

## Serbs mobilize against authoritarian rule

### About 150,000 people march in the streets of Belgrade to protest Milosevic's regime.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — In the biggest rally ever against Serbia's authoritarian president, 150,000 people marched through the capital Saturday, hurling eggs and firecrackers at city hall and state television offices.

The rally began when about 15,000 students took to the streets in the 13th day of protests against Slobodan Milosevic, and it grew throughout the day.

"This is the fight for democracy and our future," said Milica Panic, a 23-year-old law student, as she joined a long column of marching youths. "It is not just a fight for election results."

Protesters threw eggs at government buildings, state-run television and

publishing houses. Later they carried flashlights to cut through the dense Belgrade fog.

Students and other opposition supporters want Milosevic to recognize an opposition victory in local elections in Belgrade and other major Serbian cities.

They also demand his resignation, saying that the other Balkan countries have thrown out their Communist rulers and Milosevic's time has come.

"The news has finally reached Milosevic that the Berlin Wall is down," said one opposition leader, Vesna Pesic. "We may be six years late, but that's what is going on now in Serbia. This is the beginning of the end of totalitarianism, and the triumph of democracy."

A court controlled by Milosevic annulled the Nov. 17 election, re-ran the voting and declared victory for his ruling Socialists.

Protesters have been on the streets every day since in progressively larger

numbers, with Saturday's protest the biggest yet. But so far they haven't defied Milosevic's control. Police have been present, but they have not reacted to crowds hurling eggs, tomatoes, red paint and rocks.

Milosevic has ignored the uprising, choosing not to use force as he has twice in the past. The state-run media have barely mentioned the protests, except to denounce scattered violence.

But the president did increase pressure on the few remaining independent media. Ten journalists in the independent Blic daily were fired Saturday after they refused to stop writing about the protests.

Blic is the largest independent daily with a circulation of more than 200,000 sold copies all over Serbia. Earlier this week, a state-run printer reduced Blic's printing run.

Such moves signal Milosevic's fear that the protest could spread to all of Serbia and include workers, who have

remained largely aloof.

Zoran Djindjic, a leader of the opposition coalition Zajedno, or Together, said they would organize new and larger rallies in provincial towns and crack an "information blockade that is keeping Serbia in the dark."

Few Serbs outside the capital have access to independent media. The main source of news is Serbian TV, which Milosevic tightly controls.

"Milosevic cannot defeat this river of citizens, this uprising against state terrorism," said another leader, Vuk Draskovic. "We will have workers, hospitals, schools with us. The whole of Serbia is against the dictatorship."

Djindjic pointed out that the opposition has a majority in several large towns: Novi Sad, Kragujevac, Uzice, Cacak, Sombor, Kikinda and Zrenjanin.

Opposition leaders also want an independent judiciary and a new government, as well as a market economy. Students said that nullification of

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the election results presents "an attack on basic human rights and principles."

"There is no future for us here if the regime can do what they want," said medical student Mirko Zivkovic, 21. "What kind of country is this?"

More than 200,000 young people have left Serbia since Milosevic rose to power in 1987 and encouraged wars in Croatia and Bosnia before publicly backing peace in the Balkans.

## Mother Teresa weakens Lung, kidney problems may hinder recovery

CALCUTTA, India (AP) — Mother Teresa was in critical condition Sunday, as long-standing lung and kidney problems slowed her recovery from surgery to remove blockages in two major heart arteries.

Doctors said the 86-year-old nun awoke in stable condition Sunday, but weakened in the afternoon. They said her lung and kidney problems "continue to be a major concern which could complicate her condition and recovery," according to a statement from Calcutta's B.M. Birla Heart Research Center.

Just a day before, doctors described her condition as better than expected, and tentatively planned to begin drug treatment Sunday to correct her irregular heartbeat. They postponed the treatment indefinitely.

Doctors had said they would delay the treatment if Mother Teresa was not stable because of the slight risk that attempts to correct her heartbeat could exacerbate the problem.

Patricia Aubanel, one of seven doctors treating Mother Teresa, told reporters Saturday that it would not be safe to send Mother Teresa back to her convent until her heartbeat was normal because an irregular rhythm presents a risk of stroke.

Mother Teresa was eager to leave the hospi-

tal and return to her work leading one of the world's best-known religious charities. Aubanel said that Saturday afternoon, her patient gestured at tubes and lines connecting her to medication drips and monitors and told doctors: "You're done. Pull all these out — I look like a Christmas tree."

Mother Teresa was insisting on being home by Thursday, when a ceremony was planned for 64 women taking their vows as nuns, Aubanel said. The doctor added Saturday that it was likely that deadline would be met, but it was unclear how Mother Teresa's weakened condition Sunday would affect that timetable.

The artery blockages constricting the flow of blood to and from Mother Teresa's heart had threatened her life, doctors said. Aubanel revealed for the first time Friday that Mother Teresa suffered a mild heart attack on Nov. 22.

The pumping action of her heart began to improve immediately after Friday's angioplasty, which involved inflating tiny balloons in two major arteries to clear blockages.

Aubanel said last week's mild heart attack was Mother Teresa's first, although she has had coronary disease for many years.

## Palestinians, Israelis, Jews renew combat

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — Palestinians clashed with Israeli soldiers and Jewish settlers in this West Bank town Saturday amid rising tensions over the planned withdrawal of Israeli forces.

Palestinian witnesses said the scuffles started when large groups of settlers assaulted Palestinians in two places downtown. But settlers' spokesman Noam Aron said the fighting began when Palestinians assaulted a group of Jewish girls.

Several Palestinians were hurt and nine were arrested, Palestinian sources told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Several weeks of negotiations have failed to result in an agreement on the troop redeployment from most of Hebron, the last West Bank town under Israeli occupation.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said Saturday he will seek international arbitration to force Israel to honor the peace accords it signed with the PLO.

## NASA cancels spacewalks for Columbia

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA decided Saturday it wasn't worth the risk to let astronauts try to pry open a jammed space shuttle hatch, and canceled all spacewalks for Columbia's mission.

Mission Control was concerned that astronauts Tamara Jernigan and Thomas Jones might not have been able to close the hatch with a tight seal after their spacewalk if they forced it open.

Without a decent seal, the chamber between

the crew cabin and the open cargo bay could not be repressurized, and the spacewalkers would be stuck outside the cabin.

Two spacewalks had been planned for Columbia's 16-day flight to test tools and techniques for building an international space station.

NASA decided to focus instead on how to open and close the hatch in the unlikely event an emergency spacewalk is needed to close the cargo-bay doors before returning to Earth.

## DN EVENTS CALENDAR

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HOLIDAY LIGHTS AND WINDOW DISPLAYS  
Downtown  
13th and O streets  
Through December

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4

FAIRVIEW HOLIDAY HOUSE  
50th and Sumner streets  
2-5 p.m.  
Through Sunday

### THURSDAY, DEC. 5

"HUNGER HAS A CURE,"  
DAVID BECKMANN, BREAD FOR THE WORLD, SPEAKER  
Nebraska Wesleyan University forum  
7 p.m.  
McDonald Theatre  
51st Street and Huntington Avenue

STAR CITY HOLIDAY FESTIVAL KICKOFF AND DOWNTOWN LIGHTING CEREMONY  
13th and Q streets  
5:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 6

LINCOLN SYMPHONY STAR CITY HOLIDAY POPS  
Pershing Auditorium  
7:30 p.m.

### HOLIDAYS IN THE HAYMARKET

Luminaries  
6-9 p.m.  
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### WINTER LIGHTS: FOLSOM

CHILDRENS'S ZOO  
1222 S. 27th Street  
6-8 p.m.  
Through Sunday

### HOLIDAY OF TREES

Unitarian Church  
6300 A Street  
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Through Saturday

### SATURDAY, DEC. 7

JINGLE BELL RUN  
Various distances  
Capitol, 7:30 a.m.

### STAR CITY HOLIDAY PARADE

Downtown  
10 a.m.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 8

BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA TRAIN  
6,000 lights and Santa Claus  
Lincoln Station  
7th and P streets  
6-9 p.m.

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