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Peres rejects Hamas cease-fire offer

Jerusalem Post Staff

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres has rejected a cease-fire offer by Hamas to halt attacks on civilians if Israel agreed to stop "organized" terrorism against Hamas and its Kassam brigades, [stop] any aggressive phenomenon against Palestinian civilians in occupied lands and [release] all Hamas movement prisoners.

Hamas gave Israel until 7:00 p.m. on Friday to respond.

In an interview with the French daily *Liberation* published yesterday, Peres rejected the offer and told Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat to crack down harder on terrorists, AP reported.

"It's not serious," Peres said of Hamas's offer. "Can there be two armed organizations, in France, in Jordan, or elsewhere? It's not possible in Gaza either. If there are two military groups, then there's no responsible authority."

On Friday, Foreign Minister Ehud Barak told Israel Radio, "Our partner is the Palestinian Authority. The important foundation in our agreement with them is that they must do the job."

Hamas called Barak's rejection "foolish," and said it stood by its offer. "Despite the haste shown by some members of the Israeli government, especially the foolish foreign minister, the Kassam brigades will honor its deadline and give the Israeli government a chance to study this important proposal," Hamas said in a statement.

"Otherwise, the Jewish state will lose a lot and will regret it," it said. The statement said that unless Israel responded favorably by the end of the eight-day period, "Kassam brigades will be free to take any military action against anyone in the Jewish state."

American student suspect in murder of Haifa woman

A 25-YEAR-OLD American student at Haifa University was arrested on Friday on suspicion of murdering his 22-year-old girlfriend, Ganit Zimmerman, whose body was found in his apartment earlier in the day.

The suspect, a Christian who came here two years ago to study political science, was caught after he knocked on the door of a Carmel resident looking for help after trying to commit suicide. The neighbor called police and an ambulance.

"I did something bad," the suspect told police guarding him at Rambam Hospital. He is not cooperating with investigators.

Zimmerman's body was found Friday morning. Her brother had become concerned when she did not return home Thursday night, after she went to the suspect's apartment in Abuza to break off their relationship. Police arrived on the scene and determined that the American student was the suspect in the murder. The two met in an English class at the university.

Haifa police have informed the US Embassy of the suspect's arrest.



Palestinians carry the coffin of Wael Kawasmeb, a victim of last Sunday's Jerusalem bus bombing who died yesterday, to its burial site in Jerusalem. (See story below)

Levy, Likud deal expected this week

SARAH HONIG

THE deal between the Likud and David Levy is expected to be initiated midweek, and the Likud central committee summoned as early as next Sunday to approve it and the agreement with Tsomet, Likud sources said last night.

Legal teams will this morning begin drafting the text of the agreement between the Likud and Levy. Both sides indicated yesterday that they see the deal as a fait accompli with no major foreseeable difficulties remaining.

The culmination of the process is expected to be a meeting between arch-adversaries Likud chairman Benjamin Netanyahu and Levy. Netanyahu's side sought to arrange a meeting already last week, but to no avail. Levy has been boycotting Netanyahu for the past three years.

However, since Levy on Thursday night received the same representation on the joint list as Tsomet, it is expected that he cannot avoid Netanyahu for much longer.

Levy himself had promised that if a satisfactory agreement is signed he "will meet with the man and even shake his hand."

There were no formal talks over the weekend between the sides,

though each side did hold internal consultations.

Negotiating on the final agreement this week for the Likud will be MK Michael Eitan, the party's expert on the small print in the Knesset rules, and legal adviser Eitan Haberman. On the Levy side, apart from activist David Appel, who last week negotiated with Likud MK Ariel Sharon, former MK Michael Kleiner and attorney Moti Mishani will work on the deal.

The Likud's legal experts will have to make the union as airtight as possible, particularly to ally Likud fears that its new partners will defect or break away after the elections.

However, Levy's younger brother and confidant Maxim Levy yesterday discounted such a scenario. "We are joining up with the Likud in order to win. We are not thinking of any other eventualities. We have no thought of splitting away, but only of running together and winning."

"After the elections we will be a movement which was elected to serve together over a long period of time," he said.

Netanyahu himself dismissed the notion he had given in to Levy.

"At certain junctures it is imperative to show flexibility. The agreement is fair to both sides. In Knesset rules, and legal adviser Eitan Haberman. On the Levy side, apart from activist David Appel, who last week negotiated with Likud MK Ariel Sharon, former MK Michael Kleiner and attorney Moti Mishani will work on the deal.

While Netanyahu and Levy are on the threshold of the historic handshake, things are heating up inside Levy's newborn Geshet party where competition is building up for the slots Levy won on the Likud slate of Knesset candidates. Levy is expected to be followed by MK David Magen, who recently bolted the Likud. Next on Levy's list will probably be Yehuda Lankri, the former ambassador to France, but no one knows who the other four Levy Knesset candidates would be.

David Levy will be in the joint ticket's No. 2 slot, after Netanyahu and ahead of Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan. If current configura-

tions hold up, Magen is likely to be in the lucrative ninth slot on the overall list and Lankri in the 14th. Levy is also slated to get the 21st, 30th, 37th and 41st slots.

Although Likud primaries candidates will have fewer seats to vie for, making their contest more crowded, there have so far been no rumblings against the deal. The feeling is that the Likud is at last achieving parity with Labor and the deal with Levy may afford the party the needed extra edge.

The weekend polls showed parity between the candidates for prime minister. Mina Zemach in *Yediot Aharonot* gave Netanyahu and Peres 48% each and in *Ma'ariv*, Gallup gave Peres 46% and Netanyahu 43%. In both polls, the margin of error is 4%.

The Likud meanwhile took Labor to task for deciding to make Netanyahu the target of a no-holds-barred negative campaign. "Labor has no answers to the burning issues at hand and in order to divert attention it focuses on hitting out at Netanyahu personally. The Likud also has plenty on Peres but will limit its campaign to the issues," the party said in a statement.

Shahal to present trimmed-down separation plan to cabinet today

BILL HUTMAN

A TRIMMED-DOWN version of Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal's separation plan for controlling the entrance of Palestinians into Israel is slated to be presented today to the cabinet, as one of the measures to be taken in response to the recent Hamas attacks.

The new plan calls for between four and six crossing points to be built along the Green Line, which Palestinians will be restricted to using when entering the country, according to ministry sources.

The IDF and police will patrol a "separation line" closely following the 1967 border in most

places, to prevent Palestinians from illegally infiltrating. Helicopters, off-road vehicles, and special border control technologies are also called for in the plan.

"While there is no way of ensuring 100 percent security, it is possible to significantly improve [security] through implementation of the plan," Shahal said, in a statement released by the ministry last night.

The trimmed-down version of the plan, originally presented about a year ago, carries a price

tag of NIS 240 million, the sources said. The original plan, which was strongly opposed by the Treasury, cost well over twice that much.

The sources said Shahal believes the recent Hamas attacks will push the government to accepting at least parts of the plan.

On Friday, Deputy Defense Minister Orr Orr, who heads the committee set up to suggest new anti-terror measures for public transport, gave his recommendations to Prime Minister Shimon Peres on improving bus security.

He will present the committee's full plan to the cabinet today.

According to the plan, the bus security unit will be increased from 300 to 800, and the explosives sniffing dog unit will be doubled in size. The plan is expected to cost NIS 40 million.

Yigal Pressler, the prime minister's adviser on terrorism, also recommended to the committee that dogs and high tech equipment be used at bus stops to detect explosives.

Closure eased, Page 2 On Levy contributed to this report.

Relatives of Palestinian victim of Jerusalem bus bombing blame Hamas

News agencies

AN Arab victim of last Sunday's suicide bus bombing was buried in a cemetery next to Al-Aksa Mosque yesterday, as relatives blasted Hamas.

Wael Kawasmeb, 23, in a coma since being wounded in the bombing, died in yesterday at Jerusalem's Hadassah-University Hospital. He was the 25th victim of the bomb blast in the capital. Around 500 people attended his funeral.

Nineteen victims of the Jerusalem bus attack are still hospitalized, including one Palestinian. Two are considered in very serious condition.

"This is caused by Hamas, all from Hamas," shouted Kawasmeb's brother Isam, weeping and near collapse as relatives held him at the graveside.

"Couldn't Hamas find a military base to

attack? They only killed workers looking for their daily bread and trying to make a living," another relative said.

Kawasmeb and his nephew Assem Nablusi were in a car next to the bus when the suicide bomber struck.

They were heading from their home in eastern Jerusalem to their jobs in an air conditioning factory, relatives said. Nablusi suffered eye injuries and burns on his face and arms. His father said he took a turn for the worse yesterday when he heard that Kawasmeb had died.

Kawasmeb's father, Omar, fighting to hide tears, said his son only recently got engaged.

Relatives complained to reporters at the

funeral that Palestinian self-rule officials, who have no formal standing in Jerusalem, had not telephoned the families of Arab casualties to express sympathy.

"The Israelis came to visit and the Arabs didn't ask about us," said Nabulsi's father, Kamel. He said Israeli schoolgirls had brought flowers to all those hurt in the bus bombing, including the Palestinians.

But one Palestinian member of the newly elected Palestinian Council, Hatem Abdul-Qader, a resident of eastern Jerusalem, attended the burial.

Kamel Nabulsi said the attack would not stop Palestinians from seeking work in Israel.

"Attacks or no attacks, we will continue working in Israel. Where else can we find jobs?" he said.

IDF foils terror attack at Gush Katif settlement

ON LEVY

IDF forces in Judea, Samaria and Gaza are on heightened alert to prevent possible Hamas or Islamic Jihad attacks following Friday's attempted terrorist raid on the Gaza Strip settlement of Gadid.

Five Hamas terrorists carrying firebombs, axes, knives, a zip gun and a Koran were caught in the settlement, while two others who decided at the last moment not to participate in the attack were identified and their names turned over to the Palestinian Authority, who reportedly later arrested them.

The incident occurred at about 7 p.m. Friday when the terrorists, all about 19, used wire cutters to make their way through the fence surrounding the settlement in a planned mass attack, but tripped an alarm while doing so.

The seven set out from Khan Yunis to attack one of the settlements in Gush Katif. Brig. Gen. Yitzhak Eitan, commander of the IDF forces in the Gaza District, said yesterday. "An anti-aircraft unit which was providing security in the region noticed the penetration. They launched a swift pursuit and caught up to them in minutes. The terrorists surrendered immediately, when they were just 300 meters from the settlement's buildings."

The five terrorists will be tried in Israel, he said. "We sent our protests to the PA and their intelligence regarding their failure to prevent the entry of such a large gang into Gush Katif. "Hamas and Islamic Jihad want to carry out attacks inside Israel, but when they can't do this, they will carry them out wherever they can operate... This is not the first time the terrorists have tried to carry out attacks inside Gaza, despite their concern about the PA's response."

Israel lodged a firm protest with the PA, which launched an investigation of the incident. "The closure is making it hard for Hamas to carry out attacks inside Israel, so they tried to embarrass the PA by attacking the areas adjacent to the autonomous region," a senior IDF source said last night.

Palestinian Police begins confiscating weapons from Hamas

JON IMMANUEL

PALESTINIAN Police yesterday broke into several homes in Gaza that belong to Hamas members and confiscated weapons, a day after a call to hand in all unlicensed weapons passed its deadline.

The police also announced that anyone carrying an unlicensed gun could face up to 15 years imprisonment. The same sentence was imposed last year.

"There is only one Palestinian Authority, and it will not allow any other illegal authority to create a disturbance," said PA Labor Minister Samir Ghosheh, leaving a cabinet meeting yesterday.

The guns were to have been delivered to police stations by Friday, and yesterday was the first day of police raids.

Observers said there were more police roadblocks than usual, and that police had gone into several buildings to search for weapons.

The decision to confiscate guns was made after a demand by Prime Minister Shimon Peres that Arafat break up rival militias, mainly Hamas, which claimed responsibility for last Sunday's Jerusalem and Ashkelon bombings. Peres indicated that further talks would be contingent on this step.

Osama El Baz, a senior advisor to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, arrived secretly in Tel Aviv yesterday for a meeting with Peres to discuss security issues, Channel Two reported. The report said El Baz came to pressure Arafat to crack down on militants.

Arafat gave a similar order last April after the bombings at Kfar Darom and Netzarim. But he had little success, as Hamas and Izzadin Kassam were outspoken in their refusal to hand in weapons.

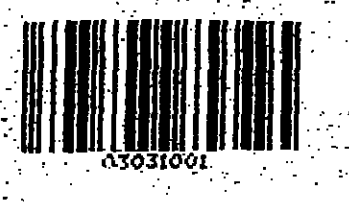
This time, however, Hamas spokesmen have kept silent on the gun issue, but not on continuing arrests, which have now reached over 150, including Hassan Yusuf, a well-known senior activist from Ramallah, who was arrested Friday.

"The Islamic Resistance Movement condemns these hysterical detention campaigns by the self-rule authority against Hamas," they said. It accused the PA of "Zionist-pleasing arrests," "betting on the fragmentation of Hamas" and "distributing false statements such as one referring to Izzadin Kassam's denial of responsibility for the Jerusalem and Ashkelon bombings."

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Rabin's tombstone unveiled on Mt. Herzl

GREER FAY CASHMAN

SCORES of people, including the nation's leaders and other dignitaries, braved the rain to attend a brief but moving ceremony unveiling the tombstone of Yitzhak Rabin on Friday, which would have been his 74th birthday.

Rabin's daughter, Dalia Filosof, fighting hard to control her tears, recalled how much her father had enjoyed celebrating his birthdays, and how March 1 was a date which the family never missed.

"On your birthday, we come again," she said. "But we are honoring your birthday without you... This year we came with flowers but without a cake."

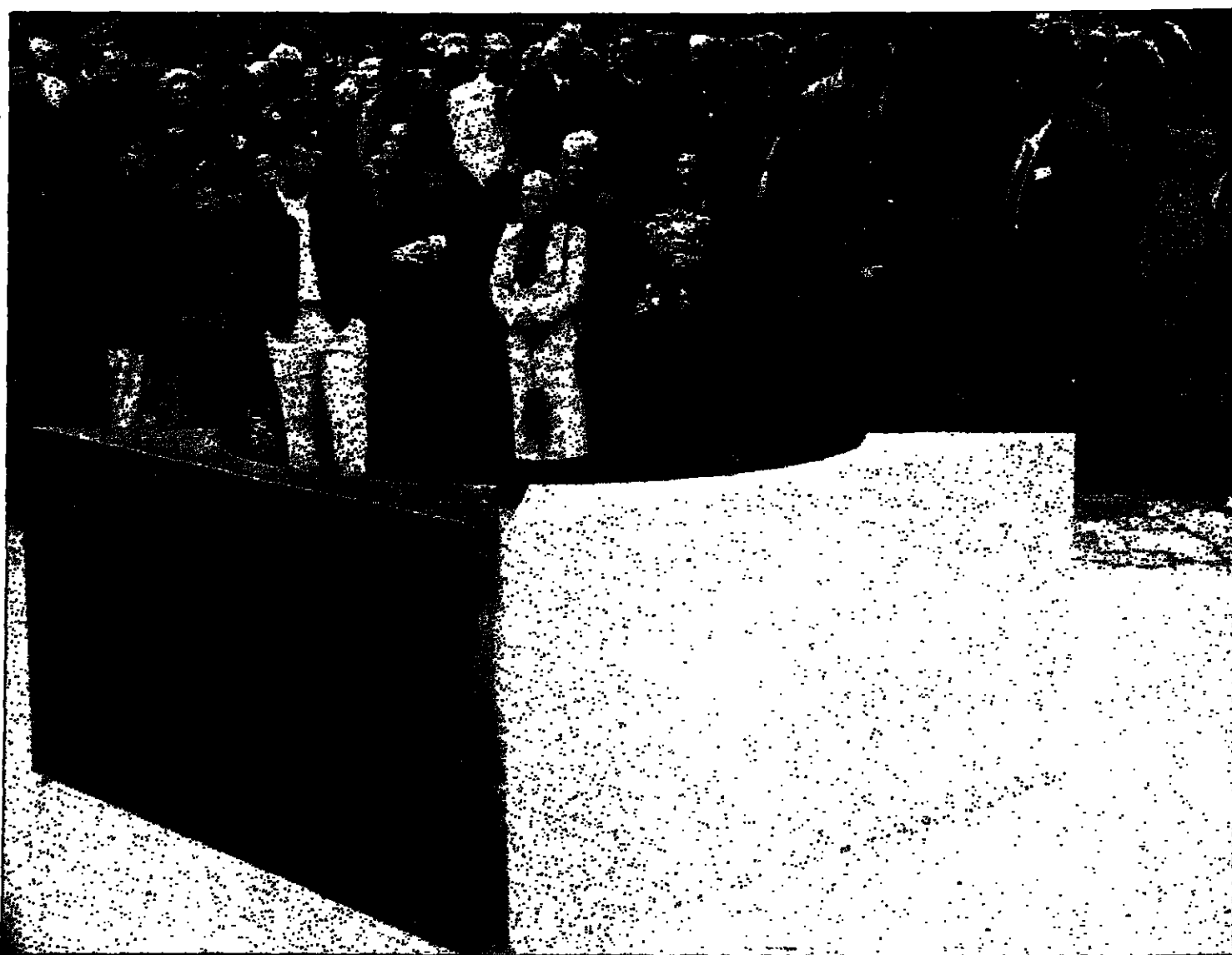
Filosof alluded to her father's political achievements as did Leah Rabin, his widow, who in a reference to Rabin's peace legacy declared, "The fire you left will never be extinguished."

Recalling the night of his assassination, she said, "You fell, hero of my life. This is your 74th birthday and you're not here. I'm so alone without you."

The sense of loneliness was also expressed by Prime Minister Shimon Peres, who, addressing himself to the grave, said "Yitzhak, I miss you."

Peres said that if the mission which he and Rabin had taken upon themselves together had been difficult, it was even more so without him.

In this context, Peres dwelt on last week's suicide bombings by terrorists, noting that some of the victims, like Rabin, are buried at Mount Herzl, and that the seven days of mourning had not concluded.



A crowd of mourners stand by the grave of Yitzhak Rabin on Friday at the unveiling of his tombstone on Mt. Herzl. (Brian Henders)

Reiterating that terrorism would not be permitted to kill the commitment to peace, Peres said, "You taught us not to yield to terrorism but not to deviate from peace."

At the conclusion of the service

at which Yuval Rabin, the prime minister's son, recited Kaddish, Leah Rabin placed flowers on the grave.

President Ezer Weizman stood for a moment to pay his respects, followed by Peres and Menahem

Damir, who was Rabin's driver the night of the assassination. US Ambassador Martin Indyk followed, placing a wreath on the tomb.

The stark, impressive, black and beige memorial conceived by

internationally acclaimed architect Moshe Safdie was the end result of 30 designs which he submitted before making a final choice in conjunction with the Rabin family and the State Committee for Monuments.

Five killed in weekend road accidents

LIAT COLLINS and Itim

FIVE people were killed in weekend accidents and 27 were injured, including an 81-year-old Haifa man whose wife crawled out of their overturned car and walked 10 kilometers on the Tel Aviv-Haifa highway trying to flag down help before a motorist stopped to help her.

Tehila Yishai, 75, of Haifa, crawled out of her car after it struck a guard rail and went off the road Friday night near the Zichron Ya'acov interchange.

The accident occurred at about midnight, but despite her attempts to get someone to help her, only when she reached the Atlit exchange did a motorist come to her aid. Attempts to locate her car failed until daylight, and her husband was found dead inside.

On Friday, a three-year-old girl from Reina village near Acre was killed in a two-car accident that occurred on the Arabe-Dir Hanna road. Her parents and sister were seriously hurt. The driver of the other vehicle was also severely injured, while a passenger in the car was slightly injured.

In Ashdod on Friday, a man was killed and another moderately injured when their car crashed into a truck.

junctions. Last night seven people were slightly injured in an accident at the Tamra junction when a car crashed into a taxi.

Near Nebi Samwil on Friday, two people were killed and 13 people injured, most of them slightly, when a tractor-trailer skidded on a wet road and hit four cars. Arye Ofri, 47, and a father of five was one of those killed, while his son was moderately injured.

In the Knesset, a comprehensive bill on road safety is expected to be presented for first reading in the plenum within the next two weeks, before the Knesset dissolves before the elections. Assuming it passes, under the so-called "Continuity Law," it can immediately come up for second and third reading when the next Knesset forms.

Among other things, the bill would oblige the government to establish a supreme authority to form road safety guidelines, allocate budgets and ensure its recommendations are carried out; create an educational framework to teach principles of road safety in all educational institutes from kindergarten through matriculation classes; to carry out by the year 2000 all the decisions taken in the past decade on improving the infrastructure of "red" roads, those with the highest accident rates; and add 1,000 traffic police nationwide.

Syria, Iran included on list of those not fighting drug production, transit

HILLEL KUTTLER WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton decided Friday that Syria and Iran are among six countries not complying with American efforts to combat drug production and transit.

Clinton's decision came following a meeting with his national security team, including the White House's new director of drug control policy, Gen. John McCaffrey.

Among Middle Eastern countries, Lebanon joined Syria and Iran among the 31 countries the State Department labeled major drug producing and/or drug transit countries in its annual international narcotics report released Friday. The United Arab Emirates was cited as a major drug money-laundering country.

The administration had considered rewarding Damascus for its participation in the peace process by certifying that Syria was, despite its designation as a major drug center, nevertheless complying with the US's efforts to enforce the 1988 UN convention

on illicit narcotics traffic.

But Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs Robert Gelbard told reporters that Clinton's decision on the matter "was made without any disagreement on the basis of counternarcotics performance."

Gelbard said the US is "concerned about activities in the Bekaa Valley involving drug trafficking." "This is an issue that is discussed frequently between the US and the Syrian government, and between the US and the Lebanese government," he added.

Clinton did grant Lebanon, Paraguay and Pakistan "vital national interest certifications," which means that even though they may not be working against the drug trade, US financial assistance could still be offered.

By law, the US may not give

financial aid to major drug-producing or drug transit countries, and must vote against such aid in international forums.

Syria and Iran are prevented from receiving US assistance in any case by virtue of their placement on the State Department list of countries supporting terrorism. The next annual terrorism report is due later this month.

In its drug report, the State Department said Syria remained a transit site for hashish processed in Lebanon and "did not prevent" opium and morphine base from passing from Asia through Syria to Lebanese processing laboratories.

The report stated that Lebanon and Syria cooperated to close down a heroin lab in Lebanon, and that Syria made "a significant number of arrests" for drug-related offenses.

But it noted "credible reports of Syrian military protection" for drug traffickers "despite official claims to the contrary."

Palestinian Council to convene on Thursday

JON IMMANUEL

PALESTINIAN Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat yesterday announced that the elected Palestinian Council will convene on Thursday.

The first council meeting will be opened by Salim Zaanoun, acting speaker of the Palestinian National Council, of which all the recently elected PC members are to be members of as well. Zaanoun said the PNC will convene by May 7, to discuss changes to its charter, which calls for the destruction of Israel.

Meanwhile, the Palestinian election appeals court in Ramallah concluded its hearings last week, and rejected all seven appeals brought before it since the elections six weeks ago.

The appeals procedure was considered a formality, as the final list of the 88 winners of the PC election was published three weeks ago.

Peace Watch, an Israeli organization which monitored the elec-

tions, said the claims against the Central Election Commission were rejected on principle.

A judge said the only allowable appeals were against winning candidates.

However, Article 35 of the election law says that "the appeals court shall adjudicate on claims and appeals related to decisions taken by the CEC."

The main appellants were members of the former commu-

nist People's Party, the only organized party apart from Fatah to run in the election. None of its 21 candidates won a seat, and its leader Mustafa Barghouti led another group of 21 Ramallah candidates in appealing against what they said were election irregularities. Other appeals were filed from Jenin, Jericho and Tulkarm.

Barghouti said the appellants were "shocked," but "while the legal case is over, the work of promoting democratic values in Palestine will continue."

Closure on areas eased slightly for sick, VIPs

ON LEVY and Itim

THE closure on the territories was eased slightly on Friday to enable the movement of sick people, Palestinian VIPs, and diplomats, the army said.

Critically ill or sick patients will be permitted to leave the areas and medical personnel will be allowed to travel to hospitals in eastern Jerusalem, an army

spokesman said. "All approvals are subject to individual clearance by security forces."

The decision to ease the closure was made by Prime Minister and Defense Minister Shimon Peres after he held security consultations. Peres decided that the

closure will continue this week, and no workers will be allowed into Israel from the territories.

Today, Housing Minister Binjamin Ben-Eliezer will ask permission for 20,000 more foreign construction workers. Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tzur is also

expected to ask for 4,000 foreign workers in his sector to partially compensate for the lack of Palestinian workers.

Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat met last night with representatives of the donor countries to discuss the effects of the closure and asked them to apply pressure on Israel to lift it.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Talks with Syria called constructive

Israel and Syria wrapped up three days of "detailed, practical and constructive" talks on Friday and will resume their negotiations tomorrow, the US State Department said. *Reuter*

'Don't recognize Palestinian state'

The Third International Zionist Congress, which included 1,500 delegates from over 40 countries, issued a proclamation at the end of its meetings last week, declaring it would be an "error for the nations to recognize a Palestinian state in any part of Eretz Israel," and that the Palestinian Covenant calling for Israel's destruction should be abolished. The proclamation added that the Golan is part of biblical Israel; that the "Islamic claim to Jerusalem, including its exclusive claim to the Temple Mount, is in direct contradiction to the clear biblical and historical significance of the city and its holiest site;" and that Jerusalem must remain undivided and under Israeli sovereignty. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

With great sorrow we announce the passing of our daughter and sister

SHARON GREENWALD

The procession will leave tomorrow, Monday, March 4, 1996 (13 Adar, 5756), at 11 a.m. from the parents home, Aya Street 47, Givat Machosh, Karmiel, to the Karmiel cemetery, where the funeral will take place at 11:30 a.m.

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The family

Meretz picks candidates for primaries

MICHAL YUDELMAN

MERETZ's three factions have elected their respective primary candidates, who will be graded for their spots on the party's joint list for the 14th Knesset on March 24.

The surprise of the list was Naomi Chazan's victory over Ran Cohen. She is considered close to Shulamit Aloni, who has announced she was not running again.

The 450 members of the Citizens Rights Movement council elected the following 15 out of 23 candidates for its list: Chazan, MK Ran Cohen, MK Benny Temkin, MK Dedi Zucker, Mussi Raz, Ornan Yekutieli, Maozia Segal, Nagib Abu-Rakia, Zehava Galon, Suad Sh'hada, Uzi Even, Mordechai Virshubski, Ofer Shetreet, Faisal Azizia and Zion Algarisi.

Shinui's 160 council members elected five candidates out of 12: Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein, MK Avraham Poraz, Yehudi Naot, Ilan Leibovitz and Shosh Ar'ar.

Mapam's 550 central committee members elected 10 candidates out of 23: MK Haim Oron, MK Anat Maor, Hanan Erez, Ilan Gilon, Efraim Ziloni, Monica Polak, Idris Muasi, Walid Zadek, Giora Furman and Michal Shohat.

Meretz's joint list will be headed by party chairman Yossi Sarid, to be followed by a Mapam candidate, most probably MK Haim Oron, followed by Shinui leader Amnon Rubinstein.

PA expels wanted Fatah gunmen

JON IMMANUEL

THE Palestinian Authority has expelled two wanted Fatah gunmen who smuggled themselves into Gaza with 100 Palestinian policemen who arrived from Libya a month ago.

Eyman Abu Libdeh and Adel Haneif had fled during the intifada and were wanted for killing suspected collaborators and shooting at IDF troops.

The IDF demanded their expulsion and the PA complied, the IDF Spokesman said yesterday.

Meanwhile, three Palestinian police officers, including two colonels, were sentenced yesterday to one-month prison terms and suspended for six months for participating in a Hamas demonstration in Kalkilya nine days ago.

The parade memorialized slain bomber Yihye Ayyash and the October 1994 suicide attack against in Tel Aviv, which was perpetrated by a Kalkilya youth.

One of the policemen reportedly stomped on the Israeli flag.

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מזכרת האהבה

Dole, Buchanan set for race in S. Carolina

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Reuter) - Voters in South Carolina went to the polls yesterday to decide the outcome of a key primary election battle widely seen as a two-way contest between Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and TV commentator Pat Buchanan.

Dole, the 72-year-old party frontrunner, needs a decisive victory in the South Carolina race to shore up confidence in a faltering campaign that has suffered costly defeats in New Hampshire, Arizona and Delaware.

Backed by a powerful state Republican machine, the Kansas senator is expected to win by a comfortable margin. Opinion polls give him a double-digit lead over Buchanan, with multi-millionaire publisher Steve Forbes and former Tennessee Governor Lamar Alexander trailing far behind.

Mainstream conservatives are split between Dole, Forbes and Alexander, providing a potential edge to Buchanan, who has campaigned hard with a populist message aimed at blue-collar textile workers, evangelical Christians and traditional white conservatives.

"This is one of those races Republicans aren't supposed to have. Democrats are supposed to be the ones who cut each other up in the primaries," said James Guth, an expert on South Carolina politics at Furman University in Greenville.

South Carolina, seen as the gateway to important Southern contests in Texas, Florida and Georgia, precedes a rapid-fire series of primaries between now and mid-March. Nine states hold primaries on Tuesday, followed by New York on Thursday and six states in the March 12 Super Tuesday contests.

All told, nearly three-quarters of the 996 delegates needed to claim the Republican nomination at this summer's party convention in San Diego will be put up

for grabs in 10 days. With all contestants agreed on balancing the budget and cutting taxes, the campaign has concentrated on the importance of international trade to South Carolina, which owes much of its prosperity to billions of dollars in exports and foreign investment.

Buchanan, playing up the loss of blue-collar textile jobs to Mexico and Asia, has distanced himself from the rest of the pack with strident opposition to the North American Free Trade Agreement and the World Trade Organisation.

That may work to the advantage of President Bill Clinton and the Democrats, who see Buchanan's populism as a weak link in the Republican chain of power. Because South Carolina voters can cast ballots regardless of party affiliation, Democratic Party offices have been flooded by calls from Democrats volunteering to vote for Buchanan in hopes of undermining Dole.

But Buchanan's outspoken opposition to abortion has struck a resonating chord with evangelical Christians, who make up as much as 40 percent of the local Republican electorate.

The Christian right is so strong here, in fact, that all four major candidates have made efforts to reach an understanding with Christian leaders.

Dole himself continued to try to set his record straight on abortion while campaigning in Connecticut, saying he remained opposed to abortion but would grant exceptions when the life of the mother was threatened or in cases of rape or incest.

Campaigning in Fort Collins, Colorado, Forbes also tackled the abortion question.

"I consider abortion a tragedy. I'd like them to disappear from America." But a fundamental change of heart and attitude was needed for that to happen, Forbes said.



Newly elected Australian Prime Minister John Howard, leader of the Liberal party, sings the national anthem together with his family after hearing of his victory at the polls yesterday. (AP)

New Australian conservative government offers unity

BERNARD HICKEY SYDNEY

THE leader of Australia's conservative opposition, John Howard, taking government in a massive election win yesterday, offered a vision of a united Australia and paid tribute to long time foe Paul Keating.

Howard's opposition coalition of Liberal and National parties ended 13 years of Labor rule with a landslide win giving them up to a 40-seat majority in the 148 seat parliament as voters decided it was time for a change.

"I am very conscious of the enormous responsibility that has been placed upon me and upon my colleagues by the verdict of the Australian people today," Howard, 56, told hundreds of cheering supporters packing out a Sydney hotel ballroom.

"It will be my intention and my commitment to now, I and my colleagues will now devote our all to delivering the maximum degree of unity and cohesion to the Australian people.

"There is something unique about our nation and about being Australian and I commit myself and my future government to the service of all the Australian people," he said.

Howard's victory will seriously delay this former British colony's move towards becoming a republic, which Keating wanted by the year 2001, because Howard's plan is for a complicated committee and plebiscite process.

But the republic was not a major election issue and analysts said it was not a factor in

the swing against Labor. In fact, in the minds of most voters there were few serious policy differences between the two parties.

Most focus was on the leaders themselves - Keating with his brash and arrogant image and Howard with his reputation as being a quiet, trustworthy family man.

The sharp-tongued Keating's reputation was even recognized in Labor Party advertising. "You don't have to like him, but you've got to respect him," ran one Labor advertisement.

Fighting to avoid the 0.5 percent swing that would thwart its quest for an historic sixth straight victory, Labor was devastated by a 5.4 percent national swing, with more than 80 percent of the vote counted.

Several Labor ministers were among the scores of members dumped by the electorate.

Keating, conceding defeat and announcing he would quit as Labor party leader, said he was proud of Labor's record and the nation it had helped create.

"I think Labor is finishing this period of office with a very proud record," he said to a hero's send-off from supporters at a club in the working class Sydney suburb where he grew up.

"We've opened the country up and turned it towards the world as never before," Keating said.

"In a nutshell, equity and enterprise at home and opportunity abroad has been the thing that has made it a great place," he said. "And we've left the incumbent government a country in good order."

Keating, 52, had been a dominant figure in domestic politics since the early 1980s when, as treasurer, he introduced sweeping economic reforms, including the floating of the Australian dollar and deregulating the financial system.

As prime minister since 1991, he sought to forge a greater role for Australia in the dynamic Asian region.

Howard, who has battled Keating for two decades, sometimes bitterly, paid tribute to his long-time foe.

"Although we have been vigorous opponents, he has been a great warrior for his own political cause and despite our differences, that is something I recognize," he said.

Labor faced an uncertain future late last night, with Keating's most obvious successor, outgoing Deputy Prime Minister Kim Beazley, struggling to hold his seat in Western Australia.

Electoral officials said it could take up to two weeks to conclude the counting of votes. (Reuter)

Flotilla meets rough seas in anti-Cuba protest

ABOARD US VALLANT, (Reuter) - A flotilla of anti-Castro exiles sailed through rough seas yesterday to mark the ocean graves of their brethren with wreaths, crosses and prayers, exactly one week after Cuban fighter jets shot down two unarmed airplanes.

At least three of the nearly 30 fishing boats in the flotilla turned back to the Florida shore as gusty 15-knot winds kicked up heaving waves that made the 110-km journey a difficult one, according to flotilla organizers.

A Cuban exile aboard one of the boats became violently ill with convulsions and had to be picked up by one of 11 US Coast Guard cutters escorting the flotilla through international waters.

Nearly two dozen civilian airplanes planned to take off from Miami's Opa-Locka Airport at noon and join the flotilla for a memorial service at sea.

The peaceful protest took place

under the watchful eye of an armada of US ships and fighter jets that were positioned nearby to respond if another international incident developed. Last Saturday, two Cuban MiGs used air-to-air missiles to shoot down two Cessna airplanes flown by four members of Brothers to the Rescue, a Miami exile group.

Havana said that as long as the flotilla and small planes remained outside Cuban waters and airspace, the protesters would not provoke any retaliation from Cuba's military.

Organisers of the flotilla, an anti-Castro group called the Democracy Movement, vowed the event would be peaceful.

"We have given the president our word," said leader Ramon Saul Sanchez. "We want to honour the dead. We were not able to have their bodies here, so we want to go there and pay our respects."

Bumbling robbers shoot each other

MIAMI, (Reuter) - A pair of bumbling teenagers trying to rob a Florida grocery store shot and wounded each other, police said yesterday. Police arrested Wesley Steny, 16, and Jeanis Catty, 18, for allegedly robbing a Miami grocery store on Tuesday evening. A third uninjured teenager was also charged, but police did not release his name.

Each youth pulled out a gun, ordered the clerks to the floor and demanded that the cash register be opened, police said.

Witnesses said Catty started to reach over the counter when he accidentally fired his gun, striking Steny in the thigh. Surprised and in pain, Steny squeezed the trigger on his handgun, hitting Catty on the hands and

"I knew there was a mistake," said Ajiz Rizva, one of the store clerks. "They were the only ones bleeding."

The teenagers limped to the cash register and allegedly grabbed about \$200, then hobbled out the door, leaving a trail of blood behind, police said. "It was a real simple case to solve," said Detective Tom Pellechio of Miami's Metro-Dade police. "All we had to do was drive to the hospital."

New snow sets New York record

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Just five cm of snow yesterday put the winter of 1995-96 into the record books as New York City's whitest winter ever, the National Weather Service said.

The 13th snowfall this winter shattered the previous record for total accumulation set in 1946-47 of 160.5 cm. Before yesterday, 156.7 cm of snow had already fallen in this winter in New York City. "The record was broken between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. yesterday when two-inches of the white stuff fell in the city," George McKillop of the weather service said.

He also predicts more snow in March. "The season's not quite over yet," he said. "We can still see another punch of cold air come down here and we could easily squeak out another snowstorm."

According to the weather service, the city will get another eight to 16 cm of snow by late afternoon before it tapers off to flurries.

Diana ponders Charles' reply on divorce terms

LONDON (AP) - Princess Diana pondered a letter from Prince Charles' lawyer yesterday which could determine whether divorce negotiations halt or go on.

Her mother, Frances Shand Kydd, blamed constant media pressure for helping break three family marriages - Diana's, her brother's and her own.

Meanwhile, an opposition lawmaker's apology for saying Charles was unfit to be king touched off a political debate on the future of the monarchy.

Police also said a 33-year-old man was arrested after triggering an alarm Friday when he climbed into the grounds of Kensington Palace - where Diana and other royals were sleeping.

He was released after police determined "there was no threat intended." Police sources said the man was drunk and thought he was taking a short cut.

Diana remained out of the spotlight in her apartment at the palace for a second day yesterday but her divorce remained front-page head-

lines in Britain's tabloids. So did her former lover's search for the highest bidder to air his kiss-and-tell TV interview on their romance. The Sun, which broke the story, said former army officer James Hewitt, whom Diana said she once "adored," has instructed author-producer Anna Pasternak to land a 3 million pound (NIS 13.8 million) deal.

The first round between Charles and Diana ended in a public dispute about everything except that she had agreed to a divorce. According to her office, there was agreement that her future title would be Diana, Princess of Wales, that she could keep her Kensington Palace apartment and offices at St. James's Palace, and continue to be fully involved in the upbringing of their sons, William, 13, and Harry, 11.

According to Buckingham Palace, there was no agreement on terms of divorce. What Diana said were agreements were only requests, it said.

Diana's lawyer Anthony Julius fired off a tough letter to Charles' legal representatives: "If we cannot rely on agreements that have been made, it would be unsafe to continue negotiations." Charles' lawyer, Fiona Shackleton, sent a reply but no details emerged. It appeared both sides were heading a request from Queen Elizabeth II to conduct their divorce negotiations "privately and amicably," first and foremost for the sake of their children. "The princess is totally supportive of negotiations between the lawyers being kept private and confidential," her spokeswoman, Jane Atkinson, said yesterday.

She would not comment on a front-page story by Richard Kay, a Daily Mail reporter in whom Diana has confided before, that "a divorce crisis is looming."

The princess' mother said in an interview with the Daily Express that she has been in close touch with her daughter, offering "love and support" by drawing on the

"sheer hell" of her own experience of two divorces.

She left Diana's father, Earl Spencer, for the business tycoon Peter Shand Kydd, who walked out on her.

Mrs. Shand Kydd said media interest in her following her daughter's marriage helped break up her marriage to Shand Kydd, and created serious marital difficulties for her son, Earl Spencer.

"There is no doubt the constant media speculation has been a contributing factor in the breakdown of three marriages - my own, my son's and my daughter's," she said.

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Gorbachev to run for president

MOSCOW (Reuter) - Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, defying polls which suggest he is deeply unpopular at home, wants to run in Russia's presidential election in June as a candidate for a united front of democrats.

Asked at a Moscow news conference whether he would stand in the June 16 poll, Gorbachev, who was 65 yesterday, replied: "I will. I will." He will make a formal announcement "soon."

Calling on democrats to unite to produce a credible alternative to President Boris Yeltsin and his communist challenger Gennady Zyuganov, Gorbachev said: "We need a new alternative."

Only a united front of democrats, he said, could "inflict defeat on those in power and Zyuganov's supporters."

Gorbachev's announcement appeared to set the stage for a new battle between the ex-communist leader who launched the "perestroika" reforms of the Soviet Union and Yeltsin, his old protégé-turned-rival.

But given his unpopularity at home and opinion polls that show he has no real support for a presidential bid, the former Soviet leader could still be testing the political water before formally embarking on a comeback bid.

Gorbachev, who has lived in the political shadows since the collapse of the Soviet Union in December 1991 and is not a member of any party, has to gather one million signatures of support by April 16 to be registered as a candidate.

Alexei Mannanikov, chairman of a group campaigning for his election, said more than 700,000 signatures of support had already been collected.

"The number of those wanting to sign up in support of M. Gorbachev is growing," Mannanikov said, adding he was sure that many more than one million signatures would be collected by mid-March.

Gorbachev took over as the Soviet Communist Party's general secretary in March, 1985, following the death of Konstantin Chernenko. He ruled the Soviet Union until the end of 1991.

Gorbachev set the Soviet Union on the road to reform by launching perestroika, allowed some of the "dark" secrets from the past to be revealed with his policy of "glasnost" and built bridges with the West to help end the Cold War.

He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1990 but faith in him began to fade at home as some people became disillusioned with the hardships suffered under reforms and others accused him of failing to reform quickly enough.

He eventually lost power with the break-up of the Soviet Union in 1991, for which many Russians blame him personally, and resigned after humiliation at Yeltsin's hands.

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Peruvian soldiers yesterday inspect the tail section of the Boeing 737 which crashed while making its landing approach at the southern Andean of Arequipa. Remains of 112 victims have been found, the search for the remaining 11 bodies continues. (Reuters)

Peruvian airliner slams into hillside, all 123 aboard die

AREQUIPA, Peru (Reuters) - Rescue workers said yesterday they had recovered the remains of 112 victims from the worst air disaster in Peruvian history and were continuing to search for the remaining 11 bodies.

"Work continued all through the night and is ongoing today," civil defense official Eduardo Diaz Velasquez said.

Meanwhile, Peruvian aviation authorities, joined by US experts, worked to reconstruct the moments just before the 28-year-old Boeing 737 on a domestic flight slammed into a hillside Thursday night, killing everyone aboard.

Family members and friends gathered early outside the Arequipa morgue to continue the grisly task of identifying victims.

"It's a slow process," said Gustavo Rondon Fudinaga, chief medical examiner in Arequipa, 1,000 km south of Lima. "There are remains, for instance, of just an arm or a torso. Some they are trying to identify by the clothes they wore. Some corpses are totally unrecognizable."

Caskets containing some victims' remains were released to family members and numerous funerals were slated yesterday for Arequipa residents who perished.

The transport of some coffins to Lima and other destinations was delayed because heavy fog prevented flights in and out of Arequipa's Rodrigo Ballon airport from noon Friday through early yesterday, airport officials said.

Officials at Peru's Faucett airline, which owned the Boeing, said they were planning a Catholic mass at Lima's international airport when the corpses arrived.

A Chilean air force plane was due to arrive in Arequipa later yesterday to take back the bodies of the 33 Chileans, mainly students on vacation, who died in the crash.

Peruvian investigators said the flight recorder of the Boeing, discovered yesterday, should yield vital clues but warned it may be a month before the full cause of the tragedy is known.

Unofficial reports of the plane

suffering "mechanical" failures have not been confirmed.

Some reports said flames were seen coming out of the plane's wing before it skimmed the top of one hill, crossed a ravine and slammed into the other side.

The wreckage was strewn along a 200-meter swathe across the canyon, in the Ciudad de Dios district just outside Arequipa, and remained engulfed in flames for hours.

Theories of a mechanical failure were compounded by revelations that many of the victims' facial expressions and body contortions showed they were aware of the impending disaster.

Concerns have been raised over air safety in Peru, which has suffered a string of such tragedies in recent decades. Last year, the US Federal Aviation Administration listed Peru as one of a few world countries failing to meet international aviation safety standards.

One Peruvian congressman, Enrique Chirinos Soto, called for an investigation of the Arequipa airport, which he labeled "one of the country's most dangerous."

Europe, Asia skirt human rights issues for economic promises

EUROPEAN and Asian leaders, ending a two-day summit yesterday, pledged to forge a "strong partnership" to boost trade and investment but left contentious human rights issues unresolved.

"I consider this meeting to have been a resounding success," said Philippine President Fidel Ramos.

"I am a European who loves Asia," remarked President Jacques Chirac of France, adding that the summit "went even better than we thought it would."

The Europeans, whose formal ties with Asia have lagged as they concentrated on building the European Union, are eager to match the American presence in the some of the world's fastest-growing economies.

In a joint statement at the end of their two-day summit, the 15 EU countries and 10 Asian nations said closer ties must be matched by the promotion of human rights, but without meddling in each other's affairs.

The rights reference - one sentence in a seven-page statement - was a compromise reflecting Asian resistance to mixing the issue with trade. The (Asia-Europe) dialog should be conducted on the basis of mutual respect, equality, promotion of fundamental rights and non-intervention, whether direct or indirect

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in each other's internal affairs."

The two sides agreed to build up science and technology exchanges and cooperate to fight pollution, the drug trade, money laundering, terrorism and the exploitation of illegal immigrants.

They said they would pursue a nuclear test ban treaty. But China, the only country still testing nuclear weapons, said it wants to continue "peaceful" nuclear explosions.

The Asian and European leaders also pledged to work towards a reform of the United Nations and its chaotic finances.

Their statement outlined a series of high-level meetings over the coming years and announced the creation of an Asia-Europe Business Forum to encourage private-sector involvement.

"The growing economic links between the two regions form the basis for a strong partnership between Asia and Europe," it said.

Asia accounts for 23 percent of Europe's foreign trade, but gets just 1 percent of its direct foreign investment.

It surpassed the United States as Europe's

largest trading partner in 1994, with two-way sales reaching \$312.5 billion. But from 1979-1993, investment in Asia by Britain, France, Germany and other EU countries totaled \$2.5 billion - less than half the amount invested by either Japanese or US firms.

The thorniest issue at the conference was human rights. Activists want the West to tie trade privileges for Asian nations to progress in increasing civil liberties, ending child labor, raising working conditions and allowing independent labor unions.

Asian leaders resisted discussing human rights, saying the meeting should focus on areas of agreement.

"The internal affairs of any country can only be managed by its own people and no country should be allowed to encroach on other countries' sovereignty and interfere in their internal affairs," Chinese Premier Li Peng told the summit Friday. A text of his speech was distributed yesterday by Chinese officials.

The meeting, hosted by Thailand, also included leaders from EU members Austria, Belgium, Britain, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Holland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal, Spain and Sweden, as well as from Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, South Korea, Singapore and Vietnam. (AP)

Milosevic convenes 'new image' congress

BELGRADE (Reuters) - Serbia's President Slobodan Milosevic yesterday convened his ruling Socialist Party congress to break with the nationalist past and shore up his new image of peace-maker.

The man once reviled as the architect of Bosnia's ethnic strife prepared on yesterday to capitalise on the new-found peace in the region, which he helped broker in Dayton, Ohio, last November.

The congress is expected to cement his grip on power by purging nationalists opposed to the Bosnia peace deal and winning support for his economic strategy.

The one-day congress, attended by 1,850 delegates and representatives of 70 parties from 40 countries as guests, began yesterday morning in Belgrade's Sava Centre with the national anthem of former Yugoslavia "Hej Sloveni" (Hail the Slavs).

The congress is expected to adopt a policy document "Serbia 2000 - a Step into the New Century" which will outline views on the market economy, investments, social policy and health

protection, ethnic tolerance and a free press.

The issue of free press is a burning one since only two weeks ago Milosevic took over Serbia's leading opposition television station Studio BNTV, provoking an outcry from rival political parties and warnings from the western diplomatic community in Belgrade.

"Milosevic is making a mistake if he thinks the West has given him a carte blanche for his contribution in Dayton to do anything he wants in Serbia, and that he can suppress the free press," a senior western diplomat said.

Milosevic's role in forging the Bosnia peace accords in Dayton, which ended 3 1/2 years of war, was rewarded with a suspension of stringent UN sanctions on Serbia and Montenegro.

In Bosnia, Sarajevo celebrated the anniversary of independence for the first time in peace on Friday, as a war crimes tribunal indicted a Serb general in the Hague for his role in the devastating siege of the city.

The Bosnian government takeover of the formerly Serb-held Ilijas suburb linked the city to other government territory for the first time since the 1992 date when Bosnia split from Yugoslavia.

The UN said it was working to prevent a further exodus of Serbs from other suburbs due to change hands by March 20. Most Serbs, fearing reprisals, have fled areas taken over so far.

In The Hague, Bosnian Serb General Djordje Djukic was formally indicted by the war crimes tribunal for aiding Serb army shelling of Sarajevo between May 1992 and December 1995.

Djukic has been held in custody with Bosnian Serb Colonel Aleksa Krsmanovic since February 12, when NATO soldiers whisked them to the Netherlands from a Sarajevo jail.

Chief prosecutor Richard Goldstone opted to charge Djukic after the general refused to cooperate with the tribunal and demanded to be released.

Achille Lauro terrorist missing from jail

ROME (AP) - The Palestinian terrorist convicted of killing Leon Klinghoffer aboard the hijacked Achille Lauro cruise ship 11 years ago has disappeared on a prison release, a newspaper said yesterday.

Youssef Magied al-Molqi, 34, was free on a 12-day pass from Rebibbia prison and was last seen at a church-run shelter on Wednesday, the day he was to return to the prison, the Rome daily *Il Messaggero* reported.

Molqi was considered a model prisoner and had been let out four other times, *Messaggero* said.

A court in Genoa sentenced him to 30 years in prison for his role in the cruise ship hijacking. He was convicted of shooting the wheelchair-bound Klinghoffer and pushing him overboard.

"I'm surprised," prison war-

den Maurizio Barbera told the newspaper. "He behaved very well here. He left and came back for years." Barbera ordered a search for Molqi.

Messaggero said only one of the four men imprisoned in Italy for the hijacking remained in jail.

Ahmad Marrouf al-Assadi, who later cooperated with authorities, disappeared in 1991 while on parole and all traces of Bassam al-Asker were lost while he was in the care of the Red Cross, the paper said. They each were sentenced to 16 years in prison.

Ibrahim Fatayer Abdelatif remained in a jail near Genoa on a 25-year sentence.

Four hijack planners, including terrorist mastermind Mohammed Abbas, were convicted in absentia and sentenced to life.

Throngs force new Berlin store to close

BERLIN (AP) - Two days after it opened in the traditional heart of Berlin, the French department store Galeries Lafayette was forced to close its doors, not from lack of customers, but too many.

Thousands of would-be shoppers jammed Friedrichstrasse for much of the day yesterday trying to get into the six-story, circular glass structure that one Berlin tabloid has dubbed "Spaceship Lafayette."

Police closed the street to cars and used loudspeakers to try to disperse the crowds in front of the locked doors. No injuries were reported.

The nearly \$1 billion store, which opened Thursday, is a major part of plans to restore the historic center of Berlin, most of which was on the East German side of the Berlin Wall.

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DISPLAY OF VOTERS REGISTER FOR INSPECTION BY THE PUBLIC

Dear Citizen,

1. In accordance with the Knesset Elections Law (Consolidated Version) 1969 and the Elections to the Fourteenth Knesset and for Prime Minister (Ad Hoc) Law 1996, a voters register has been prepared, listing every citizen (and resident in a local authority) born before June 18, 1978.

The Voters Register will be displayed for inspection by the public from March 3 to March 11, 1996.

2. If your name should be included in the register and does not appear, or there is an error in the listing of your name or address, you may submit an appeal at any Population Registration office until March 12, 1996.

Do Not Forget to Bring Your Identity Card

3. Anyone who submits such an appeal and does not receive a reply by March 17, 1996, or who receives a reply he considers inadequate, is entitled to appeal to the District Court by Monday, March 22, 1996. Such an appeal is not subject to a court fee.

INFORMATION BY PHONE

Inquiries regarding registration in the voters rolls may be made by phone at any one of the following numbers, from March 3, 1996, to March 11, 1996 (except for Saturday), 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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The Central Commission for Elections to the 14th Knesset and for Prime Minister Announcement Concerning Submission of Candidacy for the 14th Knesset and the Prime Minister

In light of the changes passed by the Knesset to the Knesset Elections Law (Consolidated Version), 1969, the Central Commission for Elections to the 14th Knesset and for Prime Minister wishes to explain to the public the requirements for submitting a list of candidates for the Knesset and a candidate for the Prime Minister.

Submission of Lists of Candidates for the Knesset:

- Any party properly registered in accordance with the Parties Law, 1992, is entitled to submit a list of candidates for Knesset.
- Anyone wishing to submit a list of candidates for Knesset must immediately contact Mr. Zeev Bonah, Registrar of Parties at the Justice Ministry, in order to found a party and complete the entire process of registration by the final date for submitting lists of candidates for Knesset, namely, April 11, 1996. The address of the Registrar of Parties is: 6 Hillel Street, P.O.B. 94561, Jerusalem, Tel.: 02-235542, 02-255848.
- The commission will publish an announcement in the newspapers and media concerning the dates, times, and regulations for submission.
- Upon submitting a list, the commission is to be given a list of candidates together with the certificate of registration received from the Registrar of Parties (in light of the changes to the law there is no longer need to present 1500 signatures of supporters or to post a deposit).
- The Central Commission for Elections to the 14th Knesset and for Prime Minister will distribute the forms for submitting lists of candidates shortly. An announcement concerning the date of distribution will be released separately.

Submitting a Candidate for Prime Minister:

Clause 9 of Basic Law: The Government, stipulates as follows: "The following are permitted to submit candidates for the election for Prime Minister:

- A party which has submitted a list of candidates to the Knesset, represented by a faction or factions in the outgoing Knesset, the total number of whose members is not less than ten.
- Specific parties which submitted a list or lists of candidates, represented by a faction or factions in the outgoing Knesset, the total number of whose members is not less than ten.
- A party which submitted a list of candidates to the Knesset, for whose candidate 50,000 persons entitled to vote have signed a petition."

One who is 30 years old or more on the day of submitting candidacy and who heads a list of candidates for Knesset is qualified to be a candidate.

Petitions for a candidate for Prime Minister to be signed by 50,000 persons entitled to vote may be obtained in the offices of the Commission located in the Knesset Building, Jerusalem, Sunday through Thursday, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Forms for presenting a candidate by a party or parties represented in the outgoing Knesset will be distributed shortly. The exact time will be announced separately.

הכנסת ה-14



Officials have found that heat, dust and sand, as well as many heavy vehicles on relatively few roads, are the main reasons for erosion of road markings.

The non-durability of local road markings

WHY is it that the durability of road markings in foreign countries is so vastly superior to ours? Roads there always seem to have been freshly painted, whereas here the paint usually fades and starts disappearing after only a few weeks. Heat doesn't seem to be the reason, as in sunny South Africa, the roads are beautifully marked. Is our paint so inferior, or are there other factors? Harry Rehovot.

TELL ME WHY
JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH
last long; the latest developments in synthetic polymers and acrylic paints are regarded as the best. When we find an import that is effective, Tambour learns to produce similar products.

oil is much higher than that of the water. When you put a drop of water into hot oil, the water heats up immediately from contact with the oil, and it turns into water vapor. This process causes a mini-explosion. However, if you put a raw potato pancake into oil, this immediately cools the oil and reduces the difference in temperature between the water and the oil, so the reaction is much less violent.

Yehiel Kamon, deputy director of the maintenance department in the Public Works Department of the Ministry of Construction and Housing, explains: "Drivers are right to demand that road markings be fresh and clear, because the lack of them can cause accidents. We are well aware of the problem of markings that fade and crack, and constantly conduct tests to look for better materials.

What causes the violent reaction when a drop of water falls into hot oil? Why does putting a potato mixture, which contains water, into hot oil produce little spurt of oil? Ofra, Rehovot.

Have you always wondered about the scientific explanation for ordinary phenomena? Now you can get an answer. Mail your question to TELL ME WHY, c/o Jerusalem Post Science & Technology Reporter Judy Siegel-Itzkovich, The Jerusalem Post, P.O. Box 81, 91000 Jerusalem, or fax it to (02) 389527. Please include your first name and place of residence. Calls will not be accepted.

We have found that heat, dust and sand, as well as many heavy vehicles on relatively few roads, are the main reasons for erosion of road markings. Since the coastal area has more sand and heat, and Jerusalem is dryer and colder, we have to suit our paints to the climate of each area.

The spitting that occurs when a drop of water falls into oil is due to the fact that the boiling point of

Administration has approved a new anti-cancer drug developed jointly by researchers at the Hebrew University and Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem and the SEQUUS Pharmaceutical Company in the US.

Diabetics: Stay away from smoking

Diabetics should be warned against smoking, as the habit has been proven to harm their blood vessels and significantly increase complications of the disease. This is the opinion of two doctors in the internal medicine department of Wolfson Hospital in Holon and at Tel Aviv University's Sackler School of Medicine.

HEALTH SCAN
POST HEALTH REPORTER
eye) experienced by some patients when they chew.

Known as Doxil, the medication contains the active ingredient doxorubicin (a recognized agent for anti-tumor treatments) delivered within tiny fatty particles — about 1/10,000th of a millimeter — known as liposomes.

The authors, who during their research surveyed dozens of foreign medical studies on the subject, said they were amazed that so few diabetics — and as-yet-healthy non-diabetics — are advised by their family physicians to quit smoking.

While conducting dissections from the front of the face (instead of from the side, which is the technique traditionally used by pathologists), they discovered the muscle: one end was attached to a bony prominence on the skull, right behind the eye and the other attached to a bony spot on the mandible, or lower jaw. They found the same muscle in the 25 other cadavers they examined, thus, they concluded, it was not a rare malformation. Magnetic resonance imaging has revealed its existence in living patients.

Delivered directly, they cause less harm to healthy tissues in the body.

NEW MUSCLE DISCOVERED
One would think that anatomists know so much about the structure of the human body that there is nothing more to discover. However, dental researchers at the University of Maryland believe they have found a fifth chewing muscle in the jaw never before described in the anatomy books.

NEW DRUG-DELIVERY SYSTEM
The US Food and Drug

Barenholz said it was one of the first Israeli-developed medications to be approved by the FDA, and that the authorization process went relatively quickly. The researchers now want to apply their approach, known as "passive targeting," to the development of other drugs for cancer and for other diseases.

An on-line data 'kiosk'

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

ON-LINE services want Israelis to get hooked up and hooked on the information "kiosk" available to anyone with a personal computer and modem. If they get their way, we will shop, play games, check on our bank accounts and horoscopes, accept professional advice and find a mate, all from the comfort of home.

TVTEL is named misleadingly. "Originally, we had thought that TV sets made by Elbit, as well as some other companies, would be produced so that a special keyboard could be attached to allow dialing up TVTEL. But technology is changing so fast, that we realized it was better to base the service on personal computers.

planning to institute the 135 service giving access to the Internet on a per-call basis, without the need to subscribe. Right did not think it odd that the same telecommunications company would offer seemingly competing services in one field.

look over matchmakers' offers, or order from book, music and computer stores or a supermarket. Other options include taking part in a tele-talk show with celebrities — including MKs running for the primaries — or a trivia quiz, and the latest Lomo or Toto winning numbers. A psychological service, says Right, was discontinued, because "it wasn't regarded as serious."

High-tech parliamentarians

NEW WORLDS
POST SCIENCE REPORTER

THE next batch of MKs to be elected in May will be hooked into cyberspace if they choose. According to MK Meir Sheerit (Likud), chairman of the Knesset's internal committee on computerization, by the end of this year all MKs will have their own personal computers to work on.

The PCs, which will cost a total of NIS 1.5 million, are to be linked by fax/modem to databases and the Internet.

David Ben-Chaim of the department's mathematics group, who directed the program with department head Prof. Uri Ganiel. Eight junior and senior high schools in Ofakim, Sderot, Netivot/Azata, Yeroham and the Merhavim region — all of which suffer serious socioeconomic problems — took part in the experiment. The main aim was to upgrade the skills of teachers.

Weizmann experts and 30 highly trained math teachers from the main cities paid weekly visits to the schools. They conducted workshops and helped teachers plan lessons and prepare and grade tests in the junior high schools.

FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD
The Golden Pages has opened a World Wide Web page on the Internet with a guide to Israeli Internet sites. Users who key in <http://www.yellowpages.co.il> can locate Web sites quickly according to the classification used in the Golden Pages.

BESTING MATH
The number of underprivileged pupils passing a national mathematics exam has increased four-fold over the past five years. An experimental educational program designed by the Weizmann Institute's science-teaching department can take much of the credit.

Ben-Chaim says the earlier such a program starts, the better. "The seventh graders with whom we worked had caught up with their better-off peers by ninth grade.

"But perhaps the most important achievement has been to instill in both teachers and pupils the belief that academic success is a function not of external factors such as family and surroundings, but of effort."

Internet index separates wheat from chaff

ON LINE
DANIEL BAUM

AS everybody who has ever taken a look at the World Wide Web knows, 95 percent of it is rubbish. However, the other 5 percent is informative, useful, attractive and well produced. The question is how do you find the gems?

chosen and interesting. Anyone looking for a smallish selection of good Internet sites would do well to use this index, even if he wasn't looking for Israeli sites in particular.

Most Unix users will find something in there that they had never thought of. The translation is fair, but it is obvious that the original had a somewhat humorous style that doesn't come across in Hebrew, mainly because most of the jokes have been translated literally, a sure way to kill them.

There is also some America-specific stuff which doesn't make sense here. For instance, the writer creates a phone-list file and calls it "411." That's the all-purpose emergency dispatching phone number in the US, but it means nothing here. It would not have taken a huge effort to call the phone-list file "144."

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The truth must be told

BEFORE the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, when anti-government demonstrations were as prevalent as they were rowdy, the police were often accused of being "political." Protesters charged that the police used excessive force, and that protest leaders were subjected to particularly rough treatment on orders from "above."

Whether the roughness and brutality were indeed politically motivated or simply a symptom of police nervousness and inability to manage large crowds in a non-violent manner is a matter of dispute. But there seems no disputing the political character of the way the police tried to manage the news following last week's incident at the French Hill junction in Jerusalem, in which a driver ploughed into a crowd, killing a woman and wounding 20.

At first there seemed to be no question about the nature of the incident. All eyewitnesses on the spot saw the driver deliberately turning his car almost 90 degrees from the road to hit people on the sidewalk waiting for rides or buses. Nor was there any disputing the fact that the driver emerged from the car yelling "Allahu Akbar," and that he appeared threatening enough to prompt two civilians to shoot him.

In fact, when the police arrived they were so certain it was a terrorist incident that they assumed the car was booby trapped. They isolated the vehicle and had sappers inspect it. On searching the car, they found an Islamic Jihad leaflet, a dead giveaway of the driver's affiliation.

True, the identity of the killer was not what one would expect. He was a Palestinian with an American passport, and possessors of American passports do not fit the profile of suicide killers. But the police also knew that several Arab-Americans have been arrested for Hamas and Islamic Jihad activities, mostly having to do with supplying funds for the local organizations.

They must have also known that in the past six years there have been at least 25 certified terrorist incidents (many others could not be proved), in which vehicles were used as weapons. In some, the drivers managed to get away. In a March 1993 incident, for example, the driver did indeed escape after killing two Israelis, and the killing was declared an accident, until the driver was blown up in an attempted suicide bombing a month later.

What happened next in the French Hill case is almost beyond comprehension. Suddenly, the police announced that the crash was "not a deliberate attack but an accident," as Jerusalem police chief Aryeh Amit put it. He said something about skid marks on the road which presumably evinced an attempt to brake the vehicle. Moreover, he said, there were bags of food in the car. It could only mean that the driver had

no intention to kill. He must have just gone shopping, lost control of the car and involuntarily caused death and injury, said the police. "And there seemed to be inconsistencies in the testimonies of the two who had shot the driver," they added. "They are being interrogated."

Only a story the next day in the Hebrew daily *Ha'aretz* made the police change their version of the event. The paper's reporters found friends of the killer Ahmed Hamideh who testified that Hamideh was an Islamic fanatic who had shown special interest in the pictures of the bus bombing on Sunday, and boasted that he would be seen on television by Monday evening.

But even then, and even after it was determined that the skid marks on the road did not belong to the killer's car, the police sent a memorandum to foreign correspondents telling them that they should not conclude the incident was definitely a terrorist strike. They suggested that at most the reporters should use the phrase "in all probability." It was only after Hamas in Damascus claimed responsibility for the killing that official doubts seemed to be dispelled.

Charitably, such disregard for the facts, such eagerness to give the event a benign interpretation, should be deemed no worse than the phenomenon psychologists call "denial." It is perhaps the same unwillingness to face unpleasant facts, which prompted Prime Minister Shimon Peres, US ambassador Martin Indyk and numerous editorial writers and reporters to state that there have been no major terrorist incidents in six or seven months.

The fact is that between the killing of Islamic Jihad chief Fathi Shkaki in Malta and the assassination of the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, a complex, coordinated terrorist attack involving two explosives-laden cars driven by suicide bombers was mounted in the Gaza District against Israeli civilians and soldiers. That the attack failed was due to quick thinking on the part of the security men and a large dose of sheer luck. Had the attackers managed to execute their plan, scores would have been killed. Similarly, yesterday's attack on Gush Katif launched from Gaza, in which seven Hamas terrorists were involved, cannot be dismissed simply because it was fortunately foiled.

Whether continued terrorism is an indication that the Oslo process is a failure - as the opposition believes - or nothing more than the splutterings of a dying, old-fashioned movement - as the government maintains - should be the subject of a legitimate, momentous public debate. But to deny the facts of terrorism, and to try to whitewash incidents because they might tend to reinforce one set of arguments or another is to endanger the nation's morale and its faith in government more than all the acts of terrorism can ever hope to do.

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LEVY THE POMPUS GRANDSTANDER, SURROUNDED BY MAFIOSOS? IT'S A PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU ABOARD



The Golan about-turn

My military career began in World War II, and I fought as a soldier in the Pacific theater. It ended almost 40 years later when, as a US Army colonel, I was involved in constructing two high-performance air bases in the Negev under the terms of the Camp David accords.

The army had previously sent me to Israel in the summer of 1974, in the aftermath of the Yom Kippur War, to make a study of the borders that Israel required for minimum defense.

I would like to relate one incident in my long army service because it is relevant to what is happening in Israel today.

I arrived in Israel in June 1979. The total military contingent assigned to the project I was involved in never numbered more than about 15.

That fall, I was invited to visit the Northern Command with a small contingent of US Army and Air Force officers.

We arrived at the headquarters near Safed and were ushered into the office of Gen. Ori Orr, who then was either commanding or deputy commanding officer. The impression I had of him was that he was a very professional, no-nonsense soldier.

Orr gave us a long, detailed lecture about the importance of the Golan Heights to Israel's defense.

I recall him emphasizing over and over again how crucial the Golan was to the country's very survival. He also enumerated other areas, seized in the Six Day War, that Israel could never afford to relinquish.

After the usual amenities, he assigned a colonel to take us on a tour of the fortifications on the Golan Heights. I regret that I do not remember the name of that truly impressive officer.

But I do clearly recollect one thing: Orr's repeated statement that for Israel to ever withdraw from the Golan would be tantamount to committing national suicide.

There was no need for the Israelis to try and convince the American military establishment of that fact.

IRVING KETT

In three major US military studies, including one for the US Army War College to which I was an active contributor, the consideration of boundaries, terrain, and maneuver area were evaluated as being the determining factors in Israel's defensive and deterrent capabilities.

All three of these high-level investigations were conducted independently and they contained various different recommendations.

However, on three critical issues they all agreed: that the IDF must

Furthermore, the level of weapons technology is changing at an ever-increasing pace. Today's status symbol is tomorrow's junk. Meanwhile the value of territory increases with time instead of diminishing.

What saved Israel at the time of the Yom Kippur War was not the US resupply, but the land it seized in the Six Day War.

THE NEXT time I met Gen. Orr was in September 1995. I saw an announcement that he was going to speak at a large Conservative synagogue in Los Angeles on a Friday night, under the auspices of Americans for Peace Now. The rabbi, Harold Shulweis, is a leading light of the organization.

My curiosity was piqued in light of my previous encounter with Orr, who is today deputy defense minister to a prime minister and defense minister, Shimon Peres, who never served a day in any military establishment.

To my absolute astonishment, Orr in his speech contradicted everything he had so emphatically enunciated 16 years before.

Unfortunately there was no question-and-answer session, but I approached him after the services, introduced myself and reminded him of our first meeting.

He was obviously very miffed when I politely tried to confront him concerning those glaring contradictions. In fact, he refused to engage me in any discussion at all on the merits of his talk. Rabbi Shulweis, who stood next to Orr as we spoke, glared at me in undisguised anger.

By the strangest of coincidences, a few days later Orr and I met on the same El Al airplane going to Israel. We sat in the business compartment very close to one another.

The flight from Los Angeles to Israel is a long one. I made one effort to strike up a friendly conversation with Orr, but he simply refused to speak with me.

No amount of sophistication of the latest military hardware could ever be given to Israel by the US to compensate for the loss of strategic terrain and borders.

The writer is a former colonel in the US Army, and a retired professor of civil engineering.

How strange that Ori Orr should contradict everything he so emphatically enunciated at our last meeting

retain absolute control in Gaza, in the high ground of Judea and Samaria, and on the Golan Heights. In a top-secret report to then US president Lyndon B. Johnson, which has since been declassified, the joint chiefs of staff flatly asserted that Israel was not defensible without the ridge line running from Hebron to Jenin. That the conclusions of all these detailed studies seem in direct contradiction to official US government policy toward Israel since 1967 should not surprise any astute observer. The US has legitimate and far more important foreign policy interests in the world and in the Middle East than the security or even the survival of Israel.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ABANDON THE MIRAGE

Sir, - When the IRA exploded a bomb in East London a short while ago, the British press had one headline: "What peace?" Now, and after the unimpeachable bomb blast in Israel, the government is still speaking about a "Peace Process" for which it is prepared to sacrifice even more people. The temporary suspensions of talks and closure of areas in Israel to Arabs have become as stale and unimaginative as the government policies themselves.

Since the last elections when Labor pledged that there would be no negotiations with the PLO, no compromise on security, no creation of a Palestinian state, no withdrawal from the Golan and no discussions on Jerusalem, it has not only "negotiated" with the PLO but created a de-facto Palestinian state with none other than Arafat as its president. The war of terror has been introduced into the cities of Israel with an apparently unlimited budget of citizens whose lives are offered as a "price for peace." The Golan which, but for Assad's reluctance to take it so far, would have gone a long time ago, is still on the table. The big item of Jerusalem will be settled by a future Labor government if re-elected, by honoring past secret understandings with the PLO, most of which are already subject to implementation.

Mr. Peres is still insisting, after four years, that the PLO cancel its covenant calling for destruction of State of Israel. It would be more appropriate and pressing for Labor to rescind its own "covenant" and bring the country out of this mirage of a vision of a new Middle East into the world of reality. No doubt, Mr. Peres, and Mr. Rabin before him, have both genuinely tried to achieve the impossible, but greatness is not only in doing things, but also in knowing when to stop.

MOSHE KAHTAN
Epsom, England.

VIOLENCE DOES NOT BEGET PEACE

Sir, - We condemn every violent act and deplore all acts that claim human lives. God almighty said: "Thou shalt not kill." He said that to everybody: the individuals, the masses and the states. We report that violence does not solve outstanding problems and does not bring forth peace. We extend our condolences to the victims' families and to the government of Israel.

There are conditions that still feed such violence. The Palestinian human being does not enjoy his full dignity in the various procedures and security restraints imposed on him, such as the declining economic conditions and the treatment which he meets at the various checkpoints. Time has come for the responsible authority to realize that the repeated closures and in particular in Jerusalem do not serve any security purpose but bring about negative reactions and increase the opposition to the peace process.

Responsibility for this act does not stop at the one who carried it out or with the side that embraced responsibility for it. There is no alternative but to follow the threads to all sides that reject peace, Israeli or Palestinian.

We hope and pray that all will realize that violence does not beget peace.

MICHEL SABBAAH
Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem
Jerusalem.

APPROVAL

Sir, - Even though I am a Labor voter and peace-process supporter, I am writing to tell you that I support your editorial of February 27 calling for a suspension of talks and continued closure of the areas.

It certainly seems time for the Arab world to confirm loudly their acceptance of the existence of the State of Israel and to condemn terror as called for in Mr. Brill's article of February 27, if progress is to be made.

V. BLOOM
Amiad.

SHAMIR'S WARNING

Sir, - The horrifying tragedies in Jerusalem and Ashkelon, and the admission by the spokesmen of our Security Services that such ghastly acts of terror cannot be prevented, must surely make everyone finally understand the wisdom of former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir who, in 1991, warned of a Pandora's box if attempts were made to hasten peace negotiations with the Palestinians.

Today Palestinian terrorists have easy access to explosives, easy access to Israeli centers and a sufficient number of misguided and youthful half-wits willing to sacrifice their lives for a pack of lies by callous, cold-blooded evil priests or laymen.

All sane Jews desire peace with the Moslem world, including the Palestinian Arabs. At the same time, all sane Jews want the Palestinians to understand what peace requires of them, first and foremost, no terrorism.

Chairman Arafat condemned the outrages in Jerusalem and Ashkelon. But his speech to his Arab audience in Stockholm recently mentioned in your editorial of February 23 provides more than ample proof that the warning Shamir gave has been justified. Had the present government under Rabin, and now under Peres, paid more attention to immediate consequences, and less to the ambitious dreams of the Singers and the Pundaks, we might have achieved a real peace with the Palestinians. As it is we have achieved chaos and insecurity. Surely more than 20 dead and 70 injured in one short hour should bring even this government the realization that it is not doing the wise thing. Time is not always of the essence to end 100 years of strife. Gradually learning to accept and appreciate the advantages and value of honest peaceful relations is.

STANLEY BROZA
Tel Aviv.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



HAVE HORSE WILL SKI - It's the perfect compromise for lazy cross-country skiers in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

POSTSCRIPTS

WHEN WE were in England, my daughter, then aged 11 (she is now a mother of 12 children), was in her non-Jewish class when the teacher spoke of the Syro-Greek wars, circa 268 BC. Up shot my daughter's hand: "No, miss, you mean 'BCE'." "What's that?" said the teacher.

"It's the Jewish way of telling dates, miss." "Oh," said the teacher, interested. "What does it mean?" "Before the common error," explained my daughter. B. Rayburn

The following announcement was seen in the *New York Times*: "Nancy Ferraro ... of Oceanside, L.I., is to be married today to Michael Jonathan Wechsler ... of New York, N.Y. Rabbi Roger Ross is to perform the ceremony, assisted by his wife, the Rev. Barbara Ross, an interfaith minister." Dan Aronovic

Friends in need

STEWART WEISS

Of course it was inevitable. I knew that, in the aftermath of the horrendous bus bombing in Jerusalem, I would get a flurry of phone calls from worried American parents.

"Should I send my daughter to Israel next year? Are the streets of Jerusalem safe?"

Can you guarantee that she will not be the next victim sent back home for burial?"

No, dear parent, I cannot guarantee that for your daughter, any more than I can for my own child.

The essence of terrorism is precisely that it strikes in a random way, unannounced and generally against the most innocent of victims.

Terrorism is quite unbiased that way. In a terrorist attack there is no prejudice at all; everyone is equally fated. Short of sealing oneself in a locked room, there is no way to promise absolute safety.

And yet I must urge you to send your daughter here to Israel for the year. Not in spite of these attacks, but because of them.

For if you are a Jew, you are automatically engaged as a combatant in the war being waged against terrorism.

This is a war of the old black-and-white variety, a war that pits good and decent citizens against the forces of evil. It's freedom-lovers pitted against freedom-deniers.

This is all about the right simply to live your life in peace, without someone violating your most basic human right. In the end, it is a war that knows no boundaries.

Though we here in Israel may currently be on the front lines, this scourge - if it goes unchecked - will ultimately find you in London, Paris, Manhattan or Oklahoma.

In this war, there are no spectators; either you are a perpetrator, or you are a potential victim.

FURTHERMORE, you must show your solidarity with the Jewish people. Israelis have long harbored a certain bitterness about the volumes of blood we must shed in order for the State of Israel to exist.

We watch with not a small amount of quiet resentment as Diaspora Jews disembark, make a tour of our rich and varied country, and then fly back once again to the easy life and comforts of exile.

We understand, but we are nevertheless upset. We accommodate, but we feel hurt inside. We are tough, but we are only human.

And yet we do not expect you to come en masse on aliyah and join the IDF. We don't ask you to do army service here, though we secretly wish you would.

We accept our lot, and we are not an unrealistic people. But what we do expect is that you will at least visit us, that you will be with us in our hours of need - in health and in sickness - and that you will not run at the first sign of trouble.

We do expect that you will not desert us when the going gets a bit rough, that you will not abandon us to our fate with faraway murmurs of support.

Perhaps all we really ask from you is to fulfill that ancient adage that a friend in need is a friend indeed.

The city of Jerusalem, not unlike the whole of Israel, is a place of unparalleled beauty that has always known the ugliness of war. Because it is a precious jewel, it has been coveted through history by all the great powers, who would have it added to their crowns.

We want you to experience that beauty, to fall in love with this place, to draw inspiration and exhilaration from it, and to reclaim it as your own, for it is, in fact, a part of every Jew.

There is only one Jerusalem, and only one Israel.

But, like any rare commodity, Israel comes with a high price tag. It demands courage and loyalty, and deep commitment from its citizens.

These qualities will be tested in you while you are here, if you come.

I pray you will, and that you will be found equal to the challenge.

Shalom and - equally important - lehitraot.

The writer, director of *Midreshet Torah V'Emanah*, is the head of a new one-year program for women from the Diaspora wishing to study in Jerusalem.

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Shedding light on frontrunner

BY CHARLES LANE

Ever since he first toyed with the idea of running for president, Patrick J. Buchanan has demanded only to be taken seriously. So far, however, his chief Republican opponents, the leaders of the party and the national media have merely condescended to him. The result of the free ride is that Buchanan is now a deadly serious candidate for the Republican nomination. Fine. But that means the condescension has to end. Buchanan's factual claims, his rhetoric and his personal loyalties must now be examined as if his words, and his associations, were adumbrations of a now-thinkable Buchanan White House. To do less would be to perpetuate the error we've made so far by patronizing him and so holding him — and his supporters — to a lower standard.

DEFENSE

Take Buchanan's defense of Larry Pratt, his campaign co-chairman until last week when Pratt took a leave of absence following revelations of his links to white supremacist groups. "All I know is Larry Pratt of the Gun Owners of America has been a loyal early supporter of mine when no one else did," Buchanan said Feb. 15. But this was not literally "all" Buchanan knew, or should have known, at the moment he uttered those words. In fact, this much was already on the public record: On repeated occasions, Pratt spoke at meetings and on cable television programs as the invited guest of Pete Peters, a leader of the pseudo-religion known as Christian Identity.

Christian Identity preaches that Jews are the offspring of Satan and that blacks are a "pre-Adamic" race of subhumans created before Adam and Eve. At a 1992 meeting, Pratt stood by as Peters raged against "Talmudic filth." (Pratt has also been a guest on the anti-Semitic Liberty Lobby's "Radio Free America.") Randy Weaver of Ruby Ridge fame was a Christian Identity adherent; the sect is closely tied to violent militia groups such as the one that spawned Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols. Basically, Larry Pratt is one of the few barely politically presentable ideologues of the American militia movement. In his 1990 book, "Armed People Victorious," he urged the United States to adopt a system of civil defense patrols like the one imposed on the population of Guatemala by its military bosses. "It is time that the United States return to reliance on an armed people," he wrote. "There is no acceptable alternative."

Has Buchanan read "Armed People Victorious"? Does he agree with it? And, in the Oklahoma primary, will Buchanan stick up for Pratt's contention, offered three days after the mass murder at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, that "whoever did that in Oklahoma City had descended to the level of the FBI"? No one has asked him such questions so far.

Buchanan protests that he himself wouldn't have associated with the likes of Peters, but says he won't fire Pratt until the man has had "a chance to defend himself." Pratt has now given his defense: He did not know Pete Peters was a racist and would have objected if he did. Does anyone find this credible? More to the point, does Pat Buchanan?

STONEWALL

We don't know the answers to these questions, either, because neither GOP leaders nor the press have really held Buchanan to account on the matter. Instead, Buchanan is allowed to stonewall, asserting that Pratt is being "smeared" in part because he is "a devout Christian." Buchanan should be obliged to name exactly what groups and individuals in America are out to persecute the Christian majority. "The dogs are on" Pratt, Buchanan whines. Does Buchanan, who has elsewhere claimed to be appalled at the lowering of political discourse, mean that no one is criticizing Pratt in good faith — that anyone who does so is a "dog"?

To be sure, Buchanan has fired two campaign muckrakers with connections to David Duke. But until Buchanan fires and denounces Pratt, it will be perfectly reasonable to construe Buchanan's position this way: His campaign co-chairman condones American racists and fascists, but, because that man has done political favors for Buchanan and because his accusers are acting out of anti-Christian prejudice, Buchanan will accept Pratt's patently false denials, smear Pratt's critics and keep Pratt on his campaign letterhead.

It is also fair to argue that Larry Pratt is to Pat Buchanan's candidacy as Louis Farrakhan was to Jesse Jackson's in 1984. Jackson maintained his solidarity with Farrakhan out of an underlying inability to break ranks with the tuggish activists of the black inner city for whom Farrakhan is an icon. Buchanan keeps solidarity with Pratt out of a primordial dependence on the tuggish activists of the white hinterland for whom Pratt is an icon. No enemies on the right, or almost none, appears to be the watchword of the Buchanan campaign. That campaign, abetted by the laziness and chumminess of America's political and media elite, is now on the verge of acquiring decisive power in one of the two major political parties in the United States of America.

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A vote for Buchanan is a vote for bigotry

BY ALAN DERSHOWITZ

Could you vote for an anti-Semite for president? Assume that you agreed with many of the programs advocated by a presidential candidate — on trade, the economy, abortion, etc. — but you also believed that he was a bigot, could you vote for him? That is the question being raised by Patrick Buchanan's candidacy.

Some Americans seem to be answering "yes" — they could vote for a bigot. Others are denying that Buchanan fits that description. For the second category of citizens, here is the incontrovertible evidence.

EVIDENCE

After reviewing Buchanan's statements over a considerable period of time, Buchanan's own mentor, the respected conservative William F. Buckley, said: "I find it impossible to defend Pat Buchanan against a charge of anti-Semitism [Buchanan has] said things about Jews that could not reasonably be interpreted as other than anti-Semitic in tone and substance." Buckley went on to characterize the tolerance of Buchanan's bigoted views as part of "a creeping cultural-political insensitivity to anti-Semitism that is both morally wrong and alarming."

Another conservative, William Bennett, has labeled Buchanan a neo-fascist. Buchanan has accused George Bush of putting Bennett up to calling "me a fascist." In answer to a question from Michael Kinsley as to whether Buchanan is "a fascist," Bennett replied: "well, as I said, I think he flirts with these ideas. I mean, he's very much enamored of authoritarian figures ... and he has some real worries about ... people who are not the purest Americans." Among such impure Americans, Buchanan counts Jews. When a group of Jews accused Buchanan of anti-Semitism at a rally, this was Buchanan's response: "This rally is of Americans, for Americans and for the good old U.S.A., my friends." At another rally, a Buchanan staff member, Amy O'Neill, explained that "Jews would always be persecuted, because ... the devil would always want to take

little shots at them." She said that she was speaking for Mr. Buchanan. These, and similar outbursts, led a spokesman for the American Jewish Congress to say that "Buchanan is as genuine and authentic an anti-Semite as they come." The American Jewish Committee labeled his statements as "plainly anti-Semitic" and having "no place in the political process or in civilized discourse."

Conservative New York Times columnist William Safire and A.M. Rosenthal have called Buchanan an anti-Semite. Rosenthal warned that "we are not dealing here with country club

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anti-Semitism but with the blood libel that often grows out of it; Jews are not like us but are others, with alien loyalties for which they will sacrifice the lives of Americans." That is how Rosenthal characterized Buchanan's views, when Buchanan falsely accused only the Jews of pushing for a war with Saddam Hussein in which real Americans with Christian names "like McAllister, Murphy, Gonzalez and Leroy Brown" would die.

SUPPORT

Virtually all the neo-Nazi and racist groups in America regard Buchanan as their champion, and Buchanan does not discourage this support. Indeed, he has written for The Spotlight, one of the most notorious racist publications in America, and his columns have been reproduced — without his objection — by many other bigoted newsletters such as the Post Eagle and Truth Now. An article in the New Republic reported that Holocaust deniers know they "can expect a

hearing from Buchanan." Indeed, Buchanan — who has defended admitted Nazi war criminals — has himself denied that Jews were gassed at Treblinka, a historical fact that no reputable historian has ever doubted. These actions led former Justice Department official Alan Ryan to observe that "great numbers of people are asking themselves: Why is Pat Buchanan so in love with Nazi war criminals?"

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Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel, who survived the Holocaust, has said: "I rarely use the word anti-Semite, but he comes very close to one."

REASONING

In light of these testimonials — by conservatives, by non-Jews as well as Jews, and by Buchanan's own friends — and of Buchanan's own words, it is impossible for anyone to deny that he is a bigot and an anti-Semite. It is too late in history for any person of good will now to say, "I will still vote for Buchanan despite his bigotry, because I support the other issues in his campaign." Just as it is morally wrong for African-Americans to support Louis Farrakhan because of his anti-drug programs, despite his bigotry and anti-Semitism, so too it is morally wrong for anyone to support Buchanan. In 1992, a group of white New Hampshire Christian Republicans formed a Committee Against Bigotry to warn voters that: "It is not only Jews and blacks who are concerned. [W]hite Christians don't want to elect anti-Semites and racists ... either." I hope that groups like this will be formed all over the country to show that a vote for Pat Buchanan is a vote for bigotry and anti-Semitism.

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Kemp could be GOP's best escape

BY MICHAEL LIND

Now that Bob Dole and Lamar Alexander may be unable to stop Pat Buchanan's devotees from seizing the Republican nomination, you can almost hear the rumblings for someone else. Someone sunny, empathetic but conservative: a Lamar with substance. The most obvious candidate is Jack Kemp; and a boomlet, of sorts, is now palpable. Before his collapse, Forbes rose to prominence on a Kemp-like message. So why not the real thing? And, as Buchanan alienates minorities, moderates and women, and Dole and Lamar fumble for a message, a panicked Republican establishment might just turn to Jack Kemp's bleeding-heart conservatism as the answer.

There's only one thing wrong with this happy scenario: Kemp has been wrong about almost everything in his career. Over the past quarter-century, he has been present at the creation of practically every awful idea the right has foisted on America. He is the Kilroy of conservative public policy quackery.

First there was supply-side economics. With Jude Wanniski, Kemp arranged a meeting in early 1980 in California between supply-side swami Arthur Laffer and candidate Ronald Reagan, from which Reagan emerged a convert. During the campaign that followed, Reagan claimed that slashing taxes, even without radical cuts in spending, would create enough growth to balance the budget by his second year in office. By his third, it would be \$100 billion in surplus. We know what happened.

True, nominal budget deficits were higher at the end of the Reagan era," Kemp wrote recently in *The New York Times*. "But as a percentage of the gross domestic product, the deficit actually diminished during the 1980s." This is simply wrong. The deficit, as a percentage of GDP, shot up to an all-time high following the Reagan tax cuts — from 2.6 percent in 1981 to 4.1 percent in 1982 and an extraordinary 6.3 percent in 1983. Under Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon the deficit had usually been below 1 percent of GDP, and under Ford and Carter it had never passed 4.3 percent (1976); during Reagan's two administrations it was more than 5 percent of GDP for four years in a row. Only after tax increases late in the 1980s did the deficit begin to decline.

Not content to champion right-wing fallacies, Kemp has co-opted several liberal ones as well. As Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) his motives were praiseworthy. His policies, which synthesized the worst aspects of the War on Poverty and of free-market radicalism, were not. Kemp championed the privatization of public housing units, which costs more than building new units and giving them away for free. One of his other bright ideas was to allow welfare recipients to keep 85 percent of every new dollar they earned without having their benefits reduced. As Richard Darman pointed out, this would allow people earning \$70,000 a year to collect welfare.

The anti-poverty program with which Kemp is most closely associated is the "enterprise zone" scheme. (Kemp wanted to call these "opportunity zones" until Darman pointed out that the acronym would spell "Oz.") For years, states have been trying to bribe businesses to open up plants and factories within their borders with tax abatements and regulatory waivers, usually with little to show for their efforts but depleted state coffers and reduced public services. According to a study quoted in *The New York Times*, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut lose \$1 billion a year trying to lure businesses away from neighboring states, or to keep them at home, through tax incentives. Kemp wants inner cities to get in on this race-to-the-bottom strategy, potentially by waiving minimum wage laws and health standards. In other words, he would relegate the poor he wants to help to the status of second-class citizens as a matter of public policy.

Then there is Kemp's establishment-pleasing adherence to two of the worst legacies of '60s liberalism: affirmative action and an automatic-pilot immigration policy based on family reunification. Kemp has warned fellow conservatives against opposing affirmative action. In July 1995, he denounced the decision of the University of California regents to eliminate racial preferences in admissions. He also joined William Bennett in denouncing California's Proposition 187. Though criticized by the media elite (including this magazine), Prop 187 was in fact perfectly measured. It generously granted emergency aid to illegal aliens even as it sought to insure that those

who had violated federal immigration laws would be deported.

Compiling an exhaustive list of the boondoggles Kemp has applauded would be overly ambitious. But here are a few more: Star Wars, the gold standard and, now, the flat tax. The point is not just that Kemp has been wrong. There is a method to his mistakenness. His deeds and words illustrate a mentality that once flourished on the radical left but now finds domicile on the radical right. Alien to traditional conservatism, it is characterized by utopian futurism, a great and often misplaced faith in technological fixes and financial gimmicks, a reluctance to believe that there are genuine and tragic conflicts of interest between subcultures, classes and nations and a dogmatic insistence that all good things go together. What the gold standard, supply-side economics and SDI share is the promise of replacing politics with mechanics. The gold standard will eliminate the need for central banks to exercise discretion in manipulating the money supply-side economics will permit government to cut taxes without engaging in the painful trade-offs that commensurate spending cuts would require. As for SDI, an expert at the Heritage Foundation informed me when I was working there that, "if we have SDI, then we won't need allies." Add up these pleasant delusions, and you have a post-political world in which finance, budgeting and diplomacy are so many spinning cogs in a perpetual motion machine.

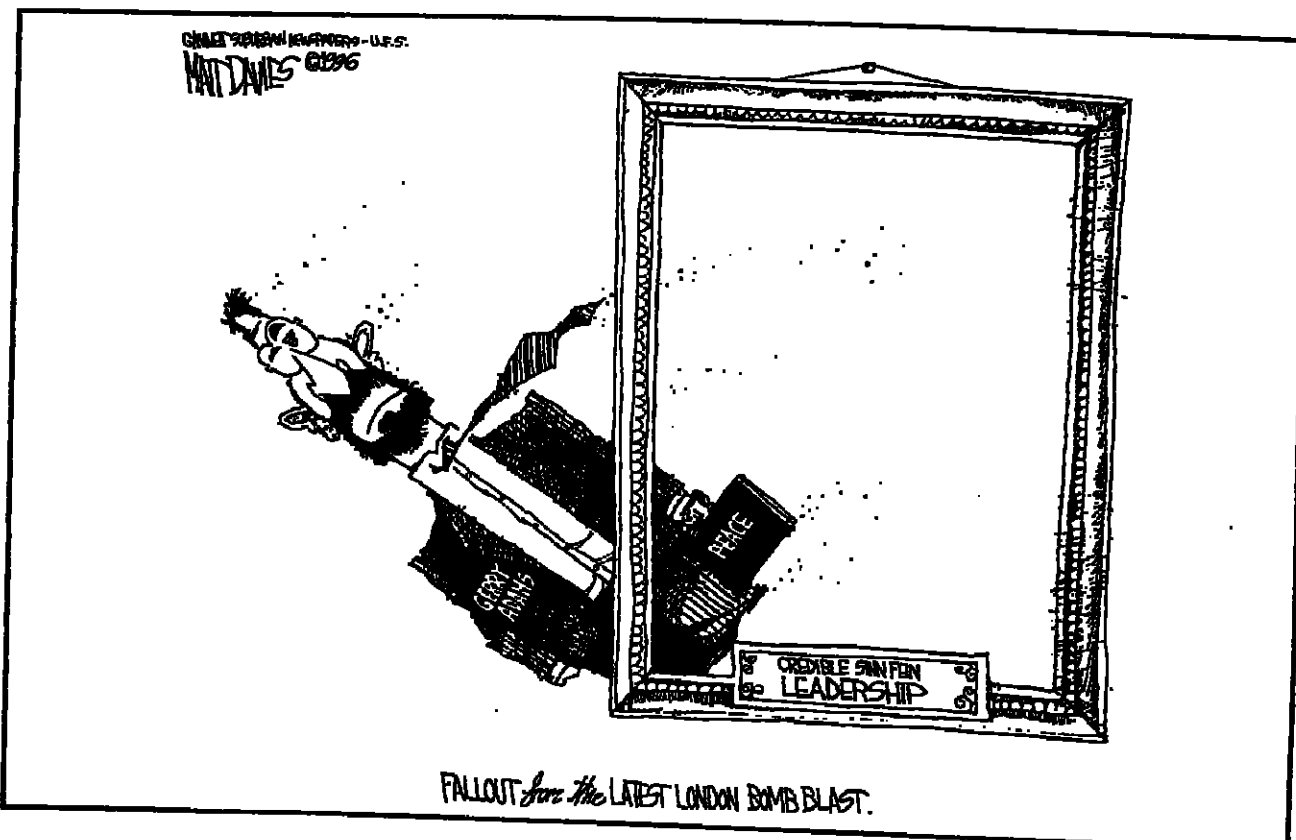
In the real world, of course, there is no escape from politics, which Max Weber described as "the slow drilling of hard boards." Governing is hard. Discretion must be exercised on the basis of uncertain knowledge; powerful interests must be placated or defeated; allies must be won and enemies outwitted. Politics is not ideology (which John Adams called "the science of idiocy"). What we need in Washington to clean up the messes Kempites have produced are politicians, not visionaries. Bob Dole is a politician. So is Lamar Alexander. So is Bill Clinton, whose record of governance looks even better compared to Republican quackery of the Kemp as well as the Buchanan variety.

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SUNDAY COMICS

Doonesbury

G.B. TRUDEAU

GOOD GOOD!

IT'S MIDDNIGHT AND EVERY LAST OF THE MONTH IS STILL ON!

AND I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE!

LET'S GET THE BIRTH METERS THAT HAD TO BE HERE OF YOU HAVE BEEN SPENDING THE MONTHS CHANGING BIRTHDAYS.

THE PRODUCT WHICH IS BETTER THAN KINDS OF SANDWICHES, FRESH BREADS, CHOCOLATES, IMPROVED, CAN'T GIVE YOUR BEST, AND I NEED YOUR BEST!

FROM NOW ON, I'M HAVING THE NUMBER SHIP OFF BY THE BUILDING AT 500 P.M. I WANT YOU TO GO HOME, LEAVE YOUR BEST, AND CAN'T NEED A RETURN BY TONIGHT'S END.

THE COMPANY'S GOING TO BE IN THE NEXT MONTH.

WE'RE GOING TO BE IN THE NEXT MONTH.

PEANUTS

by SNOOPY

HELLO?

HI!

OH, NOTHING... JUST SORT OF HANGING AROUND...

MY BROTHER? HE'S RIGHT HERE... HE'S READING... HE'S ALWAYS READING...

HE HAS NO LIFE OF HIS OWN, AND HE'S A VERY BORING PERSON SO HE READS A LOT...

WHAT'S HE READING? I DON'T KNOW...

SHE WANTS TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE READING...

HOW TO SURVIVE LIVING IN THE SAME FAMILY WITH AN ANNOYING SISTER!

"IVANHOE"

Steve

By JEFF KINNEY

FOUR BILLS AND A LETTER FROM BOB ARE HERE.

MAKE THAT FIVE BILLS.

WHAT'S THAT?

A LETTER FROM LARRY IS IN SANDWICH.

OH, HE'S GOT A NEW COMPUTER AND WANTS US TO E-MAIL HIM.

COOL. HOW DOES THAT WORK, ANNYWAY?

EASY. YOU BOOT UP YOUR SYSTEM, PLUS IN YOUR ROOM.

THEN YOU CLICK HERE TO CONTACT THE SERVER.

THEN YOU CLICK HERE, IMAGINE THE BOX HERE.

TYPE IN HIS E-MAIL ADDRESS... NEVIN @ SARASOTA.COM... THEN CLICK HERE AND TYPE YOUR MESSAGE... SEND?

I'VE GOT A QUESTION.

IS A STAMP STILL ONLY 32 CENT?

Calvin and Hobbes

by NEWMAN

HOW COME WE PLAY WAR AND NOT PEACE?

TOO FEW ROLE MODELS.

IT'LL BE THE FEARLESS AMERICAN DEFENDER OF LIBERTY AND DEMOCRACY.

...AND YOU CAN BE THE LOATHSOME GUNLESS COMMUNIST OPPRESSOR.

WE'RE AT WAR, SO IF YOU GET HIT WITH A DART, YOU'RE DEAD AND THE OTHER SIDE WINS, OK?

GOING.

GO!

KIND OF A STUPID GAME, ISN'T IT?

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF LARRY?

TOO TRANSPARENT.

WHATA YA THINKING ABOUT?

SOMETHING SPOOKY!

YOU KNOW THOSE FAST SEAFOOD PLACES?

YOU MEAN THE ONES THAT SAY "12 BILLION FISH SANDWICHES SOLD"?

YEAH, THOSE.

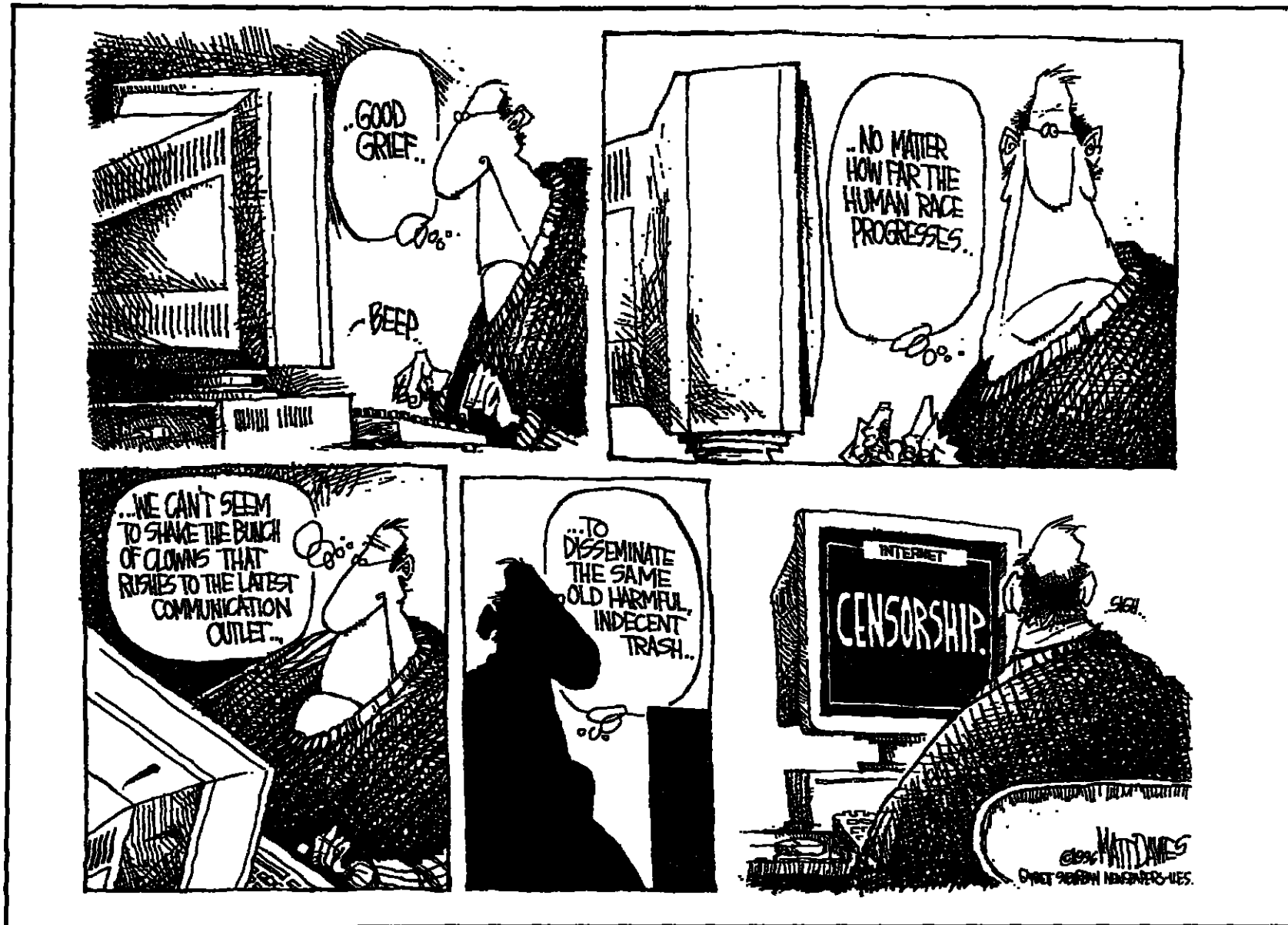
WHAT'S SO SPOOKY ABOUT EM?

OUT OF 12 BILLION SANDWICHES—

HOW COME NOBODY EVER FOUND A FISHBONE IN ONE OF THEM?

TODAY'S SUNDAY PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Singer Davis
 - 4 "Stop" at sea
 - 9 — throat
 - 14 Teenager's truck
 - 17 "A Bel for..."
 - 19 Free-for-all
 - 20 Peatry Muse
 - 21 Mountain nymph
 - 24 Post Robert—
 - 25 Pipe material
 - 26 Of hair
 - 27 German river
 - 28 Model Card—
 - 29 Waste allowance
 - 31 Slender
 - 33 Spanish asst.
 - 35 Profile for pod
 - 38 Lingerie item
 - 39 Seed cover
 - 40 — Arly
 - 41 Pascual
 - 43 Publisher William Randolph—
 - 45 Great physician
 - 47 Algean city
 - 48 River flowing to the Caspian
 - 49 — machine
 - 50 Sleep lightly
 - 51 Actor Coleman
 - 54 Perceive
 - 55 Clave
 - 57 Sweet potato
 - 59 Oriole's kin
 - 60 "My—Sal"
 - 61 Type of hard
 - 64 Waist item
 - 66 State of confusion
 - 68 Table scrap
 - 70 Extend (a subscription)
 - 72 Way out
 - 73 Cases
 - 74 Obstin
 - 76 Misrepresent
 - 78 Actor Jack—
 - 80 Undertaking
 - 82 1482 ship
- DOWN**
- 1 Type of art or law
 - 2 Larders or Sothorn
 - 3 Price paid
 - 4 Yellow shade
 - 5 Dizziness
 - 6 Actress MacGraw
 - 7 Gardener's purchase
 - 8 Cylindrical
 - 9 Flower part
 - 10 Nest
 - 11 Chest sound
 - 12 Greek letter
 - 13 Play a role
 - 14 Mountain ash
 - 15 Anger
 - 16 Body language
 - 17 Embarrass
 - 18 DC airport
 - 22 Antenna
 - 23 Dentist's tool
 - 30 Rodent
 - 32 — off, repeat
 - 34 Author Fleming
 - 37 Fork part
 - 39 Indolent
 - 41 Arduous journey
 - 42 Pacify
 - 44 Eticled
 - 46 Conduct
 - 47 Lulu
 - 50 Male bee
 - 52 Connected
 - 53 Unconventional one
 - 54 Low color
 - 56 Burrows or Vigoda
 - 58 Stoope name
 - 60 Trail center
 - 61 Overture
 - 62 1996 Olympics site
 - 63 Cowardy
 - 65 Age of retirement in another Rome?
 - 66 Exclude
 - 67 Stir up
 - 68 Refer to
 - 69 Overweight
 - 71 Side one's time
- 73 — In: interlarded**
- 75 Conscience
 - 77 Writing fluid
 - 79 Monumental
 - 81 Stumble
 - 82 Grounded
 - 83 Wickerwork
 - 87 Ardent
 - 89 Amphibian
 - 90 Actor Checco
 - 91 Wavy saying
 - 93 Mistake
 - 96 Molecule part
 - 98 Favorite
 - 100 Snake-like fish
 - 103 Bias
 - 104 Tootle-oo
 - 105 Judge's garment
 - 107 Fund-raiser's target
 - 109 Author Eric—
 - 111 Calendar period
 - 113 Become angry
 - 114 Waterfall
 - 115 Verve
 - 118 Turner or Louise
 - 119 "Heart of Dore"
 - 120 Looting
 - 121 Offer resistance to
 - 122 Trap
 - 123 Cover
 - 125 Hagman/Gray TV series
 - 126 Health resort
 - 127 Bread ingredient
 - 128 Subsequently
 - 130 South American mountains
 - 132 Grinding tooth
 - 136 Slow-witted one
 - 137 Harsh border
 - 138 Campus housing
 - 140 Appraise
 - 143 Intelligence org.
 - 145 Crews
 - 147 Cedar Rapids college
 - 148 Actress Ryan



Why Alexander can't beat President Clinton

By MATTHEW COOPER

The Republican primary now looks a lot like Bosnia before Richard Holbrooke showed up — a bloody three-front war with no clear winner. No wonder the candidates were cautious as the New Hampshire primary results unfolded. When Lamar Alexander aide Dan McLagan told the governor that he was tied in the exit polls, Alexander barely reacted. When Buchanan's New Hampshire press secretary, Mike Biondo, was doing a TV interview after the networks had declared his man the leader, Buchanan whispered into his earpiece, "Biondo, don't declare victory."

As if to reassure himself, each candidate offered a body count. Alexander said Dole was dead; Dole called it a two-man race. And Buchanan, with elan, promised to "bury two bodies" in Arizona's Monument Valley when the desert primary rolls around. Both Alexander and Dole say they can stop Buchanan. Each keeps triangulating. Dole is on the air in South Carolina with ads blasting Alexander as "A Tax And Spend Liberal... Who's Not What He Pretends To Be" and radio spots condemning Buchanan for his "condescending and demeaning attitude towards women." For his part, Alexander is fighting a two-front war — repeating that Dole has "no ideas," and Buchanan has the "wrong ideas." Which of the two can roll back Radovan

Buchanan's siege of the party? I'd bet on Dole. Look at the calendar. It works against Alexander. The Alexander crew was hoping for a Dole collapse in New Hampshire. They didn't quite get it. So now the plan is to husband resources, avoid a full-scale engagement in the Feb. 27 Arizona primary and bank heavily on the South Carolina primary on March 2. But Dole has the state wired. Lee Arwater lives. The late Bushie created a GOP behemoth, and now it's behind Dole. What's worse for Alexander, Buchanan's been 200-proof strong in South Carolina. He mocks Shannon Faulkner, the erstwhile pathbreaker at the Citadel. And he never misses an opportunity to play the race card: harping on the repeal of the Voting Rights Act's special provisions for the South, the preservation of the state's Confederate flag and the Bob Jones court decision barring tax exemptions for segregated schools. And South Carolina is textile-rich, perfect for Buchanan's trade pitch.

Alexander allies think Buchanan's Wallace-esque rhetoric won't play in a 1990s South Carolina that manufactures and exports BMWs. "The paleo-South is the wrong way to

talk to the South these days," says Alexander supporter and former Education Secretary Bill Bennett. Yes — but if Alexander and Dole play hard, Buchanan wins and Alexander blows his chance for a big Southern victory. After South Carolina, Alexander will go for the March 5 primaries in New England and in Georgia, which gets some Tennessee television but where Buchanan took home almost 37 percent of the vote in 1992. Then the real psychodrama will unfold as Dole, George Bush's nemesis, courts Jeb and George W. Bush and their megastates, Florida and Texas. "Texas has opened up. There will be a mad rush there," says top Alexander strategist Mike Murphy. In Florida, Alexander has a decent shot thanks to Jeb Bush's former campaign manager, Sally Harrell. By this time, though, he could be far behind Dole and Buchanan in delegates.

The temptation to compare the two Southerners, Alexander and Clinton, is irresistible. But it's a comparison that may, as Clinton's staffers believe, favor Clinton. Both were active in Boys Nation. Both were elected governor in 1978. Both took on the teachers' unions in their respective states and devoted their energies to economic development. Both seem to have made money through connections not available to the average Bubba.

But the similarities end there. Alexander, a Presbyterian product of the Republican mountains of East Tennessee, is reserved. Clinton, the Baptist son of drinking-and-gambling Hot Springs father, is expansive.

Alexander's other hindrance is his oft-repeated claim to new ideas. Some are intriguing enough, like his support of Sen. Dan Coats's plan to promote tax credits for charities. But others fall flat. His idea for a new branch of the military to police the borders for drugs and illegal immigrants seems unnecessary. Alexander hasn't said what he'd call this force, although I'm hoping it's either the Narco-rines or the Borderettes. Plaid uniforms, of course.

It's also hard to see how Alexander's hyper-federalism is a winning idea. Alexander wants to throw everything back to the states. The Brady bill? Alexander says toss it out; he wants gun laws decided at the local level. He'd kick abortion legislation back to the states, too — although he won't say how he'd overturn Roe v. Wade to allow that to happen. The problem is that devolution — a term that Alexander avoids — remains an idea with limited applicability. Obviously, there ought to be laboratories of democracy. But Alexander ignores the fact that some functions of government are better handled by central authority.

Pollution control, for instance, needs to be federalized lest businesses have to comply with a crazy-quilt of local standards. Lamar, though, would throw most environmental rules back to the states.

Sure, Dole is weak. He's still mumbling about "leadership." When he mounted the dais in Manchester after Buchanan's win he had the makings of a great, indignant speech. "I've been a Republican all my life," he said. The next line could — have been an impassioned melding of message and biography, something like: "... And Bob Dole won't let his party — our country — be brought down by wrong-headed ideas. The last time we tried isolationism, Bob Dole left a piece of himself. Millions perished."

Dole, though, accustomed to having silence imposed by a chairman's gavel before he speaks, seemed flustered, fazed by the Motley Crue of rowdy frat-boy Republicans his staff put on the stage with him. Too bad. If Dole can find his "last dog dies" moment he will have a pretty good shot at being president. The media will fawn. The mainstream GOP will breathe a sigh of relief. And remember: Dole's strengths are Clinton's weaknesses, his mumbling a reassuring contrast to Clinton's slickness. Naomi Wolf, the feminist author, has urged Clinton to portray himself as "the good father." That's nuts. If Clinton's a relative, he's Roger — a ne'er-do-well, strapped for cash, borrowing money. But it's not bad advice for Dole. Unlike Alexander, with his plaid, his exclamation mark and his endless gimmicks, Bob Dole really could be the Good Father, the steady soldier who fought fascism, recaptured his party and stood down Pat.

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Buchanan Showing Strength With Unions

By ROBERT NOVAK

Organized labor's political operatives attending the AFL-CIO convention in Bal Harbour, Fla., privately reported that they will be unable to prevent a massive flow of their members from voting for Pat Buchanan if he wins the Republican presidential nomination.

One such labor insider asserted that Buchanan could win 95 percent of his union's support against President Clinton. That sounds like a gross exaggeration, but it reflects the consensus in labor ranks of Buchanan's appeal because of his positions on international trade and corporate wealth.

Buchanan has no support in the official hierarchy of overwhelmingly Democratic organized labor. But in both Iowa and New Hampshire, labor union members were active in his campaign.

NO HELP FROM FORBES

A high-level emissary from Sen. Bob Dole's campaign sought and failed to get Steve Forbes to drop out of Tuesday's Arizona presidential primary in order to block Pat Buchanan.

According to Dole sources, Forbes was told that his presence could mean a first-place finish for Buchanan in Arizona. That's all right with me, the magazine publisher was reported to reply.

A footnote: The Dole campaign has put out feelers over the last two weeks for Sen. Richard Lugar to withdraw as a candidate — a proposition based on the premise that almost all his votes would go to Dole. Lugar responded that he intends to maintain his candidacy into the indefinite future.

RUSSIAN NON-POLITICS

Well-informed Kremlin watchers in Washington report that there is a 50-50 chance that Russian President Boris Yeltsin will stay in his office the only way possible: by canceling the election scheduled for June 16.

U.S. intelligence sources say there is no chance that Yeltsin, massively unpopular, can be re-elected. Nor is there much chance for reformer Grigory Yavlinsky. The likely president will either be Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov or Gen. Alexander Lebed, a nationalist.

That would be so unacceptable an outcome for Yeltsin that he may issue an edict canceling the election. The Russian president's associates fear they could face criminal charges levied by a new regime.

'PLODDING' REPUBLICANS

Daylong meetings recently between Speaker Newt Gingrich and other key House Republicans adjourned with an aura of pessimism about the course of the second session of the 104th Congress.

The meeting of the SAG (Speaker's Advisory Group), Gingrich's closest colleagues and staffers, was described to me by one participant as "plodding." SAG members went over an unambitious legislative schedule for 1996 — a far cry from the frenetic pace of 1995.

The mood at the meeting was against confronting the president this year. Rather, the Republicans were trying to find bills vetoed by Clinton in 1995 that could be amended sufficiently to win his approval in 1996.

DINGING DINGELL

Rep. John Dingell, longest-serving Democratic member of Congress and one of the most powerful figures during the four-decade Democratic reign over the House, faces his toughest re-election challenge ever in the Detroit area district that his father and he have represented since 1932.

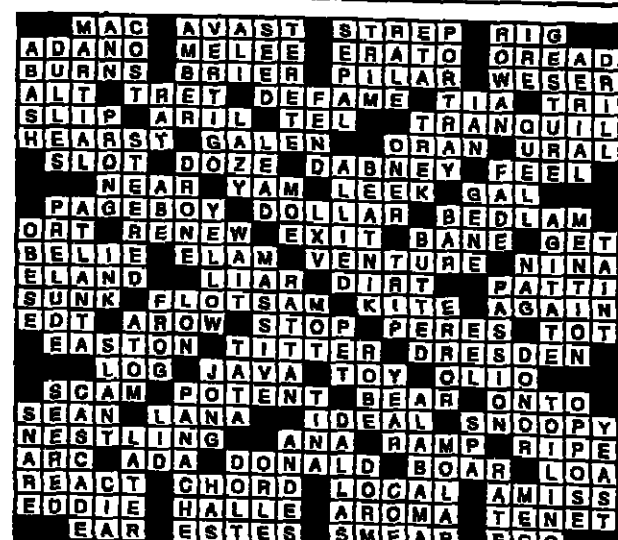
Republicans began eyeing 40-year incumbent Dingell's seat after the 1994 elections, when his Republican opponent, Ken Larkin, won 40 percent of the vote while spending only \$8,000. In contrast, Dingell needed more than \$1 million to retain his office. With the Republican takeover of the House, Dingell lost his chairmanship of the mighty House Energy and Commerce Committee, which he had held since 1981.

Michigan Gov. John Engler persuaded businessman and local Democratic politician James DeSana to switch parties and seek the Republican nomination to run against Dingell this year.

A survey of the Michigan district's residents conducted by the state GOP revealed that the lesser-known DeSana is favored almost 4-3 over Dingell. Dingell's campaign manager called the poll "laughable."

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Independence Day rites, from mallow to militarism

BY SRAYA SHAPIRO

WHEN Independence Day comes around, include mallow in your festive meal. Called *helmis* in Hebrew and *hubeiza* in Arabic, the wild, edible bulb is what Jerusalemites were reduced to eating while under siege during the War of Independence.

Mallow can be a symbol of past trials, in the same way matza, bitter herbs and other foods help us recall the trial of slavery in Egypt and our deliverance from it on Pessah.

Festivities to mark Independence Day were planned so they would be crammed with symbolism. However, the imaginations of those who assumed the task of developing rituals for the new holiday did not stretch very far in that respect.

Prof. Benzion Dinur, the education minister in the early years of the state, used the Pessah seder as the model for suggesting what to do at Independence Day family gatherings. The meal could be accompanied by the reading of an appropriate text, possibly the Declaration of Independence.

A special committee of the Ministry of Industry and Trade recommended an appropriate menu, limited by the austerity of the day: beet broth, fish fillet, Persian rice and a dessert made with kohlrabi.

The rites of Independence Day are examined with academic detachment by Dr. Maoz Azaryahu, of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, in *Fulhamet Medina* ("State Cults," Ben-Gurion University of the Negev Press, 246 pp.). The appeal to families to mark the event together did not take root, Azaryahu notes. Nor did a Festive Scroll, written at the request of the authorities by Avraham Ben-Shoshan and Yitzhak Shalev, gain popularity. Instead, private drinking parties with friends or at large hotels became the rule.

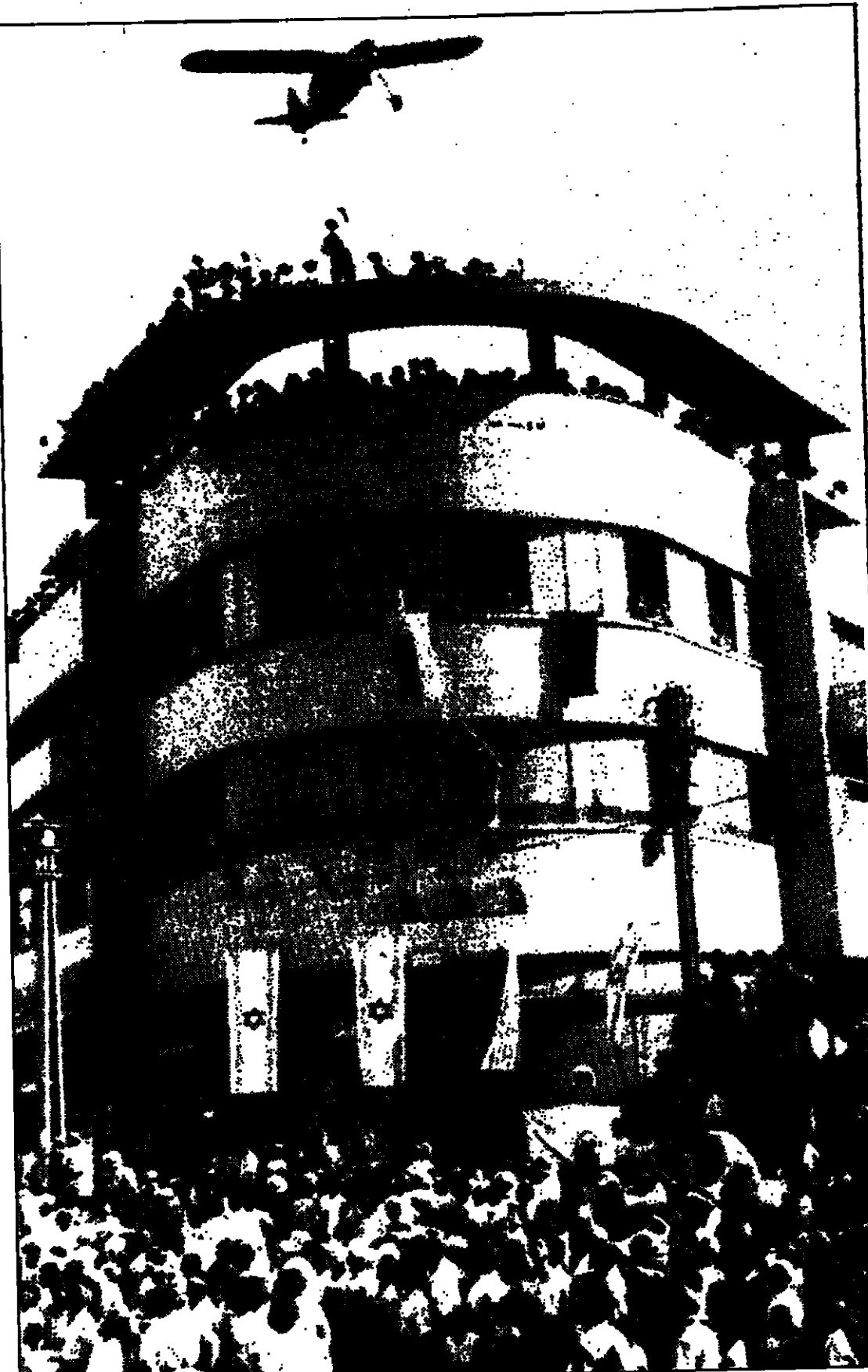
Some people opted for copying the French practice of dancing in the streets on Bastille Day. But there was no similar Jewish tradition except possibly during Purim. The authorities could not channel public displays of happiness back into the home.

A MILITARY parade was a natural choice for a formally sanctioned public celebration; other countries mark their national holidays that way. It boosts public confidence and it serves as a warning to enemies.

The first military parade under the Israeli flag was held in July 1948, a few months after the declaration of independence. The nation's main military parade is usually held at the nation's capital. But in 1948 and 1949, Israel organized several parades in small outlying places, such as Petah Tikva, to mark its 70th birthday; Eilat, to demonstrate that the country would not tolerate attempts to encroach on the Negev; and Acre, which had not been included in the Jewish state under the UN partition plan.

The first formal parade in Tel Aviv, in May 1949, was a resounding fiasco because the enthusiastic crowds blocked the advance of the troops on the city's main thoroughfares. Fireworks, a sure medium to cheer public morale, were hampered by lack of funds. In 1953, only a contribution of \$3,000 from American friends made a fireworks display possible.

Practically since the first Independence Day, the state has published a colorful poster for public display and the Post Office



Crowds at the first official Independence Day parade in Tel Aviv, in 1949, blocked parade routes.

has issued a commemorative stamp. Localities were encouraged to set up stages for entertainment in large gathering places. Over the years, the focus at these events became the young.

Independence Day in Israel is a movable feast, because it is marked according to the Hebrew calendar. The Knesset debated the issue at length, and religious MKs insisted on a Hebrew date, the fifth of Iyar.

Unlike national holidays elsewhere, Israel begins its celebrations right after a day of remembrance for war dead. Associations of bereaved parents had asked that one day a year be devoted to recalling their heroism and sacrifice. But it was the government which decided that this day should be on the eve of Independence Day.

THE ANCIENT Hebrews used to put up knolls of stones to mark sites where notable events took place, such as the crossing of the Jordan River. Several memorials remain here from the Mandate, including the well-known cenotaph in Romema recalling the entry of Gen. Edmund Allenby in Jerusalem. The victims of Tel Hai are honored by the roaring lion sculpted by Melnikov. Barya Lishansky created the memorial figures for the dead of Hulda of 1939.

There is a plethora of sculptures in memory of fallen soldiers. As early as December 1948, a memorial was put up to mark the construction of the "Burma Road" to Jerusalem.

The majority of similar memorials were subscribed by private bodies which wanted to give physical expression to their grief. In large buildings, space is reserved on walls to list the names of fallen soldiers.

Ben-Gurion did not approve of wooden or stone memorials. He did not even favor biographies. Instead, he insisted on publishing whatever creative writings were left by the young men whose lives were cut short. The idea was that of Reuven Grossman, a poet whose son was killed early in the War of Independence.

It would have been unnatural if politically permeated Israeli society for politics to have been completely absent from Independence Day celebrations. When the possibility of a military parade on the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the state was considered, the Labor opposition evoked the specter of "militarism" to deny the Herut-led government the chance to bask in glory. The government, too, preferred a "parade of the undergrounds," to legitimize publicly the role of the IZL and Lehi in the establishment of the state.



Camel drivers on an expedition to the lost kingdom of Niya warm themselves around a campfire and eat watermelon, a valued source of water in the Taklimakan Desert. (Li Xiguang/Washington Post)

A Buddhist shrine in the middle of a lifeless desert

HOUSES with courtyards harbor dead fruit trees and shriveled grapevines. There are stables, graves, reservoirs and even a bridge over the bone-dry bed of the Niya River, which once watered the city.

In the middle of this ghost town where time stopped more than 1,500 years ago is a Buddhist shrine made of sun-dried mud bricks.

This is the once-lost urban center of the Kingdom of Niya, amply chronicled under the name Jing-jue during the Chinese Han period (206 BCE to 220 CE), then largely forgotten. Niya was a small, cosmopolitan city-state, where ancient Chinese peoples and cultures blended with those of India, Persia and Macedonia.

This urban center was a major stop on the Silk Road, the long, overland trading route that linked Han China and the Roman Empire. Camel caravans carried Chinese silk, tea, and porcelain to the west and brought European gold, glassware, and silver to the east. Ideas and cultural traditions also flowed both ways.

Scholars believe Niya's population included soldiers of Alexander the Great, who is thought to have reached the Pamir Mountains just west of Niya during the fourth century BCE.

One of Alexander's expeditionary forces disappeared in the region, legend says.

If Alexander's troops reached Niya, that might account for the Hellenistic style of furniture found there by British explorer Aurel Stein in 1901. Led by a local camel driver, Stein's expedition was the first from modern Europe to find Niya.

He found documents written on wooden tablets in the long dead Kharosthi language. On clay seals on the wooden covering of the tablets, Stein saw depictions of Greek gods, including Eros, Athena and Hercules.

Since Stein's expedition, Niya

has intrigued archeologists worldwide. But not until the 1993 expedition were further major discoveries made.

Like traders bound for Niya 2,000 years ago, the explorers' caravan headed into the Taklimakan desert. It is one of the world's largest deserts, and its heart — unlike that of American deserts which are full of cacti and other plants — is barren.

"Taklimakan," incidentally, is the Uighur phrase for "You come in and no way out."

After 90 km, the caravan came to the Niya River ending near Kabake-Arsihan, a dusty village of 110 Uighur-speaking households. Its residents look more European than Asian, with deep-set eyes, long noses and long heads. Old men grow full beards.

The villagers all know about Niya. Gulnisa, 18, a herder with flashing black eyes and a straight, high nose, said she and her family are their descendants. If that is so, they may be carrying Macedonian blood inherited from Alexander's soldiers.

A 40-year-old farmer, Baikertii, stopped the caravan, climbed onto one of the trucks and loaded aboard three big sacks of watermelons. Paid by the local government to guard the route to Niya, Baikertii would lead the explorers to the site.

"I'm the only person who knows the way to the ruins," he boasted.

The path lay through an extensive poplar forest that had died centuries ago but, due to the preserving desiccation of the desert, remains nearly impenetrable.

At Niya, evidence of long-lost prosperity contrasts sharply with the arid and uninhabited surroundings. Though nearly destroyed, remains of scores of buildings are well exposed above the sand over an area about six km. wide and 22 km. long. Many more probably are buried.

It is easy to visualize the landscape of 1,500 years ago, and to see where streets must have been. Trees still reached into the sky, but they are dead, bare and parched.

The shrine in the middle of town is no longer serenaded by monks humming a chorus of Buddhist scripture, but merely sheltered in the silent shadow of a much larger dune. Believed to be an example of a kind of Graeco-Buddhist art called Ghandana art, the much eroded shrine looks something like a sphinx brooding over the lifeless desert.

Inside a courtyard, living-room doors are open. Stepping into a doorway, one finds a wooden spinning wheel holding a ball of white wool; as if the spinner had halted work moments ago.

Scattered on the ground are jewelry, pieces of bronze mirrors, coins of the Han dynasty, bronze arrows, scissors, swords, knives, blankets and ceramics bearing geometric designs, including one that later would be called a swastika.

"It must have been a chaotic evacuation," says Wang Binghua, director of Xinjiang Archeology Institute and scientific leader of the expedition.

At least a dozen bronze arrowheads are found near a house in the northwest part of town.

"It clearly indicates that a fierce battle must have taken place," he concludes.

Most of the oasis states along the Silk Road were destroyed in wars between the seventh and 10th centuries, when Turks migrated to Xinjiang from Mongolia, and Tibetans came down from the Kunlun Mountains.

Later, when Moslems invaded China's northwestern desert regions, the last of the once dominant Buddhist cultures and states were eliminated. What was did not destroy, the expanding Taklimakan Desert has buried and preserved.

(Washington Post)

The danger of dog packs

EARTHLY CONCERNS
BY D'VORA BEN SHAUL

THE recent attack on a young boy and the man who tried to help him by a group of dogs was something that shocked and alarmed everyone. Unfortunately, the attention of the public was immediately focused on the wrong factor in the incident, as portrayed by irresponsible media reports.

What is at issue here is not the breed of dogs involved or whether they were, as reported, rottweilers. In fact, they were mixed-breed dogs that may have been part rottweiler. But since rottweilers have been involved in the past in attacks on people, everyone was ready to put the blame on a specific breed.

Actually, many breeds have been involved in such incidents, one of them the well-trusted German shepherd, known in Britain as the Alsatian. There was a time when this dog was greatly feared, and with good reason.

But this does not mean the German shepherd is by definition a vicious killer. In the case of this breed, bad breeding and improper handling caused the problem and in the past decade these incidents have stopped.

The problem last week was that

the dogs that attacked the two people were in a pack. Dogs are by nature pack animals and even the nicest, gentlest dog behaves in an entirely different manner when in a pack than it does in the presence of its owners.

When a pack gets excited all discipline disappears and the animal reverts to a wild behavior. There have been cases where packs of dogs ravaged zoo animals, sheep, goats and even calves and foals. Most of these animals were perfectly biddable house pets until they joined in a pack.

In the incident here, all the dogs belonged to one man who allowed them to run free in a pack; but this is not necessarily the etiology of every pack. Ordinary dogs, allowed out on their own, meet other dogs and before you know it a pack has formed.

This is why there should be stricter enforcement of laws that forbid dogs to roam around without restraint. It is ridiculous that the maximum punishment for the owner of these dogs that savaged a child and injured a man

is NIS 250. Animals found running free should be impounded and the owners should not only pay a stiff fine but be required to post a bond ensuring future control of their animals. And the abandoning of animals should be prohibited by

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READY TO ROLL - (From left) George Kaminsky, Leon Blum, Jeff Rabkin, Lawrence Mendelsohn and Haim Miller get set to take on the world. (Israel Sun)

Lawn bowlers head down under Israeli delegation prepares for 1996 World Bowls

DON'T be taken in by the convivial atmosphere at Ra'anana's crowded bowling green - these bowlers are devoted to their sport and the 5-man team going to this month's 32-nation World Bowls in Adelaide, Australia, means business.

The Israeli delegation has to live up to its reputation. In the last World Bowls in Worthing, England, the team finished third overall with Jeff Rabkin clinching the bronze medal.

That was then. This time the team will be without the talents of Cecil Bransky who was unavailable for the trip due to business commitments, while conditions both in Australia and of the tournament do not particularly favor the Israelis.

Besides Bransky, four members who played in Worthing will be in action again with Haim Miller stepping in to fill the gap. The players are Rabkin, Lawrence Mendelsohn, Leon Blum, George Kaminsky and Miller. The first three hail from South Africa while the others are South American; Kaminsky from Uruguay and Miller from Argentina.

A major setback for the Israelis are the Australian greens which are much faster than the local ones.

"Their greens need some getting used to," says team manager Sam Skudowitz, who has skipped for Israel in four World Champion ships, "because the bowler has to play very slowly. The greens make Australia the team to beat."

HEATHER CHAIT

Another drawback is the organization of the tournament this year into four sections from which only one player qualifies. Previously, there were two groups and more games to play so losing one game was not irreparable but now that the 32 players are divided into four sections, each of their seven games becomes more significant. "We'll have to be pretty sharp most of the time," says Skudowitz grimly.

Yet Skudowitz is realistic when analyzing the team's prospects. "Even without Cecil, one of the world's top players, I'm very confident, especially of Jeff in the singles. If he can control his naturally buoyant temperament at the right moment, he can win the gold. His overall ability and knowledge of the game put him in the top class."

Norman Spiro, press officer, jumps in. "The guy who wins the singles will have to beat Jeff."

In 1992, Rabkin was unlucky to miss the gold. Having won nine consecutive games, he squandered a 19-9 lead against the weak Argentinian player to lose 21-20 and settle for third place.

His main competition this time will be from the South African and Canadian players who have been drawn in his section.

The pairs team of Kaminsky leading and Miller skipping have landed Scotland and

South Africa in their division and face the sternest test while Rabkin (skipping) teams up with Mendelsohn and Blum in the trips. Their combined experience should help but as luck would have it, they have drawn Australia in their first game which is also the opening game of the tournament on March 18.

Bowls may not compare with bungee jumping for thrill value, but in Australia it is a religion and one in every 15 people indulge in the sport so the pressure at the first game will be paramount.

Much of the responsibility falls on Rabkin who is optimistic about his chances. "I'm quietly confident," he says, "but it will be very hard. Without Cecil's knowledge, the team is obviously not as strong as in 1992 and the new arrangement is very cutthroat - before there were 14 singles games, now there are only seven."

"So there are no second chances."

"This schedule also allows for more free time and it'll be an even tougher job to keep the adrenalin going on days when I'm not playing."

Rabkin, Mendelsohn and Blum left for Australia last week to play in a singles tournament with the rest of the team departing on Tuesday.

How does Rabkin intend to counter the pressure placed on him? "My chemist has given me a whole box of valium to take whenever I need one!"

Titanium driver the latest craze in golf

NEW YORK (AP) - What's the absolutely, positively, can't-live-without-it, gotta-have-one-in-your-bag innovation in golf?

Titanium.

No, it's not the stuff that makes Superman double-bogey. Titanium is golf's newest fuel for its ever-rising rocket.

"Stainless steel will be jettisoned and we're going into a whole new area," said Mark McClure, president and CEO of Cobra Golf Inc. "Somewhere between 15 and 20 million titanium woods will be sold in the next three to five years."

As reliable as Ben Crenshaw over a two-footer, the golf industry has found something new to hang its visor on every couple of Ryder Cups. The industry leaders have seen their sales rise like one of Greg Norman's towering tee shots.

Perimeter-weighted clubs, graphite shafts, oversized woods and irons are but a few of the recent favorites.

"It's not so much a brand-driven industry as it is a product-driven industry," McClure said.

Ping, Taylor Made, then Callaway and Cobra, have grown with escalating sales that have resulted in company mergers and acquisitions that have taken golf from the sports pages to the A section.

And now, it's titanium's turn in the spotlight, as witnessed by a slew of new clubs at the annual PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando.

Titanium is a metal that's harder but lighter than steel. In its raw form, it's also harder to find than your last slice into the woods, so it's not cheap. But manufacturers are gambling huge investments that golfers of all handicaps will want this precious metal in their bags. There are only four foundries worldwide that can pour titanium, and Cobra has a deal with a foundry in Pomona.

"This game is going to be over by the end of '96," McClure predicted. "By the time new foundries come on board, it will be too late. If you're not No. 1 or No. 2, you're going to lose the game."

Cobra has added an extra twist that it feels will make it the titanium leader, just like its King Cobra oversized irons top that market segment. The designers at Cobra are building their titanium woods with specific but varied handicappers in mind.

"We're building clubs meant to help golfers immediately," said Rob Hirsch, vice president of product development at Cobra.

The King Cobra titanium drivers will vary not only in lofts, but also in the design of the club. The shallower the loft, meant for the better player, the smaller the head and less pronounced the runners on the sole plate. As the loft climbs in degrees to 10.5 and 11.5, the head increases in both overall size and face size, enlarging the "sweet spot" for the less-accomplished player.

"The beginner doesn't have to learn the game any longer with clubs meant for professionals," Hirsch said.

The face angle will also change with the loft. The higher handicapper will grip a club with a more "closed" face, thus helping to square the club at impact and straightening the ball's flight. Sort of like training wheels.

Cobra makes its own shafts and finishes the titanium heads at its Carlsbad plant. It also has developmental projects under way that could allow it to make its own heads, rather than have an outside foundry pour them.

All this means that titanium will be put to the test on the course as consumers try this latest innovation. McClure says Cobra's tests have shown that golfers play better with titanium woods than current woods.

Cobra will introduce its King Cobra Ti at \$367, cheapest on the market.

Other titanium drivers, including from Taylor Made and Callaway, sell for \$500.

Cobra was the first company on the market with oversized irons. On December 18 it agreed to be acquired by tobacco and consumer-products conglomerate American Brands Inc. for about \$700 million.

Braves' Klesko likes to walk on the wild side

ST. PETERSBURG (AP) - Baseball is the meal ticket for Ryan Klesko, the sport that figures to make him a very rich man some day. Still, he doesn't feel like protecting his investment.

Whether it's scuba diving 80 feet down in the Atlantic Ocean or accompanying police on raids of crack houses, the Atlanta Braves outfielder attacks life with the same intensity he shows toward a hanging curve.

"The pitchers enjoy golfing and a lot of the guys enjoy playing basketball," pitcher Tom Glavine said. "Everybody's got stuff they like doing - it just so happens with Ryno, whether it's surfing or boar hunting, his tend to be a little more dangerous than an 18-hole stroll on the golf course."

Klesko likes to talk about the time he was snorkeling in the Bahamas and encountered an eel. "I had shot a red snapper fish and I went down to get it, and the eel actually grabbed the pole and actually snatched my fish off the pole," he said. "He was a big eel, too."

Police work is another passion. A friend who also happens to be a member of the Palm Beach SWAT team has taken Klesko along on several raids during the offseason.

"I've always had respect for what they do," he said. "They go out and risk their lives every day to keep drugs off the street. It's just overwhelming how many people out there are getting into the drug scene. The police don't have enough help as it is."

Klesko said he wouldn't mind becoming a police officer himself some day, but his more immediate pursuit is becoming a full-fledged star with the defending World Series champion.

Last year for the Braves, he hit 310 with 23 homers and 73 RBIs in a partial platoon role. This year, the Braves believe he is ready to play full time, setting himself up for a big-money contract when he becomes eligible for arbitration in 1997.

Still, he doesn't seem to worry about ruining a lifetime of financial security with offseason activi-

ties that the normal person might consider foolhardy.

Take scuba diving, for instance. "That's kind of dangerous, but I don't do it too much," Klesko said. "You've got your safety vest. If you get in trouble, you can yank on it and it'll shoot you right to the top."

Klesko said he also takes precautions when he goes out with the SWAT team, usually on raids against homes where drugs are being sold.

"You go into a classroom and study the house, study the people you're probably going to be arresting, if there are any weapons," he said. "I'll tell you, these guys are really good and they really train hard. I think they've only had to shoot one guy in the last four years."

Klesko also likes to go bow hunting for wild boars, and he went surfing off the coast of Costa Rica before reporting to training camp.

"I used to be scary when I was younger and I surfed the bigger waves in California," said Klesko, who grew up in that state. "It's kind of a naster wave in California. You get the rip currents and everything. I tend to keep it easy when I surf now. I really take precautions and it's a good workout for the back and arms."

Since the 24-year-old Klesko is still too young for a guaranteed, long-term contract, the Braves insist they aren't concerned about his offseason activities.

"Young guys do exciting and interesting things," general manager John Schuerholz said. "If he puts himself at risk, it's entirely his risk."

Klesko's teammates feel like he might curtail his list of hobbies once he starts making the really big money. Glavine remembers how former Braves outfielder Ron Gant was cut by the team two years ago after he broke his leg in a motorcycle accident.

"I'm sure as Ryno gets a little older and is making a little more money," Glavine said. "I'm sure he'll be more careful because he's going to have more to lose."

Sri Lanka defeats India by 6 wickets

NEW DELHI (Reuters) - A blazing batting display by Sanath Jayasuriya set Sri Lanka up for a thrilling six-wicket win over India in their World Cup Group A match yesterday, despite another brilliant century by Sachin Tendulkar.

Chasing India's 271 for three, Sri Lanka scored 272 for four with eight balls remaining after Jayasuriya and fellow opener Ramesh Kaluwitharana had launched a tremendous onslaught, blasting the first 50 from only 28 deliveries.

Manoj Prabhakar was hit out of the attack after conceding 33 in just two overs, but India looked to be regaining control after Jayasuriya was third out for a 76-ball 79.

However, Hashan Tilakaratne and captain Arjuna Ranatunga shared a superb, unbroken fifth-wicket partnership of 131 to ensure victory.

It left Sri Lanka, once regarded as the whipping boys of World Cup cricket, undefeated and top of their group.

Tendulkar had earlier looked to have made the match safe for India as he powered his way to 137, his highest in one-day internationals and scored at exactly a run a ball.

It was his second century of the tournament and he and captain Mohammad Azharuddin, who made 72 not out, put on 175 for the third wicket before Tendulkar was run out in the final over.

The Sri Lankan openers assault on the Indian bowling was astonishing and stunned the packed crowd at the Feroz Shah Kotla stadium.

Kaluwitharana fell to a brilliant, diving catch by Anil Kumble in the covers after hitting 26 off only 16 balls, but the run rate hardly faltered with 71 coming off the first seven overs.

Asanka Gurusinha helped keep up the pace before he was run out after making 25 in 27 deliveries. The tempo slackened but Sri Lanka had still reached 137 in the 21st over when Jayasuriya's wonderful display came to an end as he lofted a high drive to Prabhakar at long-off.



SWEPT AWAY - Dutch opener Peter Cantrell (background) sweeps a delivery on his way to 47 against the UAE. (Reuters)

earlier capitulated for 154 in 45.3 overs.

The African team were unable to deal with Wahe on a pitch which offered some turn. The blond leg spinner finished with four for 34 and regularly beat the bat.

The result lifted Australia alongside group leaders Sri Lanka on six points with one game to play against West Indies in Jaipur tomorrow.

Zimbabwe's decision to bat first on a relatively small ground after winning the toss probably saved them from even more punishment, but few of their batsmen justified skipper Andy Flower's confidence in them.

Only opener Andy Waller, who held the Zimbabwe innings together until the 36th over with a sensible 67, offered prolonged resistance and a disciplined Australian performance in the field gave them little respite.

When Waller was run out attempting a second leg-bye to Glenn McGrath at third man just when his side needed to consolidate, it signaled the beginning of the end and the last five wickets fell for just 28 runs.

No batsmen was comfortable against Wahe, who achieved prodigious runs at times and removed Zimbabwean captain Andy Flower in classic fashion in mid-innings.

The left-handed Flower failed to pick a beautifully flighted googly and was smartly stumped by rival wicketkeeper Ian Healy for seven.

Healy and Wahe then combined to remove Craig Evans, who top-edged an attempted sweep and was caught by a diving Healy in the region of leg slip for a brief but violent 18, ensuring

Waugh and Mark Taylor could launch the Australian reply under minimal pressure.

UAE - Netherlands

A dazzling 84 by opener Saleem Raza and a five-wicket haul by Shaikat Dukanwala propelled the United Arab Emirates to its first World Cup victory on Friday when they beat the Netherlands by seven wickets in Lahore, Pakistan.

Raza's 68-ball innings thrilled the small crowd of 4,500 in Lahore's Gaddafi stadium as the UAE pulled off an unexpected win in what had been billed as the battle of the minnows.

After the more experienced Dutch had scored a modest 216 for nine off their 50 overs in the group B clash, the UAE raced to 220 for three with 28 balls to spare.

Raza, a 30-year-old right-hander, plundered seven fours and six sixes during his 77-minute innings.

He seemed set for the fastest century of the competition when he was caught by Bas Zander at long-on off Dutch skipper Steven Lubbers.

Raza now holds the distinction of hitting the most sixes in the competition, overtaking Sri Lanka's Asanka Gurusinha who struck five against Zimbabwe at Colombo on February 21.

The victory enabled the UAE to end its group campaign on a happy note after dismal defeats in its first four outings.

FRIDAY

Australia - Zimbabwe

Mark Waugh and Shane Wahe gave Zimbabwe a lesson in top-class cricket on Friday as Australia improved its World Cup run-rate with a rapid eight-wicket victory in the Group A match in Nagpur, India.

Wahe, the first man to score successive Cup centuries, helped himself to 76 not out and would have almost certainly made it three tons in a row had Australia been chasing more than 155.

They reached their target with 14 overs to spare after Zimbabwe had

India

S.Tendulkar run out 137
M.Prabhakar c Gurusinha b Pushpalunara 74
S.Menghraj c Kaluwitharana b Dharmasena 32
R.Mohammed not out 18
V.Kambli not out 22
Extras (b-4, lb-7, w-1) 22
Total (for three wickets - 50 overs) 271
Fall of wickets: 1-27 (24.3 overs)
Bowling: Wahe 5-0-37-3 (14), Pushpalunara 8-0-55-7 (17), Dharmasena 10-1-42-0 (11), Prabhakar 8-0-53-1 (11), Jayasuriya 10-0-52-0, Ranatunga 4-0-22-0

Martin doubtful for clash with Pakistan

KARACHI (Reuters) - England seam bowler Peter Martin may miss today's World Cup Group B match against Pakistan after suffering a recurrence of a long-standing back injury.

Martin was forced to miss Friday's practice game against the Karachi City Cricket Association at the Gymkhana Club which England lost by five wickets to deepen the gloom on top of their checkered form in the early tournament games.

Team manager Ray Illingworth said: "Peter has had the problem since he was 18 and it strikes him occasionally."

"His back is sore, but he has been swimming this morning and will do the same tomorrow in an attempt to ease the problem."

Neil Fairbrother is also rated as a slight doubt for today's match after tweaking a hamstring while batting. The Lancashire player was able to field, however, and should be fit.

Illingworth scotched suggestions wicketkeeper Jack Russell would be dropped to make way for an extra batsman.

Russell, who along with Graham Thorpe, batted for the KCCA side, made 25 from 36 balls and afterwards Illingworth said: "Jack will definitely play on Sunday."

Russell and Thorpe, with 32 in 33 balls, played important roles as the KCCA side, chasing 265, won the 50 overs game with five balls to spare.

Discarded Pakistan wicketkeeper Moin Khan, who led the KCCA side, ensured the victory with an unbeaten 46 from 36 balls.

Earlier, England had scored 264 for six, with captain Mike Atherton returning to form with 51 from 57 balls.

Against a side also boasting former Pakistan leg-spinner Iqbal Sikander, who claimed two for 37, all-rounder Dermot Reeve pressed his claims for a place in today's line-up with an attractive 82 in 91 balls, and Fairbrother made 44 from 57 deliveries.

Robin Smith, who has yet to play in this World Cup following groin and calf injuries, did his prospects of selection little good, making just 24 after opening the innings.

Illingworth said afterwards: "The defeat isn't disastrous as the main thing was to get all seven batsmen some time in the middle, which we have done."

"What's important is that we have had three great days of practice, the wicket was a bit quicker than we have had elsewhere and our preparations couldn't have been better for Sunday's match."

Atherton managed to commit another public relations blunder less than a week after being forced into an apology when he called a local reporter in Rawalpindi a "buffoon".

KCCA officials held a presentation ceremony in front of the pavilion after the match, but when Atherton was called forward he was absent and vice-captain Alec Stewart had to deputize.

It was later revealed Atherton had been in the bathroom, but that was a case of unfortunate timing as far as the captain was concerned with England's popularity at a low ebb following a series of unfortunate incidents.

In addition to Atherton's "buffoon" gaffe, there were allegations earlier in the tournament that England had tried to bribe a groundsman to provide practice facilities at Peshawar.

SRI LANKA

S.Jayasuriya c Prabhakar b Kumble 79
M.Azharuddin c Kumble b Prasad 72
A.Gurusinha c Kumble b Prasad 26
A.de Silva c Mongia b Kumble 8
A.Panathuram not out 49
S.Tendulkar not out 137
Extras (b-4, lb-7, w-1) 22
Total (for three wickets - 50 overs) 271
Fall of wickets: 1-27 (24.3 overs)
Bowling: Wahe 5-0-37-3 (14), Pushpalunara 8-0-55-7 (17), Dharmasena 10-1-42-0 (11), Prabhakar 8-0-53-1 (11), Jayasuriya 10-0-52-0, Ranatunga 4-0-22-0

THE NETHERLANDS

Norvan Clarke c Atherton b Illingworth 47
Flavian Aponso c and b Dukanwala 59
Tim de Looze c and b Saleem 28
Steven Lubbers c Zander b Dukanwala 21
Steven Lubbers c Zander b Dukanwala 21
Roland Leferink c sub b Dukanwala 18
Bas Zander c Atherton b Dukanwala 15
Marcel Scholten b Dukanwala 5
Robert van Oosterom not out 18
Extras (b-2, lb-1, w-1) 11
Total 216 for nine wickets
Fall of wickets: 1-21 (15.3 overs), 2-28 (15.3 overs), 3-77 (15.3 overs), 4-152 (15.3 overs), 5-216 (15.3 overs)
Bowling: Raza 5-0-37-3 (14), Saleem 8-0-41-0 (14), Dukanwala 10-0-53-1 (11), Dharmasena 10-0-52-0, Prasad 4-0-22-0
Batting time: 208 minutes; Overs: 50

ZIMBABWE

Grant Flower b Glenn McGrath 45
Andrew Waller run out 27
Guy Whitham c and b Shane Wahe 6
Alistair Campbell c Mark Waugh b Shane Wahe 5
Extras (b-2, lb-1, w-1) 11
Total 154 for nine wickets
Fall of wickets: 1-15 (6.3 overs), 2-27 (6.3 overs), 3-45 (6.3 overs), 4-77 (6.3 overs), 5-152 (6.3 overs)
Bowling: Wahe 5-0-37-3 (14), Pushpalunara 8-0-55-7 (17), Dharmasena 10-1-42-0 (11), Prabhakar 8-0-53-1 (11), Jayasuriya 10-0-52-0, Ranatunga 4-0-22-0

AUSTRALIA

Mark Taylor c Brian Strang b Paul Strang 34
Mark Waugh not out 76
Ricky Ponting c and b Paul Strang 33
Shane Waugh not out 5
Extras (b-2, lb-1, w-1) 10
Total (in 36 overs for two wickets) 154
Fall of wickets: 1-52 (21.5 overs), 2-152 (21.5 overs)
Bowling: Strang 10-0-28-0, Lock 4-0-25-0, Strang 4-0-20-0, Whittam 2-0-11-0, Strang 10-0-52-0, Peall 4-0-20-0, Flower 3-0-12-0

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Wilkens gets 1,000th win

ATLANTA (AP) - Lenny Wilkens, already the winningest coach in NBA history, reached another milestone Friday night by getting his 1,000th victory as the Atlanta Hawks defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers, 74-68.

Craig Ehlo sealed it with a 3-pointer with 42.1 seconds remaining to give Atlanta a 71-62 lead. Wilkens now has a coaching record of 1,000-838 in his 23-year career.

The Hawks took over in the third quarter, limiting Cleveland to 17-of-27 shooting from the field and just 8 points, tying a Hawks record for fewest points in a match against an opponent in a 12-minute period. The Cavaliers finished just 26-of-74 for 35 percent.

UConn ends season on winning note

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - Ray Allen scored 31 points and No. 4 Connecticut broke its own record for Big East Conference wins in a season with an 87-58 victory over Seton Hall yesterday.

The Huskies (27-2, 17-1) finished 16-2 each of the last seasons in the league in becoming the first school to ever win consecutive outright league titles. With the split into divisions for this season, the conference did not recognize an overall champion.

CONNECTICUT 87, SETON HALL 58
CONNECTIONICUT (27-2)
Key 4-0 4-4, Johnson 5-5 0-1 10, Knight 1-5 4-4 8, Sheffer 4-7 0-0 10, Allen 19-23 0-0 51, Jones 3-4 0-0 8, Moore 4-5 0-1 8, Hayward 1-2 1-2 3, Inyanidin 0-1 0-0 0, Strub 0-0 0-0 0, Klaber 0-0 0-0 0, Carson 0-1 0-0 0, Tobias 35-52 9-12 87.

Tottenham makes most of top clubs' inactivity

LONDON (Reuter) - Tottenham took advantage of the absence of the top four in the Premier League yesterday to consolidate fifth place with a 1-0 win at home to struggling Southampton.

A 63rd minute header from Jason Dozzell lifted Tottenham to 48 points, one behind fourth-placed Aston Villa, but 13 off leaders Newcastle.

Villa visits third-placed Liverpool today, while Newcastle is at home to second-placed Manchester United tomorrow in a match sure to have a huge effect on the eventual outcome of the title.

In other action yesterday, Everton moved into sixth place with a 2-0 win at hapless Middlesbrough, displacing Arsenal which could only draw 1-1 at London rivals Queen's Park Rangers, who remained one from bottom.

Brazilian defender Branco came on for Middlesbrough with 10 minutes left and shot narrowly wide on his debut for his new club but it was all too little too late.

Bottom club Bolton, thrashed 6-0 at home by Manchester United last Sunday, bounced back with a battling 1-0 victory at unpredictable Leeds.

Nottingham Forest warmed up for its UEFA Cup quarter-final first leg against Bayern Munich in Germany on Tuesday with a comfortable 3-1 win at Sheffield Wednesday.

Northern Ireland international Steve Lomas slotted home a late equalizer to lift Manchester City out of the bottom three with a 1-1 draw at home to Blackburn after Alan Shearer had scored first for the outgoing champions.

Southampton's defeat dropped them into the relegation zone as Wimbledon and big-spending Coventry, like fellow strugglers QPR, also managed a point.

Coventry drew 2-2 at home to West Ham with all the goals coming in the first 22 minutes.

Wimbledon came from behind

PREMIER LEAGUE: Coventry 2, West Ham 2; Leeds 0, Bolton 1; Manchester City 1, Blackburn 1; Middlesbrough 0, Everton 2; Queens Park Rangers 1, Arsenal 1; Sheffield Wednesday 1, Nottingham Forest 3; Tottenham 1, Southampton 0; Wimbledon 1, Chelsea 1.

Table with columns: Team, W, D, L, F, A, Pts

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ERLICH loses in satellite final. Eyal Erlich lost a closely contested final of the first stage of the Club Hotel Eilat satellite in Ashkelon yesterday.

Erlich, Israel's No. 2 player and third seed for the tournament, narrowly lost two tie-breakers against fourth seed Bing Pan of China, 7-6(7/4), 7-6(7/3).

Pan is ranked 10 places lower in the world than Erlich at 275.

Erlich was also downed in the doubles final where he was partnered by Lior Mor. The duo of Ravi Widenfeld, who surprised with his winning play in the singles, and Czech Adolf Musil, beat them 7-5, 6-2.

In Friday's singles semifinals,



BACK TROUBLE - Tottenham's David Wells is challenged from behind by Southampton's Jim Magilton during yesterday's Premier League match. (AP)

to draw 1-1 at home to Chelsea in a dress rehearsal of their FA Cup quarter-final next week.

Paul Furlong put Chelsea ahead after 35 minutes, but defender Steve Clarke suffered the agony of scoring an own goal for the second successive match just two minutes later.

At Tottenham, Dozzell's firm header, his first goal for five months, was enough to condemn Southampton to its second consecutive league defeat.

The visitors should have grabbed a point two minutes from time after Matthew Le Tissier, back in midfield after a bout of tonsillitis, delivered a glorious

ball which left Neil Shipperley with a clear sight of goal.

But Shipperley's rising shot was touched over by goalkeeper Ian Walker.

Middlesbrough's desperate run continued with another defeat, its ninth in the last 10 games. The Everton goals came from midfielder Tony Grant in the 28th minute and an Andy Hincliffe penalty on the stroke of halftime.

Bryan Robson's men stayed seventh from the bottom but are on such a slide and face such a tough run-in that relegation begins to look a real possibility.

DIVISION TWO: Bournemouth 0, Oxford United 1; Bradford 2, York 2; Brighton 0, Bradford 0; Bristol Rovers 2, Shrewsbury 1; Burnley 0, Blackpool 1; Carlisle 0, Stockport 1; Notts County 1, Hall 0; Peterborough 0, Chesterfield 1; Swansea 2, Bristol City 1; Walsall 3, Rotherham 1; Wrexham 2, Crewe 3; Wycombe 1, Swindon 2.

DIVISION THREE: Bury 3, Scunthorpe 0; Chester 4, Cardiff 0; Doncaster 1, Darlington 2; Fulham 1, Lincoln 2; Gillingham 1, Northampton 0; Leyton Orient 0, Colchester 1; Mansfield 2, Barnet 1; Plymouth 1, Grimsby 0; Preston 1, Rochdale 2; Scarborough 1, Hartlepool 2; Torquay 0, Exeter 2; Wigan 3, Cambridge United 1.

SCOTTISH PREMIER: Aberdeen 3, Kilmarnock 0; Celtic 4, Hearts 0; Motherwell 1, Falkirk 0; Partick Thistle 0, Raith Rovers 3.

Table with columns: Team, P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts

IRON LEWIS AND DEREK FATTAL from the onset.

Avi Lieberman scored first, in the sixth minute, followed by late strikes by Roman Filipchuk (84) and Sharon Ts'bin (90).

Hapoel Tel Aviv, Zafirira Hilon 0 Hapoel Tel Aviv sunk Zafirira Hilon deeper into trouble at Bloomfield, Sagi Elyan's goal doing the damage for the home team in the 63rd minute.

Mac. Jaffa 1, Hapoel Beit She'an 0
Avi Pitoussi's goal 36th minute in Friday's only National League game was only speck more trouble for the visiting Beit She'an, it also led to the dismissal of their coach, Eli Guttman, who was shown the door by the Beit She'an management.

Mac. Herzliya 2, Hapoel FT 0
Herzliya's improved run of late continues, as Alex Barnecher (63) and Yair Simhon (82) scored to sink Petah Tikva in the early game in Herzliya.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns: Team, Pts

SECOND DIVISION

Table with columns: Team, Pts

Bet. Jerusalem loses ground to Mac. TA

BETAR Jerusalem, the team many street punters have tipped to take the title away from champions Maccabi Tel Aviv, lost significant ground in the 20th round of National League action played over the weekend.

Betar was surprisingly held to a goalless draw away to Hapoel Beersheba, ensuring a frustrating journey back to the capital for the Jerusalem fans who had expected their side to come away with three easy points.

Leader Maccabi Tel Aviv did not have an easy time against lowly Hapoel Kfar Sava, and will be thankful that Eli Drkos was in goal-scoring mood, extending the Tel Avivians' lead at the top to five points.

While Betar faltered, the other main title contender, Maccabi Haifa, managed a relatively comfortable 3-0 away victory against Ironi Rishon LeZion which takes them into second place above the Jerusalemites on goal difference.

Haifa's match, played in Herzliya's municipal stadium, was plunged into darkness just before the half hour as the floodlighting system failed for the third time in two seasons.

Play resumed after a 15-minute delay. Fortunately, there was a relatively small turnout for the match, so no threat was caused to public safety, but the power outage hit Channel Two's live match, and can only harm the reputation of the sport in the eyes of hundreds of thousands of spectators.

At the bottom of the table, Maccabi Jaffa climbed three places by virtue of a slim victory over fellow-struggler Hapoel Beit She'an. The result proved the end of the road for Beit She'an coach Eli Guttman, who looks likely to be replaced by former Ironi Ashdod coach Shiyu Feigenbaum.

In the Second Division, leaders Hapoel Taiba were held to a draw at Hapoel Bat Yam, while Hapoel Jerusalem reduced the gap at the top to four points, with a useful away win over Hapoel Hadera. The two leading sides are beginning to pull away from the rest of the pack.

Ironi Rishon 0, Mac. Haifa 3
Rishon managed to frustrate the Haifaies for the first 70 minutes of this rather dull game. The loss of floodlights came almost as a relief from the lack of action on the pitch.

Shavi Eimelech in the Rishon goal pulled off two good first-half saves to deny Ronny Levy and Haim Silvas. The Haifaies survived a rare scare

could also clinch the triple crown when it meets Ireland at Twickenham in two weeks' time.

Scotland, full of attacking flair in its three previous wins, was seldom allowed to run the ball, although a superb break by fly-half Gregor Townsend from deep in Scotland's half deserved a try that might have transformed the match. Townsend was stopped just short of the line.

Ireland finally lived up to its pre-season publicity. Both sides went

into the match on a calm, spring afternoon at Lansdowne Road without a win in the championship and it was the home side which was to triumph, outscoring the Welsh by four tries to two.

Ireland, uncharacteristically confident before the start of the season, faltered against Scotland and flourished against France in its opening matches.

Five Nations Championship

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Kutler breaks national record
Olympic qualifier Dan Kutler broke a national swim record yesterday when he clocked 57:39 in the hundred-meter individual medley competition during an exhibition race held at Jerusalem's Philip Lown Community Center. Kutler broke Yoav Bruck's record by 13 hundredths of a second.

"I have a very good chance of putting Israel on the map in the Olympics," the US-born swimmer said.

Rangers, Leafs in four-player deal
Concerned about a lack of size, the New York Rangers have acquired hefty Sergio Momesso and Bill Berg from Toronto.

The Rangers sent Wayne Presley and Nick Kypreos to the Maple Leafs on Thursday, and indicated they might not be through dealing.

Momesso is a left wing who has seven goals and 15 points in 54 games. Momesso, 30, has 112 penalty minutes this season after being acquired from Vancouver last summer.

Belle fined \$50,000
Cleveland outfielder Albert Belle was fined \$50,000 Thursday, the largest monetary penalty ever given to a baseball player, for his behavior toward a television reporter during the World Series.

Belle went into a profane tirade aimed at NBC reporter Hannah Storm prior to Game 3 of the World Series.

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Dow closes up FTSE rises

WALL STREET REPORT WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

NEW YORK (AP) -- Stocks closed mixed Friday, with the Dow Jones industrials helped higher with bonds, after swinging widely.

The Dow industrial average ended up 50.94 points to close at 5,536.56, ending in the positive column for the first time this week.

Traders said computerized trading was responsible for some of the sharp moves in the Dow. "The Dow is trading like a pork-belly future," said Larry Wachtel, a market analyst Pri-

dential Securities. "It swings like a commodity with no rhyme or reason, no connection to facts and figures, or to announcements."

Advancing issues led decliners on the New York Stock Exchange by about 5 to 4 late in the day. Big Board volume was moderately heavy, and broad indexes were mixed.

"They're whacking technology around," Wachtel said, "and that stemmed from Compaq."

LONDON (Reuters) -- Renewed hopes for lower UK interest rates carried the FTSE index to within shouting distance of its record highs before a downturn in the Dow helped pull the UK index off its peaks by the close.

A surge in UK government gilts provided the main propellant for the FTSE 100, which closed 25.1 higher at 3,752.7, up 12.4 on the week.

JOHANNESBURG -- Shares jumped marginally in late trade on renewed institutional interest after see-sawing in dull trade throughout the day, starting stagnant and finding an encouragement from Wall Street after its overnight losses, industrial shares inched up by noon before trying and falling to just above opening levels in quiet afternoon trade.

The all-share index was up 7.4 points to 6,712.5, falling 54.8

from last week, the Industrial index rose 17.1 to 8,323.4, down 69.5 from last Friday and the Gold index gained 11 points to 1,797.1, rising 50.3 from February 23.

TOKYO -- Stocks ended a volatile day modestly higher after the Bank of Japan's quarterly "Tankan" survey of corporate sentiment, which showed a less strong economy than many investors had expected, eased worries about an imminent rise in market interest rates.

The Nikkei average index ended up 43.26 points, or 0.21%, to 20,168.63, a fall of 131.75 from seven days ago.

HONG KONG -- Stocks ended moderately higher in thin trade, closely tracking index futures moves. The blue-chip Hang Seng Index jumped 69.26 points to 11,194.94, down 195.47 from last week.

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New York market indexes table listing DJ Industrials, S&P 500, etc.

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Stocks return to more typical volatility

WALL STREET WEEK

NEW YORK (AP) -- Fasten your Quotron.

The recent volatility in stocks has led some investors to wonder whether their quote machines have gone kablooey.

They haven't. Stocks -- especially high-profile, blue-chip issues -- have taken some wild rides on an intraday basis lately, with the Dow Jones industrials swinging as much as 100 points on three different days in the last two weeks.

"Volatility in general has been on the rise," said Greg Nee, senior vice president for technical research at Everen Securities in Chicago.

Anecdotal evidence is that the swings have been substantial lately.

The Chicago Board of Options Exchange's market volatility index, which measures traders' expectations of market volatility, rose to a weekly high of 19.34 this past Thursday from 16.80 on February 16. The index closed the week at 17.96, up from 10.56 on December 4.

For the most part, investors have taken the market's volatility in stride. Analysts are quick to point out that volatility on a percentage basis is not that high.

Compared to the Dow's record high closing level of 5,630.49 on February 23, a 100-point move represents less than 1.8 percent. That is dwarfed by the intraday moves of 10% or more that were regular in late 1987.

The market only looks jittery now only because it has had a relative lack of volatility for several years, said Tony Spare, chairman of Spare, Kaplan, Biscail and Associates in San Francisco. "All that we're going to do is just have a return to normal from very abnormal conditions."

The market typically gets more volatile when it is about to end a major move, either up or down, said Bernard Schaeffer, president of Investment Research Institute Inc. in Cincinnati.

"We don't happen to believe that we're putting in anything like the ultimate topping of the market," Schaeffer said.

Dollar increases against yen

CURRENCY REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) -- The dollar rose against the yen Friday as expectations for an interest rate hike in Japan faded. The greenback gained against the German mark, which was sold in favor of higher-yielding currencies.

The dollar began the week slumping against the yen even as the Bank of Japan was thought to

be intervening on the greenback's behalf. The dollar ended the week, however, higher than it started.

The dollar's rise against the yen was capped by the release Friday of the Tankan report, which showed the Japanese economy improving, but slowly.

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LIGHT MUSIC

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INDIGO is a six-man vocal group from France, comprising two countertenors, a tenor, a baritone, a bass and a pianist, whose repertoire bounces from Bach to Ellington...

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MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

REOWNED Italian violinist Salvatore Accardo is the guest of the Israel Chamber Orchestra, performing the two Beethoven romances for violin and orchestra and the 22nd concerto for violin and orchestra by Viotti...

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THE Dance Library hosts a special evening tonight (8:30) featuring Birgit Collberg's Lies & Video Dance. In cooperation with the Swedish Embassy.

OPERETTA

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OPERETTA fans can catch the Bacharest Light Opera in the full stage production of Victoria and Her Lover featuring some of Romania's best-known singers...



Val Kilmer plays a high-stakes thief in the crime drama 'Heat.'

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FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★ HEAT - Al Pacino and Robert De Niro, the Zeus and Poseidon of contemporary American film realism, share just two scenes in Michael Mann's film. The whole movie, however, feels pitched inevitably toward their confrontation...

The looming presence of the two actors - who play a ruthless professional criminal and a dedicated Los Angeles police detective - lends the picture a fascinating singleness and unrelenting forward thrust.

WHAT'S ON

TELEVISION

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Panel okays bill making confessions through torture inadmissible

THE ministerial committee on legislation approved a bill on Friday making torture a specific crime and stating that confessions obtained by torture will not be admissible in court.

According to Justice Minister David Liba'i's spokeswoman, Ilana Levy, government officials who torture prisoners can already be prosecuted under general laws which forbid injuring another person. However, she said, this is the first bill which defines torture as a specific crime.

Confessions obtained by violence are also already not admissible in court, but the new bill makes an important change: currently, the burden of proof to show that a confession was elicited by torture is on the defendant. Under the new bill, once a defen-

EVELYN GORDON

dant claims that he confessed because of threats or physical or psychological torture, the burden is on the prosecution to prove that this was not the case.

The bill states that any civil servant, such as a police, army or General Security Service officer, who inflicts severe pain or suffering on someone in order to extract a confession, punish him, or force him into doing something is liable for up to 10 years in prison. If severe physical damage was inflicted on the victim, the maximum penalty would be 20 years.

The bill also states that any civil servant who knows an act of torture is going to be committed, but takes no action to prevent it, is liable for up to three years in prison.

Finally, the bill states that if a prisoner repeats his confession in court, but the judge nevertheless doubts its validity, he can, with the defendant's consent, appoint an expert to prepare an opinion on the defendant's mental and emotional state.

If the defendant does not have a lawyer, the judge can also either appoint a lawyer for him or examine all the evidence collected by the prosecution himself, in an effort to decide whether the confession is valid.

The bill was prepared by two committees of experts, one headed by Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair and one by Supreme Court Justice Eliezer Goldberg. However, Liba'i said it is doubtful that the bill will be passed during this Knesset, due to the early elections.



Last-minute cleanup takes place in front of Planet Hollywood, which opened on Friday in Tel Aviv.

EU okays new deal with Israel

BRUSSELS (Reuters) - The European Parliament at the end of last week gave almost unanimous approval to a new, wide-ranging, economic and political association agreement between the European Union and Israel.

Luigi Caligaris, speaking on behalf of the assembly's Foreign Affairs Committee, told deputies the main purpose of the agreement is to strengthen peace throughout the Middle East.

"We need the economic development of Israel to help the Palestinians as well, and break the cycle of violence," he said.

But he warned that the EU is not about to write out a blank check for whoever wins the elections in Israel.

"We will under no circumstances support political forces which are against the peace process," he stressed.

European External Affairs Commissioner Hans van den Broek said the economic concessions the EU would make to Israel under the new agreement are "a very clear sign that Europe does wish to help Israel establish permanent peace with its neighbors."

The EU-Israel agreement is the second in a series which the EU is negotiating with 12 Mediterranean countries in an effort to shore up its southern flank.

An accord with Tunisia has al-

ready been finalized, and van den Broek confirmed others would be signed this year.

The commission intends to start discussions on an association agreement with Syria, van den Broek said, but stressed that it is very early yet.

Before the commission could go beyond exploratory talks with Damascus, it wants to see how the peace process develops and "what contribution Syria intends to make" to it, he said.

The association agreements with the Mediterranean countries will establish rules of origin and competition rules as part of moves to create a trade zone embracing Europe and the Mediterranean, he said.

The EU and Israel are already important trading partners.

In 1994, the EU accounted for 35 percent of Israel's exports and 50% of its imports, leaving Israel with a trade deficit of \$7.8 billion.

The new pact widens a cooperation accord signed in 1975 by introducing a permanent political dialogue between the EU and Israel and reinforcing the EU-Israel free trade area.

It provides for cooperation in a wide range of areas, including services, exchanges of capital, technology and the environment.

It also includes a commitment to consider liberalizing trade in farm products after 2000.

Thieves drive off with 2 children

A CAR was stolen in Jerusalem on Friday with two children inside, in the second such incident in recent months.

The father had entered a Givat Shaul supermarket with his sons, age 11 and 2, to buy a memorial candle for his wife. When the baby started crying, he gave the car keys to his older son, Yisrael, and told them to wait in the car.

According to the son, they were in the car when two men who appeared to be Arabs approached and ordered him to give them the keys. The two suspects got into the car and drove off with the children.

After driving about 300 meters, they stopped and got the children out of the car.

From there they fled with the car, apparently to the Bethlehem area, police said.

"After a few minutes I left the store and saw neither my car nor my children," said the father, Yosef Alexander, who ran back into the store and called police.

"I started to search for the children myself, when someone came to me and said there were lost children nearby. I ran to them and embraced them," he said.

(Itim)

Tinseltown comes to Tel Aviv

TOM GROSS

THE celebrity restaurant chain Planet Hollywood officially opened its first branch in the Middle East on Friday.

The 280-seat outlet, located close to the Tel Aviv beachfront, aims to serve 12,000 meals a week, and will employ 250 people. The restaurant, which cost \$8 million to build, received official government backing, including a grant from the Tourism Ministry.

In addition to the usual mainstream Hollywood memorabilia, the restaurant's decor will include a number of items with a Jewish connection, such as the tablets from *The Ten Commandments*, Charlton Heston's kipa from *Ben-Hur*, Richard Gere's throne from *King David* and Ingrid Bergman's blue wool

suit from *A Woman Called Golda*.

"We are confident our opening here sends out a clear signal that Tel Aviv is not only a great city, but a safe place to visit," said a spokesman for the chain, which has also announced plans to open in Eilat and Jerusalem within two years.

The firm said that in a few weeks it will announce a launch party, which will be attended by Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sylvester Stallone and Bruce Willis, who are all major shareholders in the California-based chain. There is no word yet on whether Willis will be bringing his wife, Demi Moore.

The chain, which has 30 branches worldwide, announced plans this week to go public with an issue on the New York Stock Exchange.

Police probed 78 mayors, council heads last year

RABBI MARCUS

THE National Fraud Squad has conducted 220 investigations over the last year, many involving mayors, MKs, local council heads and public organizations, Cmdr. Yerahmiel Halperin, the unit's chief, said over the weekend.

"Some investigations, many of them very sensitive and complicated, which were initially launched in 1993 or 1994 are still continuing," he said at the unit's first annual conference, which was open to the press.

Fifty-two of the probes involved senior civil servants and government officials; 57 were "economic fraud involving public bodies;" 78 mayors and local council heads were investigated, and the remaining 33 cases were classed as computer crimes.

But even if many public figures were not brought to trial or cleared, Halperin said the unit's investigations have brought about changes in behavioral norms and standards.

Fifteen council heads or mayors are still under investigation, but only three indictments resulted from the 28 probes which have been completed. Twelve files have been handed over to the District Attorney's Office, which will decide whether charges will be pressed.

Halperin said he wants to form a "financial crimes" squad within the unit, comprised of professionals such as lawyers, economists, and accountants who will specialize in white collar crimes. Such a squad would work closely with income tax, VAT and customs, and the Securities Authority.

At present the squad employs eight lawyers and two accountants but additional manpower from both professions is essential, he said.

Court upholds legitimacy of second hearings

EVELYN GORDON

SECOND hearings by expanded panels of justices are meant to allow important, precedent-setting issues to be decided by as large a majority as possible, and should therefore be allowed even if the original case was heard by more than three justices, the Supreme Court said at week's end in explaining its decision to rehear the Nahmani case.

The court ruled last year, 4-1, that Ruti Nahmani did not have the right to implant eggs fertilized by her estranged husband Danny in a surrogate mother, even though he originally consented, and the eggs probably represent her last chance to have children.

Ruti asked for a rehearing, and then court president Meir Shamgar agreed, saying the issues of *in vitro* fertilization and surrogate motherhood are so new and important to society that they merit a rehearing before 11 justices.

Danny protested this decision, arguing that by law, rehearings cannot be held if the original case was heard by more than three justices. The court rejected this argument, 8-3, in September, but issued its reasons only yesterday.

Court President Aharon Barak, joined by Justices Dov Levine, Eliezer Goldberg, Ya'akov

Kedmi, Yitzhak Zamir, Tova Strasberg-Cohen, Zvi Tal, and Dalia Dornor, decided that the wording of the law, which permits rehearings for cases "decided by three justices," could mean "at least three justices," since the law usually sets lower bounds rather than upper bounds for the number of judges on a case.

For instance, the law states that many types of requests should be heard by one judge, but the court sometimes hears these requests with larger panels if the question merits it. Furthermore, Barak wrote, this is also

the most appropriate interpretation, since precedent-setting issues should be decided by a majority. Five justices constitutes a bare third of the 14-justice court.

Justices Gavriel Bach, Theodor Orr, and Eliahu Mazza dissented, saying they saw no way to read the language of the law as the majority did.

Many sections of the law are meant to ensure that any case can be heard by more than three justices, they said, but once this right has been exercised, there is no further right to another hearing. The expanded panel's decision on the substance of the case is still pending.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Boy accidentally shot by his friend**
A 15-year-old boy was moderately injured Friday night when he was accidentally shot by a friend who was playing with a pistol in a Jerusalem apartment.
- Initial investigation revealed that four boys aged 15-16 were at the home of one of them in the Ramot neighborhood when he took out his father's .22 mm. weapon, showed it to his friends and began playing with it. He then suddenly fired a bullet which struck his friend in the jaw. The injured youth was taken to Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem, where he was in fair condition. The boy who shot him was taken in for questioning and later released.** (Itim)
- Mate can have lover's name**
A woman can take her live-in lover's last name, even if the man has a wife, the High Court of Justice ruled last week. The court had previously ruled that it is neither misleading nor a violation of public norms for an unmarried woman to take her lover's name, but the new element in last week's case was the existence of a wife. However, the court ruled that changing one's own name is a right, whereas keeping someone from taking your husband's name is not a right. Evelyn Gordon

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ON PURIM

The Israel Electric Corporation offices across the country (except for the Jerusalem region) will be closed to the public on Tuesday, March 5, 1996 (Adar 14, 5756).

The Corporation's offices in the Jerusalem region (including Ariel and Beit Shemesh) will be closed to the public on Shushan Purim, Wednesday, March 6, 1996 (Adar 15, 5756).

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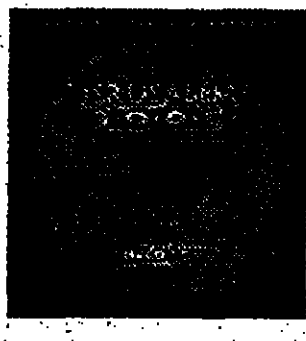
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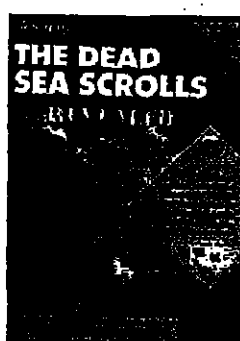
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