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Iraq holds nerve gas weapons

President threatens retaliatory use of binary weapons on Israel

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said for the first time Monday that his country has deadly binary nerve gas weapons, and he threatened to use them on Israel if the Jewish state attacks Iraq.
 Binary weapons, usually artillery shells or missile warheads, contain two relatively safe compounds that combine to produce toxic nerve gases. They are outlawed under a 1925 treaty.
 Iraq is already seen as a front-runner in a Middle East drive to develop arsenals of long-range and surface-to-surface missiles. Its development of chemical weapons, and possibly nuclear arms, has raised fears of an arms race in the volatile region.
 In Israel, government officials warned Monday that Israel would retaliate if Hussein used chemical weapons against it.
 The U.S. State Department denounced Hussein's chemical weapons threat as "inflammatory, irresponsible and outrageous."
 Hussein, in a speech broadcast by Baghdad Radio, denied Iraq has nuclear weapons. Con-

cerns about this were raised last week by the interception in London of 40 Iraqi-bound trigger devices that officials said were designed for nuclear bombs.
 "I categorically deny that we have any atomic bombs," the president said at a ceremony in Baghdad, where he awarded medals to senior military officers.
 Hussein claimed that during the 1980-88 war with Iran, "Iraq was offered enriched uranium and even a complete atomic bomb by people who were either American, British or Zionist agents. But Iraq turned down these offers."
 He did not elaborate. Such an offer would not be in accord with Western efforts to block nuclear military technology to developing nations.
 The Iraqi Foreign Ministry also said Monday that Iraq was not seeking to develop nuclear weapons.
 "I say that if Israel dares to hit even one piece of steel on any industrial site, we will make the fire eat half of Israel," Hussein declared.
 In a clear reference to Israel, Hussein said:

"Those who are threatening us with nuclear bombs: we warn them that we will hit them with this binary chemical weapon."
 Avi Pazner, a spokesman for Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, said, "We have no aggressive intention against anyone, including Iraq."
 Asked about the possibility of a pre-emptive strike, Pazner said: "We don't even want to think about that kind of thing."
 Only the United States and Soviet Union have officially admitted having binary weapons, though some other countries were believed to possess them.
 In an interview with The Associated Press, Hamdoun, undersecretary of the Iraqi Foreign Ministry, said Iraq developed the weapons before the end of the 8-year Iran-Iraq war but did not use them in that conflict.
 Hussein said Britain and the United States should recognize "the rights of nations and peoples to defend themselves."

Ex-Soviet prisoner teaches Jewish traditions to arrivals

JERUSALEM (AP) — Yosef Mendelevitch held up a piece of matzo symbolizing Jewish freedom from slavery in ancient Egypt and recited a blessing in Hebrew.
 About 100 new Soviet immigrants in the room watched, some with bewildered looks. Then they broke off and ate, for the first time in their lives, a piece of Passover matzo.
 Mendelevitch was teaching the Passover traditions to the new arrivals in Russian, telling them about the unleavened matzo. It commemorates the haste with which the Israelites fled from the pharaoh's army, with no time to wait for their bread to rise.
 "They did not even recognize the story of Moses in the bulrushes, a story even non-Jews know," said Mendelevitch, who spent 11 years in a Soviet prison for trying to get to Israel.
 Passover begins this year at sundown April 9. The very presence of the Soviet Jews is viewed by Israelis as a fulfillment of the prayer at the end of the Passover story, to meet "Next year in Jerusalem."
 But there is also an element of controversy, because the Soviet Jews are living in Gilo, a Jerusalem suburb built on land captured from Jordan in the 1967 Middle East war.
 President Bush recently criticized the settling of Soviet immigrants on war-won land, including east Jerusalem, saying it was an obstacle to making peace with the Arabs.
 Leon Shansvitch, who arrived two months ago from Baku, in Soviet Azerbaijan, said, "We have the right to live in Gilo. I don't understand President Bush. This area was empty until Jews built here. Jerusalem is a Jewish city."
 Reading from the Haggada, which recounts the Exodus from Egypt, Mendelevitch said there are similarities between the flight from the pharaoh's oppression and today's flight of tens of thousands of Jews from the Soviet Union.
 "In the Passover story, the Pharaoh kept saying the Jews could leave, but whenever they tried he stopped them," Mendelevitch said. "Then God sent him 10 plagues to convince him to let the Jewish people go."

"The same thing happened with Soviet leaders in the Kremlin," Mendelevitch said. "Finally, after world economic and medical sanctions, they had no choice but to let us go."
 Spurred by reports of anti-Semitism in the Soviet republics, about 16,000 Soviet Jews arrived in Israel in the past year.
 According to the American Jewish Committee, the rate has reached more than 5,000 per month.
 Mendelevitch was convicted and jailed in 1970 for attempting to hijack a plane and fly to Israel after being denied an exit permit. He was freed and came to Israel in 1981.
 A group of religious women arranged for Mendelevitch to teach the traditions of the Seder, or Passover dinner, in an attempt to make entry into Jewish culture easier for the immigrants.
 White tablecloths, long candlesticks and all the traditional dishes were on display: hard-boiled eggs, horseradish, lettuce, parsley, wine, salt water, and "cheroset," a sweet pate of apples, nuts and wine.

Talks stalled after sniper attacked bus

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A Greyhound bus driver wounded in a sniper attack on a bus operated on Monday as Greyhound and striking drivers sparred over the incident's effect on stalled contract talks.
 On Monday, Edward Struzan, union president, accused Greyhound of using the violence as a pretense for calling off the talks and suggested the company could stop the attacks by negotiating with the union.
 Doctors were preparing to move David E. Bryant, 58, of Cincinnati, out of intensive care at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, spokesman Doug Williams said. He remained in critical but stable condition.
 Bryant, who was driving a Greyhound route for another company, was wounded in the left arm when a pickup truck pulled alongside his bus late Sunday night en route from Nashville to Louisville, Ky.
 None of the 46 passengers was wounded in the shooting about 11 p.m.
 Greyhound drivers have been on strike for the past month. Authorities have refused to speculate whether the shooting was strike-related.
 Greyhound was to talk with drivers Monday, but cancelled the talks Friday citing the violence. Talks broke down March 18.

Youth's heroic battle with AIDS has increased public awareness
White hospitalized in intensive care unit

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Ryan White, whose battle with AIDS brought him scorn in his hometown but support from across the world, was hospitalized with internal bleeding Monday and was not expected to live, authorities said.
 Doctors said Monday afternoon that White, 18, probably would not survive the stay, said Carrie Van Dyke, director of health promotion for the State Board of Health.
 It was later disclosed, however, that White was on a life-support system, a ventilator, that could prolong his life.
 White's chief physician, Dr. Martin B. Kleiman, declined to speculate on White's prognosis.
 White put a youthful face on the AIDS plight. He has increased public awareness of the deadly disease and helped reinforce the message that AIDS cannot be spread through casual contact. His struggle has been the subject of numerous accounts, including a People magazine cover story and a television movie.

"He is presently in the intensive care unit and he is in critical condition," Kleiman told an afternoon news conference. "He is heavily sedated and we feel that he is experiencing no discomfort."
 Van Dyke said his mother, Jeanne, and his sister, Andrea, were among the relatives at his bedside at Riley Hospital for Children.
 White's hemophilia, the disorder that initially exposed him to the deadly AIDS virus, pre-

vented doctors from operating. Van Dyke said she said she was told about White's condition by his mother at lunchtime.
 "This is it. He's not expected to come out of it," Van Dyke said. "He's not responding."
 Van Dyke voiced a small hope White would recover, saying, "He's surprised us before."
 White became a national spokesman for children with AIDS after winning a court battle to attend school near his hometown of Kokomo. However, he and his family felt ostracized there and moved to a new home about 20 miles away in Cicero, where they were welcomed by the local community and school system.
 White was diagnosed as having AIDS in 1984, when he was 13. He contracted the disease through blood products he received to treat his hemophilia.

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