

## House gives Mexico chance to cooperate in drug battle

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House voted today to give Mexico 90 days to fully cooperate in the anti-drug war or lose its certification. President Clinton is counting on the Senate to protect his outright acceptance of Mexico as a full partner in the anti-drug war.

The 251-175 vote came on a bill that originally called for Mexico's immediate decertification — a proposition that is losing ground in the Senate. Even if the resolution wins Senate approval, the House margin was far short of the two-thirds required to override an expected presidential veto.

"This is an effort on our part to help the people of Mexico, to help the

people of Colombia and to help the American people," said House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga. Clinton decertified Colombia but certified Mexico as "fully cooperative" in fighting drugs.

The final vote was closer than the overwhelming defeat the Clinton administration expected. The vast majority of Democrats turned against it because it sharply criticized Clinton's anti-drug policies.

Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., who supported the original bill, said the 90-day provision also would put Mexican officials in a bind. Any effort to meet the congressionally imposed goals would be viewed as giving up on its

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sovereignty leading into a July 6 mid-term election.

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## Anarchy seizes Albania; 12 dead

U.S. troops evacuate Americans as citizens take arms and flee country.

TIRANA, Albania (AP) — U.S. troops flew into Tirana to evacuate Americans trapped in chaos as, one by one, Albania's few remaining tranquil towns descended into anarchy Thursday. Gangs ransacked armories, civilians navigated tanks and children played with assault rifles.

Helpless army commanders asked for Western military involvement after the unrest that has engulfed southern Albania for days spread north, east and west, destroying the last semblance of order and leaving at least 12 people dead and 50 injured.

The president's son and daughter and five other family members were among the masses to flee Albania, arriving in Italy aboard a ferry, an Italian coast guard officer said.

Responding to the increasing threat, four U.S. military helicopters based on warships in the Ionian Sea began evacuating Americans. Up to 2,000 U.S. citizens are in the country, and State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said the flights could continue for days.

Burns told reporters in Washington that U.S. Ambassador Marisa Lino and 17 core embassy staff would remain in the capital for the moment. Italian helicopters also airlifted 400 people from

Tirana, and Britain and other embassies hurried with plans to get their nationals out.

NATO's top policy board met in emergency session in Brussels, Belgium, later issuing a statement expressing its "deep concern."

In New York, the U.N. Security Council issued a statement urging the international community to provide humanitarian assistance and for all sides in Albania to work together to ease tensions.

The unrest threatens to swamp neighboring countries, particularly Italy and Greece, with another flood of refugees. Because there are sizable ethnic Albanian populations in Serbia's Kosovo province and in Macedonia, those chronically unstable areas also are at risk.

Macedonian border guards said they fired on seven armed Albanians trying to cross the mountainous frontier on Thursday.

In Tirana, guards deserted the central prison, allowing 600 prisoners, including former President Ramiz Alia and another prominent leader of the former Communists to get away.

Pressure was building on current President Sali Berisha to leave office — the one move that might help restore order.

The new eruption of violence left virtually no community of any size untouched. The weeks-long uprising was sparked by the collapse of high-risk investment schemes, draining the savings of thousands of Albanians, and has grown into anti-government protests.

## Israeli school girls slain by soldier during field trip

NAHARAYIM, Jordan (AP) — A Jordanian soldier opened fire with an automatic rifle today, killing seven Israeli junior high school girls who were on a field trip to the "Island of Peace" in the Jordan River.

The gunman, who chased after the students while firing, wounded six other eighth-graders before being overpowered by other Jordanian soldiers.

Initial reports said the soldier started firing from a watch tower, but Israel TV reported he was in a jeep. That report said he grabbed a weapon from a fellow soldier, shot him and then opened fire on the terrified students who were 50 yards away. He changed clips in his weapon and fired more shots before he was overpowered by other soldiers, who shouted "Madman! Madman!" at him.

The soldiers said the attacker was mentally unstable, but Israeli leaders linked the shooting to the this week's harsh Jordanian criticism of Israel over the impasse in the Mideast peace talks.

The soldier, identified as Lance Cpl. Ahmed Yousef Mustafa, 22, opened fire while about 80 students stood near a Jordanian watch tower on a grassy hill on the island of Naharayim. A sign at the entrance reads "The Island of Peace."

Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai ordered the site off-limits to Israelis until an investigation into the shooting is completed.

## Massacre in Egyptian village makes second attack this year

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Gunmen opened fire on civilians walking along a dirt road in a mostly Christian village in southern Egypt Thursday, killing at least 12 men. Islamic militants were suspected of carrying out the massacre.

About an hour after the shooting, assailants shot at a Cairo-bound train 12 miles south of the village, killing a 40-year-old Egyptian woman and wounding six men, the Interior Ministry said in a statement. The train was traveling from the tourist city of Luxor to Cairo.

The village shooting was the second major attack in Egypt this year and is likely to further embarrass the government, which has boasted in the past that it has put an end to extremist attacks.

It was also one of the highest death tolls since Muslim militants began a violent campaign in spring 1992 to oust Egypt's secular government.

The attack occurred in Nag Dawoud village near Nag Hamadi, an industrial center 300 miles south of Cairo.

Gunmen emerged from a sugar cane plantation and began shooting randomly at people in the mostly Coptic Christian village, security officials said.

Last month, gunmen stormed into a church charity meeting in southern Egypt, killing nine Copts.

Following the killing, angry clergymen and human rights activists demanded better security for Coptic establishments.

## Police identify suspect in Ennis Cosby slaying

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Russian teen gunned down Bill Cosby's son in a random robbery attempt, police said Thursday, confirming his arrest came after a tipster called the National Enquirer in hopes of claiming a \$100,000 reward.

Mikhail Markhasev, 18, who came to the United States eight years ago, acted alone and "there was no indication that there is any Russian gang or Russian mob ties at all," police Chief Willie Williams told a news conference.

"It appears that robbery was the motive. It was happenstance," Williams said. "This was a random stop as far as we know now. ... It happened to be a man in a car and the defendant who is now under arrest happened to come by."

Williams also said investigators seized a knit, woolen cap believed worn by the suspect and the gun used in the Jan. 16 slaying of Ennis Cosby, who was shot along a roadside as he changed a tire on his \$130,000 Mercedes convertible.

Ballistic tests confirmed the gun was used in the killing, Williams said. He said the gun, which he did not describe, and the cap were found last Friday after a thorough search of the area with help from recruits from the Los Angeles police academy.

The chief noted that nothing appeared to have been taken during the robbery attempt and that Markhasev drove to and from the crime scene.

Markhasev, who was arrested Wednesday night at his suburban North Hollywood home, will be charged with one count of murder. He has "some

criminal history," Williams said, declining to elaborate.

Two other people brought in for questioning Wednesday night — a man and a woman — were released.

Markhasev came to this country legally as a Russian refugee in 1989 and is not a U.S. citizen, a federal official speaking on the condition of anonymity told The Associated Press.

The primary witness was a woman Ennis Cosby apparently was going to visit the night of the slaying. After Cosby had the flat tire, she went to the scene in her car and came face to face with the suspect.

Williams confirmed the tip came first to the National Enquirer's reward tip line and was passed on to the police department's press relations office.

Enquirer editor Steve Coz said the tipster called within days of the killing and provided a reporter with a pager number. The number and name were relayed to police. The tipster told the tabloid there was a Russian crime syndicate connection, and the Los Angeles Times reported the same link on Thursday, but Williams emphasized Markhasev apparently wasn't part of a gang.

Cosby family spokesman David Brokaw talked to Bill and Camille Cosby and said, "I sense a real sense of triumph, exuberance and something along the lines of some sort of closure."

In a statement, the couple thanked police and said they "felt certain and had every hope that they would find the suspect and that the process of jurisprudence would unfold."

## States may invoke HIV disclosure

WASHINGTON (AP) — States would be required to alert people of possible previous contact with HIV-infected individuals under a bill being supported by a Republican congressman.

The measure also would create a national reporting system for the virus, require testing of anyone accused of a sex crime, require insurers to disclose HIV test results to applicants and allow disclosure of HIV status of children up for adoption.

Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., said the provisions would protect those who aren't infected and help those who are learn of their status as soon as possible so they could take advantage of new, life-prolonging treat-

ments. The American Medical Association, which represents the interests of doctors, supports the measure and many of the bill's provisions.

But the Human Rights Campaign, a gay political group, said the bill would do nothing to help at-risk individuals change their behavior.

The bill would:  
■ Require confidential, national reporting of new HIV cases to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. States currently report new AIDS cases, and 26 states report new cases of the virus.

■ Require states to notify people that they may have been exposed to

HIV by a current or past partner. The CDC currently requires states to establish procedures for partner notification for AIDS cases.

■ Require HIV testing for accused sex offenders.

■ Require insurers to reveal HIV test results to applicants, and permit people to learn the HIV status of children they may adopt.

The Human Rights Campaign said evidence has shown that notifying partners is a costly and ineffective way of controlling the disease. It also questioned mandatory testing of accused sex offenders, noting that it takes at least six months after exposure for the virus to show up in the blood.

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