

Embargos placed on Haitians

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Haiti's military defied a midnight deadline to yield power Monday and belittled a U.N. arms and oil embargo.

Rightists mixed threats against the outside world with gifts of chrysanthemums to foreign reporters, while Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras suggested new talks on his departure.

An army broadcast urged Haitians not to worry about the U.N.-authorized embargo or the U.S. warships steaming offshore to enforce it.

Stanley Schrager, a U.S. Embassy spokesman, said Cedras must honor the U.N.-mediated pact he signed in July to return Aristide, who was ousted in a bloody coup two years ago.

Many Haitians have fled the capital, fearing violence by army-supported Aristide opponents or a possible intervention by U.S. forces.

Schrager said: "I'm not saying that a military intervention is imminent, but clearly there is always that risk."

He said American officials were considering providing guards for Aristide-backed Prime Minister Robert Malval.

A group behind pierside demonstrations last week that kept a U.S. warship from docking as part of a U.N. mission sought to present a gentler side Monday by handing out flowers to foreign reporters at a news conference.

Later, far-right sociologist Jacquelin Montalvo-Despeignes said he had a message for Washington: "If you send boys, they will go back in bags."

Haiti roundup

President Clinton slapped new sanctions Monday on military and police leaders he said were blocking the return of democracy to Haiti.

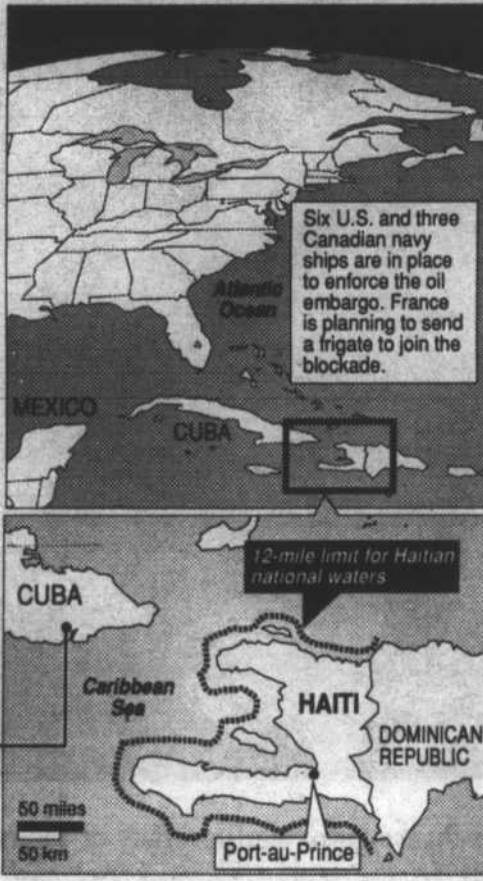
Sanctions

Sanctions imposed at 11:59 p.m. EDT Monday when Haiti's leaders defied a United Nations agreement:

- Ban on supply of petroleum or petroleum products to Haiti, excluding small quantities for use in cooking or "essential humanitarian needs."
Ban on supply of weapons and ammunition.
Ban on supply of military vehicles, equipment and spare parts.
Ban on supply of police equipment and spare parts.
Freeze of assets abroad of Haiti's de facto authorities or "their agents."

Chronology

- Sept. 30, 1991: Military overthrows and exiles elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.
June 23, 1993: A worldwide oil embargo and assets freeze, authorized by the U.N. Security Council, takes effect.
July 3: Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras, army commander, agrees to a plan for Aristide's Oct. 30 return.
Aug. 27: U.N. Security Council suspends oil embargo.
Oct. 11: U.S. warship Harlan County carries nearly 200 American troops to prepare for scheduled return of Aristide.
Oct. 13: The U.N. Security Council votes to impose oil and arms embargo and freeze selected Haitian assets overseas if the plan for returning Aristide does not go forward by midnight Oct. 18.
Oct. 14: Justice Minister Guy Malary, his driver and security guard assassinated.
Oct. 15: U.N. personnel begin evacuation of Haiti.



Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
U.S. naval station could be the staging area for an evacuation of the roughly 1,000 Americans in Haiti.

Such threats led to the evacuation of hundreds of U.N. personnel, and recommendations by Canada and Belgium for their citizens to leave.

After the departure Saturday of the last U.S. members of what was to have been a 1,600-member U.N. force to retrain police and help rebuild the economy, the only U.S. troops in the country were approximately 45 Marines guarding the U.S. Embassy.

About 30 Marines came Saturday to beef up security.

The rightists pledged to fight if foreign soldiers tried to intervene.

U.S. officials continued to express confidence about the implementation of the U.N. pact, which called for Aristide to return Oct. 30.

The United States said the army leader would have to make the next move in resolving the conflict and blamed him for any suffering that will be caused by the economic embargo.

Denny jury acquits men of most charges

LOS ANGELES — Two blacks were acquitted Monday of most of the felony charges in the beating of white trucker Reginald Denny and other motorists at the start of the 1992 riots.

The defendants were convicted of lesser counts.

The judge sent the multiracial jury back to deliberate the most serious count — attempted murder against defendant Damian "Football" Williams in the videotaped attack of Denny — and two lesser charges on which the panel deadlocked.

Hours later, the panel announced it had decided that Williams was innocent of a robbery charge. Superior Court Judge John Ouderkirk then asked the jury to deliberate the final two counts.

Accepting the defense argument that Williams and co-defendant Henry Watson were caught up in mob violence after the state Rodney King beating trial, the jurors acquitted them of most charges that required specific intent.

Defense psychologists testified that Williams, 20, and his 29-year-old co-defendant acted in the heat of the moment and couldn't have planned their actions.

Williams and Watson sat calmly as the verdicts were read, except when the clerk announced "Not Guilty" on an aggravated mayhem charge against Williams, which could have brought him life in prison.

The jury convicted Williams on simple mayhem, with a maximum penalty of up to eight years in prison.

In the charges decided against him, Watson was acquitted of all but simple assault on Denny, a lesser related offense that carries only a year in county jail rather than prison.

charge that Watson tried to kill Denny, the count that could have brought him life in prison.

"I am in total agreement," Denny told the TV tabloid show "Inside Edition." "They should let the guy go. He spent a year-and-a-half in jail and has had time to think about what happened."

Former Police Chief Daryl Gates, now a radio personality, denounced the verdicts as unjust.

"We know they're guilty. But I understand this is our system," Gates said.

The jury initially was hung up on whether Williams personally used a deadly weapon, a concrete block, to strike Denny in the head. And they disagreed on the key charge of attempted murder of Denny.

During the early hours of the rioting, Denny was pulled from his gravel-hauling truck at the intersection of Florence and Normandie avenues and beaten bloody.

Prosecutors played that and other tapes for jurors, focusing again and again on the sight of Williams apparently doing a dance over Denny's battered body.

The judge removed one panelist for lacking the common sense to deliberate; another juror left for personal problems. The panel had to restart its talks three times, and the final jury talked only 2 1/2 days before returning verdicts.

A Williams family spokesman, Don Jackson, said, "We are elated with the fact that the jury came back and did not find guilty on the most serious charges. Damian Williams will not be spending life in prison."

After acquittals in state court, two of the white police officers were convicted in a second federal court trial in April of violating King's civil rights and have begun serving 30-month prison terms.

Chevy Chase loses late-show war

LOS ANGELES — He's Chevy Chase and his talk show is not.

"The Chevy Chase Show," savagely mauled by critics, was canceled by Fox Broadcasting Co., becoming the first casualty of the late-night TV talk-show wars.

Since premiering Sept. 7, Chase had been drawing fewer viewers than shows by David Letterman, Ted Koppel and Jay Leno.

"Despite the commitment of Chevy and our best creative and production minds, we started slowly and did not perform to expectations," said Fox Chairwoman Lucie Salhany.

She thanked him "for giving us his best effort. He is an extraordinarily talented man."

In a statement released by Fox, Chase said, "I am proud of the comedic elements that we were able to intersperse throughout this otherwise very constraining format."

Chase's one-hour show had been troubled since the beginning. Less than a month after it appeared,

producer Twentieth Television brought in an emergency team of writers, consultants and Fox executives to revamp the program.

Salhany said earlier this month that Chase was "very nervous. It was uncomfortable and embarrassing to watch it." The show, she added, was marred by unfunny writing, Chase's lackluster interviews, and viewer defections.

A month after its debut, the show settled into fourth place, averaging a 3.1 rating. One ratings point equals 942,000 TV homes.

No. 1 was Letterman's "Late Show," which had a 5.9 rating.

STATE WIRE

Gangs suspected in Scottsbluff shooting

SCOTTSBLUFF — Two men shot over the weekend may have been victims of gang violence, police said.

"We know the person we believe to be the shooter and the victims are of rival factions," Detective Scotty Crawford said Monday.

One of the shooting victims claims to be a member of a gang known as the East Side Chicanos, Lt. Bill King said.

The men — Joe J. Castillo, 19, and Eliseo R. Trevino, 22 — were shot as they stood near their pickup truck, King said.

The victims suffered minor injuries for which they were treated and released from Western Nebraska General Hospital, a nursing supervisor said.

The victims told police they didn't know who the gunman was, King said.

Gang-related activity began in Scottsbluff in early summer, King said. Police have a list of about 20 people authorities suspect might be affiliated with gangs or want to be affiliated, he said.

The weekend shooting injuries were the first reported in a suspected gang-related incident, King said.

Scottsbluff is a city of about 14,000 people in western Nebraska.

SPORTS WIRE

Player fined for choosing wife over football

HOUSTON — David Williams, who missed Sunday's game with the Houston Oilers to be with his wife following the birth of their first child, was docked \$125,000 in pay by the team and calls it "money well spent."

His lawyer, Leigh Steinberg, says the Oilers will face a lawsuit if they follow through with such an action.

Williams, a starting tackle, was expected to catch a flight from Houston and play in Sunday's 28-14 victory over the Patriots.

His wife, Debi, gave birth to Scot Cooper Williams Saturday night.

Williams chose to remain in Houston with Scot and Debi, who had a miscarriage last August. Williams now faces losing his weekly check of \$125,000 plus a possible fine and suspension.

Steinberg said his client did "what any 1990s father would do."

Line coach Bob Young still was angered at Williams' absence.

"He doesn't make \$125,000 a week to stay home and watch television," Young said. "They ought to suspend him for a week, maybe two."



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