

Swedish soldiers wounded

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — The people of Sarajevo enjoyed another day of NATO-enforced calm Tuesday, but U.N. peacekeepers came under fire near another Bosnian city and five Swedish soldiers were wounded.

The attack, near Tuzla, 50 miles north of Sarajevo, pointed up the challenges facing diplomats who met in Germany Tuesday and other who will hold talks in Croatia Wednesday seeking new ways to end the 22-month war.

Tuzla has become one focus of diplomatic efforts since a NATO ultimatum forced Serbs to pull their heavy guns away from Sarajevo. The issue made Russian troops join U.N. peacekeepers in Sarajevo, and Moscow quickly claimed a leading role in peace efforts soon after.

In Moscow, President Boris Yeltsin proposed a meeting with leaders of the United States, France, Britain and Germany to work out a political settlement in Bosnia. There was no immediate response from those countries.

The head of U.N. peacekeeping

operations, Kofi Annan, said U.N. troops hoped to open Tuzla's airport March 7 for aid flights to central Bosnia. Serb-led Yugoslavia objected, saying the airport is too close to Yugoslavia.

Tuzla, held by Muslim-led Bosnian government forces, is one of several places where fighting continues while Sarajevo is quiet.

The Swedish peacekeepers were wounded while patrolling in U.N. armored personnel carriers in Ribnica, 20 miles southwest of Tuzla. Artillery shells wounded two Swedes, and a second attack wounded three more, Squadron Leader David Fillingham said. He said the wounds were not life-threatening.

Fillingham said he was unable to confirm who fired the shells.

Relief convoys and flights resumed in Bosnia Tuesday after being stopped before the ultimatum in case NATO air strikes were ordered and fighting escalated. The United Nations said 13 planes dropped 99 tons of food into Gorazde, a besieged Muslim town

in eastern Bosnia.

The diplomatic focus shifts Wednesday to Zagreb, the Croatian capital, after senior envoys from the United States, Russia and Europe met Tuesday in Bonn, Germany.

The Bonn meeting decided the Sarajevo cease-fire model should be extended to other beleaguered Bosnian towns, but Russia blocked consideration of additional NATO ultimatums. The diplomats also agreed to push Bosnia's Muslims, Serbs and Croats toward an overall agreement dividing Bosnia into three states.

The Zagreb meeting will involve Annan, the U.N. peacekeeping director; Yasushi Akashi, chief of the U.N. mission in former Yugoslavia; and international mediators Lord Owen for the European Union and Thorvald Stoltenberg of the United Nations.

A main topic will be the possible U.N. administration of Sarajevo, which would be "very complicated," John Mills, spokesman for Owen and Stoltenberg, said.

Ex-CIA official arrested as spy

WASHINGTON — In a case with Cold War echoes and implications for future U.S.-Russia relations, a former top CIA counterintelligence officer and his wife were arrested and charged with selling national security secrets to the Kremlin.

The case, as described in the federal affidavit for the arrest of Aldrich Hazen Ames and his wife, has many of the elements of a spy thriller novel: hand-offs of secret CIA documents at "dead drops;" \$1.5 million in alleged Russian payoffs and FBI agents sifting trash cans for clues.

President Clinton called the matter "very serious," and Secretary of State Warren Christopher summoned Russian diplomat Vladimir Chkhikvishvili for a formal protest.

The White House was reviewing how the case might affect relations with Russia at a time when the United States is strongly supporting President Boris Yeltsin and providing millions of dollars in aid.

The affidavit accuses Ames and his wife of conspiring to deliver information about secret CIA operations and of revealing the identity of a Russian counterintelligence officer who was spying for the United States.

Ames is accused of being an agent for the Russian foreign intelligence service, known as the SVRR, which is

the direct successor to the KGB of the former Soviet Union.

Ames, 52, and his wife, Maria Del Rosario Casas Ames, 41, of Arlington, Va., appeared before a federal magistrate in Alexandria, Va., Tuesday on charges of conspiracy to commit espionage.

The couple, who had been arrested Monday, were ordered held without bail until a hearing scheduled for Friday.

The CIA had suspected since 1985 that there was a "mole" spying for the Russians inside the agency, and Ames had been under investigation for two years, according to a law enforcement official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Clinton said little about the matter except to declare it "a very serious case" and to praise the FBI and CIA "for the work they did in cracking" it.

He turned away reporters' questions about possible effects on U.S.-Russian relations.

White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said, "We'll certainly continue to have a relationship with Russia. But again, we're beginning to review what the implications of this are. We're having discussions with the Russian government. We take this seriously."

Snowstorm cancels schools, tournaments across the state

In the central Nebraska town of Gibbon, they knew from the start that Tuesday's snow would be bad.

It was. More than a foot fell in parts of the state.

"We're fighting a losing battle," City Clerk Ron Catlin said as a three-person crew plowed valiantly to keep the main streets open in the town of 1,500.

Catlin estimated that 10 to 12 inches of snow had fallen by early afternoon, with more on the way.

He said the plows would be pulled off the streets until the snow ended. Travel in central and south-central Nebraska was not a good idea, the National Weather Service said.

Gibbon is located 35 miles north-east of Holdrege, where between 12 and 14 inches of snow fell as the snowstorm barreled across the state, closing schools and postponing boys and girls high school district basketball tournament games.

Hastings College and the University of Nebraska at Kearney called off classes Tuesday. In Omaha, both public and Catholic schools dismissed early because of the threat of heavy snow.

Schools throughout northeast Nebraska did the same.

Eastern Nebraska, which had escaped the brunt of previous storms,

was in line for as much as 6 inches of snow, forecasters said. The area was under a winter storm warning during the evening.

The area near Holdrege appeared to be hardest hit.

"If people call, we're telling them to stay home," Barb Sander, a secretary with the Phelps County sheriff's office in Holdrege, said.

Some Nebraskans got a day off.

"Most people have enough sense to stay home when you can't get out of your own driveway," Gary Ruhs of Orleans said. The weather service reported that 13 inches of snow fell in the south-central Nebraska town.

Ruhs stayed home from his job at Holdrege's Becton Dickinson Consumer Products plant, 21 miles to the north. Early shifts at the plant were canceled.

Lexington, in central Nebraska, had 10 inches of light, powdery snow by morning.

Snow-removal crews started work at 5 a.m. and were having little trouble keeping streets open, assistant City Manager Vince Bricker said.

"Right now, the wind isn't blowing," Bricker said from his office in the city of 6,600 people.

Harding, Kerrigan show begins

LILLEHAMMER, Norway — After a quiet Tuesday, where the Italians continued their Winter Games surge, the Olympic spotlight turns to a soap opera and a slope opera — Tonya and Tomba.



That's figure skater Tonya Harding and skier Alberto Tomba, who make their '94 debuts Wednesday at the Winter Games. Harding and Nancy Kerrigan will perform in a showdown on the ice that could get Super Bowl-like TV ratings.

The Harding-Kerrigan showdown comes 54 days after Kerrigan was attacked before the U.S. championships in Detroit. Wednesday's technical program is only Part I of the skaters' miniseries, which concludes Friday with the free skate and the medals.

Tomba hit the flats Tuesday to congratulate his gold-medal winning teammates in the men's 40-kilometer cross-country relay. Tomba, who owns three Olympic golds himself, will have a chance to make history when he skies Wednesday. He could be the first man to win Alpine gold medals in three consecutive Games.

Italy won its 15th medal Tuesday and has its highest total ever in the Winter Games. Its previous best was 14 medals in 1992.

Maurillio de Zolt of Italy won his first gold medal Tuesday at the age of

43. De Zolt, however, wasn't the oldest gold medalist in Winter Games history. American Jay O'Brien, eight days short of 49, won the gold on the four-man bobsled in 1932.

The most golds in Lillehammer belong to the Russians, with nine. Their seven silvers and three bronze give the Russians a Games-high 19, ahead of Norway's 17 (8-7-2) and Italy's 15 (4-3-8). The Americans remained fifth, with four golds, three silvers and a bronze.

The team ski-jumping gold went to Germany — but only after the last Japanese jumper flopped, blowing an enormous lead and his country's first gold medal in Lillehammer.

For the second time ever, Olympic medals were handed out in short-track speedskating — and for the second time, South Korea's Kim Ki-Hoon won gold in the 1,000-meter race.

Tonya and Nancy may get the Nielsen ratings Wednesday, but the better bet for a gold medal is Bonnie Blair. The four-time gold medalist skates her last Olympic race, the 1,000 meters, as the favorite to pick up her fifth.

A victory would give her more golds than any American woman in Olympic history.

The U.S. hockey team has another must-win game against Finland on Wednesday. The winner advances to the Olympic semifinals; the loser plays in the meaningless consolation games which began Tuesday, when France beat Austria 5-4 in a shootout and Italy faced Norway.

TODAY ON TV

WEDNESDAY
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— Programming on **CBS** —

- Speed skating—women's 1000m preview
- Alpine skiing—men's giant slalom (live)
- Nordic combined—team ski jumping portion
- Figure skating—women's technical program preview

— Programming on **TNT** —

- Ice hockey—TBA
- Figure skating—women's technical program
- Ski jumping—men's giant
- Speed skating—women's 1000m
- Ski jumping—nordic combined team 90k
- Skiing—men's 10k biathlon
- Skiing—women's 7.5k biathlon

— Programming on **CBS** —

- Figure skating—women's technical program
- Alpine skiing—men's giant slalom
- Hockey—quarterfinals report
- Speed skating—women's 1000m

— Programming on **CBS** —

- In and around the '94 Winter Games

All times EST

FCC approves cable TV rate cut

WASHINGTON — The Federal Communications Commission Tuesday voted to reduce rates for many cable television services by 7 percent, moving to correct an earlier attempt at price cutting that backfired.

The new rates, approved by a 3-0 vote, should be in effect by mid-May. The commission will be able to step in if it finds that a cable company has tried to avoid regulation by changing the way it bills.

It was not immediately clear how the cuts would change an individual subscriber's bill, all premium channels will be cut.

The FCC regulates service sometimes referred to as "expanded basic." It includes such popular channels as Discovery, ESPN, C-SPAN, MTV and CNN.

But cities and other local regulators also use the FCC formula, so the new rules will also lead to a cut in the

cable service they regulate, which includes the basic service such as local broadcast channels and government and public access channels. The prices for premium channels, such as HBO and Showtime, and pay-per-view channels are not regulated.

The reduction ordered last year lowered bills for about two-thirds of America's 57 million cable subscribers. But many others howled when their rates rose as cable companies restructured their charges.

FCC Chairman Reed Hundt termed Tuesday's decision a "brilliant balance" between the competing concerns of cable subscribers and the needs of the cable industry.

"I think consumers will be better served by the additional reduction," said Commissioner James Quello.

But Commissioner Andrew Barrett, while he voted for the action, said he considered the 7 percent cut "a bit on

the high side."

Cable firms had lobbied hard against substantial cuts, arguing that last year's federal regulation had already cost them billions of dollars.

The new rules will allow the cable companies to "earn a reasonable return on their investment," said Sandy Wilson of the commission staff. She said companies that feel the cuts impose a hardship can appeal to the commission.

When it passed the law that took effect last September, Congress intended that cable rates be restrained, but an FCC survey of the 25 largest cable companies showed that while 68 percent of subscribers received lower monthly rates, 31 percent got higher bills.

Consumer groups said even that was misleading because many smaller companies that serve millions of homes have raised rates.

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