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The purpose of the award is to provide support for mentoring activities and recognition for excellence in mentoring. The winner of the award must be a member of AT Mentors who has demonstrated outstanding dedication and commitment to making a difference in students' lives.

If you would like nominate a member of AT Mentors, send a letter to the AT Mentors program office at Mail Stop 1263. In your letter please indicate how the mentor you are nominating has "made a difference" in your life. Letters must be no longer than one page and in 12 point font. Only currently enrolled students may nominate a Mentor for this award. If you have any questions, call 845-6900 or email atmentors@tam.u.edu.

A complete list of Mentors is available on the AT Mentors webpage at <http://mentors.tam.u.edu>. All letters are due by April 9th at 5:00p.m.

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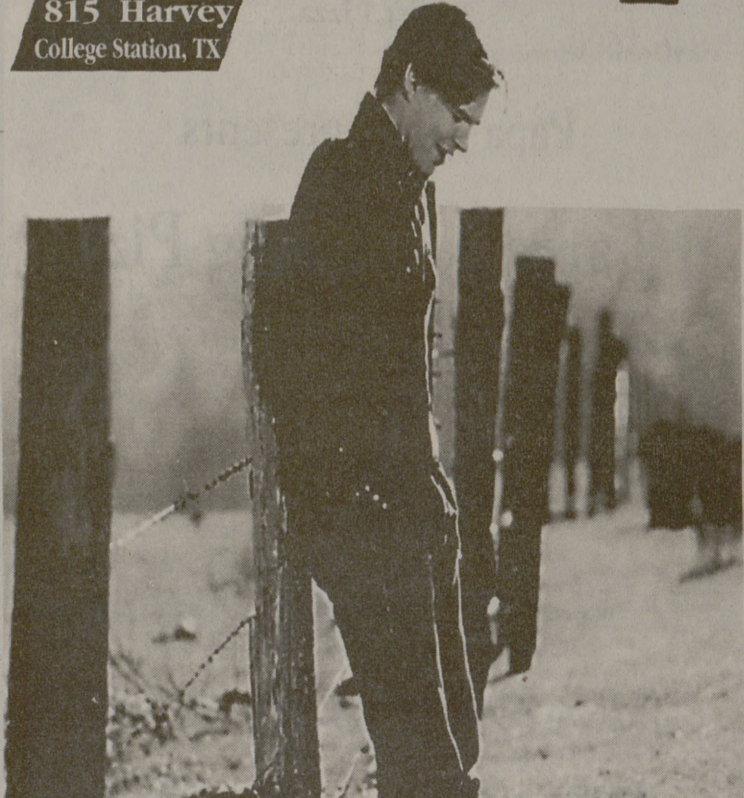
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Saturday, March 27

US leads NATO airstrikes on Yugoslavia

Clinton acknowledges potential for American loss in national address

WASHINGTON (AP) — American planes and ships led an opening wave of airstrikes on Yugoslavia Wednesday that included the first-ever combat use of the Air Force B-2 stealth bomber. "The dangers of acting now are clearly outweighed by the risks of failing to act," President Clinton said.

Calling the Kosovo crisis "full-blown," Clinton said the NATO action was aimed in part at deterring Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic "from continuing and escalating his attacks on helpless civilians."

Speaking from the White House moments after a barrage of air- and sea-launched cruise missiles struck at Yugoslav air defenses, Clinton acknowledged the risk of American and allied losses. But he said those risks were outweighed by the dangers of not acting resolutely in the face of unrelenting Serb aggression against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo.

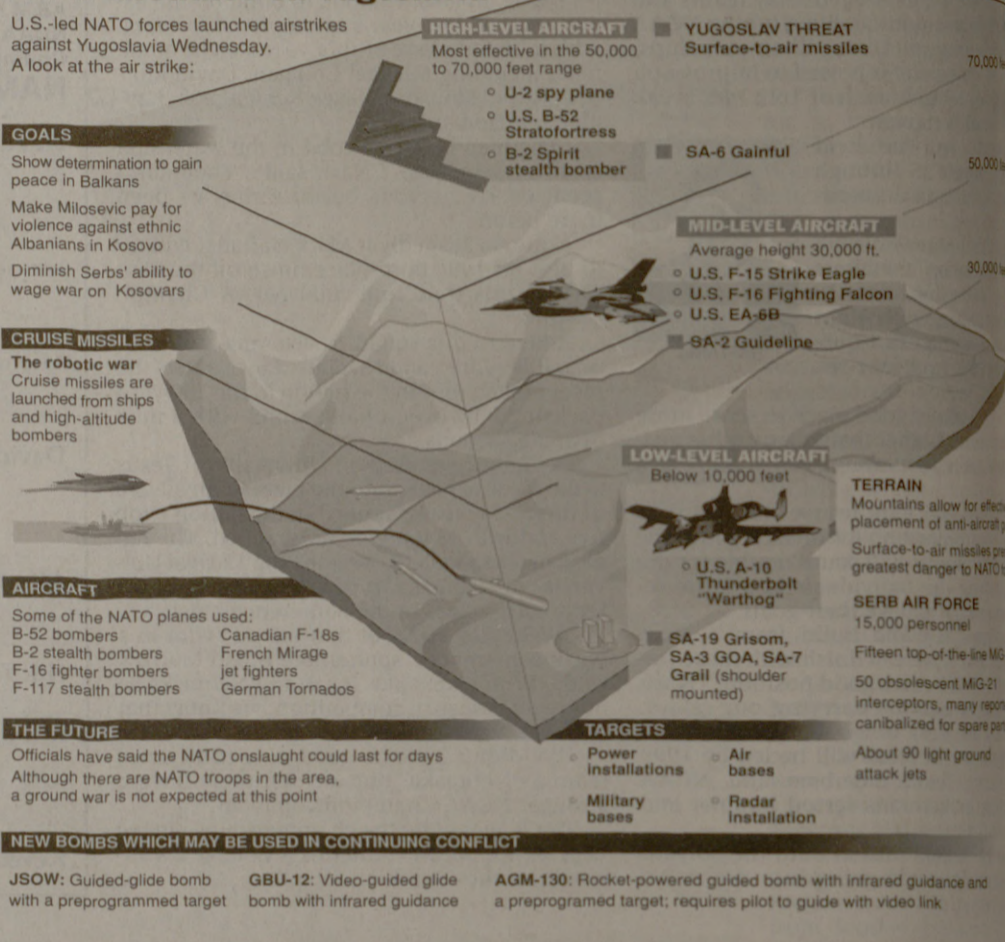
"Only firmness now can prevent greater catastrophe later," the president said. He promised a more complete explanation of the NATO attacks later in an Oval Office address to the American public.

Explosions rocked Pristina, Kosovo's capital, and air raid sirens filled the air in the Yugoslav capital of Belgrade. U.S. defense officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the NATO raids would continue unabated for hours, perhaps days, to disable what U.S. officials call a strong Serb air defense network.

Defense Secretary William Cohen told a Pentagon briefing Wednesday afternoon that there was air-to-air combat, but "our aircraft have safely returned" after the first wave.

A defense official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said at

NATO airstrikes on Yugoslavia



least one Yugoslav MiG fighter was shot down.

The attacks began shortly after darkness fell in Yugoslavia, with Navy ships and submarines in and around the Adriatic Sea firing dozens of Tomahawk cruise missiles and Air Force B-52 long-range bombers launching between three dozen and four dozen AGM-86 cruise missiles after flying from a base in Britain.

Also participating were Air Force B-2 Spirit bombers, the first time they have seen combat since becoming operational in 1997. Two B-2s flew round-trip missions from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., armed with satellite-guided, 2,000-pound iron bombs, according to Lt. Col. Jay DeFrank, an Air Force spokesman.

The B-2 is the most advanced stealth aircraft in the world — and the most expensive, at about \$2 billion apiece. The plane was designed during the Cold War to penetrate the former Soviet Union's heavy air defenses, and has come under harsh attack from critics as being too high-cost for today's military.

The initial NATO attacks Wednesday also included Air Force F-117A stealth fighter-bombers, flying from Aviano Air Base in Italy, defense officials said. The F-117A played a starring role in the 1991 Gulf War against Iraq.

Republican and Democratic lawmakers alike expressed support for the mission, even if some harbored reservations about the pres-

ident just four weeks after his impeachment trial ended with an acquittal.

"Whatever reservations about the president's actions in the Balkans, let no one doubt that the Congress and the American people stand united behind our men and women who are bravely heeding the call of duty," said Sen. Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, the senior Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he expected the first wave of attacks to last for several days — to be followed by an even heavier bombing campaign against other targets. He said he did not expect a pause between the two phases, saying they would be seamless.

Clinton laid out three objectives to the airstrikes:

—"Demonstrate the seriousness of NATO's opposition to aggression and its support for peace."

—"Deter Milosevic from continuing and escalating his attacks on civilians by 'imposing a price for those attacks.'" He said Milosevic had chosen "aggression over peace" and broken his promise to "stop the brutal repression of Kosovo."

—"Damage the Yugoslav army's capability to wage war against the Kosovar Albanians."

An immediate casualty of the NATO attacks was the alliance's already shaky relationship with Russia. President Boris Yeltsin pulled Russia out of its partnership with NATO and warned Moscow may

take further steps to punish airstrikes against Yugoslavia, including military ones "to establish our own and general European unity."

Clinton telephoned Yeltsin, spent 35 minutes explaining NATO mission.

"He (made) the case that important that we have good relations with Russia and that we should allow a dispute on a single issue to derail the important work we're doing on a wide variety of issues," said White House spokesman Joe Lockhart.

Clinton canceled his three-day political trip to western Nevada and California to help with the crisis.

First word on the operation came from NATO headquarters in Brussels, where NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana said the final go had been given by U.S. Ambassador Wesley Clark, NATO's top commander. Solana on Tuesday evening had authorized Clark when he was ready.

"Clear responsibility quite the operation lies with President Clinton, who has refused to take violent action in Kosovo unless we refused to negotiate in good faith," Solana said in a written statement.

Underlining the fatal point, State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said the force was serving diplomatic phase where diplomacy serving the military option.

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