

10 men indicted in New York bomb plot

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Body

A **New York** federal grand jury **indicted 10 men** - including a **new** suspect - on charges they conspired to **bomb** the United Nations, a federal building housing the FBI and two Hudson River tunnels linking **New York** and **New** Jersey. Eight were arrested last month after FBI agents caught some mixing explosives for a **bomb**. A ninth was arrested last week in Philadelphia. The **10th** suspect - identified only by his first name, Wahid - is still at large.

HALTED AT SEA: A Coast Guard cutter intercepts one of three freighters found carrying 659 undocumented Chinese in international waters off San Diego. Authorities were awaiting instructions from the State Department before taking further action. President Clinton last month announced a crackdown on smuggling of illegal immigrants.

CARDINAL KILLING ARRESTS: Mexican officials said they can't confirm reports six members of a San Diego gang have been arrested in connection with the May 24 slaying in Mexico of Roman Catholic Cardinal Juan Jesus Posadas Ocampo. Mexico's Los Angeles delegate, Juan Miguel Ponce Edmonson, who handles extradition requests, said U.S. officials have not reported arresting any of the suspects Mexico is seeking to extradite.

INTRUDER KILLED: Wendell Bittle, staying at his Heber Springs, Ark., Radio Shack after it was burglarized two nights in a row, shot and killed a teen-age intruder on the third evening, police said. Some of the stolen items were found at a home where the youth was staying, police said. Authorities haven't decided whether to charge Bittle, 52.

ELDERS NOMINATION: Conservative groups denounced President Clinton's nomination of Joycelyn Elders to be surgeon general, but liberals called the attacks "blatant mischaracterizations." Jan Parshall of Concerned Women of America said, "The president who wants his appointees to look like America has apparently forgotten what America looks like." Elders would replace Antonia Novello.

CORRECTION: A story Wednesday should have said The American Association of Retired Persons has no position on the nomination of Joycelyn Elders for surgeon general.

MILITARY MILESTONES: Rear Adm. Louise Wilmut became the first woman to command a U.S. naval base. "I'm ready, I'm willing and I'm able," she said as she took charge of Philadelphia Naval Base, which includes the Philadelphia Shipyards. And, Air Force 1st Lt. Jeannie Flynn ended seven weeks of flight training on her way to become the first female Air Force fighter pilot. She still faces water survival training and has to learn to fly the F-15E Strike Eagle.

ALSO WEDNESDAY . . .

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PELTIER LOSES: A federal appeals court in St. Louis rejected Native American activist Leonard Peltier's bid for a new trial on charges he murdered two FBI agents on the Pine Ridge Reservation in Wounded Knee, S.D., in 1975. Peltier, 48, is serving two life sentences.

MANDELA VISIT: African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela raised \$ 160,000 in Chicago, organizers said. Later stops on his fund-raising tour: Indianapolis, Atlanta and Los Angeles. Police arrested a man with a rifle in an apartment across from where Mandela spoke. The man, not identified by police, was held for questioning.

AIDS DEATH: The third of the six patients infected with the AIDS virus by Florida dentist David Acer died Monday, a funeral home said. A coroner's spokesman said John Yecs Jr., 36, of Akron, Ohio, had pneumonia.

WHO SAID THAT? A bunch of dummies were gathered in Fort Mitchell, Ky., for the 19th annual convention of ventriloquists at the Vent Haven Museum.

87.1% of flights are right on time

U.S. airlines in May posted their second-best on-time performance since the government began collecting the data 5 1/2 years ago. Top performance: 87.9% in September 1991.

The Department of Transportation's report for May showed 87.1% of flights by the 10 largest carriers arrived on time - within 15 minutes of schedule. That's 0.5% more on-time arrivals than May 1992 and up 8.6% over the 12-month average. Delays due to mechanical problems are not included. The carriers mishandled 4.63 bags per 1,000 passengers in May, 14.8% more errant bags than a year ago.

Consumers had 399 complaints against the aviation industry in May - down 26.7% from April and 18.5% fewer than a year ago.

Flights that		Complaints per	
arrived on time		100,000 fliers	
Southwest	92.3%	Southwest	0.06
Northeast	91.2%	Delta	0.31
TWA	89.8%	USAir	0.58
America West	89.4%	Northwest	0.62
USAir	89.1%	United	0.65
Alaska	86.8%	American	0.70
United	85.9%	American West	1.18
American	85.6%	Continental	1.54
Continental	84.7%	TWA	2.09
Delta	82.5%		

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