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WHEN? February 10, 1998, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
WHERE? George Bush Presidential Conference Center

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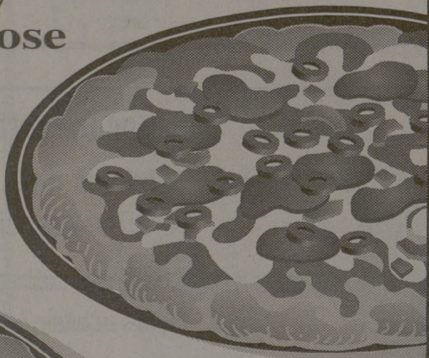
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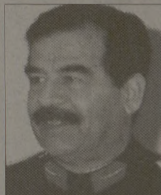
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U.N. chief dismisses Iraqi deadline

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Arriving Monday to face the latest crisis with Iraq, Chief U.N. weapons inspector Richard Butler dismissed an Iraqi deadline for arms inspectors to finish their work and once again accused Baghdad of concealing banned weapons material.



Saddam

Butler also said no sites in Iraq — even President Saddam Hussein's dozens of palaces — should be off-limits to his arms monitors.

The visit comes one day after Iraqi officials, fearful that their confrontation with Butler's inspectors could lead to a U.S. military strike, urged Iraqis to volunteer for weapons training.

On Monday, 5,000 Iraqis demonstrated in front of the inspectors' Baghdad headquarters, burning American flags and chanting "Butler is an American agent" and "With our blood and souls we will defend

you, Saddam." The protests were organized by government-sponsored trade unions.

In central Baghdad, Iraqi authorities organized a funeral procession for 73 children they said died Monday because of a lack of medical supplies. Although U.N. economic sanctions do not bar the import of food or medicine, Iraq says the embargo has left it without the money to import vital medicines.

It was the third government-sponsored funeral procession since October.

The United States repeatedly has demanded that Iraq fully cooperate with U.N. inspectors trying to dismantle Iraqi programs to build long-range missiles and chemical and biological weapons.

Washington has called for a diplomatic solution to the crisis, but has not ruled out the use of military force, despite the reluctance of other countries to go along.

In the latest in a series of threats by Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi president vowed Saturday to suspend

cooperation with U.N. weapons inspectors if they did not finish their work by May 20.

"The idea of an in-advance deadline is something which will not work," Butler said.

All along, Butler has insisted that Saddam, despite his attempts to alter the composition of the teams and the scope of the monitoring, has no power to dictate the terms of the inspections. He and others claim Saddam's threats are aimed at creating an excuse to prevent inspections just as monitors are closing in on evidence of weapons developments.

"There is a concealment program in this country," Butler said.

Last week, Butler withdrew a U.N. weapons team led by American Scott Ritter after Iraqi authorities prevented him from working.

Baghdad says Americans and Britons, whose countries it claims are bent on punishing Iraq with sanctions as long as Saddam is in power, are overrepresented on Ritter's team.

Iraq also accused Ritter of espionage. Asked if he would send Ritter back to Baghdad, Ritter said: "Yes, it is conceivable."

Ritter was investigating allegations that Iraq tested chemical biological weapons in several years ago, but he did not plan to question officials about those tests.

Iraq has insisted that it has destroyed weapons of mass destruction concealing nothing.

In November, Iraqi American members of teams out of the country they were spies. The U.S. quickly beefed up its presence in the region, and Iraq to let the inspectors back.

Unless the inspectors allowed to finish up their U.N. Security Council consider lifting punishment imposed against Iraq.

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**Spirits high in Cuba
as papal visit nears**

HAVANA (AP) — Under an eight-story-high mural of Christ, choirs on Revolution Square filled the tropical air with praise Monday for a papal visit that stands to bring both financial and political capital to this communist island.

Just two days before John Paul II's arrival, light blue posters of the pontiff were posted on the doors of homes, telephone poles — even bicycle taxis and vendors' carts.

"This is so moving," the Rev. Manuel Cruz, a priest from Newark, N.J., who attended the rehearsal of choir members from Havana churches, said. "This is a marvel of grace and a blessing."

Communist leaders also are excited by the five-day visit, which begins Wednesday.

President Fidel Castro has called on Cubans to fill the plaza for the papal Mass on Sunday, and to attend earlier Masses in the cities of Santa Clara, Camaguey and Santiago.

The aim is not just to welcome the pope, but to prove to the world that Cuba, which is hugely secular though 40 percent of the people are baptized Roman Catholics, respects

religious freedom.

Castro's government has devoted much of its manpower and resources to the success of this landmark papal visit, which stands to bring in millions of dollars from the thousands of visiting pilgrims and reporters.

But Economy Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez rejected suggestions Monday that the government is treating the pontiff's stay as a profit-making proposition. "The government does not see the visit as a business," he said.

Rodriguez refused to estimate how much revenue the trip would bring this foreign currency-starved country of 11 million people. Independent estimates say it could bring the government as much as \$20 million.

Individual Cubans stand to profit as well, especially through a government decree allowing them to rent rooms to tourists this month without securing special approval or paying taxes.

Cuba has been struggling to find new ways to capture foreign exchange since the collapse of the Soviet-led trade block in the early 1990s.

**Suspects arrested
Guatemala ambush**

SANTA LUCIA COTZUMAL-GUAPA, Guatemala (AP) — Guatemalan security forces arrested two suspects and were hunting down five others Monday after five American college students were raped in a brazen daylight ambush of their bus.

The rapes and robbery of students and faculty from St. Mary's College in Maryland, on an anthropology tour of Guatemala, have provoked outrage in the United States and calls here to end surging lawlessness.

Vowing to obtain justice in the case, Interior Minister Rodolfo Mendoza said Monday that the two arrested men had provided the names of their accomplices.

"The security forces are trying to capture the other five criminals ... so that they can face the full force of the law," Mendoza, who declined to discuss the case further, said.

The bus was forced off the highway Friday afternoon into a break in the green, head-high sugar cane by gunmen riding in two pickup trucks, police said.

The students, 12 women and

man, were returning to Guatemala City after a tour of historical sites. The group was ambushed by two male faculty members and a female administrator of Mary's College, a public liberal arts school in Washington.

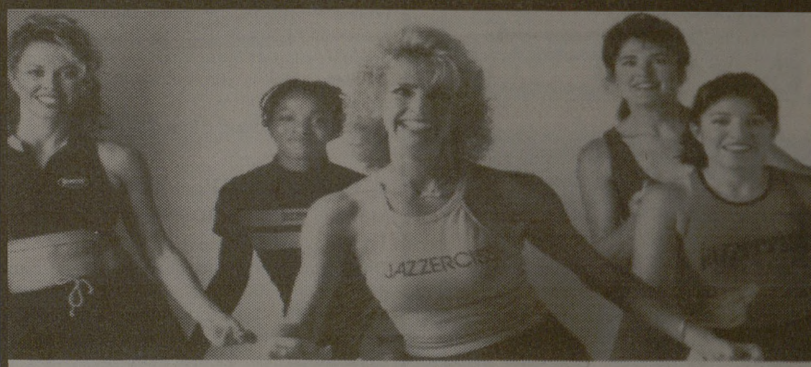
In Washington, President Clinton decried Friday's ambush and said he was confident Guatemalan authorities would handle the case appropriately.

"I have a lot of concern for the victims and their families," Clinton told. "It's a terrible thing, and we've urged the government to take appropriate action."

Far from home, the students came in direct contact with the country flush with weapons. Mendoza has urged here since 1990 leftist rebels and the government's 36-year-old

The bus driver, Victor Lopez Arias, told The Press the bandits forced the bus to stop and fired shots in the air as the set of the robbery.

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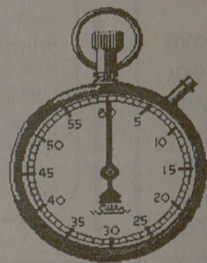
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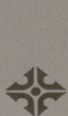
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