

Aristide's return won't end need for assistance

By Neil Feldman
Staff Reporter

A stalemate between the civilian government and the Haitian military ended last week, stimulating hope that President Jean-Bertrand Aristide would return home to Haiti's capital, Port-Au-Prince.



Aristide's return, however, will not be the sole answer to Haiti's problems. "Haiti has never known any sustained democratic period," Robert Rotberg, president of the World Peace Foundation, said in an October article in the *The Christian Science Monitor*.

"Thus, in addition to the police, military, justice system, and civil authority training that (must be) prepared for Aristide's return, the U.S. must not flinch from a year or two of peace enforcement."

Rotberg, who has written dozens of commentary pieces in *The Christian Science Monitor* on Haiti, has continuously advocated U.S. involvement in Haiti.

Haiti has always been a relatively weak political and social country.

With that in mind, Rotberg and other experts on Haiti's struggles, argue the United States — along with the United Nations — has the power to establish the building blocks for a democratic government.

Many radicals in Haiti, particularly around the capital, still want nothing to do with a democratic government.

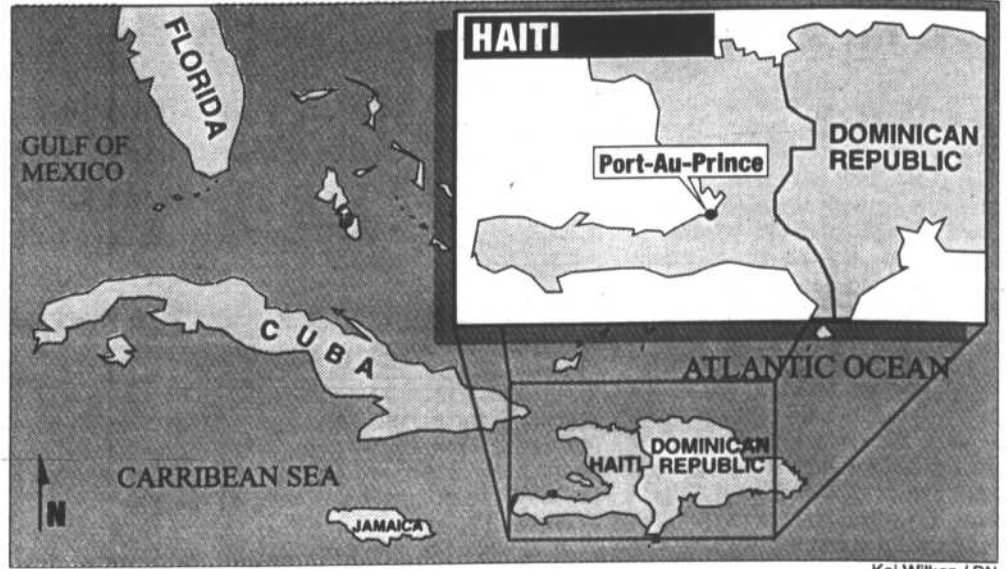
But, as Joseph Nye, an international affairs scholar, observed last week on the MacNeil-Lehrer Newshour, military forces in Haiti are not nearly as powerful as Serbian or Somali forces.

If Aristide cooperates and the Haitian populace supports him and the United Nations on every political decision, Nye said, the ideological transition will be smooth.

Local contention will continue to throw a curveball in the process and could suppress any democratic hopes they have for quite a while, however.

President Clinton has not agreed to participate fully in this multinational effort.

He has agreed to send troops for the purpose of training Haitian soldiers and for minor joint efforts, such as engineering projects.



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His decision to precipitantly slam the doors on U.S. plans to land soldiers in Haiti two months ago was viewed as a blow to U.S. foreign policy.

But Rotberg believes firmly that if Clinton takes initiative and works closely with the

U.N. on the new plan, the president's foreign policy reputation will steadily improve.

Rotberg said Clinton must act quickly, however, before military crisis again envelops Port-Au-Prince and sets them back to square one.

ASUN tackles elections, campaign ethics

By Matthew Waite
Staff Reporter

General education requirements and electoral commission rules will be the focus of the ASUN's Wednesday night meeting.



The group will discuss a bill supporting a mandatory general education curriculum at UNL that emphasizes writing and critical thinking. Discussion on the bill was delayed last week by ASUN President Keith Benes.

"I postponed that bill last week because of the presidential selec-

tion," Benes said. "I figured I needed to be there to answer any questions."

Benes said Lisa Grobsmith, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs, also would be at Wednesday's ASUN meeting to answer senators' questions.

Benes said Association of Students of the University of Nebraska senators also would discuss proposed changes in their electoral commission rules.

The electoral committee revises its rules annually, he said.

Benes said two major changes were proposed this year in election fines and campaign ethics.

"On the application, we've included a statement about upholding ethical standards," Benes said.

"The intent of it is to plant the thought in the candidate's mind."

Benes said that if the ethical statement was added, it could not be used against candidates during a campaign.

The statement only will remind candidates to observe some ethical standards.

Benes said another electoral rule change to be discussed Wednesday could allow the electoral commission to fine candidates for rule violations.

In past elections, Benes said candidates were penalized by having their spending limits reduced. But because ASUN decided last year not to limit candidates' expenditures, the old fine system can no longer be used, he said.

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Benes said the money raised from fines would be used well.

"Any money collected by (fines from rules violations) will be given to charity," Benes said. "We did not want there to be a perception that it was a way for ASUN to make money."

Pulitzer winner to speak at Lied

From Staff Reports

Pulitzer Prize winner Stanley Karnow will speak at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday as part of the E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues.

The speech, titled "The New Face of East Asia: Changing Relationships with the U.S.," will be presented at the Lied Center for Performing Arts.

Karnow, who has worked as a foreign correspondent and journalist, won a Pulitzer Prize in history for his book, "In Our Image: America's Empire in the Philippines."

A question-and-answer session will precede the speech from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Lied Center.

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for a continual objection to all evidence overheard from the telephone conversation.

Appeals cannot be made based on evidence that has been entered without record of objection.

In other testimony, prosecuting attorneys entered a handwriting sample from Bjorklund as evidence.

Police were trying to compare Bjorklund's handwriting with writing on a letter to Harms' parents that was signed in his name.

Sgt. Sandra Myers of the Lincoln Police Department said Bjorklund was "pressing harder on the paper with the pen" while he was completing the sample.

"He was writing more slowly, more deliberately," she said. "He was laughing."

Myers, when asked by the prosecution, said she did not promise Bjorklund he could smoke cigarettes, drink Diet Pepsi or eat hamburgers in exchange for his writing.

Defense attorneys have alleged some of Bjorklund's statements to police were coerced.

Bjorklund was allowed to drink Diet Pepsi and smoke cigarettes in a room at the police department that

Myers said was a no-smoking area.

Bjorklund left the Lancaster County Jail early Tuesday morning to look for the house where he said he had bought a shovel. Dirt found on the shovel was entered as evidence earlier this week. Defense attorneys say Bjorklund bought the shovel after Sept. 22.

In testimony Tuesday morning, Mark Bohaty, Nebraska State Patrol firearms examiner, said bullets used to kill Harms could have been fired from a .38-caliber gun prosecutors say was Bjorklund's.

Five bullets found inside Harms' body during a December autopsy could have been from the .38-revolver, Bohaty said during examination by prosecutors.

But he said he couldn't be sure if the bullets came from the .38-revolver that was entered into evidence because the serial number was removed from the gun.

Autopsy reports showed lead fragments were found throughout Harms' head. When bullets strike solid objects, Bohaty said, they scatter.

"Bullets are designed to change their shape when they hit something," he said.

Senior Editor Jeff Zeleny contributed to this report.

NAFTA

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countries more in the long term, he said.

MacPhee said NAFTA would help Mexico in its export industries which would in turn help the U.S. down the road.

"It will make (Mexico) a better customer and political ally,"

MacPhee said.

Rapkin said more substantive information wasn't revealed in the debate because it lacked structure.

The free-flowing question-and-answer style of the discussion allowed Perot and Gore to duck questions, he said.

"It wasn't a debate per se," Rapkin said. "Larry King's structure didn't allow for a real debate."

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Griesen met Monday with Glenn Moor, director of business affairs for the national fraternity; Jayne Wade Anderson, UNL director of greek affairs; Linda Schwartzkopf, director of UNL student judicial affairs; and

alumni.

Griesen said the meeting with the alumni and Moor went as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

"I'm pleased both are as concerned about this incident as we are at the university," he said. "They pledged their full cooperation."