

# Clinton looks for NAFTA support

WASHINGTON — President Clinton prodded corporate America Monday to do more to build congressional support for the North American Free Trade Agreement, saying Europe and Japan will be the big winners if the pact fails.



"You all have to be missionaries," he said at a satellite "town hall" meeting sponsored by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The meeting was piped to business

groups in more than 200 sites around the nation.

Clinton said U.S. efforts to win

a new set of liberalized world trading rules — talks long under way in Geneva — could be torpedoed if the agreement to end trade barriers with Mexico and Canada is rejected.

Furthermore, he said that rejection of the pact — scheduled for a House vote on Nov. 17 — would send Europe and Japan swarming over the Mexican market "like flies on a june bug."

Organized labor claims the pact will cost jobs and depress wages at home. The administration appears to be about 50 votes short of the votes needed to pass the agreement in the House.

Clinton acknowledged he was in an uphill fight but predicted he

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would win in the end.

Critics claim that U.S. companies will be attracted to low wages in Mexico if the pact passes and relocate their plants there.

Clinton said that companies can already do this, or move to even lower-wage countries like Haiti.

“The idea that America is going to shrivel up if we adopt this trade agreement is ridiculous,” Clinton said, noting that the Mexican economy is tiny compared to that of the United States.

Mexico’s gross domestic product is about 4 percent to 5 percent that of the United States.

## Two convicts still at large after escape

BRIDGEWATER, Mass. — Two killers serving life sentences escaped from prison Sunday and anxious police told residents to cancel Halloween trick or treating.

Robert Dellelo, 51, and Joseph Correia, 38, were discovered missing from the Massachusetts Correctional Institution during a noon head count, police Officer Robert Fernandes said.

The pair remained at-large on Monday.

Robin Bavaro, a spokeswoman for the Corrections Department, would not comment on how they escaped or when they were last seen.

Selectman John J. Colford said that “people are concerned, but I don’t think frightened.”

Colford said residents are accustomed to living near the prison complex, which includes a mental hospital where suspects are evaluated if they are competent enough to stand trial.

Escapes aren’t new, either.

Albert DeSalvo, the alleged Boston Strangler, broke out of Bridgewater State Hospital in 1967 along with two other inmates, touching off the biggest manhunt in Massachusetts history. He was recaptured within days and was later found dead in prison.

Dellelo was convicted of killing a Boston police officer during a 1963 jewelry store holdup. Correia was convicted in 1976 for killing a security guard during a bank robbery in Boston.

More than 70 police and correctional officers using dogs scoured the woods, where some residents had reported seeing the men. Motorists were stopped and their trunks searched, and police knocked on doors in search of the two.

A whistle blew every half hour to tell residents the convicts still were at large.

“This is a good night to escape,” said Derek McElroy, 18, who gestured towards friends in Halloween disguises. “They could dress up in a costume.”

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