# Serbs to allow some support for evacuation

### Muslim-led troops break cease-fire in eastern Bosnia

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina The Bosnian Serb military chief agreed Monday to allow women, children and the elderly to flee two eastern enclaves that his forces have sealed off from international aid.

Gen. Ratko Mladic made the offer to allow the partial evacuation of Konjevic Polje and Srebrenica at talks with Gen. Philippe Morillon, the U.N. commander in Bosnia.

But as relief officials announced plans to evacuate sick and wounded mander of Bosnia's

Muslim-led government troops opted for a military response.

Sefer Halilovic ordered a counterattack against Serbs in eastern Bosnia to

free thousands of trapped civilians. The attack ended a unilateral ceasefire declared weeks ago by Bosnia's government forces.

Halilovic's order, broadcast on Bosnian radio, said all available troops of his army's Tuzla-based 2nd Corps should head toward Konjevic Polje and Cerska. Bosnian radio quoted 2nd Corps Cmdr. Hazim Sadic as saying

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the counter-offensive was underway. On Sunday, U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali warned warring Muslims, Serbs and Croats that failure to accept a U.N. peace accord partitioning Bosnia into 10 province could prompt the dispatch of U.N. ground forces to enforce a peace.

In Belgium, the European Com-

munity on Monday gave Serbs two weeks to sign the U.N. agreement or face tougher sanctions.

There really is no alternative," said Danish Foreign Minister Niels

Helveg Petersen. Both Serbs and Muslims still reject key elements of the plan.

In Washington, the United States has received pledges from some eastern European nations for stricter enforcement of U.N. sanctions on Yu-

Mladic told The Associated Press proposed to Morillon that old people, women and children be evacuated from the two enclaves.

Anders Levinsen, representing the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees in the northeastern city of Tuzla, said a U.N. convoy would head for Konjevic Polje on Tuesday to evacuate civilians.

He reported tentative plans to send relief supplies Thursday by road into Srebrenica, where aid officials made new appeals for emergency aid for a growing number of wounded and sick.

Levinsen stressed the Srebrenica convoy would deliver aid, not evacuate the wounded, as Dr. Simon Mardell of the World Health Organization recommended.

The medivac is extremely urgent on humanitarian grounds," Levinsen quoted Mardell as reporting by radio from Srebrenica. "These are the worst hospital conditions I have ever seen in my years of work in Afghanistan, Liberia and other places."

## Cult leader says group is prepared for war

WACO, Texas — A heavily armed cult's leader seems eager to provoke another gunfight to fulfill his apocalyptic prophecies, telling negotiators, "We are ready for war" and "Let's get

it on," the FBI said Monday.
As the cult's standoff with hundreds of lawmen ground through its ninth day, FBI spokesman Bob Ricks disclosed details of telephone conversations that negotiators have had with David Koresh and more than 30 fol-

Koresh claims to have explosives that would blow the FBI's Bradley armored personnel carriers "40 or 50 feet into the air," so the agency on Monday moved in several 67-ton Abrams main battle tanks for protection, the spokesman said.

He said they would be unarmed and strictly for defense.

Koresh says he has been prepared for a fight since 1985, and some of his Branch Davidian followers say they are ready to follow him to their deaths,

Koresh and his followers battled with federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents for nearly an hour on Feb. 28, killing four agents and wounding 16; 10 cult members also may have died.

Since then, hundreds of law en-

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-- Ricks FBI spokesman

forcement officers have surrounded the 77-acre compound.

"He has made such statements as, We are ready for war.' 'Let's get it on.' 'Your talk is becoming in vain.' 'I'm going to give you the opportunity to save yourselves before you get blown away," Ricks said.

Nevertheless, negotiations contin-ued with Koresh, Ricks said. T h e FBI official said negotiators have talked with 33 people inside the com-pound. "Those that we spoke with on each occasion verified that Mr. Koresh had indicated that these individuals were free to leave at any time.

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From Staff Reports

The editor in chief of the 1993-94 Daily Nebraskan was not hired at Monday's Publications Board meeting as planned, because a quorum was not present to break a preliminary tie

After two hours of interviewing candidates Todd Cooper, Jeremy Fitzpatrick, Alan Phelps and Sam Kepfield, the board gave Fitzpatrick and Phelps three votes each, tying the race. Kepfield received one vote.

Student board member Jeff Jarchow was absent from the entire meeting, Our hands are tied, we can't do anything.

-Fiedler Publications Board chairman

and voted by absentee ballot. Professional member Dan Collin of York and student member Kirk Kennedy both left the meeting early, and recorded absentee votes

Professional member Nick Partsch of Nebraska City and student member Bryan Martin were absent from the meeting, and didn't register absentee ballots.

Doug Fiedler, chairman of the board, said the board passed a measure at the beginning of the meeting that stated if a tie occurred, a motion would be made to find the majority

Another motion was needed on the floor to determine how many candidates could be eliminated, Fiedler

'Our hands are tied, we can't do anything," Fiedler said.

The editor position will be decided next Monday at 4 p.m.

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