

Gaddafi asks 10000 Thais to quit Libya

TRIPOLI, Nov 8: Libyan Leader Colonel Moammer Gaddafi on Sunday effectively ordered 10,000 Thai workers out of Libya, in response to what he said was Thailand's support for US accusations that Libya was making chemical weapons, reports AFP.

Aideed warns against US troops deployment

MOGADISHU, Nov 8: Gen Mohamed Farrah Aideed warned US troops not to return to the streets of Mogadishu, saying Sunday that their presence could violate a 4-week-old cease-fire with foreign troops, reports AP.

Somalia after an October 3 fire-fight. Their main mission is to protect US and foreign troops, but officials say they also will keep roads open and put pressure on bandits.

"There are no negotiations, and I don't expect any in the future," said the man who controls south Mogadishu. The UN force "is responsible for the current problems. They are the biggest obstacle to peace."

Officials of his faction led a convoy of journalists on a winding trip through the city's dusty back streets, stopping once to ensure they weren't being followed. The destination was a compound where anyone entering was frisked.

Attack on DPRK same as striking US: Clinton

WASHINGTON, Nov 8: President Clinton said Sunday that if North Korea ever tried to invade South Korea he would consider it equivalent to an attack on the United States, reports AP.

rejection to take now, sometimes seeming to reach out to South Korea, sometimes seeming to draw back.



PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat (L) meets Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak (R) at the Iffhadia palace in Cairo on Sunday to discuss the Middle-East peace process and the resumption of PLO-Israeli talks. —AFP photo

Raphel, Sharif discuss Pak-US ties

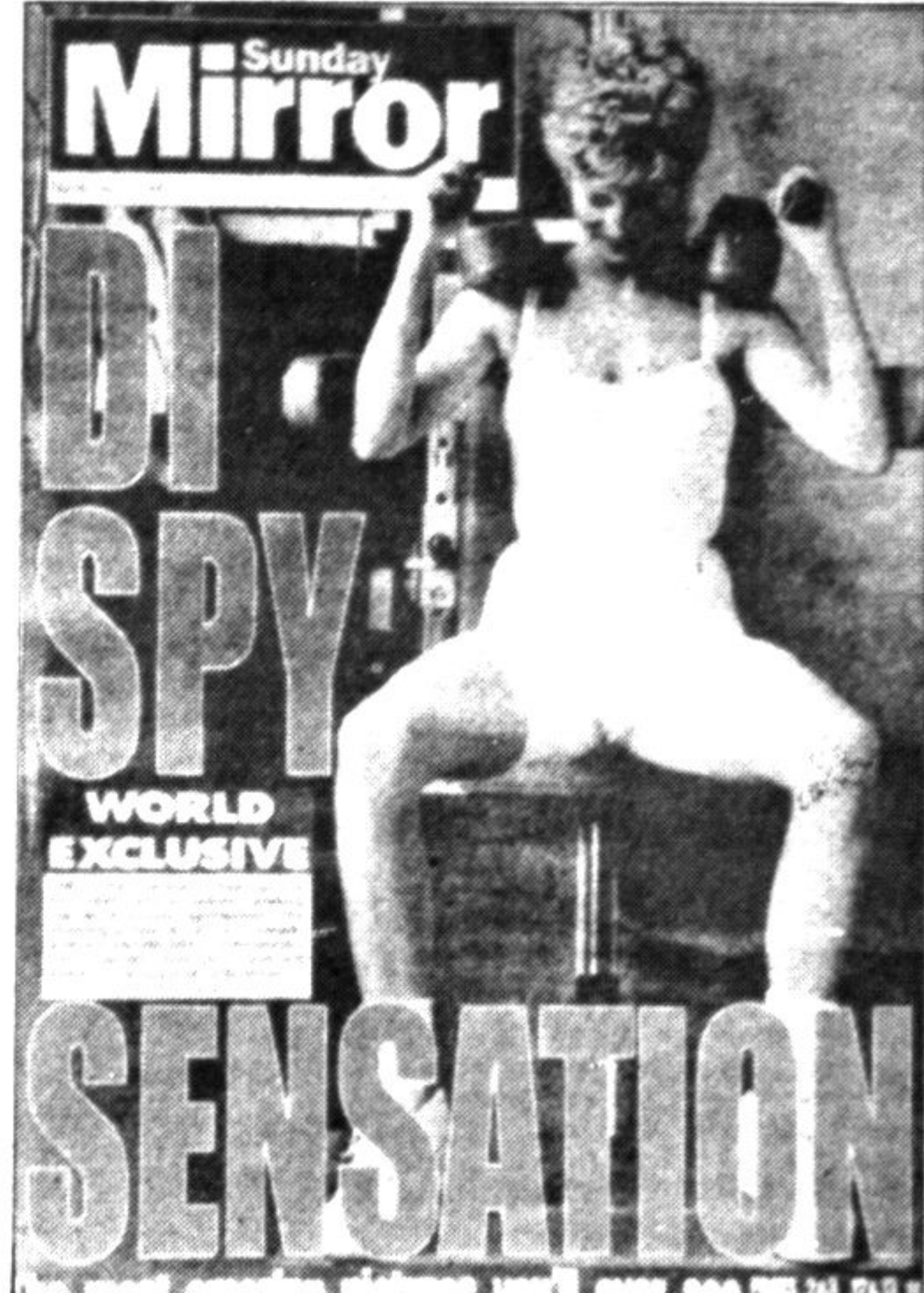
ISLAMABAD, Nov 8: Assistant US Secretary of State for South Asia Robin Raphel met with Pakistani opposition leader Nawaz Sharif on the first of a three-day visit here Sunday, reports AP.

Picasso paintings stolen from Swedish Museum

STOCKHOLM, Nov 8: Thieves lowered themselves from the roof of the Museum of Modern Art and stole paintings valued at 52 million dollar and a statue by Picasso, museum officials said Monday, reports AP.

Off the Record

'Gross intrusion' into privacy angers Diana



This picture shows the front page at British Sunday Mirror newspaper from Sunday showing the Princess of Wales during a fitness training session at a private gymnasium in London. —AFP photo

LONDON: Princess Diana expressed her "distress and a deep sense of outrage" Monday over the publication of photographs captured on hidden camera of her working out in a gym, reports AP.

6 killed in Nagaland bomb blast

NEW DELHI, Nov 8: A powerful bomb exploded at a railroad station in remote northeastern India Monday, killing at least six people and wounding 35 others, United News of India said, reports AP.

Sex experts lament shy approach to sex

CHICAGO: When these folks talk about sex, there's no nervous giggling, reports AP.

Pan Am bombing: Tripoli asks Bern to try 2

CAIRO, Nov 8: Libya has asked Switzerland to try two suspects in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, but the request falls short of Western demands and is not likely to affect the United Nations vote Monday on tougher sanctions, reports AP.

Shameless show of eroticism!

RIO DE JANEIRO: Given a choice of listening to Madonna or obeying the Roman Catholic Church, more than 120,000 fans voted with their feet, packing the Maracana soccer stadium to hear her rock the socks off Rio, reports AP.

Aide justifies Yeltsin's avoiding early polls

MOSCOW, Nov 8: Boris Yeltsin is justified in avoiding early presidential elections because they might weaken his authority in the critical period after Russia's new constitution takes effect, a senior aide said Sunday, reports AP.

elections, which he had set for June 12. The president said he wants to stay in office until his five-year term expires in 1996, and would not seek reelection.

Critics say the new plan breaks a promise to the Russian people and smacks of authoritarian rule.

Clinton added that after the December 12 parliamentary elections, Russia's new legislature "will have something to say" on the issue of presidential elections.

BRIEFLY

10 ANC men killed in S Africa:

At least 10 members of the African National Congress (ANC) were killed in an attack Sunday in the southern province of Ransvaal, state television reported, AFP says from Johannesburg.

American arrested in Nepal:

An American was arrested Sunday at the Katmandu airport after authorities found hashish in his suitcase just before he was to leave for Bangkok, Thailand, AP reports from Katmandu.

Colombian senator dead:

The vice president of Colombia's senate died Sunday of wounds suffered several days earlier when he was gunned down in Medellin by a hit team citing his role in drafting a new drug trafficking law, AP reports from Bogota.

Singapore PM visits S Korea:

Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong plans to review and strengthen bilateral ties during a three-day official visit to South Korea starting Monday, AP reports from Singapore.

Palestinian shot dead by Hamas:

A Palestinian suspected of collaborating with Israeli authorities was shot dead Sunday by the Islamic resistance movement Hamas, Palestinian sources said, AFP reports from Jerusalem.



Cambodian Prime Minister Norodom Ranariddh's wife Princess Marie (L) puts a crown on the head of the new Miss Cambodia Hak Srei Moum during a ceremony of Sunday in Phnom Penh. Hak Srei Moum is the winner of Cambodia's first beauty pageant in decades. —AFP photo

Kurdish home set on fire in Germany

FRANKFURT, Nov 8: Assaults set fire to a home for Kurdish refugees in southwestern Germany early Sunday, but all 14 residents escaped unharmed, police said, reports AP.

Jordan polls may influence ME talks

AMMAN, Nov 8: Jordanians voted nationwide Monday in the first multiparty polls since 1956 — a bold step toward democracy that may influence the fate of the Middle East peace, reports AP.

others bent on wrecking the Arab-Israeli peace talks were likely to remain the largest block in the 80-seat Chamber of Deputies, but fall far short of a majority.

with Israel although the king retains final authority over the assembly's decisions.

ballot in Amman for one of the women.

Nepal fines British climbing team

KATHMANDU, Nov 8: Nepal has fined a British climbing team 100,000 dollar for sending too many people up Mount Everest, the Tourism Ministry said on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Jewish road blockade paralyzes WB, Gaza

JERUSALEM, Nov 8: Thousands of Jewish settlers blocked highways throughout the occupied lands with burning tires and stone barricades Monday to protest the killing of one of their own by Palestinian gunmen, reports AP.

The carefully planned protest began at 4:30 am (0230 GMT) and roadblocks were removed three hours later. It marked the second time in nine days that settlers blocked highways throughout the occupied lands to protest the killing of a settler.