

# Angry Haitians prevent U.S. ship from docking

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti—U.S. troops on a multinational peace mission received a hostile reception Monday when their warship was blocked from docking and embassy personnel were chased away from the port by an angry mob.

American authorities did not know how long the USS Harlan County would be held up. They played down the dockside harassment as representative of a small minority opposed to the United Nations' effort to restore democracy in Haiti.

However, gunfire broke out in several places in the capital, including near the seaside U.S. Embassy, and frightened shopowners and market merchants closed by midday. No casualties were reported.

Some police stood by during the portside attacks, while others held up traffic and allowed the protesters to get off a bus just before they dispersed the diplomats and a crowd of foreign reporters, punching and kicking their cars.

"We don't want foreigners coming here and trying to tell us what to do!" one man shouted.

Another yelled: "We're going to do to them what they did in Somalia!"

The army, which seized power in a coup two years ago, has not stopped a wave of violence preceding the scheduled return to power Oct. 30 of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. On Sunday it expressed concern that the arriving American troops would be carrying automatic weapons for a mission described as nonconfrontational.

The USS Harlan County, an amphibious landing vessel, anchored off the downtown wharf at first light, with about 200 military engineers, medics and civil affairs specialists

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—Haitian protestor

aboard. They will join an advance party of 26 American troops who flew in last week.

But port authorities, who have the support of the Haitian military, had moved another ship into the Harlan County's planned berth. There was no indication when the U.S. warship, 800 yards offshore, would dock.

A duty officer at the Pentagon who declined to be named called the situation a temporary "parking problem."

Another U.S. warship, the USS Fairfax County, is to arrive Oct. 20, carrying hundreds more troops. After unloading, the Harlan County is to remain off Haiti, ready for possible rescue missions.

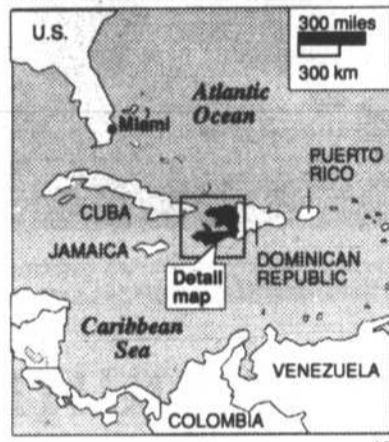
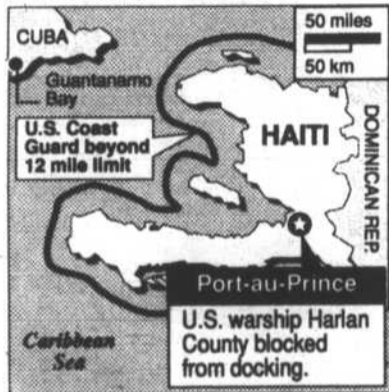
The U.N. mission, which has stirred fears among U.S. lawmakers and citizens following the deaths of 15 Americans from an Oct. 3 battle in Somalia, represents the largest American military presence in Haiti since a 19-year Marine occupation ended in 1934.

Seven hundred troops are to be in place by Oct. 30, part of a 1,600-member U.N. force of military engineers, police trainers and administrative personnel. That's the date of Aristide's scheduled return under a U.N. peace plan.

The Roman Catholic priest, the elected president who was ousted two

## U.S. mission to Haiti

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# Capsized ferry kills 200 South Koreans

SEOUL, South Korea—Divers searched the Yellow Sea off South Korea's west coast Monday for the bodies of ferry passengers lost when the boat capsized in turbulent seas.

News reports said the death toll could rise to 200 from Sunday's sinking. President Kim Young-sam ordered a thorough investigation of one of South Korea's worst sea accidents.

Korean newspapers and SBS television said Transportation Minister Lee Ke-ik would resign to take responsibility. They quoted presidential aides as saying Kim was stunned by the scope of the disaster.

The national JoongAng Daily News said a deckhand was at the helm when the ferry went down because the captain was on vacation and only seven of 12 assigned crew members were aboard.

The ferry, carrying passengers to coastal islands for a day of fishing and hiking, capsized in rough seas and sank off the coast of northern Chollabukdo province, about 140 miles southwest of Seoul.

Maritime police said 58 bodies were recovered by nightfall Monday. There were at least 67 survivors, including Kim Young-soo, 38, who swam for more than eight hours in a life vest until his rescue.

Local fishermen who braved high seas in small boats were credited with rescuing most of the survivors.

Divers were unable to enter the



submerged ship's cabin, where most of the missing were thought to be. Officials said cranes would be used to raise the boat today.

There were conflicting reports on how many passengers were aboard. Survivors claimed there were at least 250, more than the 207 people it was authorized to carry, but there was no passenger list.

After some 2,000 people showed up at a local stadium to try to identify bodies, and hundreds of citizens called port authorities, newspapers raised their estimate of those aboard to 300.

Those missing and presumed dead included senior government officials and a group of military officers and their wives. One family reportedly lost 13 members.

# Kevorkian to stand trial in suicide of 73-year-old

REDFORD TOWNSHIP, Mich.—Dr. Jack Kevorkian snickered as he was ordered Monday to stand trial on a second charge of assisting a suicide, this one in the death of a 73-year-old cancer patient.

District Judge Karen Khalil set an Oct. 26 arraignment and released Kevorkian on bond.

Kevorkian smiled and shook his head as Khalil ordered him to stand trial. After the brief court appearance, the 65-year-old retired pathologist told reporters: "You people are witnessing the inquisition. It's still alive."

Kevorkian has been present at 18 suicides since 1990.

On Sept. 9, police found Kevorkian at the deathbed of Donald O'Keefe, who died hours after Kevorkian was released on bond and ordered to stand trial on a charge of assisting in an Aug. 4 suicide. Kevorkian faces a Feb. 15 trial in Detroit in the death of Thomas Hyde, 30, who suffered from Lou Gehrig's disease.

A motion by Kevorkian's lawyer, Geoffrey Fieger, to dismiss the charge in O'Keefe's death was rejected.

"The issue of assisted suicide is one which must be addressed not only in this courtroom, not only in this state, but in this nation—and it must be addressed in the proper forums, with input and leadership from the

medical profession," Khalil said.

O'Keefe and Hyde died by inhaling carbon monoxide from a canister through a face mask. Kevorkian publicly admitted helping Hyde die and urged prosecutors to charge him in order to settle the issue of assisted suicide.

Kevorkian has remained silent on his role in O'Keefe's death. Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Tim Kenny said O'Keefe's death had Kevorkian's "signature."

Prosecutors say canisters with rubbed-out identification numbers, plastic tubing and face masks were found at both deathbeds. The men had strings tied around their index fingers that they used to release the flow of gas.

Prosecutors used Kevorkian's confession in Hyde's death against him in the O'Keefe case—a tactic objected to by Fieger.

Michigan's assisted suicide ban, which was passed specifically to stop Kevorkian, took effect in February. It carries up to four years in prison and a \$2,000 fine.

Kevorkian has vowed to ignore the law, saying the terminally ill have the right to seek a doctor's help in ending painful lives. He also has promised to go on a hunger strike if jailed.

## STATE WIRE

### Judge wants end to mandatory sentences

OMAHA—Mandatory minimum sentences for drug violations should be scrapped, according to Nebraska's top federal judge.

"You wind up sentencing crimes, not people," Chief U.S. District Judge Lyle Strom said.

Strom said the mandatory minimums give prosecutors too much power.

"They now have a weapon that is so severe that they can drive plea bargains that might otherwise never be reached," Strom said.

"I think they (mandatory minimums) should be abolished. They skew the whole sentencing process," Strom said.

Federal sentencing guidelines and mandatory minimums were established as part of the 1984 Sentencing Reform Act. They were adopted by Congress in 1985 and went into effect

Nov. 1, 1987. Their constitutionality later was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The system was intended to promote uniformity in sentencing for the same crimes.

The guidelines assign points for each crime and for aggravating and mitigating circumstances. They prescribe specific prison sentences for various point totals.

Strom's view is in line with the majority in a recent nationwide survey.

The results of the poll, done by the Gallup Organization for the American Bar Association, were published in the current issue of the ABA Journal.

The 350 state and 49 federal judges were asked: "Are mandatory minimum sentences for federal drug cases a good idea?"

Seventy-six percent said no, 21 percent said yes and 3 percent said they did not know.

The poll had a margin of error of plus or minus 4.9 percentage points, according to Gallup.

Fifty-nine percent of the judges surveyed said the sentencing guidelines should be scrapped, while 30 percent said the guidelines should remain in place and 10 percent said they did not know.

Fifty-six percent of the judges said federal sentencing guidelines have worked poorly or not at all, while 27 percent said they have worked well or very well, and 17 percent said they did not know.

William Wilkins Jr., chairman of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, has ordered a study of possible changes in the sentencing guidelines. A report is to be made public Oct. 22.

## SPORTS WIRE

### Dykstra's dramatic homer gives Philadelphia 3-2 series lead

ATLANTA—Exactly seven years to the day, Len Dykstra did it again.

After Mitch Williams and Kim Batiste helped Philadelphia blow a 3-0 lead in the ninth inning, Dykstra hit a 10th-inning homer Monday that gave the Phillies a 4-3 victory over the Atlanta Braves and a 3-2 lead in the NL playoffs.

Dykstra, whose ninth-inning homer gave the New York Mets a dramatic 6-5 playoff victory over the Houston Astros on Oct. 11, 1986, saved the day after the Phillies defense unraveled in the ninth inning.

Earlier, it was the defense of left fielder Pete Incaviglia and right fielder Wes Chamberlain that kept the Braves from scoring. After Curt Schilling walked Jeff Blauser to open the ninth, Batiste failed to come up with Ron Gant's grounder to third, setting up another dramatic Braves' comeback.

So, despite being outscored 30-16 in the series, the Phillies moved within a game of their first World Series since 1983.

Atlanta, seeking to become the first NL team to win three straight

pennants since the St. Louis Cardinals from 1942-44, must win two in a row on the road, just like it did two years ago at Pittsburgh.

The Phillies were still reeling in the 10th when Dykstra homered to right-center on a 3-2 pitch, his second homer of the series and fourth in the NL playoffs.

"This was even bigger to me," Dykstra said. "Not only do they expect me to do things, I expect it of myself. In 1986, I was just glad to be there. I was in la-la land."

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