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## Treaty alters power balance

### Arms deals change outlook of U.S., Soviet military might

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S.-Soviet arms treaty clinched in London on Wednesday is the third big superpower arms control agreement in the past four years. The actual cuts are modest but already they're altering the balance of military power.



President Bush

Taken together, the latest arms deals have reduced Moscow's ability to apply military muscle beyond Soviet borders while allowing the United States to re-

tain the defense ties that bind it to Europe and allies around the world.

The Strategic Arms Reduction Talks, or START, treaty that President Bush and President Mikhail S. Gorbachev are to sign in Moscow late this month will force the first cuts ever in numbers of strategic nuclear weapons.

Gorbachev called the agreement "our common victory," nine years in the making.

By the time the START treaty is fully implemented, probably in 1999, the number of U.S. strategic warheads will drop by about 25 percent, to 9,000. The Soviet warhead total will fall by about 35 percent, to about 7,000.

Previous strategic arms deals limited increases in weapons but did not cut their numbers.

Both sides will retain enough nuclear firepower to wipe out the other many times over, and the Bush administration says it still can't be sure the Soviets won't try an attack on Europe. But arms control agreements give the Soviets much less room for military maneuvering.

Even more powerful forces for change in the superpower military outlook are the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe, the dissolution of the Warsaw Pact alliance, the crumbling of the Soviet economy and the increasing pressure in the United

States and Western Europe to reduce military spending.

"It puts a framework, a structure, on the most important part of our relationship, a part that can hurt us," said Jack Mendelsohn, a deputy director of the private Arms Control Association and a former U.S. delegate to the START talks.

The recent spurt of disarmament has cut more deeply into Soviet military strength than most would have thought possible before Gorbachev took power in March 1985, less than two years after the Soviets walked out of nuclear arms talks in Geneva.

## Croatia calls for control of cease-fire

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia (AP) — Croatia on Tuesday demanded that a European Community team monitoring a cease-fire in Slovenia also be sent to Croatia, the scene of ongoing ethnic violence.

A Croatian policeman was killed in a mortar attack Tuesday and two members of a foreign TV crew, including an American, came under fire and were slightly injured while driving in the Croatian countryside.

Yugoslavia's eight-member presidency had scheduled another meeting Tuesday to discuss the Yugoslav crisis, but the meeting collapsed when several republics refused to attend.

The pro-Western republics of Croatia and Slovenia declared independence June 25, capping a long quarrel with Serbia, the largest republic, over the future of the Yugoslav federation. Fighting broke out, mainly in Slovenia, leaving more than 60 dead.

Leaders of the seven leading industrialized nations, meeting in London, called on all parties in the crisis to abide by a European Community-brokered truce in the fighting, which was reached July 8.

The first 20 EC observers arrived Monday in Zagreb, Croatia's capital.

## Base negotiations

### Fate of base hinges on ratification by Senate; Philippine official says approval difficult

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — U.S. and Philippine negotiators agreed Wednesday that the Americans will give up Clark Air Base next year but can keep their naval station at Subic Bay for 10 more years.

The agreement, however, must be ratified by two-thirds of the 23-member Philippine Senate, where opposition to U.S. bases is strong. The president of the chamber said getting approval for the renewal of Subic would be difficult.

News that the Americans were leaving Clark, one of the oldest and largest U.S. bases overseas, came as a shock to residents of nearby cities.

About 27,000 Filipinos depend on Clark for their livelihoods, and the U.S. Embassy estimates the two bases together pumped about \$1 billion into the Philippine economy through salaries and spending by U.S. troops and their families.

Both installations, whose leases expire Sept. 16, were heavily damaged when the Mount Pinatubo volcano, 10 miles west of Clark, began erupting last month for the first time in 600 years.

The volcano continued to spew ash over both bases on Wednesday, forcing international and domestic airports to close in Manila, 60 miles to the south.

Agreement on the future of the bases came after 14 months of talks, which resumed after chief U.S. negotiator Richard Armitage arrived on Monday for the first time since the eruptions began.

"We have reached agreement on all major issues," U.S. spokesman Stanley Schrage told reporters Wednesday, reading from a joint statement.

Schrage said Clark would be turned over to the Philippines "not later than Sept. 16, 1992." That gives the Americans one year for cleanup operations before the base reverts to the Philippine military.

Subic also suffered heavy damage from Mount Pinatubo but is located about 25 miles from the volcano, well beyond the 12-mile danger zone.

The two sides agreed that a joint committee would decide later how long the Americans can take to vacate Subic at the end of the agreement. That left open the possibility that the U.S. Navy could remain there longer than 10 years.

In the joint statement, the sides said the Philippines will receive \$360 million for both bases during the next fiscal year, a figure already submitted to Congress by the Bush administration.

Starting in fiscal 1993, the administration will ask Congress to appropriate \$203 million annually in security assistance grants for use of Subic.

The agreement faces an uncertain future in the Philippine Senate, which resumes sessions Monday after an annual vacation. Before the eruptions, more than half the senators expressed opposition to any extension of the leases.

"I don't want to make a categorical declaration on how many will be in favor and how many will be against, but I believe it will be difficult for it to be ratified by the Senate," Senate President Jovito Salonga said in a radio interview after the announcement.

Several senators expressed opposition to the 10-year agreement on Subic and the uncertainty over how long the Navy could take to vacate the base.

"I want to know and my children want to know when the Americans will leave the Philippines," said Sen. Mamintal Tamano.

Although most surveys show a majority of Filipinos support keeping the bases, a strong minority in the media, academia and Mrs. Aquino's government oppose them as a vestige of American colonial rule.

## Thomas gains support of black Republican faction in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas picked up support on Tuesday from a powerful Democratic senator and a group of black Republicans.



Clarence Thomas

Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., said "in all likelihood" he will vote to confirm Thomas and said he would take the role of formally introducing

the nominee when Senate Judiciary Committee hearings are held in September.

"I'll be proud to be with him there," Nunn said.

Thomas, a native of Georgia, grew up as a member of a poor black family in the state before segregation was outlawed.

He also was endorsed Tuesday by the Council of 100, an organization of black Republicans.

Milton Bins, chairman of the group, sought to counter opposition to Thomas by the Congressional Black Caucus, consisting of 25 House Democrats and only 1 Republican. The congressional group announced last week it will try to mobilize blacks to de-

feat President Bush's nomination of Thomas to succeed retiring Justice Thurgood Marshall.

"It's not the whole story," Bins told a news conference. "The Congressional Black Caucus does not speak for all African-Americans."

The latest opposition to Thomas was expressed by Reps. Edward R. Roybal and Barbara Boxer of California and John Lewis of Georgia, all Democrats.

Boxer accused Thomas of failing to protect the rights of the elderly, women and minorities when the nominee headed the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for eight years.

## Cambodian factions open talks in Beijing

BEIJING (AP) — Cambodia's four warring factions opened talks in Beijing on Tuesday in an effort to advance a U.N.-crafted peace plan that is stalled over how to monitor a cease-fire and halt the flow of arms supplies to combatants.

But resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the host of the meeting, said the delegations led by Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen and the leaders of the three opposition groups were not expected to delve deeply into the disputes blocking the proposed settlement.

Sihanouk said he expected the Beijing talks would lead to an agreement on the composition of the delegation that will represent Cambodia at the U.N. General Assembly.

The representatives also will prepare for formal peace negotiations in Bangkok in August, he said. The Cambodian civil war has raged since Vietnam invaded the country in late 1978, driving out the communist Khmer Rouge. The Khmer Rouge

dominates the guerrilla coalition that also includes the non-communist forces of Sihanouk and the Khmer People's National Liberation Front.

Sihanouk, Hun Sen, Khieu Samphan of the Khmer Rouge and Son Sann of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front exchanged small talk as they posed for photographers before the start of the talks.

Sihanouk said that during the two-day meeting in Beijing, the Cambodian leaders will discuss Hun Sen's objections to the U.N.-brokered peace plan.

"But we are not going to solve immediately the very important and complicated problem of the peace plan draft," Sihanouk told reporters before being ushered into the meeting room at the Diaoyutai state guest house. "That will be the problem to be solved in Bangkok in the second half of August."

## Exercise reduces diabetes

BOSTON (AP) — Middle-aged men who exercise regularly in their spare time have a dramatically lower risk of adult diabetes, a disease that afflicts an estimated 10 million Americans, according to a study.

Researchers found that men reduce their risk by 6 percent with every 500 calories they burn up each week playing sports and getting other kinds of exercise.

"It seems that the evidence is quite clear that energy expenditure in leisure time has a very strong association with risk of developing adult-onset diabetes," said Dr. Ralph S. Paffenbarger Jr. of Stanford University, senior author of the study.

Paffenbarger said that while the researchers studied only men, the findings probably apply to women.

Physicians routinely urge diabetics to watch their diets, lose weight and exercise. But researchers said the latest findings are the first to suggest that physical activity also prevents diabetes from occurring.

The researchers said that exercise should be recommended for those at high risk of diabetes, just as it is for people who are susceptible to heart disease.

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