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## NATO may intervene in Kosovo

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the prospect of NATO-backed military action increasing, the State Department is planning to issue an advisory urging American citizens not to travel to Yugoslavia.

The statement came as President Clinton sent his national security team to Capitol Hill on Thursday to lay the groundwork for possible NATO military intervention in Kosovo. "We're at a fairly critical moment," Clinton's spokesman said.

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said the travel warning, expected to be released later Thursday, also would urge Americans in Yugoslavia to consider leaving.

Rubin said military action is closer to a reality "because of Belgrade's failure to comply with the requirements of the international community."

Clinton's senior advisers were to brief senators on Serb atrocities against ethnic Albanians and on international efforts to stop the slaughter. The White House urged Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to heed Western demands for a cease-fire and withdrawal

of Serbian troops. "When faced with diplomacy backed by force, he has in the past backed down at various moments," presidential spokesman Mike McCurry said. He said NATO has started the process that could lead to military strikes.

"The activation warning has been made to allied capitals by NATO," McCurry said. "The next step in the process would be an activation request in which forces would be provided for a pending military action. And that's a serious piece of business," McCurry said.

"Because the U.S. leads NATO and because we have obligations there, it would involve, one way or another, putting people in harm's way," the president's spokesman said.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright endorsed a British call for a special U.N. Security Council meeting Thursday to deal with repression in Kosovo.

"Clearly, the clock is ticking," State Department spokesman James Foley said Wednesday.

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presidential spokesman

NATO has completed plans for possible airstrikes to halt Milosevic's troops, which have since February been fighting a guerrilla movement seeking independence for the Serbian province. The pressure to act increased this week upon discovery of fresh massacres by Serb security forces of 18 ethnic Albanians, including women and children.

"This was not an act of war. It was plain cold murder," British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said from Blackpool, England, as he called for a special Security Council meeting.

Yugoslavia's foreign minister strongly denied Thursday that Serb security forces were responsible for the

latest killings, and invited the International Committee of the Red Cross and the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees to conduct an independent probe into the incident.

"Under their auspices, specialists should come from a number of various countries and in cooperation with Yugoslav experts establish and prove the facts," he told reporters during a brief visit to Washington.

U.S. officials also were talking tough, noting that Milosevic has ignored a U.N. resolution approved by the Security Council a week ago calling for a cease-fire and for withdrawal of Serb troops and threatening the use of force if fighting continues.



### MF chief calls for bolder action to deal with crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve made the right decision in cutting a key interest rate earlier this week, the head of the International Monetary Fund said Thursday. But he said global powers must now do more to overhaul the financial system and halt a spreading economic crisis.

IMF Managing Director Michel Camdessus, briefing reporters on what could turn out to be pivotal annual meetings of the 182-nation lending organization, rejected suggestions that the IMF had badly handled the global currency crisis.

He said the world's seven richest countries must push for stronger growth to offset steep recessions in many Asian nations and Russia. He praised the Fed's decision to cut a key U.S. interest rate by a quarter-point Tuesday and suggested European monetary authorities take similar steps.

### Senate sends president \$270.5 billion defense bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate sent President Clinton a compromise \$270.5 billion defense budget Thursday that the Pentagon and congressional leaders have called barely adequate to meet the military's needs.

The bill would raise military pay by 3.6 percent, support Clinton's decision to keep U.S. troops in Bosnia, impose new curbs on satellite exports and allow the Pentagon to continue to train men and women recruits together.

The Senate vote was 96-2, with Sens. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., and Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., voting no.

The White House had objected to a provision transferring satellite export licenses from the Commerce Department back to the State Department. Democratic aides said Clinton was expected to sign the bill.

Final passage of the bill comes as congressional leaders and top military officers are embroiled in a controversy over the readiness and morale of the nation's troops and who is to blame.

Members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff were criticized earlier this week by senators who claimed the brass hadn't warned them about the problems in time to adjust the Pentagon budget.

### Adams, Trimble remain at odds over IRA arsenal

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — The two politicians central to the success of Northern Ireland's peace agreement failed Thursday to overcome their disagreement about Irish Republican Army weaponry.

After a tense 75-minute meeting, Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams said he "cannot deliver" weapons as the price for his IRA-allied party's admission into a new cross-community administration for Northern Ireland.

Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble said he wouldn't let Sinn Fein take part in the administration unless IRA commanders "meet their side of the bargain" by starting to disarm in cooperation with an independent commission.

The standoff illustrates a weakness of April's historic agreement on how Catholics and Protestants should jointly govern Northern Ireland: To secure support from both Trimble and Adams — polar opposites in the long struggle over whether Northern Ireland should remain part of Britain or unite with Ireland.

## Bellevue man, 19, killed after group sex incident

BELLEVUE (AP) — A 19-year-old man was lured to a park and murdered for roughing up a girl during a group sex act, authorities said.

Six people, including a married couple and two 16-year-olds, were arrested late Wednesday and early Thursday after Scott D. Catenacci's body was found in a park, Sarpy County Sheriff Pat Thomas said.

After the killing, some of the teens drove the victim's car to Omaha, where they allegedly took beer from a store, said sheriff's Lt. Russ Zeeb.

Three of those arrested engaged in a group sexual encounter with Catenacci about two weeks ago, he said. They plotted to kill him because he "roughed up one of the girls," Thomas said.

The sheriff would not specify what Catenacci had done, or which of those arrested had been involved in the sex. Zeeb said one of the females apparently changed her mind in the middle of the encounter, and Catenacci would not stop.

Authorities said they think Catenacci was lured to the park under the pretense that someone wanted to buy his laptop computer. The sheriff said Catenacci was stabbed repeatedly in the upper body and apparently struggled with his killers.

He would not say how many times Catenacci had been stabbed or whether one or more weapons were used, but said investigators had not

recovered a weapon yet.

Five of those arrested were believed to have been at the murder scene, and the sixth allegedly knew about it and tried to help cover it up, Thomas said. Catenacci's body was found in a ditch near the park.

Investigators think Catenacci was killed sometime between 9 p.m. Tuesday and 6 a.m. Wednesday. A man collecting cans around Haworth Park spotted the body Wednesday.

Catenacci's parents reported him missing after he didn't return home from work at a doughnut shop Tuesday night in Bellevue.

"This thing's kind of bizarre," Thomas said. "It's more involved than any soap opera."

Randy Glynn and James Hargett, both 19, Nicole Wetherell, 18, and two 16-year-olds were arrested on murder charges. Glynn's husband, 19-year-old Christopher Glynn, was arrested on a charge of being an accessory to murder.

Formal charges of first-degree murder and use of a weapon were filed Thursday against the two 16-year-olds, Daniel Jones and Patrick Burden, and they were scheduled for bond hearings today, said Sarpy County Attorney Mike Munch.

He said formal charges against the others were pending. The charges were filed first against Jones and Burden because they were juveniles but were being charged as adults.

## Democrats won't ask for censure of Clinton

■ They will propose a brief impeachment inquiry limited to the Lewinsky affair.

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats are drafting a proposal for a brief impeachment inquiry restricted to President Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky, officials said Thursday, effectively dropping an attempt to head off a formal investigation with a swift censure.

Several officials said the Democratic proposal, designed as an alternative to the open-ended inquiry envisioned by Republicans, may refer to censure as an eventual resolution of the case against Clinton. But this would come into play only after a formal investigation.

These officials declined to say how long an investigation Democrats might propose, although the party's leader in the House, Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri, has suggested timetables of 30 or 60 days. They added that no final decisions have been made.

Republicans are certain to prevail, both in the Judiciary Committee as well as in the entire House, when they seek passage next week of an open-ended inquiry based on precedents established during the Watergate investigation a

quarter-century ago.

But Gephardt and other Democratic leaders have been laboring in recent days to craft an alternative that their rank-and-file could rally behind, thus enabling many of them to vote in opposition to the GOP proposal without exposing themselves to election-year charges that they sought to ignore evidence against the president.

"This cannot be a never-ending fishing expedition," Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, the senior Democrat on the Judiciary Committee, told reporters at a news conference.

"The American people should know that when the Republicans vote for an open-ended inquiry next week, that they are committing all of the country to a process that could last for months, for years — who knows."

Republicans responded swiftly in what has become a staple of the impeachment drama unfolding in the Capitol — one side troops before the television cameras to level a charge, followed a few moments later by the other side offering a rebuttal.

In this case, Rep. Charles Canady of Florida was one of several Republicans responding.

"I have a growing suspicion that no matter what we do ... they will criticize it," he said.

"So one day they want us to follow the Watergate model. The next day they say, 'Don't follow the Watergate model.'"

On Wednesday, Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., chairman of the committee, announced plans for just such an inquiry — unlimited in time or scope, with Democrats receiving limited ability to subpoena their own witnesses and the White House allowed representation at proceedings.

Democrats responded Wednesday with strong criticism, as Conyers and White House spokesman Mike McCurry said that whatever Clinton's transgressions with Lewinsky, they fell far short of the offenses Richard Nixon committed.

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