Gulf War

Iraq agrees to comply with UN resolutions

Yesterday, United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar received a letter from Iraqi Foreign Minister Aziz expressing Iraq's willingness to comply with all 12 of the UN Security Council resolutions relating to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. The Iraqis have now cleared one obstacle to a permanent cease-fire in the gulf war. Iraq military officers will not meet with allied officers to discuss cease-fire terms and other issues, including the safe return of prisoners of war. Bush said that the quick return of POWs is "foremost" in his heart. He said that the talks will focus on all aspects of wrapping up the gulf war.

The meeting with Iraqi military officers is one of the conditions Bush set for making the cease-fire permanent.

Thousands of Kuaitis still hostage

Mohammed Aluahman, Kuwaiti ambassador to the United Nations, said Iraq is holding more than 30,000 Kuaitis, including 22,000 civilians. One of President George Bush's conditions for a lasting cease-fire in the gulf is the immediate return of all prisoners of war, including all the Kuaitis presently held in Iraq. Kuaiti ambassador said that Baghdad has failed to make known the whereabouts of the 22,000 Kuaiti civilian and more than 8,000 Kuaiti POWs. He said that the civilians were abducted after Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuaiti. The envoy said that the number includes 3,000 people taken hostage in the last few days. Aluahman said that this should be taken into consideration before any permanent cease-fire is declared by the UN Security Council.

Aside from hostage held in Iraq, Kuaitis are telling of atrocities that Iraqis who occupied Kuaiti committed. These include murder, torture, rape and kidnapings. One Kuaiti said of the bash, "I hate them from the inside of my blood."

Nation

Witness against Noriega dies in auto accident

Police in Miami said there is no sign of foul play in a car crash that killed Ramon Navarro, who was supposed to testify against Manuel Noriega. They said that Navarro's car left the road and hit an electric pole on Thursday evening, causing fatal injuries. His death occurred two nights ago. Navarro was also supposed to testify against Manuel Noriega's co-defendants whose trial began Wednesday.

Discovery sent back for repairs

The Space Shuttle Discovery was rolled back into the hangar yesterday for repairs. NASA officials said that the damage is due to cracks in the door hinges. They said that the shuttle could probably fly safely, but they decided to take caution. Discovery's scheduled flight next month will be put off for up to two months.

Rubes

By Leigh Rubins

Out of respect for their deceased colleague, the rest of the mission crew observed a minute of silence.

Some soldiers may wait months to return home

Military officials said that it will take months to bring American troops home from the Persian Gulf, although the first few to return could be on their way home by this weekend.

Generally, the first to leave will be the first who went to the region. The last to leave will be those needed to handle the cleanup and those troops involved in logistics and transportation. A Pentagon source added that the military hopes to have "more than half of the troops home by May and all by June.'Baker to visit Middle East

Secretary of State James Baker III heads for the Middle East next week to discuss the future of the Persian Gulf region after the war. He'll be visiting Israel for the first time as US secretary of state, as Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Syria, Turkey and the Soviet Union. His visits will be crucial in determining the future of the Middle East.

Sununu says iraqi POWs don't have to return home

White House Chief of Staff John H. Sununu '81 said the United States does not want to force iraqi prisoners of war to return to Iraq against their will. Sununu interviewed yesterday evening on the Cable News Network's "Larry King Live," said that eventually most of the prisoners will want to return but that "certainly we don't want to force them to go back right away."

UN Security Council will consider peace resolution

Diplomats said yesterday that the United States may present a resolution at the United Nations Security Council today placing several demands on Iraq. The diplomats said that Iraq would be required to comply with all 12 resolutions on the gulf, release Kuwaiti hostages and third-country captives, and accept liability, in principle, for the damage and injuries it caused.

Law

Marion Barry appeals cocaine conviction

Forer Washington, DC, mayor Marion Barry's attorneys have asked an appeals court to overturn Barry's cocaine possession conviction. They claimed his six-month sentence was the result of judicial bias. In their brief, the lawyers argued that the judge was mad at the jury for not returning all guilty verdicts and then "transferred that anger to the appelante." California counties to punish water wasters

Residents of two drought-stricken California counties now risk severe fines if they fail to meet strict new water rationing restrictions. Santa Barbara county, with a population of more than 9 million people, homeowners will have to cut water usage by 15 percent starting tomorrow. In Marin County, home to 31,000 people, Franchise water owners will have to make do with 50 gallons of water per day. The new rules are going into effect in the county because the water supply no drenching areas parched by five years of drought.

Poinder's lawyers appeal Iran-Contra conviction

Lawyers for John Poinder, former National Security advisor, asked a federal appeals court to overturn Poinder's five Iran-Contra convictions. His lawyers told the court that Poinder's trial was tainted by his immunized testimony before Congress. They called the government's case "guesser-chin." A government brief states that the immunized testimony played a part in the trial.

Eastern Airlines sues Dukakis

Yesterday in Miami, Eastern Airlines filed a suit against Michael Dukakis' presidential campaign committee. The airline airline charged that Dukakis' campaign owes it nearly $450,000. The bills are dated back to the Demo- crat's failed 1988 campaign.

Big Three auto makers plan layoffs

Ford Motor Company has intensified its cost-cutting drive. Ford has already announced a plan to pare $3 billion in expenses and eliminate thousands of white-collar jobs. All of the Big Three automakers are finding it difficult to work next week, because of slow sales and model changes.

Pentagon official cites iraqi intelligence failure in defeat

In a Pentagon briefing yesterday, Lt. Gen. Thomas Kelly, the Pentagon's chief of operations, said that he does not know the specifics on how much of Iraq is control- led by allied forces. He said that there is no effort being made to act as a police force in the region. He also said that individual villages apparently have elders who will have to handle those jobs.

The US troops are in tactical positions for defensive purposes, Kelly said. He said that there is a consensus of hostility, but no cease-fire. On the return of troops, Kelly said that there are "a lot of factors that will influence the decision on the number of troops chosen to be sent home. He said that when solid information is available, as many troops that can be sent home will be sent home. Kelly also offered ideas as to why the war went so well. He cited the ineffective Iraqi intelligence warfare campaign, the destruction of Iraqi morale and the co-operation of the coalition and the excellence of the US troops. He said that one of the biggest lessons learned was the importance of the US leadership giving clear ob- jectives which didn't happen in Vietnam and its occur- rence in the gulf got the job done.

He also said that the effectiveness of high technology weapons and leadership were important factors, too. Kelly said that the number of incidents of terrorism are up, but not necessarily as a result of the gulf war. He said that some have been called out by groups that always have been terrorists.

Kelly said he does not expect another Saud to fly. Finally, Kelly commented on the situation of the over 50,000 prisoners of war that are being contained by US forces. He said that there will be no trouble in feeding them and that he noted that after the prisoners are processed, they will be turned over to the Saudi Aramco to be held.

World

Communist official warns of civil war in Latvia

A Communist party leader in Latvia is warning of a possible civil war in the Soviet republic due to a push for independence. The warning comes three days before Latvians and Estonians vote in nonchalant independence referenda. Finally, Latvia has already voted in an un- official plebiscite for independence.

Investigators break gambling ring

Yesterday, investigators broke up a major regional gam- bling ring and seized 21 million in cash and seized a Florida site with arrest warrants for 15 people. Middlesex County District Attorney Thomas Reilly said that the raid capped an intensive six-month probe by his office and state police. Reilly said that the raids also un- covered an illegal profitable off-track betting operation covering over $1 million a week from sports gambling. He said that two of the ring's alleged leaders, Burton Knaust of Newton and Vincent Roberto of Framingham, were arrested while on vacation in Florida.

Weather

Milder

Milder weather is anticipated for the next day or so until a high pressure center, now in Western Canada, moves into New England during the day on Sunday.

Friday: Becoming partly cloudy and milder, with southerly winds between 10 and 20 mph (16-32 kph). High around 52°F (11°C).

Saturday: Partly cloudy and mild, with areas of fog. Low 33-36°F (0-2°C).

Sunday: Mostly cloudy and dry, with periods of mild. Showers arriving during the afternoon. Winds south to southwest 10-20 mph (16-32 kph). High 57-62°F (14-17°C).

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