

# Bush says he's undecided on using force

WASHINGTON - President Bush clashed Wednesday with leaders of Congress trying to limit his war-making powers but assured anxious lawmakers he has not decided to use military force to push Iraqi troops out of Kuwait. In a two-hour meeting, Democratic leaders insisted that Bush must seek congressional approval before taking military action in the Persian Gulf. He refused to give any such guarantee.

"The president did not indicate either a commitment to do that or refusal to do that," Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell said later.

Secretary of State James A. Baker III said Bush would follow the Constitution, but he pointedly added, "It's a question of what the Constitution requires."

While acknowledging that only Congress has authority to declare war, Baker said, "There are many, many circumstances and situations indeed where there could be action taken against American citizens or against American interests that would call for a very prompt and substantial response."

Reading from his notes of the meeting, House Minority Leader Robert Michel, R-Ill.,

quoted Bush as saying, "We haven't crossed any particular Rubicon here" with the latest increase.

For his own part, Michel said, "I don't look for the kind of action . . . some people are anticipating, real soon. We want to continue to counsel with our allies" and the United Nations.

However, Michel said he was "a little distressed" that some participants in the meeting with Bush had spoken of waiting up to 18 months for sanctions against Iraq to take full effect. He said that was "far beyond the time frame I thought appropriate."

Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., said Democrats were unanimous in counseling patience.

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Baker said the sanctions are working but might not be enough to force an Iraqi withdrawal.

"I don't think we can say that today with certainty. We know they are beginning to bite," Baker said.

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lican Leader Bob Dole, have called for a special session of Congress to vote on the gulf crisis, but that proposal appeared dead Wednesday.

"There is no support for it on either side," Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., said as he left the White House.

Rep. William Broomfield, R-Mich., senior Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said there was a bipartisan agreement that "it would be just poor judgment to have it right now."

Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., said the campaign against Iraqi President Saddam Hussein already has been damaged by the arguments about the president's ability to commit American forces to war.

"If I was Saddam Hussein, I would be doing hand springs of joy," Helms said.

Baker, at a briefing for reporters, said he hoped the nation could send a "consistent and uniform signal." Referring to the debate over gulf policy, Baker said, "Someone said one time that democracy can sometimes be messy, and indeed that's true."

"And I suppose it is easier to some extent in situations like this to operate as he (Saddam) does by way of dictatorship."

Baker said the huge buildup of U.S. troops did not mean the United States was plunging into war, but "it is important, since we cannot rule out the option of force, that we lay an appropriate political and military foundation for that option."

## Jetliner crashes in Zurich

ZURICH, Switzerland - An Alitalia DC-9 jetliner with 40 passengers and six crew members aboard crashed Wednesday night during a rainstorm into a hillside outside Zurich and exploded, Swiss authorities said.

All aboard flight AZ404, en route from Milan to Zurich, were feared dead in the 8:20 p.m. (2:20 p.m. EST) crash, Kloten airport spokesman Peter Guiknecht said. The crash occurred in a forested area near the village of Stadel, five miles north of Zurich's airport.

Swiss Radio said debris from the plane was still burning more

than two hours after the crash. Rescuers pulled at least 10 bodies from the wreckage, police said.

One rescuer at the scene told Swiss television pieces of the plane were burning "like a volcano."

The wreckage was scattered across a swath of the wooded hillside, witnesses told Swiss TV.

Italy's state-run RAI television said it appeared unlikely the disaster was weather-related but added that first reports appear to discount the possibility of a terrorist act.

There was no early word on the identities of those aboard.

## Drug offenders will lose licenses or states will lose highway funds

WASHINGTON - States must suspend the driver's licenses of all convicted drug offenders or risk losing part of their federal highway funds under newly approved legislation signed by President Bush.

The measure applies to all states and all illegal drugs, including the 10 states where possession of small amounts of marijuana has been decriminalized but is still considered an infraction of the law.

It calls for withholding 5 percent of federal highway funds starting Oct. 1, 1993 from states that fail to impose six-month suspensions on drivers convicted of a drug offense. The cut would increase to 10 percent on Oct. 1, 1995.

The new legislation, passed Oct. 27 and signed by Bush on Nov. 5, contains an out for states that don't want to impose the new rules but still want their full share of federal highway funds: their legislatures must vote specifically against requiring the license suspensions and their governors must go on record in agreement

with that position.

In states where they can't agree — for example, the governor wants to suspend licenses but at least one chamber of the state legislature does not — the federal highway funds would be cut.

Rep. Gerald B.H. Solomon, R-N.Y., who pushed the amendment, said his main targets were New York and California, which have both decriminalized marijuana. Both also have splits in party control.

"You don't see the murders take place out in the suburbs, but it's the casual drug user who supplies the demand for these drugs," he said. "If you do away with the demand for drugs, then the drugs will dry up in this country . . . When it starts to affect their livelihoods, maybe then they'll stop using these drugs."

But license suspensions wouldn't necessarily affect their livelihoods, because they would receive limited driving permits enabling them to continue commuting to work, he said.

## Thatcher challenged in election

LONDON - Former Defense Secretary Michael Heseltine on Wednesday challenged Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in a six-day war for the leadership of the government and the Conservative Party.

Heseltine, who will stand against Thatcher in a ballot among the 372 Conservative legislators on Tuesday, accused her of splitting the party on Europe and alienating voters with an unpopular local government tax.

The challenge by Heseltine, a handsome, self-made millionaire who espouses a "caring capitalism" in contrast to Thatcher's rigorous free-market views, poses the biggest threat to her survival since she won power more than 11 years ago.

"I am persuaded that I will now have a better prospect than Thatcher of leading the Conservatives to a fourth general election victory," Heseltine said.

Kenneth Baker, chairman of the

troubled Conservative Party, said the 65-year-old prime minister will fight to the end to keep power — through a possible three ballots ending Nov. 29.

"This contest is unwanted and unnecessary," Baker said. "I am sure she will win on the first ballot."

Other ministers in the 22-member Cabinet said it was wrong to challenge Thatcher now, with some 16,000 British troops in the Persian Gulf and war threatening against Iraq.

Heseltine, who needs 159 votes in the first secret ballot to force a runoff, said more than 100 legislators have pledged support. Thatcher needs 214 votes to win outright.

If a second ballot is needed it will be held Nov. 27 and may well bring in other contenders from the Cabinet, such as Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd. If no one won outright then, a third and final vote among the last three top contenders will be held Nov. 29.

Heseltine, defense secretary until he stalked out of Thatcher's Cabinet in 1986 in a Europe-related dispute, stepped forward a day after her former deputy prime minister delivered a scathing attack on her attitude toward Europe.

Rebellion has simmered in the party for more than a year, partly over Thatcher's isolation in the stepped-up drive for greater European unity. Britain alone rejected an agreement last month in principle for a single central bank and single currency for the 12-nation European community.

But Thatcher's crisis is rooted in the Tories' 16-month lag in opinion polls, mainly because of high interest rates, double-digit inflation and an unpopular local per-capita tax dubbed the "poll tax."

Heseltine said that if he wins he will order an immediate review of that tax, which he said left "a lingering sense of injustice."

## U.S. bishops adopt sexuality guidelines

WASHINGTON - U.S. Roman Catholic bishops on Wednesday adopted their first comprehensive guidelines on human sexuality, portraying it in exalting terms and calling for it to be taught in Catholic schools.

Against some opposition and attempts at delay, the document was approved by a strong voice vote by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

It says sexual education should be taught in schools and parishes as well as in families, a provision strongly opposed by several bishops who said many parents want such education kept in the home. One said families might remove their children from Catholic schools if sex education is required.

Describing sexuality as a "wonderful gift," the bishops say they

approach the subject with a "deep and abiding sense of appreciation, wonder and respect."

"We are dealing with a divine gift, a primal dimension of each person, a mysterious blend of spirit and body, which shares in God's own creative love and life . . ."

The 185-page document, called "Human Sexuality: A Catholic Perspective for Education and Lifelong Learning," was developed by a special task force, including experts in various fields.

The document affirms the church's traditional teaching that condones intercourse only in marriage.

Auxiliary Bishop Austin Vaughan of New York, protested that the document had been shaped without wide parental consultation. He sought unsuccessfully to get it tabled.

Considerable debate came on a section dealing with homosexuality, and a move was made to insert a 1986 Vatican declaration that homosexuality is an "objective disorder" involving a tendency to moral evil.

However, Archbishop John Quinn of San Francisco, said that the Vatican's philosophical analysis had been misinterpreted to mean "the person was intrinsically disordered and intrinsically bad."

The matter was put in a footnote, along with an explanation of the distinction between the technical and personal implications.

"Homosexual orientation, because it is not freely chosen, is not sinful," an added line said.

The portion on teaching about sexuality focuses on the different stages of life, childhood, adolescence and adulthood.


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