

## Leaders fly into Tokyo for funeral

TOKYO -- Kings and presidents streamed into Tokyo on Wednesday for the funeral of Emperor Hirohito, and authorities tightened security even further because of threats of violence by radical groups.

King Hussein of Jordan, King Juan Carlos of Spain and Indonesian President Suharto headed a list of 71 delegations that arrived Wednesday. Dignitaries representing 163 countries will be on hand for Friday's state funeral for Hirohito, who died Jan. 7 at age 87.

President Bush has an ambitious agenda of a dozen brief meetings with other leaders at the funeral. Bush meets Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita Thursday, and first lady Barbara Bush will take tea with Takeshita's wife, Naoko.

Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, who have made daily visits to join in a vigil in the chamber in the Imperial Palace where Hirohito's coffin lies, will meet each of the visiting dignitaries in audiences and functions scheduled through Tuesday.

As part of the week's "funeral diplomacy," Takeshita met Wednesday with early arrivals, including Finnish President Mauno Koivisto, Soviet Vice President Anatoly Lukyanov and President Marshal Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire. He was scheduled to see 40 foreign dignitaries before Sunday.

Japanese authorities, determined to prevent disruptions of this unprecedented opportunity for diplomatic contacts, began strict inspections of mail and cargo shipments.

In all, 32,000 police will be mobilized throughout the city on Friday.

## Two charged with murder

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa -- Two men arrested at the home of black activist Winnie Mandela appeared in court Tuesday on charges of murder, abduction and assault.

Jerry Richardson and Jabu Sithole were not asked to enter pleas at their arraignment in Soweto Magistrates Court. Their case was postponed for a week.

It is part of a growing scandal surrounding the wife of jailed African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, and a group of unofficial bodyguards who lived at her home in Soweto, the huge township outside Johannesburg.



John Bruce/Daily Nebraskan

## Tents, wire erected in Texas to process aliens quickly

BAYVIEW, Texas -- The Immigration and Naturalization Service on Tuesday erected tents inside a fence topped with barbed wire at a minimum-security prison under a plan to speed up processing of aliens and jail those denied political asylum.

The Catholic Bishops of Texas charged that they foresaw "the creation of the largest concentration camp on U.S. soil."

State Department officials began making recommendations on asylum applications under a plan announced Monday to deal with an influx of Central American immigrants and speed up the weeding out of "frivolous" claims.

Under the plan, applicants will get an answer as early as the same day and will be subject to immediate arrest and detention if denied asylum.

Before Tuesday, applications could take weeks to process, and aliens were released on their own recognizance while they awaited appeals or deportation.

INS began erecting tents at its rural Port Isabel Service Processing Center in Bayview just north of Brownsville in case the number of detainees at the facility exceeds its 1,100-bed capacity. As many as 5,000 could be detained in the large circus-size tents within the 315 acres,

officials said.

A 7-foot fence topped with barbed wire surrounds the compound.

The Texas Catholic Conference said the new policy "ignores the facts of life in Central America that are causing the massive influx of refugees to our country."

"The INS statement speaks of 'frivolous' applications. Apparently any applications by people who have suffered dreadfully from civil war are frivolous," it said. "Obviously we are about to witness the creation of the largest concentration camp on U.S. soil since the incarceration of Japanese-Americans during World War II - a shameful page in our history."

The Catholic church has been assisting aliens through several organizations and operates a shelter for newly arrived Central Americans. "Apparently the INS is unaware of President Bush's plea for a kinder, gentler America," the statement said.

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, called the new policy a "real step forward."

"The old policy simply dumped the Central American immigration problem into the laps of citizens and local governments in South Texas and now the INS has stepped forward to take some responsibility for the immigrants," Bentsen said.

## Salvadorans propose cease-fire, elections

OAXTEPEC, Mexico -- El Salvador's leftist rebels offered Tuesday to lay down their weapons if the armed forces are sharply cut, the police force reorganized and next month's presidential elections postponed by at least four months.

The Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front presented its revised proposal on the second day of talks with delegates from 13 political parties seeking ways to end El Salvador's nine-year civil war.

The front's offer attempted to address a major stumbling block in the talks - the constitutional requirement that President Jose Napoleon Duarte leave office by June 1 - by proposing an interim president.

The proposal appeared to be aimed at neutralizing El Salvador's rightist-dominated military, which has warned publicly it might seize power in a coup if Duarte does not step down as scheduled.

The revised proposal came as guerrillas in El Salvador attacked the country's principal army base and an engineering detachment, leaving eight dead and 17 injured.

Reports from San Salvador said the rightist Republican Nationalist Alliance, Arena, was standing firm against

postponing the March 19 vote, which it is favored to win, but deputy chairman Jose Francisco Merino Lopez said the party would not tip its hand.

The Arena and guerrilla representatives met for talks Tuesday morning but both groups refused to disclose details.

At an afternoon news conference, one Arena delegate, Jose Francisco Guerrero, called the guerrilla attitude "sincere" but would not say whether the party favored or rejected postponement of the election.

"Peace is very distant but the distance is not so great," said Guerrero. "With the cooperation of the FMLN and ours we can achieve peace in the short term."

Guillermo Ungo, presidential candidate of the Democratic Convergence, told reporters here the new guerrilla proposal was "a very important change that would give us a better chance for peace."

But Ungo said he did not see any possibility of achieving concrete results. The rebels themselves appeared pessimistic about the prospects of their offer.

"Rejection of the proposal will mean the war will not only continue, but will escalate," the radio said.

## Rival workers clash, 50 hurt at South Korean city of Ulsan

SEOUL, South Korea -- More than 50 people were injured Tuesday in a clash by rival workers in the southeastern city of Ulsan over resumption of work at South Korea's largest shipyard, news reports said.

The national news agency Yonhap said fights broke out when about 1,500 pro-management workers stopped about 1,000 militant unionists from obstructing operations at Hyundai Heavy Industries Co.

Labor disputes over wages have crippled shipyard operations since December.

In Seoul, riot police dispersed about 1,000 subway workers who rallied in a downtown plaza, protesting that management suppressed free labor union movements. No injuries or arrests were reported.

A Labor Ministry report meanwhile said Tuesday that the gulf between labor and management over wages will lead to more and longer disputes this year.

The report, submitted to the National Assembly, said 116 labor dis-

putes have taken place so far this year, compared to 88 during the same period last year, and the average duration of disputes increased from five days to 10.

On the political side, radical students threw hundreds of firebombs and attacked riot police with clubs and steel bars Tuesday at an anti-government, anti-U.S. rally in this capital city.

The number of injured was not reported.

About 300 students shouting "Drive out Yankees!" and "Overthrow (President) Roh Tae-woo!" fought police for an hour in front of the Hankuk University of Foreign Studies. Students attacked police with rocks and clubs and police fought back, also throwing rocks and swinging clubs.

The protest came four days before the first anniversary of the Roh government and less than a week before President Bush's visit.

The government has warned that violence will not be tolerated and protesters will be harshly punished.

## Peace talks end with no treaty, some still remain optimistic

JAKARTA, Indonesia -- A second round of multilateral peace talks on Cambodia ended without agreement Tuesday as negotiators failed to bridge major differences between the warring factions.

"We haven't reached agreement on many points," said Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas, who organized the three-day talks. "On many points, further discussions will

have to be done."

A statement cited differences among the four warring Cambodian factions, notably establishing an interim government.

It said participants agreed the Cambodians will continue discussions among themselves. Alatas said results of those talks would determine when to resume multilateral discussions.

The Jakarta talks were aimed at ending Vietnam's 10-year military occupation of Cambodia. They brought together leaders of Vietnam, its ally Laos, the Vietnamese-installed government in Cambodia and three allied guerrilla groups opposing it - the communist Khmer Rouge and non-communist forces of Sihanouk and Son Sann. Also participating were members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, which backs the resistance - Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

The Cambodian factions clashed throughout the talks and in more than one arena.

According to a Thai military officer, Khmer Rouge and Cambodian government troops broke a lull of several weeks on the eve of the talks to trade heavy mortar and artillery fire Saturday and Sunday near the key Thai border town of Aranyaprathet. The officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said he did not know if there were casualties.

At the talks, the pro-Vietnamese government insisted it be allowed to govern while elections are held. The guerrillas demanded the Phnomh Penh

regime be replaced by a provisional government of all four factions.

"How can you hold free elections in a communist state?" said Sihanouk's son and representative, Prince Norodom Ranariddh. Sihanouk boycotted the talks because he said his proposals already have been rejected.

Vietnam's representative, Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach, was more upbeat, telling reporters "the conference has been successful."

On Monday, Ranariddh said the talks had to fail because the real solution lay with the Soviet Union, which arms the 50,000-70,000 Vietnamese soldiers in Cambodia, and China, which arms the guerrillas. He said nothing would be achieved before the May 15-18 Sino-Soviet summit, the first in 30 years.

Both communist powers recently have softened their positions and declared their commitment to a negotiated Cambodian settlement.

However, the Jakarta Post newspaper Tuesday quoted Hun Sen, premier of the pro-Vietnamese government in Cambodia, as saying, "I do not believe my ally (the Soviet Union) will ever put pressure on me."

## Khomeini calls back western plot

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini said Wednesday the mounting Western condemnation of his order to kill novelist Salman Rushdie has proven the futility of normalizing relations with the rest of the world.

Iran's revolutionary patriarch also declared that the publication of Rushdie's "The Satanic Verses" was a Western plot against Islam.

In New York, hundreds of writers demonstrated Wednesday against Khomeini's order outside the Iranian Mission to the United Nations and two book stores that pulled "The Satanic Verses" from its shelves.

The West's stinging reaction has exposed its "true nature and longstanding hostility . . . so that we can come out of this state of naivety," Tehran radio quoted Khomeini as saying.

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