

Rebels in Zaire refuse to cease fighting

Tutsis reject any American or European aid in keeping the peace until ruler Mobutu is expelled

BUKAVU, Zaire (AP) — Rebels who seized parts of eastern Zaire have rejected an American or European role in any peace-keeping force and pledged to continue fighting until long-

time ruler Mobutu Sese Seko is ousted.

Only soldiers from neighboring African countries should take part in a multinational force designed to bring relief to more than 1 million refugees trapped by the fighting, said rebel leader Laurent Kabila.

"We have a cease-fire, and we have offered to allow the international community to set up the safe corridors they want," Kabila said.

Mobutu, meanwhile, gave his backing to the proposed peacekeeping mis-

sion and the current cease-fire.

"Mobutu was very clear and very categorical," U.N. envoy Raymond Chretien said after an hour-long meeting with the Zairian leader in Nice, France, where the president has been convalescing after prostate cancer treatment.

"He said Zaire will do everything possible to maintain this period of calm so that this multinational force can come and facilitate the gradual return of the refugees," Chretien said

Wednesday.

The U.N. envoy headed to central Africa today on a peace mission, flying first to Nairobi, Kenya's capital.

Chretien, Canada's ambassador to the United States and a former ambassador to Zaire, said he accomplished what he came to France for: A commitment from Mobutu to try to maintain peace in Zaire so a multinational force can go into the country as soon as possible.

The United States and European countries have been considering a request from African leaders for a U.N.-sponsored force to set up safe havens for Rwandan Hutu refugees in Zaire, provide them with food and medical aid, and escort them home to Rwanda.

A U.S. official in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed that the United States is weighing a French proposal to send American troops for logistical support.

Pena to step down

Transportation secretary among resigning officials

WASHINGTON (AP) — Transportation Secretary Federico Pena has informed President Clinton that he plans to leave the Cabinet, a senior administration official said Thursday.

Four other Cabinet members also are reportedly planning to leave. They are Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Commerce Secretary Mickey Kantor, Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary and Defense Secretary William Perry.

Pena faced criticism after coming to the defense of ValuJet in the wake of its May 11 crash in Florida, which department officials now admit was a mistake. The airline was later grounded, though it has since

returned to the skies.

A Transportation Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta had asked Pena to stay on, but the former Denver mayor wanted to spend more time with his family. Pena has two young daughters.

Pena has been secretary for three years and nine months, making him one of the longest serving cabinet members.

Among those mentioned as possible successors are William Daley, brother of the mayor of Chicago, and Federal Highway Administrator Rodney Slater, a close friend of the president.

Defeated delegates, ex-presidents still lead distinguished careers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Build houses for the poor. Teach U.S. foreign policy. Become a diplomat. Go on a speaking tour. And don't forget, there's always that presidential library or those long-awaited memoirs.

That's what some ex-presidents and White House wannabes have done after their jobs of running the country or a campaign were history.

Here's President Clinton, musing on his after-Oval Office life: "I will never seek office again — unless I go home and run for the school board some day," he said with a chuckle. He's got another four years to plan.

His vanquished Republican challenger Bob Dole is thinking about his future right now.

"I'm going to sit back for a few days, and then I'm going to start standing up for what I think is right for America," he said.

Among former presidents and failed candidates, a notable few over the years have boasted distinguished careers beyond the White House — when they weren't too busy improving their golf games.

• William Howard Taft was one of the most successful ex-presidents, becoming chief justice of the Supreme Court after he failed to win re-election in 1912. Historians say he was a better justice than president.

• Sixth President John Quincy

Adams spent 17 years in the House of Representatives after he was defeated for re-election in 1828.

• Jimmy Carter, defeated in 1980 largely for his failed foreign policy amid the Iranian hostage crisis, was a contender for the 1996 Nobel Peace Prize for his globe-trotting peace efforts. The former president has been busy with the Carter Center, established in 1982 to promote democracy and resolve civil strife, and with groups such as Habitat for Humanity, building houses worldwide, including in his native Georgia and in poorest Africa.

• Gerald Ford also has attached himself to charitable organizations, including the Betty Ford Center, the Gerald R. Ford Foundation and the American Cancer Society.

• George Bush, defeated for re-election in 1992, has remained a very private citizen, although he made a couple of campaign appearances with Dole this year. Mainly, he's been chipping away at his memoirs and traveling the world to speak, often visiting foreign leaders for private chats. He and his wife, Barbara, raised more than \$10 million for local and national charities in 1995.

• Even Richard Nixon, who resigned his second term in 1974 in disgrace over Watergate, enjoyed a renaissance as a respected elder statesman before his death in 1994.

Medical marijuana limited

New drug law allows doctor prescriptions but means of obtaining the substance are still in question.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — As celebratory marijuana smoke curled from pipes and joints at the headquarters of Proposition 215, uncertainty swirled around the future of California's newly approved medical marijuana law.

Although the law allows doctors to prescribe marijuana for medical reasons, there is no mechanism for patients to legally obtain it. The measure, and a similar one passed in Arizona, is at odds with U.S. drug laws.

"We still have a federal law that says marijuana has no medical value, and that it is against the law to grow it, distribute it and prescribe it as medicine," said retired Army Gen. Barry McCaffrey, President Clinton's drug czar. "That's a law. Not my law. That's the U.S. Congress' law."

McCaffrey said Wednesday he planned to meet with Attorney General Janet Reno and other officials to discuss how the initiative, approved by California voters 56 percent to 44 percent Tuesday, affects federal drug enforcement efforts.

The measure legalizes the cultivation, possession and use of marijuana for health reasons. In a separate referendum, Arizona agreed to allow doctors to prescribe the drug for seriously ill patients.

Mars surveyor begins mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The Mars Global Surveyor rocketed away Thursday on a 435 million-mile, 10-month journey to the Red Planet, the first step in a decade-long exploration effort by NASA to determine whether there was ever life on Mars.

The Delta rocket carrying the spacecraft blasted off precisely at 50 seconds past noon, one day after strong wind scuttled the first launch attempt. Today, the weather was perfect.

"We are always relieved when we

see one get off the ground as nice as this one did," NASA scientist Mario Acuna said. "This is a very happy occasion."

Less than an hour later, the last rocket engine fired and propelled the Global Surveyor toward Mars at a speed of 24,000 mph. Launch controllers applauded and shook hands.

The Global Surveyor replaces a Mars probe that mysteriously disappeared three years ago.

Cyclone ravages southeastern India

Storm kills at least 400; nothing left standing, chief minister says

HYDERABAD, India (AP) — A cyclone struck southeastern India, killing at least 400 people, destroying 10,000 homes and wrecking thousands of acres of rice fields, officials said today. At least 1,500 people were reported missing.

The storm, packing winds approaching 100 mph, struck the coastal state of Andhra Pradesh on Wednesday night.

"Except for houses made of brick and cement, nothing is standing there," the top state official, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, told reporters af-

ter surveying the devastation by air Thursday.

The storm wrenched power poles from the earth and flooded roads and train tracks, state chief secretary M.S. Rajaji said.

The death toll could go even higher as relief teams reach remote areas, officials said. Telephone lines were washed out and information from some storm-hit areas was unavailable.

Many of the fatalities occurred when the mud walls of houses collapsed on the victims. A few others drowned in the flood waters, Rajaji told a news conference.

Money not an issue as Doles move past presidential campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bob Dole won't have trouble making ends meet as he moves from 35 years of public service into involuntary retirement.

Even though he frequently invoked his humble Kansas origins as he campaigned for president, the former Senate majority leader and his wife Elizabeth have amassed a multimillion-dollar cushion.

In fact, Elizabeth Dole, 60, is due to resume her \$200,000-a-year job as president of the American Red Cross in January. She has been on an unpaid leave during the campaign.

Dole became eligible for a \$107,000-a-year pension when he resigned from the Senate last June 11 to campaign full time. Dole also receives a \$18,300-a-year pension from the Army.

The Doles have combined assets of about \$4 million.

U.S. envoy warns Serbian leader for holding indicted crime suspects

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — A U.S. human rights envoy warned Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic on Thursday to comply with extradition requests for war crime suspects or face further political and economic isolation.

Assistant Secretary of State John Shattuck said he told Milosevic "that international financial assistance and access to the international organizations ... depends on much more cooperation with the International War Crimes Tribunal."

Milosevic is considered a main instigator of the Bosnian war. Shattuck said he has provided ac-

cess for foreign visitors to some known Bosnian Serb war crime massacres sites, like Srebrenica in eastern Bosnia, and allowed the opening of the tribunal's office in Belgrade this summer.

"But I made clear to him that was not enough," Shattuck said.

Shattuck reiterated that former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and his military commander, Gen. Ratko Mladic, must be among those extradited. The two head the list of 74 men indicted by the U.N. war crimes tribunal in the Hague.

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