

Clinton says intervention possible in Bosnia

WASHINGTON — President Clinton said Thursday that the option of military strikes "is very much alive" in Bosnia if there is a resumption of the shelling of Sarajevo or an interruption in humanitarian relief deliveries.

The president also held out hope for a quick resumption of peace talks that broke off Wednesday. "They are stalled," Clinton said. "I don't believe they are collapsed. The United States will do everything it can in the next few days to get the parties to resume the talks in good faith."

Clinton made his comments in a brief exchange with reporters after Secretary of State Warren Christopher, in unusually blunt terms, called on Serbia and Croatia to yield to demands from Bosnian Muslims for a larger chunk of territory.

Christopher said the negotiations suspended in Geneva should be resumed, and Serb and Croat negotiators "should show greater flexibility."

If there is a breakdown "because of the

stubbornness of the Serbs or the Croats, the world community will certainly hold them responsible," Christopher said.

At the White House, Clinton described conditions under which NATO might unleash air strikes in Bosnia.

"If, while the talks are in abeyance, there is abuse by those who would seek to interfere with humanitarian aid, attack the protected areas and resume the sustained shelling of Sarajevo, for example, then, first I would remind you that the NATO military option is very much alive."

He said he also continues to favor lifting the arms embargo to supply military assistance to Bosnian Muslims, but said U.S. allies continue to oppose that course.

Stiff messages, known to diplomats as demarches, were sent to Presidents Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia and Franjo Tudjman of Croatia, outlining the tough U.S. position.

The United States supports the Muslims in their three main demands, a senior U.S. official said. These are that Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia-Herzegovina, have a corridor to the sea, that the Muslim area in the around Bihać be enlarged and that a corridor be established between that area and a Muslim enclave in the center of the country.

The negotiations in Geneva collapsed unexpectedly Wednesday night after Muslim negotiators declined to accept a draft peace accord unless the Serbs and Muslims agreed to cede them more land.

Christopher's strong support for the Muslim position, in an exchange with reporters outside his State Department office, should strengthen the Muslims' bargaining position if the talks are resumed.

Christopher said the United States "deeply regrets" the breakdown in negotiations.

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— Christopher Secretary of State

Texan leaves racism, ends up shot to death

BEAUMONT, Texas — William Simpson was the last black to move out of all-white Vidor, saying he feared for his life. Hours after arriving in nearby Beaumont, he was killed by a gunman who tried to rob him, police said today.

The shooting Wednesday night did not appear to be linked to the failed desegregation of Vidor's public housing, police said. A 19-year-old suspected gang member was arrested in the killing this morning, they said.

Simpson's new landlady said he had told her of his great relief to be back in Beaumont.

"He kept saying he was home and he was happy and he was content," LinMarie Garsee said in a telephone interview Thursday. "He was a giant of a man with a heart the size of Texas."

Simpson, 37, was walking along a street with a friend when they were confronted by a group of black men that drove up in a car and demanded

money, said police dispatcher Beverly Slaydon. When he refused, one of the men shot him with a 9mm pistol.

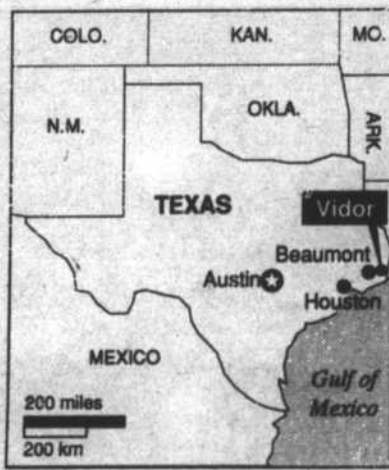
He was hit five or six times as he tried to flee and died a short time later at a hospital, police said. His friend, Lydia Washington, was shot in the leg.

Simpson and several other blacks moved to Vidor, six miles from Beaumont, six months ago after a court ordered a public housing complex there to accept black residents.

But repeated harassment frightened the blacks out of town. Simpson and another man, John DeQuir, were the last to leave when they departed this week.

They had been the first black residents of Vidor, home to 11,000 people, in at least 70 years.

Ms. Washington, who was in stable condition at St. Elizabeth Hospital, said she doubted the shooting was motivated by racism or related to Simpson's involvement in the inte-



gration of Vidor's public housing. Police said another robbery and shooting had occurred in the area earlier and they were regarding Simpson's killing as no more than a robbery attempt.

Police spokesman Butch Pachall said the teen-age suspect would be charged with capital murder. The other three assailants remained at large and the murder weapon was not recovered, he said.

"It's just a matter of time. We'll get the other three," he said.

U.S. to get health reform

WASHINGTON — The White House said Thursday that President Clinton's health reform plans would provide coverage for "the vast majority" of Americans by 1996 and for everyone else by December 1997.

The White House also said it would likely propose a new tax on cigarettes to help pay for the reforms, but the amount has not been decided.

The White House also said it would seek to monitor and prohibit companies from making excessive profits during the transition to the new health care system. But price controls would not be imposed on the \$900 billion industry, the White House said.

President Clinton himself said Thursday that price controls "were never alive. I've never embraced them. I've never been particularly hot on price controls."

The White House issued a statement on Thursday concerning the

implementation of the system saying: "We expect the new system will be up and running in a number of states by 1995. The vast majority of the American people will have guaranteed coverage by 1995."

"There will be a firm, deadline of December 1997 for any remaining states that are not yet a part of the system," it said.

It said there will be no new, broad-based tax to pay for health reform, but "there is likely to be a tax on cigarettes; the amount has not yet been decided."

Clinton plans to require all employers and employees to help pay for health insurance, with subsidies for low-wage workers and small businesses. Some 37 million Americans are now without insurance, and most of them are workers or their dependents.

White House officials have said privately these subsidies may cost \$60 to \$70 billion a year, but they expect to get most of that money by redirecting existing Medicare and Medicaid funds that help pay for care for the poor and uninsured.



SPORTS WIRE

Huskies, Washington expected to win openers on Saturday

Revenge will be a prime motivation for both teams in Saturday's Washington-Stanford game.

No. 15 Stanford wants to end its nine-game losing streak against Washington, including last year's embarrassing 41-7 defeat. And No. 12 Washington is furious at Stanford coach Bill Walsh, who called the Huskies "mercenaries" in an offseason speech that harshly criticized the school's football program.

Walsh later apologized and was reprimanded by the Pac-10 Conference, but Washington coach Jim Lambright hasn't forgotten the remarks.

"He's got such a classy image, but it's hard to find class in what he said," said Lambright, who took over Aug. 22 after Don James resigned to protest a two-year bowl ban and other sanctions against Washington by the Pac-10.

The furor over Walsh's com-

ments and Washington's off-the-field problems have almost overshadowed the early showdown between last year's Pac-10 co-champions.

"We're very young and inexperienced, but we're also very intense and enthusiastic," Walsh said. "I think we'll get better and better as the season progresses."

Washington has won 13 straight at home, while Stanford has lost six consecutive season openers. Both streaks will continue ... WASHINGTON 24-21.

No. 1 Florida St. (minus 31) at Duke — Seminoles roll in ACC opener ... FLORIDA ST. 48-14.

No. 2 Alabama (minus 34) vs. Tulane at Birmingham — Tide's 23-game win streak is nation's longest ... ALABAMA 42-7.

Washington St. (plus 23 1/2) at No. 3 Michigan — Wolverines seeking sixth straight Big Ten title ... MICHIGAN 52-10.

No. 4 Miami (minus 6 1/2) at No. 20 Boston College — BC's last win over Hurricanes was 1984 "Hail Mary" game ... MIAMI 28-14.

LSU (plus 19) at No. 5 Texas A&M — Aggies have won 21 straight in regular season ... TEXAS A&M 35-7.

Ball St. (no line) at No. 6 Syracuse — David Letterman's school no match for Orangemen ... SYRACUSE 56-7.

Northwestern (plus 28) at No. 7 Notre Dame — Irish have beaten Wildcats 12 straight times ... NOTRE DAME 28-10.

Arkansas St. (no line) at No. 8 Florida — Why? ... FLORIDA 58-0.

North Texas (no line) at No. 9 Nebraska — Another easy opener for the Cornhuskers ... NEBRASKA 52-0.

Louisiana Tech (no line) at No. 10 Tennessee — Vols' Heath Shuler is one of nation's best QBs ... TENNESSEE 47-13.

STATE WIRE

AIDS cases in Nebraska on the rise

OMAHA — Nebraska's 1993 tally of AIDS cases has hit 160.

State Department of Health officials say that 22 new cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome were reported in August, including only the second teenager to get the disease in Nebraska.

The Department of Health says that this year's AIDS total could be more than 200 because of a new, broader definition of the disease that took effect in January.

Last year, there were 60 cases.

Seventeen of the 22 cases reported in August fit under the new definition, said Marla Augustine, a Department of Health spokeswoman.

The August reports involved 18 males and four females.

Since reporting began in 1983, 471 Nebraskans have been diagnosed with AIDS. Of those, 251 people have died.

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UNL students can choose from many Labor Day activities

By Kerl Brabec Staff Reporter

Although UNL students will miss two days of classes over the extended Labor Day weekend, Lincoln will feature many activities to fill their time.

Two activities for students include Saturday's Cornhusker football season-opener against North Texas University and the Nebraska State Fair.

Cindy Monroe, a junior biology major, said she was going to the foot-

ball game and maybe to the State Fair. "Since I'm from Colorado, I want to get the total Nebraska experience," she said.

The football game will kick off Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and the fair begins its 10-day run Friday.

But students can find other entertainment to keep them busy this weekend.

Sally Oglesby, marketing coordinator for the Downtown Lincoln Association, said a farmers' market will

be at the Haymarket this Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. The Farmers' Market runs every Saturday from mid-May through Oct. 16, she said.

"There will be over 100 vendors this Saturday that sell everything from fresh fruits and vegetables to crafts, along with ready-to-eat food," Oglesby said.

A walking tour of the Haymarket will begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Champagne Jerry and the Vegetarians will also perform at the market,

she said.

"The band plays a mix of blues, bluegrass and old rock," Oglesby said.

Country music lovers can attend Prairie Stomp, a country dance at UNL's east campus, from 8 p.m. to midnight tonight.

Julie Kuhnel, of Regatta's Travel, said that most students will be sticking close to campus during the Labor Day break.

Despite a four-day vacation from

classes, few students have been booking trips through local travel agencies.

"Usually the big trips are saved for winter break or spring break," she said.

Caroline Kowalke of Via Van Bloom Tour and Travel Service agreed.

"Students are still getting settled in and don't have very much money to spend," she said.