

### Sarajevo fighting won't halt relief efforts: MacKenzie

SARAJEVO, July 4: The worst fighting in days battered Sarajevo early Saturday, leaving little hope for a quick peace despite the initial success of an international airlift, reports AP.

It makes a farce of what we have done so far, he told The Associated Press by telephone. MacKenzie also told the British Broadcasting Corporation that shells had hit within 870 yards of the airport, which has become the besieged city's lifeline to the outside world. But MacKenzie said the fighting would not halt the airlift.

### Ghali warns Y'slavia of action similar to one slapped on Iraq

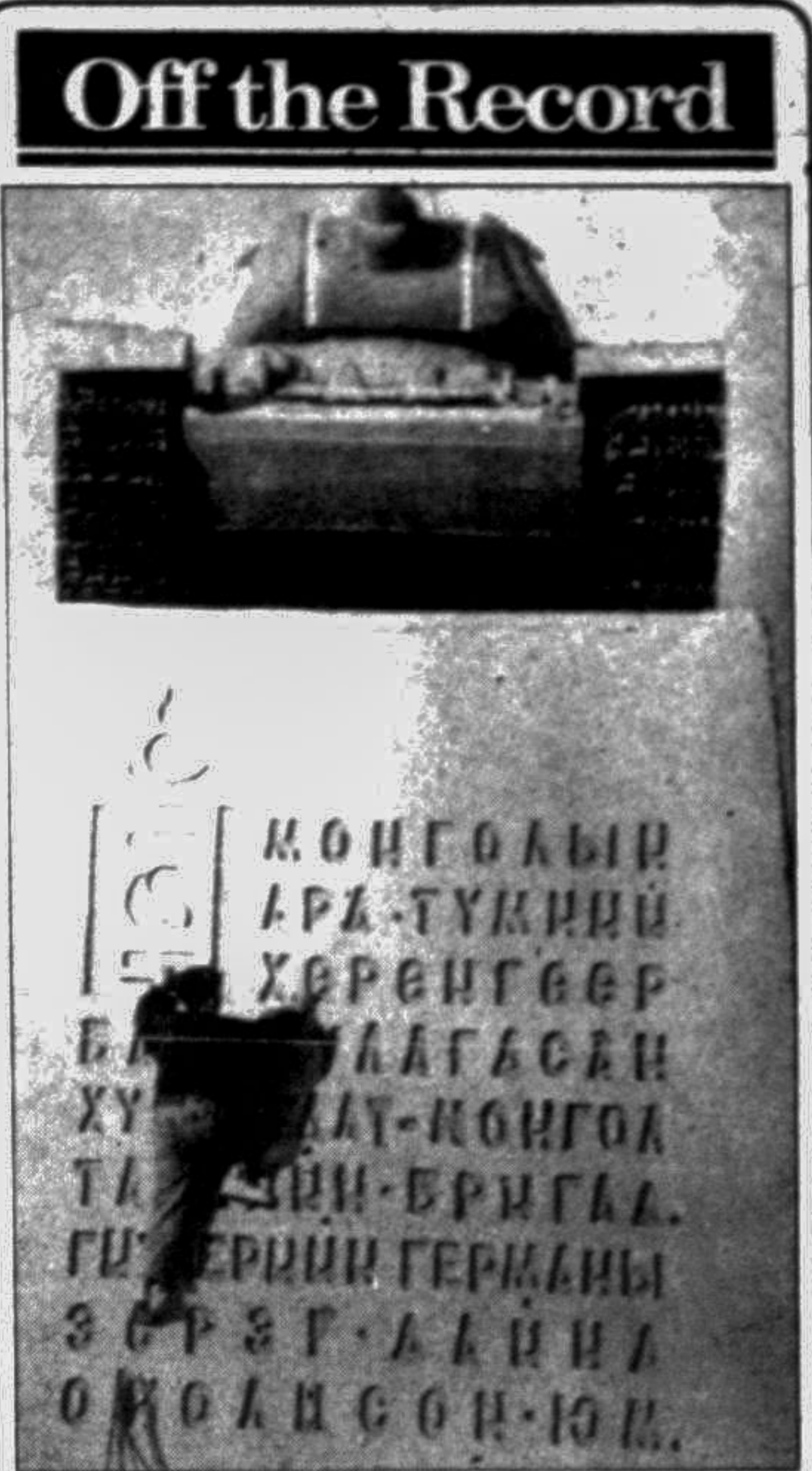
LONDON, July 4: UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali warned Friday that if the United Nations were to intervene in Yugoslavia, this would correspond to what was done against Iraq in the 1991 Gulf war, reports AFP.



Boutros-Ghali, who met EC envoy Lord Carrington on Thursday to discuss European plans for talks on Yugoslavia, declined to say whether there was any plan for peace enforcement in Yugoslavia should the violence there continue.

keeping operations in the past three years at it had in the previous 45, and that there was an urgent need for member states to pay the money they owe to the organisation. Of all the 178 United Nations member states, only nine have fully paid their assessed bills for the UN operation in Cambodia by June 30, with two more making part payments, he said.

He said he was "optimistic" on the chances that the current fragile peace will strengthen in Cambodia, "despite difficulties" presented by the Khmer Rouge. AP adds from Sarajevo: Fighting continued in Sarajevo as nine planes landed on the airport's heavily guarded runways with tons of aid and a European envoy trying to renew a peace initiative.



ULAN BATOR, Mongolia: A boy climbs an Ulan Bator monument June 30 which was erected to honour Mongolian and Russian military cooperation during World War II. Mongolia was a Soviet satellite for six decades until it held its first multi-party elections in 1990.

### Restore democracy or face violence, FIS tells govt

ALGIERS, July 4: The banned Islamic Salvation Front has warned that Algeria's new military-backed leader will face renewed violence unless he restores democracy, reports AP.

Hundreds of people died in subsequent rioting. Many front leaders and thousands of their supporters jailed in a crackdown remain in detention. Armed attacks in recent months by Islamic extremists have claimed the lives of about 100 policemen and soldiers.

AHMEDABAD, July 4: One person was stabbed to death and three others were injured in Sidhpur Taluka town in Mehsana district of north Gujarat last night taking the toll in the two-days of violence in the state following the annual Rath-Yatra on Thursday to 16, according to a report here, says PTI.

### BRRIEFLY

Hanoi expels two US citizens: Hanoi expelled Saturday two US citizens of Vietnamese origin for violating the law of the socialist republic of Vietnam, reports AFP from Hanoi.

Robert Quang Lam (whose Vietnamese name is Lam Van Quang) and To Giang Pham (Pham To Giang) entered Vietnam many times and committed acts violating the law of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the official Nhan Dan daily said.

Missing Russian Eskimos found: A Russian helicopter on Friday found a group of Eskimos missing during a trip across the Bering Strait in small wooden boats, the Coast Guard said, reports AP from Alaska.

29 killed in ferry capsiz: Vietnamese ferry hit a cable and sank on a river southeast of Hanoi, killing at least 29 people, an official newspaper reported Saturday, reports Reuter from Hanoi.

Reporter shot dead in Philippines: An unidentified gunman shot dead a reporter in the southern Philippines in the second killing of a journalist in the region in three days, police said Saturday, reports Reuter from Philippines.

Bush signs bill to extend unemployment benefits: WASHINGTON, July 4: President Bush on Friday signed a bill giving jobless Americans up to a half-year additional unemployment benefits. The action came one day after the government announced that unemployment had soared to an eight-year high, reports AP.



SPLIT, Croatia: A refugee couple from Northern Bosnia, eat their meal while resting on the floor of a sports hall after arriving Friday. In the last few days more than 1,000 refugees arrived in Split.

4 Sikhs gunned down in Punjab: NEW DELHI, July 4: Security forces today gunned down four members of a newly-formed Sikh militant group in a fierce gunbattle in the Indian state of Punjab, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported, says AP.

was the third extension of unemployment benefits since last year. A year ago, Bush killed two efforts by opposition Democrats to extend jobless coverage, arguing that the economy wasn't weak enough to merit the expenditure of billions of extra dollars.

BEIRUT, July 4: A car bomb exploded in the Christian town of Jouniyeen north of Beirut Saturday. Police said two people were killed and two wounded, reports AP.

MOSCOW, July 3: Defence and foreign ministers of the Commonwealth of Independent States failed to reach agreement Friday on the future of strategic nuclear weapons in Ukraine, news agencies reported, says AP.

PORT VILA, July 4: Australia's acting High Commissioner in Port Vila, declared "Persona Non Grata" by the Vanuatu government, has been given a 24 hour extension on an order that he leave the country, reports AFP.

### Perot offers to buy press to gag his story

NEW YORK: Undeclared presidential hopeful Ross Perot once offered \$100,000 dollar to buy out the press run of a magazine containing what he saw as an unfavourable story, the magazine's editor and CNN television said on Friday, reports Reuter.

### Senator Kennedy weds Reggie

WASHINGTON: Edward Kennedy married Washington lawyer Victoria Reggie on Friday in a private ceremony at his suburban home, according to a television news report, says AP.

### Truck blockade makes hungry pigs crazy

PARIS: Hundreds of starving pigs stuck for three days in a truck on a blockaded road escaped and ran wild through a southern French town Friday as a nation-wide protest by truck drivers entered its fifth day, reports AP.

### Election plans threaten peace process in Lebanon

BEIRUT, July 4: Plans to hold Lebanon's first general election in 20 years have sharpened divisions between Muslims and Christians, threatening the country's fragile peace process, reports AFP.

of several obstacles to free, democratic and clean elections. They argue that the deployment of both Syrian and Israeli troops in Lebanon undermines the state's sovereignty and that the draft electoral law now before parliament is flawed.

deputies and the lack of voting rights for Lebanese in exile, most of whom are Christians. Maronite Christian bishops renewed their criticism of the elections Thursday, taking their lead from the patriarch, Nasrallah Sfeir, who has issued a barrage of warnings over the past three months.

Bush criticized for visiting all-white town: FAITH, NC July 4: Civil rights leaders Friday criticized President Bush for choosing to celebrate the nation's birthday by visiting this all-white town by visiting this all-white town on July 4th, reports AP.