

Greenpeace protest ship enters French territory

□ **The Rainbow Warrior II closed in on a coral reef where France will conduct nuclear tests.**

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — French warships and the Greenpeace protest ship Rainbow Warrior II closed in Sunday on a coral reef in the South Pacific where the environmental group wants to stop French nuclear tests.

The French navy has been authorized to fire on any ship that gets within 12 miles of Mururoa Atoll, where France has said it will conduct eight underground nuclear explosions between September and May.

The Rainbow Warrior II entered the 12-mile zone at about 5 a.m. Sunday local time (10 a.m. EDT), said Penelope Komites, a Greenpeace spokeswoman in Paris.

The Rainbow Warrior II and two companion vessels are trying to reach the atoll for the 10th anniversary of France's sinking of the original Rainbow Warrior in Auckland Harbor, New Zealand, on July 10, 1985.

That ship was on a similar mission to protest French nuclear tests when French scuba divers mined the ship, drowning Greenpeace photographer Fernando Pereira.

"The safety of our ship and crew are paramount, but we are prepared to risk the force of the French military if we can stop the greater danger of nuclear testing at Mururoa and Fangataufa," Greenpeace spokeswoman Stephanie Mills said from the Rainbow Warrior II.

Fangataufa is a nearby atoll that is another potential test site.

Armed French ships have been following the Rainbow Warrior II for at least three days. The French navy was tracking the vessel with three or four warships as well as a helicopter, Komites said. She said the crew on the Rainbow Warrior II said French navy commandos were in view of the ship.

The 1985 attempt to end the environmental group's protests

against French nuclear testing in the South Pacific was a tragic miscalculation, embarrassing France and making Greenpeace the world's leading environmental group.

France may have mishandled the issue again. President Jacques Chirac's announcement last month of the resumption of nuclear tests gave Greenpeace plenty of time to prepare for the 10th anniversary of the attack.

France has already set off more than 130 atmospheric and underground nuclear tests at Mururoa Atoll, 650 miles east of Tahiti, since 1966. Former French President Francois Mitterrand declared a nuclear test moratorium in 1992.

On Sunday, a memorial observance was held for Pereira on the shore of Sydney Harbor. In Canberra, some 2,000 protesters gathered outside Parliament House to denounce the French decision to resume tests.

Greenpeace has said there

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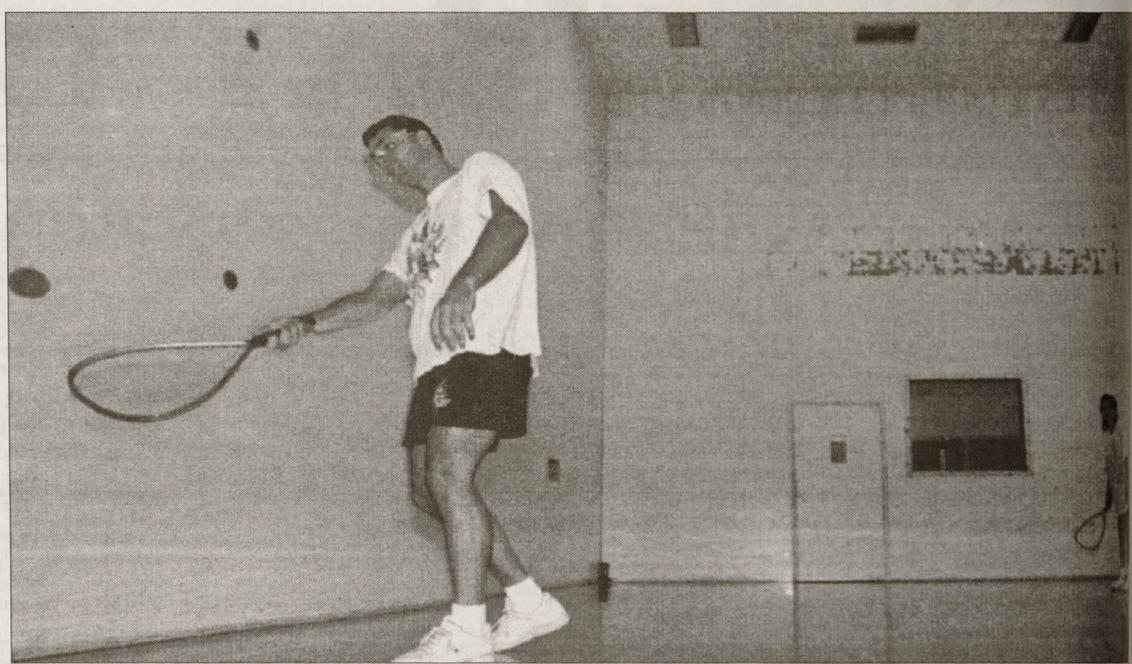
will be no advance notice of how or when the Rainbow Warrior II will conduct its protest.

The French patrol boat Railleuse was sent from Mururoa with commandos to intercept any inflatable boats Greenpeace may use to try to get ashore, said Adm. Philippe Euvette, commander of military forces in French Polynesia.

Euvette told reporters in Mururoa that the towboat Revi was also near the coast. It could be used to drag the protest ships away from the atoll.

The Rainbow Warrior II has been joined by the 40-foot Greenpeace sailboat Vega, and the Bifrost, a steel-and-fiberglass replica of a Viking ship operated by three Danish anti-nuclear protesters, with two other crew.

The Bifrost, which is independent of Greenpeace, plans to help distract the French vessels rather than sail into Mururoa.



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Jason Strickland, a senior Physics major, serves to Sandy Shidler, a senior Accounting major, during their Sunday afternoon game of racquetball in the Read Building.

Interest groups compete for tax break

□ **The House Ways and Means Committee is holding hearings on proposed tax law changes.**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tax relief could come for people who drink hard apple cider or ride in limousines if lobbyists can persuade the House Ways and Means Committee to choose their pet provisions among hundreds of competing proposals.

A special interest battle royale is developing as the tax-writing committee, headed by Rep. Bill Archer, holds hearings this week on some 230 tax law changes proposed by its members.

The Texas Republican has warned its members that they'll have to suggest a way to pay for any break they advocate. Never-

theless, hundreds of lobbyists were cheered by the knowledge that their proposals had cleared the first cut.

If the process works as it has in the past, by late summer or early fall Archer will go to each of the 20 other Republicans on his panel and ask what provisions they must have and what provisions they can live without.

Then the list of proposals will be cut to a manageable and affordable length, perhaps a few dozen.

Some lobbying pitches are straightforward appeals for lower taxes. The Northeast McIntosh Growers Association, based in Westfield, Mass., believes its members could sell more apples if hard apple cider were taxed like beer at 23 cents a gallon rather than \$1.07 a gallon, like wine.

Many of the proposals would fix anomalies in the tax code.

For instance, a heart attack victim transported by fixed-wing air ambulance pays 10 percent federal excise tax meant for airline passengers. The same patient on a helicopter ambulance doesn't.

Rural lawmakers, led by Rep. Bill Herger, R-Calif., are fighting to equalize tax treatment. They argue the current system discriminates against rural residents. Fixed-wing aircraft are used more often by rural people to larger towns for treatment while helicopters, with their shorter range, are more commonly used at accident sites in urban areas.

The problem for lawmakers trying to equalize the proposals is that plaintiffs and con arguments can be mounted for each. And, if this week's three hearings end today, the committee will only have 45 minutes to spend on each proposal.

Serb tanks advance into 'safe area'

□ **Serb forces also seized 20 peacekeepers in two days.**

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Bosnian Serb tanks and infantry drove to the edge of Srebrenica on Sunday and fired shells into the town, a U.N.-designated "safe area" in which civilians are supposed to be spared from attack.

The Serbs also seized five Dutch peacekeepers, bringing to 20 the number taken in two days of advancing toward the government-held eastern enclave.

In response to the Serbs' move to within a half-mile of the Srebrenica town line, an elite team of Dutch peacekeepers deployed wire-guided anti-tank weapons.

U.N. officials had no word on casualties. But Osman Sulic, a Srebrenica city councilor, told Sarajevo media that eight civilians had been killed and 27 wounded since Thursday, when the Serb assault began.

Alexander Ivanko, a U.N. spokesman in Sarajevo, said the five peacekeepers who were seized Sunday and 15 others who were taken Saturday night were not considered hostages.

Earlier Saturday, a Dutch peacekeeper died after being shot by Bosnian government forces while his unit was retreating from an

observation post seized by the Serbs.

Of the peacekeepers detained Saturday, seven from one observation post were taken to the Bosnian Serb town of Bratunac, north of the Srebrenica enclave. The eight others remained at their U.N. post, which was occupied by the Serbs, U.N. spokesmen said.

U.N. spokesmen did not know if the peacekeepers had resisted Serb capture of the U.N. posts. The Dutch Defense Ministry in Amsterdam denied Serb claims that the peacekeepers had voluntarily left the observation post.

Bosnian government officials and state-run news media warned of a civilian catastrophe if Serb troops reached the town of Srebrenica, a U.N.-declared "safe area" in the enclave of 42,000 Bosnian Muslims.

"If Srebrenica falls, that will be the end of the U.N. mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina," said Mustafa Bijedic, Bosnian ambassador to the United Nations.

Such an event would be a severe blow to the U.N. mission. No U.N. safe area has yet fallen in Bosnia's three-year war, although Gorazde and Bihac came under similar intensive Serb assaults last year.

Both those assaults tapered off after NATO airstrikes. But NATO has always been extremely cautious about taking air action and is likely to be especially so in



○ Bosnian Serbs overran two U.N. observation posts in the eastern enclave of Srebrenica, Saturday night.

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the wake of last month's seizure of hundreds of peacekeepers by the Bosnian Serbs in retaliation for airstrikes near Serb headquarters in Pale.

HEALTH TIPS

Replacing water important to avoid dehydration, heat stroke

By Heather Korb
SPECIAL TO THE BATTALION

During these hot summer months, stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water. Approximately 60 percent of our bodies is made of water, and we can survive only a few days without it.

Drinking eight 8-ounce glasses of water a day is recommended. Water suppresses the appetite, helps the body metabolize stored fat, maintains muscle tone, rids the body of wastes and decreases bloating.

Replacing fluids is especially important when exercising. Drink two cups of water two hours before strenuous activity, then 1 1/2 cups 10-15 minutes before this activity and one-half to three-fourths cups every 15 minutes during the activity.

After the activity, two cups of water for each pound lost will be needed. The thirst mechanism is often unreliable and exercise can

blunt it, so drink fluids before you get dehydrated.

Be aware of the signs of exhaustion and heat stroke: you feel extreme fatigue, your skin, experience dizziness and fainting, or your body is perspiring — get out of the sun. Drink fluids, cool off with wet packs and if symptoms persist seek medical attention.

Besides water, some good sources of water are fruit juice; vegetable juice; soda; artificially sweetened, caffeinated soft drinks; sports drinks.

Avoid alcohol and caffeine, which act as diuretics. Frequent and clear urination indicates water balance. Scanty, colored urine indicates you need more water in your diet.

For information on the importance of water and other issues, contact the Health Education Center, Room 16 in the Beutel Health Center.

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