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ZAKHO, Iraq (AP) - Kurdish
rebels claimed Wednesday they
had seized a government-held
air base and camp in northern
Iraq, but said there were signs
Saddam Hussein's forces were
preparing for an assault on a key
rebel-held city.
A statement from the Kurdis-
tan Democratic Party said the
Iraqi army was massing forces in
Saddam's hometown of Tikrit to
launch an attack on the northern
oil city of Kirkuk, which was
seized by the insurgents.
The statement, sent to The As-
sociated Press in Nicosia, Cy-
prus by telex, could not be inde-
pendently confirmed.
Saddam has been struggling to
quell rebellions in the north and

Rebels say Iraqi army preparing counter attack south that flared after his defeat
by the allies in the Persian Gulf
War, which halted with a ceaseWar, which halted with a cease-
fire a month ago. President Bush said Wednes-
day it was unlikely that Saddam will remain in power for long because the Iraqi people "are fed
up with him." "There's enough dissent and
disorder but it appears the Iraqi disorder but it appears the Iraqi
citizens are trying to do somecitizens are trying to do some-
thing about this," he told reporters in Bethesda, Md. "We'll wait
down as fairly doubtful at this
point."
Kurdish leaders reported
gains in northern Iraq. They said
guerrillas overran an Iraqi air
base near Kirkuk on Tuestay
and captured two Soviet-made
warplanes, a MiG-21 fighter and
a Soviet-made Sukhoi bomber.
The rebels also said they
seized a government camp at
Faardiya, on the road from Do-
huk to Mosul. They said the two
installations were among the last
that government forces con-
trolled in northern Iraq.
The Kurdistan Democratic

## North Dakota Senate passes stringent anti-abortion bill

 proved what could become the na-
fion's most restrictive state abortion law and sent it tog Gov. George sinner,
who has hinted he will vero Senators voted $32-21$ to endorse the

ment of a woman's life.
The proposal already had passed the
House.
"All life, born and "All life, born and unborn, is sacduring the 34 -minute floor debate. "By voting yes, we are showing a com-
plete lack of respect and confidence in
the women of this state," said state
Sen. William Heigaard, the Senate's Sen. William Heigaard,
Democratic majority leader
Democratic majority leader.
Sinner has three days to sign or veto
the bill, or let it become law without his the bill, or let it become law without his signature. He has said he thinks the bill "goes too far" by declaring that life Two-thirds of the
o override a veto.
The Senate vote falls four short The Senate vote falls four short of voted 64-39 in favor of it, falling short
of the two-thirds majority of 71 . Utah, since January, has had the
toughest state abortion law. The bill

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Filipino Christians mark Easter week with ritual singing

## PILILIA, Philippines (AP) $-\quad$ Here, private families usually

 Chanting floats through the sponsor the singing. They set upnight in this town and thou- tables in their yards, where
sands like it as Filipino Chris- neighbors gather beneath stat tians mark Easter week with rituals blending religion, pageantry
and socializing.
The chants are from the Pa basa, or nightlong ritual singing
of the Passion of Christ. The Pas sion recalls the Biblical story of
Jesus' death and resurrection. It is one of several folk rituals
surrounding the week leading
up to Easter in the Philippines, up to Easter in the Philippines,
Asia's only predominately Chris-
tian country. About 85 percent of tian country. About 85 percent of mony a festive atmosphere, an
the 60 million Filipinos are Ro- opportunity for neighbors to so-
cialize while fulfilling religious Other traditional rituals in-
clude religious processions, Pas-
sion plays, self-flagellation and even reinactments of Jesus' cru- expenses for the week can run as cifixion, where crosses.
nailed to wooden ce high as $\$ 535$ - more than three
months' salary for many ordiMost widespread is the Pa- nary farmers or factory workers.
Statues of saints, virtually a
basa, which is practiced in vil-
must at a Pabasa, can cost up to towns and urban barrios lages
throu
throughout this archipelago na-
tion.
Spanish missionaries brough
Christianity in the 16th century
Christianity in the 16th century,
and each of the country's eigh and each of the country's eight
major linguistic groups has its In this Tagalog-speaking town
of 30,000 people 40 miles south east of Manila, residents sing a urgy written early in the 19th
century by a teacher, Mariano Pilapil.


## U.N. condemns

 Israeli actions of deportationUNITED NATIONS (AP) -
The Security Council on Wednesday deplored Israel's plan to deport four Palestinians
involved in the urising against
Israeli rule in the West Bank and Israeli
Gaza.

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