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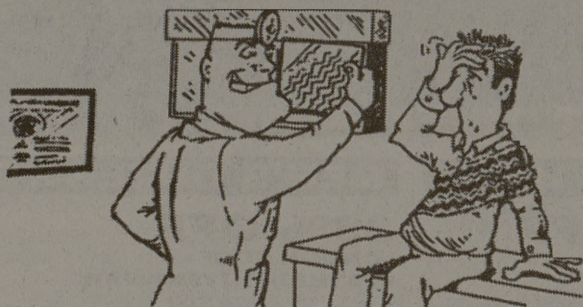
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U.N. condemns Iraq; Baghdad stands firm

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — In a unanimous vote, the U.N. Security Council condemned Iraq, imposed a travel ban and warned of "further measures" Wednesday unless Iraq reverses its decision to expel American arms inspectors.

Iraq's deputy prime minister immediately rejected the U.N. demand and U.S. Ambassador Bill Richardson warned "the crisis with Iraq is not over."

"The message has been clear: Iraq must comply or face consequences," Richardson said after the vote. "We are not precluding any option, including the military option."

Appearing later on MSNBC, Richardson said the United States believes it does not need to receive council permission to launch a military strike, although a decision to attack has not yet been made.

"But I would say that Iraq would provoke an international reaction if they tampered with the next U-2 flight, which is an essential part of the U.N.'s activity, and secondly were to

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BILL RICHARDSON
U.S. AMBASSADOR

expel the Americans or the inspectors from the U.N.'s teams," Richardson said.

Russian Ambassador Sergey Lavrov told reporters that the crisis

with Iraq was "headed for deadlock." "It's very dangerous."

The government of Saddam Hussein, meanwhile, showed no signs of backing down on its vow to kick American inspectors out of Iraq. Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz, speaking in New York, declared that his government "refuses this resolution."

"Iraq will continue to defend its legitimate rights by all means," Aziz said. In Baghdad, Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohammed Said al-Sahhaf said the Americans would "definitely" be expelled but gave no timetable.

Iraq had suspended the expulsion order until the 15-member council finished debate. The council refused a request by Aziz to be allowed to present Iraq's case in a special session.

The Baghdad government has turned back inspection teams nine of

the last 10 days because they injured Americans. With the Security Council's unanimous vote Wednesday, U.N. officials said a major test would come Thursday as inspectors try again to enter suspected Iraqi weapons sites.

In Washington, White House spokesman Mike McCurry said the move to boot out Americans "would be a very serious breach of Iraq's obligation to the international community."

The chief weapons inspector Richard Butler, said he would resume his inspection teams Thursday.

"We will send out our teams in a normal way tomorrow," Butler said. "The teams will include American inspectors. We absolutely reject any discriminatory suggestion that nationalities are objectionable."

First lady builds Soviet, U.S. ties

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan (AP) — A statue of Vladimir Lenin towers more than 50 feet high over this quaint town, a symbol of 70 years of Soviet rule.

Hillary Rodham Clinton came to town to talk about progress since the Soviet Union fell apart and about the new republic's future as a friend of the United States and the West.

Just next door to the imposing statue, Clinton cut a red, white and blue ribbon Wednesday to open the American University of Kyrgyzstan, established with U.S. government dollars.

The university, Clinton said, is "one of the most important results of the alliance between the two countries." The faculty declared Clinton a model world leader and granted her the university's first honorary professorship.

On the second day of an eight-day, five-nation tour, the first lady made stops in three countries, all former Soviet republics. She flew from Bishkek to Tashkent, Uzbekistan, after starting the day in Almati, Kazakstan. Kyrgyzstan lies southeast of neighboring Kazakstan, between that country and China, and Uzbekistan is Kyrgyzstan's neighbor to the west.

Before dedicating the new university in Bishkek, Clinton visited the bustling Novo Pavlovka market, filled mostly with women wearing colorful scarves and carrying children to see what some said was the first famous American to visit them. There, the first lady came face to face with success stories of former Soviet citizens who since 1994 have taken small American-backed loans and opened own booths at the market.



Clinton

Four Americans, Pakistan shot to death in Karachi

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — The black car carrying four American oil company employees to work inched along a bridge jammed with school buses Wednesday. A red car weaved in and out of traffic, then pulled up behind.

Shots rang out. Then two gunmen in khaki jackets and traditional baggy Pakistani garments leapt out, strode over to the black car and emptied the clips of their Kalashnikov rifles inside.

After checking to see if all four Americans and their Pakistani driver were dead, the gunmen fled.

There was no claim of responsibility for the attack, but it followed the U.S. conviction Monday of a Pakistani, Mir Aimal Kasi, in the shootings of two CIA employees outside agency headquarters in Langley, Va. U.S. officials had warned of possible retaliation.

"It is premature to say why they were killed, but there is a strong possibility that it was linked to Kasi's conviction and sentencing," Karachi Police Chief Malik Iqbal said Wednesday.

"We know it was a target killing. It wasn't random firing."

In Washington, President Clinton's spokesman called the killings "an outrageous act of barbarism." However, White House press secretary Mike McCurry stressed there was no direct evidence of a connection with the CIA case.

Pakistan President Farooq Leghari wrote Clinton to express his shock at what he called a "terrorist" attack on "four innocent U.S. nationals." The letter was delivered to the U.S. ambassador in Islamabad.

The four Americans, all auditors for Houston-based Union Texas Petroleum, were traveling from their hotel to their office when they were intercepted by the gunmen.

The gunmen later abandoned their vehicle near Karachi's central post office and disappeared, the police chief said.

The slain Americans were identified by Texas Petroleum as: Ephraim Egbu, senior auditor; Joel Enlow, manager of audit projects; Larry Jennings, audit manager; and Tracy Ritchie, senior audit supervisor.

The bodies of the men, all in their 40s, were to

be flown home to Houston on Thursday.

"Our heartfelt sympathies go out to their families and their friends here at Union Texas," company chairman John Whitmire.

McCurry said the killings would not affect plans for Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to visit Pakistan. Clinton's trip is scheduled for early 1998; Albright is to arrive Sunday.

Hours after the shooting, a crowd surrounded the black car, looking at the blood pooling in the seats and coating the shattered glass in the windshield frames. A bloody newspaper lay on the road nearby.

Iqbal said police had put together a description of the attackers and had begun a manhunt. The Pakistani Cabinet met in an emergency session and named a special investigative panel.

Kasi was convicted of first-degree murder by Fairfax, Va., court for the Jan. 25, 1993, slayings of CIA employees Frank Darling and Lansing Bennett. The two were shot in their cars at a traffic light outside CIA headquarters.

Kasi's capture in Pakistan in June in a joint FBI-Pakistani security force operation incensed many Pakistanis, who objected to him being whisked out of the country without an extradition hearing. Tribesmen from his hometown of Quetta had sworn to avenge the capture.

U.S. prosecutors had argued that Kasi acted to avenge American meddling in Muslim countries, including the bombing of Iraq during the Persian Gulf War. However, Kasi was described as a loner and there was no evidence he belonged to any organized terror group.

The State Department warned Americans on Tuesday to take precautions against possible retaliation for Kasi's conviction.

On Wednesday, Americans and other foreigners kept a low profile in Quetta, Kasi's desert hometown 360 miles north of Karachi. Six Americans were moved from their homes to a hotel where security was increased.

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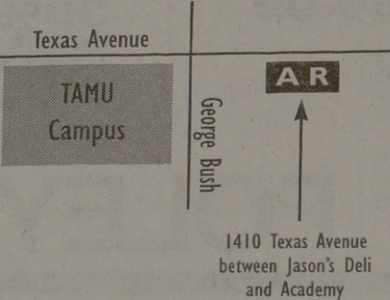
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