prevent military action against closer to using force to break the trag as the US and Britain edged deadlock over arms inspections. Russia yesterday

Dismissing a military strike against fraq as "unacceptable and counter-productive", Russia yes-terday sem its special Middle East envoy to Bughdad.

Security Council and he of a politshould be taken strictly in accordance with decisions by the UN further stops on Iraq

policy advisers to weigh the use of was due yesterday to work on traq, sald Mike McCurry, White President Bill Chinton, with wit Saturday held caffes with settlor military force against Baghdad, House spokesman.

offorts by members of the Secugrammes of weapons of mass "We hope that any diplomatic destruction," Mr McCurry added. Hussein carust be permitted to pursue with impunity pro-"We're determined that Suddam

ning out" for a diplomatic solu-James Rubin, State Department spokesman, said time was "run-

be the only way to compel fraq to comply with UN demands for members. Russia, China and France oppose military action; the US and Britain, on the other, are increasingly convinced force may The remarks reveal deep splits unrestricted access to suspected among the five permanent council

three sircraft carriers in the Guit which have 350 aircraft.

Russia, China and France have and repeat Russia's success of last November when Yavgeny Primadeflated the crisis over the compo-President Boris Yeltsin clearly almed to pre-empl the use of force koy, Russian foreign minister, By ordering Victor Posttvalyuk, his special envoy and deputy foreign minister, to fly to Baghdad, sition of UN inspections feams.

rushk is cus unch resol matik mißt, Julie August 1990. Iraq has accused the US of wanting to keep sanctions in place indefinitely. Sanctions country has offered its own after Daghdad invaded Kuwait in bers and esse fraqi concerns, each They also targe the early lifting of sanctions against fraq, imposed experts to work in Unscom.

cannot be lifted until the UN certi-Russia's Foreign Ministry fies a clean bill of health.

NEWS DIGEST

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Jordan's Supreme Court yeste law pushed through by decree undermined the country's gra democratisation.

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The US.

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unconstitutional, a decision th opposition parties which boyc parliamentary elections in pri The court ruling said the pe procedures

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The board's nomine must

tland last week, is not at present an executive board

its support for Dr Drund

which publicly proclaimed

five-year terms. But it would be unprecedented for a nomi-

nation to be rejected.

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■ JEWISH CONVERSION

Bill set to be do Attempts by Israel's Orthodo

through a bill making only O galvanise support to oppose s Deputies are concerned a co look set to be defeated as par Israel and the diaspora apart between secular, progressive

Reform and Conservative rox outside israel.

umours of deals. "They are

being made at all kinds of levels," said one observer,

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candidates for conversions. h conversion to be conducted in Shas, the ultra-Octhodox p. Netanyahu's governing coali press abead with the conver-Chief Rabblnate replies to a c Conservative movements rec Neeman, the finance ministe a compromise giving the pro-

tipped to head WHC ndtland

Favourite still has to fight off challengers as executive board votes today

ette of Canada as deputy sec-

By Frances Williams

in Denova

135 the backing of the US fed medical doctor who was minister, has tried to avoid three times Norway's prime being labelled as the candidate of the north, though she Dr Brundtland, 55, a quall-

the charisma and leadership They believe that stee has pualities the WIIO lacks at and European nations.

sion on environment and for her work as chalirman of already commands in the developing world, especially the United Nations commis-Har campalen has almed to build on the respect she development in the 1980s. wescut.

strong competition, notably

from Nafis Sadik of Pakiswho now heads the

United Nations Population Fund in New York, 25 well 25 from three of the WHO's

yet her victory is by no means assured. She faces

votes today.

WHO's executive board

Nakajima of Japan as next head of the World Health Organisation when the

furlong firm favourite in the race to succeed Hiroshi

Gro Harlem Brundtland, former prime minister. of Norway, goes into the final

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> of Gambia (Africa), and Uton Muchtar Rafei of Indonesia

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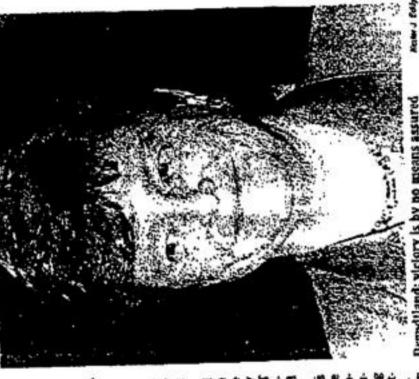
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brandtland: victory is by no means assured

the fewest votes drops out and the executive board bal-If no candidate receives an ballot, the candidate with curight majority on the first

lots again - and again until a candidate emerges with a majority.

Since the first ballot is likely to reflect regional loy-

adding tronically: "H's just like a good old-fashioned political campaign.

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