generation have been complex: a group often dedicated to public service, sometimes to achieving high office, but frequently subject to aberrations and damaged repeatedly by self-inflicted problems and the public disclosure of deeply troubled personal lives.

Michael Kennedy, 39, who bore a remarkable resemblance to his father, Robert, seemed to personify that family pattern of triumph and tragedy. From outward appearances, he was a good family man who worked conscientiously in nonprofit groups for poor people, a politically savvy Kennedy who, suddenly, fell from grace over a sexual escapade.

Michael was head of the Citizens Energy Corporation, which subsidized energy costs for the poor, and was involved in other activities to aid disadvantaged people. He also had managed his Uncle Edward's 1994 Senate campaign and was regarded as a pillar of Kennedy political strength until last April, when it was revealed that he had had a long affair with his children's baby sitter.

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A charge that the baby sitter was 14 when the affair began was investigated, but the woman, now 19, and her family declined to press statutory rape charges. Michael later acknowledged that he been undergoing treatment for alcohol and sexual addictions and that he and Victoria Gifford Kennedy, his wife of 16 years, had separated. Recent reports had said the couple had reconciled.

Because Michael was his campaign manager, Representative Joseph P. Kennedy 2d, who was running strongly for governor of Massachusetts, was also hurt by the accusation. At the same time, Joseph's former wife, Sheila Rauch Kennedy, said in a new book that her husband had bullied her into an annulment of their 12-year marriage. The furor prompted Joseph to drop out of the race for governor.

The troubles go back many years. Another of Robert's sons, David, was found beaten and robbed while trying to buy heroin in Harlem in 1982; two years later he died of a drug overdose in Palm Beach, Fla., at 28.

In 1983, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. was arrested in Rapid City, S.D., and charged with possession of heroin. He was sentenced to 800 hours of community service. After completing five-months of drug treatment, Robert moved to the Hudson Valley to do his community service at an environmental law center and began a new life as an advocate for environmental and antipollution causes.

Two of his cousins, Representative Patrick J. Kennedy, a Rhode Island Democrat and the son of Senator Kennedy, and Christopher Lawford, the son of Patrica Kennedy Lawford and the late actor Peter Lawford, also have admitted drug problems, beginning when they were students at Harvard. Mr. Kennedy, who was elected to Congress in 1994, said he was treated in 1986 for a cocaine habit. Mr. Lawford, an actor and playwright, has said he has been drug-free for more than a decade.

In April 1991, Senator Kennedy and his son Patrick and his nephew, William Kennedy Smith, the son of the United States Ambassador to Ireland, Jean Kennedy Smith, and the late Stephen Smith, went to a Palm Beach nightclub. William Smith was later accused of raping a woman he met at the bar and took to the Senator's home. He was subsequently acquitted at a trial.

But the scandals and problems of some Kennedys are hardly the whole story of the third generation, whose members by and large are hard-working, civic-minded and upstanding. Even some who have been stained by drug and other problems have emerged as productive citizens and effective leaders, in and out of politics.

Besides Representatives Patrick and Joseph Kennedy, the generation includes Robert Kennedy's oldest child, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, who is the Lieutenant Governor of Maryland and the mother of four. Her brother, Matthew Maxwell Taylor Kennedy, known as Max, is a former Philadelphia prosecutor who recently left the law and moved to Los Angeles, where he is writing a book about his father.

Robert's other children include Christopher George Kennedy, an executive with the Merchandise Mart in Chicago; Courtney Kennedy Hill, a human rights advocate whose husband, Paul Hill, was one of the Guildford Four who were wrongfully convicted in Britain and imprisoned for ***Irish Republican Army*** terrorism acts, and Kerry Kennedy Cuomo, a lawyer who ran the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Center in Washington until she quit to take care of her twins.

Rory Elizabeth Kennedy, the youngest of Robert and Ethel Kennedy's 11 children, is a graduate of Brown University who majored in ***women's*** studies and is a maker of documentary films illuminating the plight of ***female*** addicts, the urgent need for needle-exchange programs and other social issues.

Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg, the daughter of President Kennedy, is active in family interests, including the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston, and is prominent in New York's art, dance, opera and philanthropic circles.

Her brother, John F. Kennedy Jr., is the editor and co-founder of *George*, a magazine of political commentary. Last September, in an unusually candid criticism within the family, Mr. Kennedy chastised his cousins Michael and Joseph as "poster boys for bad behavior," apparent references to Michael's affair with the baby sitter and Joseph's marital problems.

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"Two members of my family chased an idealized alternative to their life," he wrote in an editor's letter. "One left behind an embittered wife, and the other, in what looked to be a hedge against mortality, fell in love with youth and surrendered his judgment in the process."

Graphic

Photo: Robert F. Kennedy and his wife, Ethel, with 8 of their 11 children on the lawn of their home in McLean, Va., in this photograph, taken on Oct. 15, 1966. From left they are Christopher, then 3 years old; Kerry, 7; Michael, 8; Mary Courtney, 10; David, 11; Robert Jr., 13; Joseph, 14, and Kathleen, 15. Not shown is Matthew, then 21 months old. Two other children, Douglas and Rory, were born after this photograph was taken. (Associated Press)

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(Shannon, Ireland) -- Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is embarking on her most difficult challenge since taking the job eight months ago.

Albright is en route to the Mideast to try to reverse a setback in the Arab-Israeli peace process.

Talking with reporters who are traveling with her, Albright says she'd "like very much to make some difference."

Her first stop will be Israel. There, Albright says, she will insist that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu implement a commitment to withdraw from the West Bank.

She meets with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on Thursday.

(Washington) -- The Clinton administration has stopped deportation proceedings against six Irish nationals. The six have served time in Britain for committing terrorist acts for the **Irish Republican Army**.

Attorney General Janet Reno acted at the request of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. In a letter to Reno, Albright said suspension of the proceedings could advance the peace process in Northern Ireland. At the same time, Albright says the U-S does not approve or condone "any past acts of terrorism in which they may have been involved."

The six who had been in danger of expulsion from the United States were Robert McErlean, Matthew Morrison, Gabriel Megahey, Brian Pearson, Noel Gaynor and Gerald McDade.

(London) -- In Britain, the outpouring of grief over the death of Princess Diana has barely let up. Thousands continue to sign condolence books -- though the wait is down to two hours. Thousands of bouquets continue to pile up both at her former London home and her ancestral estate.

The government says volunteers will sort the flowers. Those in good shape will go to nursing homes and hospitals; others will be composted to help grow new flowers.

Many people are talking about a permanent memorial to Diana, such as an eternal flame.

Today's British newspapers prominently displayed photographs of the tiny lake island where the princess is buried. Diana's brother, the Ninth Earl Spencer, had invited a photographer from Britain's Press Association to take pictures.

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(Paris) -- The driver in the car crash that killed Princess Diana reportedly had more than alcohol in his blood at the time of the crash.

Europe-One radio says investigators found traces of anti-depressants in Henri Paul's blood. But the report could not be immediately confirmed.

Three blood tests show that Paul was legally drunk when the car crashed in a Paris tunnel. Diana, her boyfriend, Dodi Fayed (DOH'-dee FY'-ehd), and the driver were killed in the accident.

A French newspaper today quoted investigators as saying the crash was probably caused by "alcohol and excessive speed." But an attorney who represents Fayed's family disputes that.

(West Palm Beach, Florida) -- America's two largest tabloids -- the "National Enquirer" and the "Globe" -- say they will go along with British media in respecting the privacy of Princess Diana's two sons.

The National Enquirer says it has never chased the two boys anyway -- it uses pictures from the British press. The paper's photo editor says if the British aren't going to run pictures of the boys, neither will the Enquirer.

The Globe says it won't publish pictures of 15-year-old Prince William or his 12-year-old brother, Prince Harry, that are unsanctioned or intrusive.

Diana's former husband, Prince Charles, her brother and the British government have all urged the media to lay off.

(Los Angeles) -- Now is not the best time to be a news photographer.

From a Hollywood movie premiere to a New Zealand construction site, news photographers are being heckled, harassed and even attacked in the aftermath of Princess Diana's death.

Photographers at the movie premiere wore small pictures of Diana, and hung a sign saying they were not paparazzi.

Security guards tore down the sign. Words were exchanged, but by the time the stars showed up, the trouble was over.

New Zealand construction workers knocked down a female photographer. In Pennsylvania, a newspaper photographer was shoved by supporters of a doctor accused of molesting female patients. In both cases, people made references to photographers killing Diana.

Papers in California, New Jersey, Tennessee and elsewhere report similar, though nonviolent, incidents.

(Chicago) -- Good news for parents of teen-agers -- your kids do hear you.

Parents of teens are tempted to think their children are ignoring them. But a federally funded study -- the most comprehensive survey ever of American adolescents -- shows just the opposite.

The 1995 study of more than 12-thousand seventh- through 12th-graders indicates the more teen-agers feel loved by their parents and comfortable in their schools, the less likely they are to have early sex, smoke, abuse alcohol or drugs, be violent or commit suicide.

And it's apparently true regardless of family income, race or whether theirs is a one- or two-parent home.

As for schools, the key seems to be whether it is a place where kids want to be -- where they have a sense of belonging, and feel teachers care.

The findings of the federally funded study are published in "The Journal of the American Medical Association."

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Fowler says he doesn't remember asking the C-I-A to vouch for a donor, who also happened to be an international fugitive.

But two C-I-A memos indicate that Fowler contacted the agency on behalf of oil financier Roger Tamraz.

Democrats countered that "buying access" is not restricted to the Democratic Party.

They even produced evidence that Republican fund raisers were interested in Tamraz, promising him meetings with top Republicans in exchange for his money.

(Washington) -- The Justice Department is looking into the America Online-CompuServe deal.

By law, the agency has to review the proposal for antitrust violations. That is, it has to make sure the deal won't stifle competition or make Internet service more expensive for consumers.

The deal eliminates A-O-L's closest competitor.

It consists of a series of swaps. WorldCom, a long-distance phone company, will buy CompuServe for more than one (B) billion dollars. WorldCom will then sell the online business to A-O-L.

WorldCom gets to keep the corporate customers. A-O-L gains more than two and a half (M) million subscribers.

CORRECTION

(Pasadena, California) -- NASA scientists controlling another Mars probe had some nail-biting moments this morning.

They watched as valves in the Mars Global Surveyor opened to allow fuel into the propellant tanks. The fuel will push the craft into orbit around Mars Thursday.

The scientists think the same maneuver may have destroyed a spacecraft on a similar mission four years ago.

The Mars Observer vanished without a trace in 1993.

The Mars Global Surveyor has been en route to the Red Planet since last November. Over the next two years, the satellite will map the surface of Mars. ---

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Iraq carried through on its threat today, preventing an American-led weapons inspection team from doing its work and defying the United Nations. Iraqi authorities said Monday they would bar the team led by Scott Ritter from working, accusing it of having too many Americans and of prolonging the arms inspection program. Three carloads of other inspectors left the headquarters of the U.N. Special Commission to visit sites, but Ritter wasn't among them. The Iraqis did not provide the American and his team with escorts, which are needed for inspectors to get past security guards at suspected weapons sites.

1M Quebeckers Still Without Power

MONTREAL (AP)

More than 1 million Quebeckers began their second week without power today, and authorities urged those still living in frigid homes to evacuate before a wave of bitterly cold temperatures moved in. Relief efforts in the aftermath of last week's paralyzing ice storm focused on an area south and west of Montreal dubbed the "Blackout Triangle." About 400,000 households in the region face another week, perhaps two, without electricity because dozens of metal transmission towers were toppled by heavy ice.

Mexico Police Fire on Protesters

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP)

Tensions spilled over into bloodshed in southern Chiapas state when police opened fire on a crowd marching for peace, killing a woman and wounding her tiny daughter and a 17-year-old boy. The government arrested 27 officers and announced an overhaul of the state police system, but tens of thousands of people demonstrating across Mexico were demanding more: the punishment of federal officials and peace with a 4-year-old rebel movement. The shooting Monday in Ocosingo raised fears the tensions that have engulfed Chiapas state since the Dec. 22 massacre of 45 Indian peasants sympathetic to the rebels could explode into violence.

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NEW YORK (AP)

When the NFL's version of musical chairs ends, either NBC or ABC will be left without a seat in the broadcast booth. CBS made sure it wouldn't be the odd network out again, buying its way back into the NFL on Monday night with a stunning \$4 billion, eight-year deal to televise the AFC package formerly held by NBC, a source told The Associated Press. The CBS deal more than doubles the rate per season that NBC paid in 1997. Earlier Monday, Fox and the NFL settled on a \$4.4 billion, eight-year contract that allows the network to keep the Sunday afternoon

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For the first time since Ireland was divided in 1922 into the independent Irish Free State and the British province of Ulster, Sinn Fein, the political wing of the **Irish Republican Army**, entered formal, broad-based peace negotiations today.

The talks are aimed at ending the sectarian violence that has killed 3,225 in Northern Ireland since 1969.

Parties representing the province's Protestant majority stayed away from the opening session of the talks, which were attended by the British and Irish Governments and five other political groups. But David Trimble, head of the Ulster Unionist Party, the largest party in the province, said he expected to join the talks "as soon as possible."

Other, smaller Protestant parties are expected to follow him into the negotiations, being held on the fifth floor of Castle Buildings, in the Stormont section of Belfast.

"This could be the beginning of the end of conflict on this island," Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Fein, said as he entered the drab office building where the talks convened.

Monica McWilliams, head of the **Women's** Coalition, one of the parties taking part in the negotiations today, said of the conflict between Catholics and Protestants: "We have had this scenario in Northern Ireland for hundreds of years. We have one more year to put this thing right. It's boys playing war and I'm angry about it."

Mr. Adams parried reporters' questions about Sinn Fein's relationship with the I.R.A. and the I.R.A. statement last week that it did not consider itself bound by the principles of nonviolence that Mr. Adams had subscribed to for his party. Sinn Fein was admitted to the talks by the Irish and British Governments after it made the commitment to nonviolence and after a new cease-fire by the I.R.A., now in its ninth week, was judged genuine by Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary, Mo Mowlam.

Sinn Fein's entry into the talks today was not the first time Mr. Adams had met British officials to discuss peace. In 1972 he was released from a British jail, where he was interned as a terrorist leader, and flown to London for secret talks, with no other political parties present. The talks produced a brief cease-fire.

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Since then, the two wings of the overwhelmingly Roman Catholic republican movement, Sinn Fein and the I.R.A., have pursued a two-pronged strategy, with Mr. Adams working politically and the outlawed guerrillas bombing and shooting here and on the British mainland.

Many experts feel the republicans have, in effect, bombed their way to the negotiating table. Others say the violence delayed the acceptance of Sinn Fein as negotiating partners.

At noon, as he entered the steel-wire gates to Castle Buildings, where he had been blocked on previous attempts to join the talks, Mr. Adams was asked about the I.R.A. He said the guerrillas were a separate organization from Sinn Fein, an assertion he makes regularly although most people, including Catholics, do not believe it is true. He said the timing of the I.R.A. statement, two days after he had promised to adhere to the nonviolence principles, was "unfortunate."

The I.R.A. statement said the guerrillas had "problems" with some of the principles, and restated the organization's position that it would not disarm until a final settlement is agreed to at the talks. The statement was clearly meant to emphasize that if the I.R.A. dissented from any agreement reached, it would feel justified in resuming its "armed struggle" of shooting and bombing.

Since 1969, the I.R.A. has been responsible for more than half of the killings, whose victims include about 800 policemen and British Army soldiers.

To indicate that there was no serious policy split between the two organizations, the I.R.A. urged all republicans to support Sinn Fein's efforts at the talks. But the statement drew instant anger from Protestant leaders, including Mr. Trimble, who used it as a reason for delaying his party's entry to the talks.

Mr. Adams said of the Ulster Unionist Party, "If they're not here today, they'll be here tomorrow, or the day after, or the day after that."

Shortly after Mr. Adams entered Castle Buildings, Mr. Trimble said he wanted to enter the talks "as soon as possible," but wanted to study the negotiating agenda. Similar statements were issued by two smaller Protestant parties linked to paramilitary groups.

But the Rev. Ian Paisley, head of the hard-line Democratic Unionist Party, said he was boycotting the talks and asked the chairman, former Senator George J. Mitchell, to disqualify Sinn Fein, on the ground that it was not truly committed to nonviolence.

It was not clear whether Mr. Trimble and his party would face Sinn Fein across the rectangular desk-table of the conference room. He is expected to discuss with Mr. Mitchell whether he would be at the table, or in a separate room, with intermediaries moving between his party and Sinn Fein and the others.

Mr. Mitchell was brought into the peace effort two and half years ago, after Britain changed its policy of refusing outside help to settle what it considered internal problems. Virtually all parties now feel that the peace effort could not now survive if Mr. Mitchell quit. He has promised to stay on until the end of this round of talks, expected to last until spring.

Mr. Trimble said he was encouraged by a statement issued, in an air of urgency, at 7 this morning by Prime Ministers Tony Blair of Britain and Bertie Ahern of Ireland. The statement reassured Protestants that no decisions in the peace talks would be enforced without the consent of the majority in Northern Ireland, which is likely to remain Protestant well into the new century.

While this is a principle already agreed by London and Dublin in three formal documents, Protestant leaders wanted reassurance that it would not change. It means, in effect, that Sinn Fein will not be able to win approval of a united Ireland, free of British control, under Dublin rule.

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The Prime Ministers' statement also said disarmament by the I.R.A. and Protestant paramilitaries is "an indispensable part of the process of negotiation." But they did not say they would insist that disarmament begin during the talks, as Mr. Trimble and other Protestant leaders have insisted.

A separate Verification Commission is being set up parallel to the negotiations, with three officials, an American, a Finn and a Canadian. But with the I.R.A. insisting that it will not surrender a single bullet until a final agreement, and Protestant paramilitaries stating the same policy, it was not sure that the commission will have anything to verify until the end of the negotiations, expected next May.

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Photo: Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Fein, waved yesterday as he led his delegation into the Castle Buildings at Stormont in Belfast, Northern Ireland, for talks on the future of Ulster. Protestant parties did not take part. (Associated Press)

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Body

I received a call last week from a spokeswoman for the producers of Divided Highways: The Interstates and the Transformation of American Life , which airs at 9 p.m. Wednesday on Channels 16 and 48.

She told me a little about the documentary-type special, which features columnists Dave Barry and Molly Ivins and television personality Fred Rogers, and it sounded like something that would interest Miami Valley TV viewers.

My opinion changed, however, after I asked, 'How much of the program is devoted to interstate highways in Ohio?'

She sounded puzzled. "Ohio? Well, um, actually none of it," she replied.

Boo, hiss, TV folks. A special on interstates without a single mention of Ohio? That's like Dharma without Greg, bacon without eggs, Marv Albert without women's undergarments.

I mean, gee whiz, you might have at least mentioned the Dayton area, where a couple of pretty decent interstate highways - Interstate 70 and Interstate 75 - just happen to intersect.

Other highlights:

T O D A Y

* Lost in Space Marathon, 8 p.m., SCIFI: In observance of the launching of the Jupiter II, a marathon of 12 favorite Lost in Space episodes, along with interview segments featuring original cast members such as June Lockhart and Bill Mumy.

* Voices of Hope, 8 p.m., LIFE: The battle women have waged against breast cancer and technological advancements scientists have made toward a cure. Jaclyn Smith and Pierce Brosnan are hosts. Halle Berry, Helen Hunt, Angela Lansbury, Olivia Newton-John and Rosie O'Donnell appear.

* Seinfeld, 9 p.m., Channels 5, 22: Lloyd Bridges returns in the guest role of Izzy Mandelbaum, eccentric neighbor of Jerry's parents. This time, Mom and Dad want Izzy to serve as a personal trainer to help Jerry lose a few pounds.

F R I D A Y

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* Players, 8 p.m., Channels 5, 22: (Premiere) The new drama series stars Ice-T, Costas Mandylor and Frank John Hughes as a team of paroled convicts working for the FBI.

* Joe Torre: Curveballs Along the Way, 9 p.m., SHO: (Premiere) On the eve of the World Series, Paul Sorvino stars as the manager who took the Yankees to last year's championship. The new film traces Torre's life, with a special focus on his brother, Frank (Robert Loggia), who was preparing for a heart transplant as Joe was heading for the World Series.

* Homicide: Life on the Street, 10 p.m., Channels 5, 22: The detectives return to the unit and find that new members Laura Ballard, Stuart Gharty and Paul Falsone have joined their ranks. (Part 1 of 2)

* From Left Field: The World Series Special, 10 p.m., CTV: It may be the Fall Classic, but that doesn't mean the Comedy Central folks have to take it seriously. Hosts: Steve White and Jay Mohr.

S A T U R D A Y

* Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman, 8 p.m., Channels 7, 12: With Sully still in hiding, Dr. Mike worries that she may be pregnant again, a secret that spreads quickly throughout the town.

* Walker, Texas Ranger, 10 p.m., Channels 7, 12: Walker turns to White Eagle for help in telling Lucas that he has AIDS, news that inspires the boy to become a crusader against the disease. (Part 2 of 2)

* Bill Gaither: Special Homecoming Moments, 10 p.m., TNN: Gaither and Ralph Emery co-host an hour of highlights from Gaither's gospel-music specials and his home-video series. Featured artists include Larry Gatlin, Vestal Goodman, Rex Nelon, Jake Hess and Jessy Dixon.

S U N D A Y

* Your Voice, Your Vote, 5 p.m., Channels 7, 16: A live, one-hour Town Hall meeting where Miami Valley citizens may ask city of Dayton mayoral candidates Mike Turner and Tony Capizzi questions. WHIO-TV's Cheryl McHenry moderates.

* World of National Geographic, 7 p.m., Channel 16: James Whitmore narrates this view of the world of trains, past and present.

* Jane Eyre, 8 p.m., A&E: An adaptation of Charlotte Bronte's classic novel about a woman who survives a wretched childhood and falls in love with a mysterious man with a terrible secret.

* Hope, 8 p.m., TNT: Goldie Hawn makes her directorial debut with a coming-of-age story set during the Civil Rights Movement and the Cuban missile crisis in the 1960s. Stars Christine Lahti, Catherine O'Hara, J.T. Walsh and Jena Malone.

* Twin Stories, 9 p.m., TBS: Three sets of identical twins are featured in a documentary about how twins are different from the rest of us.

M O N D A Y

* Where Have You Gone, Joe Dimaggio? 8 p.m., HBO: A new documentary about one of baseball's true legends, including whatever can be learned about "the personal side of the man behind the heroic image."

* Adventurers, 10 p.m., Channels 16, 48: NASA archives, old news footage and the members of Neil Armstrong's family tell the story of his first steps on the moon. (Part 1 of 5)

T U E S D A Y

* Over the Top, 8:30 p.m., Channels 2, 9: (Premiere) An unemployed actor (Tim Curry) decides to take time off to visit his ex-wife (Annie Potts).

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* Frontline, 9 p.m., Channels 16, 48: 'Behind the Mask: The IRA and Sinn Fein.' Reporter Peter Taylor, who has spent 25 years covering the conflict in Northern Ireland, offers the "inside story" of the **Irish Republican Army** and its political arm.

* Love, Lust and Marriage: Why We Stray, Why We Stay, 10 p.m., Channels 2, 9: ABC's John Stossel examines the state of marriage, fidelity and love, and reports on how scientists and social researchers have discovered new clues to the mystery of "the mating game."

W E D N E S D A Y

* GI Bill: The Law That Changed America, 8 p.m., Channels 16, 48: With the end of World War II in sight, Congress passed the GI Bill, beginning a program that has helped veterans from former Sen. Bob Dole to singer Harry Belafonte.

* American Justice: The Texas Cheerleader Murder Plot, 9 p.m., A&E: It was a case that seemed too bizarre to be true - a mother trying to help her daughter's cheerleading career by plotting the death of a rival's mother. Host: Bill Kurtis.

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PHOTOS: 1. Don't look for Interstates 70 and 75 on 'Divided Highways: The Interstates and the Transformation of American Life,' airing at 9 p.m. Wednesday on Channels 16 and 48. CREDIT: FLORENTINE FILMS 2. A Belfast street mural depicts an IRA soldier. 'Frontline' presents 'Behind the Mask: The IRA and Sinn Fein' at 9 p.m. Tuesday on Channels 16 and 48. CREDIT: WILLIAM CRAN 3. Paul Sorvino (left) stars as New York Yankees manager Joe Torre with Isaiah Washington as Dwight Gooden in Showtime's 'Joe Torre: Curveballs Along the Way,' airing at 9 p.m. Friday. 4. 'Where Have You Gone, Joe DiMaggio?' traces the life of the baseball legend with interviews and rare footage at 8 p.m. Monday on HBO. CREDIT: Ben Mark Holzberg/UPI

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U.S. Seeks To Extend Bosnia Mission

WASHINGTON (AP)

Summing up after nearly a year on the job, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is appealing to Congress to approve an indefinite extension of U.S. peacekeeping troops in Bosnia and expansion of the NATO alliance. In a major foreign policy speech, Albright also is acknowledging that the Clinton administration is struggling in its Mideast peacemaking efforts _ she calls it unfinished business and that more work needs to be done along a range of foreign fronts. The speech before the Center for National Policy, a private group, is in part reflective on her first year as the nation's top diplomat.

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Today was the fifth straight day without electricity for thousands of Maine residents. Last week's ice storm caused more damage to Maine's electric delivery system than any previous storm. Hundreds of utility poles snapped and power lines were strewn on frozen snow and roads after limbs and trees caked with ice crashed to the ground. The situation was marginally better in New York, New Hampshire and Vermont hit hard by the ice storm. President Clinton declared 15 Maine counties disaster areas, entitling the areas to federal aid.

Researchers Claim Fountain of Youth

WASHINGTON (AP)

Researchers say they may have found the "cellular fountain of youth," an enzyme that in laboratory experiments causes human cells to avoid the normal process of aging and cell death. The finding by the team from University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center won't make people any younger or allow them to live forever but scientists said it could conceivably keep them healthier longer. By keeping the cells alive and dividing, Dr. Jerry Shay said, it may be possible to control age-related disorders ranging from skin wrinkling to blindness to cardiovascular disease.

Intel's 9 Pct. Drop Beats Forecast

NEW YORK (AP)

Intel Corp. reported that profits fell 9 percent in the fourth quarter, as price competition with rival makers of microprocessors took a toll on earnings. But the results beat expectations amid stronger-than-expected sales of Intel's latest Pentium chips and an unexpectedly lower rate on corporate taxes. The world's largest maker of computer chips said it earned \$1.74 billion in the three months ended Dec. 27.

Stocks End Higher; Dow Up 84.95

NEW YORK (AP)

Stocks rose today after several Asian markets began to rebound from a series of sharp slides over the past week. The Dow industrials rose 84.95 to 7,732.13. Advances led declines on the NYSE 2,134-865. The Nasdaq rose 34.04 to 1,541.62.

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Kaczynski Submits to Gov't Tests

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)

Theodore Kaczynski dropped his safety net of silence and allowed a government psychiatrist to probe his psyche, Submitting to hours of interviews designed to determine if he is mentally ill. Kaczynski's motivation may be closer to that of his prosecutors than the defense lawyers battling to save his life. The Unabomber defendant wants to prove he is not deranged and is competent to act as his own attorney. Justice Department lawyers in Washington, D.C., were considering a possible plea bargain to end the tangled trial and send Kaczynski to prison for life.

Stock Markets Rebound Across Asia

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Buoyed by a recovery on Wall Street, battered stock markets rebounded across Asia today, led by a 7.4 percent rise in Hong Kong. Indonesia, where shares closed 9 percent higher, indicated it is willing to adopt tough reforms needed for its economic recovery. Hong Kong's key stock index closed higher for the first time this year despite the collapse of a major Hong Kong investment house on Monday.

Hostage Released at Tokyo Exchange

TOKYO (AP)

An armed intruder at the Tokyo Stock Exchange released his sole hostage unharmed today after a daylong standoff with police. A spokesman for the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department said the hostage was freed more than six hours after the intruder took him at gunpoint into a conference room in the exchange building. The spokesman, who refused to give his name, said he could not immediately provide other details. News reports said the intruder claimed to be an ultra-rightist.

Iraq Blocks U.S. Weapons Inspectors

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)

Iraq carried through on its threat today, preventing an American-led weapons inspection team from doing its work and defying the United Nations. Iraqi authorities said Monday they would bar the team led by Scott Ritter from working, accusing it of having too many Americans and of prolonging the arms inspection program. Three carloads of other inspectors left the headquarters of the U.N. Special Commission to visit sites, but Ritter wasn't among them. The Iraqis did not provide the American and his team with escorts, which are needed for inspectors to get past security guards at suspected weapons sites.

1M Quebeckers Still Without Power

MONTREAL (AP)

More than 1 million Quebeckers began their second week without power today, and authorities urged those still living in frigid homes to evacuate before a wave of bitterly cold temperatures moved in. Relief efforts in the aftermath of last week's paralyzing ice storm focused on an area south and west of Montreal dubbed the "Blackout Triangle." About 400,000 households in the region face another week, perhaps two, without electricity because dozens of metal transmission towers were toppled by heavy ice.

Mexico Police Fire on Protesters

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP)

Tensions spilled over into bloodshed in southern Chiapas state when police opened fire on a crowd marching for peace, killing a woman and wounding her tiny daughter and a 17-year-old boy. The government arrested 27 officers and announced an overhaul of the state police system, but tens of thousands of people demonstrating across Mexico were demanding more: the punishment of federal officials and peace with a 4-year-old rebel movement. The shooting Monday in Ocosingo raised fears the tensions that have engulfed Chiapas state since the Dec. 22 massacre of 45 Indian peasants sympathetic to the rebels could explode into violence.

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Prosecutor Drops Kevorkian Case

A Michigan prosecutor says he is dropping an assisted suicide case against Dr. Jack Kevorkian rather than put up with the courtroom antics of Kevorkian's attorney.

A mistrial was declared in the case June 12 after defense attorney Geoffrey Fieger gave an inflammatory opening statement that accused Ionia County Prosecutor Ray Voet of harassing the dead woman's family and altering the death certificate.

"What would stop Geoffrey Fieger from again pulling another stunt of some sort to derail a fair trial?" Voet said Friday.

Kevorkian, 69, was charged with helping inject a heart-stopping drug into Loretta Peabody, 54, a multiple sclerosis patient, in the bedroom of her home in Ionia in 1996.

Kevorkian has acknowledged having taken part in at least 45 suicides since 1990.

ST. LOUIS AREA

Gephardt To Be Clinton's Host Here

Despite their differences, President Bill Clinton and Richard A. Gephardt will travel together next month for the sake of the Democratic Party.

Gephardt, D-Mo., the House minority leader who split with Clinton this week to oppose bipartisan budget legislation, will be host for the president when he visits St. Louis on Aug. 12.

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The pair will attend a fund-raising dinner for the Democratic National Committee, as well as a forum meant to prod local business leaders into generating jobs for welfare recipients.

As for Gephardt's opposition to the budget agreement and other Clinton priorities this year, there are no hard feelings, White House press secretary Mike McCurry said. Clinton "respects the minority leader's right to have minority views."

WASHINGTON

Weapons Ban Lifted On Latin America

President Bill Clinton lifted a 20-year-old ban on the sale of high-performance aircraft and other advanced weapons to Latin America.

The move on Friday to approve arms transfers on a case-by-case basis gives a green light to Chile, which is considering buying as many as two dozen American F-16s to replace its own aging squadron.

"In light of the fact that the hemisphere is now almost exclusively democratic, it makes sense not to have what amounts to a unilateral U.S. embargo," said Jim Dobbins, the National Security Council's top Latin American expert. White House press secretary Mike McCurry described the president's action as putting U.S. policy in Latin America on par with that toward other regions.

But Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., who introduced a bill this week to make the ban permanent, accused Clinton of bowing to the financial interests of defense contractors seeking to expand their markets.

LOS ANGELES

3 Get 54 Years In Slaying Of Girl, 3

Three Los Angeles gang members were sentenced to more than 54 1/2 years in prison Friday for fatally shooting a 3-year-old girl whose family took a wrong turn onto their turf.

The three - Anthony Rodriguez, 28, Manuel Rosales, 23, and Hugo Gomez, 17 - could be eligible for parole in 46 1/2 years. They were convicted last month of murder and attempted murder for the attack in 1995 on the car carrying Stephanie Kuhen, her mother, uncle, two young brothers and a family friend.

The family was returning home from a birthday party when the driver turned down a dead-end street while looking for a shortcut. The Avenues gang claimed the street as its territory. Gang members blocked the car's retreat with a trash can and opened fire. Stephanie was shot in the head. Her 2-year-old brother was wounded in the foot, and the driver was shot in the back.

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NORTHERN IRELAND

Bomb Found Near Vacation Hotel

The British army exploded on Friday a 1,000-pound bomb planted near a lakeside vacation hotel in Northern Ireland, the first device found since the **Irish Republican Army** declared a truce 11 days ago.

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The device was in an abandoned car and was believed to have been planted by a breakaway republican group.

Boats and hotels were evacuated around the hotel at Lisbellaw in County Fermanagh, about 100 miles west of Belfast. There were no injuries and no immediate claim of responsibility for the bomb.

The bomb was the first since the IRA's truce was declared July 20.

MONTSERRAT

Island's Volcano Threatens Eruption

Scientists in Montserrat were on high alert Friday after the Caribbean island's volcano spewed clouds of ash, rocks and gas and instruments indicated another eruption might come soon.

"We had an increase in volcanic activity, an increase in ashing, which the scientists thought might have led to another eruption," government information officer Herman Sargeant said, as scientists reported an upsurge in rockfalls and earthquakes within the volcano Thursday and over night into Friday morning.

Residents, already forced out of the southern half of the island by the volcano's threat, were under orders to go outside only while wearing dust masks. A major eruption would be the first since Montserrat's volcano spewed super-heated rocks and gas on June 25, leaving some 20 people dead and several villages burned to the ground.

CHINA

Flooding Kills 140, Hurts 20,000

Flooding in southern China, while not as bad as last year's record deluge, has killed more than 140 people and destroyed tens of thousands of homes, Red Cross officials said Friday.

At least 20,000 people have been injured, according to Red Cross officials who spent a week in two of the five provinces hit by flooding.

Their estimates of the death toll, based on Chinese Red Cross figures, were substantially lower than the 420 fatalities reported by Chinese newspapers and officials, but confirmed the huge impact of the annual disaster.

Last year, flooding was the worst in decades, killing at least 3,000 people, destroying 1.7 million homes and causing damage estimated at \$ 26.5 billion.

TURKEY

Troops Slay 31 Rebels; 2 Guards Die

Turkish troops killed 31 Kurdish rebels Friday, regional authorities said.

Two village guards also died while helping the troops, who were operating in the provinces of Hakkari, Van, Diyarbakir and Siirt, the regional governor's office said. The rebels stepped up their attacks as well, killing a villager in Siirt on Thursday night for refusing them food, the Anatolia news agency said.

The army intensified its operations in the southeast after launching a massive cross-border operation in May to crack down on rebel bases in northern Iraq. The rebels are fighting for increased autonomy for Kurds in eastern Turkey; more than 28,000 people have been killed since their insurgency began in 1984.

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INDIA

Government, Rebels Begin Cease-Fire

Government troops and Christian separatists in India's remote northeast began a cease-fire Friday to allow peace talks sponsored by an American Baptist group.

The government of Nagaland, a largely Christian state whose tribespeople want independence from predominately Hindu India, declared a public holiday to mark the beginning of the three-month truce, Press Trust of India news agency said.

Talks between rebels and government representatives began this week in Atlanta, said Dan Buttry, a spokesman for the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America. The Baptist church has been sending missionaries for 100 years to the Naga tribes in the remote forests of eastern India.

Naga tribespeople have been fighting the government since India gained independence from Britain 50 years ago, saying that Nagaland's incorporation into the new nation meant the end of their sovereignty.

Graphic

PHOTO, Color Photo from AP - Sand In Their Boots

Two women walk around big boots made of sand on the beach in Kamakura, south of Tokyo, on Friday. About 30 sculptures made by local company employees and students are on display as part of a carnival.

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WASHINGTON (AP)

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An armed intruder at the Tokyo Stock Exchange released his sole hostage unharmed today after a daylong standoff with police. A spokesman for the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department said the hostage was freed more than six hours after the intruder took him at gunpoint into a conference room in the exchange building. The spokesman, who refused to give his name, said he could not immediately provide other details. News reports said the intruder claimed to be an ultra-rightist.

Iraq Blocks U.S. Weapons Inspectors

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)

Iraq carried through on its threat today, preventing an American-led weapons inspection team from doing its work and defying the United Nations. Iraqi authorities said Monday they would bar the team led by Scott Ritter from working, accusing it of having too many Americans and of prolonging the arms inspection program. Three carloads of other inspectors left the headquarters of the U.N. Special Commission to visit sites, but Ritter wasn't among them. The Iraqis did not provide the American and his team with escorts, which are needed for inspectors to get past security guards at suspected weapons sites.

1M Quebeckers Still Without Power

MONTREAL (AP)

More than 1 million Quebeckers began their second week without power today, and authorities urged those still living in frigid homes to evacuate before a wave of bitterly cold temperatures moved in. Relief efforts in the aftermath of last week's paralyzing ice storm focused on an area south and west of Montreal dubbed the "Blackout Triangle." About 400,000 households in the region face another week, perhaps two, without electricity because dozens of metal transmission towers were toppled by heavy ice.

Mexico Police Fire on Protesters

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP)

Tensions spilled over into bloodshed in southern Chiapas state when police opened fire on a crowd marching for peace, killing a woman and wounding her tiny daughter and a 17-year-old boy. The government arrested 27 officers and announced an overhaul of the state police system, but tens of thousands of people demonstrating across Mexico were demanding more: the punishment of federal officials and peace with a 4-year-old rebel movement. The shooting Monday in Ocosingo raised fears the tensions that have engulfed Chiapas state since the Dec. 22 massacre of 45 Indian peasants sympathetic to the rebels could explode into violence.

CBS Back in NFL Business

NEW YORK (AP)

When the NFL's version of musical chairs ends, either NBC or ABC will be left without a seat in the broadcast booth. CBS made sure it wouldn't be the odd network out again, buying its way back into the NFL on Monday night with a stunning \$4 billion, eight-year deal to televise the AFC package formerly held by NBC, a source told The Associated Press. The CBS deal more than doubles the rate per season that NBC paid in 1997. Earlier Monday, Fox and the NFL settled on a \$4.4 billion, eight-year contract that allows the network to keep the Sunday afternoon

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NFC deal. TNT and ESPN are expected to retain their Sunday night cable packages. That leaves "Monday Night Football." NBC has made a bid to challenge ABC for the Monday night package, said a source familiar with the negotiations.

Tokyo Stocks Slightly Down

TOKYO (AP)

Tokyo stocks slipped Tuesday morning, giving up early gains, amid persistent concern over the prospects for the economy. The Nikkei closed at 14,755.94 points up 91.50 points. In New York the Dow was up 66.76 to close at 7,647.18.

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OKLAHOMA BOMBING TRIAL

Judge Sets Nichols' Trial For September

Terry Nichols, the co-defendant of convicted murderer Timothy McVeigh in the Oklahoma City bombing case, will go on trial on Sept. 29 in Denver, attorneys said Thursday.

U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch fixed the date for the start of jury selection during a closed meeting with prosecution and defense attorneys Thursday afternoon in Denver. Nichols is accused of helping McVeigh plan his attack by stealing money and materials to build the giant bomb that killed 168 people and blew apart the federal building in Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995.

Under Matsch's order, Nichols will go on trial in the same courtroom where McVeigh was convicted and sentenced to death by a federal jury this month.

RAPE CASE

Convicted Man Can Stay Free On Bond

A judge in Stamford, Conn., ruled Thursday that a convicted rapist, who fled the country for eight years to avoid prosecution, could remain free on bond until his sentencing next month.

Prosecutors asked that the rapist, Alex Kelly, be jailed. They cited his flight from justice that ended in 1995 with his surrender in Switzerland.

In announcing his decision, Superior Court Judge Kevin Tierney said: "There is a constitutional right to bail. There is no right for me to revoke bail."

Prosecutors argued that the \$ 1 million bond - secured by Kelly's parents' house in the New York City suburb of Darien, Conn. - was not enough to ensure that Kelly, 30, will show up on July 24 for sentencing on his rape conviction.

WASHINGTON

BRIEFS

HUD Secretary To Pare Programs, Staff

Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo introduced a management plan on Thursday to meld 300 programs into 71 and reduce the staff by 3,000.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has been plagued over the years by corruption and waste and accusations that it is failing the big cities and poor families it was created to serve. The General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm, targeted HUD as a Cabinet department at "high risk" for waste, fraud and abuse.

Opening a campaign to change that image, Cuomo said the new plan creates a new Enforcement Division to be headed by a senior officer detailed from the FBI. Its mission: fighting waste, fraud and abuse in the agency's housing programs.

Other portions of the plan call for retraining of staff members and periodic reviews of programs.

WASHINGTON General Warns Of Iran's Nuclear Buildup Iran is moving closer to nuclear weapons capability and is likely to have such destructive arms within only a few years, the general in charge of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf said Thursday.

"I would predict to you that would be sometime at the turn of the century, in the near end of the turn of the century," Army Gen. Binford Peay said in Washington. Such capability would be based only on Tehran's ability to obtain fissionable material for nuclear arms, Peay said.

Peay, who heads the U.S. Central Command with responsibility for American forces in the volatile region, declined to say exactly when Iran might get nuclear weapons. But he voiced some concern that Tehran's current conventional arms buildup of submarines and anti-ship missiles could cause an accidental confrontation in the Persian Gulf.

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PENTAGON

Officer's Eye Injury Remains A Mystery

The Pentagon said Thursday that it has failed to prove its suspicion that an eye injury suffered by a U.S. naval officer in April was caused by a laser beam aimed from a Russian cargo ship he was monitoring.

"You have to describe this as a mystery," said Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon.

The Pentagon disclosed last month that it believed the Russian ship, the Kapitan Man, fired a laser beam at a Canadian military helicopter on April 4, causing temporary eye damage to the pilot and an American officer on board.

The incident was in U.S. territorial waters off Washington state. The CH-124 Sea King helicopter had been on routine patrols and had photographed the ship.

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U.S. MILITARY

Consensual Sex Frequent, Lawmakers

BRIEFS

Find Lawmakers who toured U.S. military bases found surprisingly high levels of consensual sex among service members and varying attitudes among commanders about sexual misconduct.

Members of the House National Security Committee reported interim findings Thursday from an inquiry that took them to military installations across the country and around the world.

"The level of consensual sex was surprising to me," said Rep. Stephen Buyer, R-Ind., chairman of the National Security personnel subcommittee. "That's my surprise - how much consensual sex was going on. Then the question is when does consensual sex start to undermine the good order and discipline of the military."

Buyer and two congresswomen, who conducted the inquiry, said they are grappling with how to enforce order and discipline in the ranks without invading private lives of consenting adults.

Elsewhere in the nation:

California state senators passed a bill Thursday to guarantee women the right to breast-feed their babies in public.

Even though current state law does not prohibit a mother from breast-feeding in public, proponents of the measure contend the bill is needed to combat the misperception that it is illegal.

WORLD

CAMBODIA

Guerrillas Stalling With Pol Pot, Prince Says

A Cambodian leader in Phnom Penh accused Khmer Rouge guerrillas Thursday of stalling plans to turn over Pol Pot, their deposed chief, to stand trial for genocide.

Prince Norodom Ranariddh, one of the country's co-premiers, accused the guerrillas' nominal leader, Khieu Samphan, of insincerity - a sign that negotiations have hit a serious snag.

The delays cast doubt on whether Pol Pot, 69 and said to be ailing, will live long enough to be judged in the deaths of up to 2 million Cambodians during his brutal regime between 1975 and 1979. Pol Pot was reportedly captured two weeks ago in Cambodia's northern jungles by his former guerrillas.

IRELAND

Sinn Fein Boosts Ahern For Prime Minister

Fianna Fail leader Bertie Ahern was elected prime minister of a minority Irish government Thursday after winning the backing of independents, including Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army.

Ahern won a parliamentary victory in Dublin against incumbent Prime Minister John Bruton by 85 votes to 78 in the 166-seat legislature, overcoming the first electoral hurdle in what he promises will be a full five-year term.

But Ahern needed the backing of nonaligned legislators, including Caoimhghin O'Caolain, a legislator with Sinn Fein, the political voice of IRA guerrillas fighting British rule of Northern Ireland.

Elsewhere in the world:

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Small eruptions shook the Soufriere Hills volcano Thursday in Old Towne, Montserrat, and rescue workers found four bodies the day after a large eruption spewed tons of hot rock and ash.

The four, all adults, were the first fatalities since the Soufriere Hills volcano began erupting on the Caribbean island in July 1995.

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INTERNATIONAL A3-13

Reformist Hand Is Visible In Russian Budget Plan

Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin urged Parliament to slash spending on the military and state-subsidized industries to make up for a gaping revenue shortfall in this year's budget. His plan explicitly rejected printing more money and reflected the influence of reformers in President Boris Yeltsin's cabinet. A1

Brazil Favors Second Terms

Brazil's Senate voted overwhelmingly in favor of a constitutional amendment that would allow the president, state governors and mayors to run for second terms. The amendment must pass a final Senate vote, set for early June. The amendment was the first bill presented by President Fernando Henrique Cardoso after he was elected to a first term three years ago. A3

Turmoil Across Argentina

Cities and towns across Argentina have been rocked by often violent protests against the market reforms of President Carlos Saul Menem's Government, which have tamed inflation but have led to record levels of unemployment. Riot police officers clashed with tens of thousands of people and arrested hundreds. A3

British Meet With Sinn Fein

British officials met in Belfast with leaders of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the **Irish Republican Army**, and discussed the possibility of a new cease-fire that would allow Sinn Fein to participate in peace talks. Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary, Mo Mowlam, and the head of the Sinn Finn delegation, Martin McGuinness, both doubted a cease-fire could be arranged by June 3, when formal talks resume. A9

New Party in South Africa

Roelf Meyer announced that he was forming a new political movement in South Africa that would focus on matters of concern to both black and white voters: housing, health care, jobs and fighting crime. Mr. Meyer, a chief negotiator during the country's peaceful transition from white supremacist rule, was dismissed two weeks ago from a key post in former President F. W. de Klerk's National Party. A10

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Journalist Held in West Bank

Daoud Kuttab, a leading Palestinian journalist, was held without charges by the Palestinian police in the West Bank city of Ramallah. Mr. Kuttab, an American citizen, had irked the Palestinian leader, Yasir Arafat, with his live television broadcast of the Palestinian Legislation Council's angry questioning of the use of official funds by the Palestinian Authority and Mr. Arafat. A11

Burmese Regime Arrests 50

The military Government of Myanmar arrested about 50 members of the pro-democracy movement led by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, according to reports confirmed by diplomats in Yangon. The wave of arrests coincided with the signing into law of an American ban on new investments in the country, formerly known as Burma. A13

NATIONAL A16-22, B10-13

The Prosecution Rests In Oklahoma Bomb Case

The prosecution rested its case against Timothy J. McVeigh, calling as its last witness Dr. Frederick Jordan, the Oklahoma medical examiner, who gave the Federal jury a final tally of the 168 who died in the blast. The trial will resume today with witnesses and evidence presented by Mr. McVeigh's main lawyer. A1

Lawyers in the Forefront

With talks under way to settle claims against the tobacco industry, private lawyers sit in important positions at the negotiating table where the nation's policy toward cigarette smoking may be decided for decades to come. States have periodically hired private lawyers to pursue claims on the public's behalf, but never have the stakes been so great, as 29 states seek tens of billions of dollars in Medicaid reimbursement. A1

Pilot Taken to Task

The Secretary of the Air Force, Sheila E. Widnall, weighed whether to grant an honorable discharge to the country's first female B-52 pilot, who could face a court-martial on adultery, lying and other charges, though Dr. Widnall did not comment on the issue in testimony before the Senate Appropriations Committee about the Air Force budget. The Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Ronald Fogleman, sharply criticized the pilot, First Lieut. Kelly Flinn. A1

Tobacco Tax Increase Dies

The plan for a 43-cents-a-pack increase in the cigarette tax to pay for children's health care was defeated on a 55-to-45 vote after President Clinton helped kill the proposal. That clears away the major obstacle to Senate adoption of a resolution promising to balance the budget by the year 2002. The President acted after Senator Trent Lott of Mississippi threatened to withdraw the budget resolution from consideration. A1

Atlantis Undocks From Mir

The space shuttle Atlantis undocked from Russia's Mir station after astronauts and cosmonauts had parted ways with handshakes and hugs. The shuttle pulled away as the two spacecraft soared 250 miles above Russia, leaving behind on Mir a new oxygen generator and other crucial repair equipment, as well as a new American astronaut, Michael Foale. A16

Fashion Industry Criticized

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President Clinton accused the fashion industry of making heroin seem "glamorous, sexy and cool" through advertising that enticed young people to try heroin themselves. The President spoke to 35 mayors who gathered in Washington to draft a plan to control the trafficking and use of illegal drugs. A22

Heart Care Is Studied

A comparison of heart attack patients in the United States and Canada shows that Americans get more aggressive care but their survival rate after one year is no better. The study may add fuel to a debate over whether expensive treatments for heart attacks are as necessary as American doctors seem to think. A17

NEW YORK/REGION B1-9

Connecticut Lawmakers Trim Managed Care Power

The Connecticut General Assembly passed a measure that would allow the state to overturn the medical decisions made by managed care companies. The legislation makes Connecticut one of the first states to allow consumers to appeal their insurers' decisions to impartial medical professionals. A1

Abuse Not Reported Properly

Officials at the Board of Education said an assistant principal and a counselor at a Queens high school had apparently failed to follow regulations by not informing their supervisors of a 14-year-old girl's claim last month that she had been sexually abused. Four teen-age boys have been charged with gang-raping the girl inside the school. B1

Care May Cost Inmates

The Giuliani administration said it wanted to charge inmates a fee for medical care in New York City jails, saying such a policy would deter inmates who are not sick from going to clinics as an excuse to leave detention areas. B1

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Arts Academy Inducts Six

Six men were inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and \$750,000 worth of prizes was awarded to a select group of nonmembers. The new members are the writers Daniel Aaron, Philip Levine, Albert Murray and Studs Terkel and the composers John Adams and Ornette Coleman. C15

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Plan for Financial Services

The Clinton Administration introduced a long-awaited plan to revamp the nation's financial services industry, one that retreats from the idea of allowing banks to own manufacturers or other nonfinancial companies. D1

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NEWS SUMMARY

Captain Bodgit Is Retired

The 3-year-old colt Captain Bodgit was retired because of swelling in a major tendon in his lower left front leg, bringing one of the greatest Triple Crown rivalries in years -- between Captain Bodgit and Silver Charm -- to a quiet close. B15

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SEX SCANDAL

Sergeant Testifies On Seduction

A 25-year-old Army sergeant described Wednesday how she was befriended by the Army's top enlisted man and how her relationship culminated the night she went to his home and despite her reluctance had sexual intercourse.

After the encounter with Army Sgt. Maj. Gene C. McKinney, Sgt. Christine N. Roy said, "I wanted to hide, to crawl into bed and make it go away."

The emotional testimony by the married mother of two took place in Washington at an Army hearing on whether McKinney should face a court-martial on four women's accusations of sexual misconduct.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Investigator Wants Complete Cooperation

The Republican head of the Senate campaign finance inquiry has told the GOP national chairman not to shield "important facts" from investigators.

In a letter written June 11 and obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press, Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., demanded "complete cooperation" by the Republicans.

"With respect to witnesses, I would also urge you to counsel your attorneys not to attempt to shield important facts with broad and specious assertions of privilege," as others have done, Thompson wrote GOP National Chairman Jim Nicholson.

Thompson is chairman of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. He said he wrote the letter because the Democratic minority complained that Republicans held back key information from investigators.

CRIME

Reno Backs Victims' Rights Amendment

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A constitutional amendment to require that crime victims are notified and permitted to attend court proceedings is the best way to protect their rights, Attorney General Janet Reno said Wednesday.

Reno said the administration of President Bill Clinton believes such an amendment is needed to "bring balance to the criminal justice system."

"There are too many victims in this country who feel like they are left out of the system," she told the House Judiciary Committee.

Under the amendment, victims would be told of court proceedings and allowed to attend, permitted to make statements about a release, plea bargain or sentence and be notified of a prisoner's escape or release.

CHICAGO

Clinton Helps Raise \$ 1 Million At Event

President Bill Clinton attended a political fund-raiser Wednesday night that generated \$ 1 million for Democratic Senate candidates, including the re-election bid by Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun of Illinois.

"We have changed the way politics works in Washington," Clinton said in delivering an appeal for more Democrats in Congress. "It drives some people crazy, but we're doing it."

Billie Paige, the campaign treasurer for Moseley-Braun, said the senator hoped to receive about \$ 100,000 from the fund-raiser, which attracted about 250 contributors.

CALIFORNIA

Bono Decides Against Senate Run

Rep. Sonny Bono announced Wednesday that he would not run for U.S. Senate next year because a campaign would rob him of time with his family.

Bono, a second-term congressman from Palm Springs, had openly fueled speculation last month that he would run for Senate. He had suggested the other Republican candidates weren't up to the task of unseating Sen. Barbara Boxer, a Democrat.

On Wednesday, the former straight man to Cher said his plans were definite.

"I gave this decision a lot of thought and I determined that my greatest ethical responsibility was to my family," said Bono, 62, who is married with four children.

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WELFARE BENEFITS

Senate Restores Aid To Immigrants

Immigrants would come out ahead under a Senate measure that goes further than the House in restoring some benefits ended by last year's welfare law.

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The Senate agreed Wednesday to let noncitizens continue to apply for the nation's disability program for the poor. Coming into the debate, the massive spending bill would have given noncitizens only until Sept. 30 to apply for benefits.

GOP Senate leaders accepted the Democratic amendment without a roll call vote, sending the measure into a conference with the House, where the final outcome will be determined.

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Elsewhere in the nation:

* The Pentagon said Wednesday that the remains of five U.S. servicemen previously unaccounted for from the Vietnam War have been identified and will be returned to their families for burial.

The names of two of the five are being withheld at the request of their families.

The other three are Marine Lt. Col. Lewis H. Abrams of Montclair, N.J.; Marine Maj. Robert E. Holdeman of Winchester, Ind.; and Marine Capt. John N. Flanigan of Winter Haven, Fla.

* William Woratzeck, 51, was executed by injection in Florence, Ariz., early Wednesday, 17 years after he bludgeoned, stabbed and strangled a mentally impaired woman during a robbery that netted \$ 107.

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Woratzeck . . . was convicted of beating Linda Leslie with a hammer, stabbing her three times and strangling her with his hands during the 1980 robbery. He then set her small apartment in Casa Grande on fire.

Leslie, 36, suffered from Huntington's disease, an inherited nerve disorder that left her with the mental capacity of a teen-ager.

Defense lawyers said Woratzeck was burglarizing a nearby greenhouse and was not in Leslie's apartment when she was killed - a contention which was not revealed to his jurors but was raised unsuccessfully in his appeals.

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THE WORLD

CAMBODIA

Prime Minister Fears Attack From Rebels

One faction in Cambodia's shaky coalition government accused the other Wednesday of plotting with Khmer Rouge rebels to launch an attack.

Government officials loyal to Second Prime Minister Hun Sen said Prince Norodom Ranariddh's supporters were planning to overthrow Hun Sen. The claims intensified the fued between the country's two premiers and could lead to renewed fighting between their factions.

Allegations that a general loyal to Ranariddh was helping assemble a strike force of former Khmer Rouge guerrillas to attack Hun Sen were made by a leading member of Hun Sen's formerly communist Cambodian People's Party.

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Khieu Kanharith, the secretary of state for information, said 1,000 fighters had arrived in or near the capital of Phnom Penh. He accused the prince of playing "a dangerous game."

HONG KONG LEGISLATURE

Britain, U.S. To Attend Ceremony

Britain joined the United States Wednesday in saying its consul would attend the swearing-in of Hong Kong's unelected legislature. The move was an apparent concession to the Chinese government poised to take power.

Hong Kong democrats expressed sharp disappointment at the decision. They said it would help legitimize China's plan to dismantle the elected legislature when it recovers the British colony at midnight Monday.

The new legislature was chosen by a committee of 400 China supporters to replace the existing legislature, which China says must go because it was elected under rules it never approved.

Elsewhere in the nation:

* British Prime Minister Tony Blair announced a deal Wednesday to let Northern Ireland's rival paramilitary groups disarm under international supervision while their political allies hold peace talks.

The initiative was agreed to by Britain and Ireland. It abandoned demands by Britain's recently ousted Conservative government that the **Irish Republican Army** first disarm before the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party can join talks.

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INTERNATIONAL 3-7

Mobutu Surrenders Power And Then Flees Into Exile

President Mobutu Sese Seko yielded power after Army leaders in Zaire told him they would not fight rebel forces led by Laurent Kabila and urged him to leave the country. Mr. Mobutu took his family to his hometown and then, reportedly, on to Morocco. His Information Minister said that Mr. Mobutu remained President but had "ceased to intervene" in the affairs of state. 1

Some people played golf as Kinshasa awaited the arrival of Zaire's rebel army with surprising nonchalance. 6

Blair Opens Door to Sinn Fein

Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain said he would allow British officials to resume contact with Sinn Fein, the political wing of the ***Irish Republican Army***. Mr. Blair, visiting Belfast, said that renewing official contact depended on an absence of I.R.A. violence, although he did not specifically call for a cease-fire. Sinn Fein's No. 2 official, Martin McGuinness, said his party would accept Mr. Blair's offer. 1

De Klerk Will Shun Inquiry

Former President F. W. de Klerk of South Africa ended his National Party's cooperation with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, hobbling its effort to heal deep divisions over past atrocities. Panel members, particularly Archbishop Desmond Tutu, had criticized Mr. de Klerk's recent testimony as lacking credibility. 3

Mexican Prosecutor Arrested

Authorities in Spain have arrested Pablo Chapa Bezanilla, Mexico's former top prosecutor. Mr. Chapa disappeared after being charged with rigging evidence in a murder case involving Mexico's political establishment. He was accused of trying to frame Raul Salinas, the brother of Mexico's former President, by planting bones on his ranch. 4

Stalemate in Middle East

NEWS SUMMARY

Dennis Ross ended a nine-day visit to the Middle East, where he is President Clinton's special envoy, with no progress to report in talks between Israel and the Palestinians. Israeli planes attacked suspected bases of the Hezbollah in southern Lebanon, avenging the killing of three Israeli soldiers there. 5

Riots in Port-au-Prince

Mobs burned cars and exchanged gunfire with police officers in the streets of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, as student demonstrations flared into a day of general rioting. Businesses closed, and downtown residents fled as the rioters hurled rocks. Five people were seriously injured. The rioting was triggered by a teachers' strike. (AP)

No Visas for Hong Kong Visits

In a move to maintain Hong Kong as a global business and tourism hub, China has announced that foreigners who now travel to the territory without visas may continue to do so after July 1, when the colony reverts to Chinese rule. The Foreign Ministry said Hong Kong's postcolonial Government would decide on which countries' nationals would have the right to enter without visas. They would still be required to travel to other parts of China. (AP)

NATIONAL 8-11

House Committee Passes Outline of the Budget Plan

The House Budget Committee approved a resolution that will serve as a guide for future action on tax cuts and spending under the balanced-budget agreement. Republican leaders said they expected both the House and the Senate would give final approval by the end of next week. 9

Apology for Syphilis Study

President Clinton apologized to the survivors and to relatives of 399 black men whose syphilis was left untreated for decades as part of a Federal study. 10

Abortion Vote May Change

Senator Tom Daschle, the Democratic leader, said he might reverse his stand and vote for a ban on what abortion opponents call "partial-birth abortion." If he did, the Senate would be more likely to override an expected veto by President Clinton of the ban. 11

No Delay for Pilot's Trial

The judge in the court-martial of the nation's first **female** B-52 pilot denied a defense request to delay her trial on adultery and other charges for two weeks. The court-martial of First Lieut. Kelly Flinn is expected to start on Tuesday. 10

Governor's Trial Starts

A Federal prosecutor told jurors on the opening day of the fraud trial of Gov. Fife Symington of Arizona that Mr. Symington tried to save his crumbling real estate business through a web of deceit. A defense lawyer said his client had taken risks but never lied. 8

Shuttle Docks With Mir

The space shuttle Atlantis docked with the Russian orbiting station Mir, carrying an astronaut who will join the Russian crew and equipment needed to insure that they have breathable air. 10

Explosion for Plane Safety

NEWS SUMMARY

Aviation experts will detonate four small explosions in a Boeing 747 to test reinforced cargo holds and baggage containers. The test will take place in England on Saturday. 8

NEW YORK/REGION 21-25

Fugitive Author Arrested After Motel Suicide Threat

A romance novelist who fled from New York after being convicted of stealing a Picasso sketch and other valuables in 1995, was arrested at a California motel. The writer, Barbara Joslyn, stabbed herself in the chest after police officers came to her room to apprehend her. 21

Doctor to Begin Jail Term

Dr. Gerald Einaugler, who delayed having a nursing home patient hospitalized after he made a potentially fatal treatment mistake, is about to go to jail, after four years of court battles. He was convicted of criminal negligence and violation of state health laws, and was sentenced to a year of weekends at Rikers Island, although state medical officials declined to discipline him. 23

Danish Mother Is Cleared

Charges were dismissed against a Danish tourist who was arrested for leaving her baby in a stroller outside a Manhattan restaurant where she was eating. But charges against the father, who is a New Yorker, remain. The woman had said that Danes commonly leave toddlers on the sidewalk while shopping or eating. 23

Bruno Shifts Rent Stance

Joseph L. Bruno, the majority leader of the New York State Senate, said he could support allowing immediate family members to inherit rent regulated apartments for one generation. 22

Legislature Is Overturned

The Rockland County Legislature is unconstitutional, a Federal judge declared. By dividing representation by towns, voters do not have comparable voting power, he ruled. 24

SPORTS 26-31

Short-Handed Knicks Lose

The Knicks lost last night's playoff game to the Miami Heat, 95-90, after a Federal judge upheld the suspensions of Patrick Ewing, Allan Houston and three teammates. The teams will meet in Miami for a decisive seventh game on Sunday, when Ewing and Houston will return but John Starks and Larry Johnson will be suspended. 1

BUSINESS DAY 32-45

Dow Drops 138 Points

The Dow Jones industrial average plunged 138.88 points, or 1.89 percent. The decline, to 7,194.67, was part of a retreat lead by a selloff of computer and technology stocks and declines in drug, banking, soft drink and household product stocks. 33

Slow Growth in Housing

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The number of single-family houses being built rose three-tenths of 1 percent last month. Some economists said it was an indication that economic growth was moderating. Construction of apartment buildings led to an overall increase in housing starts of 2.6 percent. 34

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James M. Fox

The former head of the New York office of the F.B.I., who helped jail John Gotti and the men who bombed the World Trade Center, was 59. 12

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One of the Arab world's leading playwrights was 56. 12

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British election blurs the political lines

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HAMBLE, England -- Though it sometimes seems as if the Conservative Party has governed Britain forever, Peter Garrod remembers life before the Tories took office in 1979.

"We were heading for depression. The unemployment rate was high. We were still in the trade unions' stranglehold," says the retired executive. "Now things are looking up."

As he campaigns for re-election, British Prime Minister John Major, a Conservative, is trying to remind voters of conditions under the last Labor government. And to overcome Labor's double-digit lead in the polls, he's seeking credit from voters for widespread changes that Conservatives introduced in 18 years in power.

First under Margaret Thatcher and since 1990 under Major, Conservatives, also known as Tories, refashioned Britain in a manner scarcely imaginable in the late 1970s.

In 1979 inflation topped 25% and growth was almost nonexistent. Now, inflation has been tamed. The economy has grown faster than Germany's and France's for six consecutive years.

In 1979, when most workers belonged to unions, strikes cost the economy almost 30 million workdays. Last year, only a third of the workforce held union cards, and 1.3 million workdays were lost.

Conservatives raised about \$ 110 billion by selling large industries

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once owned by the state, including airlines, telecommunications, autos and electricity. That eliminated the need for annual government subsidies.

"It's a different world," Major told USA TODAY. "Britain was the sick man of Europe. Today, it's the role model of Europe."

Still, the changes have come at a price. Inequality has increased more than in any other developed nation apart from the USA. And some critics complain that commercialization has eviscerated communal values. Even Major's supporters, including Garrod, 76, fret over the consequences of runaway economic growth. Garrod, a tall, tanned retiree who greeted the prime minister on his walk through this seaside village, worries that the charms of postcard-quiet Hamble, 80 miles southwest of London, are threatened by encroaching development from nearby Southampton and Portsmouth.

In 1994, Conservatives lost the local parliamentary seat to the Liberal Democrats after another of the sex scandals that in recent years have shredded the party's image as a champion of traditional values. A special election was called after the Conservative incumbent was found dead, clothed only in women's underwear, an orange stuffed in his mouth, a plastic bag over his head.

Conservatives hope to regain that seat in May, but judging from the prime minister's brief visit, they face an uphill fight. Major was welcomed Friday by a crowd of just a few dozen people. Local officials hadn't publicized his visit because of security concerns after recent **Irish Republican Army** bombings.

Against a backdrop of yachts bobbing at anchor, Major posed for pictures with his wife, Norma, and shared a pint of Bass ale with local sport fishermen at a 12th-century pub called The Bugle.

Major's political plight is especially surprising since most Britons accept that significant changes were required after 1979. Memories of the infamous 1978-79 "winter of discontent," when a rolling series of industrial strikes paralyzed the country, are still distinct. Garbage piled up at the curb. Patients were turned away from hospitals. A gravediggers' strike in Liverpool led to plans for dumping bodies in the sea.

The Labor Party government, under Prime Minister James Callaghan, sought to control runaway inflation by asking unions to limit annual wage increases to 5%. Instead, truck drivers won pay increases of 20%. "In 1979, people wondered whether this country was governable

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or whether the trade unions ran it," Major said. "These days, there's no doubt. We don't want the clock turned back to that again."

The government's impotence in the face of the unions helped catapult Thatcher, even then a polarizing figure, into office. She pushed through labor-law changes that made it harder for unions to strike, required secret ballots in union elections and let employers sue unions that violated the new provisions.

But replacing a state-dominated economy with a vibrant private sector wasn't painless or quick. Unemployment rose in each of the Conservatives' first seven years in office, reaching 11% in 1986.

Even today, the Conservatives' labor policies remain controversial. "I worked for a firm for 25 years and got made redundant," says Dennis Davey, 65. "The best years were the '60s and '70s, where I come from."

If the Tories changed labor law, they were less successful in other areas, like shrinking government. And if Callaghan's inability to manage the unions led to his ouster in 1979, Major's erratic economic management may explain his predicament now.

Conservative officials, like Republicans in the USA, generally favor lower government spending and taxes. Despite 18 years of Conservative rule, however, the state's share of the economy has barely changed. Government spending in 1979 equaled about 44% of economic output. Now, it's about 42%.

Likewise, although the Conservatives have sharply reduced the highest income tax level, total government tax revenues, measured as a percentage of gross domestic product, are within 1% of their 1979 level. Hardly a revolution.

Major hasn't enjoyed a Conservative's traditional advantage on economic issues. In part that's because of a painful 1990-92 recession. But it's also because of Britain's humiliating withdrawal in 1992 from the European exchange rate system, which linked the values of European currencies.

After insisting on the system's merits despite sky-high interest rates, the government withdrew. Only after withdrawing was Britain able to stage an economic rebound. But voters gave the government little credit, since the recovery followed a move it was forced to make against its best judgment.

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Perhaps the biggest offshoot of Conservative rule has been its effect upon the opposition Labor Party, which hasn't won a general election since 1974. As the losses mounted, Labor leaders reluctantly concluded that the party's agenda needed a complete overhaul.

Under Tony Blair, Major's opponent and Labor's leader since 1994, the party shed much of its left-wing image. Blair praised Thatcher's economic reforms, promised not to raise income tax rates for five years and even adopted Conservative spending plans for the next two years. In many ways, the platform of today's Labor Party has more in common with that of its Conservative foes than that of its political ancestors, who nationalized much of British industry and built a welfare state.

For his part, eyeing polls that show British voters still favor government provision of important services such as health care, Major has gone out of his way to honor Labor's social agenda. At a rally Friday of about 2,000 activists at London's Royal Albert Hall, Major reassured voters: "I am a child of the welfare state. I am determined my children and grandchildren will be as well."

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Turkey has work to do before it can join Europe: Setbacks: Turkey's application to join the European Union appeared to be plain sailing, but obstacles have appeared, some set up by the Turks themselves

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Turkey's membership in the European Union (EU) is a major issue among the Europeans, and it is appropriate that Canadians get some insight into this topic.

For this reason I welcomed the contribution of Ozay Mehmet on the topic (Citizen, April 4, 1997). Professor Mehmet, a well-known analyst of Middle-Eastern politics and a harsh critic of political Islam, objects strongly to Western European attitudes that see Turkey's Islamic past as an obstacle to EU membership.

Such attitudes were expressed most clearly in a recent congress of the European centre-right parties, in which Wilfrid Martens, their president, flatly stated that Turkey had no place in a European civilization.

This insensitive comment is rightly resented by the large number of secular Turks, who belong without any question in the European cultural milieu.

Its most forceful condemnation came from, of all people, Theodore Pangalos, the outspoken foreign minister of Greece. He pointed out that the same cultural prejudices now raised against Muslims had once been voiced against the Christian Orthodox Greeks.

Nonetheless, there are legitimate objections to Turkish membership that cannot be glossed over. Comments like Mr. Martens', which brought into the open thoughts that have long been whispered in high EU circles, tend to obscure the real issues. These have to be addressed by the Turks if they really want to become part of the EU.

A country's membership in an international association inevitably entails a partial loss of sovereignty, and a surrender of authority over certain matters to the association's governing body.

In the case of the EU, which is a federal state in all but name, the constraints that the member countries face from its central authorities are in some respects more severe than those faced by Canadian provinces from our federal system. These constraints apply to the relations of EU states with each other, with countries outside the EU, and with their own citizens. Any country that wishes to join the EU must show willingness to abide by these requirements for membership. This Turkey has not done.

One has only to look at Greece for examples of the type of curbs to government power stemming from EU membership.

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In 1994-95 the Greek government was taken to an international court by the European Commission for imposing a commercial embargo on the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM). An earlier Greek government, which had started judicial proceedings against domestic FYROM supporters, had to back down as a result of outside pressures, even though only Greek citizens were involved. The repressive legislation that allowed such proceedings has since been abolished.

The curious thing is that the objections to Turkish EU membership have taken so long to surface, after a period when it looked as if the momentum was going the other way.

In early December 1995, the European Parliament approved a far-ranging customs union treaty between Turkey and the EU, the first step towards eventual membership. This approval took place in spite of serious misgivings about Turkey's treatment of its Kurdish minority, its human rights record, and its illegal occupation of Northern Cyprus.

Most significantly, the approval also received the indispensable Greek assent. It was thought by everybody, including Greece, that progress in all contentious areas would follow naturally from the progressive integration of Turkey into Europe.

Unfortunately, it has been downhill ever since. Even before Mr. Martens' statement, new hurdles were erected to Turkish membership, some of them by the Turks themselves.

Several of the provisions of the customs treaty, including hundreds of millions of dollars in assistance to Turkey, remain frozen indefinitely, and diplomatic efforts to resolve the impasse have not brought any results.

Part of the reason for these failures stems from the December 1995 Turkish elections, which brought the Islamist Welfare Party of Necmettin Erbakan to power. Mr. Erbakan and his party seem destined to provide a factual basis for European prejudices.

Several episodes involving the party exemplify the climate they have brought to Turkey-EU relations. Mr. Erbakan recently stated that European visitors should keep their heads bowed when they come to Turkey, just as they did during the days of the Ottoman Empire. This statement almost caused the cancellation of the visit by the German foreign minister, who is one of the most pro-Turkish European politicians.

Last year, a prominent member of the Welfare Party referred to a delegation of three European women politicians visiting Turkey to inquire about its human rights record as "those three whores." The delegation included Pauline Green, a probable foreign minister if Labour wins the British elections.

Yet it would be unfair to throw the entire blame upon Mr. Erbakan, who is the symptom, rather than the cause, of the European-Turkish malaise.

In fact, the funds from the EU-Turkey customs treaty were frozen even before Mr. Erbakan became prime minister. The immediate cause was the threat of war that Tansu Ciller, Erbakan's predecessor as premier and current coalition partner, brandished against Greece over a dispute concerning the maritime frontier in the Aegean Sea.

Ms. Ciller, Turkey's current foreign minister, has stubbornly resisted submitting the dispute to the International Court at the Hague, a step that must be taken before any funds can be released. If such a simple action to resolve a dispute between a current and a potential EU member cannot be taken now, how will the EU be able to function as a federal body in the event of Turkish accession?

For similar reasons a solution must be found for the Cyprus problem in accord with the EU's legal principles before Turkish membership in the union can be considered.

Also, the EU cannot be expected to import the major headache represented by the ongoing civil war in Turkey's eastern provinces, and the human rights violations that accompany it. The tactics of the PKK, the Kurdish

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revolutionary organization, may be unacceptable, but then so is the official treatment of the 14 million Turkish Kurds.

While the Kurdish problem, unlike the disputes with Greece and Cyprus, is not easy to solve, it cannot be set aside in any considerations of Turkey's EU accession.

Past experience shows that EU membership tends to enhance the political power of regional cultural groupings, as with the Catalans and Basques in Spain and France, and the Welsh and Scots in the U.K.

At the same time, there is a decline of extremist irredentist factions within these culturally distinct regions. The Basque ETA and the **Irish Republican Army** are cases in point. Both are relatively minor nuisances, even though Basque nationalists run part of the Spanish Basque homeland, and both ETA and IRA have legal branches that participate in the political process. The Kurdish PKK would probably follow a similar fate if a legal outlet for Kurdish aspirations were available.

So, to sum up, it is up to the Turks to decide if they really belong to Europe. Membership in the EU has both benefits and costs. The door is open only to those who want to pay the full price.

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(New York) -- It's been the setting of such movies as "An Affair to Remember," "Sleepless in Seattle" and "King Kong." But tonight, the Empire State Building was the scene of real-life horror as a gunman opened fire into a crowd on the 86th floor observation deck of the New York City landmark.

The gunman killed one person and wounded six others before turning the gun on himself.

Witnesses say dozens of people, many of them foreign tourists, fled in panic toward the stairways and elevators. Several people were injured in the melee.

A Belgian businessman says the shooter, who appeared to be in his 50s, had been "talking to someone about Egypt" just seconds before he began firing.

The gunman is reported in critical condition at Bellevue Hospital.

(Atlanta) -- It turns out that similar bombs were used against a gay nightclub in Atlanta late Friday and an abortion clinic in the same city last month.

A federal official says investigators have found some similarities in the bombs. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms spokesman Bobby Browning says investigators "are exploring the possibility that they were made by the same person or group."

But Browning says there's a possibility that the bombings aren't connected.

A-B-C News says the wiring, timing and dynamite in the bombs were so similar that officials believe they were made by the same person or group. Browning says there are some differences, too.

(Jacksonville, Florida) -- Police are looking for leads on a pipe bomb found by children at a Florida synagogue.

Investigators say the children found the bomb during a post-worship luncheon Saturday at the Jacksonville Jewish Center and handled the device before an adult took it outside.

Sheriff's Lieutenant Steve Weintraub says police have no suspects or a motive.

Rabbi David Gaffney says his congregation hasn't had any disturbances of any kind before, and the bomb "comes as a shock."

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One witness says three children tried to open the package before two men walking by stopped them and took it away before calling police. About 750 people were evacuated into the pouring rain.

(Beijing) -- Thousands of Chinese are lining the streets of Beijing to bid farewell to Deng Xiaoping.

The remains of the senior leader are to be cremated at a cemetery for Communist heroes.

A slow-moving motorcade of about 40 luxury sedans along with two white minivans draped in yellow-and-black ribbons entered the cemetery.

It was unclear if Deng's body was being carried by one of the vans. Most of the motorcade left the cemetery about a half-hour after it arrived.

The leader died Wednesday at age 92. His family asked that his ashes be scattered at sea, after a memorial Tuesday to be attended by ten-thousand people.

(Tokyo) -- Last but not least for Madeleine Albright: China.

The new secretary of state makes the last stop on her round-the-world get-acquainted tour soon, flying in from a stop in Tokyo. She'll reach Beijing at a crucial moment -- as new leaders prepare for Tuesday's funeral of longtime ruler Deng Xiaoping (dung shah-oh-ping).

Albright tells A-B-C that she'll criticize China on human rights -- as the Chinese expect. But she stresses that the relationship between the two nations is complex.

For one thing, Albright will reassure Chinese leaders that the Clinton administration is sticking to a "One China" policy, with no chance of granting recognition to Taiwan.

Among the tough issues: China's widening trade imbalance, questionable weapons sales to Pakistan and repression of political dissent.

(Washington) -- An I-R-A defector has launched a campaign in the U-S to persuade Americans to pressure Irish nationalists to renounce terrorism.

Sean O'Callaghan says joint action by the Irish and U-S governments must make it clear to the I-R-A that violence will not be tolerated.

He says the ***Irish Republican Army*** has abandoned the cease-fire and is "back to murdering people." He says there could be "serious bloodshed" in Northern Ireland this spring.

O'Callaghan was released from a British prison December sixth after serving eight years of multiple life sentences.

He plans to meet with U-S officials and the media to convey his message.

(Cape Canaveral, Florida) -- After a month's delay, the Air Force has launched its newest, strongest rocket.

It's a Titan Four-B carrying a satellite for detecting enemy missiles.

The 20-story unmanned rocket blasted into a cloudy sky from Cape Canaveral Air Station this afternoon.

On board was the Pentagon's 200 (M) million-dollar Defense Support Program satellite, destined for an orbit 22-thousand-300 miles high.

The next Titan Four-B will be used to send the space agency's plutonium-powered Cassini probe to Saturn in October. Any major problems with today's flight could have delayed Cassini.

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(Washington) -- A fat found in breast milk appears to be essential for newborns' brain and eye development. But you can't find that ingredient in infant formulas on the market in the U-S. Now there's a debate over whether the government should add it.

European women already can buy formulas supplemented with the fatty acid D-H-A. But a company that licenses D-H-A contends that U-S companies aren't selling this nutrient mainly because it would increase formula prices by ten cents a can.

Supporters say premature infants especially need the fat, which would make formula more like mothers' milk.

But other doctors urge caution. They say fat-supplemented formula might actually slow babies' physical growth.

The Food and Drug Administration has hired independent experts to recommend whether D-H-A and related nutrients should be added to any formula.

(Los Angeles) -- The first two "Star Wars" movies are cleaning up at the box office.

"The Empire Strikes Back" drew an estimated 22-point-35 (M) million dollars in ticket sales for the biggest February opening ever.

The sequel's big brother, "Star Wars," saw its ticket sales drop 49 percent but still grossed eleven (M) million dollars. That makes for a total of nearly 116 (M) million dollars in only four weeks of re-release.

The films were originally released in 1977 and 1980. Like "Star Wars," the re-released "Empire" was buffed with upgraded special effects and a sprinkling of new scenes.

The only other film to debut in wide release for the weekend was "Rosewood," which came in eighth.

The top 10 films from Friday through Sunday: 1. "The Empire Strikes Back," \$22.35 million. 2. "Star Wars," \$11 million. 3. "Absolute Power," \$9 million. 4. "Dante's Peak," \$7 million. 5. "Vegas Vacation," \$6.6 million. 6. "Fools Rush In," \$5.6 million. 7. "That Darn Cat," \$3.6 million. 8. "Rosewood," \$3.2 million. 9. "Jerry Maguire," \$3.1 million. 10. "The English Patient," \$2.8 million.

(Los Angeles) -- Elizabeth Taylor is "doing fine" and has been seeing her children and grandchildren as she recovers from brain surgery.

That's the word from a publicist for the actress.

Taylor continues a quick recovery from Thursday's surgery to remove a two-inch benign tumor from the left lobe of her brain. She was moved from the intensive-care unit of a Los Angeles hospital to a private room yesterday. Her spokesman says Taylor is eating solid food again and should be home in time for her 65th birthday on Thursday. ---

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MIRREN IN HER PRIME

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Body

She's best known to Americans audiences as the inspector in "Prime Suspect." But Helen Mirren has some sterling screen roles to her credit, with another one on the way.

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SOME OF US hit 50 and crawl into the baggiest clothes this side of a rap video. Helen Mirren celebrated by posing topless for Marie Claire magazine.

Since then, Mirren has won two major acting awards - an Emmy last September for an episode of the sublime British cop show "Prime Suspect," and a Golden Globe last month for the TV movie "Losing Chase."

Mirren, who turned 50 last July 26, is one of the best actresses of her generation, and she already could boast of an Oscar nomination, so there is probably no connection between the photo spread and the awards. On the other hand, if you are an ambitious middle-aged actress known as "the thinking man's sex symbol," it doesn't hurt to keep yourself in the public eye.

And Mirren admits that almost obsessive ambition has powered her career, which began in the late 1960s in London with the Old Vic and the Royal Shakespeare Company.

"With that kind of ambition, you're never satisfied," she said in an interview a few months ago at the Toronto Film Festival. She was there as the co-producer and co-star of "Some Mother's Son," about the mothers of imprisoned members of the **Irish Republican Army** during the hunger strikes of the early 1980s.

The movie opens today in St. Louis. Coming soon is "Prime Suspect V: Errors of Judgment," which will be telecast on Channel 9 at 9 p.m. on Feb. 9 and Feb. 16. This will probably be the last time Helen Mirren plays her most famous role - that of brilliant, headstrong police inspector Jane Tennison.

"Prime Suspect" is now seen in more than 50 countries, including Russia and China.

"It's made a huge difference in my career," said Mirren. "And I love the character. But I want to let go of her. I want to retire from my own ambition."

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She smiled quickly, and nervously brushed a strand of dark blond hair back from her neck. She looked very much like Jane Tennison trying to worry her way around (or straight through) the latest obstacle thrown down by the old-boy network of the British police.

Mirren has compared Tennison to Lady Macbeth. The two characters may be on different sides of the law, she explained, but "their single-mindedness and their ambition are very strong."

You could say the same thing about Mirren. Indeed, she does.

"I certainly don't want to stop working," said Mirren. "But I want to retire from this awful ambitious thing inside me that I've had all my life."

Mirren, whose father was a Russian immigrant to England, was born Ilynea Lydia Mironoff on July 26, 1946. At 18, she joined the Old Vic theater company in London and played Cleopatra in Shakespeare's "Anthony and Cleopatra." Two years later, she was with the Royal Shakespeare Company. One of her first roles was Lady MacBeth in "MacBeth." The stage production created a stir because, like many of her subsequent movies, it included a nude scene.

"I'm basically a good girl who's always had a craving, a dream, to be a bad girl," she said recently. That's a provocative quote, but it's hard not to suspect it's slightly disingenuous. More to the point is that Mirren, like many successful actors and actresses, has not been shy about using her erotic appeal to further her considerable ambitions.

For the past two decades, Mirren has gone back and forth between stage and screen. Her Oscar nomination came for playing the queen in the 1994 movie "The Madness of King George."

Since the mid-1980s, she has lived with director Taylor Hackford, mostly in Los Angeles. Hackford read the script for "Some Mother's Son" and passed it on to her.

She was attracted to the role, she said, "because I love stories about women in war, women who have to deal with the mess that men make, the mothers and sisters and girlfriends who are on the front lines without guns. These women are trying to make life go on, taking care of the children and trying to see that when the war is over, there is still someone to carry on."

Terry George, the Irish director of "Some Mother's Son," said that Mirren fit the part because "there's just a great depth of humanity that she brings to the screen. For this part, it was particularly important, because she plays an intelligent women caught up in a terrible dilemma."

He added, "the Irish hunger strike was a unique occasion where the mothers were forced into the position of deciding their sons' fates. It would seem a foregone conclusion on first reading that, of course, a mother would save her son. But when your son is (hunger striker) Bobby Sands or Che Guevara, then it becomes a real dilemma as to whether the mother should intervene at some point to save her son's life."

Catherine, Mirren's character, is no fan of the IRA, but after her son is arrested and imprisoned and refuses food as part of the hunger strike, she chooses to support him. It's as much a personal choice as a political one.

"Most people in Northern Ireland are affected by the war, but they do not go to war," she said. "They are trying to live their lives. Catherine was very much a person to whom the war came. She was put in a position where she could not remain neutral. Once boys take up their 'toys,' neutrality is not an option."

For many years, there seemed to be a paucity of meaty roles for women older than 35 or 40. But, as Deborah Peterson pointed out in a Post-Dispatch article a week ago, mature actresses ranging from Diane Keaton and Goldie Hawn to Shirley MacLaine and Debbie Reynolds have recently starred in Hollywood movies.

Mirren was asked if she felt that Hollywood was changing its attitude towards older women.

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"In one way, no," she said. "To be a major star, you have to be young and gorgeous. But what seems to be changing is that you don't have to be a major star to make movies people want to see. These things are cyclical, but right now it seems there is a huge polarization between those enormously expensive movies where the star gets paid \$ 20 million, and a whole arena that's opening up for a different kind of movie. A movie like 'Some Mother's Son.' "

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PHOTO, GRAPHIC, (1) Photo headshot of Helen Mirren (unidentified, per se)

(2) Color photo - Helen Mirren as Kathleen Quigley and Aidan Gillen as her son, Gerald, dying from a fast.

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"A Midsummer Night's Dream" (1968)

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"Savage Messiah" (1972)

"O Lucky Man" (1973)

"The Long Good Friday" (1979)

"Caligula" (1980)

"Excalibur" (1981)

"Cal" (1984)

"2010" (1984)

"White Nights" (1985)

"The Mosquito Coast" (1986)

"The Cook, The Thief, His Wife and Her Lover" (1990)

"Prime Suspect" (1991)

"The Comfort of Strangers" (1991)

"The Madness of King George" (1994, Oscar nomination)

"Losing Chase" (1996, Golden Globe Award)

"Prime Suspect IV: Scent of Darkness" (1996, Emmy Award)

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Cuban Officials Say Castro Wins

HAVANA (AP)

Cuban voters turned out in vast numbers and re-elected President Fidel Castro and other candidates who ran unopposed in parliamentary elections, officials said Monday night. More than 94 percent of valid ballots in Sunday's election were votes for the 601 candidates listed, the president of the National Election Commission, said at a news conference. There were no opposition candidates on the ballots, though candidates who failed to receive a majority would have been rejected.

Nichols' Mother Says Death Better

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)

Terry Nichols' mother says she would rather have seen her son executed than have to face a long life in prison for something she says he did not do, The Daily Oklahoman reported Tuesday. "Death would have been easier than him being put in there. He's being tortured for something he did not do." A Denver jury last week convicted Nichols of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter, but couldn't agree on the extent of his involvement or on a sentence.

Iraq To Block American Inspector

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)

The Iraqi government vowed Monday to block U.N. weapons inspections led by an American Gulf War veteran it says is a spy, but said other U.N. inspection teams can continue their work. However, U.N. chief weapons inspector Richard Butler said all the monitoring teams including the one led by U.S. ex-Marine Capt. Scott Ritter would go ahead as planned Tuesday. Iraq has criticized Ritter, claiming he is an intelligence agent for the United States. Ritter denies the charge.

Optimism at Belfast Peace Talks

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Taking a decisive step on the first day of negotiations this year, Britain and Ireland recommended Monday that Catholic and Protestant politicians govern Northern Ireland together and cooperate formally with the neighboring

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Irish Republic. The province's main Protestant and Catholic parties, deadlocked since the talks began in June 1996, applauded the package of proposals, which was designed to strike an elusive balance between their two competing goals. Seven political parties in the talks seemed pleased, but the ***Irish Republican Army***-allied Sinn Fein party withheld judgment in public and complained in private.

CBS Back in NFL Business

NEW YORK (AP)

CBS is back in the NFL business, reaching agreement Monday on a \$4 billion, eight-year deal to televise the AFC package formerly held by NBC, a source told The Associated Press. Earlier Monday, Fox and the NFL settled on a \$4.4 billion, eight-year contract which allows the network to continue showing NFC games on Sunday afternoon. Still to be decided is the lucrative Monday Night Football package, which ABC has held since its inception. But NBC, after losing the AFC Sunday afternoon rights it had long held, has put in a bid challenging ABC for Monday nights, said a source familiar with the negotiations.

Mexico Cop Confesses in Massacre

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP)

Local police commander Felipe Vazquez Monday provided the first direct link between government officials and a massacre of 45 indians. He testified he had been ordered to check if civilians carrying illegal weapons were members of the Institutional Revolutionary Party. If they were, he said, he was told "to leave them be." The commander of the Chiapas state police detachment near the site of the Dec. 22 massacre has been charged with supplying weapons to the attackers. The attorney general's office, however, has yet to name any state officials as suspects.

Expert: Di's Car Going Only 60 MPH

LONDON (AP)

A professor of transportation safety says the Mercedes in which Princess Diana was killed was traveling at 60 mph twice as slow as reported earlier when it crashed. All occupants of the car would have survived if Paris' Pont de l'Alma traffic tunnel had been equipped with crash barriers, according to Murray Mackay, of the University of Birmingham. He said his conclusions were drawn from the French police investigation, as well as a visit to the tunnel.

Tokyo Stocks Slightly Down

TOKYO (AP)

Tokyo stocks slipped Tuesday morning, giving up early gains, amid persistent concern over the prospects for the economy. The Nikkei ended the morning session at 14,637.66 points, down 26.78 points. In New York the Dow was up 66.76 to close at 7,647.18.

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Researchers say they may have found the "cellular fountain of youth," an enzyme that in laboratory experiments causes human cells to avoid the normal process of aging and cell death. The finding by the team from University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center won't make people any younger or allow them to live forever but scientists said it could conceivably keep them healthier longer. By keeping the cells alive and dividing, Dr. Jerry Shay said, it may be possible to control age-related disorders ranging from skin wrinkling to blindness to cardiovascular disease.

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WASHINGTON (AP)

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright says the economic turmoil in Southeast Asia is a top priority this year. Albright said restoring confidence in Asia is in America's best interest. Albright also said the International Monetary Fund offers the "best path toward resolving Asian problems." Albright also took Congress to task over the failure to pay the United States' U.N. debts, and asked for an indefinite expansion of the U.S. peacekeeping role in Bosnia and the admission of three new NATO members.

Microsoft, Judge Argue Over Order

WASHINGTON (AP)

An attorney for Microsoft sparred with a federal judge today over the scope of his order that prevents the company from forcing computer makers to install its Internet software as a condition of licensing its Windows 95 program. The hearing was being held to see whether the software company should be found in contempt. The government filed that charge, saying that Microsoft violated the judge's order about the browser.

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New Flu Strain Circulating in U.S.

ATLANTA (AP)

A flu strain that's slightly different from the ones that can be combated by this year's vaccine has sickened people in at least two states and may be spreading, the government said today. The Centers for Disease Control says Type A Sydney flu has been found in about 40 percent of all influenza cases it has studied. The vaccine is made every year to protect against the three strains expected to be the worst. The U.S. flu vaccine is 70 percent to 90 percent effective among healthy adults.

Advertising in Gay Press Grows

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ATLANTA (AP)

A flu strain that's slightly different from the ones that can be combated by this year's vaccine has sickened people in at least two states and may be spreading, the government said today. The Centers for Disease Control says Type A Sydney flu has been found in about 40 percent of all influenza cases it has studied. The vaccine is made every year to protect against the three strains expected to be the worst. The U.S. flu vaccine is 70 percent to 90 percent effective among healthy adults.

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TULSA, Okla. (AP)

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Albright Attacks Congress Over U.N.

WASHINGTON (AP)

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright says the economic turmoil in Southeast Asia is a top priority this year. Albright said restoring confidence in Asia is in America's best interest. Albright also said the International Monetary Fund offers the "best path toward resolving Asian problems." Albright also took Congress to task over the failure to pay the United States' U.N. debts, and asked for an indefinite expansion of the U.S. peacekeeping role in Bosnia and the admission of three new NATO members.

Microsoft, Judge Argue Over Order

WASHINGTON (AP)

An attorney for Microsoft sparred with a federal judge today over the scope of his order that prevents the company from forcing computer makers to install its Internet software as a condition of licensing its Windows 95 program. The hearing was being held to see whether the software company should be found in contempt. The government filed that charge, saying that Microsoft violated the judge's order about the browser.

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New Flu Strain Circulating in U.S.

ATLANTA (AP)

A flu strain that's slightly different from the ones that can be combated by this year's vaccine has sickened people in at least two states and may be spreading, the government said today. The Centers for Disease Control says Type A Sydney flu has been found in about 40 percent of all influenza cases it has studied. The vaccine is made every year to protect against the three strains expected to be the worst. The U.S. flu vaccine is 70 percent to 90 percent effective among healthy adults.

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Dow Gains 27

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The 1998 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded Friday to John Hume and David Trimble, leaders of the largest Catholic and Protestant political parties in Northern Ireland, for their efforts to bring peace to the long-polarized British province.

Hume, 61, the Catholic head of the Social Democratic and Labor Party, was cited by the Nobel Committee in Oslo for having been "the clearest and most consistent of Northern Ireland's political leaders in his work for a peaceful solution."

Trimble, 54, the Protestant leader of the Ulster Unionists, was honored for having demonstrated "great political courage when, at a critical stage in the process, he advocated solutions which led to the peace agreement."

A leader of a third prominent party, Gerry Adams of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the **Irish Republican Army**, was not named as a prize winner. Nor were several other figures mentioned as possibilities, including former U.S. Sen. George J. Mitchell, who led the talks, Prime Ministers Tony Blair of Britain and Bertie Ahern of Ireland, President Clinton, and Mo Mowlam, the British government's secretary for Northern Ireland.

The accord, signed on April 10 and known as the Good Friday Agreement, has given the 1.7 million residents of Northern Ireland a respite from the sectarian violence that has claimed more than 3,200 lives in the last 30 years. It has also opened the possibility of lasting stability for the first time since the establishment of Northern Ireland with partition from Ireland in 1921.

Forging concessions from fiercely antagonistic populations, the accord seeks to balance the Protestant majority's wish to remain part of Britain with Catholic desires to strengthen ties to the Irish Republic to the south.

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Asked if the prize givers had "shied away" from Adams because of his past association with violence, the chairman of the secretive five-man committee, Francis Sejersted, said: "We don't shy away from anybody. We just try to pick the most worthy people."

Adams, he said, was "clearly one of those who has contributed significantly to the process so far."

Adams was almost certainly on the list of 139 nominees because the chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee Friday implied strongly that it had considered him for the prize but decided to limit it to Hume and Trimble.

Nominations can be made by university professors, members of national legislatures, former Nobel laureates, members of the Nobel Committee and a number of other people considered qualified. The committee itself releases the number of nominations but does not identify the nominees or even confirm a name.

In 1994, the Nobel Committee included Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, as a prize winner with the Israeli leaders Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres. One committee member, Kaare Kristiansen, resigned in protest, calling Arafat "a terrorist."

Explaining why the committee selected the two men from the number of people associated with the Good Friday Agreement, Sjersted said, "There is one from the Catholic side and one from the Protestant side, so I do not fear that it is going to alienate any of the other parties in the process."

Adams, in New York on a fund-raising trip for Sinn Fein, welcomed the Oslo announcement and particularly praised Hume, who is widely seen as having helped persuade the IRA to adopt a cease-fire and having eased Sinn Fein's entry into the talks.

"Indeed, there would be no peace process but for his courage and vision," Adams said. "No one deserves this accolade more." He also said the prize imposed on everyone the responsibility to "push ahead through the speedy implementation of the agreement."

The immediate next steps are the creation in the new power-sharing Northern Ireland Assembly of a 10-member executive that will in effect be the new government of the province, and a cross-border body linking the North with the Irish Republic, one of the key attractions in the pact to the Catholic minority.

Trimble, who is the first minister of the new legislature, faces pressure from dissidents in his quarrelsome party who insist that the IRA must start disarming before Sinn Fein can take up the positions in the Assembly that its vote total in June elections entitles it to.

In the unforgiving politics of Northern Ireland, the Unionist dissidents and members of other Protestant parties who did not join in the peace talks attacked both Trimble and Hume Friday.

Ian Paisley Jr., of the Democratic Unionist Party, called the Nobel Committee's decision a "farce" and said of the winners, "These people have not delivered peace, and they are not peacemakers."

Trimble said Friday that he was "slightly uncomfortable" with the award because so many other people had been involved beside him in reaching the settlement and much remained to be done to put it in place.

"We know that while we have the makings of peace, it is not wholly secure yet," he told the BBC from Denver, where he was on an 11-city North American mission to spur foreign investment in the province. "I hope it does not turn out to be premature."

Two Irish peace brokers win Nobel; The Nobel Committee honors John Hume and David Trimble for their role in finding a solution to violence.

Hume received word of the prize at his home in Londonderry and termed it "an expression of the total endorsement of the work of very many people." He added: "This isn't just an award to David Trimble and myself. It is an award to all the people in Northern Ireland."

Friday was the second time the Nobel Peace Prize has gone to figures in the Northern Ireland conflict. Betty Williams and Mairead Corrigan, two Belfast women, won it in 1976 for mobilizing Catholics and Protestants to stage rallies calling for an end to violence.

There had been strong speculation that the committee would recognize the Ulster peace effort this year, and other names figured in the conjecture. There were the two prime ministers, Blair of Britain and Ahern of Ireland, who drove the faltering talks to a conclusion and stayed up all night with the negotiators as the deadline slipped from midnight April 9 into the next afternoon. And in addition to Mitchell and Mowlam, there was Clinton, who actively pressed the two sides to get together and made critical phone calls to negotiators at Blair's request in the final hours.

In Washington Friday, Clinton said "how very pleased" he was, "personally and as president, that the Nobel Prize Committee has rewarded the courage and the people of Northern Ireland by giving the Nobel Peace Prize to John Hume and to David Trimble."

He added "a special word of thanks" to Mitchell, who issued a statement praising Hume and Trimble as "fully deserving of this honor."

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Associated Press Students of the Dominican College of Nort;

Belfast, Northern Ireland, surround John Hume upon his arrival at the school Friday and congratulate him for winning the Nobel Peace Prize.;

David Trimble holds an impromptu news conference in Denver Friday after receiving word that he was chosen to share the Nobel Peace Prize.;

Associated Press Nobel Peace Prize winners John Hume, left, head of th Catholic Social Democratic and Labor Party, and David Trimble, leader of the Protestant Ulster Unionist Party, are shown walking together in December 1995.

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Clinton Says Aid Will Rise

If Russia Presses Reforms

President Clinton, concluding a summit meeting with President Boris N. Yeltsin, signaled that the West would step up its aid to Russia if it pressed ahead with tough economic reforms. His message was intended to encourage Russia to keep to its pro-capitalist course despite the nation's deepening economic crisis. A1

Russia struggled through another day without a government, though the lower house of Parliament was expected to meet tomorrow for a second round of voting on the nomination of Viktor S. Chernomyrdin as Prime Minister; it rejected his nomination earlier this week. A11

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Disarming in Northern Ireland

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Malaysian Official Dismissed

Malaysia's Prime Minister, Mahathir Mohamad, dismissed his deputy and heir apparent, Anwar Ibrahim, who had opposed his insular and free-spending economic policies. Mr. Anwar, 51, who was seen as the standard-bearer for a new and more liberal generation of Asian leaders, becomes the latest political casualty of the region's economic turmoil. A3

Indonesian Troops Quell Unrest

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President Defends Speech On the Lewinsky Matter

President Clinton said at a news conference in Moscow that he believed he had expressed "profound regret" to those who had been hurt by his relationship with Monica S. Lewinsky. But he stopped short of issuing an outright apology for the illicit relationship or for lying about it to his family, his staff and the nation. And he reiterated that the investigation by the Whitewater independent counsel was "disproportionate" to his alleged offenses. A1

President Clinton told the grand jury investigating his relationship with Ms. Lewinsky that he was troubled by her transfer out of the White House and discussed bringing her back last summer, according to people familiar with his testimony. A1

Senator Joseph I. Lieberman, Democrat of Connecticut, said he had been contemplating calling for the censure of President Clinton, until the White House chief of staff called. A26

Hillary Rodham Clinton left Moscow ahead of the President and arrived in Belfast, where she told a cheering gathering of **women** that it was their "courage and strength" that had secured the Northern Ireland peace agreement. A26

Reno Meets with Capitol Critics

Attorney General Janet Reno met with lawmakers who had demanded that she turn over copies of reports by the F.B.I. director and a top Justice Department lawyer that urged her to seek the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate Democratic fund-raising. Law-enforcement officials also said that within a week Ms. Reno would decide on whether to begin a preliminary inquiry into whether the Democratic National Committee had funneled money to state parties to help the Clinton-Gore campaign indirectly. A22

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Security for Play's Opening

Concern for security has led the Manhattan Theater Club to hire a security company and hold several meetings with New York City police officials to prepare for the opening of the Terrence McNally play, "Corpus Christi," which early reports said featured a gay, Jesus-like figure who had sex with his apostles. E1

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Stock prices were broadly mixed in comparatively sluggish trading, but few analysts were prepared to predict that the reverberations from the market's recent steep slide had ended. The Dow closed down 45.06 points, or six-tenths of 1 percent, at 7,782.37. The S. & P. 500 dipped 3.79 points, or four-tenths of 1 percent, to 990.47. But the Nasdaq rose 17.76, or 1.13 percent, to 1,592.85, and the Russell 2000 index of small stocks rose 4.55, or 1.3 percent, to 352.65. C1

Bell Atlantic Buyout Offer

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Body

Two fresh graves 50 miles apart tell much of the story.

They speak of hope springing from a well of sadness. But they also remind that hope is fragile in this long-troubled land.

One grave holds the bodies of three young brothers who were burned to death in their beds in a fire-bombing attack two weeks ago. The other, filled Tuesday, contains the remains of a 33-year-old father of four who was shot and left to bleed to death last Sunday by masked men who snatched him from his apartment as he cradled his 2-week-old daughter in his arms.

Police suspect both incidents were sectarian attacks, clear signals that the violence that has claimed 3,200 lives in Northern Ireland continues.

Ironically, the attacks have struck so many people here so deeply that it is widely believed they have stiffened resolve for the peace process they were intended to undermine. Both sides are joined in their horror. The general climate of hope and reconciliation seemed to magnify the brutality of the attacks.

"It sobered everyone up a wee bit," said Christopher McCracken of Holywood, a Belfast suburb.

There is quiet optimism as the sectarian parade season begins to fade and attention shifts to a planned September visit by President Clinton, who, with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, is regarded as an energetic supporter of the peace process.

Since May, people here have been laboring to put the past to rest after voters in both Northern Ireland, a province of the United Kingdom, and the Irish Republic to the south voted overwhelmingly to support a peace process. Despite general support for the process, there remain pockets of dissenters, some obviously capable of violence.

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"We had hoped and prayed so fervently that such scenes had passed us by forever," said the Rev. Patrick Walsh, the bishop of the Catholic diocese of Down and Connor, in a letter read at the funeral of the man killed by masked men Sunday. "But now, once again another family circle is heartbroken."

Andrew Kearny was dragged from his eighth-floor apartment near Belfast on Sunday morning by a paramilitary gang suspected of having ties to the ***Irish Republican Army***, police said. As the intruders held his girlfriend in the apartment, Kearny was shot in both knees, with one bullet severing an artery. The attackers then ripped the telephone from the wall and blocked the elevator, apparently to delay emergency assistance.

Just one week earlier, Richard Quinn, 11, and his brothers Mark, 10, and Jason, 9, were burned to death after a firebomb was tossed in the ground-floor window of their two-story row house in Ballymoney, northwest of Belfast. A 23-year-old salesman from the same town is suspected by police. The man, who is in custody, has denied the charges.

Police and neighbors speculate that the boys were targeted because their mother was a Catholic living with a Protestant in a predominantly Protestant housing project.

So powerful were the images from the brothers' funeral that they led to the resolution of a tense standoff between the British government and a prominent Protestant order that was developing into a full-scale crisis.

Before the attack, thousands of members of the Orange Order, a Protestant group, had camped in a field near Drumcree Church --- in the Portadown district --- in preparations for a march down Gavaghy Road through a Catholic neighborhood, a path the group has walked since 1807. About 3,000 such parades are held each July to celebrate a 300-year-old victory of Protestants over Catholics. The leader of the Protestants was William of Orange, who defeated his father-in-law, King James II.

Catholics, who are a minority here, regard the marches as the equivalent of a Ku Klux Klan march through a black neighborhood in America. Fearing a conflict, the British government deployed hundreds of combat troops to prevent the march. This outraged the Orangemen, who consider themselves loyal British subjects seeking only to exercise their rights to parade on a public road.

At the same time, the arrival of the security forces reassured Catholics who have long claimed that police and soldiers often have been harsh and sometimes brutal with them.

Before the deaths of the Quinn brothers, the Portadown conflict had become a troubling stalemate with rising prospects of spinning out of control.

When they awoke Sunday morning to the news, Orange Order chaplains expressed shame and called for an end to the standoff at Drumcree as a sign of respect for the boys.

The deaths brought tears to the Rev. William Bingham, an Orange Order chaplain, who had staunchly supported the marches. Talking from his pulpit just hours after the fire-bombing, Rev. Bingham urged fellow Orangemen to withdraw with honor from Drumcree.

"After last night's atrocious act, a 15-minute walk down the Gavaghy Road by the Orange Order would be a very hollow victory because it would be in the shadow of three coffins, of little boys who wouldn't even know what the Orange Order was about," he said.

The next day, angered hard-liners grabbed Bingham by his clerical collar, accused him of being a traitor and threw him in a ditch.

While Orange Order leaders have refused to see any connection between their actions and the boys' deaths, the boisterous crowd at Drumcree began to disperse despite earlier vows to remain for as long as it took to persuade British authorities to allow the march.

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"The Orangemen see themselves as respectable and law-abiding people who want none of this," said McCracken, referring to the boys' deaths. "I think the killings of the three boys killed the Portadown standoff."

By Wednesday, the grassy field was populated only by green plastic trash bags and a scattering of men gathering the litter left behind.

Three men leaned against a fence below the church that perches on a hill overlooking the field. They gazed out over the green expanse and chatted quietly. When a visitor asked where the Orangemen had gone, one of the men replied with a hint of irony, "They're here, there. They're everywhere."

In the Catholic neighborhood, police and soldiers remain to deter any further violence. Heavily armed paratroopers patrol the streets, crouching among curious children and undistracted mothers pushing strollers. Armored vehicles guard the main roads in and out.

One armored car was parked by a community center with the words "Ireland Unfree Shall Never be at Peace" spray-painted in unsteady block letters across the brick wall.

In Ballymoney, a prim, bustling town, the healing has begun slowly. The house where the Quinn boys lived and died will be torn down and replaced by a playground dedicated to the boys, said Ann Smyth, chairwoman of the neighborhood association.

"There could be no more fitting memorial to the children than a park," she said.

In an ancient hillside churchyard in the tiny town of Rasharkin a few miles to the south, the three boys rest under a thick, colorful blanket of fading flowers. Their nicknames are written in baby blue flowers: Tavish, Ace and Markey. On Friday, two **women** and a toddler girl attended the grave silently in the sunshine, bending occasionally to read the dozens of messages left for the Quinn boys.

They smiled gently when approached by a stranger but would say nothing.

"The time for words is over," Bishop Walsh told the crowd at the boys' funeral last week. "It is now time for silence -- not just the silence of the absence of strident words of hatred --- but the silence, the deeper inner silence in which the soul can hear and listen to the word of God."

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A brother's sorrow: Lee Quinn (left), 12, stands with his mother, Chrissie, at the funeral of his three younger brothers July 14, 1998. / BRIAN LITTLE / Associated Press

Photo :

The coffins of brothers Richard, 11, Mark, 10, and Jason Quinn, 9, are carried during their July 14 funeral in Ballymoney, Northern Ireland. Their deaths have boosted the call for peace. / BRIAN LITTLE / Associated Press

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Critic praises Clinton's policy on Ireland

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Friday, May 22, was a historic day in Irish history. That day was when the voters in both Ireland and Northern Ireland went to the polls to determine whether the peace agreement of Good Friday will be the path to peace or not.

For the past 30 years, the "Troubles" in Northern Ireland have made the City of Belfast synonymous with car bombings and assassinations by hooded gunman. Nearly 3,000 people including women, children and innocent bystanders, have died during the "Troubles." Perhaps this election will determine whether the descendants of the Irish who saved civilization can now save themselves from this fratricidal conflict.

If the peace agreement is approved and the ballot box is substituted for bombs and bullets, a large share of the credit will, as it should, be given to the American diplomatic effort by President Clinton.

Even the most ardent critics of President Clinton will have to admit that his efforts to bring peace to Northern Ireland have been bold and unprecedented. This achievement is a subject of the book "Daring Diplomacy: Clinton's Secret Search for Peace in Ireland" authored by Conor O'Cleary.

O'Cleary was the Washington D.C. correspondent for the Dublin-based Irish Times during the most critical times of this effort to bring peace to the longest running urban guerilla war in the world. Significant political and diplomatic risks were taken by President Clinton to motivate all of the parties to move forward in the peace process beginning in the 1992 presidential campaign.

The issue of the United States' involvement in the affairs of Northern Ireland was never a concern of any American president until the 1992 Democratic primary in New York. At that point in the campaign, Bill Clinton was contending with Jerry Brown for the New York primary vote, and the result was quite uncertain.

A number of Irish-American business and labor leaders were able to obtain President Clinton's commitment for direct American involvement in the Northern Ireland problem. This included an endorsement of the granting of a visa to Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams and the appointment of an American peace envoy to broker an agreement amongst the warring factions. Clinton agreed and the evidence is that many Irish Catholics in New York voted for him in the primary. He won the primary, which made certain his presidential nomination at the Democratic Convention. If nothing else, this story confirms that all politics are local and grassroots involvement can influence policy.

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Bill Clinton's interest in Irish affairs began when he was a Rhodes scholar in England. He was there when the "Troubles" began in earnest in the late '60s and early '70s and recalled that he decided then that if ever given a chance, he'd try to do something to end the bloodshed. As Bill Clinton probably discovered when studying the nature of the conflict in Ireland, the battle between the Irish and the English, Catholic and Protestants, has very deep historical roots. Most people come to the United States to forget or avoid such conflicts, so it is not surprising that such long-term grudges are not appreciated by most Americans.

While doing background research in conjunction with this book review of "Daring Diplomacy," I was reminded that the conflict began with the Anglo-Norman invasion of Ireland in the year 1169. Yes, memories do last long in Ireland. Add to that the decision of Henry VIII to break with the Catholic church, establishing a Protestant church instead, and therein lies the beginning of religious differences in Ireland. The immigration of the Scots to the northern portion of Ireland and the subsequent battles which established William of Orange as the dominant force on the island aren't distant or remote memories to most Irish.

More recently, the anti-Catholic penal laws, the deaths sustained in the potato famine and the Easter Rising made for the volatile situation in Northern Ireland which led to the "Troubles" of today.

"Daring Diplomacy" chronicles in great detail the "back-channel" diplomacy of the Clinton White House to force the parties to the conflict to resolve their differences in a peaceful fashion. A substantial diplomatic risk undertaken by the Clinton White House involved the decision by President Clinton to grant a visa to Gerry Adams, overruling his own Secretary of State and the Attorney General. They believed Adams' connection to the **Irish Republican Army** to be obvious and the granting of a visa to be essentially rewarding terrorism.

The British Government was nearly apoplectic about this decision by President Clinton to admit Gerry Adams to the United States. The British Prime Minister, John Major, viewed this as a breach of the "special relationship" between Britain and the United States, wherein each nation deferred to the other regarding internal matters.

The end of the Cold War meant that the English and American governments no longer had a common-unifying threat, the Soviet Union. As a result, the "special relationship" didn't override President Clinton's desire to inject himself and his administration into Northern Ireland politics. Add to that the tacit support that the Tories provided to George Bush in the '92 presidential campaign, and the "special relationship" wasn't so special in Clinton's opinion.

Since Northern Ireland was English territory according to the English and the Loyalists of Ulster, this decision of President Clinton to involve himself into the issue was met with continuing opposition by the anglophiles in Clinton's own State Department.

This decision wasn't without its downside, however. When the IRA resumed its bombing campaign in England, a few months after Gerry Adams was welcomed to the United States, the wisdom of dealing with Sinn Fein was called into question. Fortunately, a cease-fire was obtained from the IRA shortly thereafter.

"Daring Diplomacy" takes the story up to the presidential visit to Ireland and Northern Ireland in November 1995. The author's account of this visit clearly demonstrates that he was given access to all of the parties involved, including President Clinton. The President's appearance in Dublin and Belfast were, perhaps, the highlight of Clinton's first term. The overwhelming and cheering crowds were matched by the nimbleness shown by the American delegation. Given the ultra high visibility of this presidential visit, every step of the way (including which pubs he visited) were of significant diplomatic consequence.

Suffice it to say that all parties in Northern Ireland were satisfied that the Clinton Administration would treat everyone fairly. The trust and goodwill established in this visit that obviously paid dividends during the critical days and hours leading up to the peace agreement of Good Friday of April 1998.

The peace agreement was hammered out after months of negotiations between the many parties. President Clinton had appointed former U.S. Senator George Mitchell to chair the peace talks, fulfilling a campaign promise. The Good Friday peace agreement boils down to a very simple idea: let the people of Northern Ireland determine their own political destiny by democratic means.

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The terms of the proposal call for Ireland to give up its constitutional claim for the return of the six counties that were partitioned away in 1920; England would do the same by repealing its legislative claim to authority over Northern Ireland. In lieu of rule from London (as now is the case), the Northern Irish would have free elections to form a new government of their own, which they haven't had since 1973 when England decided it had to impose military law.

The gradual release of prisoners and the "decommissioning" of each side's arsenal of weapons also is required by the peace plan.

There undoubtedly will be those fringe para-military groups who will attempt to continue the violence. One can only hope that what President Clinton said in Belfast becomes reality: "Those who still would use violence for political objectives - you are in the past. Your day is over."

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Ulster's Fire-and-Brimstone Loyalist Preaches 'No!'

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Body

Commanding the stage the other night at a lectern draped with the British flag, the Rev. Ian Paisley issued a rallying cry so ferocious and frightening that you almost expected the 500 people crowded into a grand old hall to grab weapons and rush out to war -- not to their polling stations.

"Ulster is in jeopardy!" Mr. Paisley thundered to the delight of an audience that erupted into a frenzy of foot-stomping and whistling. "A crisis has come upon us! No matter what comes, we will never bow at the knee to a Dublin Government! We will not give our heritage to anyone! What we have we hold! This is a life-or-death battle!"

More than anyone else, Mr. Paisley embodies the generations of resentments and resistance to compromise that have galvanized the opposing sides as the people of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland prepare to vote May 22 on an accord intended to halt the violence in the British province. He has become a lightning rod for those who support what he derides as "the pernicious agreement," many of whom view him as a symbol of why peace has eluded Northern Ireland for so long.

A hefty, white-haired evangelical minister who established the hard-line Democratic Unionist Party 27 years ago, Mr. Paisley takes pride in having devoted his career to making sure that Protestants and Catholics in Northern Ireland never reach accommodation. His success so far stands as testament to his skill at melding his religious roots with his political ambition in a conflict where both are inextricably linked.

With his dramatic, confrontational manner, Mr. Paisley has catapulted himself to being a top vote-getter in the European Parliament, where he has served for two decades and a figure -- like it or not -- with whom politicians must reckon.

Now, Mr. Paisley, 72, faces the challenge of his life: To try to destroy the settlement by persuading, if not goading, his fellow Protestants into voting against it. (Polls show that while Protestants are divided, most Catholics favor the agreement.) For Mr. Paisley, who has been dismissed as a relic many times over the years -- only to rise up once again -- the outcome might finally demonstrate whether his time has come or gone.

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In contrast to the agreement's supporters, who have been slow to campaign, Mr. Paisley has taken his microphone, loudspeaker and beefy body guard and energetically traveled throughout the lush green towns of this province, arousing a "No!" fervor that seems far more heartfelt than the emotions of those who favor the agreement.

But his sharp edge may carry a cost. Polls conducted for the British Government have found that Mr. Paisley's unbending and blustery style puts off some Protestants. As much as he excites, the fear may also be that he could incite young Protestants to join paramilitary groups.

Allowing his deputies to explain to audiences their grievances over the fine print, Mr. Paisley prefers broad-brush condemnation. "If you got the birth certificate of the fellows who drew this up," Mr. Paisley said as he waved a copy of the agreement, "you'd find under the father: the Devil!"

Mr. Paisley seems a throwback to the Protestant reformers of the 16th century (except for his ubiquitous cellular telephone), a contrast to the coolly confident, baby boom politicians who are pitching the agreement, like British Prime Minister Tony Blair. He once confronted Pope John Paul II, shouting, "I renounce you as the anti-Christ."

Unwittingly, perhaps, Mr. Paisley's appearance last week at the Apprentice Boys Hall in this walled city near the tip of this island served as a reminder that the Irish religious wars have persisted for centuries. The Apprentice Boys are remembered here for their defiance in 1689, when they slammed the wall gates in the face of an advancing Catholic army. While the city -- a flashpoint of turbulence in recent years -- is populated mostly by Catholics, Mr. Paisley had no difficulty attracting a loyalist crowd that responded most heartily when he ridiculed President Clinton.

"We were going to have the President of the United States," Mr. Paisley, his voice booming, said of the President's scuttled plan to visit Ulster to campaign for the referendum. "When I heard he was coming I said, 'Lock up all of the women!' "

That was only the warm-up to Mr. Paisley's gleeful tirade about their meeting when Mr. Clinton visited Northern Ireland in 1995. Mr. Paisley said he refused to wait for the President in the same line "breathing the putrified air" of Gerry Adams, the head of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the *Irish Republican Army*.

"So they had to arrange a special room," he said. "The President sat down beside me and he started his usual flatteries. He said, 'You know, Dr. Paisley, I have watched your great career with great interest.' I said, 'Mr. President, I happen to be exceedingly busy. And I understand you're supposed to be exceedingly busy. So I don't think there will be time for social exchange.' "

Then Mr. Paisley recounted his version of how he dressed down Mr. Clinton for meeting with Mr. Adams: "I said, 'If I came into this room tonight, sir, and said you know those Oklahoma City bombers who did that terrible deed in your country? They are nice men. They are decent men. They were motivated by great principles. And I want to make a request of you, Mr. President: Bring them to the White House! Please shake hands with them! Give them tea and sticky buns!' "

His voice seething with disgust, Mr. Paisley growled: "I said, 'That hand of yours, sir, held the blood-soaked hand of Gerry Adams! And, sir, you know what I feel like doing? Using my foot in your backside.' He just looked at me. Never even tried to reply."

Watching him preach at his immense Martyrs Memorial Free Presbyterian Church in Belfast, which has branches in England, Ireland and Canada, or engaging in retail-style campaigning (when he poses with small children and instructs them to give a thumbs-down for the cameras), it becomes clear that Mr. Paisley cannot be easily compared with any single American political figure.

He has aroused passions from the pulpit, and built a career marked by demonstrations and jail time for taking part in demonstrations. He has marketed himself into something of an industry; tapes of his sermons are catalogued by his recording studio and available by mail. He has offered no middle ground, either attracting people or repelling them. And he has often been accused of whipping up dangerous, bigoted notions.

Ulster 's Fire-and-Brimstone Loyalist Preaches 'No!'

During an interview at the Crumpet restaurant in the town of Limavady east of here, Mr. Paisley treated himself to a heaping helping of sausages and chips bathed in vinegar. Invoking two of the most conservative, and long lasting, Senators in the United States -- Strom Thurmond of South Carolina and Jesse Helms of North Carolina -- he allowed how he is not about to fade.

"I admire Strom Thurmond, being elected at his age," he said of the 95-year-old Senator. "I admire Jesse Helms because they've done everything to remove him -- they couldn't. There's some people who think Ian Paisley will be removed. It's wishful thinking."

Even if the referendum passes, if it lacks a majority of Protestant votes Mr. Paisley said he would consider that a victory -- and one that would give him public support to fight its implementation. He offered this message to Americans who think the peace agreement is a fine idea: "I wonder what they would say if people of New Mexico were told that Mexico was to take them over?"

Then he stepped outside to the main street in Limavady and, undeterred by a drizzle, implored a gathering: "Get your vote in early -- before it's stolen from you! Spend the whole of the 22nd of May to cajoling, wheedling, dragging, luring people into the booths to vote no!"

He then put down his microphone and led a hardy rendition of "God Save the Queen."

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Photo: The Rev. Ian Paisley during his no campaign on Friday in Belfast. To some, he embodies the resentments that made peace so elusive. (Associated Press)

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Body

INTERNATIONAL A3-9

U.S. Seeking to Limit U.N. Chief in Iraq Talks

The U.N. Secretary General, Kofi Annan, is expected to leave this week for Baghdad carrying American guidelines to limit any diplomatic compromise he might negotiate with Saddam Hussein. The guidelines, which have not yet been endorsed by the Security Council, emphasize that the role and powers of the U.N. weapons inspectors must not be undermined or limited. A1

Hundreds Die in Taiwan Crash

A China Airlines flight from the Indonesian resort of Bali crashed while trying to land in Taipei, killing all 197 passengers and crew, including Taiwan's Central Bank governor, and at least 7 people on the ground. A3

Panel Absolves Netanyahu

An Israeli commission appointed to investigate the bungled attack on the political head of the militant Islamic movement Hamas in Jordan last fall absolved Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of any blame for the fiasco. The three-person panel also endorsed the policy that terrorists can be hit "wherever they may be." A1

Sinn Fein Expulsion Considered

The British and Irish Governments moved closer to expelling Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army, temporarily from peace talks on the future of Northern Ireland on the grounds that the I.R.A. was involved in the killing of two civilians a week ago in Belfast. A5

Court Ponders Quebec Issue

The Government went before Canada's Supreme Court for a legal opinion on whether Quebec could unilaterally secede without the agreement of the rest of the country. A5

Voting Begins in Uncertain India

Voting began in India on the first of four days of the second general election in two years. There was doubt about whether the election would end a period of political instability. A3

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New Scourges for Sierra Leone

A military junta was ousted from Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone, but the city faced vigilante gangs, hunger and the threat of disease spread by rotting corpses, relief agencies said. The junta's forces elsewhere in Sierra Leone began surrendering to the peacekeeping troops who captured the capital. A9

Violence in Somalia

Four people were killed when rival militia members fought south of the capital of Somalia on Sunday, witnesses said. It was the first serious outbreak of violence since major faction leaders announced a truce two weeks ago and pledged support for a national reconciliation conference. Somalia has been without a central government since the overthrow of a military dictator in 1991. (Reuters)

Enforcing Secularism in Turkey

Turkey has ordered religious schools to stop letting female students and teachers cover their heads with scarves in the Islamic manner, the Education Ministry said. Such scarves have been banned in public institutions since the foundation of the secular Turkish republic, but had in recent years been tolerated at the religious schools. (AP)

NATIONAL A10-17

Ex-Officer Set to Testify In Clinton-Lewinsky Inquiry

The Whitewater prosecutor, Kenneth W. Starr, begins a fourth week of presenting evidence to a Federal grand jury today concerning President Clinton's relationship with Monica S. Lewinsky. Lewis C. Fox, a retired uniformed Secret Service officer, could testify as early as today, under an agreement between Mr. Starr and the Justice and Treasury Departments that allows Mr. Fox to answer only questions that do not betray the means by which Secret Service personnel guard the President and other high-ranking officials. His lawyer said that Mr. Fox was prepared to tell the grand jury only that he saw the President and Ms. Lewinsky together on a Saturday afternoon in the fall of 1995. It is unclear when and on what terms Mr. Starr will question Ms. Lewinsky. A12

Nashville Banner to Close

The publisher of the Nashville Banner said the 122-year-old afternoon newspaper would cease publication on Friday, becoming the latest casualty in the continuing battle between morning and afternoon newspapers. The Banner, which is locally owned, had a circulation of 39,839 last month, down from about 63,000 a decade ago. It had dropped by nearly 6 percent since September, and was projected to decline to 25,000 or less within two years. A10

Murder Case Goes to Jury

A jury began deliberations in the trial of Diane Zamora, a 20-year-old former Naval Academy midshipman charged with kidnapping and murdering a high school girl who had had sex with the midshipman's boyfriend. A15

A Killing Is Acknowledged

Lawrence Singleton's lawyer acknowledged in opening statements at his first-degree murder trial that Mr. Singleton, who raped a California girl and chopped off her arms in 1978, took a prostitute home and stabbed her to death in his living room. But the lawyer asserted that the crime was the result of a drunken struggle over money and a knife, and not something he had planned. A16

On Science and the Law

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Justice Stephen G. Breyer of the Supreme Court said in a speech at a scientific gathering that the country's judges must explore the use of neutral experts and other ways to insure sound decisions in cases involving scientifically complex issues like cancer causes, DNA sampling and assisted suicide. A17

Seven Years Young

After seven and a half years on ice, what may be the world's oldest frozen embryo developed into a healthy baby, doctors in Tarzana, Calif., announced. A baby boy weighing 8 pounds 15 ounces was delivered by Caesarean section at Encino-Tarzana Regional Medical Center. He was 21 inches long, according to a statement from the hospital. The identities of the child and his parents, a 44-year-old mother and 54-year-old father, were withheld to protect their privacy, officials said. (AP)

NEW YORK/REGION B1-16

Private Group to Finance New Wall St. Police Station

Police Commissioner Howard Safir has agreed to open a Wall Street police substation that will be paid for in part by \$5 million from a downtown business group. The plan calls for 200 officers to be based in the new station. Some City Council members and leaders of community groups criticized the plan, saying that additional police officers should be sent to more dangerous areas. B1

Examining the Clinton Budget

New York State and Congressional budget analysts said that President Clinton's budget proposal contained provisions that undercut several of Mr. Clinton's major new initiatives. The analysts said the plan would do less for the New York metropolitan region than had been projected during the initial fanfare surrounding the President's announcements. B4

15-Year-Old Beaten to Death

The police in South Amboy, N.J., were investigating the bludgeoning death of a 15-year-old girl who disappeared over the weekend while walking home from a roller rink. B5

Uniform Sales Investigated

A national mail-order supplier has been soliciting uniform and equipment orders directly from 27,000 city officers, a business move that has led to a departmental inquiry over two issues: the possible increased risk of police impersonations, and whether the home addresses of officers were improperly disclosed. B3

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Beneficial Weighs Options

Beneficial, a large consumer finance company based in Wilmington, Del., said that it intended to explore strategic business alternatives, including, among other things, putting itself up for sale. D1

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Rauschenberg Art Seized

Fifteen works of art by Robert Rauschenberg were removed on Friday from the walls of the Menil Collection in Houston by deputies carrying out a court order in a suit against the artist by a creditor. E6

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Martha Ellis Gellhorn

One of the first **female** war correspondents, who covered a dozen major conflicts in a writing career that spanned more than six decades, she was 89. That she was known to many largely for her marriage to Ernest Hemingway, from 1940 to 1945, was a source of unending irritation. B11

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Body

Considering that he is serving a life sentence for murdering four Catholics, Noel Large is leading a pretty easy life.

He's up at 8:30 and has breakfast when he feels like it. He spends a little time painting with acrylics in his room. Then it's lunchtime. Then time for a gym workout. That's followed by tea time and a little more painting. Then a few hours working in the canteen, followed up by dinner and TV or a rented movie.

Then it's lights out - in an unlocked room - but only when Large feels like turning them out. Sometimes, he's not there to turn them out at all: Like all long-term prisoners, Large gets Christmas and summer leaves to spend as he wishes with family and friends in Belfast.

So it goes at Northern Ireland's notorious Maze Prison, home to 539 of Britain's toughest and most unrepentant killers and bombers: Catholic and Protestant paramilitary men serving time for killing and bombing each other, and not a few civilians, in the course of Northern Ireland's sectarian war.

Just 12 days ago the Maze's prisoners managed to commit yet another murder - this time without ever leaving the prison.

Protestant paramilitary prisoner Billy "King Rat" Wright was shot five times in the back near the prison's visitor center by three Catholic prisoners apparently using smuggled handguns. Just two weeks earlier a Catholic prisoner, ***Irish Republican Army*** member Liam Averill, managed to escape in a departing busload of visiting wives and girlfriends by disguising himself as a woman (thus earning the nickname Mrs. Doubtfire).

The escape and blatant murder prompted an investigation by shocked British officials as well as widespread comments that perhaps the inmates had indeed taken over the joint.

IN N. IRELAND PRISON, LIFE OF THE CAREFREE / UNREPENTANT KILLERS AND BOMBERS ROAM FREELY. A MURDER AND AN ESCAPE RAISE QUESTIONS.

"I've been saying for two years that the prisoners have been running the Maze," said the head of the Northern Ireland Prison Officers' Association, Finlay Spratt.

Protestant paramilitary prisoner Large, a smallish man with short-cropped hair and a gold earring, acknowledged during an interview inside the Maze's dreary visitor center last week that living conditions aren't so bad.

But if prisoners are indeed running the prison, Large asked snidely, "do you think we'd still be here?"

To the public, particularly the American public, the Maze may still be imagined as an Alcatraz hellhole with prisoners in drab uniforms, behind thick bars, trembling under the thumbs of growling guards.

The prison was in fact a lot like that from 1976 to 1980, after the British built new H-shaped cell blocks on an existing prison site called Long Kesh and then "criminalized" incoming convicted Northern Ireland terrorists who in earlier years would have been granted something like prisoner-of-war status.

In 1981, as a shocked world watched, IRA prisoner Bobby Sands and nine other Catholic inmates at the Maze slowly starved themselves to death in a hunger strike protest over the loss of that status.

Their deaths won worldwide support for Northern Irish republicanism and also forced prison officials to back down. Officials agreed to the demands of prisoners - both Catholic and Protestant - that they be allowed to wear civilian clothes of their choosing, refuse prison work, mix freely with fellow prisoners, and more easily receive letters and visitors.

The granting of essentially POW status to the Maze's prisoners - some of whom have done nothing more glorious than kill innocent Catholics or Protestants, both male and female, adult and child - is only right since they are indeed fighting a war, say leaders on both the Catholic republican and Protestant loyalist sides.

"They wouldn't be on the inside of jail if they weren't part of a political movement," noted Michael Browne, a Sinn Fein political party prison spokesman and liaison for the nearly 270 IRA prisoners currently inside the Maze. (The prison is still pointedly called "Long Kesh" by republicans who refuse to recognize the changes that took place when the H-block cells were built in the 1970s and the prison was renamed Her Majesty's Prison, The Maze, after an adjacent village called Maze.)

But with the escape of Averill and the shooting of Billy Wright last month, many in Britain are beginning to ask if the prison privileges trend begun by the martyred Sands and other hunger strikers hasn't gone too far.

Some examples of the modern Maze's leniency:

- * If outsiders want to visit a Maze prisoner, they don't seek permission from prison officials. Inmates and their paramilitary and political organizations approve virtually all visitor passes.
- * Prison staffers spend very little time in the prison's living quarters, with a small percentage of them visiting only once in the morning and once at night for cursory head counts outside private prisoner rooms that are never locked. "Prison staff can go for days and days without seeing a prisoner," said Sinn Fein's Browne.
- * Most Maze rules aren't set by prison staff but by ruling prisoners appointed by the inmates themselves and called "OCs," for officers-commanding. What would happen if the prison staff decided to implement a new rule making all inmates rise at 7 a.m. without first obtaining approval from the OCs? "Come Monday, no one would be up at 7," Browne said. "You'd have to have staff dragging people out of bed, even those who normally get up at half 6."
- * Maze prisoners who have spent at least 10 years there get liberal leave time outside. This year about 180 Maze prisoners got 10-day home leaves at Christmastime, plus seven additional leave days to take any other time they wish. (There is no concern the prisoners won't return from leave; if they didn't they would be in very deep trouble with their paramilitary organizations, since a parole escape would threaten the privilege for others.)

IN N. IRELAND PRISON, LIFE OF THE CAREFREE / UNREPENTANT KILLERS AND BOMBERS ROAM FREELY. A MURDER AND AN ESCAPE RAISE QUESTIONS.

Maze prisoners are so independent that they have become a potent political force in their own right. A vote last week by Protestant prisoners to oppose Northern Ireland's shaky peace negotiations threatened the process and alarmed the British government. Today, Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam will make an unprecedented visit to the Maze to try to regain Protestant prisoners' support for the peace effort.

Since the escape of Averill and Wright's shooting, British government officials have promised to get tougher at the Maze - mainly by increasing inspections in prisoners' rooms and throughout the prison, and also by conducting better searches of incoming visitors.

That new scrutiny of visitors was in evidence recently. Nine visiting wives and girlfriends, one journalist, three babies, and one blue parakeet rode a Protestant prisoners' organization bus to the Maze one morning last week. Purses were taken away and stored. The women were patted down by female staffers and scanned with an electronic wand; the babies were patted down; the parakeet and its cage - being delivered to an inmate as a pet - were set aside to be taken over later by prison workers.

But inspections were apparently much less stringent on Dec. 10, when a busload of women and babies headed for a Maze Christmas party reportedly were allowed into the visitor center with no inspections at all. It is theorized that the two guns used to kill Billy Wright may have entered the prison this way - perhaps inside a baby's nappy, or diaper.

Prisoners and their spokesmen say they are upset about the possibility that loose security could have allowed the guns to pass; if weapons come into the prison freely, then no prisoners can feel safe.

But withdrawal of the hard-earned privileges at the Maze is not the answer, said Martin Snoddon, project manager for the Ex-Prisoners Interpretative Centre (EPIC) in Belfast and himself a former Protestant prisoner - for 15 years - at both Long Kesh and the Maze.

"Imprisonment itself is meant to be the loss of liberty, so are they asking for further punishment beyond that?" Snoddon said last week. It doesn't matter if you're in a prison, he said, "in the Maze H-blocks or on an island in the middle of the Atlantic. You've still lost your liberty."

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Here is a summary of late news from The Associated Press. Stories carried "f" or "i" category codes. Some of the items below have moved on this circuit in expanded form:

SOVERATO, Italy (AP)

Italian tugboats on Saturday rescued 825 illegal immigrants, most of them Kurds, from a Turkish ship that ran aground off the southern coast here in one of the largest attempts to smuggle people into Italy. By mid-afternoon, all of the passengers had been brought to shore, the Italian news agency ANSA reported from this Calabrian coastal town in the "toe" of the boot-shaped peninsula. Two men and a woman were hospitalized for dehydration after the six-day voyage in which passengers said they were given only bread and cheese to eat. In all, 165 of the passengers were women or children, authorities reported.

PRINCE SULTAN AIR BASE, Saudi Arabia (AP)

President Saddam Hussein could use the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, which begins this week, to further conceal Iraq's chemical and biological weapons from U.N. inspectors, the general in charge of American forces in the Gulf area said Saturday. Marine Corps Gen. Anthony Zinni, setting out on a four-day regional tour, predicted a quiet Ramadan militarily but warned that Iraq may use the lull against the international inspections by agents of the U.N. special commission, or UNSCOM. The United States and U.N. allies have been pressing Iraq to open to weapons inspection scores of sensitive sights including some of Saddam's presidential palaces.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)

Jail-house assassins pumped five bullets Saturday into the back of Billy Wright, a steely-eyed icon of Protestant militancy who could do as much damage to Northern Ireland peacemaking from the grave as he did from his prison cell. Police closed roads in religiously divided west Belfast and kept watch elsewhere for possible retaliatory strikes against Catholics after an Irish Republican Army splinter gang killed the man widely known as "King Rat" inside Northern Ireland's top-security Maze prison. Political leaders appealed for calm.

BIJELJINA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP)

A senior representative of the international community on Saturday urged Bosnian Serb hard-liners to co-exist with the country's other nationalities or risk becoming the "North Korea of Europe." Hanns Schumacher, who represents Bosnian High Commissioner Carlos Westendorp, also warned the hard-liners supporters of war crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic that their backing of the former Bosnian Serb leader is "unacceptable." Schumacher spoke to

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the first post-election session of the Bosnian Serb assembly, a gathering rent by deep divisions between Karadzic backers and opponents.

JERUSALEM (AP)

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Saturday promised to crack down on Jewish right-wing extremists trying to provoke religious conflict with Muslims. The warning came a day after a court ordered two Israelis detained for plotting to throw a pig's head into a revered Muslim shrine in Jerusalem during Islam's holy month of Ramadan, which police say could have sparked large-scale violence. "The Israeli government is taking determined action against lawbreakers trying to offend Muslim religious feelings and the government will take forceful action against anyone who tries to instigate a religious war," Netanyahu said in a statement.

WORLD AT 0000 GMT:

NEW:

IRAQ-OIL. Baghdad could resume oil sales within a week.

MEXICO-REFUGEES. Mexicans await evacuation from massacre site.

MEXICO-MASSACRE. Local official arrested in massacre.

ISRAEL-EXTREMISTS. Netanyahu promises to crack down on extremist Jews.

PERU-JAPANESE STUDENTS. Four soldiers arrested in Japanese deaths.

MAIN SPOT NEWS:

BELFAST, Northern Ireland Slain Protestant militant Billy Wright could do as much damage to Northern Ireland peacemaking from the grave as he did from his prison cell. NORTHERN IRELAND. Recap expected by 0300 GMT. By Shawn Pogatchnik. AP Photo LON108.

PRINCE SULTAN AIR BASE, Saudi Arabia Saddam Hussein could use the Islamic holy month of Ramadan to further conceal chemical and biological weapons from international inspectors, a top U.S. general says Saturday. US-IRAQ. Has moved. By John Diamond. AP Photo WX102.

AND:

IRAQ-OIL. Iraq's oil minister says Saturday that Baghdad expects to resume oil exports within a week as part of a U.N. oil-for-food program. Has moved.

POLHO, Mexico Hundreds of refugees, fleeing the site of an Indian massacre, wait in the driving rain for army trucks to evacuate them from villages in the highlands of southern Mexico. MEXICO-REFUGEES. Expected by 0600 GMT. By Mark Stevenson.

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MEXICO-MASSACRE. Authorities arrest a local official in the massacre of 45 poor Indians. Recap expected by 0600 GMT.

HAVANA Cuba's young people are flocking to the Roman Catholic Church and other faiths, searching for lost traditions and a spirituality they say is lacking in their lives. CUBA-CATHOLIC YOUTH. Has moved. By Anita Snow. AP Photos XHAV102,103,105,HAV104.

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CUBA-EXPLOSION. A small bomb goes off Saturday at a church in Old Havana, alarming officials three weeks before a papal visit. Lead has moved. AP Photo XHAV104,106.

BIJELJINA, Bosnia-Herzegovina Bosnian Serb hard-liners are urged to co-exist with the country's other nationalities or risk becoming the "North Korea of Europe." BOSNIA. Lead has moved. By Radul Radovanovic. AP Photos BEL101,103.

SOVERATO, Italy Tugboats on Saturday rescue 825 illegal immigrants, most of them Kurds, from a Turkish ship that ran aground off the southern coast of Italy. ITALY-KURDS AGROUND. Lead has moved. AP Photos CAZ101-103.

LIMA, Peru Four soldiers are arrested after witnesses say they robbed and hacked to death two Japanese students exploring Peru's Amazon River in a balsa wood raft, police say Saturday. PERU-JAPANESE STUDENTS. Lead has moved. By David Koop.

JERUSALEM Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Saturday promises to crack down on Jewish right-wing extremists trying to provoke religious conflict with Muslims. ISRAEL-EXTREMISTS. Has moved. By Jack Katzenell.

NAIROBI, Kenya President Daniel arap Moi, who has governed Kenya since 1978, appears headed for victory in Monday's general elections. KENYA-ELECTION PREVIEW. Has moved. By Susan Linnee. AP Photos NAI101-104.

WINDSOR, England Windsor Castle opens its doors to the public Saturday for the first time since the completion of a dlr 62 million restoration of rooms gutted by fire five years ago. BRITAIN-WINDSOR. Has moved. AP Photos WIND101-103.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Monday, Kenya holds presidential elections.

FEATURES:

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT FEATURES:

VIENNA, Austria Salzburg, Austria's Second City of Music, is the place to be for lovers of Mozart in January. That's when the city honors its most famous son with a week of music by the composer and his contemporaries. It is a musical event worth making time for. FEATURE-MUSIC IN EUROPE. To move as wire time permits. By George Jahn.

NEW YORK "The Lion King" was the Broadway event of the year, and much of the praise has been heaped on its director-designer, Julie Taymor. But there were other heroines in the New York theater in 1997, most of them in plays and musicals on and off-Broadway. FEATURE-US-THEATER YEAR. To move as wire time permits. By Michael Kuchwara. AP Photo NY340.

NASHVILLE, Tennessee Album sales stabilized, Garth Brooks ruled New York for a night and **female** stars like Shania Twain and LeAnn Rimes continued to flourish in 1997. All that was good news for the country music industry, which had a ho-hum year in 1996. FEATURE-US-COUNTRY 1997. To move as wire time permits. By Jim Patterson. AP Photo NY347.

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Body

VIRGINIA

2 Charged In Killing Of Black Man

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 Friday on murder charges.

Louis Ceparano, 42, was charged with capital murder and Emmett Cressell Jr., 36, with first-degree murder in Independence, Va.

Police say Ceparano and Cressell along with two women had been drinking heavily at a party at Ceparano's trailer in mountainous Grayson County July 25 when they attacked Garnett P. Johnson.

During a hearing, one of the women, Christy Harden, testified that Johnson begged the two men to "just shoot me" as they carried him outside the trailer.

A sheriff's deputy testified that when he arrived at the trailer, he found Johnson's body still smoldering and his head lying in a hole that had been dug nearby.

UNABOMBER CASE

Kaczynski Refuses Psychiatric Exam

Accused unabomber Theodore Kaczynski has refused to submit to a court-ordered psychiatric examination.

Prosecutors said that unless Kaczynski underwent an examination they would oppose any attempt by the defense to show Kaczynski is suffering from a mental abnormality.

Kaczynski, 55, has pleaded not guilty to using bombs to kill a computer store owner and a lobbyist in Sacramento, Calif., and injure two other people. He faces the death penalty if convicted. His trial, in federal court in Sacramento, is scheduled to begin Nov. 12.

NEW YORK

BRIEFS

Police Officer Found Guilty Of Murder

A New York City police officer who shot a man to death in a quarrel over a parking space while off duty was convicted of murder in a court in White Plains, N.Y., Friday. He could be sentenced to 25 years to life in prison.

Jurors rejected officer Richard D. DiGuglielmo's claim that the victim was about to attack his father with a baseball bat.

The killing occurred when Charles Campbell, 37, wheeled into a parking lot outside the DiGuglielmos' family deli, ignoring the "patrons-only" sign.

A fist fight ensued with three members of the DiGuglielmo family on one side and Campbell on the other. The question before the jury turned on whether Campbell, who is black, was attacking Richard DiGuglielmo's father, or whether he was retreating when he was shot.

At the trial, whites sat on one side of the courtroom, blacks on the other.

The jury had one black. But race was barely mentioned in the month-long trial.

AIR FORCE CRASH

Captain's Death Is Ruled A Suicide

The Air Force has concluded Capt. Craig Button, 32, deliberately flew his bomb-laden A-10 Thunderbolt into a snowy peak in the Colorado Rockies six months ago to commit "unpremeditated suicide."

Button disappeared during a routine training mission April 2 when the aircraft veered off course after takeoff from Davis-Monthan Air Force base in Arizona.

An extensive three-week search eventually turned up wreckage on Gold Dust Peak near Vail. An investigation found no evidence of a medical problem, such as lack of oxygen, or of mechanical failure, leaving suicide the only possible cause, the Air Force said.

AMTRAK STRIKE

Workers Would Run Commuter Trains

Amtrak employees have agreed that in the event of a strike they will keep enough workers on the job to allow commuter trains to continue to operate, Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater said on Friday.

Any shutdown after the deadline set in negotiations would affect only long-distance Amtrak services and not shorter-distance commuter trains, Slater said in a statement.

The Brotherhood of Maintenance and Way Employees is in negotiations with Amtrak management for a wage package for its Amtrak members comparable to that paid to freight railroad workers. If no agreement is reached, the union has threatened to strike at 1:01 a.m. St. Louis time Wednesday.

WORLD

YUGOSLAVIA

BRIEFS

Ally Of Milosevic's Is Assassinated

A top political associate of Yugoslavian President Slobodan Milosevic was gunned down Friday in Belgrade.

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VIRGINIA

2 Charged In Killing Of Black Man

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 Friday on murder charges.

Louis Ceparano, 42, was charged with capital murder and Emmett Cressell Jr., 36, with first-degree murder in Independence, Va.

Police say Ceparano and Cressell along with two women had been drinking heavily at a party at Ceparano's trailer in mountainous Grayson County July 25 when they attacked Garnett P. Johnson.

During a hearing, one of the women, Christy Harden, testified that Johnson begged the two men to "just shoot me" as they carried him outside the trailer.

A sheriff's deputy testified that when he arrived at the trailer, he found Johnson's body still smoldering and his head lying in a hole that had been dug nearby. If convicted, Ceparano could be sentenced to death and Cressell could get life in prison.

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Opposition politicians were quick to seize on the killing as a sign of the links between political power and organized crime in Yugoslavia. The opposition Democratic Party called the killing "a logical consequence" of the crime, corruption and lawlessness that have increased since Milosevic came to power.

Vuk Draskovic, the leader of another opposition party, The Serbian Renewal Movement, said "in this country, we have gangland laws and we are heading for chaos if this rule is not changed."

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U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan has made some concessions, changing the team leader and widening the inquiry to date back to 1993, to cover alleged abuses committed by Mobutu. Annan withdrew some investigators earlier this month to give the Americans time to resolve the dispute.

Richardson planned to meet with Kabila today.

Most of the slain refugees were Hutus who fled Rwanda after the 1994 genocide that killed an estimated half-million Tutsis and moderate Hutus. Kabila's Tutsi-backed army is accused of targeting the Hutu refugees to avenge those slayings, a charge he denies.

He cited the U.N. team's insistence on starting first in the western city of Mbandaka, where some of the massacres allegedly took place. Officials in Kinshasa say the team had promised to focus on the east of the country, something U.N. officials deny.

During a five-day trip to Africa, Richardson is also to visit Angola, Rwanda, Eritrea, Ethiopia and Kenya. He is expected to ask the Rwandans, who have considerable influence over Kabila, to agree to the U.N. investigation when he visits the capital, Kigali, on Sunday.

Today, he is to meet with Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos and former UNITA rebel leader Jonas Savimbi. Richardson will urge dos Santos to withdraw troops from the Republic of Congo, where they intervened to help former dictator Gen. Denis Sassou-Nguesso overthrow the elected president, Pascal Lissouba, earlier this month.

MIDDLE EAST

BRIEFS

Arafat Seeks Trade Pressure On Israel

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat urged European nations Friday to use their trade with Israel as leverage toward breaking the deadlock in Middle East peace efforts.

Arafat stopped short of calling for economic sanctions but urged Europe "to play this economic card in a positive way." He spoke to an audience of academics, politicians and reporters in Bonn.

Germany is Europe's biggest donor to the Palestinian administration, pumping about \$ 685 million into Palestinian areas through the end of last year to try shore up Arafat against radicals opposed to peace with Israel.

Kohl promised Arafat continued European and German support "within the range of their possibilities," German government spokesman Herbert Schmuelling said.

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INTERNATIONAL A3-11

Milosevic Expands Powers As Serbia Deteriorates

Slobodan Milosevic switched jobs, becoming President of the Yugoslav federation, and stepping down as President of Serbia. He maneuvered to take the Yugoslav presidency, until now a figurehead job, because he was barred by the Constitution from serving again as President of Serbia. He promised "a peaceful, independent, just and developed country." But since the war that Mr. Milosevic presided over and that led to the breakup of Yugoslavia, the Serbian economy has declined sharply and has become largely criminalized. A3

After War, the Playing Field

Croatia and Serbia held their first soccer match since the war pulled them apart six years ago. It was a desultory affair. "Neither side knows how to play," complained one 17-year-old fan. A3

Tuition for British Students

The British Government plans to impose tuition fees on all college students, effectively abandoning the country's long-held commitment to free higher education for everyone. In a nation where free education is considered a basic right, the announcement was taken as a further sign that Prime Minister Tony Blair's new Government was intent on dismantling many of the most sacred vestiges of Britain's old-style welfare state. A7

Irish Plan Opposed by Some

The main Protestant political parties voted to reject a proposal by the British and Irish Governments for disarming the Irish Republican Army and Protestant paramilitary groups. British and Irish officials, who expected the decision, said the setback would not kill peace negotiations, pointing out that the largest Protestant party has pledged to continue to work with the Government. A8

Swiss Bank Reports Mixup

As Swiss banks sought to restore credibility lost in their handling of dormant accounts thought to belong to Holocaust victims, one of the country's top banks acknowledged that it had failed to report the existence of accounts worth more than \$11 million that may include Jewish assets. The admission, by the Swiss Bank

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Corporation in Basel, clouded an unparalleled move by the banks to publicize dormant accounts opened before the war ended. A10

Experts, Holocaust survivors and others studied the list of 2,000 long-dormant Swiss bank accounts made public this week and said they were angry that the banks had not done more to track down the depositors. A10

Weapon Cuts in Europe

The United States, Russia and 28 other nations agreed on the framework of a treaty to reduce the number of tanks and other non-nuclear weapons in Europe, especially in Central European countries of the former Warsaw Pact. The agreement would replace and expand a 1990 accord on conventional arms between NATO and nations that were then members of the Soviet bloc. A5

NATIONAL A12-18, B7-8

Body Found on Houseboat In Miami May Be Cunanan's

A police search of a houseboat in Miami Beach revealed the body of a man that local and Federal officials say might be that of Andrew P. Cunanan, the 27-year-old California man who authorities suspect killed five men in four states, including Gianni Versace, the fashion designer. A1

Clinton Aided Fund-Raising

President Clinton personally requested a list of potential contributors whom he offered to call to try to raise \$1 million for the Democratic National Committee early last year, according to a White House memorandum recently turned over to Congressional investigators. Several weeks after Mr. Clinton had asked to call the donors, several people on the President's list gave \$50,000 and \$100,000 checks to the Democrats, according to Federal Election Commission records. A1

Immunity Granted in Inquiry

Acting with unusual bipartisanship, Senators investigating campaign finance abuses rebuffed the Justice Department and voted to grant immunity from prosecution to five potential witnesses, including four nuns involved in a 1996 fund-raiser attended by Vice President Al Gore at a Buddhist temple. A1

G.O.P Gets Budget Agreement

Republican leaders of the House and Senate agreed on a \$16 billion plan to provide health care for uninsured children, the biggest investment in children's health since Medicaid was created in 1965. President Clinton said the plan was unacceptable because it did not guarantee adequate health benefits for children. A1

Weld Nomination Advances

President Clinton went ahead with the nomination of Gov. William F. Weld of Massachusetts to be Ambassador to Mexico, setting up a confirmation showdown in the Senate and putting himself in the middle of an ideological fight within the Republican Party. B8

Surgery Helps Fertility Disorder

Even mild cases of a common disorder of the uterine lining, endometriosis, can cause infertility in women, a study has found. But the study also found that surgery to treat endometriosis can nearly double such women's chances of getting pregnant. A13

NEW YORK/REGION B1-6

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Religious Groups Boycott City's Workfare Program

A coalition of 68 churches, synagogues and nonprofit groups in New York City is refusing to hire welfare recipients as part of Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani's workfare program, denouncing the program as unjust. Borrowing the language of abolitionism, the coalition, which includes the Judson Memorial Church and Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, hopes to use its moral stature to press the city to treat its 38,000 workfare employees with greater dignity and pay them far more than they now receive. A1

State May Extend Aid

New York State is likely to insure that as many as 100,000 immigrants continue to receive food stamps, even after the Federal government stops paying for them next month, Gov. Pataki and legislative leaders said. B1

Liquor Product Draws Critics

A brewer of malt liquor has been testing a frozen version of the drink in five urban markets, including New York, since June. The drink is often sold in freezer cases next to traditional ice cream confections and critics of the alcoholic beverage industry seized on the new product as a blatant attempt to convert children and teen-agers into drinkers. B1

Bus Service to Change

Anticipating that Metrocards will change the way commuters use buses and subways, transit officials said they would cut bus service on several major north-south routes in Manhattan, while adding service to crosstown lines and to routes running to the distant reaches of the other boroughs. The schedule changes start Aug. 31. B4

Woman Loses 'Rent' Battle

"Rent" -- the lawsuit -- closed in Federal court with a judge's ruling that the hit musical was the sole legal creation of the late Jonathan Larson and had not been co-authored by a collaborator, no matter how much she contributed to the show's success. B3

EDITORIAL A20-21

Editorials: Campaign money, at any cost; Liberia's ambiguous election; don't weaken the F.D.A.; New York's prison building fever.

Column: Thomas L. Friedman.

BUSINESS DAY D1-20

Europe Approves Boeing Deal

Boeing gave in to the demands of European antitrust regulators and won approval for its \$14 billion merger with McDonnell-Douglas Corporation. Boeing's last-minute concessions narrowly averted an unprecedented trade battle between the European Union and the United States, in which European regulators were prepared to reject a merger between two companies based on American soil despite the approval of the deal by United States authorities and support from the White House. A1

Greenspan Mum on Market

Through his silence during Congressional hearings this week about the risks of a stock-price bubble, Alan Greenspan may have been admitting that the market was right after all, and that he, the chairman of the Federal

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Reserve, was wrong last December when he attached the phrase "irrational exuberance" to investor psychology. D1

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Alan Mixon

An actor who appeared on stage, screen and television, he was 64. D21

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INTERNATIONAL A3-9

U.S. Study Criticizes China On Restraining Christianity

In its report on persecution of Christian groups around the world, the State Department has criticized China for suppressing religious worship and urged President Boris Yeltsin of Russia to protect his country's newly gained religious freedom. A1

France Raises Corporate Tax

Vowing that France would qualify for the European Monetary Union, the Socialist Government raised taxes for big businesses after an audit showed that this year's budget deficit would exceed the 3 percent of gross domestic product set as a criterion for joining the European Union's planned single currency. The increase will apply to this year and 1998, said Finance Minister Dominique Strauss-Kahn, who added that defense spending cuts would help fill the rest of the budget gap. A3

Ulster Leader Angry With Blair

David Trimble, leader of Northern Ireland's largest Protestant party, met with Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain, whose Government he had hours before accused of "duplicity on a massive scale." Mr. Trimble's Ulster Unionists were angry that the ***Irish Republican Army*** had not been asked to surrender "a single bullet" as a condition of participating in peace talks through their political wing, Sinn Fein. A8

Mir Repairs Await Next Crew

Russian space officials said the next crew on the space station Mir would "stamp their feet" on the damaged Spektr module during an exterior spacewalk in order to locate its depressurized points. They also said that Michael Foale, an American astronaut, would not take part in an internal spacewalk to reattach damaged power cables inside Spektr. A8

Canadian Boats Block Ferry

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More than 100 Canadian fishermen concerned about salmon populations ignored a court order and refused to allow an American ferry to leave a port in British Columbia. They were protesting what they consider salmon "rustling" by Alaskan fishermen, in violation of a treaty drafted to preserve salmon stocks. A6

Arafat Orders Police Arrested

The Palestinian leader, Yasir Arafat, has ordered the arrest and investigation of several of his police officers. Israel and Washington had pressured him to take action after Israeli forces apprehended three Palestinian officers with guns and grenades preparing to attack Jewish motorists on a road in the West Bank. A6

186 Kurds Seek Asylum in Italy

The 186 Kurds seized by Italian police officials off the coast of Sicily have requested asylum in Italy, the police said. The Kurds, whose requests the police said would be considered after interviews, were among 350 immigrants from various Asian countries who tried to row ashore in dinghies from a Turkish ship last week. Five Turkish crew members were arrested on charges of trafficking illegal immigrants. (Reuters)

NATIONAL A10-15

Gingrich Says He Plans To Stay Put as Speaker

Speaker Newt Gingrich, speaking in public for the first time about the failed plot to oust him, pointedly reminded party members that he is "the head coach of the House Republicans" and said he assumed he would remain Speaker for another five years. A1

Change in Drug Law Urged

Attorney General Janet Reno and General Barry R. McCaffrey, the White House's director of national drug control policy, have recommended to President Clinton that the gap between mandatory Federal sentences for possessing crack cocaine and powder cocaine be significantly narrowed. Congress first created the sentencing disparity in response to voter fears prompted by a wave of violence by dealers competing to sell crack. But critics have attacked the disparity, saying it puts far more blacks than whites behind bars for five years or longer. A1

Episcopalians Elect New Leader

Leaders of the Episcopal Church, which has been struggling with financial troubles and is deeply divided over issues of homosexuality and traditional church teaching, elected Bishop Frank T. Griswold 3d of Chicago, a scholarly moderate, to the denomination's top post. A10

Cunanan Left Clear Trail

Miami Beach police officials fended off criticism that they may have possessed evidence that could have led them directly to the motel room of suspected killer Andrew P. Cunanan before the murder of Gianni Versace. A10

Federal Budget Talks Stall

Talks over budget and tax legislation sputtered as members of both parties said struggles among House Republican leaders had severely impaired the outlook for agreements between President Clinton and Congress. A15

'Old Ironsides' at Sea

The U.S.S. Constitution -- the historic frigate known as Old Ironsides -- stopped being a museum and became a ship under free sail for the first time since 1881. The short cruise off the Massachusetts coast celebrated the 200th birthday of the Constitution, the oldest commissioned warship still afloat. A10

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Gay Unions at Harvard Chapel

Gay and lesbian couples are now permitted to hold same-sex commitment or blessing ceremonies in Harvard University's Memorial Church, university officials announced. The decision makes Harvard the second major educational institution after Stanford University formally to permit gay and lesbian unions in its campus chapel. A11

Mars Communication Restored

Communications between the Mars Pathfinder and NASA were restored, clearing the way for scientists to begin receiving data for the first time in two days. A15

NEW YORK/REGION B1-5

Deaf Immigrants Exploited Over 10-Year Period in City

Federal prosecutors offered a grimly detailed account of how a band of illegal Mexican immigrants had smuggled deaf countrymen into New York City for nearly a decade, charging that the smugglers ran an efficient, organized criminal enterprise complete with assigned roles as recruiters, money collectors and enforcers. A1

Dozens of deaf Mexican immigrants huddled around Spanish-speaking interpreters in Queens and, using Mexican and American sign language, vividly described their long and tortuous ordeal at the hands of the smuggling ring, which forced them to sell \$1 trinkets on the subway from morning until night. B4

Officer Sentenced for Killing

Paolo Colecchia, a former transit police officer who shot an unarmed Navy veteran in the back as he fled down a Bronx subway platform, was sentenced to one and a half to four and a half years in prison, becoming only the third New York City officer ever sentenced for committing homicide while on duty. B1

Defense Rests in Cosby Case

Lawyers for Autumn Jackson, the woman on trial for extorting Bill Cosby, rested their case after a short but spirited defense that included only one witness and a dramatic appearance by Mr. Cosby -- on videotape -- standing beside Ms. Jackson on a visit she made to his Queens studios in 1991. B1

SPORTS B6-11

Mets Complete Sweep of Reds

Right fielder Carl Everett hit two home runs, including a 2-run tie-breaking shot in the eighth inning, as the Mets completed a four-game sweep of the Cincinnati Reds with a 5-3 victory at Shea Stadium. B7

SCIENCE TIMES C1-8

Faster-Than-Light Experiment

A twin-photon experiment last month was the most spectacular demonstration yet of the mysterious long-range connections that exist between quantum events, which in theory can reach instantaneously from one end of the universe to the other. The experiment permitted two photons of light nearly seven miles apart to respond simultaneously to a stimulus applied to just one of them. C1

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BUSINESS DAY D1-20

I.B.M. Earnings Rise

I.B.M. reported third-quarter earnings that were better than expected as a result of strong sales of mainframe computers and computer components and the growth of its computer services business. But I.B.M.'s overall revenue was weaker than many on Wall Street had expected. D1

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ARTS C9-15

Final Reel for Family Films

The traditional family film, once a lucrative staple of Hollywood's studio system, is quietly dying as the industry feeds an increasingly restless audience with bigger stars, more provocative themes and stories with an edge unheard of even a decade ago. C9

OBITUARIES A17

John Elbridge Hines

The 22d Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, who guided the denomination through a time of social turmoil and helped open its clerical ranks to women and black Americans, was 86. A17

William Reynolds

A deft and meticulous Hollywood film editor who won Academy Awards for "The Sound of Music" and "The Sting," he was 87. A17

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Editorials: The abuse of illegal immigrants; a budget deal not worth saving; Time Warner's New York blackout; tracking American anti-drug aid.

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INTERNATIONAL 3-5

Talks in Northern Ireland May Soon Include Sinn Fein

Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the ***Irish Republican Army***, said he had urged the guerrilla group to resume a cease-fire and expected a positive reply soon. A cease-fire would allow Sinn Fein to take part in Northern Ireland peace talks. 1

A New Crew May Fix Mir

Crew members on the Russian space station Mir were ordered to get three days of rest after a series of mishaps damaged the space station's power supply. Russian ground officials said they would probably wait for a new crew to arrive before undertaking a space walk to repair the damage. 5

Kenya Arrests 7 for Massacre

Kenyan police arrested seven high-ranking officials in the former Rwandan Government. The officials were accused of being part of a hard-line Hutu elite that planned and carried out genocide against Tutsi civilians in 1994 before the government was overthrown. The arrests were made at the request of the United Nations war crimes tribunal in Tanzania, and suggested warmer relations between Rwanda and President Daniel arap Moi of Kenya. 4

U.S. Pressure Urged on China

The former secretary of Wei Jingsheng, China's most prominent political prisoner, said Washington should pressure Beijing to release him or at least to improve his conditions. Tong Yi, herself freed from a prison camp last year, described the pro-democracy movement in China as at its lowest ebb since 1989. She urged the Administration to pressure President Jiang Zemin in the process of arranging his upcoming state visit. 5

Lethal Rains in Central Europe

Flags were at half-staff as Poland held a national day of mourning for the 48 people who have died so far in flooding that has devastated the south of the country and wrought havoc and destruction across central Europe. Heavy rain was expected to continue in the Czech Republic, where at least 48 people have died.

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(Agence France-Presse)

Canada Laments Overfishing

In a terse missive to Washington, Canada accused the United States of breaching an international treaty by overfishing in Alaska. Alaskan fishermen have caught about 350,000 sockeye salmon bound for Canadian waters so far in 1997, triple the average of previous years, Fisheries Minister David Anderson contended in Ottawa. (Reuters)

Angry Gorilla Nabs Fugitive

An angry gorilla at the Johannesburg Zoo in South Africa corralled a man who trespassed in his area while trying to flee the police. The suspect shot the 260-pound lowland gorilla, without being able to subdue the animal. The police finally shot the suspect but had to knock the furious gorilla out with a tranquilizer dart during the fracas. The suspect was hospitalized but all other parties escaped serious injury. (AP)

NATIONAL 6-9

Police Say Murder Spree Began With Cryptic Remark

Just before the killings began, Andrew Cunanan told friends in San Diego that he was flying to Minnesota to "settle some business" with an old friend, Jeff Trail. It is perhaps the most tantalizing clue in the mystery of why Mr. Cunanan began what the police call a murderous spree, starting with the killing of Mr. Trail, an engineer, on April 27, and the shooting of another friend, David Madson, a Minneapolis architect, six days later. Mr. Cunanan continues to elude the authorities in the Miami area, where he is wanted in the killing on Tuesday of the fashion designer Gianni Versace. 1

G.O.P. Votes Against Change

Republican Party members endorsed the recommendations of a study group that opposes campaign spending limits, opposing public financing of campaigns, but favors preserving political action committees and continuing to allow parties to raise and spend "soft money," which is often used by the parties to skirt Federal campaign finance regulations. 8

Donor Faces Record Fine

The Federal Election Commission levied a \$323,000 fine against a German businessman, the largest penalty ever against an individual for campaign finance violations. In a settlement agreement, Thomas Kramer admitted to making illegal campaign contributions directly, through his businesses and through his secretary to a number of state and Federal party committees and candidates. 8

Bullets Missing in King Case

After a week of searching, prosecutors said they still had not found the bullets fired 29 years ago in F.B.I. tests of the rifle they believe was used by James Earl Ray to assassinate the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Proving that the .30-06 rifle did not fire the shot that killed Dr. King is crucial to Mr. Ray's efforts to win a new trial because his fingerprints were found on the rifle. 7

Gore Defends Balanced Budget

Vice President Al Gore defended the Clinton Administration's drive for a balanced budget against those in his party who say that strict balance is less important than investment and economic growth. While he never mentioned his rival by name, Mr. Gore was clearly answering Representative Richard A. Gephardt, the House minority leader who is expected to challenge him for the Democratic Presidential nomination in 2000. 7

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New Charges in Army Case

The Army charged its most senior enlisted soldier with sexual misconduct involving a ***female*** officer, the fifth woman to come forward since the investigation against him began last February. The woman, a major based in Europe and the first officer to make such accusations, said that in 1994, when she was a captain, Sergeant Major Gene C. McKinney assaulted her on one occasion and asked her to have sex on another, Army officials said. 6

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Storms Cause 3 Deaths And Many Power Outages

Severe thunderstorms flashed across the metropolitan region, knocking out power lines and uprooting trees in bursts of rain, wind and lightning that left two people dead in Queens and one in New Jersey. The storms caused power failures from central New Jersey to eastern Long Island. 1

Immigration Law Rejected

A Federal judge ruled that despite a longstanding New York City policy, city workers cannot be forbidden from alerting the authorities if an illegal immigrant is using public hospitals, schools or other city services. The decision marked a setback for Mayor Giuliani, who had sued to restore a city policy that allowed undocumented aliens access to services without fear of being reported to the Federal Government. 21

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The chairwoman of the board at the City University of New York, Dr. Anne A. Paolucci, accused the outgoing chancellor of "virtually lying" to the trustees, and asserted that the new Chancellor would have to have "good personal chemistry" with her. Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds said this week that she had accepted a job as president of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. 23

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A Federal appeals court struck down key elements of the Federal Communications Commission's rules for opening local telephone markets to competition. The ruling could slow the introduction of competition in the nation's telecommunications business because it would allow states to develop different mechanisms for bringing new companies into the market rather than following uniform F.C.C. guidelines. 1

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VILLAGERS FEAR THAT PROTESTANT MARCH WILL IGNITE VIOLENCE

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Body

THIS IS THE STORY of two very brave girls and an unfortunate man. All are young, and the two women are pretty.

The man once was handsome, but now his face, skull and neck are disfigured after a horrific knife attack.

The three have walk-on parts in the unfolding drama of Drumcree.

It is a tiny enclave in Portadown, County Armagh. Last July, courtesy of TV cameras, Drumcree achieved world infamy because of violent clashes between Roman Catholics and Protestants, or nationalists and loyalists, respectively.

In two weeks, loyalists plan to march to Drumcree church along the mainly nationalist Garvaghy Road. The nationalists have decreed that the Protestants shall not pass. To stop them, they are organizing a fair.

In the center of the road along which the Orange bands of Protestants intend to parade will be a bouncy castle of the sort familiar to anyone with children under 5. The Catholics insist that it is the right of their kiddies to bounce in peace, but the Protestants proclaim their constitutional right to parade wherever they wish.

In the middle is Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam, who is in the unenviable position of knowing that whatever she decides, someone is likely to riot. After 30 years of "the Troubles," as the clashes in Northern Ireland have been dubbed, security forces are well able to contain riots. The fear is that this time the clash will be far worse than sticks, stones and gas bombs.

The latest warnings of trouble were precipitated by last week's Irish Republican Army shooting of two members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary in Lurgan, a town 10 minutes by train from Portadown.

Gina, A Catholic

Gina McCabe, 16, lives in the Lower Garvaghy Road; ergo she is a Catholic. In the rest of Britain, address can be a sign of social status. In Ulster, it defines your brand of Christianity. So much so that Gina lies about it. She is about to leave school and is looking for a job. "I give a false address. If they know I'm a Catholic, I have no chance of the job."

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On Friday, sitting in the safety of Drumcree High, an all-Catholic school, she was wearing a school uniform of the type any self-respecting teen-ager gets rid of the minute he or she is outside the school gates. "You have to get out of the uniform before going to town. It wouldn't be safe not to."

At her school are the two sisters of Robert Hamill whose fate gives horrible credence to her fears. Robert was set upon earlier this year by a gang of loyalists as he walked through Portadown on his way home. Witnesses report that the loyalists chanted, "Fenian die!" as they danced on his body. (The reference is to a secret 19th-century group dedicated to the overthrow of British rule in Ireland.) Robert died. Next month his wife is due to give birth to their third child.

Gina and other pupils at Drumcree High have just made a video that has won first prize in the Limerick film festival. It is called "Caoimhe Loves Philip," and is a remake of "Romeo and Juliet." Caoimhe is a Catholic and Philip a Protestant. It is set in Drumcree during last year's riots and uses film footage of the police beating up protesters and of Orangemen giving clenched-fist salutes.

The film is very arty, but it is also a statement about the Troubles. "Love can conquer all" is the message, and it has moved some parents to tears. But making a video is one thing, living in Portadown another.

Most pupils will not be around in two weeks' time, because their parents are shipping them off to relatives in safer parts of the country. Gina's mother and father think she is going to Dublin, but they have a surprise coming: "I'm not going," she said. "This is my home, and I won't be driven out. I don't see why I should be blamed for the killings. I couldn't help being born a Catholic."

Kala, A Protestant

Later that evening, in a pub in a part of Portadown that Gina would never dream of entering, sat another young girl of great courage. Kala Hodgen is 18 and in appearance very much like Gina. Both are short, slight and, although living close to each other, have never met.

Since the age of 9, Kala has played the accordion and in two weeks' time will line up with the other members of the Orange Order Star of David Accordion Band. She says she will play her accordion down the Garvaghy Road come hell or high water, because that is her right as a loyal subject of Her Majesty the Queen.

She marched last year, and stones were thrown at her. She does not like to think what might happen this time. "Why should anyone be offended? We will be playing hymns. They are Christians, aren't they? If they don't like it, stay indoors."

Kala says it's tough to be a Protestant in Portadown. "We are discriminated against all the time. At school we are not allowed to bring in sectarian literature, and now they are trying to stop us marching, which is something we have always done. It's not safe to walk in town because Catholic gangs with nailed sticks chase you. And the police always side with the Catholics."

Sitting with Kala is Eileen, who organizes the accordion band. Her friends say she would give her last halfpenny to someone in need, and she has the look of a woman you would be happy to let mind your children.

She is nostalgic about days when Catholics and Protestants lived side by side with never an ill word spoken.

It is true that Kala does not look very threatening, but that cannot be said of her male friends. Also in the pub were members of the Portadown Defenders, apparently the best "blood and thunder" band in Ulster. They play fifes, whistles and drums and in their smartly pressed uniforms are the public faces of the Orange lodges.

But that night they were not in uniform - and with cropped hair, earring and tattoos, Darren, the secretary of the Defenders, gave a good impression of the sort of guy you would cross the street to avoid. However, he proved courteous, articulate and eager to explain why the right to march is so important. "You don't understand how close

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we are to civil war. Ethnic cleansing is taking place. They are killing Protestants, burning down our churches, and no one cares.

"If they take away our right to march, they have taken our identity. We are very frightened."

'It Was Only A Dream'

Kala and Gina in different ways are victims. But so far they have escaped injury. Not so Martin Gavin, 21, a Catholic from Belfast who made the mistake of walking down the wrong street. Last Saturday night, after one drink too many, he took a stroll down the Crumlin Road.

Five middle-aged men surrounded him and asked for a light. Martin is a traveler and has a distinct accent. Identified as a Catholic, he had no chance. The men tried to cut his throat, opening a seven-inch gash under his chin. They sliced into his head in two places, cut his fingers and broke his skull. As they left they shouted: "Fenian bastard!" He survived.

A couple of nights after that attack and after the Lurgan shootings, Emma Hamill, the star of the "Caoimhe Loves Philip" video, had a dream: "There were all these people, Catholics and Protestants walking together down the Garvaghy Road in memory of all those who have died." She pauses and smiles ruefully: "Yeah, well it was only a dream."

Graphic

PHOTO, Photo From AP - A British soldier sets up barbed wire in Drumcree, Northern Ireland, before last year's Protestant march through a Catholic neighborhood, which led to clashes. Another march is planned in two weeks, and worse clashes are feared.

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NATION

KING ASSASSINATION

Officials Study Bullets From Rifle Tests

Criminologists used a scanning electron microscope Wednesday to compare the bullet that killed the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. to bullets fired last week from James Earl Ray's rifle.

Ray pleaded guilty to assassinating King but then recanted. He hopes the tests will show the bullet that killed the civil rights leader in 1968 came from another weapon, a finding that could pave the way for the trial he has wanted for decades.

The microscope at the CamScan USA lab in a Pittsburgh suburb can magnify objects up to 100,000 times. It will create a detailed image of the marks on the bullet that killed King and compare them to marks on bullets fired from Ray's rifle last week at the University of Rhode Island.

NEW YORK

Charges Against Danish Mother Dropped

Charges of neglect were dismissed Wednesday against a Danish mother who parked her baby in a stroller recently outside a New York City restaurant. But the charges would be dropped only on the condition that she leave the United States by next week.

Danish actress Annette Sorensen, 30, appeared at a brief hearing before Judge Sheldon Rand in Manhattan Family Court, where the judge and officials with the city's Administration of Children's Services agreed to drop the so-called petition of neglect.

However, lawyers for Sorensen must return to court next Wednesday and prove that she has left the country. She has said she has a plane ticket to go home to Copenhagen on Tuesday.

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Sorensen and the baby's American father, Exavier Wardlaw, left the baby outside an East Village restaurant while they were having a drink and watching her through the window, police said.

FASHION INDUSTRY

Clinton Assails Glorification Of Heroin

President Bill Clinton rebuked the fashion industry Wednesday for featuring models seemingly strung out on heroin. "You do not need to glamorize addiction to sell clothes," Clinton declared.

Clinton used a White House speech to attack the so-called heroin-chic style of photography - widespread in fashion magazines - depicting women with the drawn, emaciated look associated with heroin addiction. On college campuses and elsewhere, he said, heroin is "becoming increasingly the drug of choice."

"The glorification of heroin is not creative, it's destructive. It's not beautiful, it is ugly. And this is not about art, it's about life and death. And glorifying death is not good for any society," Clinton said in an address to the nation's mayors.

TRANSPORTATION

Plane Crash Spurs New Recommendations

Calling icing the likely cause of a January crash in Michigan that killed all 29 aboard a commuter plane, the National Transportation Safety Board issued recommendations Wednesday to avoid a recurrence.

They include installing automatic ice detection systems on all Embraer EMB-120 planes - something the Federal Aviation Administration has already proposed - and training more crew members to detect and prevent icing.

Comair Flight 3272 was trying to land in light snow when it nosedived into a field about 18 miles short of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport. The Embraer EMB-120 was slowing when it stalled at 150 knots and rolled right several times before plunging to the ground.

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WASHINGTON

Planes Need Defibrillators, Panel Told

A congressional panel heard impassioned pleas Wednesday that airlines be required to carry defibrillators - electric shock paddles that can revive victims of cardiac arrest.

The House Transportation aviation subcommittee is considering requiring airlines to upgrade their medical kits - a review the Federal Aviation Administration is also conducting.

Dr. James M. Atkins of the American College of Cardiology said his group estimates 70 to 80 people suffer cardiac arrests aboard U.S. air carriers annually. Atkins said defibrillators on board could save 10 to 20 of those lives.

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Elsewhere in the nation:

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* Criticized for poor judgment in his dealings with the White House over the FBI background files controversy, the FBI's top lawyer resigned Wednesday.

The decision by General Counsel Howard Shapiro, a longtime associate of FBI Director Louis Freeh, to quit on June 6 to join a private law firm (begin 3* text) (Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering) (end 3* text) means he will avoid any disciplinary measures.

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BOSNIA

Suspect May Target Serb Leader, Paper Says

Bosnia's most-wanted war crimes suspect is considering surrendering to an international tribunal and handing over documents that incriminate Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, a newspaper said Wednesday.

The newspaper said the suspect, Radovan Karadzic - Bosnian Serb leader during 3 1/2 years of war - already has given documents to unidentified foreign countries and possibly to the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands.

There was no confirmation of the report published by Belgrade's independent Nasa Borba, which quoted unidentified sources. International officials in Sarajevo, Bosnia's capital, called the report a rumor.

INDIA

25 Killed And 150 Hurt In Earthquake

An earthquake shook central India before dawn today, killing at least 25 people and injuring 150, officials and local news agencies reported.

The seismological observatory in New Delhi said the quake of 6.0 magnitude hit at 4:22 a.m. near Jabalpur, a city in the state of Madhya Pradesh. The area is about 400 miles southeast of New Delhi.

All India Radio said the quake damaged at least 500 houses. A state government spokesman said most of the victims were killed when their houses collapsed on them in Jabalpur.

NORTHERN IRELAND

British, IRA Allies Raise Hopes For Truce

The British government and ***Irish Republican Army*** supporters offered cautious hope Wednesday of achieving a new IRA cease-fire after their first meeting in 15 months.

"It was a meeting which addressed many of the difficulties which have stalled the peace process for the last number of years," Martin McGuinness, chief negotiator of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, said after three hours of talks at Stormont Castle, the seat of British administration in east Belfast.

The Sinn Fein team emphasized its need to gain speedy access to negotiations on Northern Ireland's future that will resume among nine other parties and the British and Irish governments on June 3.

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Government advisers pressed Sinn Fein for an IRA cease-fire before that could happen.

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AFGHANISTAN

Warlord Fights Mutineers From Ranks

In a battle that could determine the future of Afghanistan, warlord Rashid Dostum sent gunships and tanks Wednesday to crush mutineers from his own army who would turn his empire over to the Taliban religious army.

Dostum is battling mutineers in six of his eight northern provinces. His defeat could give the Taliban control of the whole country, and neighboring Central Asian states are following the battle nervously, fearing an all-powerful Taliban would seek to export its strict brand of Islamic rule.

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Dostum faces a rebellion led by a disaffected general, Malik Pahlawan, who joined the Taliban after Dostum apparently killed a colleague who suggested Dostum make a deal with the religious army.

MOUNT EVEREST

Seven Reach Summit, Observer Says

Four foreign climbers and three Sherpa guides reached the 29,028-foot summit of Mount Everest on Wednesday, another climber reported.

Climbing up the traditional southern route, three Icelandic mountaineers, their British guide and the Sherpas arrived on top of the world's highest mountain at about 1 p.m., according Freddy Blume, a scientist on an American climbing expedition.

Other members of the American climbing team have already reached base Camp II, at 21,500 feet, and were resting today, before moving on.

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Elsewhere in the world:

* Heading off a new challenge from pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi, Burma's military regime has arrested (begin THREE STAR text) scores of her (end 3* text) supporters to prevent a meeting of her party.

At least 50 people were in custody by Wednesday, according to Amnesty International, a London-based human rights group. The arrests were the government's latest attempt to control Suu Kyi, winner of the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize, since sharply curtailing her political activities and freedom of movement last year.

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Body

Like her famous Irish revolutionary mother Bernadette Devlin McAliskey, Roisin McAliskey is petite, pug-nosed and possessed of a personality said to be on the scrappy side.

And just like her mother several decades ago, the 25-year-old Roisin (pronounced roe-sheen) is pregnant, unmarried and accused of violence in the name of Irish nationalism. Just as her mother did in the 1960s and 1970s, she has focused international attention on the authoritarian way that nationalists say Britain treats its Catholic subjects in Northern Ireland.

Roisin McAliskey was arrested at her home in Coalisland and jailed in London in November for questioning about a June mortar attack against a British army base in Germany. Since then, she has garnered growing international sympathy and outrage over her harsh treatment at the hands of British prison authorities.

Nearly eight months into a difficult pregnancy, McAliskey has been held for four months while she fights extradition to Germany. Although she has yet to be charged, she has been imprisoned under the highest security conditions - at one point jailed in an all-male prison in London and at various times held in virtual isolation and denied direct contact with members of her family.

She has been strip-searched more than 75 times.

McAliskey's supporters, including Amnesty International and the Irish government, consider her guilt or innocence secondary to the issue of her prison treatment. Their aim has been to win more gentle conditions and also bail - preferably before she is due to give birth in mid-May.

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"For someone not charged with a crime and nearly eight months pregnant . . . there seems to be a complete lack of proportion here. She's treated as a threat to the security of the British state," said a source within the Irish government, which has called in the British ambassador to Ireland to complain about the case.

Amnesty International, making one of its rare pleas on behalf of an Irish prisoner, issued an "urgent action" letter last month about her imprisonment. The conditions of her detention, it said, "may amount to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment."

British officials, though, have argued in court that McAliskey poses a security risk. Their fear is that if she is released on bail she might easily travel south from British-controlled Northern Ireland to the Republic of Ireland, where the case against her would essentially be dropped because Ireland does not have an extradition agreement with Germany.

After weeks of international pressure on her behalf, British prison authorities recently loosened McAliskey's status from high risk to a standard "Category A." They have also reduced the number of her strip searches and allowed her access to the activity room at the Holloway women's prison in north London, where she is now held.

The change "was not made because of allegations of harsh treatment," British prison official A.J. Pearson said in a letter last week to the Irish Times. "It was made after an objective assessment of the risk posed."

As similar in many ways as she is to her famous mother, Roisin McAliskey had been leading, until her arrest and imprisonment, a quiet life out of the public eye.

The eldest of three children born to Bernadette, she had a traumatic introduction to the sectarian violence of Northern Ireland as a little girl when both her mother and her father, teacher Michael McAliskey, were shot several times in 1981 by a pro-British loyalist who burst into their Coalisland home.

Roisin, then 9, clung to the hand of her 5-year-old sister, Deidre, while their parents were shot again and again in an adjoining bedroom - Bernadette nine times in her sides and back. Both parents survived, but Bernadette today blames the attack for her daughter's chronic, stress-related asthma, which she says poses a threat to Roisin's pregnancy.

Like her mother, Roisin graduated from Queens University in Belfast. But aside from one moment in the public spotlight when both she and her mother helped carry the coffin of alleged Irish rebel terrorist Dominic "Mad Dog" McGlinchey, the younger McAliskey was a virtual unknown while doing community work in Belfast.

She lived there with her longtime partner, Sean McCotter, the father of her unborn child. A recent article in the British Independent newspaper described him as the brother of convicted **Irish Republican Army** terrorist Liam McCotter.

According to Bernadette, the two had moved to Coalisland, a picturesque Catholic town about 40 miles west of Belfast, because they considered it a safer place to raise their child. Roisin McAliskey was hoping to find a job in community development at the time of her arrest.

In contrast to her daughter's quiet life, Bernadette Devlin blazed a name for herself in her early 20s as a leader of the Catholic civil rights movement in Northern Ireland in the 1960s. She ran for the British Parliament as an independent candidate in 1969 and won a seat at age 22, becoming the youngest woman ever to sit at Westminster.

Feisty, tough and an electrifying speaker for Irish and socialist causes, Devlin became widely popular worldwide with the left-leaning youths of the '60s, although conservative critics dismissed her as a "miniskirted Castro."

She was jailed in 1969 after being convicted of incitement to riot and disorderly behavior because of her participation in the "Battle of the Bogside" between Irish nationalists and police in Londonderry.

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In 1971, she caused a controversy by announcing that she was going to have a baby, Roisin, out of wedlock; the father wasn't named. The following year, the British were shocked, and the Irish cheered, when Devlin walloped British Home Secretary Reginald Maudling during a session of Parliament, accusing him of lying about Northern Ireland's "Bloody Sunday" massacre in 1972, during which 13 protesters in Londonderry were shot dead by British soldiers.

Now a month shy of 50, larger in girth, and with intense eyes and red hair, Bernadette Devlin McAliskey works for residents' rights at a public housing project in Coalisland while taking up her daughter's cause by speaking to journalists and at public meetings.

Sitting at a Coalisland coffee shop last week, she described Roisin as "a very private person. . . . She did not follow in her mother's footsteps, she did not speak at public meetings."

Yet, the elder McAliskey said, "I think the fact that I'm her mother played a considerable part in the British government's vindictiveness, gave an edge to its belligerousness. The fact that she's my daughter prevents people from stepping down."

In November, the younger McAliskey and four men, including a former British soldier, were arrested in the mortar attack on a British army base in Osnabruck, Germany. In the attack, three homemade mortar rockets were fired at the base. There were no serious injuries.

McAliskey may face attempted-murder charges if extradited to Germany, but her attorneys have fought the extradition while seeking bail. It is expected that she will give birth in prison while the legal battle continues, and prison officials said recently that she could keep her baby - at least for a while.

According to one of McAliskey's support groups, she is under suspicion because the landlord of an alleged IRA "safe house" in Germany said he recognized her as a resident there, and also because Germans claim to have her fingerprints on the lining of a cigarette pack.

But Roisin says through her attorneys that she has never been to Germany.

"She doesn't have a passport," her mother said last week.

Has she ever been to Germany? "She's been nowhere," Bernadette said.

The British arrested her daughter, she said, thinking that a frightened pregnant woman facing extradition to Germany might collapse and give them the names of Irish terrorists.

Instead, said her scrappy mother, British interrogators found themselves "looking at five feet of scrap."

Graphic

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A police officer escorts Roisin McAliskey, daughter of Bernadette Devlin McAliskey, as she arrives in London after her arrest. (Associated Press, TOM OCKENDEN)

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INTERNATIONAL A3-13

Zaire's President Agrees To Meet Rebel Leader

President Mobutu Sese Seko agreed to meet the rebel leader, Laurent Kabila, whose forces control two-thirds of Zaire, tomorrow aboard a South African ship off Africa's Atlantic coast. Bill Richardson, President Clinton's special envoy to Zaire, persuaded Mr. Mobutu to agree to the talks. A1

The United Nations flew 186 children and 50 other refugees from Kisangani, Zaire, to Rwanda. A12

Mexico Reforms Drug Force

Mexico dismantled its main anti-drug force, which was disgraced in February when its director was discovered to be working for traffickers. Attorney General Jorge Madrazo said the agency would be replaced by a new organization, to be built from a nucleus of trusted agents. President Clinton is to visit Mexico in five days. A1

Labor Leads as Campaign Ends

Britain's longest election campaign since 1918 ended the way it began: with the refashioned, smoothly operating Labor Party and its leader, Tony Blair, far ahead of the ruling Conservatives in the polls and in line to take the reins of Government for the first time in 18 years. A6

Gerry Adams, the leader of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the **Irish Republican Army**, was expected to win a Northern Ireland seat in the British Parliament. A6

Peace Crumbling in Chechnya

Russian police fought rebels in Chechnya as a tenuous peace crumbled in the separatist republic. The shooting of a local official in the nearby republic of Ingushetia and a bomb that ripped through a train station in southern Russia, killing two people and wounding 17, added to the tension; Russian officials blamed Chechen rebels in both cases. A3

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U.N. Agency Head to Leave

Hiroshi Nakajima, the Japanese director-general of the World Health Organization, announced that he would not seek another term in office. He had been strongly criticized by the United States and other countries for his unwillingness to cut budgets. A5

Jordan Offers Entry to Marzook

Jordan said it would grant entry to Mousa Mohammed Abu Marzook, the Hamas leader who has been jailed in Manhattan for 22 months on accusations of terrorism and immigration violations. It was unclear whether the United States would free him, although American and Israeli officials implied that it would. A7

Clinton Satisfied on Hong Kong

President Clinton said he was satisfied with the assurances on Hong Kong's future that he had received from the Chinese Foreign Minister, Qian Qichen. But he said he was waiting to see if China's words matched its actions. Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, warned that China's favorable trading status depended upon its handling of the British colony's transition to Chinese rule. A8

NATIONAL A16-24, B12-15

Economy Surges, Driving U.S. Deficit Sharply Down

Administration officials predicted that a surge in the economy would help drive down the Federal budget deficit this year to about \$75 billion, its lowest level in more than 20 years. With balancing the budget made easier, officials said a deal between President Clinton and Congress was possible within hours. A1

The Senate tried to use a flood-relief bill to grab an advantage in the budget negotiations. President Clinton threatened to veto it. Each side accused the other of callousness toward those hurt by floods. B12

Labor Secretary Wins in Senate

The Senate approved Alexis Herman as Secretary of Labor after months of delay over her role in campaign fund-raising. In return, President Clinton backed away from his plan for an executive order directing Federal agencies to consider awarding large construction projects to companies with unionized labor. A1

Exercise Fights Breast Cancer

Regular exercise helps protect against breast cancer, scientists who studied more than 25,000 Norwegian women announced. More than a dozen smaller studies have found the same effect, but none were considered conclusive. A1

On Cue, Lizards Evolve

An experiment with lizards showed that evolution moves in predictable ways and can occur so rapidly that changes emerge in as little as a decade or so, scientists said. The lizards, left for 14 years on different Bahamas islands, showed distinct changes to match their new environments. B14

Criticism on Veterans' Health

The Government is still not doing enough to investigate the cause of health problems reported among veterans of the 1991 Persian Gulf War, a special White House panel said. In response, the Pentagon and the C.I.A. appointed former Senator Warren B. Rudman as a special adviser on the issue. B14

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Key Bombing Witness Attacked

Timothy J. McVeigh's defense lawyer tried to portray Lori Fortier, a major Government witness against him, as a drug user and a liar who once hoped she and her husband could make big money by selling book and movie rights to their version of the Oklahoma City bombing. Ms. Fortier admitted having taken drugs but denied any interest in selling her story. A16

Talks Break Off in Texas

The leader of an armed group claiming to represent an independent nation of Texas broke off negotiations with the state authorities who have surrounded his compound, officials said. Seventy miles away, the police arrested seven men with guns, explosives, marijuana and identity cards linking them to the group. A16

Chelsea Chooses California

Chelsea Clinton decided to attend Stanford University next year. It is much farther from Washington than her other choices. B15

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\$800 Million Surplus For New York City

Mayor Giuliani said the city would finish its fiscal year with a surplus of more than \$800 million. He said he would divide the money evenly between tax cuts, new spending and trying to reduce future deficits. A1

Arrest in 1963 Killing

New York City detectives arrested Lawrence Henry, a 61-year-old father of five, yesterday and charged him with the 1963 murder of Lawrence J. Bart, an executive in the printing business. The police said they cracked the case with the help of a former prostitute who, having undergone a religious conversion and feeling burdened by guilt over her knowledge of the crime, came forward to identify the killer. B1

Acquittal in Abuse Case

Burton N. Pugach was acquitted of charges that he had sexually abused and threatened to kill a woman after she ended a five-year affair with him. His defense witnesses included his wife, who, in 1959, was blinded when Mr. Pugach had lye thrown in her face. He was convicted then, but jurors said that record did not sway them in the new case. B3

Audits Blast Harlem Agency

The Pataki administration released audit reports showing that the defunct Harlem Urban Development Corporation had received almost \$100 million in state funds to help rebuild Harlem but had not produced a single major commercial project. B1

Woman Wins Top Math Prize

Ioana Dumitriu, a New York University sophomore from Romania, became the first woman to win the William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition, the Olympics of college mathematics. The test is so difficult that half the people who take it score 2 or less of a possible 120. B1

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Small Field for Derby

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Thirteen colts were entered for the 123d Kentucky Derby, the smallest field in 12 years. D. Wayne Lukas, who won the last two years, entered Deeds Not Words, a horse that has won only once in four races. B17

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Bronx Conservatory Reopening

The Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, the glittering glass centerpiece of the New York Botanical Garden, reopens Saturday after a four-year, \$25 million restoration. C1

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Last Curtain for a Diva?

Mirella Freni, the celebrated Italian soprano, makes what could be her last performance ever at the Metropolitan Opera in tonight's performance of Giordano's "Fedora." C13

Coming-Out Parties for 'Ellen'

Thousands of people celebrated at private and public parties as the leading character on ABC Television's comedy "Ellen" acknowledged her lesbianism. B15

BUSINESS DAY D1-21

Dow Returns to Stratosphere

The surging economy pushed the Dow Jones industrial average back above 7,000, almost completely erasing its slide of the last six weeks.D8

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Afghan Troop Plane Crashes

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP)

A cargo plane carrying Afghan fighters slammed into a mountain in southwestern Pakistan, the Associated Press of Pakistan reported. The aircraft apparently strayed off course because of bad weather. At least 90 people were on

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Maine Residents Cope Without Power

ROME, Maine (AP)

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Researchers Claim Fountain of Youth

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Researchers say they may have found the "cellular fountain of youth," an enzyme that in laboratory experiments causes human cells to avoid the normal process of aging and cell death. The finding by the team from University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center won't make people any younger or allow them to live forever but scientists said it could conceivably keep them healthier longer. By keeping the cells alive and dividing, Dr. Jerry Shay said, it may be possible to control age-related disorders ranging from skin wrinkling to blindness to cardiovascular disease.

Intel's 9 Pct. Drop Beats Forecast

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Intel Corp. reported that profits fell 9 percent in the fourth quarter, as price competition with rival makers of microprocessors took a toll on earnings. But the results beat expectations amid stronger-than-expected sales of Intel's latest Pentium chips and an unexpectedly lower rate on corporate taxes. The world's largest maker of computer chips said it earned \$1.74 billion in the three months ended Dec. 27.

Stocks End Higher; Dow Up 84.95

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ATLANTA (AP)

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ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP)

A cargo plane carrying Afghan fighters slammed into a mountain in southwestern Pakistan, the Associated Press of Pakistan reported. The aircraft apparently strayed off course because of bad weather. At least 90 people were on board, the APP reported. They were all believed to be Taliban fighters. The plane was a Russian-made aircraft refitted to carry passengers.

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The American chairman of peace talks on Northern Ireland's future declared that all eight participating parties had accepted a British-Irish plan for progress. But while the two main Protestant and Catholic parties seemed satisfied with the joint plan, the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party said the two governments may have "caved in" to Protestant demands. The parties will begin discussing next week how to create a new Northern Ireland assembly where Protestants and Catholics govern in coalition.

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Researchers say they may have found the "cellular fountain of youth," an enzyme that in laboratory experiments causes human cells to avoid the normal process of aging and cell death. The finding by the team from University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center won't make people any younger or allow them to live forever but scientists said it could conceivably keep them healthier longer. By keeping the cells alive and dividing, Dr. Jerry Shay said, it may be possible to control age-related disorders ranging from skin wrinkling to blindness to cardiovascular disease.

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Intel Corp. reported that profits fell 9 percent in the fourth quarter, as price competition with rival makers of microprocessors took a toll on earnings. But the results beat expectations amid stronger-than-expected sales of Intel's latest Pentium chips and an unexpectedly lower rate on corporate taxes. The world's largest maker of computer chips said it earned \$1.74 billion in the three months ended Dec. 27.

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U.S. Seeks To Extend Bosnia Mission

WASHINGTON (AP)

Summing up after nearly a year on the job, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is appealing to Congress to approve an indefinite extension of U.S. peacekeeping troops in Bosnia and expansion of the NATO alliance. In a major foreign policy speech, Albright also is acknowledging that the Clinton administration is struggling in its Mideast peacemaking efforts — she calls it unfinished business and that more work needs to be done along a range of foreign fronts. The speech before the Center for National Policy, a private group, is in part reflective on her first year as the nation's top diplomat.

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Albright Attacks Congress Over U.N.

WASHINGTON (AP)

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright says the economic turmoil in Southeast Asia is a top priority this year. Albright said restoring confidence in Asia is in America's best interest. Albright also said the International Monetary Fund offers the "best path toward resolving Asian problems." Albright also took Congress to task over the failure to pay the United States' U.N. debts, and asked for an indefinite expansion of the U.S. peacekeeping role in Bosnia and the admission of three new NATO members.

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New Flu Strain Circulating in U.S.

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Advertising in Gay Press Grows

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Advertising in gay publications is soaring with an increasing number of huge companies pitching cars, travel, computers, investments, drugs, clothing and more. New advertisers in 1997 included IBM, United Airlines and American Express. Readers of gay newspapers in 10 major markets have an average individual income of \$47,090, according to market research. Total ad spending jumped 36 percent to \$100.2 million in 1997 from a year earlier and has nearly doubled since 1994.

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ATLANTA (AP)

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

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WASHINGTON (AP)

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ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP)

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Maine Residents Cope Without Power

ROME, Maine (AP)

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Researchers Claim Fountain of Youth

WASHINGTON (AP)

Researchers say they may have found the "cellular fountain of youth," an enzyme that in laboratory experiments causes human cells to avoid the normal process of aging and cell death. The finding by the team from University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center won't make people any younger or allow them to live forever but scientists said it could conceivably keep them healthier longer. By keeping the cells alive and dividing, Dr. Jerry Shay said, it may be possible to control age-related disorders ranging from skin wrinkling to blindness to cardiovascular disease.

Intel's 9 Pct. Drop Beats Forecast

NEW YORK (AP)

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ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)

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Afghan Troop Plane Crashes

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP)

A cargo plane carrying Afghan fighters slammed into a mountain in southwestern Pakistan, the Associated Press of Pakistan reported. The aircraft apparently strayed off course because of bad weather. At least 90 people were on board, the APP reported. They were all believed to be Taliban fighters. The plane was a Russian-made aircraft refitted to carry passengers.

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The American chairman of peace talks on Northern Ireland's future declared that all eight participating parties had accepted a British-Irish plan for progress. But while the two main Protestant and Catholic parties seemed satisfied with the joint plan, the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party said the two governments may have "caved in" to Protestant demands. The parties will begin discussing next week how to create a new Northern Ireland assembly where Protestants and Catholics govern in coalition.

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Researchers Claim Fountain of Youth

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Researchers say they may have found the "cellular fountain of youth," an enzyme that in laboratory experiments causes human cells to avoid the normal process of aging and cell death. The finding by the team from University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center won't make people any younger or allow them to live forever but scientists said it could conceivably keep them healthier longer. By keeping the cells alive and dividing, Dr. Jerry Shay said, it may be possible to control age-related disorders ranging from skin wrinkling to blindness to cardiovascular disease.

Intel's 9 Pct. Drop Beats Forecast

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Intel Corp. reported that profits fell 9 percent in the fourth quarter, as price competition with rival makers of microprocessors took a toll on earnings. But the results beat expectations amid stronger-than-expected sales of Intel's latest Pentium chips and an unexpectedly lower rate on corporate taxes. The world's largest maker of computer chips said it earned \$1.74 billion in the three months ended Dec. 27.

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U.S. Seeks To Extend Bosnia Mission

WASHINGTON (AP)

Summing up after nearly a year on the job, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is appealing to Congress to approve an indefinite extension of U.S. peacekeeping troops in Bosnia and expansion of the NATO alliance. In a major foreign policy speech, Albright also is acknowledging that the Clinton administration is struggling in its Mideast peacemaking efforts — she calls it unfinished business and that more work needs to be done along a range of foreign fronts. The speech before the Center for National Policy, a private group, is in part reflective on her first year as the nation's top diplomat.

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Albright Attacks Congress Over U.N.

WASHINGTON (AP)

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright says the economic turmoil in Southeast Asia is a top priority this year. Albright said restoring confidence in Asia is in America's best interest. Albright also said the International Monetary Fund offers the "best path toward resolving Asian problems." Albright also took Congress to task over the failure to pay the United States' U.N. debts, and asked for an indefinite expansion of the U.S. peacekeeping role in Bosnia and the admission of three new NATO members.

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President Boris Yeltsin drove a snowmobile and described his ice fishing trips for television cameras today in footage intended to quiet speculation about his health. The president, who has a history of heart trouble, was hospitalized for a bad cold last month. He has not been seen in public this year. Yeltsin's doctors said the president will be back in his office next week.

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ROME, Maine (AP)

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Researchers say they may have found the "cellular fountain of youth," an enzyme that in laboratory experiments causes human cells to avoid the normal process of aging and cell death. The finding by the team from University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center won't make people any younger or allow them to live forever but scientists said it could conceivably keep them healthier longer. By keeping the cells alive and dividing, Dr. Jerry Shay said, it may be possible to control age-related disorders ranging from skin wrinkling to blindness to cardiovascular disease.

Intel's 9 Pct. Drop Beats Forecast

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ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)

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U.S. Seeks To Extend Bosnia Mission

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Summing up after nearly a year on the job, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is appealing to Congress to approve an indefinite extension of U.S. peacekeeping troops in Bosnia and expansion of the NATO alliance. In a major foreign policy speech, Albright also is acknowledging that the Clinton administration is struggling in its Mideast peacemaking efforts — she calls it unfinished business and that more work needs to be done along a range of foreign fronts. The speech before the Center for National Policy, a private group, is in part reflective on her first year as the nation's top diplomat.

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Albright Attacks Congress Over U.N.

WASHINGTON (AP)

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright says the economic turmoil in Southeast Asia is a top priority this year. Albright said restoring confidence in Asia is in America's best interest. Albright also said the International Monetary Fund offers the "best path toward resolving Asian problems." Albright also took Congress to task over the failure to pay the United States' U.N. debts, and asked for an indefinite expansion of the U.S. peacekeeping role in Bosnia and the admission of three new NATO members.

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WASHINGTON (AP)

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President Boris Yeltsin drove a snowmobile and described his ice fishing trips for television cameras today in footage intended to quiet speculation about his health. The president, who has a history of heart trouble, was hospitalized for a bad cold last month. He has not been seen in public this year. Yeltsin's doctors said the president will be back in his office next week.

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A federal judge sentenced former football star Billy Sims to one month in jail today and ordered the Heisman Trophy winner to pay \$14,025.85 in overdue child support. Sims' attorneys said the former Oklahoma and Detroit Lions star is \$2.2 million in debt. Sims fathered a girl in 1978.

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Sovereignty? It's our business

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Body

Quebec

Like, it's your business? The word sovereignty did not pass the lips of Quebec Premier Lucien Bouchard during a major speech Thursday to the U.S. business community in New York.

Everett Briggs, a former U.S. ambassador to Panama and Honduras who was among the audience of 200, asked Bouchard why as the head of a separatist government he made no reference to its political agenda.

One of the reasons Bouchard gave for not mentioning the subject was that it is up to Quebecers to decide. "It is something we have to solve ourselves," he said.

Montreal

The Reichmanns at play. City hall was euphoric about the news that Toronto's Reichmann family had chosen Montreal for its \$900-million, 1.8-million-square-foot indoor entertainment park.

The park, to be called Destination: Technodome, will focus on high-tech interactive entertainment and will be one of the biggest theme parks in North America.

Company officials say it will bring 7,000 permanent jobs and 35,000 temporary constructions jobs to Montreal. It is scheduled to open in 2002. The company has still to buy the land, however, from the Port of Montreal.

Nervousness mounts. Nearly 500,000 posters showing the picture of a missing 10-year-old Point St. Charles girl went up all over Montreal on Thursday. Jolene Riendeau, reported missing on Monday, has run away from home three times before. Police fear this time, however, that something might have happened to her.

According to the Missing Children's Network, about 9,000 children are reported missing in Quebec every year. Runaways account for 97 per cent; about 3 per cent are parental abductions and fewer than one per cent are criminal abductions.

Canada

The law under review. Justice Minister Anne McLellan has ordered her department to review a law that allows judges to exclude prior convictions of the accused during jury trials.

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The law stems from a 1989 Supreme Court decision aimed at protecting the right to presumption of innocence. It is intended to prevent jurors from deciding guilt or innocence on the basis of past behaviour rather than on the evidence presented in court.

The use of the law to prevent jurors from learning of the previous convictions of Francis Roy caused outrage in Toronto, where Roy was on trial on first-degree murder charges in the sex slaying of an 11-year-old girl. Roy had two prior convictions for rapes of teenage girls and he had assaulted another woman only days before Alison Parrot was murdered in 1986.

Roy was found guilty in Alison's death on Tuesday and sentenced to at least 25 years in prison.

World

A contemptible court. Sporadic violence spread throughout central Kuala Lumpur this week in the wake of what was seen as the politically motivated conviction of Anwar Ibrahim, former deputy prime minister of Malaysia. "As per instructions," Ibrahim said contemptuously when he was found guilty of four counts of corruption.

Invited to address the court, Ibrahim accused Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad of abuses of power.

The real war and the propaganda war. Up to 70 ethnic Albanians were reported killed on Thursday in one of the worst incidents of the war in Kosovo, when two convoys of refugees on tractors and on foot were struck by military aircraft in the western part of the disputed Serbian province.

Serb authorities blamed NATO for the attack. NATO admitted striking military targets during the day in the area of Prizen and Djakovica. However, the Pentagon said Yugoslav aircraft had also been operating in the Djakovica area.

Serb leaders claimed that NATO launched the attack as part of its campaign against "all the people of Yugoslavia."

Meanwhile, United States officials said Wednesday that they believe Serb spies have penetrated NATO and are sending vital information back to Yugoslavian President Slobodan Milosevic.

Viva Espana. General Augusto Pinochet, 83, may appeal British Home Secretary Jack Straw's ruling on Wednesday that extradition proceedings can proceed against him. The former Chilean dictator is sought by Spain to stand trial on charges of crimes against humanity.

Straw said the law should be allowed to take its course and that there were no compassionate grounds on which to halt proceedings. Lady Thatcher, hitherto thought to be a stranger to compassion, nonetheless urged that General Pinochet be allowed to return home.

Back to the future. The German government started its return to its historic capital, Berlin, on Thursday as the first train bearing furniture, files, books and other supplies arrived from Bonn, the capital of Germany since 1945. The move, approved in 1991 after the fall of the Berlin Wall and German unification, is expected to cost \$11 billion.

Germany's 669 legislators will inaugurate the renovated Reichstag building in central Berlin as the new seat of parliament on Monday. Regular sessions will not start until the fall.

Rich Brits. The Sunday Times came out with its 10th annual list of Britain's wealthiest.

It showed that inherited wealth is in steady decline on the list. Joining the dukes of Northumberland and Westminster among the top 1,000 are Anne Wood, the creator of Teletubbies (55 million pounds) and Paloma Picasso (350 million pounds).

Spice Girl Victoria Adams and her fiance, soccer star David Beckham, were 1 million pounds short of the 21-million pound cutoff.

Art

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You can get tired of Monet. A monumental show with larger-than-life sculptures of American Indians and African tribesmen has been causing traffic jams on the Pont des Arts, a footbridge over the Seine River, in Paris this week.

Between 5,000 and 10, 000 visitors a day come to see the 68 sculptures, the work of Ousmane Sow, 63, of Senegal. The pieces, on display until May 20, are made of wire, plaster, rubber and paper-fibre, coated with a protective veneer. One of the exhibits portrays Custer's Last Stand, complete with falling horses.

Sex

The Full Monty, the calendar. Eleven women, all members of the Women's Institute in North Yorkshire, posed wearing nothing but their pearls, and strategically placed cooking implements, for a charity calendar. The women, age 45 to 60, are shown demonstrating such classic homemaker skills as jam-making, flower- arranging and baking. With an initial run of 3,500 copies, the women will donate the proceeds to the Leukemia Research Fund.

"Lots of red wine" made the photography session "good fun," said Rosalyn Fawcett, 49, who posed as Miss November. She knits.

Plot stays in bed. Pornographic cinema went mainstream in France on Wednesday with the unrestricted release of Romance X, a study of the impact of sexual liberation on a group of young authors.

Despite its literary pretensions, the film's true star is the erect penis of Italian porn actor Rocco Siffredi, according to the Guardian. Siffredi's organ has become the subject of television and radio debates, while the techniques needed to achieve erections of up to six hours' duration are explained with no more sense of outrage as if it was about gardening tips.

Maybe they'd like him in France. Darryl Strawberry, 37, the New York Yankees outfielder, was charged with possession of cocaine and soliciting a prostitute on Wednesday. Driving a gold-coloured 1999 Ford Explorer, Strawberry allegedly solicited an undercover police officer for sex for \$50.

Strawberry, an eight-time all-star had been at extended spring training camp to get back into shape after colon cancer surgery last Oct. 3.

Hypocrisy

You want a Barbie doll? Nicki Lane, 20, resigned after spending only two weeks as Miss Great Britain after it came out that she was a single mother of a 6-year-old son. The beauty contest's organizers were quick to say they do not condemn single motherhood, but their rules stipulate a contestant must have no "ties," which is to say, no husband, no children.

The contest's national director in Great Britain, Nicky Price, 46, said if Miss Great Britain Universe became the overall winner she would live in Los Angeles and travel the world for a year. "We wouldn't want to be responsible for splitting up a parent from her child," he said.

Heartlessness

God may forgive them. No one else should. The Irish Republican Army has demanded that relatives of the people it abducted, murdered and secretly buried bar the media from funeral services when it returns the victims' bodies. The IRA has also said it does not want the families to conduct post-mortems to try to determine how their loved ones died.

In fact, it has gone so far as to threaten to refuse to say where victims are buried until the British and Irish governments guarantee immunity for those involved in the murders.

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P Photo: Ibrahim: Convicted.; Photo: Strawberry: Busted; Photo: AP / Highlight: A brush fire roars toward homes in Port St. Lucie, Fla., on Thursday. The wind-driven fire destroyed at least 15 homes. Several blazes ravaged other parts of parched Florida.; Photo: AP / Highlight: Keep those arms STRAIGHT! A drill instructor keeps a careful eye on soldiers during a training session near Beijing's Forbidden City this week. Thousands of soldiers will march through Tiananmen Square on Oct. 1 in the first military parade in the Chinese capital in 15 years.

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INTERNATIONAL A3-9

Russia Takes Measures To Avert Fiscal Collapse

The Russian Government moved to avert financial collapse with a series of drastic measures that included a 90-day moratorium on privately held foreign debt, a restructuring of Government bonds and the decision to let the value of the ruble float according to market forces. A1

Russia took its steps, which were opposed by the Clinton Administration, after the United States and several of its allies refused it additional assistance. A8

Bombing Suspect Interviewed

Law enforcement officials said a suspect in the bombing of the American Embassy in Nairobi had been interviewed at length by American investigators after his return from Pakistan, but had not admitted a role in the bombing and did not implicate Osama bin Laden, the Saudi-born extremist thought to have inspired the bombings in Kenya and Tanzania. A7

Embassy families in Pakistan have been ordered to leave the country, and the State Department urged all Americans "to seriously consider leaving Pakistan" because of a range of threats against Americans, and especially American officials. A7

Arrests in Northern Ireland

The British police arrested five men for questioning on the car-bomb attack in Omagh on Saturday that killed 28 people and injured 220 others. The blast is widely believed to have been the work of a group whose members broke from the Irish Republican Army. A3

Congo Rebels Gain Ground

Rebels again cut electric power and the water supply to Kinshasa, Congo's capital of five million people, heightening fear that an attack was imminent. As the threat intensified, popular support for President Laurent Kabila

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grew. Several hours after the power failure began, the Government publicly acknowledged its loss of control over the Inga hydroelectric dam. A6

Chinese Protest Atrocities

Students and women's groups defied a ban by Government officials and held emotional demonstrations in Beijing to protest looting, killing and rape directed against ethnic Chinese during riots in Indonesia in May. A group of several dozen from Beijing University staged a short sit-in outside the Indonesian Ambassador's residence, offering a T-shirt signed by more than 100 students protesting the atrocities. A6

Report of No Progress in Iraq

The United Nations told the Security Council that its mediator in Iraq had failed to persuade Baghdad to resume cooperation with the two agencies trying to find and eliminate its weapons of mass destruction, diplomats and other officials said. A3

Negligence Cited in Serb Death

A Bosnian Serb who died this month in a cell while being tried by the United Nations war crimes tribunal in The Hague bled to death because he did not get proper medical care, his lawyer said. A9

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After Testimony, Clinton Tells Nation of Relationship

President Clinton testified for more than four hours at the White House in a closed-circuit television hookup with a Federal grand jury and later made an extraordinary address to the nation in which he admitted he had misled his wife and the public and had had an intimate relationship with Monica S. Lewinsky that was "wrong." In his testimony, an adviser said, Mr. Clinton acknowledged the relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, though he refused to answer several questions about the relationship, as well as other matters under investigation. A1

Mr. Clinton called in some of his closest aides over the weekend, associates said, and one by one told them that the accusation they had steadfastly denied for months was true: he had had an improper relationship with Ms. Lewinsky. A1

Hillary Rodham Clinton was not by her husband's side when Mr. Clinton made his televised address to the nation, nor was she part of the legal team advising the President during his testimony earlier in the day in the White House Map Room. Nonetheless, a close associate of the President said, Mrs. Clinton helped write her husband's short speech and had an instrumental part in strategy meetings during the weekend. A15

The independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr may still call witnesses before the grand jury, like the deputy White House counsel Bruce Lindsey, but Mr. Starr is mostly expected to shift his attention in the next few weeks from collecting evidence to studying what he has already gathered. A14

Labor Push in Tourism Industry

New Orleans has been made the focus of a campaign by the A.F.L.-C.I.O. to organize workers in one of the nation's fastest-growing sectors: tourism, hotels and casinos. A10

Incomes Get a Boost

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Single black **female** heads of households, long at the bottom of the economic scale, have seen their income rise sharply in recent years, pushed by a strong economy, tight labor market, increases in the minimum wage, more stringent welfare eligibility requirements and Government training programs. A10

Ex-Klan Leader on Trial Again

Samuel H. Bowers, 73, a former imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, went to trial for the fifth time in 30 years on charges that he masterminded a firebombing that killed a black civil rights leader in 1966. Juries deadlocked in the four previous trials. A10

Deadly Heat in Louisiana

The hot weather that has scorched Louisiana since May has caused at least 41 deaths, most of them elderly people. A20

Trial for Serial-Killing Suspect

Jury selection began in Newport News, Va., in the case of Elton Jackson, who was charged in May 1997 in the death of one man, but is now suspected of killing a dozen men, many of them homosexual. A20

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43d Street to Reopen, But Hotel Is Being Studied

The plywood gates that have sealed off part of 43d Street in the aftermath of a July 21 construction accident were being dismantled, and the street was to be reopened today. Businesses and shows were planning to resume operations, but engineers were still trying to determine if the damaged Woodstock Hotel was safe for its 274 residents' return. B1

March Planners Going to Court

Organizers of the Million Youth March in Harlem said they would seek a Federal judge's permission for the event, but that the march would take place no matter what. The organizers said Mayor Giuliani's efforts to deny them a city permit were unconstitutional. B1

Jury Finds Sex Harassment

A jury awarded \$350,000 to a former New Jersey assistant attorney general who said her boss had made advances and lewd comments and had touched her breasts. B1

Rebuke of a Bronx Judge

A state judicial panel has voted to censure Justice Douglas E. McKeon of State Supreme Court, ruling that he violated regulations by appearing on a television show to discuss the O. J. Simpson civil case and by engaging in two other instances of inappropriate behavior. B3

Yankees Keep Options Open

A spokesman for George M. Steinbrenner said that the Yankees' drawing a record three million fans at home might not be enough to keep the team in the Bronx. B4

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Balloonist Survives Ditching

Steve Fossett was rescued by an Australian sailboat several hours after a storm forced him to ditch his balloon in the South Pacific during an around-the-world attempt. F3

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Deadly Potential of Snoring

Dental surgeons say they have discovered why snoring can sometimes kill: it can cause serious damage to the arteries. F7

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Markets in Big Bounce

Wall Street shrugged off bad news in Russia and Japan and President Clinton's testimony, pushing major market indexes higher and helping the Dow to its largest one-day gain in two months -- 149.85 points. D1

Computer Maker's Mixed News

Hewlett-Packard reported financial results that exceeded analysts' estimates, but new orders grew just 1 percent from the corresponding quarter and officials said further revamping could produce a charge of \$100 million in the fourth quarter. D1

Network Promotions

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Jim Murray

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Irish Feel Fierce Crosswinds as Fateful Vote Nears

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Body

Dressed in black and wearing two gold earrings, Bono, star of the Irish rock group U2, took to the stage here tonight beneath a giant "YES" banner and played buffer to two stiff middle-aged politicians wearing ties and jackets.

One of Bono's handlers warned reporters not to question him on the Northern Ireland peace agreement, saying, "U2 are a rock band -- they're not a political party." Yet Bono's role could not have been more political. It took him (and some worrisome poll numbers) to force the longtime Catholic and Protestant adversaries -- John Hume and David Trimble -- to appear together for the first time in the peace campaign.

The appearance was for a special concert at the Belfast Waterfront Hall to put forth this simple yet forceful message to young voters: their support in the vote on Friday of the Northern Ireland agreement was the best chance to insure that their future would be less blood-soaked than their parents' past. Reprising John Lennon's anti-Vietnam War anthem, Bono took to the stage and sang out: "All we are saying, is give peace a chance!"

Yet if the concert-goers read their local newspaper this morning, they were warned not to be fooled by glitz -- or by assurances of peace. In what passes for brutal negative campaigning in Ireland, a leading opposition group ran a print advertisement featuring a photograph of a tormented woman a year from now, hand on her head, lamenting her vote for the accord. "Bribed and brainwashed," the woman says, "we believed the agreement meant peace when it has only encouraged the terrorists to ask for more." The ominous tag line: "There is no going back."

From Dublin in the south to the village of Killybegs, far on the northwest coast, people who will vote on the 67-page agreement -- hundreds of them -- described the document as baffling, even intimidating, and most said they had not even tried to read the whole thing.

But the messages from the groups trying to explain the agreement to voters are not complicated at all. Proponents have settled on a practical rationale: The package is not perfect but it is the best we can do. The flaws, Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain and Mr. Trimble keep assuring voters, will be addressed through legislation.

Opponents, meanwhile, are trying to play on voters' fears and suspicions by portraying the referendum as a moral decision that strikes at the very soul of their religious, political and class identities.

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They have focused mainly on the ruling Protestant majority in Northern Ireland, which is divided over the agreement, and asserted that the accord would be the first step toward severing this province's ties to Britain and toward the Catholic nationalist goal of creating a united Ireland. They have also stoked voters' fears by warning that the agreement calls for the accelerated releases of political prisoners.

Neither side is buying commercial time on television, largely because of Government rules that proponents fear would unfairly benefit opponents. Instead, both sides are dueling in newspaper advertisements and in billboards which, though not common in rural areas, are prominently displayed in large population centers like Belfast and Dublin.

But even in the tiny village of Barnfoot, on the east coast of this province, a lamppost in a remote two-lane road carries a makeshift sign that declares, simply, "Vote No." Further explanation is not considered necessary.

No one who reads newspapers, watches television or listens to the radio can escape what seems like one grand (and eternal) debate over the agreement. It is common for even small newspapers -- here and in the south -- to devote several pages a day to the campaign.

On the television and radio there are hours of programs every day featuring backers and opponents of the accord, and in most cases people can question guests from the audience or by calling in.

The debate has provoked something of an all-island dialogue, with people of all political and religious stripes speaking out not so much about the fine print but about their hopes, fears and suspicions about the agreement. Perhaps most poignantly, they are exchanging stories about the raw, ugly violence that has touched them and their families.

Adrian Kelly, 47, who was raised in Londonderry in Northern Ireland, thinks the accord is unworkable because Catholics and Protestants will never make peace. Yet he said there was an allure to the yes campaign.

"I think people are willing to go far for peace -- there's a demand," he said. "People are very friendly here. It's a pity we're locked in a historical thing we can't get out of."

One of the most familiar faces on television here is Prime Minister Blair, who has subjected himself to program after program to make his plea for the agreement. As he took audience questions on one program the other night, Eilish McCauley, a **women** from Northern Ireland, chastised him for trying to win backing for the agreement by channeling money into a new effort to help families of crime victims. "I've been sitting here and I'm disappointed," she said. "You're walking on our graves here. My brother was murdered by a British soldier."

Mr. Blair tried to reassure Ms. McCauley while pressing for the agreement. "I really do understand the fact that money is not a substitute for the grief that people have suffered," he said. "But this is the only chance I can give you. This is my best shot."

President Clinton, not wanting to appear to be injecting himself too much into Irish politics, decided not to visit here before the vote. But appearing on television with Mr. Blair from Britain over the weekend, the President followed the strategy of casting the vote in broad, favorable terms.

"I would be thinking about my daughter's future and her children's future," Mr. Clinton said. "I don't know what the alternative is on the other side. Every generation gets its chance -- this is the best chance for this generation."

Tonight, Bono's message was strikingly similar. "To vote no is to play into the hands of the extremists that have had their day," he said. "Their days are over as far as we're concerned."

Although the press has appeared even-handed in presenting both sides, supporters of the agreement seem to have the advantage, if for no other reason than that there are more of them in prominent places. They also have more money to spend on advertising.

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But their upbeat, feel-good message is, in the view of many opponents here, "rubbish." Instead, they have portrayed the agreement as one big scheme for Ireland to take over this province.

"The whole momentum of the agreement is an all-Ireland agreement!" Peter Robinson, a member of Parliament and prominent Unionist who opposes the accord, warned at a campaign rally in the northeastern town of Limavady. "If that wasn't enough, they're going to let all the prisoners out!"

Greg Campbell, an alderman from Londonderry who also opposes the accord, struck a similar note. "The good people will be under the rule of terrorists!" he declared. "This is not a time for party politicking -- this is a time for our country."

Both sides have faced the added complication of not slighting or sending the wrong signals, even subtle ones, to voters. A radio commentator noted that Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland secretary for the British Government, had taken care in her wardrobe not to wear colors that would favor one side over the other.

On one radio program this week, a caller who gave her name as Caroline scolded Mitchel McLaughlin, a leader of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the ***Irish Republican Army***, for referring to the "British presence" in Northern Ireland. "When you talk of the British presence in Northern Ireland," she told him, "do you realize my family goes back hundreds of years? Do you consider me the British presence? I find that offensive and unhelpful."

A contrite Mr. McLaughlin responded: "I apologize and I will attempt to do better in the future, Caroline."

William Burgess, a banker in Northern Ireland, said he has grown weary of all the messages. "There's a lot of people saying yes and there's a lot of people saying no," he said. "I'll make my own decision. For God's sake, anything is better than what we have."

Graphic

Photo: David Trimble of the Ulster Unionist Party, Bono and John Hume of the Social Democratic and Labor Party joined hands at a Belfast concert yesterday to promote a yes vote on the Irish peace agreement. (Associated Press)

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Body

In the most dramatic and comprehensive bid for reconciliation in three decades of violence, leaders of Northern Ireland's divided Catholic and Protestant communities yesterday endorsed a historic peace agreement.

Guided by their chairman, former U.S. Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, Gerry Adams of Sinn Fein and his longtime foe David Trimble of the Ulster Unionist Party sat down yesterday with the leaders of eight other parties and gave tentative approval to a delicately balanced agreement that offers political gains to both the Catholic and Protestant sides.

The peace agreement - which most thought impossible to achieve until the last few weeks - is hoped to begin the final chapter in 30 years of sectarian warfare known as the Troubles.

It also may mark the end of bitter division between Dublin and London dating back more than 75 years, to Ireland's partition into a mostly Catholic independent south and a mostly Protestant British-controlled north.

"In the past few days, the irresistible force - the political will - has met the immovable object - the legacy of the past - and we have moved it," said British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who like the others was exhausted but elated.

Blair and his Irish counterpart, Bertie Ahern, worked side by side in shirtsleeves and without sleep for 36 hours to help push for the settlement's final passage by a midnight Thursday deadline.

Missing that deadline by 17 hours, Northern Ireland's weary peace negotiators saw nearly two years' worth of work almost collapse late yesterday afternoon when Protestant unionist negotiators split over terms for the disarming of the **Irish Republican Army** and Protestant paramilitary groups.

Last-minute calls from President Clinton to Trimble, Adams and John Hume, leader of the Catholic nationalist Social Democratic and Labor Party, apparently helped avert failure.

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In Washington yesterday, Clinton called the accord "the best chance for peace in a generation."

Adams, who said yesterday that Sinn Fein could not give its definitive approval of the agreement until it is brought before the party's executive committee, nonetheless indicated his party's happiness with it.

"For now it is time to draw a breath, it is time to reflect," Adams said. "Republicans and nationalists will come to this document with skepticism but also with hope."

Success of any peace settlement in Northern Ireland has been considered unlikely without the endorsement of Sinn Fein. The party's opposition to any agreement would raise fears throughout Northern Ireland and Britain that the allied IRA would end its cease-fire and resume attacks against British and Protestant paramilitary targets.

Nearly 30 years of fighting among the IRA, Protestant paramilitary groups and Northern Ireland's Catholic and Protestant residents has left more than 3,200 dead.

Even now, splinter groups such as the Loyalist Volunteer Force and the Irish National Liberation Army could shatter the tentative mood of hope with continuing bombings and assassinations.

The peace agreement, which will not begin to take effect until it is approved in parallel referendum votes held in Ireland and Northern Ireland on May 22, does not end British rule in Northern Ireland, nor does it remove British troops from the streets.

But in a key section, the proposed agreement grants the people living in the six counties of Northern Ireland the right to decide for themselves in the future whether they will become part of a united Ireland or remain under British control.

Acknowledging that right, the Republic of Ireland agreed to rewrite Articles 2 and 3 of its constitution, which lay claim to Northern Ireland, and Britain repealed a 1920 act making its own territorial claim.

A recent Northern Ireland newspaper poll suggested that unification with Ireland might come only in the distant future, if ever: 97 percent of the province's Protestants and 33 percent of its Catholics preferred remaining a part of the United Kingdom. Those statistics reflect the fact that frequently loyalty to Britain has less to do with religious background than with political or economic factors.

The accord offers Northern Ireland's pro-British Protestants a return of the province's assembly, which was disbanded long ago and replaced with direct rule from London. Because Protestants make up about 58 percent of the population, they are sure to dominate the new assembly. But under new rules, Sinn Fein and other Catholic parties will be virtually guaranteed seats on a powerful executive committee. And complex voting rules in the assembly itself will be meant to ensure that "cross-community" support is required to pass important legislation.

For Northern Ireland's Catholic republicans and nationalists, the accord establishes a North-South council, which will oversee new government bodies covering both Northern Ireland and the 26-county Republic of Ireland to the south.

While the council may initially control only noncontroversial areas such as tourism and agriculture, many of Northern Ireland's Catholics hope that the new cross-border bodies will plant the seeds for a future united Ireland.

In other sections, the accord proposes the future release of Northern Ireland political prisoners and a reduction of British troops.

Yesterday's peace agreement succeeded against almost impossible odds.

Building on weaker Irish-British agreements on Northern Ireland signed decades ago, the latest round of new peace negotiations always seemed nearer disaster than success. As the talks were in the planning stages, a 17-month IRA cease-fire ended on Feb. 9, 1996, with the deadly bombing at London's Docklands development.

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So the talks began, in June 1996, without Sinn Fein at the table. The party asked its IRA allies to call another cease-fire. When the IRA did so in July 1997, Sinn Fein joined the talks - which caused the hard-line Democratic Unionist Party led by the Rev. Ian Paisley to walk out.

Paisley has never reentered those talks - but he appeared suddenly this week at a negotiations press site to say he will do everything he can to oppose the new agreement when it comes to a referendum vote. His deputies, meanwhile, have accused Ulster Unionist president Trimble of being the "traitor of traitors" for joining Sinn Fein in any peace settlement.

This growing split between Northern Ireland's Protestant unionists could be "very dangerous," said former Sen. Mitchell in an interview yesterday. "I think that could threaten the agreement."

But despite almost constant setbacks, the negotiators achieved considerable gains.

On the Protestant side, Trimble gave up demands that he would enter the talks only after the IRA began turning in some of its illegal weaponry. He also agreed reluctantly to negotiate with Sinn Fein, although he has yet to speak directly to Adams during any phase of the talks.

On the other side, Sinn Fein has given up longstanding demands that the British immediately move out of Northern Ireland and that the province immediately become part of the Irish Republic. Now, Adams and other party leaders say they view a new peace agreement as a "phase" leading to unification that will happen over time.

As for the British, Blair and his Labor government have encouraged the peace process by offering the Catholic nationalist community several "confidence building" measures. Recently, the government announced a new inquiry into the "Bloody Sunday" massacre of 13 Catholic civilians by British troops in Londonderry in 1972. The government also has dropped an extradition case against Roisin McAliskey, the daughter of 1970s firebrand republican Bernadette Devlin McAliskey, who has been accused in an attack on a British army base in Germany.

And although he may be doing so for purely personal reasons, it has not been lost on Northern Ireland's Catholics that Protestant Blair on several occasions has been seen attending Catholic Mass alone, without the company of his Catholic wife.

As yesterday's peace agreement was announced, negotiators ranging from Sinn Fein to the Ulster Unionist Party to the Social Democrat and Labor Party to the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition looked weary but happy after their marathon final talks.

Pelted by hail blown by a biting cold spring wind, the SDLP's president John Hume - one who will receive great credit for encouraging the start of the peace process in the 1980s - noted that "only once in a generation does an opportunity like this come along, an opportunity to resolve our deep and tragic conflict."

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Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern (left) shakes hands with British Prime Minister Tony Blair. The pact grants Northern Ireland's people the right to decide whether they will become part of a united Ireland. (Associated Press, LYNNE SLADKY)

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The US

Basking in the Northern Ireland peace agreement, President Clinton said it was appropriate the breakthrough came as Christians celebrated Easter and Jews celebrated Passover. Clinton was not only credited with sending former US Sen. George Mitchell to broker the peace accord, but with telephoning some of the key participants in the talks to help overcome last-minute sticking points. Clinton said the parties had chosen "hope" over "hate."

About 60 percent of Americans want to invest some of their Social Security taxes in the stock market - and 80 percent say individuals, not government, should control the investments, a Time-CNN poll of 1,011 adults indicated. GOP leaders in Congress have echoed Clinton's suggestion that budget surpluses be set aside until Social Security is strengthened, but there is no consensus on how to reform the system. The survey's margin of error was plus or minus 3.1 percent.

There were predictions of soaring US budget surpluses as taxpayers approached the April 15 deadline for filing tax returns. Economist Lou Crandall of R.H. Wrightson & Assoc. in New York forecast a \$ 40-billion surplus, well above a Congressional Budget Office projection of \$ 18 billion. The Washington Post, citing internal central-bank reports, said the Federal Reserve is anticipating a \$ 50-billion surplus. Fed officials responded by saying the size of this year's surplus was "highly uncertain."

Disaster aid was arriving in four Southern states in the wake of severe thunderstorms and tornadoes. Storms damaged or destroyed more than 2,000 homes in Alabama alone, state and local officials said. Tornadoes reportedly killed 33 people in Alabama, at least nine in Georgia, one in Mississippi, and one in North Carolina. The tornado - with winds exceeding 260 m.p.h. - that hit Jefferson County, Ala., was ranked F-5, the most powerful classification. On average, only one of the 1,000 tornadoes that hit the US each year is F-5, weather experts said.

New rules to halt stock-market trading when prices fall sharply were approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The new curbs, which take effect Wednesday, require trading to halt after drops of 10 percent, 20 percent, and 30 percent in the Dow Jones Industrial Average. Currently trading is halted when the Dow industrials fall 350 points, or about 4 percent, and again after a 550-point drop, or about 7 percent. The changes reflect concern that current curbs on trading could aggravate market instability.

Allegations that a conservative foundation may have given financial aid to one of his star witnesses were being pursued by Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr. Brushing aside possible conflicts of interest, the Justice

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Department said Starr should look into allegations that David Hale received payments and other aid from people working for a foundation that publishes the American Spectator magazine. An Arkansas women has alleged that Hale received the aid while cooperating with Starr's inquiry. American Spectator publisher Terry Eastland said no money was given to Hale.

Immigrants awaiting citizenship protested problems at the Immigration and Naturalization Service. From 1994 to 1997, the number of citizenship applications reportedly tripled from 500,000 to almost 1.5 million - doubling the backlog of citizenship cases. Press conferences were held in Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, and Washington.

A computer network that handles data much faster than the Internet will connect a consortium of universities by June, the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California said. The University of California, Stanford University, and the California Institute of Technology are among the state's participating schools.

The World

Sinn Fein leaders Martin McGuinness and Gerry Adams urged members of their party and supporters of the Irish Republican Army to give "fair" and "balanced" consideration to the historic peace accord reached Friday with Protestants in Northern Ireland. It would establish a new local government for the province but require close cooperation with the predominantly Catholic Irish Republic. The executive committee of the Ulster Unionists, the province's largest Protestant party, voted 55-23 to support the accord.

A senior member of Hamas has confessed to the murder of leading bombmaker Muhyeen al-Sharif, Israel Radio reported, quoting Palestinian Authority police sources. His death is blamed on an internal power struggle, which the militant Islamic group vehemently denies. Over the weekend, an estimated 5,000 Hamas supporters burned a mockup of an Israeli bus in the West Bank city of Nablus, in a demonstration aimed at reinforcing the group's vow to conduct revenge attacks against Israel, which it blamed for Sharif's death.

Indicted war-crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic isn't ready to surrender to the UN tribunal in The Hague, Bosnian Serb sources said. They rebutted a Washington Post report that Karadzic, who's blamed for some of the worst atrocities of the 3-1/2-year Bosnian civil war, was discussing surrender terms with his more moderate rivals who now hold the leadership of the Serb sub-state. Karadzic reportedly is weary and ill from months of being on the run from pursuers.

South Africa's last hard-line apartheid president, P. W. Botha, is scheduled to go on trial before a black judge tomorrow on contempt-of-court charges. Botha was ruled fit despite claims of ill health. He is accused of ignoring three subpoenas to testify before the country's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which investigates atrocities during the apartheid era. Botha did submit more than 1,700 pages of written replies to the commission's questions and accuses it of wanting to humiliate him.

Only 22 of more than 130 human-rights groups operating in Congo (formerly Zaire) were granted "provisional authorization" by the government. The Justice Ministry said those not approved were "working in illegal fashion" and that "severe measures" would be announced shortly. All rights groups were required to register by midnight last Wednesday. Meanwhile, the editor of a Kinshasa newspaper was jailed, apparently for criticizing self-proclaimed President Laurent Kabila in print.

More than 100 people are missing and presumed dead in the collapse of gemstone mines in Tanzania, reports said. Local officials said 14 tanzanite mines caved in under heavy rains. The semiprecious purple stone used in jewelry is mined by traditional methods, with few safety procedures.

Reports from the city of Hardwar, India, said security arrangements were collapsing under the weight of Hindu worshippers arriving for a traditional bathing ritual in the River Ganges. More than 10 million people were expected to overwhelm Hardwar for the Baisakhi harvest festival, which is held in the city once every 12 years. Sixty

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thousand police and government officials, backed by a system of checkpoints and closed-circuit TV cameras, were sent to ensure order. Clashes erupted between rival sects last month over the order of bathing.

Etceteras

"A lasting peace will become a reality as anger, hatred, and violence are replaced by love and mutual acceptance."

- Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey, on the accord between Protestants and Catholics in Northern Ireland.

Columbus, Ohio, resident Lorie Marling knew she owed the Internal Revenue Service some money in back taxes. But even she wasn't prepared for the bill that arrived in the mail last week. It had a dollar sign, a 2, a 7, and then a whole lot of zeroes - 10, in fact. Yes, the IRS wanted \$ 270 billion. But at least it was willing to let her remit the money in three easy installments. "My accountant," she says, "thought I was being asked to pay off the national debt." Ms. Marling inquired whether there mightn't have been some mistake. Yeah, well, OK, so we goofed, the agency admitted, adding: "Now and then an erroneous notice does get through."

The Day's List

The Nation's Largest Women-Owned Firms

Working Woman magazine has published a list of the 500 largest women-owned US businesses. To qualify for the list, which ranks the firms according to revenues, a woman running an enterprise also must be the largest individual shareholder. Those owning or operating companies with annual revenues of at least \$ 1 billion:

1. Pat Moran JM Family Enterprises \$ 5.4
2. Abigail Johnson Fidelity Investments 5.0
3. Martha Ingram Ingram Industries 2.4
4. Marilyn Carlson Carlson Cos. 2.3
5. Marian Ilitch Little Caesar Enterprises 2.1
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 - 14. Antonia Johnson Axel Johnson Group1.4
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PHOTOS: 1) Andrea Washington (l.) and her cousin Charles Raby receive Easter baskets from relief worker Melia Burse at what remains of Washington's house in McDonald Chapel, Ala. BY TAMI L. CHAPPELL/REUTERS 2) Cuban worshippers at Havana's Roman Catholic cathedral hold an Easter candlelight vigil, the first one permitted outdoors under Communist Party rule on the island in many years. BY JOSE GOITA/AP MAP: Showing India. BY STAFF

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Militia chief gets 18-year sentence

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The vote had been closely watched as a test of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's ruling coalition, because most legislators from his smallest partner, the liberal Free Democrats, favored the opposition legislation.

But threats from Kohl that he might dissolve the government helped keep the Free Democrats in line. The vote killing the bill by the opposition Social Democrats and Greens was 338-317 with three abstentions.

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Clinton Goes to Pentagon And Warns Iraq of Strikes

President Clinton, speaking at the Pentagon, said he would order air strikes against Iraq unless President Saddam Hussein stopped lying about outlawed weapons and impeding international controls. The speech, which was broadcast live by television networks, was intended to rally public support for possible action. A1

Secretary General Kofi Annan of the United Nations announced that he would go to Baghdad to meet with Iraqi officials this weekend in an effort to resolve the crisis. A8

In 1995, well after the end of the gulf war, military officials in Iraq struck a deal with Russian companies to build a plant that could have been used to produce biological weapons, American officials said. A8

Jordanian Anger at Israel

Jordanians reacted angrily to an Israeli commission's report that absolved Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of responsibility in a bungled attempt in Amman to assassinate a Jordanian citizen who was a leader of the militant Islamic group Hamas. King Hussein has ordered that security cooperation between the two countries be suspended. A7

Sudan Promises Reforms

The Islamic party that has molded Sudan into a religious state is enacting a new constitution that officials maintain will allow a return to party politics and greater political freedom. But opposition leaders say it remains to be seen whether the reforms will be carried out. A3

An American Flag in Teheran

The American flag flew in Teheran without harm for the first time in two decades. A huge Stars and Stripes was among 17 flags hung from the ceiling of a sports stadium for an international wrestling competition. The event is the first time that American athletes have competed in Iran since the country's Islamic revolution in 1979. The five-member American team was cheered as members entered the stadium, bearing a flag provided by the hosts. A3

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Yeltsin Criticizes Budget

On the eve of a parliamentary vote on this year's budget, President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia criticized Parliament, saying that it had to learn to live within its means. The International Monetary Fund is to make a decision soon on whether to disburse the latest installment of a three-year, \$10.1 billion loan. A4

NATIONAL A10-19

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A Federal judge ruled that a group of Texas beef producers could not use Texas' food-defamation statute as a basis for their lawsuit against Oprah Winfrey, though the trial could continue as a standard business-disparagement case. A10

A Spokesman Wishes He Hadn't

The White House press secretary, Michael D. McCurry, said he regretted remarks he made in an interview with the Chicago Tribune about the possible explanations for a relationship between President Clinton and Monica S. Lewinsky. The grand jury heard from two witnesses who could provide information on the inner workings of the White House, Lewis C. Fox, a retired Secret Service officer, and Steve Goodin, a former Presidential assistant. A14

Dismissal of Jones Suit Sought

President Clinton's lawyers asked a Federal judge to throw out Paula Corbin Jones's sexual misconduct lawsuit. The lawyers asserted that even if Mr. Clinton did confront her with a crude sexual proposition nearly seven years ago, Ms. Jones had produced no evidence that he violated any laws. A14

Fund-Raising Indictment Ready

The Justice Department has prepared an indictment accusing a Democratic fund-raiser, Maria Hsia, with lying about her role in organizing a 1996 event at a Buddhist Temple in California attended by Vice President Al Gore, law-enforcement officials and Ms. Hsia's lawyer said. A12

Ex-Midshipman Convicted

A jury convicted Diane Zamora, a former Naval Academy midshipman, of capital murder, and a judge sentenced her to life in prison. A18

NEWS SUMMARY

Tobacco Protection Opposed

Two leading authorities on public health, C. Everett Koop, the former Surgeon General, and David A. Kessler, the former Commissioner of Food and Drugs, said that they opposed giving tobacco companies protection against lawsuits. A19

Alcohol's Link to Breast Cancer

An analysis of six long-term studies conducted among a total of more than 300,000 women has confirmed that drinking alcohol can raise a woman's risk of developing breast cancer. But the increase in risk is very small for those who consume no more than one drink a day. A16

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U.S. Indicts Programmer In Computer 'Bomb' Case

A computer programmer who was recently dismissed from his job at a New Jersey engineering company has been charged with planting a computer "bomb" that deleted software critical to the company's operations and caused the loss of more than \$10 million in sales and contracts, according to Federal court papers. B1

Sharpton on Sharpton

The Rev. Al Sharpton concluded his four days of testimony at the Tawana Brawley defamation trial by telling jurors that his big hair and big voice were matched by an even bigger heart. B1

Police Want Contract Revised

The city's largest police union said that it wanted to renegotiate its contract and discuss incentives to increase productivity. The announcement followed Mayor Giuliani's decision to give firefighters who responded to medical emergencies higher pay than police officers. B2

Mayor Defends Station Plan

Mayor Giuliani defended the city's decision to accept \$5 million from a business group to put a police substation near Wall Street. Community leaders in the Bronx and Queens criticized the plan, asserting that police officers should not be diverted to one of the safest parts of the city. B3

A Subway Project, and Delays

The 63d Street subway tunnel will be partly shut on Sunday for repairs that will last 15 months, transit officials said. The work will cause extra transfers and long waits for approximately 12,000 riders daily in Manhattan, Roosevelt Island and Queens. B4

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Talk of Tampering

George Steinbrenner said that the baseball commissioner's office was looking into possible tampering by the Arizona Diamondbacks involving the Yankees' Bernie Williams. C1

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Making the Grade

A report on grade inflation at Princeton, which the university's administration hopes will cause some soul-searching among the faculty, indicates that the "gentleman's C" is not only alive and well but appears to be evolving into the "generous B" or even an A, with little distinction between the good and the excellent.

A1

BUSINESS DAY D1-21

Indonesian Bank Chief Out

President Suharto of Indonesia dismissed the head of the country's central bank. The move was seen as an act of defiance toward President Clinton and the I.M.F. and moved the world's fourth most populous country closer to losing its \$43 billion rescue package. The move immediately resurrected the Asia economic crisis to a priority at the White House and amounted to an extraordinary gamble by Mr. Suharto that the I.M.F. would not abandon Indonesia. A1

An Unwelcome Bid Is Pressed

Computer Associates, a software company, intensified its unwelcome pursuit of Computer Sciences, a computer consulting and services company, by filing a formal tender offer to buy Computer Sciences' stock for \$108 a share in cash. D1

Limited Announces Overhaul

The Limited said it would shutter unprofitable stores in its women's apparel businesses, close all but one of its Henri Bendel specialty shops and spin off another subsidiary, Abercrombie & Fitch, to Limited shareholders. The plan was the biggest restructuring since the Limited went public in 1969. D1

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OBITUARIES D22

Ernst Junger

The warrior-author, viewed as one of Germany's most controversial and contradictory writers, was 102. D22

Arthur Cohn

A versatile and prolific composer, conductor and author whose writings celebrated the diversity of classical music and made it accessible to a large audience, he was 87. D22

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Belfast bustle belies tedium of peace talks

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Body

The trains from Dublin are full of music and film buffs heading to the annual Belfast Festival. The world tour of Porgy & Bess is playing this week to sold-out crowds at the suitably named Grand Opera House. The new Castlecourt Center, with Benetton and Laura Ashley, is as hip as any U.S. shopping mall.

Yes, Belfast is a far more attractive and prosperous place than the bombed-out war zone outsiders imagine.

It's too bad, then, that so many people here think the current peace talks are as doomed as the Titanic, launched 85 years ago from a Belfast shipyard.

MARTIN

The fate of Northern Ireland - whether it will stay part of Britain, get limited self-rule or reunite with the rest of Ireland - may be decided in the second, intense phase of peace talks, which began this week.

Few in the streets are expecting much.

"People are too entrenched - nobody wants to give up anything," says Samuel Sample, a retired woodworker and a Protestant. He's standing across from a row of stores where several people were killed some years back by a bomb planted by the Catholic **Irish Republican Army**.

"We've been doing this (talking) too many times, and it always collapses into violence," says Dolores Kelly, a nursery school teacher. She's browsing through a variety store in a Catholic neighborhood, where many people have bars over their windows and doors to protect them from Protestant thugs. One street has been renamed by its residents "R.P.G. Avenue" - for rocket-propelled grenade.

In parts of Belfast - those inhabited by shipyard workers instead of bank executives - it is easy to tell the Protestant neighborhoods from the Catholic ones. The Protestant appear a bit more prosperous and sport a lot of red, white and blue - the colors of the British Union Jack.

The Catholic neighborhoods fly the green, white and orange tricolor of the Republic of Ireland and sometimes have store names in Irish as well as English.

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In both kinds of neighborhoods, you'll find walls covered with political graffiti - "Up the IRA!" - and miles of barbed wire surrounding the police stations and the British army barracks. In times of tension, massive steel gates can be swung across major streets to block off the Catholic sections from the Protestant ones.

These are working-class areas, and by and large their residents have been the soldiers and victims in what is often called a working-class war. Yet the sense of despair over the peace talks cuts across economic, religious and political lines and underscores just how hard it will be to achieve a permanent peace no matter how much everyone claims to want it.

"I can't see any sort of solution to it," concedes Brid Lofthouse, an executive with a Belfast software development company.

The talks are billed as the most important since 1921, when Britain granted home rule to its former Irish colony but partitioned off the six counties in the north as a homeland for the predominantly Protestant population.

The meetings are being held on the grounds of Stormont, a magnificent neoclassical structure that sits at the top of a sweeping drive through emerald parklands.

Headquarters of the British in Northern Ireland, Stormont would seem a grand site itself for historic talks. But it was damaged by fire so the talks are taking place in the dreary and hastily remodeled annex to the Northern Ireland health department.

It is a setting as bleak as the prospects.

For the past several weeks, the eight parties to the talks - among them, the governments of Britain and Ireland - have been meeting in joint sessions, telling each other exactly where they stand and what they want. About all they agree on is that the process has been tedious and that they've achieved virtually nothing.

This week, the talks began a critical second phase - when the parties meet one-on-one and start trying to resolve specific areas of disagreement.

"It's the beginning of very difficult and complex negotiations that will finally lead to a peace settlement," Ireland's foreign affairs minister, David Andrews, said Tuesday, with somewhat more optimism than others feel.

Eager to rev up the talks, British Prime Minister Tony Blair has set a Dec. 1 deadline for this second phase. He hopes to have a final agreement by May 1 that can be voted on by the people of Northern Ireland.

Greatly complicating matters, however, is the fact that two of the key parties to the talks aren't talking to each other.

The Ulster Unionist Party, which wants Northern Ireland to remain united with Britain, has refused to speak to Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA and the staunchest advocate of a single Ireland.

The Ulster Unionists claim that Sinn Fein is simply a front for the terrorist organization that has killed and wounded thousands of Protestants. However, the Unionists have come across as rigid and uncompromising while Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams has pledged to sell his supporters on whatever agreement is reached - even in the likely prospect that it falls far short of reunification.

Adams also has managed to hold the IRA to a four-month cease-fire despite the recent resignations of several top IRA members who reportedly feel Sinn Fein has given a lot in the peace talks and gotten little in return.

The role of the Ulster Unionists "hasn't been very positive," says Monica McWilliams, who represents the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition in the talks. "I have a lot of sympathy with Sinn Fein for what I imagine they see as a lot of double standards and hypocrisy in that room."

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If there's anyone who can get Unionist leader David Trimble to loosen up, it is apt to be Tony Blair, who has invited Trimble to a meeting in London on Thursday.

"Somebody who professes to be a unionist theoretically has respect for the head of the union, who is the prime minister," says an Irish government official.

A peace agreement could be reached without Sinn Fein and the Ulster Unionists ever saying a word to each other. In reality, other participants agree, lasting peace will be impossible without the support of those two groups.

Sinn Fein, although it gets only about 17 percent of the vote in Northern Ireland, represents those citizens most militantly committed to throwing out the British.

The Ulster Unionists, the north's largest party and the main voice of the Protestants, represent those who are just as firmly committed to keeping close ties to Britain. Many are descendants of the Presbyterian Scots that Britain sent to Ireland 300 years ago to strengthen its claim to the island. They have been here long enough to feel as much a part of Northern Ireland as the Catholics do.

If a peace agreement is reached, it likely will include an assembly for Northern Ireland and so-called "cross-border institutions" with decisionmaking powers. The north and south already cooperate on tourism - promoting "Round Ireland" travel - and it would make sense to work more closely together in such areas as roads, agriculture and industrial development.

The cross-border institutions, though, would require a change in the Republic of Ireland's constitution, which now claims total sovereignty over the north. Whether the people of Ireland would vote to share sovereignty is a question only now beginning to surface.

Despite the huge obstacles to an agreement, most Northern Irish are content to enjoy a peace and prosperity they have not known for years.

Unemployment, slightly over 8 percent, is the lowest since 1980. Job discrimination against Catholics, who are in the minority of Northern Ireland's 1.6-million people, has dropped significantly.

Several of Britain's biggest retailers have recently opened their first stores here, the competition driving down prices in a place already known for better bargains than in the highly taxed south. More Mercedeses and Porsches are sold per capita than in any other place besides Germany.

Where people once dreaded going to Belfast's City Center - for fear of IRA bombs - the downtown streets are now crowded with shoppers by day and pub crawlers at night. The elegant Europa Hotel, which claims to be the most bombed hotel in Europe, once again allows cars to pull up at the front door and stop. On the wall leading to the grand ballroom is a portrait of a surprisingly youthful Bill Clinton, the man who sent former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell here to oversee the peace talks.

Mitchell "has shown he's up to speed with all issues and he has the respect of all parties," says Andrews, the Irish foreign affairs minister. And - in what may be the greatest attribute of all for the job - "his patience is immense."

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INTERNATIONAL A3-12

U.S. Offers Support To Baltic Nations

The United States and the three Baltic nations will sign a formal "Charter of Partnership" on Friday that, without promising NATO membership to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, explicitly supports their efforts to join the security alliance eventually, American officials said. A1

A Gandhi Steps Up in India

In the southern Indian town where Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated in 1991, his widow, Sonia, said she would "step forward" into the political life of the ailing Congress Party. With elections due soon, many think she will seek the Prime Minister's job. A1

U.S. Delegation Goes to Asia

A team of President Clinton's top aides arrived in Singapore and met with local authorities to search for ways to stop the free falls of Southeast Asia's currencies and stock markets. They and other experts will meet later with President Suharto of Indonesia, whose reluctance to enact reforms has led to calls for his resignation. A6

Hong Kong Bank Shuts Doors

The largest investment bank in Asia outside Japan, Peregrine Investments Holdings, was forced to shut down today, the first major casualty of the economic crisis that has swept through the region and the first major bankruptcy in Hong Kong since the territory reverted to Chinese rule last July. Prices plunged on the Hong Kong stock market, with the Hang Seng market index falling nearly 10 percent immediately after trading began. A6

Chiapas Women Protest Army

Indian women gathered to protest the Mexican Army's invasion of their villages in southern Chiapas state, saying the soldiers made children cry. President Ernesto Zedillo ordered the army to search for illegal weapons, but the soldiers have concentrated their searches in villages known to sympathize with Zapatista rebels. A3

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Belfast Killing Raises Tension

A Protestant paramilitary group said it fatally shot the nephew by marriage of Gerry Adams, the leader of Sinn Féin, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army. The man killed, Terry Enwright, 28, was working as a doorman at a Belfast night club owned by relatives of the leader of the Progressive Unionist Party, which represents Protestant paramilitary groups at the peace talks on Northern Ireland. A3

Envoys Will Go to Algeria

Envoys from Canada and the Arab League are expected to arrive in Algiers today as part of stepped-up international efforts to reduce the violence in Algeria, where hundreds of civilians have been massacred in recent weeks. An armed group attacked the village of Sidi Hammed near Algiers late Sunday, wiping out "dozens of families," the newspaper Liberte reported today. The Government has blamed Islamic militants for the attacks. (Reuters)

NATIONAL A14-19

Government Rejects Plea In Unabom Case

After a week in which Theodore J. Kaczynski reduced the Unabom case to chaos, a weekend review of a new offer of a guilty plea was rejected by the Justice Department because Mr. Kaczynski seemed to be trying to retain a chance at freedom, people close to the talks said. The talks showed that both sides in the trial were struggling to find a way to end what has become a public spectacle. A1

Reducing Drugs in Prison

President Clinton is expected to sign a directive today ordering the states to report the extent of drug use in prisons, which will be used to create a base figure that each state must improve upon before it can qualify for Federal money for prisons. The document reflects a belief within the Administration that crimping the supply of drugs in prison will cut the demand for them after the convicts are released. A1

A Choice Assignment

Congress and the White House have three basic choices in deciding what to do with a Federal Government surplus that now seems almost assured: They can begin paying off some of the \$5 trillion in debt the nation has accumulated. They can cut taxes. Or they can increase spending on any one of a number of popular and pet programs. Both parties in Congress and the Clinton Administration are preparing for a battle over how to allocate whatever money does become available, marshaling arguments based on ideology, economics and tactical politics. A18

School as a Means to an End

Students are increasingly disengaged and view education less as a vehicle to expand their minds and more as a means to increase their incomes, a survey of college freshmen shows. The annual nationwide poll shows that two suggested goals of education -- "to be very well off financially" and "to develop a meaningful philosophy of life" -- have switched places in the past three decades. Professors and administrators say it is not news to them. A14

Washington Losing on Meters

The District of Columbia says it is losing millions of dollars a year in revenue from parking meters that have been decapitated by vandals. Only 7,000 of 15,776 meters work, officials say, and repairs cannot keep pace with the vandalism. Motorists, of course, see a benefit. A14

First Norplant Trial to Begin

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Six Texas women go to trial this week, demanding compensation from Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, the makers of the Norplant birth control device. The women say that they were deceived about the severity of Norplant's side effects. The women are among about 50,000 nationwide who have filed suit over Norplant, which is surgically implanted, and theirs is the first case to go to trial. Women have complained of health problems including severe depression and ovaarian cysts. (AP)

NEW YORK/REGION B1-6

Ice Storm Is Taxing Even the Toughest

Even the hardest souls find themselves astonished at the scope of damage wrought by the massive ice storm that has paralyzed much of Upstate New York and parts of New England and Canada. But in Watertown, N.Y., officials found reasons for optimism. Most main roads were passable thanks to a melt on Saturday. And there was hope that electricity could be returned to parts of Watertown by today. B6

End to Rivalry in Sight

A religious dispute from the Old World has smoldered for years on the tranquil streets of Astoria, Queens, with rivals who are united by culture and separated by 13 days -- the difference between the Gregorian calendar, the one used throughout the Western world and accepted by the Greek Orthodox Church, and the old Julian calendar, to which a smaller movement of Orthodox traditionalists has clung. Now, though, the Greek-Americans of Astoria say reconciliation is in sight. The Old Calendrists have petitioned the New Calendrists to rejoin the Greek Orthodox Church. B1

Ferraro Issues Debate Demand

Geraldine A. Ferraro said she would not debate her opponents in the race for Democratic nomination to the United States Senate unless they signed a pledge promising not to "engage in personal attacks" in the primary. Both her opponents said they would sign such a pledge. B3

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SPORTSMONDAY C1-10

Golfer Uses Cart in P.G.A.

With a temporary court order backing him, Casey Martin became the first golfer not on the Senior Tour to use a cart in a Professional Golfers Association Tour-sanctioned tournament. On top of that, he won the tournament. Martin has Klippel-Trenaunay-Weber Syndrome, a circulatory disorder that causes severe swelling in his right leg. The P.G.A. Tour prohibits carts, but Martin won his injunction citing the Americans With Disabilities Act. C1

BUSINESS DAY D1-16

Microsoft's Hard Line

Microsoft's combative stance in its antitrust battle with the Justice Department has led to a backlash in the industry. Microsoft executives, having acknowledged that the hard line has tarnished the company's reputation, softened their language last week but did not change a company position that was forged in the summer of 1994, long before the Internet was a household word. D1

The Future of Television

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The nation got its first look at the future of television last week, and for the most part the new digital sets are as expensive as diamond rings -- and about as beguiling to behold. D5

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The accountant who invented bubble gum was 93. B7

Kenichi Fukui

The Japanese theoretical and physical chemist who was one of two winners of the 1981 Nobel Prize for chemistry was 79. B8

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On the Murky Trail of Stolen Art

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Body

It was late morning and the No Name Restaurant on Fish Pier was deserted.

At a table near the water, William P. Youngworth 3d, in sunglasses and a Phillies cigar T-shirt, tucked into a seafood lunch with his wife, Judith. He looked up and saw a peculiar sight: a man on a staircase on the far side of the restaurant pointing a video camera in his direction with its red light on.

A strange moment but no stranger, perhaps, than Mr. Youngworth himself, a 38-year-old antiques dealer with an oddly tangled past and present and probably an equally tangled future.

Mr. Youngworth, who is on trial on theft charges, has also been the object of intense scrutiny here since making a widely publicized claim that he alone could lead the authorities to up to \$300 million worth of masterpieces, including Rembrandts and a Vermeer, that were stolen from the city's Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum more than seven years ago.

What Mr. Youngworth seeks in return is the \$5 million reward offered by the museum, immunity from prosecution and the early release from prison of his karate teacher and mentor, Myles J. Connor Jr., 54, an art thief with a violent criminal record.

Spotting the man with the video camera, the square-faced, forcefully built Mr. Youngworth left the table and paid him a visit. He returned a few moments later, seemingly content with the explanation that the man was a tourist who was taping Mr. Youngworth because he looked famous. Mrs. Youngworth could only roll her eyes at this.

Both are convinced that they have been placed under intense surveillance and otherwise hounded by the F.B.I. since Mr. Youngworth voiced his claim through The Boston Herald last month. In a rambling interview that began on a Boston street corner, moved to the No Name and continued in his car, which he said the F.B.I. had outfitted with monitoring devices, Mr. Youngworth said there appeared to be little interest in having him return the paintings, which he maintains he had no role in stealing.

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"The Feds don't want it to happen," he asserted in a thick Boston accent. "The only true thing they ever told me is that they want to get it before me."

Mrs. Youngworth said, "It's not in their interest to have an ex-con find the paintings." Mr. Youngworth has done time for a variety of offenses, including armed robbery as a youth.

So matters are at a confusing standstill. Nobody in authority seems to know whether Mr. Youngworth can produce the paintings, what role, if any, he had in the theft or how Mr. Connor figures in all this. What will happen, particularly after Mr. Connor's trial on the unrelated theft charges, is a matter that perhaps only a detective novelist could surmise.

In the interview on Monday, Mr. Youngworth said he had to walk a difficult line between being helpful and avoiding self-incrimination, which was why, he said, he had to have a deal for his freedom first. "The moment those things go up on the wall, I get indicted," he said as he maneuvered his old car through construction zones while juggling calls on a constantly ringing cellular phone and denouncing the F.B.I., which he said was undoubtedly listening in on his calls.

He said he and his wife had discovered and dismantled a listening device under their bed at home and worried about the safety of their 6-year-old son.

But now, he insisted, "I've gone as far as I can go." He said he had gotten calls from people claiming links to Northern Ireland who sought a role in brokering the return of the paintings, but he pointedly declined to say whether they were connected to the **Irish Republican Army**.

"Some windows are closing, some are opening," he said enigmatically.

Spokesmen for the F.B.I. and the Gardner Museum said they were not commenting on any aspect of the case. But officials have said they were still waiting for unequivocal proof that Mr. Youngworth could recover the stolen art, although he arranged for a Herald reporter, Tom Mashberg, to see what appeared to be Rembrandt's missing "Storm on the Sea of Galilee" in an unidentified warehouse somewhere in the Northeast last month.

Beyond that, officials say, it might be hard to justify freeing Mr. Connor under any circumstances, given his long criminal record, includes escapes from prison and a conviction in the 1975 killings of two 20-year-old **women** who witnessed a gang murder. Mr. Connor spent three years in prison before the conviction was overturned for a new trial, in which he was acquitted. But he was subsequently convicted of selling drugs, stolen antiques and art, including three paintings from Amherst College.

Nonetheless, negotiations with Mr. Youngworth, who ran a store called "Almost Antiques," were announced in a spirit of optimism three weeks ago by the Gardner Museum. They are on hold pending Mr. Youngworth's continuing trial in Norfolk County Superior Court in Dedham on the theft charges, the resolution of which could influence his bargaining position. [On Thursday, proceedings were adjourned until Tuesday at the prosecution's request after heated arguments over lost police evidence and conflicting testimony. Mr. Youngworth will not testify, his lawyer, Martin K. Leppo, said.]

If Mr. Youngworth is convicted of having a stolen van and illegal ammunition that were found on his property in Randolph, Mass., items he says he knew nothing about and traces to a man he identifies as a tenant and provocateur, he could face a return to prison for 15 years as a habitual offender, having served a reformatory sentence for armed robbery as a youth and prison time for firearms violations and failing to appear on Federal narcotics charges.

He is facing other local charges next month. And people close to the case said a Federal grand jury was being convened to investigate the possible roles of Mr. Youngworth and Mr. Connor in the Gardner caper.

Because he, like Mr. Connor, was behind bars in the early hours of March 18, 1990, when two men in police garb talked their way into the Gardner and made off with the 13 treasures, Mr. Youngworth said he clearly had no role in

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the heist. He has yet to explain how he could know the whereabouts of the art while being unconnected of the robbery.

Asked about that, he replied tersely: "People died. Things change. There was a change of custody."

The Boston Herald has reported an informer's account that an unidentified international crime lord paid five thieves \$100,000 each for the robbery, which was botched when they failed to take requested masterworks by Titian and Botticelli. One of the crew was said to have been tortured and murdered by underworld cronies in 1991 after boasting of his role. Another was reported to have died since then. The authorities have not confirmed the report.

Strikingly, by Mr. Youngworth's own account, he was a suspect in the theft almost from the beginning. Three days after the break-in, he said, F.B.I. agents visited him in his prison cell in Terra Haute, Ind., explaining, "There's a short list and you're on it." But he said he told them he had nothing to contribute.

The case languished until May or June, he said in the interview, when a former cellmate of Mr. Connor told the authorities he had new information about the art theft and supplied Mr. Youngworth's name.

Mysteriously, Mr. Youngworth went on, his property in Randolph was raided on July 8 by F.B.I. agents with a warrant for automatic weapons and rocket launchers. None were found, but three inoperable antique pistols and a marijuana butt were, and Mr. Youngworth was locked up.

The convolutions had only begun. In jail, he said, he mentioned to law-enforcement officers that he might be able to recover a beeswax seal that had been stolen with a page of a Colonial charter that had been missing from the Massachusetts State House for 13 years.

He found the seal in his own living room, of all places, he said, telling the ABC News program "Nightline" on Sept. 1, "I guess I'm just at a loss to explain it." He was released on bond and the seal was then broken into pieces by a careless Randolph police officer, Mr. Youngworth said.

Meanwhile, he said, Mr. Connor's former cellmate had also talked to Mr. Mashberg, the Herald reporter, who began a series of articles on Mr. Youngworth.

Mr. Youngworth said the release of Mr. Connor, a "surrogate father," was "an unbendable condition." He said they had been allowed two meetings in a Rhode Island prison where their discussions were undoubtedly monitored. But he said, "If they could understand the language we were talking, good luck."

Graphic

Photo: William P. Youngworth 3d outside the Massachusetts court where he is on trial. (Kirsten Elstner for The New York Times)

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Clinton Says He Won't Sign Treaty Banning Land Mines

Applause broke out in Oslo as about 100 governments, including the United States, agreed to submit for formal ratification a treaty to ban land mines. But a few hours later, President Clinton said the United States would not sign it in December. A1

Mr. Clinton, who called for a ban on anti-personnel land mines in front of the United Nations in 1994, bowed to military leaders who argued that such a ban would put American soldiers at risk. A8

Latin America Celebrates Trade

South American leaders at the World Economic Forum in Sao Paulo celebrated the rapid growth of trade involving their countries conducted under the auspices of Mercosur, a regional group led by Brazil. But amid elation over recent agreements with Andean Pact countries and the European Union, pointed jibes were made about President Clinton, who pledged at a summit meeting in 1994 in Miami to create a "Free Trade Area of the Americas." A7

Protestant Joins Belfast Talks

David Trimble, the leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, the largest Protestant political party in Northern Ireland, agreed to join formal peace talks on the province's future. Other Protestant political leaders are expected to follow. Mr. Trimble said foremost on his agenda would be trying to have Sinn Fein, the political wing of the **Irish Republican Army**, expelled from the talks. A11

Swiss Get Holocaust Fund List

A list of 12,000 names of aging Jews in eastern Europe was handed over to the Swiss Ambassador in Washington, according to Swiss officials. The list represented a first step toward insuring that money from a fund set up by the Swiss Government, industry and banks actually gets to the Holocaust survivors it was set up to help. Payments of around \$1,000 a person are expected for the survivors, whose average age is almost 80 and many of whom subsist on meager pensions. A13

NEWS SUMMARY

12 Die in U.N. Helicopter Crash

A United Nations helicopter crashed in central Bosnia, killing all 12 passengers, including Gerd Wagner, a German diplomat who was deputy to the civilian administrator of the Dayton accords, United Nations officials said. The passengers were all officials trying to help Bosnia conduct elections. Four other Germans, five Americans, a Briton and a Pole also died, while the four Ukrainian crew members survived. A15

Israeli Right Faces Fissure

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu asked that three recently installed Jewish families move out of a house in an Arab neighborhood in East Jerusalem while allowing a group of Jewish students to remain there. The compromise offer was refused, however, by the wealthy American owner of the house, who asked the Israeli Supreme Court for a restraining order against any forced evictions. A3

NATIONAL A16-33

Security Adviser Opposed Access for Political Donor

A former White House national security adviser told Senate investigators that officials of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Department of Energy and the Democratic party lobbied heavily to make sure that Roger E. Tamraz, a big-money campaign contributor and controversial oil promoter, obtained an audience with President Clinton despite warnings that he had a "shady and untrustworthy reputation." A1

H.I.V. Research Criticized

One of the nation's most prestigious medical journals has thrown a harsh spotlight on research the United States has been conducting on H.I.V.-infected pregnant women in Africa, Thailand and the Dominican Republic. An editorial in the journal likens the research -- in which some women are given placebos -- to the notorious Tuskegee experiment, in which poor black men suffering from syphilis were left untreated. A1

Christian Coalition Politics

A 40-minute tape of Pat Robertson, chairman of the Christian Coalition, addressing about 100 members of statewide branches offered a rare glimpse into the coalition's political objectives. It also cast new doubts on the insistence by the coalition, the nation's largest and most influential organization of religious conservatives, that it does not engage in political activities. A24

Clinton Outlines Tobacco Policy

President Clinton demanded tough penalties on cigarette makers if smoking by teen-agers did not decline dramatically over the next decade. He also said he would not accept any dilution in Food and Drug Administration authority to regulate nicotine as a dangerous drug. The nation's cigarette makers reacted bitterly, saying that Mr. Clinton's demands go far beyond a costly and ground-breaking plan they reluctantly agreed to in June. A30

Magnetic Field Found on Mars

In its first major discovery, the American spacecraft that went into an orbit of Mars last Thursday has solved one of the planet's longstanding mysteries: Mars does have a magnetic field. Its magnetism may be weak, compared with most other planets, but is considerably stronger than scientists had suspected. A33

Vouchers Seen as Successful

In the first independent evaluation of Cleveland's groundbreaking school voucher program, a Harvard University study has found that the program was very popular with parents and raised the scores of those students tested at the end of the first year. A16

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Flight Training Suspended

The Defense Department, alarmed by a spate of dramatic and often fatal airplane crashes in the last four days, has for the first time ever ordered each of the armed services to suspend training flights for 24 hours to give aviators and ground crews additional safety lectures. A23

NEW YORK/REGION B1-10

Messinger Wins Primary After Final Vote Count

The Democratic mayoral primary came to a muddled conclusion as the Board of Elections said Ruth W. Messinger had broken the 40 percent barrier -- though by fewer than 700 votes -- and would not have to face the Rev. Al Sharpton in a runoff. Mr. Sharpton said he will ask a court to reinstate the runoff today. A1

Girls' School Faces Challenge

The experimental all-girls public academy that opened in East Harlem last fall appears to violate civil rights laws by discriminating against boys, Federal officials said, but they suggested they would consider a compromise to allow it to stay open. Schools Chancellor Rudy Crew balked at the idea of a compromise and hinted that he would be willing to go to court to defend the girls' school. B1

Landmark Draws Many Bidders

An unprecedented number of investors, real estate moguls and foreign companies have joined the bidding for the Chrysler Building, the landmark Art Deco skyscraper on Lexington Avenue that serves as a permanent monument to the industrial age. B1

OBITUARIES B11

Red Skelton

A master of mime and clowning whose gentle humor captivated generations of Americans, he was 84. B11

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ARTS E1-10

Rebirth of Arts in Bosnia

Bosnia's first postwar movie -- about the war that savaged the country for four years -- heralds the rebirth of its tiny movie industry. And as such, it has come to reinforce the conviction of Sarajevo's reduced but resolute artistic community that culture -- music, the visual arts, theater and literature as well as cinema -- should have a prominent place in the city's reconstruction. E1

Roundabout Seeks New Home

The Roundabout Theater Company, which faced eviction from its Times Square home in 1999, has signed a memorandum of understanding to move into the historic but dilapidated Selwyn Theater in the heart of the New 42d Street redevelopment project. Todd Haimes, director of the Roundabout, said the group was about halfway toward raising the \$10 million to \$12 million it needs to renovate the Selwyn. E1

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Strong Dollar Hurts Stocks

Fears that a strengthening dollar could undermine the growth in earnings of American companies in the third quarter has sent the stocks of some large, multinational firms reeling in recent weeks. But many analysts argue that the declines and investor concerns may be overdone, which might help explain the stock market's volatile performance recently. In daily trading, the Dow Jones industrial average was off just 9.48 points to 7886.44. D1

ABC to Offer Digital TV

Under hostile questioning from Congress, Preston Padden, president of the ABC television network, reversed his previous position and promised to begin broadcasting high-definition television programming starting next year. D1

Construction Industry Slows

Housing construction unexpectedly dropped in August as builders started projects at the slowest pace this year, though the broad economy shows few signs of losing its steady-growth, low-inflation rhythm. D3

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SPORTS C1-8

Baseball Plans Still in Flux

The plans for realignment of the major leagues that have been proposed all have a common denominator: All eight western teams are included in the National League. That alignment is widely accepted among the owners, especially the owners of most of those teams. One owner, however, remains opposed to the plan: Peter Magowan of the San Francisco Giants. C2

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INTERNATIONAL A3-10

French Left Is Victorious In Elections for Parliament

French voters gave the Socialists and their allies a victory in parliamentary elections, rejecting President Jacques Chirac's austerity policies. Mr. Chirac had called the vote a year ahead of schedule, gambling that voters would allow his conservative coalition to continue cutting budgets to qualify France for a common European currency. Instead, the left won overwhelming support by promising to reduce France's 12.8 percent unemployment rate. A1

Albright Opens Link to Bosnia

With Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright presiding, Croatia reopened a bridge to Bosnia in an important, if largely symbolic, step to comply with the Balkan peace accords. The ceremony was part of Ms. Albright's tour through the region to press leaders to live up to their commitments. It included stops yesterday in the Serbian-controlled part of Bosnia, making her the highest American official to visit there. A3

Turkish Leader May Call Vote

After 11 months in office, Turkey's first leader from an Islamic party, Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan, acknowledged that his coalition Government was crumbling and said he would call for new elections. In recent months his Government has come under pressure, particularly from the military, which opposes Mr. Erbakan's pro-Islamic policies. A3

Arabs Accused in Land Deaths

Jerusalem's police chief accused Palestinian security forces in two recent killings of Arabs suspected of selling land to Jews. The police chief, Gen. Yair Yitzhaki, said four Palestinian security members and two other men had been caught trying to kidnap an Arab land dealer. The Palestinian justice minister, Freih Abu Middein, dismissed the claims as "nonsense" and accused the Israeli intelligence services. A5

I.R.A. Aborts Belfast Attack

Police officials in Northern Ireland said the Irish Republican Army had threatened to detonate a land mine stored in a van in a Catholic section of West Belfast. The I.R.A. abandoned the attack because there were too many

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people on the street, the police said. The threat of fresh violence came as stalled peace talks were scheduled to resume on Tuesday. A8

Iranian Hard-Liner Keeps Post

The conservative cleric defeated in Iran's presidential election last week was re-elected speaker of Parliament. Ali Akbar Nateq-Nouri was returned to the post for a sixth year after offering assurances that hard-line members would work with with Mohammad Khatami, the moderate cleric who won the presidency in a stunning upset. (AP)

Violent Protest in South Korea

As many as 10,000 students battled riot police officers in Seoul, South Korea. The students were demanding the resignation of President Kim Young Sam after allegations of gross overspending in his election campaign. (Reuters)

NATIONAL A12, B9-12

Reports of Serious Crime Fall for Fifth-Straight Year

Reports of serious crime dropped for the fifth year in a row, preliminary figures from the F.B.I. show. Serious crime fell 3 percent last year, violent crime 7 percent and homicides 11 percent. The homicide rate was the lowest since 1970. A1

Wait Goes On in Denver

Jurors finished their third day of deliberations with no verdict in the Oklahoma City bombing trial of Timothy J. McVeigh. Federal District Court Judge Richard P. Matsch in Denver dismissed the 12-member jury at noon. The anxiety of survivors of the explosion and families of the victims grew with the delay. A1

Clinton's Accuser Is Warned

After lawyers for the woman suing President Clinton on charges of sexual harassment said they would probably present testimony by other women who they say accuse Mr. Clinton of propositioned them, the President's lawyer threatened to make an issue of the plaintiff's sexual history. A1

Tornado Victims Mourned

Survivors of a tornado that killed 27 people in Jarrell, Tex., gathered at a church there to share their grief in a memorial attended by Gov. George W. Bush. A12

For-Profit Schools Growing

The Edison Project, the venture into for-profit schools begun in 1991 by the entrepreneur Christopher Whittle, will double in size next year, to 25 schools in eight states. The revival of a project that was thought to be moribund demonstrates a change in the educational landscape. A12

Ranks Split in Tobacco Talks

Negotiators representing states in settlement talks with the tobacco industry are sharply divided over whether to offer the cigarette makers any immunity from litigation. One of the states' chief lawyers said a bar on punitive damages could be offered to the industry even if several states opposed it. B10

With Gritty Determination

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The 11th annual American Institute of Architects' Sandcastle Competition was held in Galveston, Tex., with 1,750 participants in 66 teams wielding 40-gallon water drums, Army-issue shovels, wooden scaffolding and water sprayers powered by electric generators. The teams had five hours to build structures that, in many cases, had been months in the planning. B9

More Are Bitten by Dogs

Dog bites serious enough to require medical care increased 37 percent in the United States from 1986 to 1994, partly because people are buying more ferocious dogs for protection, the Government has reported. B12

Pilot Killed at Air Show

An F-86 fighter jet performing before thousands of people at an air show in Broomfield, Colo., crashed, killing the 63-year-old pilot, officials said. No spectators were hurt. The pilot was not immediately identified. No one else was on board. (AP)

NEW YORK/REGION B1-8

Malcolm X's Widow Burned And Grandson Is Charged

Betty Shabazz, the widow of Malcolm X, was clinging to life, burned over 80 percent of her body, after what the police said was an attack by her distraught grandson, who apparently set her ablaze with gasoline in her Yonkers apartment. The boy, 12, was charged as a juvenile. His mother, Qubilah Bahiyah Shabazz, was indicted in 1995 on charges of plotting to kill the Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan. A1

Down to the Wire in New Jersey

The Democratic candidates for Governor of New Jersey, Robert E. Andrews, James E. McGreevey and Michael Murphy, completed their last weekend of campaigning before Tuesday's primary. The race appears tight. A1

Success to Crime Fighters

The New York City Police Department solved a higher percentage of active murder investigations last year than it had in 37 years. Officials attributed the success to the decrease in murders committed by strangers, better communications among divisions of the department and a more active pursuit of informants. B1

'Titanic' Wins Best Musical

'Titanic' won the Tony for best musical and was recognized in four other categories. The musical's \$10 million budget, technical problems and improbable subject had been the targets of taunts and jokes before it opened. "Chicago" was the big winner, though, with six awards. "Last Night at Ballyhoo" was named best play. Bebe Neuwirth, James Naughton, Janet McTeer and Christopher Plummer won acting awards. B1

Four Killed in Plane Crash

A father, son and two friends died when their small plane crashed while trying to land at Republic Airport on Long Island. Witnesses said the plane's engine began to sputter and falter as it made its approach. It crashed in a vacant parking lot. B2

Cleanup Plan Is Criticized

The Brookhaven National Laboratory's plan to clean up radioactive contamination of ground water is coming under increasing criticism from environmentalists and scientists who say it is ineffectual and from Brookhaven administrators who say it is a waste of money. B7

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Four Dreams Come True

Four tickets had the winning number for the \$70 million New York State Lotto jackpot, the third largest in state Lotto history. B3

BUSINESS DAY D1-12

Doubts Over AT&T Merger

Lawyers, lawmakers and lobbyists see little hope that courts and regulatory officials will approve the proposed merger between AT&T and SBC Communications, whose predecessor, Southwestern Bell, was spun off when AT&T's Bell System was broken up in 1984. But both companies are said to be optimistic that the \$50 billion deal will go forward. D1

Nightmare for Dreamworks

Of the four prime-time television shows the Dreamworks studio produced, the one it was readying for syndication and others intended for new network lineups, only one is being broadcast. The situation has provided a hard lesson for the company created by Jeffrey Katzenberg, Steven Spielberg and David Geffen. D9

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Bailey Alone at the Finish

Donovan Bailey won a \$1 million challenge race against Michael Johnson after Johnson pulled up with an injured leg about halfway through the 150-meter event. C1

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THE NATION

MICHIGAN

Storms Hit Lower Peninsula, Killing 6

Severe thunderstorms tore through Michigan's Lower Peninsula Wednesday night, lifting houses off foundations, uprooting trees, toppling power lines and killing at least six people.

Storms also rolled across Indiana and Ohio, where a tornado destroyed some mobile homes and knocked out power in the southwestern and central parts of the state.

Three children and an adult who had sought shelter under a gazebo in the Detroit suburb of Grosse Pointe Farms were killed when the gazebo was blown into Lake St. Clair.

Nine others were rescued from the water, said sheriff's spokeswoman Nancy Mouradian.

A woman was killed by a fallen tree in Flint, where an estimated 50 homes were damaged.

U.S. MILITARY

Judge Strikes Down Policy On Gays

A federal judge issued a scathing decision Wednesday striking down the armed services' "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy for homosexuals.

U.S. District Judge Eugene Nickerson of Brooklyn said the policy imposes unconstitutional restrictions on gay military personnel.

Nickerson ruled in March 1995 that the same policy went against free speech guaranteed by the Constitution, and the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, based in New York, ordered him to reconsider that decision based on the entire policy including a ban on homosexual conduct.

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He did, and this time found the entire policy unconstitutional.

MICHIGAN

Kevorkian Reports Death Of 2 Women

Dr. Jack Kevorkian's attorney said Wednesday that two multiple sclerosis victims died in the Detroit area in the last 24 hours, but he refused to say whether the assisted suicide advocate was involved.

The attorney, Geoffrey Fieger, spoke at a hastily called news conference in Southfield at which Kevorkian was also present, although he did not answer questions. Fieger said Dorinda Scheipsmeirer, 51, of Oceanside, Calif., and Lynne Lennox, 54, of Lakewood, N.J., were last seen alive in Wayne and Macomb counties in Michigan.

Police subsequently reported that the bodies of two women were found in local hotel rooms. Fieger said multiple sclerosis severely limited both women. Scheipsmeirer was a quadriplegic and Lennox had some use of one arm.

AIR BAG SAFETY

Auto Club To Teach Use Of Switches

The American Automobile Association is pledging a nationwide education campaign on the proper use of on-off switches for air bags if federal regulators allow the devices in autos already on the road.

In a letter to the Office of Management and Budget, the Auto Club said it supported manual cutoff switches for air bags and will inform its 40 million members and other motorists about how to use them.

In response to a public outcry over deaths from air bags, officials at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration are considering whether to allow retrofitted cutoff switches in vehicles.

BALTIMORE

Man Executed By Injection For Murder

A Baltimore man who killed a police officer was executed early Wednesday by injection, a choice he initially rejected over the Maryland gas chamber to prove his point about the brutality of the death penalty.

Flint Gregory Hunt, 38, was given the lethal dose of drugs for the November 1985 murder of Officer Vincent Adolfo, who had stopped him for driving a stolen car.

Maryland last executed a man in the gas chamber in 1961. Since then, it has put only one other person to death, three years ago, by injection.

Hunt refused to switch from the gas chamber when Maryland changed its method of execution, saying he felt the lethal injection made execution appear too peaceful.

However, he requested the change last week, saying he was concerned about the effect of a gruesome death on his family.

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AIR FORCE

Recovery To Resume At Jet Crash Site

The Air Force plans to resume its effort next week to recover wreckage of a A-10 Thunderbolt jet that crashed in April in Colorado after veering 800 miles off course.

Some wreckage and human remains has been recovered from the site near Vail, where Capt. Craig Button, 32, died in his aircraft.

The Air Force also wants to ensure the site is safe for the public and any contractors who must restore the site to environmental standards.

The warplane was carrying four 500-pound bombs at the time of the crash. The Air Force still does not know why Button veered off course from a routine mission in Arizona on April 2 and crashed into the remote site known as Gold Dust Peak.

CIA

Report Says China Leads Weapons List

A CIA report identifies China as the world's leading source of technology for weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear missile technology and chemical weapon systems.

An unclassified six-page report submitted to Congress and made public this week cites China and to a lesser extent Russia as sources for the spread of chemical, biological and nuclear technology.

The report, written by the CIA's Nonproliferation Center, called China "the most significant supplier of (mass-destruction) related goods and technology to foreign countries" in the latter half of 1996, the period covered by the report.

Iran, a key U.S. security concern in the oil-rich Persian Gulf, looks to China and Russia for weapons and technology.

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND

Commander Suspended Before Transfer

The commander of a training unit at the scandal-plagued Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland has been suspended from his post just days before he was due for a transfer, a base spokesman confirmed Wednesday.

The officer, Lt. Col. Martin Utzig, had been commander of the 143rd Ordnance Battalion at the base's Ordnance Center and School. Seven of 12 trainers charged with sexual misconduct at the school had belonged to the battalion.

"He was suspended from his command Friday," spokesman Ed Starnes said of Utzig. "There are no criminal charges involved. It is purely administrative."

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Elsewhere in the nation:

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* A California teen-ager charged with raping and murdering a 7-year-old girl in a Nevada casino was ordered back to that state Wednesday after his lawyer dropped an extradition challenge.

Jeremy Strohmeyer, 18, whispered briefly with his lawyer, Leslie Abramson, before she accepted a Los Angeles judge's order to send him to Nevada by July 14. Strohmeyer is charged with raping and strangling Sherrice Iverson on May 25 in a bathroom at the Primadonna Resort in Primm, Nevada.

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THE WORLD

MIDDLE EAST

Israeli Troops Clash With Protesters

In the firebomb-scorched alleys of Hebron and the sand dunes of Gaza, Israeli troops fired live rounds and rubber bullets Wednesday to quell Palestinian riots in the West Bank. One protester was killed and dozens were wounded.

Palestinian police did nothing to calm tempers that were inflamed by an anti-Muslim leaflet in Hebron and a land dispute with Jewish settlers in the Gaza Strip.

Yasser Arafat's West Bank security chief, Jibril Rajoub, warned the violence would only get worse unless Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu implements the peace agreements the two sides have signed.

LONDON

6 Convicted For Plot To Black Out City

Six IRA activists were jailed for 35 years each Wednesday for plotting to black out London on a scale unseen since World War II.

The six, some of them said by the prosecution in a three-month trial to be senior commanders in the outlawed **Irish Republican Army**, were convicted of conspiracy to cause explosions likely to endanger life.

Prosecutors said the six planned to bomb electricity stations and paralyze power supplies to London and southeastern England in 1996 to humiliate the British government because of its policy on Northern Ireland.

The defendants had denied the charges, claiming they were merely planning a hoax to force British authorities to shut down electricity supplies themselves and cause chaos in the capital.

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TURKEY

New Government Takes Active Approach

Turkey's new government on Wednesday launched an aggressive campaign to roll back the gains of the Islamic-led coalition it replaced just two days ago.

Turkey's secular leaders began reversing pro-Islam policies, stopped construction on a mosque and began investigating several Muslim officials.

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The Islamic-led government on Monday resigned under pressure from the military, which regards itself as the main guarantor of Turkey's secular system.

The new prime minister, Mesut Yilmaz, replaced Necmettin Erbakan, leader of the Islamic Welfare Party. On Wednesday, he halted pending government payments and froze all recent government appointments. Erbakan had tried to install Islamic bureaucrats at key posts and give companies loyal to his Welfare party government contracts.

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Elsewhere in the world:

* Japan powered up the world's largest nuclear generator Wednesday, pressing ahead despite a rash of accidents and cover-ups that prompted questions about the safety of the nation's nuclear industry.

The plant in Kashiwazaki-Kariwa, 135 miles northwest of Tokyo, can now generate 8.21 million kilowatts of electricity after a seventh reactor officially began operating Wednesday. A Canadian nuclear power station in Bruce, Ontario, was previously the largest.

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OREGON

DEATH PENALTY

Oregon And Texas Execute Two Killers By Injection

Friday saw two executions by injection. Harry Charles Moore, 56, was put to death at the state penitentiary in Salem, Ore. At Texas state prison at Huntsville, Clifton Eugene Belyeu, 38, was executed for the killing of a woman during a burglary in 1985.

"God help you, because what your doing here today and what's in your hearts here today makes you no better than any man or woman on death-rows across this country," Belyeu said in a statement released following his execution. "Today your committing murder too."

Moore had threatened to sue anyone who tried to stop his execution, even petitioning the state supreme court to drop the automatic appeal of his sentence.

Moore, 56, was convicted of the 1992 killings of his parents-in-law. He said he killed them because he was afraid they would move to Las Vegas with his estranged wife and infant daughter and expose them to a life of prostitution and drugs.

Susan Lampson, who is both Moore's ex-wife and niece, said he molested and abused her when she was a child and forced her at gunpoint to marry him. They had a son together. She said earlier that she planned to toast his death with champagne.

AP

MAINE

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Governor Signs Measure Advancing Gay Rights

Maine governor Angus King signed into law a gay rights bill in Augusta Friday. The law bans discrimination in housing, credit, public accommodations and employment on account of sexual preference.

A similar measure is awaiting the governor's signature in neighboring New Hampshire. Gov. Jeanne Shaheen has promised to sign it.

No sooner was the measure signed than the Christian Civic League of Maine filed papers for a referendum to overturn the law.

Reuters

SOUTH CAROLINA

Citadel Announces Changes In Discipline For Cadets

The "knob-year" of freshmen training for The Citadel cadets will be shortened by two months and the college will add a female advisory member to its governing board, the Charleston, S.C., school said Friday.

The changes come as a federal judge prepares to look at the college's record of enrolling female cadets and its plans for admitting more females in August.

The Citadel ended its all-male admissions policy last year. Four women enrolled, but two dropped out after their first semester. They alleged they were hazed and harassed. Fourteen male cadets either left school or were disciplined as a result.

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CANADA

Air Force To Train Pilots To Protect Them From Lasers

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Reuters

CHINA

NATION/WORLD BRIEFS

French President Signs Deal Backing Quiet Talks On Rights

French President Jacques Chirac signed an accord on Friday in Beijing agreeing with China that civil rights issues should be discussed quietly.

China regards public criticism of its human rights record as offensive, embarrassing and unwarranted.

French support for China's view, enshrined in a document signed by Chirac and China's president Jiang Chenin, was a boost for Chinese leaders who have faced international criticism since crushing pro-democracy demonstrations in Tiananmen Square in 1989. The French government under late President Francois Mitterand was among China's most outspoken critics and offered asylum to Chinese dissidents after the Tiananmen protests.

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SOUTH AFRICA

White Party Blasts Mandela, Says It Won't Work On Panel The white-dominated National Party Friday accused Nelson Mandela's Truth and Reconciliation Commission of bias and said it would no longer cooperate.

The party's statement came a day after the commission criticized the party's leader, former South African President F.W. De Klerk, for refusing to take responsibility for atrocities committed by the police and army under white rule. The commission's deputy chairman, Alex Bourain, maintained that the white government gave security forces "a license to kill."

National Party spokeswoman Sheila Camerer said that was tantamount to saying De Klerk, president from 1989-94, was guilty of murder. She also said the party was considering taking the commission to court to compel it to be impartial.

The Truth Commission is investigating crimes committed on all sides over more than three decades of white-minority rule. It also has the power to grant amnesty to those who fully confess to politically motivated crimes.

De Klerk told the commission Wednesday that the National Party never authorized abuses such as kidnapping, torturing or killing anti-apartheid activists. Any security force members who committed such crimes misunderstood government policy, De Klerk.

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BRITAIN

Blair Removes Official Ban On Contacting Allies Of IRA

Britain's newly elected Prime Minister Tony Blair lifted the British government's ban on official contacts with Sinn Fein Friday in hopes of halting violence and reviving the peace process in Northern Ireland.

Sinn Fein, the political wing of the ***Irish Republican Army***, has been demanding the meeting for months. Blair said the change of policy would give his government the opportunity to "explain our position and to assess" clearly whether the IRA was "ready to give up violence and commit itself to politics alone. If they are, I will not be slow in my response. If they are not, they can expect no sympathy or understanding."

Sinn Fein is seeking an end to British rule in Northern Ireland, but Blair could foresee no such outcome as long as the majority of Northern Ireland residents oppose it.

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AP

HAITI

Students, Striking Teachers Clash On Streets In Capital Angry mobs burned cars and tires in the streets of the capital Port-au-Prince Friday as a dispute between students and striking teachers flared into a second day of rioting.

About 80 police were deployed in an effort to restore order, but smaller riots were springing up in other areas of the city including the downtown slum of La Saline.

The rioting was triggered by student demonstrations that began earlier in the week. Teachers who have not been paid by the government in some 14 months went on strike, closing schools just before final exams.

Angry students took over a downtown school Thursday and began throwing rocks at passers-by. When police moved in and injured some students, hundreds of people joined the disturbance.

Reuters

ISRAEL

NATION/WORLD BRIEFS

U.S. Envoy's Peace Mission Fails To Break The Impasse

The latest Mideast peace mission by U.S. envoy Dennis Ross ended in failure Friday, with the Palestinians accusing the United States of doing nothing to stop Jewish settlement on disputed land in east Jerusalem.

Ross held two meetings Friday with the Israeli and Palestinian leaders without success.

Nabil Shaath, a Palestinian negotiator, said the Americans were too lethargic and uninformed on the settlement issue. "What Mr. Ross needs to do is get on a helicopter, and go around the territories and see the land that is being stolen for (Israeli) settlement purposes," Shaath said.

Earlier, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat also complained the U.S. envoy was not pushing the Israelis hard enough to freeze Israeli construction.

AP

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PHOTO, Photo by AP - Leapin' Lemurs Ringtailed lemurs from Madagascar peer about their new home on an island in the Little Rock, Ark., Zoo Friday. The creatures are primates, mostly tree-dwelling and nocturnal.

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