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# Clinton demands action in Bosnia

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Clinton, reacting to the carnage in Gorazde, pressed for more aggressive NATO military action to stop Serb attacks on safe havens in Bosnia.

"We must make the Serbs pay a higher price for the continued violence," he told a White House news conference Wednesday.

Clinton said the United States, Russia and European allies planned "a major diplomatic initiative" to end the strife in the former Yugoslavia. He did not provide details, saying they remained to be worked out.

"Air power alone will not settle this conflict," Clinton said. "This conflict will have to be settled through negotiations."

Clinton conferred by phone with Russian President Boris Yeltsin, French President Francois Mitterrand and Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

Clinton proposed that NATO extend to Gorazde and other "safe havens" in Bosnia the same approach that was used last month to break the siege of Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital.

That approach involved setting up a zone around the city and making it off-limits to heavy guns. Serbs were required to pull back their weapons 12 miles from Sarajevo. They complied under the threat of NATO air strikes. Sarajevo and Gorazde are two of

six safe havens designated by the United Nations.

Under the previous policy, NATO air strikes could only be called to protect U.N. peacekeepers. The lone exception had been in Sarajevo.

Asked if it was "too late" to save Gorazde, Clinton said, "No."

"It's too late for a lot of people who have been killed there," he said. The Muslim enclave could yet be restored as a safe haven if the Serbs would end their assault, Clinton said.

Clinton also said he expected the U.N. Security Council to authorize additional peacekeepers, "which we will support."

NATO signaled it was willing to go along with Clinton's proposal but delayed final approval to give military advisers time to consider the best way to proceed.

Doctors and foreign aid workers said Serb gunners were firing point-blank at the main hospital and bombarding the Muslim enclave with artillery shells, rockets and heavy machine guns.

Since midnight Tuesday, 44 people, including 15 children, had been killed in Gorazde, according to U.N. spokesman Kris Janowski in Sarajevo. That raised the casualty toll to 389 dead and 1,324 wounded since the Serb offensive began three weeks ago.

# Support pouring in for hospitalized Nixon

NEW YORK (AP) — Partially paralyzed and unable to speak, Richard Nixon moved Wednesday through what his doctor termed the "critical hours" that will determine whether the former president recovers from a major stroke.

As the 81-year-old Nixon remained in critical condition in New York Hospital's intensive care unit, get-well messages poured in from around the world, including a telegram from Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

"I hope you recover and return to the rough and tumble of political life," Yeltsin wrote.

"We've gotten too many telephone calls to count," said Liz Johnston, one of three Nixon staffers who fielded call after call at the former president's office in suburban Woodcliff Lake, N.J. "Some are friends, some are complete strangers, some are people with remedies."

Dr. Fred Plum, New York Hospital's chief of neurology, said Nixon was suffering from swelling of the brain, a complication from the stroke he suffered Monday. His daughters, Julie Eisenhower and Tricia Cox, were at his side. His wife, Pat, died last year.

The Richard M. Nixon Presidential Library and Birthplace in Yorba Linda, Calif., reported receiving hundreds of calls about Nixon's condition. A taped message urged callers to send get-well messages to the library.

Visitors filled a dozen pages in a "get-well book" placed in the library's lobby.

"You are a hero of mine," Kevin Walters, a Biola University student, wrote. "Stay with us, OK? Hang in there and keep your eyes on God."

Yoro Noboru, Japan's consul general in Los Angeles, signed a page with, "Please get well soon."

Some people ordered souvenirs with Nixon's signature, including \$300 photographs and autographed baseballs and \$100 postcards with Elvis stamps.

"We're Nixon fans all the way. He's such a wonderful man. We need him," said Eleanor Burke, 58, of Canyon Lake, Calif., who brought relatives from Connecticut to the library.

In the hours after the stroke, doctors said Nixon was out of grave danger, alert and in good spirits.

He was moved out of intensive care briefly Tuesday, but returned two hours later when his condition worsened.

# Senate refuses to eliminate free parking at local airports

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress has eliminated its free health care and gym privileges, but the Senate on Wednesday drew the line in the parking lot. It defeated a resolution to wipe out lawmakers' free, reserved parking at Washington's National and Dulles airports.

Before his resolution lost by a 53-44 vote, Sen. John McCain said declaring World War III "would probably evoke less emotion" from his colleagues. He was right.

Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo., passionately attacked the proposal, declaring it promoted the false impression that lawmakers — with some work weeks reaching 100 hours — were "ripping off the country by perks and by pay."

"When is this Congress-bashing going to stop?" Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, D-Ill., said.

Both spoke of the many nights when they furiously dashed from the Senate floor to one of the two airports in suburban Virginia, to catch the last plane home.

McCain, R-Ariz., had a different view of the 124 close-in spaces at

National, and 51 at Dulles, that are reserved for the 540 members of Congress, nine Supreme Court justices and scores of diplomats.

The parking privilege, he said, "is a perfect example of how out-of-touch the Congress often is with the overwhelming majority of Americans."

McCain said the parking should go the way of other eliminated congressional perks: free health care, free gym privileges and cut-rate haircuts.

Twenty-two Democrats and 21 fellow Republicans supported McCain, who was the only senator speaking for his proposal. Thirty-one Democrats and 22 Republicans were opposed.

Several senators switched during the vote.

The resolution was not binding; it could not have forced the independent Washington Metropolitan Airports Authority, which runs Dulles and National, to act.

However, authority spokeswoman Tara Hamilton said "we are happy to extend that courtesy" to lawmakers but "if Congress expresses a desire that we no longer extend that courtesy we would follow its wishes."

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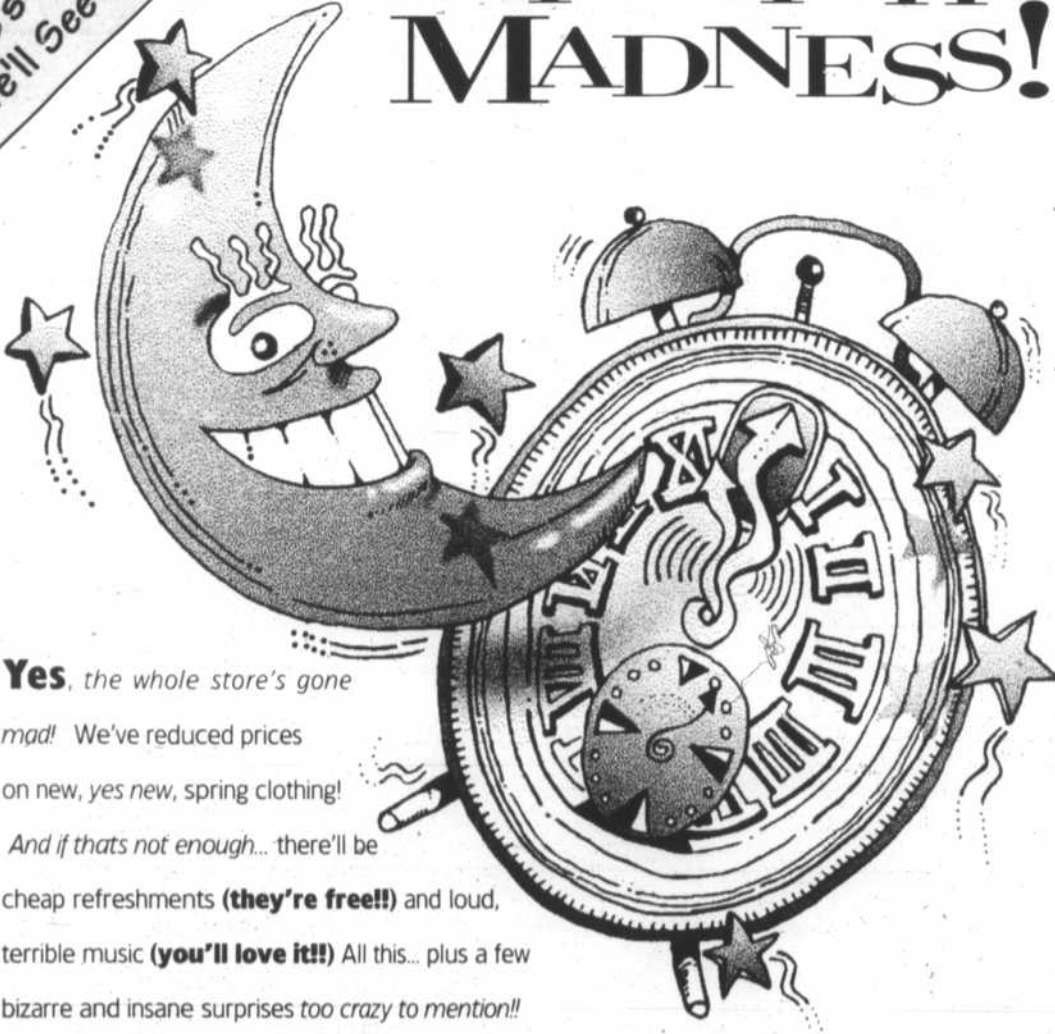
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