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Federal defense minister, Croatia declare 'absolute cease-fire'

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — The federal defense minister and Croatia on Sunday declared a cease-fire in the bloody fighting between the army and forces of the breakaway republic.
The agreement was based on Croatia's offer Saturday to ease a blockade of military barracks if federal forces halted its current offensive, the largest of the conflict, a spokeswoman for the Croatian President Franjo Tudjman said.
Later, Tudjman read a statement on Croatian TV ordering a lifting of the week-old embargo on water, food, electricity and medicine to army barracks in the republic.

It was not immediately clear, however, whether the cease-fire could halt the fighting that has left 500 dead in the three months since Croatia declared independence on June 25.
Numerous cease-fires have been cobbled together, mostly with European Community help, to end the war between Croats, an ethnic Serb minority and — increasingly — the army. All so far have failed.
The last cease-fire was signed Sept. 17 by rivals Serbia and Croatia, Defense Minister Veljko Kadijevic, and Lord Carrington of Britain, the EC's mediator.
On Sunday, Kadijevic issued a state-

ment saying that the two sides had agreed to order an "absolute cease-fire" at 3 p.m. (9 a.m. EDT).
He said in the statement that he was ordering all federal forces "to cease all attacks and movements" at that hour. The statement was published by the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug.
Vesna Skare, a spokeswoman for Tudjman, said the Croatian leader and Kadijevic reached a verbal agreement on the cease-fire Sunday morning, apparently by telephone.
Even as the deadline approached for the cease-fire to take effect, fighting raged anew. Few details were available.

Skirmishes continued around the strategic town of Vukovar, and fighting resumed in Sibenik on the Adriatic coast, Belgrade radio said. Three federal soldiers died and a dozen were injured in a botched air attack by their own side near Vinkovci, in the Slavonia region, Tanjug said.
The Serb-led army has increasingly intervened to help Croatia's Serb minority, in a continuation of the longstanding feud between the two republics over the country's future.
Serbia, the largest republic, seeks a centralized government, while Western-leaning Croatia and Slovenia seceded af-

ter they failed in efforts to turn the country into a looser federation.
The latest offensive began after struggling Croatian forces cut off supplies to military barracks. Croatian officials and some Western diplomats also allege the federal attacks are aimed at gaining control over eastern Croatia, dominated by ethnic Serbs.
In Zagreb, Croatian leaders on Saturday sent a letter to Kadijevic reiterating an offer to restore supplies to barracks in several towns. But they said the garrisons would remain surrounded by their militias.

Georgian opponents take over TV station

MOSCOW (AP) — Armed opponents of Georgian President Zviad Gamsakhuria reportedly occupied the southern republic's main television station early Sunday after he accused rivals of trying to seize power.
Former Georgian Prime Minister Tengiz Segua, now a leading Gamsakhuria opponent, took over the TV center with about 200 armed supporters, said a government spokeswoman, Khatia Jinkhadze.
"They are occupying the building. They are armed and they are blocking the TV station," she said in a telephone interview from Moscow. She said the attackers had brushed aside a small group of police guarding the building without any shooting.
Television stations are strategic points in the Soviet Union because of their propaganda value and have often been the site of clashes.
In January, 20 people were killed when Soviet troops stormed the television building in the Lithuanian capital to seize control from pro-independence forces.
At least two people were seriously injured elsewhere in the Georgian capital, Tbilisi, on Saturday night as police tried to remove about 40 hunger strikers outside the parliament building, said Zurab Todua, a spokesman for the Georgian mission in Moscow.
Later, an anti-government protester set himself on fire. The man was hospitalized.
The Tass news agency, quoting a leader of the opposition National Democratic Party in Georgia, said dissident Irina Sarishvili was among those hospitalized with injuries.
"There were some excesses," Todua acknowledged.



Head and shoulders above the rest
Jennifer Below, a freshman from Grapevine, studies on a grassy knoll near the North side dormitories on Sunday afternoon. The weekend weather began to heat back up after last week's cold front passed out of the area.

Regents criticize report

Board member expresses opposition to privatization

By Greg Mt.Joy
The Battalion

Texas A&M's Board of Regents sharply criticized a finance and administration report suggesting possible privatization of University services including bookstores, food services, vending and concessions Friday.
Dr. Eddie Davis, finance and administration deputy chancellor, said although some risk would be involved in privatization, turning over University control of several services could result in decreased costs and increased service.
Regent William McKenzie, however, said he was against any effort to privatize food services.
"I was told a study was being made and bids were being asked for to bring a McDonald's restaurant onto the A&M campus," McKenzie said. "If this is true, I would be distressed and offended."
McKenzie said a for-profit firm would not have students' best interests at heart if given an on-campus location.
"This would definitely not be for the benefit of the students," he said. "I will not let a firm prey on our students. I am firmly against any move to bring such an operation to the campus."
University President William Mobley said A&M had no commitment to bring a vendor on

campus.
"Any rumor that McDonald's or anyone else coming onto campus is absolutely incorrect," Mobley said. "There are some food services operations that are losing money, and some proposals are being looked at, but we have no intent or desire to reduce the quality of food service we are providing."
Regent Royce Wisenbaker said the Board had not approved any action concerning privatization of A&M's Food Services.
"We are only exploring the possibilities," he said. "We are going forth and looking at what we can do."
The Board also approved the implementation of an Office of Coordination for the George Bush Presidential Library, to be headed by Dr. Perry Adkisson.
Adkisson presently is the director of the Texas A&M Center for Presidential Studies, and will serve as executive director of the Office of Coordination. The office will be located at the soon-to-be vacated 12th Man Foundation building on Joe Routh Boulevard.
In another action, the Board adopted a resolution in support of a state constitutional amendment to issue additional bonds for the Hinson-Hazlewood College Student Loan Program.
Don Engelage, director of Fi-

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Canadian government to reveal proposal for appeasing Quebec

TORONTO (AP) — Prime Minister Brian Mulroney takes his best shot at keeping Quebec in Canada this week when he announces proposed constitutional changes aimed at appeasing the French-speaking province.
Quebec wants the constitution to recognize it as a "distinct society" and will hold a referendum on sovereignty next year if its demands are not met.
Mulroney promises that his proposals "will be the beginning of the process and not the end. They are to be presented to Par-

liament on Tuesday.
The Meech Lake accords, an earlier attempt to appease Quebec, collapsed last summer, spurring a new rise in Quebec nationalism and the feeling among many Quebecers that they had been rejected by English Canada.
Quebec, which has about seven million of Canada's 26 million people, believes its French language and culture are threatened by the sea of English speakers on all sides. The province already has its own legal system based on the Napoleonic code and laws making French the only official language.
Quebec refused to sign the 1982 constitution, although the province is still covered by its provisions. The federal government has spent much of the past decade trying to woo Quebec back into the fold.

Although there are many issues involved, Canadians outside Quebec are most disturbed about the demand for "distinct society" status.
"They fear that the word 'distinct' would be interpreted as meaning superior, and that such a definition would make them inferior," said Joe Clark, a former prime minister who now is Mulroney's minister for constitutional affairs.
Details of Mulroney's plan have not been disclosed, but Clark said in a speech last week that they would include giving Quebec this special status.
"We are all equal as Canadians," Clark said. "Being equal does not mean being the same. And being a 'distinct society' does not mean that Quebec is su-

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Mobley calls incident 'appalling'

Police probe cadet assault

By John Lose
The Battalion

The investigation into the assault of a female Corps of Cadets member at the hands of a group of male cadets is still underway, and no details are yet available, said Bob Wiatt, director of University Police Department.
In a statement released Friday morning, University President William Mobley called the incident "appalling" and "totally inconsistent with the values of the Corps of Cadets and the University."
Wiatt said that because the victim returned to her home town for the weekend, the investigations were temporarily put on hold and would resume in full this week.
"Basically, we're still trying to get information from the victim," Wiatt said. "We will probably have to wait until next week for any answers."
However, during a local television interview Friday, Lt. Col. Donald Johnson, deputy commandant of the Corps of Cadets, said all sophomore members of the Parsons' Mounted Cavalry have been suspended from activities pending the outcome of the investigation. In a phone conversation with The Bat-

talion, Johnson refused to comment on the investigation.
Dr. John Koldus, vice president of student services, said in a statement released by the Office of Public Information on Friday that the female Corps member was assaulted Tuesday after applying to become a member of the Parsons' Mounted Cavalry. The release stated she was taken to the A.P. Beutel Health Center by her commanding officer and treated for anxiety.
Wiatt said, however, the University police reported they saw a sling on her right arm when called to the health center Tuesday night and spoke with the victim.
"We are investigating the incident from a criminal point of view, while the Department of Student Services and the Commandant's office are conducting an internal investigation," Wiatt said. "Since the investigation is still pending, we are unable to release any details at this time."
John Sherman, Corps of Cadets commander, and Tim Piper, commander of the Parsons' Mounted Cavalry, as well as other members of the Corps leadership were unavailable for comment at press time.

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