

Bribery scandal results in arrest

■ The Peruvian intelligence worker believed to have been in control of the judicial system and military has been ousted by President Fujimori.

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LIMA, Peru - President Alberto Fujimori's deposed security chief, Vladimiro Montesinos, has been detained by the military, Peru's independent CPN radio reported Monday. The radio station, citing an unidentified military source,

reported the order for the arrest was issued by Montesinos' close associate, Gen. Jose Villanueva Ruesta, commander of Peru's armed forces.

A Defense Ministry spokesman declined to confirm the report, but Miguel Gutierrez, a reporter for the opposition newspaper La Republica, said he confirmed the arrest with high-ranking military sources.

Montesinos has been at the center of a bribery scandal since a videotape emerged last week allegedly showing the intelligence man's bribing an opposition lawmaker to defect to the president's congressional bloc.

Soon after the revelation, Fujimori announced that he would call new elections - and not run as a candidate himself. It was a shocking announcement from the man who has led Peru for more than a decade and who recently won a disputed election for an unprecedented third term.

The radio station reported Montesinos was being held on the second floor of a building at a Lima air force base, where the National Intelligence Service has its headquarters.

The radio station said Montesinos' sister has filed a request asking a court to order

the military to free the 54-year-old security chief. Montesinos - once dubbed Fujimori's "Rasputin" - had built a wide base of support inside the military during his years at the helm of the feared intelligence service. He was widely believed to control the judicial system, the attorney general's office and the military.

He was suspended from his position on Saturday when Fujimori announced he was "deactivating" the intelligence agency.

Fujimori's foes accuse Montesinos of spearheading smear campaigns against the

president's opponents in the recent presidential elections. His intelligence service also has been linked to death-squad killings and torture.

Analysts said the video, released Thursday, caused an irreparable rift between Fujimori and his spy chief, who Fujimori had relied on to help maintain an overwhelming grip on power.

Military experts said Fujimori's decision to oust Montesinos was likely supported by discontented mid-level officers, fed up with Montesinos' meddling in the armed forces.

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■ Ivory Coast

Tensions within military lead to attack on president

ABIDJAN - Mutinous soldiers attempting to kill Ivory Coast's junta leader stormed his house Monday but were defeated by loyalist forces.

Two presidential bodyguards were killed in the gun battle, which began about 3:30 a.m., said Gen. Robert Guei, who came to power in a December coup.

Four others were badly injured, officials said, though it was not clear if the injured were mutineers or presidential guards.

The attack came amid growing tensions in the military over pay disputes and deep political and ethnic divisions.

Presidential elections, scheduled for Oct. 22, are to return the country to civilian rule. Guei has declared himself a candidate.

■ Los Angeles

Bus patrons wait in vain as mass-transit workers strike

A transit strike forced nearly half a million Southern California commuters to scrounge for rides or get behind the wheel themselves Monday, worsening traffic on already clogged streets and freeways.

Some commuters showed up at bus stops and waited in vain as temperatures rose into the 90s.

About 4,300 members of the United Transportation Union went on strike over wages and overtime Saturday, halting 2,000 buses and rail and subway lines serving a 1,400-square-mile area.

An estimated 450,000 people in the car-dependent region depend on the transit system.

No new talks were scheduled, but Metropolitan Transportation Authority spokesman Rick Jager said transit-system negotiators and a state mediator were ready to bargain.

Union spokesman Goldy Norton said union representatives were waiting for an invitation from the mediator.

■ Washington, D.C.

U.S. asks United Nations to prosecute Hussein

The Clinton administration urged the United Nations on Monday to establish a war crimes tribunal to try Saddam Hussein and other Iraqi officials in the deaths of up to 250,000 civilians in Iraq, Iran, Kuwait and elsewhere.

In a speech at the National Press Club, David J. Scheffer, ambassador at large for war crimes, said: "It is beyond any possible doubt that Saddam Hussein and the top leadership around him have brutally and systematically committed war crimes and crimes against humanity for years."

The U.N. Security Council is debating whether to set up an International Criminal Court. Establishment of the court could take two years, and it would lack jurisdiction over crimes committed earlier, Scheffer said.

That is why, he said, a special court is necessary to judge Iraqi President Hussein's rule.

Special tribunals already are sitting in judgment over war crimes in Rwanda and former Yugoslavia.

At the request of the United States, the Yugoslavia panel has indicted Slobodan Milosevic, president of Yugoslavia, for crimes in the Balkans.

■ Colorado

Blazes threaten homes; more wind possible

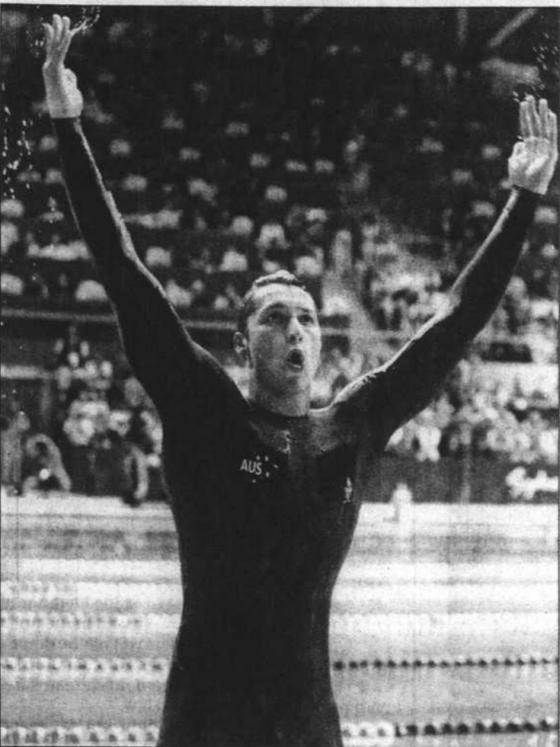
BOULDER - Damp, cool weather moved in Monday as firefighters battled an 1,110-acre wildfire that threatened more than 130 homes, but more wind was possible.

Hundreds of residents remained evacuated Monday.

The blaze slowed slightly during the night as light rain fell, but firefighters were concerned that 30-mph wind gusts forecast later in the day would send the flames racing again through tinder-dry trees and vegetation.

Firefighters said the blaze was zero percent contained. Incident Cmdr. Joe Hartman said 80 to 100 homes could be in danger.

Elusive aquatic gold realized by Americans



Nick Wilson/Allsport-News/News

Teenage sensation Ian Thorpe of Australia celebrates after winning his first gold in the men's 400-meter freestyle Saturday at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia. Thorpe, 17, won the gold in the 400-meter freestyle in a new World and Olympic record time of 3:40.59. Thorpe, who won his second gold in the 4-by-100 meter freestyle relay, lost the 200 freestyle to Dutchman Pieter van den Hoogenband on Monday.

■ U.S. swimmers Lenny Krayzelburg and Megan Quann delivered on their promises, while the odds-on favorite from Australia failed to capture his third gold medal.

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SYDNEY, Australia - Lenny Krayzelburg fulfilled the ambition of his parents who left the rugged Ukraine for America so their son could have a better life.

Megan Quann realized her perfect race, visualized time and again while in bedroom with her stopwatch in hand.

Ian Thorpe took Australia for yet another thrilling ride with every stroke but revealed himself to be human after all.

Three swimmers, three poignant stories, were linked Monday night at the Olympic pool where Krayzelburg did the expected, Quann did what she promised, and Thorpe did something different - he lost.

In another double-gold day for the Americans, Krayzelburg overcame jitters about being a heavy favorite to win the 100-meter backstroke, while Quann pulled off her predicted victory over defending Olympic champion Penny Heyns in the 100-meter breaststroke.

Thorpe, the Australian sensation who already had two golds, lost the 200-meter freestyle to Dutchman Pieter van den Hoogenband.

Krayzelburg followed his parents out of the crumbling Soviet Union in 1989 for the uncertain hope of southern California. He was only 14, an up-and-coming swimmer who faced the eventual prospect of being drafted into the army.

"That wasn't an easy thing to do to move to a new country," Krayzelburg said. "They had the guts to make that move."

Oleg Krayzelburg is a gruff, demanding man who expects a world record from his son virtually

every time he swims. But the father broke down in tears when he hugged his son after the race, a gold medal squeezed between them.

"We can go home now," the father said, a tender moment that surprised even the swimmer.

Quann's victory over Heyns was justification for all those hours spent in the solitude of her bedroom, visualizing her perfect race.

"I have a stopwatch in my hand. My eyes are closed," related Quann, a high-school junior from Puyallup, Wash. "I can see the tiles on the bottom of the pool. I can taste the water. I can hear the crowd."

Quann used a strong kick to win in 1:07.05. Heyns faded to the bronze behind Leisel Jones of Australia.

An entire nation was rooting for Thorpe, the 17-year-old Aussie superman who won his two golds in world-record setting races.

Even when van den Hoogenband broke Thorpe's 200 mark in the semifinals, it seemed a foregone conclusion that the "Thorpedo" would get it back 24 hours later.

Van den Hoogenband and Thorpe were dead-even as they made their final turn with 50 meters to go.

The Aussie-dominated crowd overwhelmed the hall with its signature chant: "Thorpe! Thorpe!" Workers abandoned their posts, filling every vacant nook of the aquatic center to get a glimpse of this phenomenon.

But the Dutchman was flying over the final 25 meters, stretching ahead of Thorpe with a time of 1:45.35 - tying the one-day-old world record. The Aussie finished second, nearly a half-second behind, while Massimiliano Rosolino of Italy took bronze.

"I'm not going to win every race; I'm not going to break every world record," Thorpe said. "It just can't happen."

Van den Hoogenband seemed overwhelmed by his victory, which gave his tiny homeland its second gold medal and second world record in as many nights.

Abusive U.S. Army unit ill-trained for Kosovo

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WASHINGTON - The U.S. Army unit accused of abusing Kosovar Albanian civilians while on peacekeeping duty was not properly trained for a mission that required "tempering their combat mentality," according to an Army investigative report released Monday.

The report detailed numerous acts of misconduct by several members of the 82nd Airborne Division and said their commanders shared blame for not taking action when told of the misbehavior.

In a written statement accompanying the report, the Army said Gen. Eric Shinseki, the chief of staff, ordered a review of the report's findings. He asked Gen. John W. Hendrix, commander of U.S. Army Forces Command, to complete the review and "take corrective actions as appropriate" within 30 days.

The Army statement also said the misbehavior "should never have occurred" but adds that the problem was limited to a small number of soldiers and should not detract from the exemplary

work being done by the Army as a whole in Kosovo, where peacekeepers have been operating since June 1999.

Defense Secretary William Cohen, who is traveling in Asia, issued a brief statement in which he called the incidents of misbehavior "a source of great concern" and endorsed Shinseki's decision to review the matter further.

As reported publicly in August during the rape-and-murder trial of Staff Sgt. Frank J. Ronghi, the Army investigators found evidence that several other soldiers were guilty of abusing Kosovar Albanian civilians.

Ronghi was sentenced to life in prison after being found guilty of raping and murdering an 11-year-old girl.

Nine other soldiers from his unit were given various forms of administrative punishment; the investigators recommended that commanders consider court-martialling some of the nine, but they were not.

The Army released the 1,100-page report after removing some material for reasons of privacy and secrecy.

Flood victims forced into roadside tents

■ Two months' worth of rain have driven Vietnamese and Cambodian residents from their homes and have made food scarce.

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TAM NONG, Vietnam - Sitting under a ragged tarp alongside a road, Tran Van No huddled with the few precious possessions he managed to save from the water that swallowed his house: a bicycle, his pig, a few pieces of clothing.

"I'm just afraid that a storm or strong wind will blow this away," said No, a 40-year-old fisherman in Vietnam's Dong Thap province. "Then what will I have left?"

Like No, an estimated 150,000 people in the Mekong Delta face an uncertain future. Officials said Monday it could be two months before floodwaters recede enough for them to return home.

They don't know what the next day will bring or what the next meal will comprise. A similar situation is in store for neighboring Cambodia, where two months of floods - the worst in 70 years - have killed 109 people.

In Vietnam, 27 people have died, including 18 children. More than 1 million people have lost homes, lands, livestock, property or relatives in the two countries.

The Red Cross appealed last week for \$1.9 million in aid, with the bulk going to Cambodia. Officials said this week an additional appeal of up to \$1.5 million will be launched for Vietnam.

"The problems associated with this massive flooding will be with us for months," said Richard Neville of the International Federation of the Red Cross,

who is advising the Cambodian Red Cross.

About 350,000 homes have been inundated in the four Vietnamese Delta provinces of An Giang, Dong Thap, Long An and Kien Giang.

Meteorologists say nearly half the provinces are submerged, with water levels at or above those of 1996, when floods killed 217 people.

People have taken shelter on earthen dikes or alongside roads built on higher ground. Home is a shanty of plastic tarp and bamboo poles.

Throughout the province, a few rooftops and telephone poles jut above the water. But for the most part, the flooded rice paddies resemble vast lakes shimmering into the horizon.

"Many families have to move two to three times because the water keeps rising," said Nguyen Huu Hien of Long An's flood and storm control bureau.

Along a highway leading north from Dong Thap's provincial capital of Cao Lanh, homeless families have set up threadbare encampments beside the road.

The crisis has forced neighbor to reach out to neighbor.

Duong Nua, 49, is among the lucky few to remain unscathed. He harvested his last crop just days before the rains began in July.

Blessing his good fortune, Nua offered up his large home, built on high stilts, as shelter for 15 or 16 families at night.

"I give them a place to sleep because they are my neighbors," he said.

In Cambodia, officials expect the raging Mekong River to fall in coming weeks, but the next worry for aid workers is that people may not have enough to eat, said Peou Samy, the top relief official in Cambodia.

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