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## NATO officials consider action to terminate Sarajevo siege

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRUSSELS, Belgium — NATO allies on Monday considered a U.S. proposal to escalate the West's involvement in Bosnia by bombing Serb positions.

When the proposal was first made over the weekend, European reaction was cool.

A NATO official, speaking Monday on condition of anonymity, said sentiment seemed to be moving in favor of using NATO warplanes to break the Serb siege of Sarajevo and increase the flow of aid.

In Washington, President Clinton said he believed the allies would authorize the American proposal, but played down a State Department spokesman's comment that Washington was "determined to act," even without NATO support.

"I think we'll have a common position," Clinton said. "I don't believe that the allies will permit Sarajevo to fall or to starve."

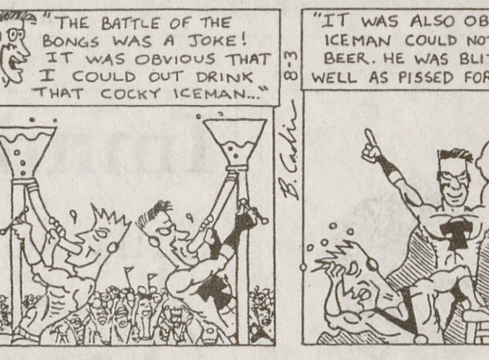
On Monday, the commander of the Bosnian Serb air force warned that if U.S. fighters attack, his forces "will fire back with all their might."

"Those who want to become the world's policeman simply do not care for their allies' opinion," Gen. Zivomir Ninkovic said.

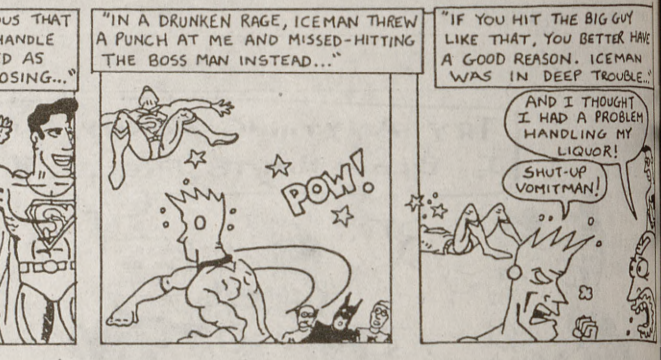
International attempts to end the warfare in Bosnia have not managed to halt violence that has left between 140,000 to 200,000 people dead or missing, and more than 2 million homeless.

In Geneva over the weekend, leaders of Bosnia's three warring factions agreed on a plan that sets the stage for the country's partition into three ethnic states.

## Tubes-THE LOST YEAR



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## French currency hits all-time low

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERLIN — The French franc fell to an all-time low Monday against the German mark despite maneuvers aimed at rescuing Europe's currency system.

European Community finance ministers and central bankers decided after a weekend meeting in Brussels to allow currencies to temporarily float to combat speculators who have been battering the trading bloc's monetary system.

German Finance Minister Theo Waigel said the new arrangement "brought back stability" to the European Monetary System.

Dutch and Danish officials criticized it as a setback to the EC nations' efforts to forge closer economic and monetary links. Prime Minister John

Major of Britain said the EC plans to introduce a single European currency by 1999 "looks totally unrealistic now."

Last year the British and Italian currencies had to leave the rate system, and last week the German central bank said it spent \$35 billion to support the French franc and other weakening currencies.

The new deal will let most European currencies float 15 percent up or down from their central balance. Previously the permitted range was 2.25 percent for the French franc, and speculators battered it to the floor last Friday, prompting the emergency meeting of finance ministers.

While most currencies fell Monday against the German mark, trading was not as wild as it had been last week.

## Senate Republican delays confirmation vote on Elders

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Dr. Joycelyn Elders may have to wait another month before putting on the surgeon general's uniform because a Senate Republican is keeping her nomination from coming to a vote this week.

The move Monday by Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., means the Senate will not vote on the confirmation until returning from its August recess, which is to begin at the end of this week.

Nickles has led the opposition to Elders, whom he has called a "radical" for her blunt-spoken advocacy of abortion rights, sex education and condom distribution. Although many of his fellow Republicans concede the nomination eventually will be approved by the Senate, Nickles said Monday, "I haven't given up hope."

Neither does he claim to have the 51 votes needed to defeat her nor the 41 votes needed to maintain a filibuster. Nickles' hold on the nomination buys the opposition a little time.

"Who knows what will happen over the August recess as more information gets out about this nominee's background?" asked Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., who joined Nickles at a news conference.

The Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee voted 13-4 Friday to recommend confirmation of Elders, and committee Chairman Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said he was determined to bring the nomination to a vote this week.

That could be effectively blocked by Nickles putting a hold on the nomination. The procedure is a courtesy that exists outside the Senate rules usually so they can gather more information. The hold has no fixed time limit and can remain until Nickles is persuaded to remove it.

Elders testified for four hours before Kennedy's committee a couple of weeks ago and gave written answers to another 198 questions that senators put to her in the week that followed. Nickles said her answers were incomplete, and he wants to submit some more questions.

Avis Lavelle, spokeswoman for the Department of Health and Human Services, said Elders has answered everything asked of her. "We hope reason will prevail with the good senator from Oklahoma," she said.

## Representative issues ultimatum Simon fights TV violence

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEVERLY HILLS — Sen. Paul Simon gave the television industry two months to clean up TV violence or face regulation.

"If there is not in the next 60 days some indication you are moving, and moving in the right direction, then my colleagues are going to be pushing and pushing hard" for regulatory limits, Simon told industry members who gathered Monday for a daylong meeting on the issue.

"The fact of the matter is our society has gotten more violent. No matter what you believe about the studies, we've got to be part of the solution and in no way part of the problem," CBS programming chief Jeff Sagansky said in an interview. "As far as CBS is concerned, this is going to have an impact on how we do business."

The unprecedented meeting was organized by the non-profit National Council for Families and Television. About 650 writers, producers and television executives were joined by academics and members of watchdog groups critical of the industry.

The session followed congressional hearings in Washington that put increased pressure on the

TV industry to reduce violence. Simon, D-Ill. is the author of the 1990 Television Violence Act that gave the industry a mandate to reform its violent programming. He urged self-restraint and called on television to help educate the nation about the harmful effects of violence.

"You have in your hands a tool that is unprecedented in the history of humanity in its power," Simon said.

"This is up to you, to you people in the industry, to do something to reduce the level of violence," said Leonard Eron, a psychology professor at the University of Michigan.

"You are the nation's storyteller," said Suzanne Stutman, executive director of the private Institute for Mental Health Initiatives.

She said television can show violence in an unglamorous fashion and can give viewers alternative ways of responding to problems.

Christine Hikawa, vice president of standards and practices for ABC, said she was frustrated by the studies.

Credibility goes out the window when researchers use the same language in describing "Roadrunner" cartoons and films such as "I Spit On Your Grave," she said.

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