



President Bill Clinton Scott Maurer/DN

Clinton, Yeltsin plan April meeting

GENEVA — President Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin arranged Thursday to meet April 4 in a one-day summit designed to bolster Yeltsin at a critical time and punctuate U.S. support for "the cause of reform in Russia."

The meeting will be held in a third country, still to be selected.

"It is of the utmost importance to the United States, indeed to the world, that President Yeltsin's reforms succeed," Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher said at a news conference with Russian Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev.

"A strong and cooperative U.S.-Russian rela-

tionship, a relationship with genuine partnership, is of the highest priority for President Clinton and his administration," Christopher said.

Yeltsin has been seeking an early summit with Clinton since the president's election last November. U.S. officials said Clinton was receptive to the idea because he wanted to show support for the embattled Russian leader.

Clinton expressed confidence in Yeltsin after meeting Wednesday with British Prime Minister John Major, saying he believed the Russian leader could withstand the political challenges from conservatives in Moscow.

"We are putting a lot of effort into trying to support democracy and trying to support economic recovery there," Clinton added.

Clinton has already met with Yeltsin — when the Russian leader was in the United States last June — but this would be their first meeting since Clinton assumed office.

Yeltsin is clinging to a reform program against a growing conservative backlash. He wants to see Clinton as quickly as possible and is looking for a boost in the \$417 million in U.S. technical aid budgeted for Russia and other former Soviet republics this fiscal year.

Michigan speeds up ban to slow down Kevorkian

LANSING, Mich. — The governor signed an immediate ban on assisted suicides Thursday soon after the Legislature passed it, spurred on by the three latest deaths Dr. Jack Kevorkian aided.

An attorney for Kevorkian said "it's just a matter of time" before the suicide-machine inventor defies the ban.

The ban originally was approved in December and was to start March 30. Kevorkian's foes said they feared that painfully or terminally ill people were rushing to beat that ban.

Of 15 suicides that Kevorkian has assisted since 1990, seven have come since Gov. John Engler signed the original ban.

On Thursday, the House voted 92-10 to make the law effective immediately, and only 90 minutes later the Senate approved it 28-6.

In signing the bill later Thursday, Engler

said, "Mr. Kevorkian has clearly crossed the line. Most of the people of Michigan are uncomfortable with the power he's assumed for himself."

"No one wants to see a loved one suffer, but Jack Kevorkian doing his thing is simply too much," Engler said.

The law makes assisting in a suicide a felony punishable by up to four years in prison and a \$2,000 fine. It is to remain in effect for up to 21 months while a special commission studies the issue and the Legislature acts on the panel's recommendations.

"If Kevorkian does this again, he can be thrown in jail," said Sen. Doug Carl. "Kevorkian seems to enjoy his role as Michigan's resident Grim Reaper, but what he's doing is wrong. By killing people he's playing God."

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Somali snipers slow relief efforts

MOGADISHU, Somalia — U.S. Marines and Nigerian soldiers pounded at snipers with machine guns and grenades for five hours Thursday, shutting down relief activity in this devastated city with the heaviest shooting in weeks. One Somali was killed, and three U.S. Marines and two Nigerian soldiers were wounded in the firefight in an area rocked by anti-foreigner rioting Wednesday that left at least five Somalis dead.

Sniper fire hit the hotel where most foreign journalists stay. U.N. headquarters three blocks from the battle and a relief agency a half-mile away also reportedly came under fire. Most of the shooting came from the Nigerians, who fired without restraint at any

niche they believed might harbor a sniper.

In the southern port of Kismayu, about 2,300 U.S. and Belgian troops combed the city for weapons and rounded up fighters loyal to warlord Mohamed Said Hirsi, known as Gen. Morgan. He faces a midnight Thursday deadline to move his forces north of Kismayu or face Western attack.

At least 60 sullen fighters in dusty civilian clothes surrendered in Kismayu. They gave up 43 rifles and machine guns.

Relief workers in Mogadishu stayed in their compounds and aid deliveries were at a standstill for a second consecutive day. The chief U.N. spokesman in New York, Joe Sills, said there were no immediate plans to pull out U.N. workers.

Study

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ees. That in itself would hurt the economy."

The report, which will be released to the public in early March through The Alumnus magazine, also provides examples of UNL's contributions to Nebraska's citizens and com-

munities. Lamphear said the study indicated Nebraskans were supporting the university through state taxes, business investments, sporting and cultural events, and tuition costs.

The return on taxpayers' investment is measured by the number of dollars spent by the university, its employees and students and the visi-

tors to UNL's main campus, its research centers and other facilities across the state, he said.

"The result (of these investments) is new jobs and new businesses," Lamphear said.

"Every year the university generates about \$1.2 billion dollars in business activity," Lamphear said. "That's far and above the tax revenues that the state is putting into the university."

"That billion dollars is small in comparison to the contributions the university makes and will continue to make in the long term," he said.

Lamphear said the general operations of UNL put money into Nebraska's economy. As a result,

more than \$490 million in transactions flows through the state's economy.

Capital construction projects contribute an average of \$9 million annually to the state's economy. The projects also generate more than \$10 million in off-campus wage and salary income and support almost 600 jobs.

The economic activity produced by UNL results in \$30 million being returned to the state in the form of tax revenues, Lamphear said.

"UNL's impact on Nebraska goes far beyond economic development, however," he said.

The university's mission of re-

search, service and teaching is one that embodies more than economic growth, Lamphear said.

The Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, the Nebraska State Museum and the Lied Center for Performing Arts bring thousands of visitors to Lincoln every year, he said.

UNL athletes also contribute to the enhancement of the state's quality of life by serving as role models for young Nebraskans through different activities, Lamphear said.

"I hope that this report will show that people can be extremely proud of the university in terms of what it has done for the state and what it will do," he said.

Tournaments

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Ron Fuller, staff assistant for UNL Parking Services, said the parking situation during the tournaments also was under control.

Fuller said most fans parked in Devaney Center or state fairgrounds parking lots.

However, when larger crowds are expected, some UNL remote parking spaces are sold to fans attending the tournament games.

But UNL students with remote permits still have priority to park in those lots during the day, Fuller said.

The remote lot directly south of Devaney Sports Center is divided into two sections during the bigger events, he said.

Students have priority parking on one side of the lot, and visitors pay to park on the other side, he said.

Fuller stressed that students with permits would not be turned away from their parking spaces.

The presence of parking attendants in the lots is beneficial to both students and visitors, Fuller said.

"We know how difficult it is for students to come to campus and not find a parking place because of a big event," Fuller said.

Therefore, the parking attendants make sure visitors do not park in student parking spots, and they direct visitors to places where they can park.

Fuller said visitor parking closer to campus was not a problem, either.

Friends or siblings who visit or

spend the night with UNL students can get free parking permits from the parking office, Fuller said.

Doug Zatechka, UNL director of housing, said he expected a lot of guests to stay in the residence halls during the tournaments, but he didn't expect the guests to cause a lot of problems.

Zatechka said residence hall students were supposed to register their guests at the front desks of their respective halls.

Several years ago there were alcohol and vandalism problems during state tournament time, he said. But since tournament-weekend security has been stepped up, there have been no major problems.

Voice

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this election, but if (Benes) wants to dwell on it, that's fine with me."

Benes also attacked PARTY's slate of candidates, saying that it "pales in comparison to the diverse makeup of VOICE."

More than half of VOICE's candidates are women, Benes said, and the party has freshmen and residence hall candidates, while PARTY does not. Also, he said, PARTY has fewer off-campus candidates than VOICE.

Dietz said his choice of party mem-

bers was based on who wanted to run with him and how hard they intended to work.

Benes said his comments were not intended as personal attacks on Dietz or other PARTY candidates. Rather, he said, they were aimed at expressing his disappointment with his opposition.

"I want to stress that I am pointing out the difference on the issues between the two student election groups," he said. "Those differences concern leadership and representation... pointing out differences on the issues is not negative campaigning."

Dietz said he was not upset by

Benes' comments.

"It's all political," he said. "I never try to say anything that would be understood to be dirty campaigning, but some things will always come across that way."

However, Dietz called the change of attitude toward PARTY by VOICE members "interesting."

"At the very beginning, when we announced that we'd be running, they viewed us as a big joke," Dietz said. "They said we weren't serious, that we were nothing and all that. But now, it's a lot different."

"They seem to be taking us very seriously for a joke."

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