

Clinton says final farewell to Americans

The outgoing president's televised speech thanked the people for eight years in the White House.

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WASHINGTON — Now that he's said his goodbyes at the landmarks of his political career, President Clinton is bidding adieu to the American people.

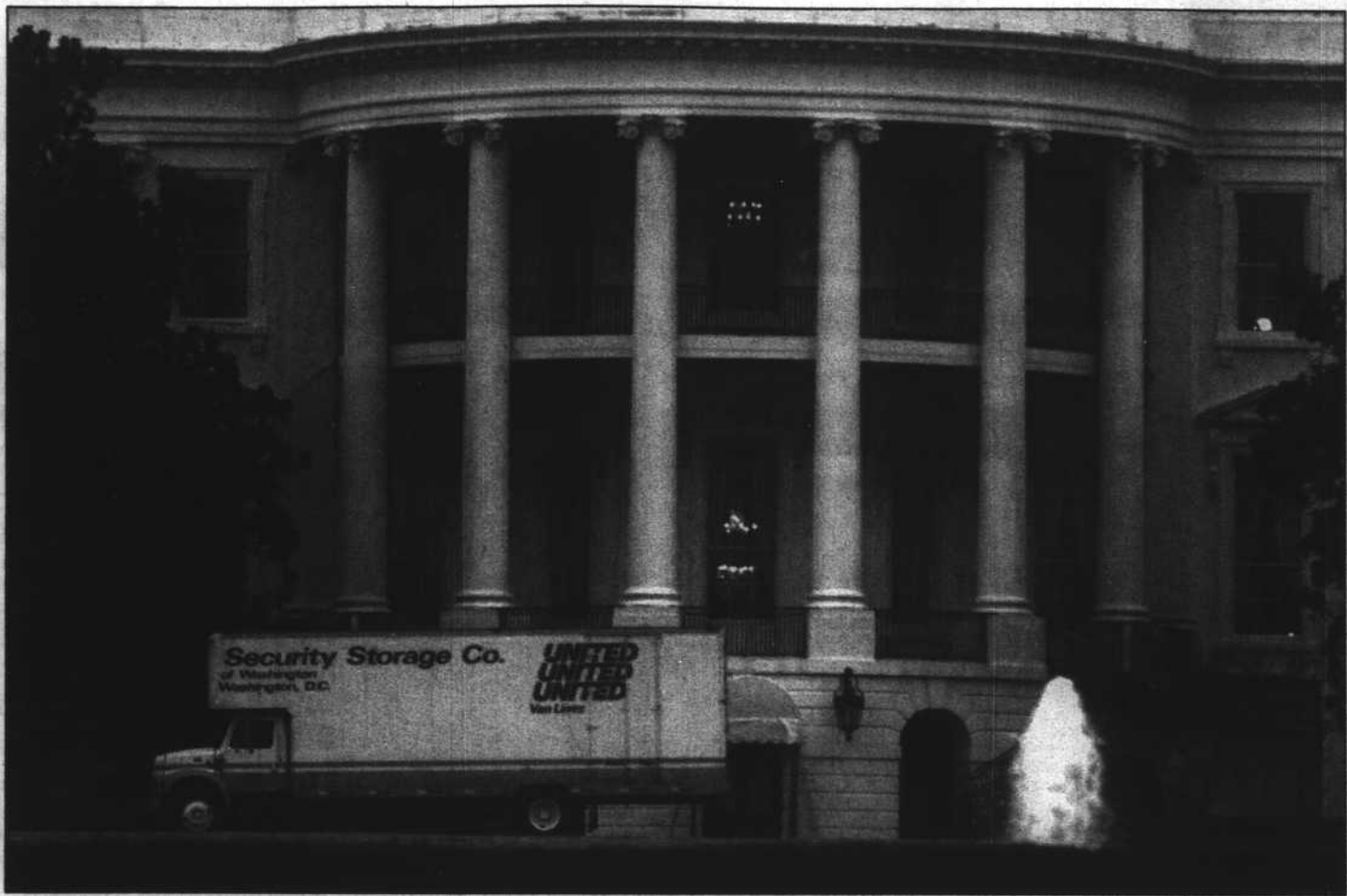
Clinton planned to closet himself in the White House on Thursday to prepare for a nationally televised speech that aides billed as largely a thank you to Americans who sent him to the White House twice and regularly told pollsters they approved of his performance, even at his lowest moments.

A Clinton aide, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Clinton's remarks Thursday night would have "a little bit of an edge" to them, containing, among other things, an appeal for Americans to reject an isolationist stance and remember U.S. responsibilities as a world leader.

Clinton and President-elect Bush have disagreed over the use of U.S. forces in Europe. While Clinton has dispatched troops aggressively to Kosovo and the Balkans, Bush promised to be more circumspect about sending soldiers abroad.

Thursday's speech caps the long, slow farewell that Clinton began in December with speeches on foreign, domestic and economic policy. Last week, he gave an exit address in New Hampshire, where he resuscitated his flagging 1992 campaign with his famous "last dog dies" speech, and this week paid final visits to Chicago, his wife Hillary's hometown, and Michigan.

On Wednesday, in his last official road trip, Clinton spent a few nostalgic hours in Arkansas, his home state. Tears welled in his eyes as he stood in the state House chamber — where he was sworn in as governor five times — and thanked lawmakers for a lifetime of political lessons that carried him to



Alex Wong/Newsweek
A moving van is parked outside the South Portico of the White House on Thursday. President Bill Clinton is moving out of the presidential residence, while President-elect George W. Bush is moving in.

the White House and kept him there for eight years.

"I know perfectly well I wouldn't be president if it hadn't been for the people of Arkansas," he said later to a crowd gathered in a hangar at the Little Rock airport. "Through all the storms and all the sun-

shine," he said, serving as president was one of his greatest delights.

Arm-in-arm with daughter Chelsea, Clinton stood on the corner of St. Vincent and the new President Clinton Ave. He visited an ailing mousignor at a local hospital and mused about the small niceties of pri-

vate life — driving his own car again, maybe even fixing up his long-stored Mustang.

"I've got a daughter about to graduate from college and a wife going into the Senate," Clinton said. "It seems to me one of the things I'll have to do is go to work, which won't do me any harm."

I'm sorry Ms. Jackson... Jesse admits his affair

The civil rights leader disclosed that he has a child with another woman.

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CHICAGO — The Rev. Jesse Jackson withdrew from public view at a potentially critical hour for the civil rights movement Thursday after disclosing that he had an extramarital affair that resulted in the birth of a daughter a year and a half ago.

A steady stream of supporters — including Jackson's son, Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. — visited with him at his Chicago home, some carrying Bibles.

But the only word from Jackson was a statement issued in the early morning hours revealing the affair.

"I fully accept responsibility, and I am truly sorry for my actions," he said.

Spokesman John Scanlon said Jackson issued the statement to get out in front of anticipated tabloid reports. Scanlon said the child was the result of an affair Jackson had with a woman who worked in the Washington office of Jackson's civil rights group, the Rainbow-PUSH

Coalition.

In his statement, Jackson said he would temporarily step aside from public life to spend time with his family.

The statement came amid the Senate confirmation hearings for John Ashcroft, President-elect Bush's nominee for attorney general — a choice denounced by Jackson and other civil rights leaders. Jackson has demanded that Democratic senators vote against Ashcroft.

Jackson's staff said he has not yet decided whether he will attend a rally Saturday in Florida to protest voting irregularities he says disenfranchised blacks during the presidential election.

Jackson, a Baptist minister and one-time aide to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., said he has provided "emotional and financial support" since her birth.

He said he knows friends and supporters will be disappointed in him and asked for their "forgiveness, understanding and prayers."

Jesse Jackson Jr. issued a statement appealing to the public to "understand and respect our privacy."

Chicago Mayor Richard Daley called it "a personal thing with his wife and his family" and would not comment.

That sentiment was echoed by many in the city that has become the base of operations for Jackson's civil rights work.

"It's his business. We're only human," said James Duckett, a 26-year-old Chicagoan who is a driver for Cook County. "Everybody's allowed to make mistakes. At least he 'fessed up and took responsibility."

Californians face more blackouts

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California cut off power to hundreds of thousands of people for a second straight day Thursday as lawmakers rushed to enact emergency legislation to buy electricity at taxpayer expense and keep the lights on.

Californians stocked up on flashlights, generators and firewood as the northern half of the state was struck again. The rolling blackouts stretched from the Bakersfield area to Oregon, 500 miles away.

The outages lasted about two hours and affected up to 1.8 million homes and businesses at any one time. Power managers warned that more blackouts were possible by nightfall.

Thousands of people saw everything from their lights to their heaters, computers and bank machines abruptly switched off. Schools in the San Francisco Bay area lost power, and traffic lights went out by 10 a.m., causing gridlock and fender-benders. Sacramento also was affected.

The blackout order could be expanded to the south, said Stephanie McCorkle, a spokeswoman for the Independent System Operator, keeper of the state's power grid.

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Independent System Operator spokeswoman

"It really feels like deja vu today," she said. "We are living hour by hour here."

The blackouts came two hours earlier than those on Wednesday and affected twice as many people at any one time. They were prompted by the loss of thousands of megawatts from the Northwest, where power-generating dams were low on water. One megawatt is enough to power 1,000 homes.

Northern California has faced the outages first because of congestion in transmission lines that send power up from Southern California. The southern half of the state has not had the same problems importing energy. Utilities refused to disclose which neighborhoods were affected, citing security concerns.

Hospitals and airports were among the essential public services exempted from the outages.

"We were doing peoples' color, we were doing peoples' shampoo and sets," said Masako Kondo, owner of Masako's Hair

Design in Palo Alto, which lost power around 10:30 a.m. She sent customers home with wet hair and asked them to come back later.

There had been signs it was going to be another bad day. The ISO declared a Stage 3 alert just one minute after midnight as power reserves dipped toward 1.5 percent.

The first blackouts in the months-long energy crisis came Wednesday in northern and central California. Regulators came within 1,300 megawatts — enough to power 1.3 million homes — of ordering the first statewide blackouts since World War II.

While Southern California was spared, power was shut off to as many as a half-million customers at a time, affecting San Francisco, Silicon Valley, Sacramento and Modesto.

Gov. Gray Davis ordered the state to start buying power from wholesalers and provide it to power-short and financially strapped utilities.

UNL renews Gambling program

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Senior communications major Scott Worrall, who also attended Alcorn, found the rural, close-knit community of the university to be welcoming.

"I think everyone down there was very accepting of us," he said. "The social life revolved more around going and talking to people in their rooms. Everybody knew everybody."

Robert Butler, an associate professor of English at Alcorn, said he missed that personal association when he taught at UNL in the fall of 2000, though he said he found his time here to be well-spent.

"Because (the campus) is so much larger, you feel a bit more anonymous," Butler said.

"Otherwise, everyone was extremely friendly. It was a marvelous experience."

Junior mortuary science major D.C. McCauley is attending Gambling next fall. He said he hoped to take classes that would provide a more diverse education because they were taught from a different world view.

All of the previous exchange participants encouraged students to take advantage of the program.

"I think it's one of the best opportunities that the University of Nebraska offers," Gartner said. "I wish more people knew about it."

Worrall said the experience was comparable to a study abroad without leaving the country.

"You can't get the experience

"Being a Caucasian female, you don't always get a chance to be a minority in a situation."

Erin Gartner

semester exchange student

anywhere else," he said. "I came back a little bit more open-minded. You break down a lot of misconceptions."

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen said the exchange cost no more than a semester at UNL. Students interested in the program should contact the department of graduate studies.

Senators look to shore up elections

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The new hours would apply to areas in the Central and Mountain time zones. Results would not be released until both areas had closed their polls.

"It will benefit a majority of people," Brashear said.

David Shively, Lancaster County election commissioner, though, said the bill's costs and problems outweigh the benefits.

He said it would cost his office thousands of dollars to stay open for an extra hour.

Moreover, he said, most poll workers are elderly, and requir-

ing them to work an extra hour in an already long day could simply be too much.

Shively also said local governments would have to pick up the extra costs of a decision made by the state.

"Basically, it's an unfunded state mandate," he said.

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Congo

Slain president's son becomes temporary replacement

KINSHASA, Congo — Two days after President Laurent Kabila was gunned down in his presidential palace, Congo's government acknowledged Thursday that he had died, ending uncertainty over his fate but leaving this deeply troubled nation fearful over its future.

Kabila's son, Joseph, has already been thrust into power as his temporary replacement, but the question of a permanent successor could bring more turmoil in a nation already split by civil war and wrecked by poverty.

Joseph Kabila, who was army chief under his father, was shown on state television broadcast meeting with foreign ambassadors. He made no statement and — despite reports he had been wounded in the shooting — appeared uninjured.

The government announcement — after two days of insistent Laurent Kabila was wounded but alive — shed little light on the president's death.

Philippines

Filipinos rally for President Joseph Estrada's resignation

MANILA, Philippines — The clamor for President Joseph Estrada's resignation swelled Thursday as tens of thousands of Filipinos, linked arm-in-arm, called for his ouster in a demonstration that stretched from a popular revolution monument to the financial district.

Cars honked and confetti rained down on some 100,000 protesters who filled Manila streets around a monument to the uprising that forced out the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos. Similar rallies were reported in at least 17 other Philippine cities a day after Estrada's impeachment trial was suspended.

All 11 men prosecuting Estrada on corruption charges quit this week after being denied access to bank records they claimed would prove his guilt. They said a fair verdict was impossible because so many of the senators were in the president's pocket.

Kenya

IMF delays loan payment to Kenya over failed reforms

NAIROBI — The International Monetary Fund delayed a loan payment to Kenya because the government has failed to make promised reforms, a senior IMF official said Thursday.

The latest interruption in payments comes just six months after the IMF lifted a three-year suspension on the loan package and agreed to resume lending to the economically troubled East African nation.

Samuel Itam, senior IMF representative in Kenya, said an \$8 million loan due in December — the second installment of a three-year, \$198 million package — would be delayed until certain government reform targets were met. Itam did not elaborate about the reforms.

Washington, D.C.

Ashcroft's past vote bothers Democrats, civil rights groups

A black Missouri judge said Thursday that John Ashcroft "seriously distorted my record" to block the judge's appointment to a federal court in what Senate Democrats claimed was a bid for political gain.

"The question for the Senate is whether these misrepresentations are consistent with the fair play and justice you all would require of the U.S. attorney general," Missouri Supreme Court Judge Ronnie White told the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Now President Bush's choice for attorney general, Ashcroft was a Missouri senator seeking reelection when he engineered the party-line 1999 defeat of the federal nomination for White, the first black judge on Missouri's highest court. That vote, the first defeat of a district court nomination on the Senate floor in 40 years, became a focus of Democrats and civil rights groups opposed to Ashcroft's confirmation.

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Sunny
high 21, low 10
TOMORROW
Partly cloudy
high 39, low 25

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