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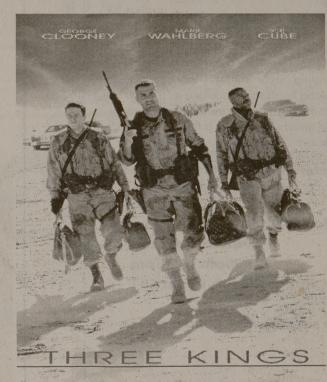
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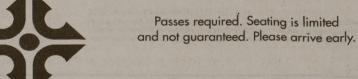
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## U.N. personnel pull ou of East Timor mission

## Militias loot compound following evacuation buse policy. Lett, 30, 12

DILI, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesian soldiers looted the abandoned U.N. mission in East Timor yesterday, just hours after 110 U.N. personnel and 1,300 East Timorese were evacuated and flown to safety to end a 10-day siege

Office equipment and computers were carted away and vehicles were trashed by the soldiers — "the very people we asked to secure the compound when U.N. staff moved to the Australian consulate," U.N. spokesperson Fred Eckhard said in New York.

There were reports yesterday that the compound was also torched, but Eckhard said he was told that it was not the compound but a small house nearby that had been burned.

The remaining U.N. staff members, holed up in the Australian consulate, reported that a black plume of smoke was rising from the direction of the compound in the provincial capital of Dili, Fernando del Mundo, spokesperson for the U.N. High Commissioner

for Refugees in Jakarta, said. The staff feared their headquarters had been set ablaze by pro-In-

donesia militiamen, he said. The dozen U.N. personnel who stayed behind in Dili were to prepare the way for an international peacekeeping force, the makeup of which was being negotiated by Indonesian and U.N. officials yesterday.

But time appeared to be running out, with more than 200,000 East Timorese risking starvation be-

supplies and drinking water, agency said yesterday.

About 7,000 people ha killed and 100,000 have forcibly relocated to West since anti-independence and Indonesian soldiers b rampage of violence follows province's vote Aug. 30 to away from Indonesia, thek based Food and Agriculture

nization said. While it is impossible to or the number killed in the past previous estimates have n from 600 to 7,000.

Two students were wo plastic bullets after the cro aged two police cars and set an army vehicle.

# Clinton releases photograph

QUEENSTOWN, New Zealand (AP) - President Clinton, stressing a need to protect the world's envi-

ronment, is releasing previously classified satellite images of Antarctica to help scientists chart global climate change

The images include two sets of detailed pictures from the early 1970s and 1980s, and are intended to give scientists a baseline for environmental studies and a new source of information about the

area's land, water and glaciers. On the final day of a five-day visit to New Zealand, the president was announcing his action today during a visit to Christ church, the jumping-off point for American expeditions to Antarctica. He was being introduced by Sir Edmund Hillary.

ing of Antarctica in 1958. Hillary and sherpal Norgay were the first men to reach the sum Mount Everest in 1953

On the first leg of his trip, the president spec days in Auckland for meetings with Asian lead the annual summit of the Asia-Pacific Economi eration forum. He took a day off yesterday in stown to play golf before a state visit with Prime ter Jenny Shipley. Some members of Clinton's # the free time for bungee jumping and jet boat to Before Clinton's arrival, Shipley was pred

with a state visit by Chinese President Jiang? Clinton was the first president to visit New since 1966. The United States and New Zealan warm ties despite a breach caused by the ment's decision in the mid 1980s to bar nud and powered warships from New Zealand

Barak to continue nu

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Ehud Barak will not con-

sider dismantling Israel's nuclear weapons as long as regional hostilities persist and will not permit an international inspection of the Dimona nuclear reactor, an Israeli

The daily Haaretz published excerpts from a letter by the head of Israel's Atomic Energy Commission, Gideon Frank, saying that "progress in the area of arms control and disarmament can come about only

through political accommodation and reconciliation" in the region.

The Aug. 9 letter was addressed to the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Barak's aides were not immediately available for comment.

Israel has never publicly acknowledged possessing nuclear weapons, saying only that it would not be the first to introduce them in

the Middle East. been lifted somewhat. In 1996, then-Prime Minister Shimon Peres said Israel began pursuing a nuclear capability in the 1950s to prevent more wars. Western intelligence reports said the country is the only nuclear

power in the Mideast and has nificant stockpile.

The nuclear issue, which raised in July meetings be Barak and President Clinto ould need a mains a sore point amid oth warming relations between

and the United States. Israel has resisted U.S. re that it join the Nuclear Non eration Treaty, which would date inspection of the facility

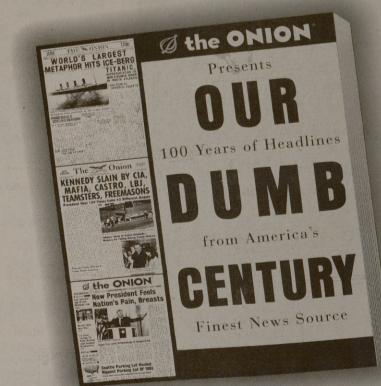
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