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Clinton calls for national renewal, sacrifice

WASHINGTON - William Jefferson Clinton was inaugurated the 42nd president of the United States on Wednesday before a cheering crowd of a quarter-million, bringing a new generation to power and pledging "to face strong truths and take strong steps.

Clinton called for national renewal but acknowledged, "It will not be easy; it will require sacrifice." He specified none in his inaugural ad-dress, leaving that for later.

Clinton used the word change 11 times, and promised his Democratic administration would end the "deadlock and drift" of government.

There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America," Clinton said at a Capitol ceremony.

Cheers, whistles and applause swelled from the more than 250,000 people there. Around the world, millions watched the ceremony on television.

Pennsylvania Avenue was packed with well-wishers as the new president and his wife, Hillary, walked several blocks of the parade route to their new home at the White House. Hand in hand, they walked inside after staying past dark to watch marching units from every state.

Outgoing President Bush watched stoically as Clinton was sworn in by Chief Justice William Rehnquist. Bush stepped forward to shake his successor's hand.

Bush flew home to Houston, ending a quarter century of public service and 12 years of Republican rule in the White House.

At 46, Clinton is the nation's third youngest president and the first of the postwar Baby Boom generation to sit in the White House.

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our people," Clinton said. He decried the high costs of health care, the scourge of crime and the hardships suffered by millions of poor children.

Clinton was forceful in expressing his untested foreign policy views.

"When our vital interests are challenged, or the will and conscience of the international community defied, we will act - with peaceful diplomacy when possible, with force when necessary. The brave Americans serving our nation in the Persian Gulf, in Somalia, and wherever else they stand are testament to our resolve.

Analysis: Clinton must deliver

WASHINGTON — President Clinton's inaugural address was the easy part. His next step is to deliver on his declaration that "to renew America, we must be bold."

Clinton will find that being bold takes a lot of work. He starts with a clean slate and has an advantage accorded no other incoming president for 16 years: both houses of Congress controlled by his own party

In a 14-minute address that drew from Thomas Jefferson, John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King and Ross Perot, the new Democratic chief executive reprised the major themes of the campaign that propelled him to the White House.

"Raised in unrivaled prosperity, we inherit an economy still the world's strongest, but weakened by business failures, stagnant wages, increasing inequality, and deep divisions among our people," Clinton said.

Clinton dwelled mostly on domestic challenges: cutting the deficit, "investing" in the nation's infrastructure and job skills, universal health insurance, a national youth service program.

Clinton is the first president to take office with U.S. forces in harm's way since Richard Nixon in 1969

With the exception of Harry Truman, who assumed office in 1945 while World War II was still raging, "Bill Clinton is inheriting the biggest batch of foreign-policy confusion ... in my memory, former President Jimmy Carter said in a post-inaugural interview with CNN.

And the candidate who criticized former President Bush during the campaign for focusing on foreign policy at the expense of domestic concerns told Americans as president: "There is no clear division today between what is foreign and what is domestic - the world economy, the world environment, the world AIDS crisis, the world arms race, they affect us all." Borrowing from Thomas Jefferson, Clinton told Americans to preserve the very foundations of our nation, we ... need dramatic change from time to time. Well, my fellow Americans, this is our time. Let us embrace it."

Skeleton crew watches turmoil

nation.

WASHINGTON - As the nation watched a new commander in chief take the oath of office, a skeleton crew at the Pentagon kept watch Wednesday on the simmering military crises that President Clinton has inherited in Iraq and elsewhere

The designated new secretary of defense, Les Aspin, had not yet been confirmed by the Senate when Clinton assumed power, but the nation's military structure - from the Joint Chiefs of Staff on down remained intact.

"We have no break in continuity," said Col. Dave Burpee, head of the Pentagon's directorate for defense information, even though Clinton had filled none of the Defense Department's 44 political positions other than secretary of defense

Iraqi guns and missiles, which had challenged U.S. and allied planes in the south and north of the country for a solid week, were silent Wednesday, and there was a hopeful sign in the Balkan crisis. But the Clinton administration still faced an extremely volatile world

on its first day in power. Nearly 25,000 American soldiers and Marines were carrying out Operation Restore Hope in lawless and famine-stricken Somalia; five Navy ships were joining a Coast Guard flotilla off the coast of Haiti hoping to forestall a flood of U.S.bound refugees; and 1,300 Army soldiers were settling in in Kuwait.

Air Force cargo planes continued to fly humanitarian supplies into war-torn Sarajevo, and a Navy frigate was helping a NATO maritime team enforce a U.N. embargo against the former Yugoslavia. The parliament of Bosnia's Serbs approved a plan to end the fighting with neighboring Serbia, but it was not immediately clear what effect the vote would have on the civil war.

In his inauguration speech, Clinton paid tribute to "the brave Americans serving our nation today" in the Persian Gulf and elsewhere. And he said the United States must be ready to use power to defend more than just its own vital interests

Iraq gives Bush final slap with promise

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq gave George Bush one last sneer Wednesday, promising to rebuild a factory blasted by U.S. missiles and appear-ing to abide by a cease-fire offered to President Clinton.

U.S. planes were reported in the skies over Iraq, but military officials in Washington said there was no fire or provocations directed at American craft.

Saddam Hussein promised Tuesday to stop shooting at allied planes as "a gesture of good will" toward Clinton, who took office Wednesday.

The cursed criminal George Bush ended his ominous term today and departed for history's trash heap with his hands stained with the blood of people aspiring to freedom," the offi-cial Iraqi News Agency commented.

Baghdad also said it would allow U.N. weapons inspection flights to resume without the conditions Iraq imposed earlier.

The 70-member U.N. inspection team will leave for Iraq today, U.N. regional Chief Doug Englund said in Manama. The group includes the 25member chemical weapons destruc- Clinton.'

tion team led by American Paul Brough.

Saddam ordered the reconstruction of the factory that was seriously damaged in an attack Sunday by U.S. Fomahawk cruise missiles, the Iraqi News Agency reported. The Penta-gon said the factory at Zaafaraniyeh, just south of Baghdad, was an impor-tant part of Iraq's nuclear program.

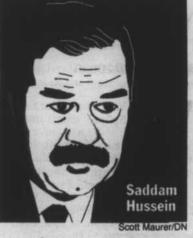
Iraq insisted it made moldings and machine tools for private industry.

France on Wednesday criticized the cruise missile attack, saying it overstepped the U.N. mandate. Rus-sia also opposed the attack.

The U.N. Legal Department backed the French in a ruling Wednesday. It said the resolution the allies used to justify declaring "no-fly" zones in southern and northern Iraq makes no reference to the use of military force.

Sunday's attack was carried out only by missiles fired from U.S. ships.

Saadi Mahdi Saleh, speaker of Iraq's parliament, expressed his country's "sincere desire to establish constructive relations with the new U.S. administration under Bill



He said that he hoped Clinton would take positions different from those of Bush, "whose policy caused the launching of an evil aggression against an independent and peace-loving people.

The Iraqi News Agency accused Bush of "ugly crimes," such as leading the multinational force that drove Iraq from Kuwait in February 1991. It said recent allied attacks were Bush's "last, poisoned drops of hatred."

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Serb acceptance of peace plan could be a ploy, Bosnians say

PALE, Bosnia-Herzegovina-An border with Serbia. assembly of Bosnian Serbs on Wednesday accepted a plan to end Bosnia's civil war, but what appeared to be a step toward peace may be little more than a tactical maneuver.

While giving the international community the "yes" it sought for the peace plan, the Serbs also insisted on the right to self-determination.

The Serbs' foes have tentatively accepted the plan. The international community had told Bosnia's Serbs to accept the plan unconditionally or risk further isolation and possible military intervention. Rejection would have doomed the peace talks and increased fighting.

Warfare appeared to ease through-out Bosnia on Wednesday, but Muslim-led government forces captured the Jezero hill in eastern Bosnia after four days of bitter fighting. Serbian fighters had to withdraw over the Drina River into the neighboring republic of Serbia, the Belgrade-based Tanjug news agency reported.

The Muslims can use the hill to control a large area on the Drina River self-determination.

Lord Owen of the European Community, who with U.N. envoy Cyrus Vance drafted the peace plan, welcomed the Serbs' decision.

Kemal Muftic, a top aide to Bosnia's Muslim president, Alija Izetbegovic, said the Scrbs' acceptance 'means nothing on the ground.'

The Serbs' acceptance of the plan was decided by their self-declared parliament, which met in Pale, just cast of Sarajevo. The vote was 55-12 with one abstention. The assembly has 81 seats, but most of the missing lawmakers did not travel to Pale.

The Serb side is ready for an immediate cease-fire including Sarajevo," said Serb leader Radovan Karadzic

He emphasized the vote did not mean full agreement with the Vance-Owen plan.

The Serb assembly "opted for the immediate ending of the war and for peace and negotiations.

It added: "We keep the right of

SPORTS WIRE NBA suspends, fines Barkley for rampage

NEW YORK - The NBA told Charles Barkley Wednesday what it thought of his latest adventure, an impromptu vault over the scorer's table at Madison Square Graden to pursue an official.

Barkley was suspended without pay for one game and fined \$10,000 by NBA vice president Rod Thorn for his hop, skip and jump from the Phoenix sideline.

NFL teams near naming of coaches

The New York Giants appear to fired Reeves next week. On Tuesbe leaning toward Dan Reeves, and the New England Patriots seem scrious about Bill Parcells. That's where the NFL's coaching merrygo-round ends.

The Denver Broncos have narrowed their coaching list to four and none of the candidates are former Patriots coaches.

Broncos owner Pat Bowlen expects to names a successor for the

day, he interviewed defensive coordinator Wade Phillips for more than four hours, and he already has spoken to defensive coordinators Ray Rhodes of the Green Bay Packers and Steve Sidwell of the New Orleans Saints.

San Francisco 49ers offensive coordinator Mike Shanahan will be the last to interview, sometime this week.

Schott to meet with officials about slurs

CINCINNATI - Cincinnati Redsowner Marge Schott formally responded Wednesday to allegations she made racial and ethnic slurs, submitting her evidence to the National League lawyer in New York

Schott, accused of slurring

blacks, Jews and Asians, is to meet Friday with baseball's executive council at Grapevine, Texas.

The executive council, which has ruled baseball since Sept. 7 in the absence of a commissioner, has the power to suspend Schott or fine her up to \$250,0000.