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**Presidential Hopefuls Clash On Economy in Last Debate**

By Jack Nelson and David Landau

**WASHINGTON**

President Bush and Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton clashed repeatedly on an economy in the final debate Monday night, with Clinton vowing to tell a country without punishing the middle-class and Bush warning the Democrats would return the nation to the "misery index" days of President Carter.

Independent Ross Perot declared that the economic policy of both major party candidates would "not work," and accused Bush of managing foreign policy so badly that he had helped create both Iraq's Saddam Hussein and former Panamanian strongman Manuel Noriega.

Bush, trailing badly in the polls that only a breakthrough can close the gap with Clinton, spelled out what he is promising to change the central thrust of his campaign in just two weeks: that the Arkansas governor is really an old-fashioned "tax and spend" Democrat with a record of failure in his home state and an "old school" pattern of trying to stand on all sides of controversial issues.

"Mr. and Mrs. America," Bush said, when Clinton comments on major government programs for health care, education and economic growth while raising taxes only on the rich, "his figures don't add up and he's going to stick it to the middle class and lower ... He's coming right after you, like Jimmy Carter did.

Suggesting the nation should not choose as its president a man who has led one of the nation's poorest states for 12 years, Bush said, "We don't want to be the country of the low." But Clinton, stuck back hard, citing evidence of economic progress in Arkansas during his tenure and presenting a fresh alternative to the "trickle-down" economics of the Republics and the Democrats' tradition at "tax and spend" liberalism.

Declaring that he had once branded the "trickle-down" economic policies of Ronald Reagan as "voodoo economics," Clinton said he knows the president is now "touting practicalities" of his tax cuts in response to the question of the debate.

Bush said that Clinton and Noriega were both "misery index" days of President Carter.

"Our challenge is to stop the financial bleeding. If you take a patient into the hospital who's bleeding arterially, they're going to stop the bleeding. And we are bleeding arterially. There's only one way out of this and that is to stop the deterioration of our job base, to have a growing, expanding job base to give us the tax base."

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**NBC Nightly News**

Los Angeles Times

**ANC Admits Torturing Dissidents in Prison Camps**

Security officials of the African National Congress committed "extraordinary" acts of torture and brutality at the organization's military camps outside of South Africa and is not a merit, the ANC admitted Monday.

The report, ordered by ANC president Nelson Mandela in March, detailed cases of torture, neglect and detention without trial at ANC bases in several African countries.

ANC fought a low-level guerrilla war against the South African government from the 1960s until its campaign was suspended in 1990 in response to the government's political reform program.

The report's release caused confusion among ANC soldiers who were believed to be double agents working for the government. The report said some prisoners held for years without trial. Officers were forced to undergo torture procedures, including severe beatings and solitary confinement.

"There were abuses sometimes of the most chilling kind," according to the 74-page report prepared by three back.

**By Michael Morgan**

**WEATHER**

Chilly and Damp

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**Discovery of Remains Photos Leads To Progress in U.S.-Vietnam Talks**

The United States and Vietnam made important progress toward resolving the POW-MIA issue last week in Honolulu after U.S. officials showed the Vietnamese a dramatic photograph of Americans killed in the war, official sources said Monday.

The photographic archive, reported to contain more than 4,000 images of the war dead, will be used in future military aid talks, according to the sources.

Negotiations between the two nations have been stalemated since the war's end and the U.S. has repeatedly charged that the Vietnamese have never acknowledged having any information about them or their remains.

A joint document issued in Honolulu Monday by Vietnam and retired Gen. John Vessey, special U.S. emissary for POW-MIA affairs, reported that Vietnam has provided additional "important information" on unresolved cases, in the context of "accelerated cooperation" on the POW-MIA issue, the statement said, "The United States will move more rapidly toward normalization of relations." 

The highly emotional POW-MIA question is the only major issue standing in the way of lifting the U.S. trade embargo against Vietnam and establishing full diplomatic relations nearly 20 years after American troops left Vietnam after failing to win a long and bloody war.

The photographic evidence shows American soldiers' remains at a Vietnamese hospital mortuary and grave sites in the war-torn nation.

The images were presented to Vietnamese officials at a closed-door meeting last week in Honolulu and have been described by a U.S. official as "greatly disturbing" to the Vietnamese and still under review.

A period of rain possibly mixed with snow is possible early Wednesday: Chilly and damp.

Tonight:

Chilly. Light rain overnight, with clearing later. Haze possible. (94°F) Low 55°F. 

*Tomorrow*:

Chilly and damp.

*Wednesday*:

Chilly with a 40 percent chance of precipitation during the afternoon. High 73°F. (59°F) Low 55°F.

*Thursday*:

Mostly sunny and mild. High near 50°F. (10°C).

**LONDON**

Increasing high cloudiness and milder. High 48°F (9°C).

In a politically embarrassing about-face, the British government declared Monday that last week's announced closing of more than half of the nation's coal mines would be partially recalled.

The government decision to close 31 out of 50 mines, at the cost of 30,000 miners' jobs, had provoked a firestorm of public and political resistance in Britain-wide. After a critical 2 1/2-hour meeting Monday, Prime Minister John Major surrendered to the anger, reversing his decision to wipe out most of Britain's coal industry.

Major instructed Trade and Industry Secretary Michael Heseltine, "Let's put it in perspective," as the president, that the president is now its "leading economic," Clinton said.

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*Editor's note*: Dan and Ann Devroy of The Washington Post contributed to this story.

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