

Clinton sends U.S. combat unit to aid U.N. in Macedonia

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SKOPJE, Macedonia — The first U.S. Army combat unit to wear the blue helmets of U.N. peacekeepers arrived in Macedonia on Monday and got orders from their commander to respect the culture in the former Yugoslav republic.

"You are here as guests and representatives of your own coun-

try. Many eyes will be upon you," Brig. Gen. Finn-Saemark Thomsen, a Danish general, told 156 Berlin Brigade soldiers. Their arrival brought the U.S. Army contingent in the U.N. force in Macedonia up to full strength of 300.

The troops were sent to Macedonia by President Clinton to help stop war spreading from Bosnia-Herzegovina, and join 700 Scandinavian troops who have patrolled the Serbia-Macedonia

border since January. American troops participating in the multinational operation in Somalia have served under U.S. rather than U.N. command.

With the carnage of Bosnia 120 miles away, the U.S. presence is symbolic. But there are concerns that Serbia, where nationalists look at Macedonia as "South Serbia," might move on Macedonia if fighting ends in Bosnia.

Macedonia seceded without

bloodshed from Yugoslavia in September 1991. But it accepted the GIs only over objections from Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, and Macedonian officials claim the Serbs have stationed two army corps of some 60,000 men and 200 tanks in neighboring Kosovo and southern Serbia.

With only two million people, impoverished Macedonia has an army of 14,000 and limited weaponry.

Arizona man convicted of Buddhist slayings

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PHOENIX — A jury convicted a 19-year-old military enthusiast Monday of robbing and killing nine people at a Buddhist temple in what a prosecutor said was the biggest murder case in Arizona history.

Johnathan Doody was convicted of nine counts of murder, nine counts of armed robbery and one count each of burglary and conspiracy to commit armed burglary in the Aug. 9, 1991, massacre.

Doody could receive the death penalty. A sentencing hearing was scheduled Oct. 28.

Authorities said six monks, an elderly nun and two male followers were shot in the head one by one after being ordered onto the floor of the Wat Promkunaram temple's living quarters.

In his closing argument, prosecutor K.C. Scull said that Doody, then 17, systematically killed each victim because he feared one of them might recognize him. His younger brother had been active at the temple.

Co-defendant Alessandro "Alex" Garcia, who pleaded guilty to first-degree murder charges in a deal to avoid the death penalty, testified against Doody.

Garcia, 18, told the court that he fired harmless shotgun blasts between each victim but that Doody killed each with shots from a borrowed rifle.

Jurors convicted Doody after two days of deliberations.

According to testimony, Doody and Garcia ransacked the monks' quarters in the temple and took cameras, electronic equipment and

\$2,790 in cash.

Doody's attorney, Peter Balkan, acknowledged during closing arguments that Doody had admitted going to the temple.

But he said Doody, an avid member of his high school ROTC unit at the time, told friends he was only going there to play a war game testing the building's security system.

Doody didn't testify.

Balkan suggested that four Tucson men originally arrested, or a friend of Doody's who said he loaned Doody the rifle, might have been responsible.

The killings, described by Scull as Arizona's "biggest homicide case," shocked the local Asian community as well as people in Thailand, and prompted at least two visits to Arizona by Thailand's ambassador to the United States.

Armed forces struggle with problem of homosexual rape

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WASHINGTON — The conviction last month of a male sailor in the rape of an 18-year-old male colleague at an off-base party has heated up the debate over homosexuals in the military.

And the incident raised questions about the frequency of rape — homosexual or heterosexual — in the armed services, which admit they have no centralized records and only rudimentary reporting systems.

Two convictions for homosexual assault in Jacksonville, Fla., home to three Navy bases and tens of thousands of military personnel, helped to harden opposition to President Clinton's attempt to end the 50-year-old prohibition on homosexuals in the armed forces. In addition to the case involving the two sailors, an airman apprentice was convicted of sexually assaulting a male shipmate on the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga in February.

The president of the Defense Readiness Council, an organiza-

tion in favor of keeping the ban, summed up the dissent.

"Maybe we don't need those kinds of people in the services," retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Anthony Burshnick said in an interview last week.

Gay rights groups contend that the two incidents are isolated and that those who cite them distort the truth about the military contributions of homosexuals, who keep their sexual orientation secret while in the service.

"Opponents promote these anomalies as common occurrences. They're pandering to homophobia," said David Smith, a spokesman for the Campaign for Military Service, a coalition of groups working to end the ban.

Whether such incidents are common or rare is difficult to determine because the Defense Department does not keep separate statistics on homosexual and heterosexual rape.

The Navy provided statistics on completed investigations for rape and sexual assault.

Skinheads most violent hate group, report says

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The skinhead movement has become the nation's most violent white supremacist organization, committing 22 killings in the last three years while expanding into 40 states, a watchdog group said Monday.

The number of skinheads has grown steadily since 1988, when 1,500 members were reported in 12 states, according to the report from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, a Jewish organization. In 1993, an estimated 3,500 were found, the report said.

"The skinheads are today the most violent of all white supremacy groups," the report said. "Not even the Ku Klux Klans, so notorious for their use of the rope and the gun, come close to the skinheads in the number and severity of crimes committed."

While exceeding the established groups in fury, the skinheads are turning to hate groups such as the Klan, Aryan Nation and the White Aryan Resistance as allies, the report said. These older groups use the skinheads as "front-line warriors," the report said.

The ADL's Fact Finding Department discovered 160 skinhead gangs operating around the country under such names as American Front, Northern Hammerskins, Aryan Resistance League and SS of America.

The report provides details of 22 killings it says were committed by skinheads since 1990 — more than triple the number blamed on the group in the three previous years. Most victims of the skinheads were minority group members: Hispanics, African-Americans, Asians, gays and the homeless.

Toronto

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while Molitor (.307, 10 homers, 55 RBIs) made it.

"Tuttleton is a catcher and Molitor is a designated hitter and a first baseman," Gaston said Monday.

How about Baltimore reliever Gregg Olson (23 saves, 1.24 ERA) instead of Toronto's Duane Ward (22 saves, 2.17 ERA)? Or maybe Oakland outfielder Rickey Henderson (.307, 28 stolen bases) rather than Toronto's Devon White (.289, 19 SB).

Alomar, Olerud and Carter

were elected starters by the fans. Gaston added the other four Toronto players.

At least Gaston did not pick Blue Jays pitcher Pat Hentgen to start as the AL tries to extend a five-game winning streak, its longest in a series it trails 37-25-1.

Instead, California's Mark Langston will face Philadelphia's Terry Mulholland.

"The manager, each year, has the final selection, and all I try to do is make sure he doesn't forget to think about everybody," AL president Bobby Brown said.

"I just try to remind him of all the players I think should be considered."

"He knew, obviously, when he picked seven Blue Jays there's go-

ing to be a lot of comment on that," Brown said. "But there isn't any, Blue Jay on there that's not playing awfully well."

True, the Blue Jays won the World Series last year. And, at 49-40, they have the best record in the league this year, despite losing 10 of the last 11.

But not since Cincinnati manager Sparky Anderson brought seven of his Reds to the 1977 game have so many players from one team been picked. The last AL team with seven was Oakland in 1975, selected by A's manager Alvin Dark. The most ever from one team was nine by the 1958 Yankees. They were chosen by New York manager Casey Stengel.

Picking your own players, however, is a perk of the position. NL manager Bobby Cox of Atlanta has five Braves, most among NL teams.

The first batter Langston will see will be Montreal's Marquis Grissom, playing in place of injured Andy Van Slyke.

The NL batting order: Grissom cf, Barry Bonds lf, Gary Sheffield 3b, John Kruk 1b, Barry Larkin ss, Mark Grace dh, David Justice rf, Darren Daulton c, Ryne Sandberg 2b.

The AL batting order: Alomar 2b, Molitor dh, Ken Griffey Jr. cf, Carter, rf, Olerud 1b, Kirby Puckett lf, Cal Ripken Jr. ss, Wade Boggs 3b, Ivan Rodriguez c.

Rush

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In 1988, for example, Terry Steinbach was voted onto the All-Star team, but not without substantial controversy. Allegedly, several of Oakland's fans had punched through thousands of ballots with a hammer and a nail.

The margin was enough to vote Steinbach onto the starting team, where he did not disappoint, winning Most Valuable Player and since wielding a consistent force in Oakland's lineup.

If the league abolishes fan voting, baseball will lose even more younger fans (old fans too), which would inevitably result in disaster for America's pastime.

Another example comes from last year when the Orioles' Brady Anderson was selected by the managers to participate in the All-Star game. Anderson, before last year's game, was a career .220 hitter, but he too performed well through the first half and was rewarded with All-Star status.

Sadly, in years past, players like Mark McGwire and Jose Canseco have been voted

onto the starting team despite missing most of the first half of the season with injuries. This sort of outcome is obviously unfair.

This year has also snubbed several players. Ron Gant, who made the team last year, has compiled more impressive stats and is fourth in home runs in the N.L. Brian McRae of the Royals is hitting over .310 this year, after hitting a meager .223 last year, and is among the league leaders in hits with nearly 20 steals. He and Philadelphia's Lenny Dykstra, who has scored almost 90 runs, will not play in Baltimore this year.

Dean Palmer (Texas), Matt Williams (San Francisco), Lance Johnson (Chicago), Kenny Lofton (Cleveland), Mo Vaughn (Boston), and Orlando Merced (Pittsburgh) all have put together tremendous first halves, but they too will have to watch the game from their living rooms.

The most obvious name missing from the list is Detroit catcher Mickey Tettleton. Tettleton is on pace to drive in 150 runs while hitting almost 50 long balls.

One solution suggested to get rid of this annual dilemma is expanding the roster from 28 to 32. This may work for certain years, but in this year's case, many would still be left off

the team.

Phil Rogers of the Dallas Morning News also noted that the NBA and NHL's All-Star games don't require at least one player from each team in the league. Maybe this is the solution to the alleged "All-Star" team.

The biggest problem, however, is the coaches who choose the reserves and pitchers. Both Bobby Cox and Cito Gaston chose four reserves/pitchers to their "Dream Team" from their own teams. Bobby Cox was quoted as saying, "(John Smoltz) has pitched in two World Series and playoffs on three days rest" as justification of Smoltz's spot on the team. If such are the prerequisites, why don't we put Reggie Jackson on the team? After all, he hit three home runs in one World Series game.

The All-Star game is a place for those who have beaten the odds through one half of the long baseball season. Reward your Bip Robertses and your Mo Vaughns. The All-Star game is a chance for these lesser-known players to gain respect and fame for their accomplishments.

True, real baseball fans know who deserves All Star recognition and who doesn't, but it would be nice to see justice served in America's favorite pastime.

More than a few of the players who were picked for the All-Star game were not on the team. Relief pitcher Steve Carlton was not on the team. Relief pitcher Steve Carlton was not on the team. Relief pitcher Steve Carlton was not on the team.

Aikman

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Aikman plans to spend that week in Los Angeles rehabilitating under doctor supervision, then return to Austin to begin taking snaps. He said he's not sure whether he'll play in any exhibition games. Dallas plays three games after facing the Lions.

Doctors initially set Aikman's return for about a month into the season, but he has set his own timetable that would put him back for the opener Sept. 6 against Washington.

As Aikman was explaining to reporters why he is astounding doctors with his rapid rehabilitation, wide receiver Michael Irvin chimed in with his support of the star quarterback.

"Let me tell y'all something," Irvin said, his left arm draped

over Aikman's shoulders.

"You can put a measurement on what's the present answer (for when) most people come back in this amount of time or that amount of time, but you can never put a timetable on the strength of a man's mind and heart. That's what my boy got."

"He'll be there. Don't worry about it."

Aikman said he expects to increase his work load in about a week, including making some of

the more difficult-type throws mentioned. He also expects to begin jogging soon after training camp opens Thursday in Austin.

At the team's Dallas-area training camp Monday, Johnson put the team through timed sprints in searing heat as part of the daily drill.

Aikman spent that time watching from the sidelines.

"That's the first thing I've gotten out of because of this back that was good to get out of," he joked.

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