

Croats, rebel Serbs agree to negotiate

NATO ambassadors threatened airstrikes against Serb rebels if they continue to attack U.N. 'safe areas.'

KNIN, Croatia (AP) — Serb and Croatian forces warily agreed Tuesday to return to negotiations, while NATO expanded its threat of airstrikes against Serb rebels to protect all remaining U.N. "safe areas."

Tensions exploded last week when Croatia sent thousands of troops into western Bosnia, where

they made stunning advances against rebel Serbs.

Croatia, which said it was responding to a plea from Bosnia's Muslim-led government to help defend the northwestern Muslim enclave of Bihac, has used the advance to move its forces through Bosnia to threaten the self-proclaimed rebel Serb capital of Knin in Croatia.

Despite continued fighting, Croatian and Serb representatives agreed to hold talks Thursday in Geneva, the United Nations announced.

At a meeting in Brussels, Belgium, NATO ambassadors threatened airstrikes against Serb rebels if they attack Bihac

or any other U.N.-declared "safe areas" for refugees.

NATO issued a similar threat last week to protect the Gorazde "safe area" after the Serbs captured two other U.N. enclaves in eastern Bosnia.

In Washington, the House of Representatives followed the Senate by voting Tuesday to lift the U.N. arms embargo against Bosnia so the Muslim-led government could better defend itself. President Clinton has vowed to veto the measure, saying it would force U.N. peacekeepers to leave Bosnia — and lead to the introduction of American ground troops to help in the evacuation.

CBS sold to Westinghouse

The power company bought the third-ranked television network for \$5.4 billion.

NEW YORK (AP) — In the second TV network takeover in as many days, Westinghouse Electric Corp. struck a \$5.4 billion deal Tuesday to buy CBS, hoping to restore the once top-rated Tiffany Network to its former glory.

The widely anticipated pact came a day after the Walt Disney Co. created the nation's biggest entertainment company with a surprise deal to buy Capital Cities-ABC Inc. for about \$19 billion.

Westinghouse, based in Pittsburgh, is an industrial conglomerate that makes airport radar systems and nuclear plants in addition to running a group of TV and radio stations.

CBS finished behind ABC and General Electric Co.'s NBC in the ratings last season.

CBS, which began as a radio network in 1927 and thrived under the leadership of William S.

Paley, became known as the Tiffany Network for the quality of its programming.

Laurence A. Tisch, chairman and chief executive since 1985 after Ted Turner was ill-fated run at the company.

The 72-year-old Tisch family control the biggest voting block at about 18 percent and stand to make more than \$900 million on their stake.

Jordan said the company would aggressively examine its options in expanding, including getting into cable networks and international markets. Two areas Tisch had refused to get involved in during his last eight years at CBS.

The deal was approved by boards of both companies and completion of financial shareholder approval and trust review. Westinghouse said it expects to complete the transaction by early 1996.

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