

3 prisoners die in heat wave: Three prisoners died in their state psychiatric-ward cells in a heat wave, registering body temperatures of at least 108 degrees F (42.2 C) at the time of their deaths, a Coroner said Wednesday, AP from Vacaville reports.

The inmates, all of whom were taking psychotropic drugs that elevate body temperature, were found Wednesday morning in their cells at the California Medical Facility, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) northeast of San Francisco.

Prison officials refused to discuss conditions in the cells. But Coroner Jim O'Brien said the prison and other areas of Solano County apparently lost power for an undetermined period Tuesday, while temperatures ranged between 107 F (41.6 C) and 111 F (43.9 C). Temperatures were just as high Wednesday.

O'Brien said all three prisoners died of hyperthermia extremely high body temperature. The body temperature of a healthy person is usually about 98.4 degrees F (37 C).

Soviet garrison attacked: The Soviet army called Wednesday on German police to crack down on what it said was a rising spate of attacks on members of its 350,000-troop garrison in eastern Germany, AFP reports from Berlin.

In a press statement, the Soviet army said there had been 15 incidents last month alone, involving physical abuse of Soviet personnel or their families or attacks on their home.

It expressed "concern" at the incidents and called on the German authorities to take "all necessary steps" to prevent a recurrence.

Soviet troops are scheduled to leave eastern Germany by the end 1994.

Canada may recognise Croatia: Canadian External Affairs Minister Barbara Mcdougall Wednesday raised the possibility of Canada's recognising the breakaway Yugoslav republics of Croatia and Slovenia as sovereign states, AFP from Quebel City reports.

Asked by reporters if Canada would recognise the declarations of independence issued last week by the two republics, Mrs Mcdougall said Ottawa would "recognise any solution that is democratically arrived at, providing that the violence

It was the first time in the Yugoslav crisis that Canada suggested it might recognise Slovenia and Croatia.

Israel to get third patriot support: Israel is going to get a third patriot ground support unit for defense against aircraft and missiles, Raytheon company announced Wednesday, Xinhua reports from New York.

Raytheon has been awarded a 47.5 million dollar modification to the patriot multi-year contract by the US army missile command at the redstone arsenal in Alambama.

The work is scheduled to complete by January 30, 1994. Two patriot ground units were transferred to Israel during Operation Desert Storm, and with four US fire units out of Germany, were used successfully to defend against Iraqi Scud missile attacks.

Kuwait to deport 20,000 Arabs: Kuwait is to deport more than 20,000 Arabs of various nationalities via Iraq from Thursday, the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) said Wednesday, AFP reports from Baghdad.

INA said the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) was a standing by to ensure basic human needs for those being deported and is cooperating in this with the Iraqi government

It quoted what it described as an ICRC official for the re-

Translator of 'Satanic Verses' knifed: The Italian translator of the novel "The Satanic Verses", whose British author Salman Rushdie is under an Iranian

death threat for alleged blasphemy against Islam, was knifed

in his Milan flat on Wednesday, reports Reuter from Milan. Ettore Capriolo, 61, suffered cuts to the neck, arms and chest and was also kicked and beaten on the head by a man

who said he was an Iranian, police said. Capriolo was taken to hospital and was expected to recover

within 20 days. His attacker fled.

ANC yet to get US aid: None of the money pledged to the African National Congress during Nelson Mandela's visit to the United States last year has been received, an ANC official said Wednesday, AP from Durban

Mandela visited eight US cities in June 1990, and reportedly received pledges for as much as dirs 10 million. After deducting the costs of the trip, the ANC's final amount was expected to be much lower.

The ANC has included the promised money in its budget, said Vusi Khanyile of the black nationalist group's financial department.

He refused to disclose the amount expected or to give a reason why it had not arrived.

"The funds have not been remitted to South Africa as of now, but they are in fact property of the ANC," Khanyile told reporters on the second day of the ANC's 48th national conference.

The conference is the first held by the once-outlawed group inside South Africa in more than three decades. The ANC was legalised 17 months ago after 30 years of banish-

Walesa calls polls Oct 27: President Lech Walesa on Wednesday called Poland's first free post-war parliamentary elections for October 27, a senior aide said, Reuter reports from Warsaw.

Walesa signed a document announcing the elections for parliament's two houses, the Sejm (Lower House) and the Senate, during an official visit to Belgium and NATO headquarters in Brussels.

"Elections will be held on October 27," said Andrzej Gliniecki, Head of Walesa's legal department.

#### Shevardnadze quits CP

MOSCOW, July 4: Former Foreign Minister Eduard A Shevardnadze, a key architect of perestroika who played a major role in ending the Cold War, has quit the Communist Party, his spokesman said Thursday, reports AP.

The announcement came three days after Shevardnadze and eight other prominent Soviets announced creation of a new democratic political organization that aims to challenge the Communists' longtime rule.

The departure of such a prominent figure as Shevardnadze could accelerate the breakup of the 16.3 million-member party by sparking mass defections.

Gorbachev, who is both president and head of the party, made clear in a speech published Wednesday that he is still fighting to preserve a



TEL AVIV: Israeli models dressed in the colours of American flag July 3 model jewellery reformed Communist Party. made in the USA at the new showroom of the Israel Jewellery Exchange. -AFP photo

# Yugoslavia goes out of govt control: military coup likely

Yugoslav government has lost control of the country's army and fears of a military coup are Armed Forces' Chief of Staff, growing, western diplomats and military experts said on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

"The army is completely out of control. There has been in effect a coup d'etat," a western military expert said.

"There is total chaos at the for a ceasefire. head of the country. We have a disappearing prime minister and a president the army ignores," a western diplomat

President Stipe Mesic is the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces but his appeals for peace have fallen on deaf ears.

The Yugoslav army was ordered by the government to seize control of border crossings in the northwestern republic of Slovenia after it declared independence on June

But since then Prime Minister Ante Markovic has made clear the force of the offensive the army launched in

BELGRADE, July 4: The the tiny alpine territory shocked him.

General Blagoje Adzic, attacked the government for trying to negotiate a peace deal while the army was "at war".

In a tough television speech on Tuesday, he pledged to smash Slovenian resistance minutes after Mesic had called

"If we want Yugoslavia we must fight for it. If we want peace we must now unfortunately win it by war," he later

Western diplomats said Adzic's comments and a sharp increase in the fighting in Slovenia on Tuesday while the supreme commander talked peace showed the army was taking orders from no civilian

"There has been a collapse at the federal level. It may come together again but for now Markovic has disappeared from view and the army is running its own affairs, " a diplomat said.

Who is running the army is uncertain. Diplomats say conservative officers have gained the upper hand with Adzic at

#### Croatian forces put on alert

AFP adds: Croatia's defense forces were put on alert on Wednesday and are ready to respond to any blocks from the Yugoslav army, the new Defense Minister of the breakaway republic said.

Sime Djodan who replaced retired general Martin Spegel as Croatian Defense Minister on Tuesday, said at a press conference in the Croatian capital Zagreb that the Croatian defense forces were ready to respond to any movement by Yugoslav troops in the republic.

The official Tanjug news agency quoted him as saying that Croatia is not opposed to Yugoslav troops remaining in their barracks in the republics.

But Mr Djodan said the Croatian defense forces have been put on a "state of readiness' and " will respond to any blow, Tanjug said.

Mr Djodan made his re-

marks following reports of the movement of a large number of Yugoslav army tanks and armoured vehicles to Croatia's borders.

Mario Nobilo, an advisor to Croatian President Franjo Tudjman said meanwhile that Mr Tudjman and federal Yugoslav President Stipe Mesic had intensive contracts Wednesday with German Foreign Minister Hans Dietich Genscher, British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd and Dutch Foreign Minister Van Den Broek.

He said the European Foreign Ministers had warned that if the army advanced on Croatia and Slovenia, where fighting has taken place for six days, it would have direct diplomatic consequences in terms of a recognition o Croatia and Slovenia.

None of the three countries has so far recognised the unilateral declaration of independence by Slovenia and Croatia eight days ago.

Mr Nobilo said that the warning may be the main deterrent to a military coup in Belgrade.

## Islamabad may axe Pak Beach County, but he has not Kashmir PM, install interim govt requested a change of venue.

ISLAMABAD, July 4: The fraud. government on Wednesday was considering several options, including sacking of the Premier of Pakistani-controlled Kashmir, to resolve a crisis arising from his rejection of weekend elections in the sensitive region, reports

"The government has taken a serious notice of such measures, like ostensibly declaring the June 29 elections null and void, disbanding the election commission and announcing a new date for elections" by the Kashmiri Premier Mumtaz Rathore, the official Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) said.

The federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs, Sardar Mehtab, meanwhile warned Mr Rathore to "desist from illegal activities as this could have serious repercussions for him."

"Severe action could be taken," Mr. Mehtab told a press conference.

Mr Rathore, who heads Kashmir branch for former Premier Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party (PPP), quashed the Results of last Saturday's elections on Tuesday, saying they had been tainted by vote rigging and

On Wednesday he defended his actions as perfectly legal, and set new elections for September 27.

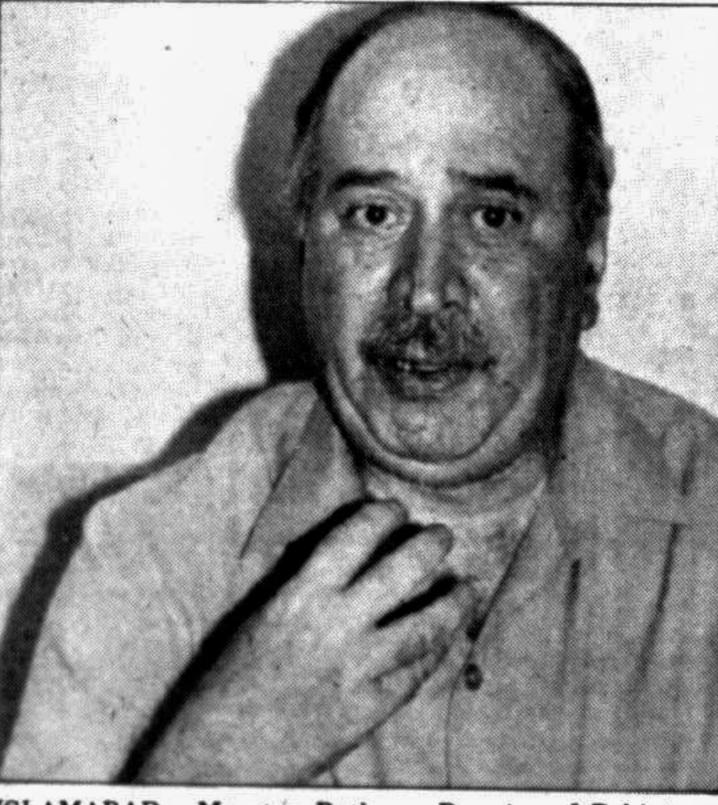
The All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference (AJKMC) led by state president Sardar Abdul Gayyum, had taken two-thirds of the seats in the weekend polls. APP said one of the options

being examined in Islamabad included the immediate dismissal of Mr Rathore.

Others included the appointment of an interim prime minister pending the election of a leader of the 40-member house by the newly elected members, and the delegation of the powers of the chief executive to the president of Azad (free) Jammu and Kashmir, the news agency said.

It said the government was consulting constitutional experts on how to deal with Mr Rathore, who it alleged was attempting "to sabotage the entire political process."

At the same time, the au thorities were bearing on mind that no step should be taken which would affect the on-going nationalist movement in the Indian-held part of Kashmir, APP said.



ISLAMABAD: Mumtaz Rathore, Premier of Pakistancontrolled Kashmir, addresses a press conference on July 3. Defying the Pakistani government, Rathore set a new date for elections in Kashmir as he declared the legislative parliamentary elections June 29, which he lost, null and -AFP/UNB photo void claiming vote rigging.

## UN experts destroy 39 Iragi Ballistic missiles THESTICS

BACHDAD, July 4: A United clear facilities, after Iraqi offi-Nations mission charged with eliminating lraq's Ballistic missiles has destroyed 39 of them, UN sources said here Wednesday, reports AFP.

The experts destroyed 27 missiles on Wednesday, including 18 Al Husseins (a modified version of the Soviet Scud) and mine Al Fahd, after eliminating 12 Al Husseins on Tuesday

Other Ballistic missiles were to be destroyed Thursday and Friday, the sources said. Iraq has admitted having another 61 missiles, including

one Scud. A source close to the UN mission recently said the missiles warheads would be destroyed in the desert and their launchers crushed by tanks

been removed. On Tuesday UN officials inconclusively ended a three-day mission to inspect Iraqi nu-

after the avionics systems had

cials prevented them from inspecting nuclear and chemical sites in one area. Iraqi guards fired over the heads of some of the officials when they took pictures of trucks loading nuclear equipment.

Publicity, Iraq has pledged full cooperation. President Saddam Hussein has said he had ordered all government agencies to fully cooperate with the UN team.

Under UN Security Council Resolution 687 establishing conditions for a permanent cease-fire in the Gulf war, Iraq agreed to open its nuclear and chemical weapons sites to inspection and permit the destruction of its non-conventional weapons.

UN commissioned experts from the International Atomic Energy Agency accused Baghdad last week of preventing them for three days from

visiting military installations and barring their entry to vari-

The United Nations has made the lifting of the trade embargo against Iraq conditional on, among other things, a verified destruction of its potential to make nuclear

Reuter from London adds: A final decision has not yet been taken on the withdrawal of British forces sent to northern Iraq to protect Kurdish refugees, a Foreign Office Minister said on Wednesday

Foreign Office Minister Douglas Hogg said a continuing military presence was necessary in the area to prevent reprisals by the army of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein against Kurds.

#### UK suspends aid, official visits to Lanka LONDON, July 4: Britain is

suspending aid and all official visits to Sri Lanka in response to the expulsion of its High Commissioner (ambassador) to Colombo, the Foreign Office announced today, reports AFP.

In addition to withholding aid worth 15 million pounds (25 million dollars), Britain is to adopt a "restrictive policy" on arms sales to Sri Lanka. Colombo declared High

Commissioner David Gladstone persona non grata in May after he raised questions about human rights in the island re-The British Foreign Office

decided not to expel Sri Lanka's envoy to London, but did cancel a trip to Colombo by a Foreign Office official that was planned for June. Calling Mr Gladstone's expulsion "unjustified,"

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Commissioner as soon as pos- government and prove his ma-

## Rao to seek vote of confidence July 12

NEW DELHI, July 4: The new Indian government seek a vote of confidence in the Lok Sabha (lower house of parliament) tentatively on July reports Xinhua.

Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Ghulam Nabi Azad told reporters here Wednesday that the Lok Sabha which would begin its first sitting from July 9 would devote the first two days to administering of oath to the newly elected members.

The oath taking would be followed by elections of the Speaker on July 10 itself, he He said the railway budget

would be presented on July 16 and general budget on July 24. Indian President Venkataraman on June 20 in-Congress Foreign Office said it hoped to Parliamentary Party Leader High Narasimha Rao to form new

jority within four weeks.

party in the Lok Sabha with 226 members and supported by 16 members of Allied parties, Rao's government falls 14 short of an absolute majority in a house with an effective strength of 511.

Heading the single largest

Constituents of Rajiv Gandhi, the former prime minister who was assassinated in May during a comeback bid, have asked his Italian-born widow to contest his vacant Parliament seat, reports AP.

A delegation of 250 people from Amethi a farming district of the northern Uttar Pradesh state, visited Mrs Gandhi on Tuesday, and more delegations were due in the next few weeks, The Statesman newspaper reported.

Mrs Gandhi has been under constant pressure by family loyalists to run for Parliament, in a bid to regain their former influence with the party and government.

## Bush honours Powell, Schwarzkopf

MOUNT RUSHMORE, S. Dakota, July 4: President George Bush began US Independence Day celebrations in Washington Wednesday with awards to the architects of his Gulf war victory and then paid tribute to four former presidents whose faces are carved on Mount Rushmore,

reports Reuter.

a glittering White House awards ceremony in Washington on the eve of the holiday, Bush gave the presidential medal of freedom to Generals Norman Schwarzkopf and Colin Powell. Schwarzkopf was the senior Allied commander in the Gulf while Powell managed the overall war effort as Chairman of the US At Military Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Bush then called forward the leading civilian architects of the victory, Secretary of State James Baker, Defence Secretary Dick Cheney and National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft, to receive

the highest US civilian honour. Their awards had not been announced in ad-

Bush later flew to South Dakota's black hills to join in a celebration of 50th anniversary of Mount Rushmore's completion. The granite busts of Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt carved in the mountainside are the world's largest sculpture.

was completed in 1941, shortly after the death of its designer and principle sculptor, Gutzon Broglum, who toiled on the project for 14 years.

the foot of the massive monument to the four presidents, carbed into the mountainside, Bush hailed them as "fighters" for independence and called on Americans to "teach our children the responsibility that comes with freedom".

## Off the Record

### Birds came to Hawaii well before humans

WASHINGTON: Before the first arrival of the humans in the Hawaiian islands about 1,600 years ago, scientists have found the long-isolated archipelago was ruled by a curious assortment of at least 35 now-extinct bird species, many of them flightless, some distinctly weird, reports Xinhua.

Smithsonian researchers, who discovered preserved remains of the birds, announced this week that the extinct creatures lived in Hawaii before the Polynesians arrived around 400 A.D.

According to the Washington Post on Thursday, now the Polynesians are being blamed for killing off at least 35 and possibly 50 species of birds in Hawaii. Today, 69 native bird species are left. Of these 36 are alive and well but 33 are in big trouble. In especially dire straits is

the Hawaiian crow, which is down to 10 individuals in

captivity and no more than 20 in the wild. Alan Holt, Director of Science and Stewardship for the Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, said the biggest threats to the surviving Hawaiian birds may be pests and predators. Between 10 and 25 new alien pests including tree snakes arrive each

## In search of a court

WEST PALM BEACH: Palm Beach court officials have asked around the state to see which courts could handle William Kennedy Smith's rape trial if it

publicity, authorities said Wednesday, reports AP. On Monday, defense lawyer Roy Black told Judge Mary Lupo he thinks it will be impossible to find an impartial jury in Palm

were moved because of heavy

The judge plans to try to seat a jury locally, beginning Aug 5, in the trial against Smith, a nephew of US Sen Edward M

Kennedy. Court authorities in Tampa, Jacksonville and Orlando said they have been contacted in recent weeks about whether

they could handle the trial. Kannedy Smith

A 29-year-old woman from the nearby town of Jupiter accuses Smith, 30, of raping her at his family's Palm Beach estate on March 30. Smith pleaded innocent to felony, sexual battery and misdemeanor battery.

## Cyclers terrorised

COPENHAGEN (Denmark) : Stalking their prey in plain clothes, police issued traffic tickets to dozens of bicyclers Wednesday in what Danes call the Great Summer Bicycle Campaign, reports AP.

"We must stop the cyclers' traffic terror," said Poul Eefsen, head of the Danish police. Police reported handing out dollar 21 fines to 67 downtown Copenhagen bicyclers in one hour. Offenses included

running red lights, riding the wrong way on a one-way street,

zigzagging on pedestrian paths and taking shortcuts through Three-quarters of Copenhagen's 1 million residents own bicycles and 300,000 of them use bicycles daily, says the Danish Cyclist Federation, which supports the police cam-

So far this year, police have prosecuted 2,494 bicycle traf-

fic offenses, compared with 1,369 in a comparable period

## Khmer Rouge accused of violating truce

BANGKOK, July 4: The Cambodian government has accused Khmer Rouge guerillas of violating a recently agreed ceasefire by attacking in the Broadcasting Corporation reported Wednesday, reports reports AFP. Reuter.

That sources in contact with the gem mining district of Pailin, close to where the fighting was said to have taken place, reported no incidents since the Phnon Penh government and the guerillas agreed to a truce during peace talks in Thailand last week.

"The radio station of the non-communist guerillas allied with the Khmer Rouge Wednesday reported what it termed a looting by government troops in the western province of Battambang, but no fighting.

The BBC Radio report from the Cambodian capital, Phnon Penh quoted the government as saying its troops had been attacked on Monday by large Khmer Rouge force in Treng district of Battambang province not far from Pailin

#### 405 Mjuahideen killed in govt offensive KABUL, July 4: A top mili-

tary commander said here Wednesday that at least 405 Mujahideen guerrillas were killed during a 26-day operawest of the country, the British tion to liberate rebel-held areas west of the Afghan capital

General Mohammad Nabi Azimi, the first Deputy Defence Minister, told reporters that government troops also lost 35 men in the "successful offensive against armed bandits (rebels) in Wardak province".

"After 26 days of operations. our men have liberated 50 villages that were held by the bandits in Wardak," he said. Adding that eight foreign military experts, including Pakistanis, were among the

He said 930 rebels and 105 government soldiers were wounded in the fighting.

Kabul has frequently alleged

Pakistani military involvement on the side of the Afghan guerrillas. Islamabad denies the charge and there was no independent confirmation of the latest allegation.