

## US to send aid to El Salvador

WASHINGTON — After spending billions of dollars during 12 years to defeat leftist insurgents in El Salvador, the U.S. government now is giving them millions to help finance land purchases and business endeavors. The former rebels, once derided by the Reagan administration as left-wing terrorists bent on infecting the hemisphere with Marxism, have become part of the U.S. foreign aid portfolio. Members of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, or FMLN, are to receive a share of the \$300 million that the administration has targeted for El Salvador over five years, said Mark Schneider, AID assistant administrator for Latin America. The FMLN's one-time foes from the Salvadoran military also are eligible for some aid. One example: Several dozen leftists, including three female FMLN commandantes, laid down their arms to launch an organic coffee cooperative. If it seems ironic the United States

is lending support to forces it tried so hard to defeat, Schneider says El Salvador requires just as much readjustment as the post-Cold War relationships in the rest of the world. "We're trying to help the people of El Salvador move away from the divisions of the past, and to provide them with an opportunity to work together for a more peaceful and democratic future," said Schneider. The assistance goes far beyond the initial U.S. offer to house and feed combatants in temporary camps while they laid down arms and made the transition to civilian life. The money, the U.S. share of aid to help implement programs under the 1992 peace accord, covers a variety of programs — from building and training a new civilian police force to rehabilitating roads and public services. Already more than \$12 million has gone to the former rebels, beyond the initial funds for the temporary camps.

## Protests leave 31 dead

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Black factional fighting spread to the heart of South Africa's main city for the first time Monday when a march by Zulu nationalists set off gunbattles, stabbings and beatings that killed at least 31 people. Gunfire echoed off skyscrapers and shattered windows around a park near city hall where thousands of Zulus carrying spears rallied to protest the all-race election next month. Several blocks away, guards fired on more Zulus outside offices of the rival African National Congress. Leaders of the ANC and the Zulu-dominated Inkatha Freedom Party accused each other of starting the violence. People sprawled in the dirt and under cars, covered behind pillars and trampled each other trying to escape the shooting. There were bloodstained streets and sidewalks in at least three areas. Hospitals reported more than 200 wounded. Late Monday, leaders of the main political parties were trying to ar-

range a summit between President F.W. de Klerk, ANC leader Nelson Mandela, Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini and Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi. They were expected to meet later this week to confront the worsening crisis over Zulu demands for autonomy after the April 26-28 election. The ANC rejects Zulu demands for a separate homeland, saying the country's racial and ethnic groups must learn to live together after generations of segregation under apartheid. ANC leaders are demanding that troops of the white-minority government take over KwaZulu to ensure the election can proceed. Soldiers recently seized control in two other black homelands. Monday's march was intended as a show of force by Zulu nationalists, whose ethnic group is the largest in South Africa, and many stores did not open for fear of violence. Reports of clashes linked to the march and to a Zulu strike call began filtering in at dawn from nearby black townships where fac-

tional fighting has gone unchecked for years. Zulus trying to stop people from going to work fired along the streets of the Soweto and Kagiso townships, police said. A few hours later, as the first spear-wielding Zulu protesters entered downtown, clashes erupted with ANC guards outside the ANC's regional office. More shooting broke out as groups of marchers poured in from different directions. Snipers in building windows and on rooftops fired at marchers, some of whom returned fire with automatic rifles. The worst incident occurred outside the ANC's national headquarters, known as Shell House, a skyscraper in one of the most congested areas of downtown. As the marchers approached from the side and back of the building, ANC security guards opened fire. ANC officials said at a news conference the Zulus were trying to storm the building. Witnesses reported nine people killed in the incident.

## Pastor grieves daughter, comforts victims

PIEDMONT, Ala. — After losing her 4-year-old daughter and much of her growing young congregation in the Palm Sunday tornado that devastated her church, the Rev. Kelly Clem isn't yet ready to answer the question: "Why?" "I was just walking around ministering and praying with people after it happened, and people were lying on the ground and asking: 'Why Kelly, tell me why?'" "We do not know why," she said. "I don't think 'why' is the question right now. We just have to help each other through it." On Monday, the 34-year-old pastor was struggling between her dual roles as grieving mother and the spiri-

tual leader of a congregation shocked by death during the week that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. Her daughter Hannah was with other children waiting to sing in a musical drama telling the crucifixion story when the tornado struck. One minute, the song "Jehovah Jireh" — Hebrew for "the Lord will provide" — filled the air of the church, a witness said. The next minute, debris was flying. The tornado collapsed the Goshen United Methodist Church, crumpled the walls and buried dozens of the 140-person congregation. At least 20 people died at the church and some 90 worshippers were injured. The Clem's other child, 2-year-old

Sarah, was in the church nursery that escaped the brunt of the tornado. She had minor injuries. Mrs. Clem, who suffered head and shoulder injuries and a badly swollen left eye, walked with her husband around the wrecked church and parsonage. Mrs. Clem and her 34-year-old husband, the Rev. Dale Clem, are well-known among Methodist clergy in Alabama. "Some people told me that you must almost wish you never had a child," Mrs. Clem said. "It hurts, but I'll never regret these four wonderful years with that child. We had some wonderful last days. I had her picture made, and we made a video of her

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Easter parade." "She had talked about death. She said she thinks heaven is like Disney World, and I told her that was right. That child understood a lot. That gives me a lot of peace right now."

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