

U.N. tries to help stranded Bosnians

Peacekeepers go to help handicapped

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — The United Nations rushed in doctors and soldiers Sunday to protect hundreds of handicapped patients caught in a no-man's land between Bosnian government and Croat troops.

A team of Danish and Canadian doctors and nurses was dispatched to two hospitals in the Fojnica area, 25 miles west of Sarajevo, after most of the regular staff fled.

The team was to join Canadian medics and peacekeepers already at the hospitals for mentally and physically handicapped patients, including about 60 children.

"We're not going to stand by and see people suffer who cannot help themselves," said David Fillingham, a spokesman at U.N. headquarters in Kiseljak, just west of Sarajevo.

By Sunday evening, the medical reinforcements had not arrived after being held up at various checkpoints, Fillingham said.

He said the United Nations almost certainly would not attempt to evacuate the patients because "we have nowhere to take these people."

U.N. patrols in Fojnica reported late Sunday that some government troops remained in the nearly deserted central Bosnian town. Croat forces had moved to Fojnica's outskirts by late Sunday, Fillingham said.

U.N. monitors were unable to enter the town itself, but recorded at least 40 artillery rounds fired around Fojnica on Sunday, he added.

Bosnian army sources in Sarajevo acknowledged that government units had pulled back from some positions

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in Fojnica, but said the army was not conceding control of the town and might try a counterattack.

Croat and Bosnian government forces were allied early in the war, which started in April 1992 when Bosnian Serbs rebelled over a Croat-Muslim vote to secede from Serb-led Yugoslavia. The alliance collapsed as Serbs and Croats began cooperating on plans to partition Bosnia.

As many as 200,000 people have died in the fighting.

Heavy Croat shelling on Saturday led to the capture of several villages

south of Fojnica, and British peacekeepers also reported a massive Croat troop buildup just 12 miles west.

Fighting was reported north of Sarajevo in the Vares region, where government troops have been battling Bosnian Croat and Bosnian Serb forces, said Maj. Manuel Cabezas, a U.N. spokesman in the Bosnian capital.

Heavy fighting also was reported in the southwestern city of Mostar, Fillingham said, and Bosnian radio reported Serb attacks in the central Bosnian towns of Maglaj and Olovo.

Serb Attacks

Refugees are fleeing from Serb attacks in outlying villages to Olovo. Massacres and rapes reported. The villages of Orna, Rijeka, Ravni and Zubeta were abandoned and burned.



Puerto Rico turns down statehood

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Supporters of continued commonwealth status for Puerto Rico prevailed at the polls Sunday over those who wanted statehood, turning back the strongest movement this century for full union with Washington.

"The people spoke and I will obey them," Gov. Pedro Rossello, who spearheaded the statehood campaign, said before thousands of supporters acknowledging defeat.

But he added: "This is a struggle that will go on."

Puerto Ricans turned out heavily Sunday to vote their preference for their political future — continued U.S. commonwealth status, independence or an attempt to become the 51st state.

Political status has been debated here almost since the moment U.S. troops captured

this Caribbean island in 1898, ending four centuries of Spanish colonialism. About 70 percent of the 2.3 million registered voters in the biggest outlying U.S. territory cast their ballots.

With the majority of the polling places tallied, continued commonwealth status had 49.5 percent to 45.9 percent for statehood. Independence received 3.5 percent. Commonwealth supporters argued that the present status is "the best of two worlds," allowing Puerto Ricans to have U.S. citizenship while maintaining a degree of autonomy and their Spanish language and island culture.

They argued that under statehood, U.S. culture would steamroll this island of 3.8 million residents and residents would have to pay hefty federal taxes.

SPORTS WIRE

Shula breaks coaching record with win

PHILADELPHIA — It wasn't supposed to be this tough for Don Shula, whose milestone 325th victory was assured only in the final moments of Miami's 19-14 victory over Philadelphia on Sunday.

And as the last few seconds ticked off the clock, his team lifted Shula and carried him off the field. Only then could the coach relax and allow a smile to creep across his granite profile.

"The last time I was on top of anyone's shoulder was 1972, the 17-0 season," Shula said.

For a long time Sunday, it seemed there would be no celebration for Shula. His team trailed 14-13 at halftime, because of a botched extra point. Here was the most routine play in football and for most of the game, it hung like a dark cloud over Shula, always leaving the Eagles within range to win the game.

In the end, though, the Dolphins simply would not allow that to happen, surviving finally when Philadelphia's James Lofton dropped a pass on the 5-yard line in the last two minutes.

"Lofton made so many big plays against teams I've coached," Shula said. "This time, he dropped it."

Now it was up on the shoulders for Shula, who thrust his arm in the air.

"Over the years, there have been a lot of great victories and a lot of great memories," he said. "This one will be special, maybe because of the way we won."

The Dolphins had all kinds of chances to lose this game. The biggest crisis came when quarterback Scott Mitchell suffered a separated shoulder on the first series of the second half. That left Shula with Doug Pederson, a backup for the backup, at quarterback the rest of the way.

"They hung so tough to win a game that meant so much to me," the coach said. "I'm relieved. They had to keep their focus. I don't think we did that last week."

And there was Shula on the sidelines, surrounded by injured quarterbacks and trailing by a point.

Finally, Miami found a way to win and Shula, 63, could reflect on the memories as he rode off the field on the shoulders of his players. There was no commemorative bucket of liquid emptied over him this time, though.

"I had that for No. 324," he said. "At my age, I can't take too many ice cold showers."

RHA approves budget increase

By Mindy Leiter Staff Reporter

The Residence Hall Association voted Sunday to increase its annual budget by \$5 per student.

RHA adviser Lisa Borton said the \$5 would come from an increase in room and board costs for incoming freshmen.

Three of the \$5 increase will go to the Residence Hall Association's central administration to help pay the costs of sponsoring events and providing services to the halls.

The remaining \$2 will go to the halls and the floors to help sponsor events, Borton said.

Current residence hall residents will not see an increase in their room and board, she said.

RHA debated over an item in the original bill that stated the resolution would not be enacted without the approval of regents and administrators.

The line was stricken from the resolution because RHA thought the resolution would be

stronger without it. In other business, RHA voted to fund two programs put on by residence halls.

Burr Hall and Fedde Hall received \$450.45 to subscribe to the Farm Dayta information network for a second year.

The money will be taken out of the Floor and Hall Programming Fund. The Farm Dayta system has been used by students on East Campus for research.

Larry Osborne, chairman of RHA's review and recommendations committee, said the system had been an invaluable service for students.

Raquel Wright, president of RHA, said Farm Dayta had been fully funded by RHA in the past.

The resolution passed with 18 votes and no opposition.

RHA also voted to support a Selleck Residence Hall program for a charity toga party for the Lincoln Food Pantry. Persons at the dance will be asked to donate a can of food as the price of admission.

RHA allocated \$85.00 out of its contingency fund to help Selleck put on the dance.

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