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**Global treaty on land mines to take effect**

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — A treaty aimed at eliminating anti-personnel land mines will take effect in six months, the United Nations announced Wednesday, after the West African nation of Burkina Faso became the 40th country to ratify the pact.

The treaty was signed by more than 120 countries at a landmark meeting in Ottawa in December. Nations that ratify the treaty pledge to destroy all stockpiles of mines within four years and clear away all mines from their territory within 10 years.

With Burkina Faso's approval, the treaty will go into force in March in those 40 countries, U.N. officials said. The pact required the ratification of 40 nations and their legislatures to go into effect.

"Today, the world has taken a step toward becoming a safer and more humane place," Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in a statement. The treaty "will have far-reaching implications for both mine-affected and mine-producing countries."

The United States has refused to sign or ratify the treaty, maintaining such weapons are needed on the Korean peninsula to deter North Korea from invading South Korea. Russia and China are also holding out, contending they need land mines for defensive purposes.

Tens of millions of land mines are scattered in more than 60 countries, and an estimated 20,000 people are killed or injured each year, mostly innocent civilians. The mines have also rendered huge swaths of productive land unusable.

Last December, the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines, and its American coordinator, Jody Williams, won the Nobel Peace Prize for its six years of worldwide campaigning that resulted in 122 countries signing the treaty in Ottawa.

President Clinton wants the United States to approve the treaty by 2006, but only if the armed forces are able to come up with an alternative weapon by then. The Pentagon has requested \$4.7 million in the fiscal 1999 budget for the program.

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Barbara Nelms, a teacher at Bryan High School, makes A&M "luminaries" in the MSC.

**Gingrich argues for release of Speaker says Clinton's taped testimony depicts him as**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Speaker Newt Gingrich told fellow Republicans Wednesday President Clinton's own account of his relationship with Monica Lewinsky depicts him as a "misogynist," GOP congressional sources said. Gingrich argued forcefully for releasing a videotape of Clinton's grand jury testimony.



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The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said at a closed-door meeting of GOP lawmakers Gingrich detailed Clinton's version of events in his relationship with the young aide. If that account is to be believed,

Gingrich said, Clinton's behavior is that of a "misogynist," a word whose dictionary definition is a hatred of women.

Gingrich made the comment as he argued against a suggestion Republicans reconsider plans to release a videotape of the president's Aug. 17 grand jury testimony.

In the weekly GOP caucus, or conference, Gingrich noted the House had voted last week to release the material that Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr had compiled as evidence of impeachable offenses. The speaker said Clinton's lawyers continue to mount a legalistic defense, these sources added.

The speaker made his comments as the GOP point man in the impeachment review, Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., conceded "youthful in-

discretions" more than three decades when both were 41.

He issued a column in the National Review magazine detailing the relationship between Hyde and Clinton in the 1960s.

In his statement, Hyde said that a "The only purpose of the investigation was to protect the president's reputation and the public interest."

For his part, Clinton said the couple's relationship was "a private matter" and the divorce proceedings were "a private matter."

**Searchers: No large pieces of SwissAir 111 found**

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia (AP) — Navy officials overseeing the underwater search for the wreckage of Swissair Flight 111 said Wednesday they are no longer confident of finding any large pieces of the plane.

Crash investigators said last week that five large sections of the plane — apparently part of its fuselage — had been located by sonar on the ocean floor off the Nova Scotia coast.

But divers working to retrieve aircraft parts and human remains say they have found no large pieces of the wide-bodied MD-11, which crashed Sept. 2, killing all

229 people on board.

"The aircraft is literally shattered on the bottom," Cmdr. Greg Aikins of HMCS Halifax, a Canadian naval frigate collecting debris, said. "Thus far there are no big pieces except for big things like landing gear."

The largest piece lifted Wednesday aboard the USS Grapple, a U.S. Navy salvage ship, was about the size of a pool table.

"The fuselage doesn't exist anymore — it's a bunch of debris," Canadian navy spokesperson Capt. Andre Berdais said. "Think of a bottle of Coke that

just hit cement. That's what it looks like."

Jim Harris, a spokesperson for Canada's Transportation Safety Board, confirmed the wreckage appears to be in small, shattered pieces.

He said it will take time to assess the situation in detail since the debris lies under 180 feet of water.

Visibility on the sea floor is very limited, and rough seas have complicated the work of more than 200 divers.

The recovery could take more time than expected, as divers negotiate their way

through a maze of metal and debris.

Some divers have been seen in their glow sticks, but the search is very physical, Berdais said.

The plane disappeared after its 28th minute of flight, as it was requested clearance for landing.

Investigators say they have reached no conclusions about the cause, but they are looking at the possibility of a problem with the aircraft's electrical system.

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