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## Yeltsin crushes rebels; hard-liners surrender

### Parliament leaders give up after attack on White House

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Boris Yeltsin won a bloody victory in the battle for Russia's future Monday, his tanks and paratroopers flushing his hard-line opponents from a flaming Russian parliament building. Scores died as Yeltsin crushed the strongest power bid yet by remnants of the old Communist regime.

tion of the White House were taken from parliament to the high-security Lefortovo Prison.

Escalating their defiance of Yeltsin's dissolution of parliament on Sept. 21, armed hard-liners captured the Moscow mayor's offices and tried to take Russia's main television center Sunday. Parliament leaders urged support-

ers to topple Yeltsin.

Yeltsin spent the day closeted with his closest aides in the Kremlin, where he had remained overnight since rushing there by helicopter during Sunday's street fighting. Late Monday, he returned to his country dacha.

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The mass surrender of lawmakers and their armed supporters seemed likely to allow Yeltsin to move ahead with plans to elect a new parliament in December, and pursue long-frustrated economic reforms. He still faced daunting challenges in his effort to transform Russia's economy and society.

Parliament leaders gave up after 1,000 soldiers raked the white marble parliament relentlessly with fire from T-72 tank cannons and heavy machine guns, but at least some holdouts remained at large.

After nightfall, red and green tracer bullets streaked across the sky as flames shot up the sides of the parliament, known as the White House. Armored vehicles and heavy trucks rumbled through the city, and Muscovites rushed home to beat a new military curfew.

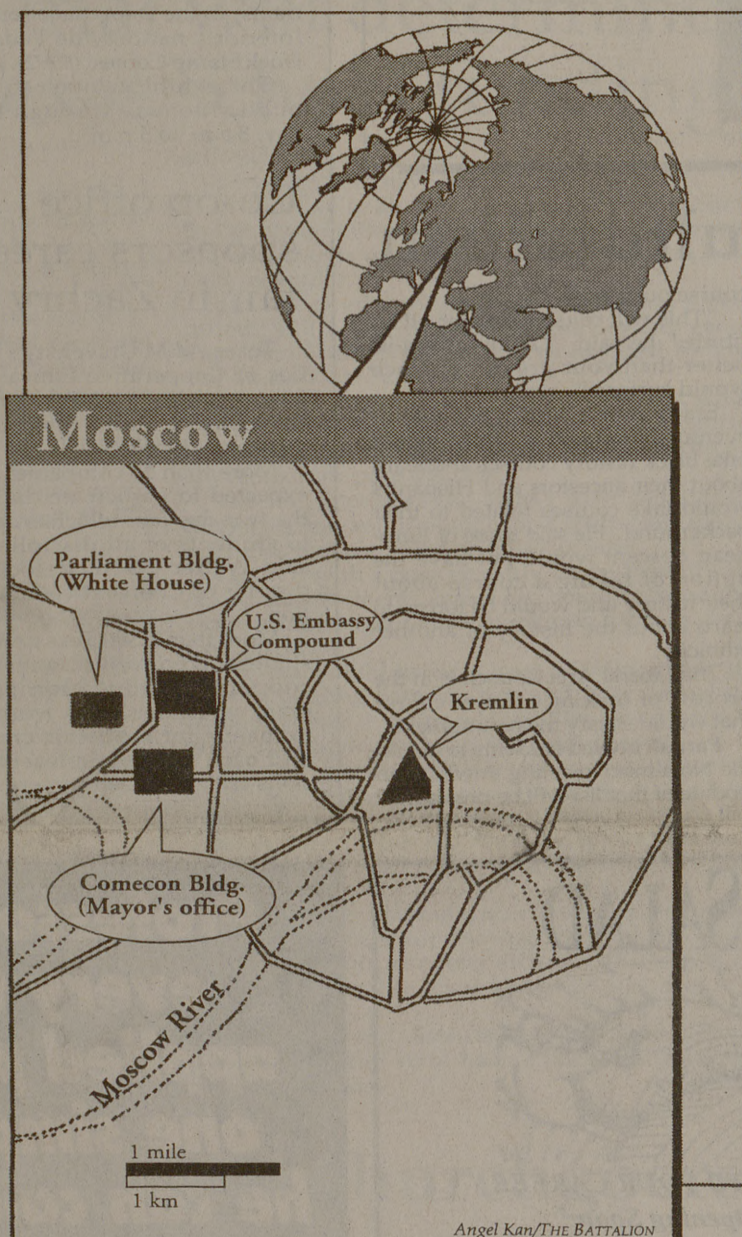
Early Tuesday, firefighters began trying to douse the flames, braving sniper fire from within the White House and nearby buildings.

Sniper fire was reported in a wide area of Moscow early Tuesday. ITAR-Tass news agency reported that its offices came under heavy fire, but there were no injuries. It said 200 to 300 armed hard-liners remained in central Moscow.

The storming of the White House broke hard-line opposition in parliament. The attack also could make martyrs of his opponents.

President Clinton and other Western leaders were quick to support Yeltsin.

Parliament speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov, Vice President Alexander Rutskoi and other leaders of the two-week occupa-



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## Cycling maintenance



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Wayne Bryan from Aggeland Cycling and Fitness shows Sunder Sager, an industrial engineering graduate student from Spring, how to adjust brakes on a bicycle Monday night in Rudder at the Bicycling Club's meeting. Bryan conducts a workshop on maintenance once a semester.

## Multiculturalism proposal on the move

### Academic Affairs votes for cultural diversity

By Lisa Elliott

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Texas A&M University may have come one step closer to multiculturalism Monday.

After three hours of discussion to fine tune the proposal, the Academic Affairs Committee of the Texas A&M Faculty Senate voted 12-4 in favor of requiring students to complete coursework in classes emphasizing cultural diversity.

The proposal will now be written up and formally proposed to the executive committee of the Faculty Senate before it goes to vote at next month's Senate meeting.

Doug Slack, chairman of the committee, said

he was impressed with the amount of discussion and debate that occurred among members of the committee, faculty and student body.

"We may disagree on what we vote, but this discussion has been very impressive," he said.

Slack said if the proposal passes in the Senate, the administration should make it clear to the students that this will not be a political agenda.

He said it will be important to make complaint procedures easy for students who feel their professors are forcing a political agenda on them.

This concern arose after Karen Kubena, associate professor of animal science and a member of the committee, said she changed her mind about the proposal after researching faculty opinions and talking to students on campuses similar to A&M that have a multicultural requirement.

She said she received a 14-page letter

from a student at such a university who said since multiculturalism hit his campus, he has been exposed to a political agenda in most of his classes.

She said the student wrote about classes in which only an extremely liberal view of that discipline was expressed and where any student voicing a different opinion was chastised.

"Tailoring of core curriculum to include multiculturalism is wrong," she said. "It becomes indoctrination not education."

Kubena said in the last two weeks she has changed her mind and is now passionately against the proposal.

"I was very naive two weeks ago," she said. "Now I am very concerned about this issue. We all know changes will occur based on the individual professors, for us to think the requirements will be carried out the way we hope is naive."

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## Palestinian suicide bomber injures 30 Israelis in attack

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — A Palestinian suicide car bomber injured 30 Israelis when he rammed into a bus Monday. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Israel will act against such attempts to disrupt the peace process.

"It is always an expression of religious fanaticism and political extremism joined together," Rabin said, noting that car bombing appeared to be a new tactic. Four such attacks have occurred in the last few months.

Rabin said the army would target Muslim extremist groups — including Hamas and Islamic Holy War — and other organizations that resort to violence.

"Their activity and the focus of their politics is directed at making the agreement with the Palestinians fail and to disrupt chances of implementing it," Rabin told reporters.

Lt. Gen. Ehud Barak, the army's chief of staff, said similar attempts were expected and called on Israelis to remain alert for them.

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## Officials urge students to maintain insurance

### Expense of medical treatment necessitates health coverage, authorities say

By Geneen Pipher

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Insurance authorities are warning students against high medical costs they may incur if they do not maintain their health insurance or are dropped from their parents' policies.

"Most students don't think about health insurance, but it is very important for students to have some form of insurance because medical treatment is so expensive," said Terry Harkins, vice president of marketing for Associated Insurance Plans International, Inc. "One day, even one hour,

could cost you a thousand dollars or more."

Allan Dunlap, servicing agent for Allan Dunlap and Associates, said it is not difficult for students and young people to get insurance, but it is often more expensive.

"A person could be denied coverage because of a problem with their health or driving record, but it varies from policy to policy," he said.

Harkins said most colleges and universities, including Texas A&M University, have policies that are specifically designed for students.

"Most parent's insurance plans

will drop the dependents at a certain age, usually 21 or 22," she said. "After they are dropped, it is important for students to realize they still need insurance. You never know when you might get sick or have an accident."

The need for student health insurance came about after a number of students were forced to leave school because of exorbitant medical expenses, she said.

"They didn't want students to have to drop out of school and get a job in order to have to pay their medical bills, so they designed the Student Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan for the students of

Texas A&M," Harkins said.

In a letter to A&M students and their parents, John Koldus, former vice president for student services, said many insurance plans do not cover students after a certain age.

"Although many families have some form of health insurance, these plans often do not cover the college students after age 18," Koldus said. "Therefore, the costly medical bills can impose tremendous hardship, and often necessitate withdrawal from school."

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