Croatia orders full mobilisation for

war against Y'slav Federal Army



French convicts try to escape: A group of convicts tried to escape by helicopter from a Marseille prison Sunday but the craft took off without them as prison guards opened fire, reports Reuter from Marseille.

Police at first thought several convicts had managed to escape but then said the two-man helicopter team left empty handed.

The helicopter hovered over the Baumettes prison near Marsettle before landing on the roof of the high-security sec-

UK Parliament may fulfil its term : British Prime Minister John Major said he is prepared to allow the present parliament to run its full term until next July before calling a general election, reports Reuter from

For the past few weeks in the run up to party conferences of the ruling Conservatives and opposition Labour, British has been gripped by election fever.

Major told The Mail on Sunday "I do not have to held an election until July 9 if I think it is appropriate to go on to July 9. I will."

In the interview with The Mail Major said those who are assuming it is going to be in the spring are making an assumption that I have no made.

Referring to the present parliament's term Major said if think it appropriate I will go to the end. But I certainly have not made that decision yet.

25 killed in Sao Paulo bus mishap: Twenty passengers died and 45 were injured when a speeding bus they were riding in tumbled off a viaduct in Sao Paulo on Saturday, authorities told television, reports Reuter from Sao Paulo.

The bus plunged 20 metres (60 feet), crushing it to less than half its normal size. "The bus was travelling extremely fast," one passenger told.

Sikhs kill 8 police in Punjab: sikhs fighting for an independent nation in Punjab bombed a police patrol train early Sunday and opened fire after the derailed coaches toppled into a dry ditch, killing eight security men, a police official said, reports AP from Amritsar.

The bomb, detonated by remote control, exploded as the engine pulling two coaches started across a bridge at Kallichan, 35 kilometers (22 miles) east of Amritsar, senior police superintendent Parmjit Singh Gill said in the nearby town of Maiidtha.

The police train was on a routine patrol to search for bombs planted on the track in Punjab, where Sikh militants frequently attack passenger trains. It consisted of one engine, which was uncoupled from the coaches by the bomb and stayed on the rails, and two coaches. The train carried no passengers, apart from 10 policemen and home guard militi

#### 50 Jewish homes in Hebron:

Jewish settlers have set up 50 prefabricated homes in the Israeli-occupied West Bank city of Hebron and bulldozers have flattened ground for dozens of mobile homes, a pacifist group charged Saturday, reports AFP from Jerusalem.

The Jews who have erected the prefabricated homes are preparing a permanent settlement in the Matzad neighborhood in southern Hebron.

The Director General in the Housing Ministry, Airc Bar, said on Israeli radio that he wasn't aware of the project revealed by the pacifist group.

Washington has criticized the settlements.

Zaire PM against formation of new govt: Zaire's Prime Minister-designate Etienne Tshisekedi said that negotiations to form a crisis government were stalled over who will take charge of the army and security, reports Reuter from Kinshasa

"We are blocked on one main issue — defence and security," Tshisekedi said at a news conference a day after takes with President Mobutu Sese Seko.

Tshisckedi said Mobutu, who has ruled Zaire with an iron fist for 26 years, wanted to retain control of the Defence and Security Ministries. But Tshisekedi, a longtime Mobutu opponent, said he could not form a new government under such

Tshisckedi said that vast sums of money were being transferred out of the national bank of Zaire while the power vacuum persisted.

Largest unions' rally in Hague: Some 250,000 people demonstrated in the Hague Saturday in protest against plans to reform the social security system in the Netherlands police said, reports AFP from the Hague.

The demonstration called by three trade unions was the largest union demonstration in the country since World War

To try to deal with the growing number of unemployed, currently put at 900,000, the government plans to cut the level and duration of unemployment benefit payments back to 70 per cent of the last carned wage until retirement age.

Italian mafia boss arrested: Police have arrested Italian mafia boss Francesco Toscanino and " consider a request to extradite him back to Italy, feelers police said Sunday, reports AFP from Brasilia. Toscanino, who fled Italy in 1984 and illegally entered

Brazil, was arrested Friday in Prata Grande, Sao Paulo state, police said but gave no more details on his arrest. He was arrested by Brazilian police in 1989, but escaped from prison a year later and took refuge at Prata Grande on

the Atlantic coastline south of Sao Paulo city. One killed in Karachi blasts: At

least one person was killed and 23 injured when four bombs exploded simultaneously outside government offices in Pakistan's commercial capital Karachi Sunday, ambulance They said the casualty figures were for just one hospital

and were expected to rise. Police said the bombs exploded in late morning outside

the secretariat of the Sind provincial government, police headquarters and the Karachi Development Authority office.

Croatians urged to join in defence: Croattan President Franjo Tudjman, in a dramatic broadcast shortly before midnight, on Saturday urged all Croatians to "fulfill their sacred duty" and join in the defense of Croatia, reports Al' from l'agreb.

### Kohl says influx of foreigners to be curbed

two days after neo-Nazi racist

attacks on homes for foreign

workers and asylum-seekers

marked unity day celebrations.

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against foreigners as a disgrace

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painted swastikas on the grave

of Konrad Adenauer, West

cluding 15 in East Germany.

were reported as a two-week

wave of violence by nco-Nazis

and other right-wing extrem-

ists continued unabated.

More than 20 arrests, in-

Germany's first Chancellor.

Police reported overnight

The Chancellor condemned

BONN, Oct 6: Chancellor Helmut Kohl Sunday condemned fresh right-wing violence against foreigners in Germany, but insisted liberal laws must be tightened to curb the influx of asylum-seekers, reports Reuter.

Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU) and their Bavarian sister party, the Christian Social Union (CSU), agreed at a meeting in a Bavarian monastery to draft a proposal as soon as possible for changing the constitution.

"We know that there is no solution (to the asylum problem) without a constitutional amendment," Kohl told a news conference at the Kloster Banz monastery.

The policy meeting came

ZAGREB (Yugoslavia), Oct 6: The breakaway republic of Croatia ordered a full mobilisation for what it called a defensive war against Yugoslavia's Scrb-led Federal Army, reports Reuter.

Croatian President Franjo Tudjman, in a television broadcast at midnight (2300 GMT) on Saturday, called for an immediate mobilisation after warring factions failed to sccure a ceasefire and an end to Croatia's blockade of army garrisons on its soil.

"It (the situation) requires us to mobilise all our forces in a defensive war," Tudiman said. "All those who are called to defend Croatia must respond immediately."

Federal troops and their Scrbian guerilla allies pressed home an offensive on Saturday which threatened to slice up Croatia and take the fighting to the gates of the Croatian capital, Zagreb.

Tudjman and Federal Defence Minister Veliko Kadijevic exchanged messages throughout the day but failed to agree on ways and means of ending the fighting.

"...All government and all people are to be organised for the defence of the homeland," Tudjman said. "I call especially on those who already have weapons to volunteer."

Tudjman said that, despite peace efforts by the European Community, "the army has not stopped its aggression but intensified it." He added: "Obey



in the area near this village between Osijekk and Vukovar as bloody inter-ethnic clashes continues. - AFP/UNB photo

your duty to defend the home-

Tudiman returned earlier from the Hague, were leaders of Yugoslavia's six republics and federal authorities agreed on Friday on a twin-track peace process which would eventually lead to recognima of those territories seeking independence.

AFP adds: Pero Poljan"

Mayor of the adriatic port of Dubrovník, appealed Saturday to US President George Bush and other international leaders after Yugoslav federal forces struck at the historic Medieval areas of the city

Federal waiships bombarded Dubrovnik and Zadar on Croatia's adriatic coast, by the eastern entrance of Dubrovnik old quarter,

Croatian Radio reported.

The old town, which was spared during the two world wars, has been categorised as part of the world heritage under the patronage of UNESCO the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation.

Debris had fallen on the Dominican monastery inside the area, the radio said.

#### Anti-reservationists continue agitation in Delhi Poor intelligence blamed for

## Movement to be launched for separate Jharkhand state

NEW DELHI, Oct 6: The Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) today threatened to start an agitation to realise its objective of a separate Jharkhand statchood, reports

Announcing this at a press conference here, the JMM chief Shibumr Soren, said the Jharkhandi movement was on the Gandhian path so far. However, he said, it would assume a new dimension in view of non-response from the centre towards the Jharkhandi ultimatum on resuming a dialogue on various issues and evolving a lasting solution before October two.

He said growing discontent among tribals of the Jharkhand region was a result of pro-

Indonesian President Suharto

today said the armed forces of

the republic of Indonesia

(ABRI) was an integral part of

Indonesia's democracy along

with other forces in society.

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remain its characteristic and

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and adjusted to the develop

ABRI does not stand alone.

ABRI forms an integral part of

our political system," Suharto

told a ceremony to commemo-

important role in Indonesia's

political and economic arenas

especially in the last 30 years.

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liamentary scats and many

ABRI active or retired officers

served in key government

posts. President Suharto him-

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mational stability, so that our

Suharto said he believed

That is why that up to now,

self is a former army general.

The military has played an

In politics, ABRI members

rate the 46th ABRI Day.

"As a socio-political force,

ment of time," Suharto said.

ABRI's "dual role in security

JAKARTA.

reports AFP.

longed exploitation, land alienction and crisis to cultural identity.

PTI adds: Anti-reservationists continued to block vehicu lar traffic in parts of the northern region yesterday while students abstained from classes in Hissar, Ambala, Sonepat, Jalandhar, Amritsar and Ludhiana.

A partial report said the authorities closed the government medical college till October 7 following tension between anti and pro-reservationists in the college hostel. School students abstained

from classes at Mandi Gobindgarh, Near Patiala, and took out a procession in protest against the reservation policy.

Armed forces part of

democracy: Suharto

Oct 6:

In Sonepat, CRPF has been called to deal with the antireservation agitation. All educational institutions have al ready been closed there till October 10.

In Varanasi, all educational institutions were yesterday closed indefinitely. An order from the district

magistrate said all institutions from primary to post graduate colleges would remain closed indefinitely.

The decision for the closure of the educational policy of the government, the order said. Thirty-nine students have

so far been arrested and over 10 vehicles damaged in the anti-reservation stir here.

# Rajiv's killing

NEW DELHI, Oct 6: The as sassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi could have been prevented had the intelligence agencies kept a tab on the channels of communication of the LTTE militants, according to a top detence communication expert, reports PTI.

It was now known that within hours of the assassination, a wireless message was flashed from Kadungiyar (near Madras) to the LTTE headquarters in Jaffna claiming that the 'Operation Massacre' was over and Gandhi was dead, former chief signal officer of the southern command, Major General Yashwant Deva (retd),

The Verma Commission probing the assassination of Gandhi, opens its preliminary I hearing here tomorrow.

### Thai rulers threaten action against bid to disrupt bankers' confce

BANGKOK, Oct 6: Thailand's military rulers say they will allow peaceful protests during this month's meeting of the world's top bankers and economic planners but have threatened "drastic action" against attempts to disrupt the conference, reports Reuter.

Human rights activists, conservationists and students pushing for a quick return to democracy have threatened to stage demonstrations a Bangkok's purpose-built 100 million-dollar convention cen-

Political commentators said Kurds clash with Iraqi forces LONDON, Oct 6: Kurdish

rebels clashed with fraqi forces in the town of Kifri on Saturday and the fighting is continuing, a rebei spokesman said, reports Reuter. A spokesman for the

Kurdistan Democratic Party in London said during the clash the Iraqi Army had shelled the town, about 140 miles (225 km) northeast of Bushdad, causing "heavy civilian casual

today the generals feared militant protests would harm their image as they prepared to vie for power with politicians after a new constitution is published later this year.

Elections have been promised for early 1992.

"I have said it would be all right to demonstrate if they do so in good faith," Supreme Military Commander General Suchinda Kraprayoon told reporters this week. "But I also said we would

take drastic action against or ganisers of any ill intentioned protests." Government officials, politi

cians and students had voiced concern that all protests would be banned during the annual meeting of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

Suchinda, who dominates the junta known as the National Peacekeeping Council, said he had never ordered such a ban.

# Off the Record

#### Elvis stops traffic in Piccadilly

LONDON: Elvis Presley stopped the traffic in Piccadilly Circus on Friday, reports Reuter.

Or rather, Rafik from St Petersburg brought a 'sea of black London taxis and red buses to an incredulous halt when he strolled across the street dressed in Elvis's trademark sequined jumpsuit and wrap-around sunglasses.

Rafik, a fan for years, is Russia's top Elvis impersonator. He has finally got a visa for the United States and was passing through London on his way to visit Presley's Graceland mansion in Memphis, Tennessee.

"Russians are dreamers," he said. "If I had been told three years ago that I'd be doing this I wouldn't have believed it." Rafik made an appearance at the Rock Circus, a waxworks dedicated to rock and roll greats of the last 30 years.

He put on his Best Elvis sneer and launched into 'American trilogy' with his arm round a model of Presley him-He did it again next to Tina Turner and then posed with

the Beatles in a replica of Liverpool's Cayern Club, where they made their name in the 1960s. Rafik, 34, is a skilled musician with a powerful operatie

voice and a degree from the St Petersburg Institute of Culture. So why did he feel the urge to impersonate Elvis?

"Because he's Elvis."

#### Sidney Poitier broke black barriers

MONTREAL: Sidney Poitier is recognized as the Jackie Robinson of films, a man who carved his way through Hollywood's discrimination and proved that a black actor could become a box-office star, reports AP.

Before a near-capacity audience at the Montreal World Film Festival, Poitier reminisced with humour and remarkable frankness about his early years.

He was born on Feb 20, 1924, in Maimi, where his parents had come to sell a boatload of tomatoes from their farm on Cat Island in the Bahamas.

Pottier spent his first 10 years on Cat Island, living close to nature in a place with no electricity and no running water. His parents moved to Nassau, where he proved such a troublemaker that he was shipped off to Maimi to live with a brother.

"I knew absolutely nothing about segregation, but I found out in a hurry," he recalled. As a drugstore delivery boy, he brought a small package to a woman's house and was puzzled when she insisted that he go to the back door. That night the Ku Klux Klan visited his brother's house with a warning After several encounters with bigotry, he boarded a bus for New York City, arriving with dlrs 3 in his pocket.

Pottier worked as dishwasher, sleeping for a time on the roof of the Brill Building, a building long an enclave of songwriters and producers. After a year in the Army, he answered an ad for actors at the American Negro Theater. One night when Harry Belafonte was unable to appear in a play. Poitter substituted for him. A career was born.

#### Chief British Prosecutor may be prosecuted

LONDON: The man who was Britain's Chief State Prosecutor waited on Friday to know if his own department would bring him to court on a vice charge, reports Reuter.

Sfr Allan Green, 56, resigned on Thursday as Director of Public Prosecutions after police stopped him in a red light district near London's King's Cross Station and said they saw him talking to a prostitute.

His decision on Thursday drew calls for legalised brothels and - echoing other British sex scandals - also led some to say that Green's fate was out of all proportion to any offence that might be involved.

British law says prostitutes may not solicit customers nor may men "kerb crawl" - cruise the street in a car and talk to the girls. The Director of Public Prosecutions oversees all prosecu

tions in England and Wales. Green felt he could not honourably do his job when police might want his office to bring allegations against him.

Chief Superintendent Linda Newham of the police station in London's Kentish Town was to decide on Friday whether to send the papers on Green to the Crown Prosecution Service. Educated at Elite Charterhouse School, brilliant barrister

and a pillar of Britain's establishment, Green had no comment for reporters when he left his home on Friday morning with his Swedish wife Eva and son Robin, 23, also lawyer.

#### Viking discovery of America

OSLO: "Anne Stine, I've found bronze!" With that jubilant cry at L'Anse aux Meadows in Newfoundland in the summer of 1968. Norwegian archaeologists proved beyond doubt that Norse settlers had lived in North America, as the !celandic sagas related, about 1,000 years ago, says Norinform.

In an exquisite new English-language book. " The Viking Discovery of America", just issued by the Norwegian publisher, JM Stenersens Forlag, the story of the first European contact with the New World is beautifully documented. The high price of this limited edition notwithstanding, bibliophiles and others will relish it for its graphic portrayal of these historic events - in word, picture and photograph. With short forewords by King Harald V of Norway and Iceland's President Vigdis Finnbogadottir, the regal status of the book is established from the beginning.

As noted, the discovery of Norse house sites by Heige and Anne Stine Ingstad, including such artifacts as a 1000-yearold bronze ring-headed pin, put Vinland on the map. Ingstad felt that "Vinland" meant the "land of meadows". Studies of the Greenlanders' Saga and Eirik the Red's Saga, portions of which are reproduced in facsimile in the book, guided the Ingstad's in their famous detective hunt which turned out so successfully. No event appears too fleeting to merit a book these days. But the scope of this story about the Norwegian settlers who, defying the medieval limitations which kept most Europeans on their farms and in their isolated towns, sailed westwards to the British Isles, Iceland, Greenland and North America has now been presented to an English-language readership in a volume comparable to the greatness of

# Saudi officials bribed to win contracts for US choppers

WASHINGTON, Oct 6. disgruntled employee of the Sikorsky aircraft Division of United Technologies' filed a lawsuit Friday alleging the company bribed Saudi officials to win contracts to sell them Black Hawk helicopters, reports AFP.

Thomas F Dooley said he was 'discharged, demoted, harassed, and defamed because he would not go along with the scheme, and because he sought to report his knowl edge of the pattern of illegal payments and misconduct.

Dooley is seeking compen-

sation and puritive damages in his civil suit.

He also alleged that the company bought a large portion of British helicopter manufacturer Wastland, which is licensed to produce Stkorsky Black Hawks, in order to get around US arms sales restric-

tion to Saudi Arabia. The Saudis are buying from Westland 90 Black Hawks.

cyuipped with anti-tank weapons, Dooley alleged in the suft, he also claimed that Sikorsky and United Technologies carned some two billio dollars last year partly s sult of the scheme. inited Technologies

spokesman Martin Moore denied the allegations, saying the companies paid no bribes and engaged in no illegal sales of military or other equipment to He said the company sold

13 Black Hawks to the Saudis through the US government foreign military sales programme and has a current legal contract with Saudi Arabia for another eight helicopters.

Moore denied that the company held a contract with

Hawks through Westland of Britain, All Black Hawks sold to the Saudis were produced at the Sikorsky plant in Connecticut, he added.

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#### Chinese Army asked to be loyal to CP

HONG KONG, Oct 6: A top Chinese general has urged the military to be loyal to the Communist Party, in another sign of concern in Beijing following the collapse of Soviet communism, a report said here today, reports AFP.

Major General He Qizong. Deputy Chief of General Staff of the People's Liberation Army (PLA), made his comments at a military meeting held Saturday



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said the country's civilians

were now, unlike in the early

times of the republic, fully ca-

pable of taking up the chal-

lenges of key government

posts traditionally allotted to

an obstacle to democracy or

that the dual role was a cover

up for a militaristic state.

They also depicted ABRI as

Critics of the dual role have

velopment," he said.

the military.

SEOUL: Celeste Donna Weaver (R) from USA hugs Shestopalova Julia Anatolievna from the Ukraine after winning the Miss World University contest 1991 crown. Anatolievna was - AFP/UNB photo named first runner-up.