

## Keeping the peace

A sampling of Americans serving as peacekeepers abroad, either under U.N. authorization or other mandates:



Germany	70,000
Japan	40,000
South Korea	37,000
Saudi Arabia (up to)	25,000
Bosnia	5,900
Southern Turkey	1,000
Sinai Desert, Egypt	900
Ecuador-Peru	21
Western Sahara	15
East Timor (prospective)	33
Macedonia (being phased out)	587
Western Europe (approx.)	100,000
East Asia (approx.)	100,000
Kosovo	7,000
Panama (under)	4,000
Haiti	450
Cuba	1,000

Source: AP research

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# Peacekeeping troops enter Kosovo

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Serb troops burned houses within sight of Western troops Sunday and British soldiers shot dead a Serb police officer as peacekeepers tried to contain new violence in Kosovo. Russian troops, meanwhile, blocked reinforcements for a small British unit uneasily coexisting with a Russian force dominating Pristina airport.

Overall, NATO's objectives are being met. Serb troops are withdrawing or ahead of schedule, and peacekeeping units, including the first American combat troops, were fanning out across the province as planned.

But some Serb forces, not due to depart for a few days, prevented NATO soldiers from reaching burning houses in an ethnic Albanian suburb of Pristina, Kosovo's capital. And in Prizren, the province's second-largest city, German troops had to separate departing Serbs and ethnic Albanians seeking revenge.

In the first reported fatality of the NATO peacekeeping mission in Kosovo, British paratroopers shot and killed a Yugoslav police reservist Sunday after the man fired a pistol at a NATO patrol, the alliance said.

About 100 to 150 U.S. Army troops in armored vehicles crossed into Kosovo at Blace, Macedonia in the first significant U.S. force to join 5,000 NATO peacekeepers already in the province.

A convoy of about 1,200 Marines halted on the border late Sunday before

entering Kosovo from Macedonia. Troops are to enter the southern Yugoslav province at first light today.

In Pristina, British troops in armored personnel carriers failed after several attempts to circumvent roadblocks set up by Serbs near the suburb of Sofali. Reporters following troops saw seven or eight houses burning in the predominantly ethnic Albanian neighborhood.

Even after suspected Serb snipers left the scene, there was concern about mines on the road leading to the houses.

It was unclear why the structures were being set ablaze, but there have been frequent reports of Serb forces setting ethnic Albanian houses afire as they retreat ahead of advancing NATO troops.

"We have the authority to go in, but we don't want to fight our way in," Lt. Damien Walker said. "We want to do it peacefully."

Under the agreement reached between Yugoslavia and NATO, Yugoslav troops and Serb paramilitaries are to withdraw from Kosovo over a period of 11 days. The alliance said as of late Friday, about 10,000 Serb personnel had left the province.

A NATO statement said the fatal shooting of the Yugoslav police reservist occurred about 5 p.m. in Pristina. After the shot was fired, troops gave the man six warnings to drop the pistol and when he refused, the paratroopers

## NATO fights for control of Pristina

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Crouched in knee-high yellow grass, a NATO soldier peered through field glasses as Serb troops torched another house in the valley below, sending plumes of white smoke skyward.

"Keep down — they're watching us too," he said grimly. "Through their rifle scopes."

On Sunday, the first full day of the NATO troops' deployment in Kosovo's capital of Pristina, departing Serb troops remained a menacing presence, burning ethnic Albanians' houses or brazenly looting them, hemming in NATO troops with roadblocks, jeering and cursing as British armor fanned out around the city. The crack of rifle fire was often heard.

NATO is well aware that despite a joyous welcome from the city's ethnic Albanians, Pristina — which was one-fifth Serb before the war — is highly hostile territory for them.

So alliance troops here — all British, so far — are taking precautions. Their

light vehicles travel only in groups of three or four; one alone would be dangerous, they say. NATO has begun night patrols for the same reason.

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Sunday brought the first deaths as British troops shot dead a Serbian civilian police reservist after he fired at a patrol, NATO said.

In another tense standoff, NATO armored vehicles tried to clear a road in a predominantly ethnic Albanian suburb just east of Pristina, to let troops who were burning houses.

Serb soldiers turned them back, blocking and cutting off access to the road by blocking it crosswise with cars that the British suspected were booby-trapped.

opened fire, killing him, the NATO statement said.

The private Yugoslav news agency Beta, said the man, Veselin Jovic, was trying to unlock his car when he was ordered to stop and raise his hands. When he refused, NATO troops opened fire, Beta said.

In Prizren, German peacekeepers got an early and unsettling glimpse of the city's ethnic tensions basking in the welcoming of the flower-bearing crowd, they break up an angry confrontation between ethnic Albanian residents and Serb militiamen.

# Starr to continue work despite 2000 elections

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prosecutor Kenneth Starr said Sunday he has no choice but to keep investigating the Clintons, a course that could collide with the 2000 presidential election campaign and a possible Senate run by the first lady.

Starr said he regards the coming criminal trial of Clinton friend Webster Hubbell — based on an indictment which refers 36 times to Hillary Rodham Clinton — as an important step in the investigation.

"We're looking forward to a trial this summer, that's what we're preparing for right now," Starr said on "Fox News Sunday."

Also Sunday, *The Washington Post* reported in a book excerpt that President Clinton's lawyer, Robert Bennett, was suspicious of Clinton's denials of extramarital relationships and warned him bluntly to tell the truth in the Paula Jones case or "your political enemies will eat you alive."

Starr said his investigation unavoidably has been prolonged because he has run into incomplete cooperation in many instances.

"For my part, I just wish we had had full cooperation from the outset," Starr said.

The Clinton White House has

gone to court to challenge Starr on many aspects of his nearly five-year investigation. In addition, Hubbell and other witnesses have not provided Starr with answers to key questions he is investigating, such as the role of the First Lady.

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Also, witnesses such as Clinton Whitewater partner Susan McDougal refused to testify to a grand jury in 1996 and 1998. Jurors deadlocked at McDougal's recent obstruction and contempt trial, and Starr has abandoned the case against her.

"We recognize that we need to move forward promptly," Starr said, but "some things are entirely out of my control."

Asked whether Mrs. Clinton's possible Senate bid from New York

was affecting his office's decision-making, Starr said, "We strive mightily while providing public information, public education, to divorce our decisions from politics whatsoever."

Starr said he ultimately will file a final report on his investigation, as mandated by the independent counsel statute expiring this month.

"We have made no decisions with respect to the specific contents of the report," he said.

Starr's office will prosecute Hubbell in federal court starting Aug. 9 on charges of concealing his and Mrs. Clinton's legal work on a fraudulent Arkansas land deal. The 1,050-acre development called Castle Grande contributed to the financial collapse of the S&L owned by the Clintons' Whitewater partners.

The work Hubbell and Hillary Clinton did on the project was not revealed until Clinton's billing records turned up in the White House family residence in 1996 under still-unexplained circumstances. Prosecutors had been looking for the documents since 1994.

The case could be postponed further if Hubbell seeks court appeals on legal issues.

# TWA, union reach agreement

NEW YORK (AP) — Trans World Airlines reached a tentative agreement Sunday on new contract proposals with the union representing its flight attendants, mechanics and other workers after the airline's previous "last, best" offer appeared doomed to fail.

The International Association of Machinists (IAM) said it would cancel the rank-and-file voting which began last week and present the new contract offer to its 16,000 TWA members. It agreed there would be no work stoppages during the monthlong ratification process.

"The IAM will recommend to our members that they vote 'yes' on ratification of these revised proposals, which represent a significant improvement over previous contract offers from TWA," union official William O'Driscoll said in a statement.

TWA chief executive Bill Compton said employees "deserve the increases in this contract," calling the deal fair and one the company can afford.

Details of the new pact will be released Tuesday in Kansas City, where the union is based. Workers will begin voting on it on Wednesday.

On May 28, TWA presented what it described as its "last, best offer," and the rank-and-file had been on it even though it did not have the approval of union leaders. The new deal nullifies the previous offer and those earlier votes.

The airline's previous offer received little support. Union members had also cast ballots on whether to prove limited strikes targeting key flights during the Fourth of July weekend, typically one of the busiest weekends for airlines.

TWA suffered last year when baggage handlers and ramp workers briefly walked off the job, effectively shutting down the airline's hub at Lambert Airport in St. Louis.

The union is seeking payback for years of airline acknowledges were subpar wages and benefits and retirement plans.

TWA hasn't turned a profit in 10 years. In 1998, the airline lost almost \$5 per paying passenger on 1,000 miles. Since 1989, St. Louis-based TWA has lost more than \$2 billion.

# Experts brace for virus mutation

NEW YORK (AP) — After a weekend of scouring their computers for the latest e-mail virus to bombard the Internet, systems managers were preparing for a new work week and the threat of new infections when workers log on.

The Worm.Explore.Zip virus, which is transmitted via e-mail and destroys files on infected computers, has struck tens of thousands of machines, but so far has not spread as widely as the Melissa virus that hit in late March.

Worm.Explore.Zip targets computers using Microsoft Windows operating systems. The virus arrives in a person's e-mail box as a timely reply from an acquaintance, inviting

the recipient to open an attached file that will unleash a two-pronged attack: It spreads by sending a copy of itself to the address of any arriving e-mail and destroys files stored on a person's machine, including those created by the popular programs Microsoft Word and Excel.

But fears remained Sunday that the outbreak may have fallen dormant over the weekend with most people not working, and could start spreading again when employees return Monday morning and turn on their computers.

Another concern, anti-virus experts said, has been scattered reports of new symptoms being detected among infected machines, a sign the

bug may be more complex than thought, Mark Zajicek, a member of the Computer Emergency Response Team at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, said.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation was trying to track down the author of the virus, but declined to provide any updates on the probe. It took only days for the FBI to probe, it took only days for the FBI to probe, it took only days for the FBI to probe.

The virus, first detected in Israel, did most of its damage Thursday and Friday, infecting several major computer systems at several big companies including AT&T, Boeing, and even Microsoft and even Microsoft.

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