

Trial against Croatian general opens

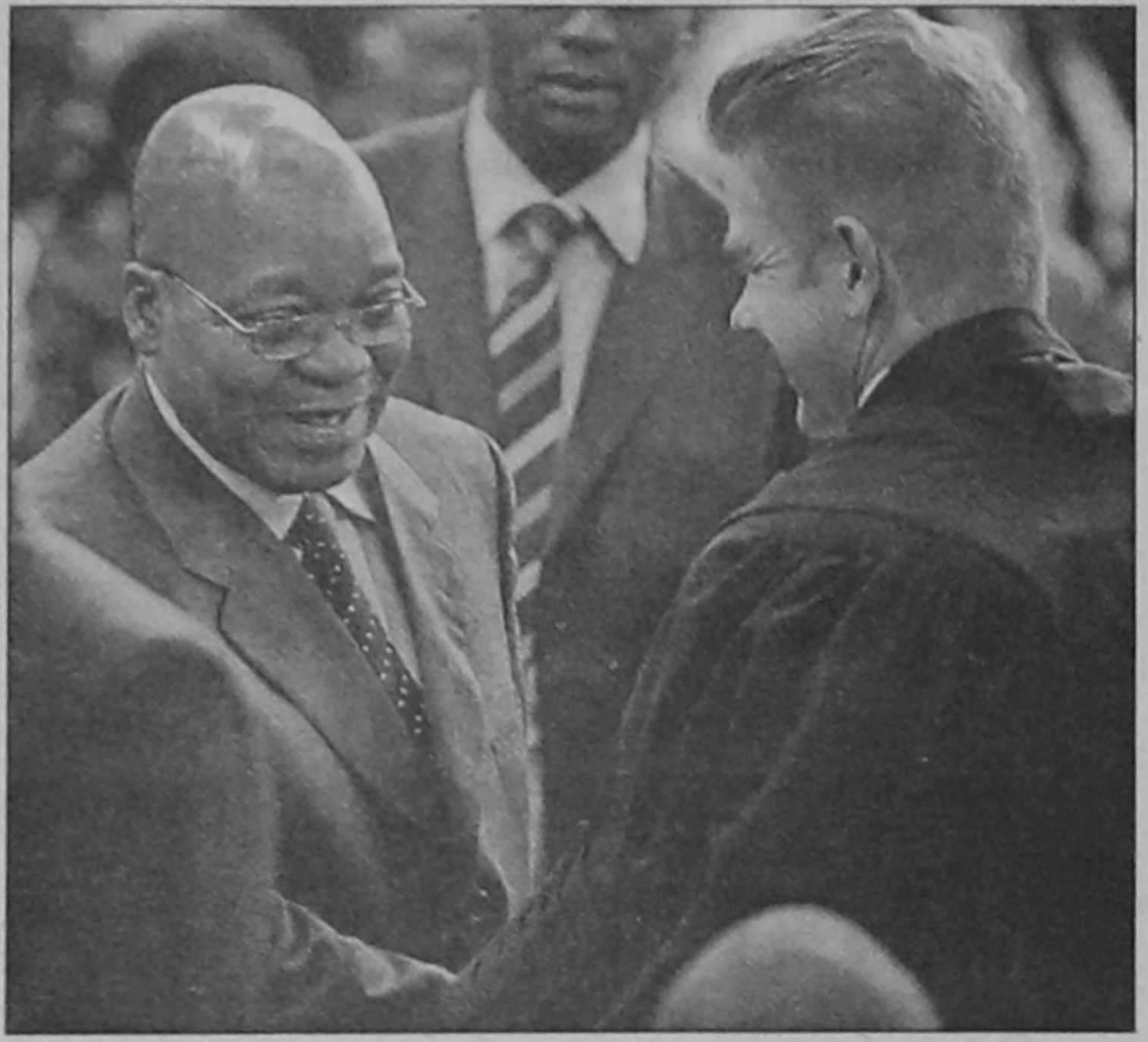
AFP, The Hague
The war crimes trial of Croatian general Ante Gotovina, accused of leading a 1995 military offensive that pushed 200,000 Serbs out of Croatia opened in The Hague yesterday.

Endeavour takes Japanese lab into space

AFP, Cape Canaveral
Space shuttle Endeavour soared into space yesterday, carrying Japan's first space lab to the International Space Station to join US, Russian and European facilities there.

Violence claims 30 lives in Iraq

AFP, Baghdad
At least 30 people were killed in another day of violence across Iraq yesterday as US and Iraqi officials began talks on the future US military presence in Iraq.



ANC President Jacob Zuma (L) enters the constitutional court in Johannesburg yesterday to launch a final bid in the country's highest court to block evidence seen as crucial to his pending corruption trial.

'Ehud Barak opposes peace talks'

AFP, Amman, Gaza
Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas has accused a "key member" of the Israeli government of opposing peace negotiations with the Palestinians, in remarks published yesterday.

Iran praises Indonesia for nuke support

AFP, Tehran
President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad yesterday held talks with his visiting Indonesian counterpart Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, thanking Jakarta for refusing to support the latest UN sanctions against Iran.

Major storm sparks chaos in Europe

AFP, London
Heavy storms were expected to cause more travel chaos in Britain yesterday, with France also preparing for more bad weather, after three vessels ran into problems in the Channel a day earlier.

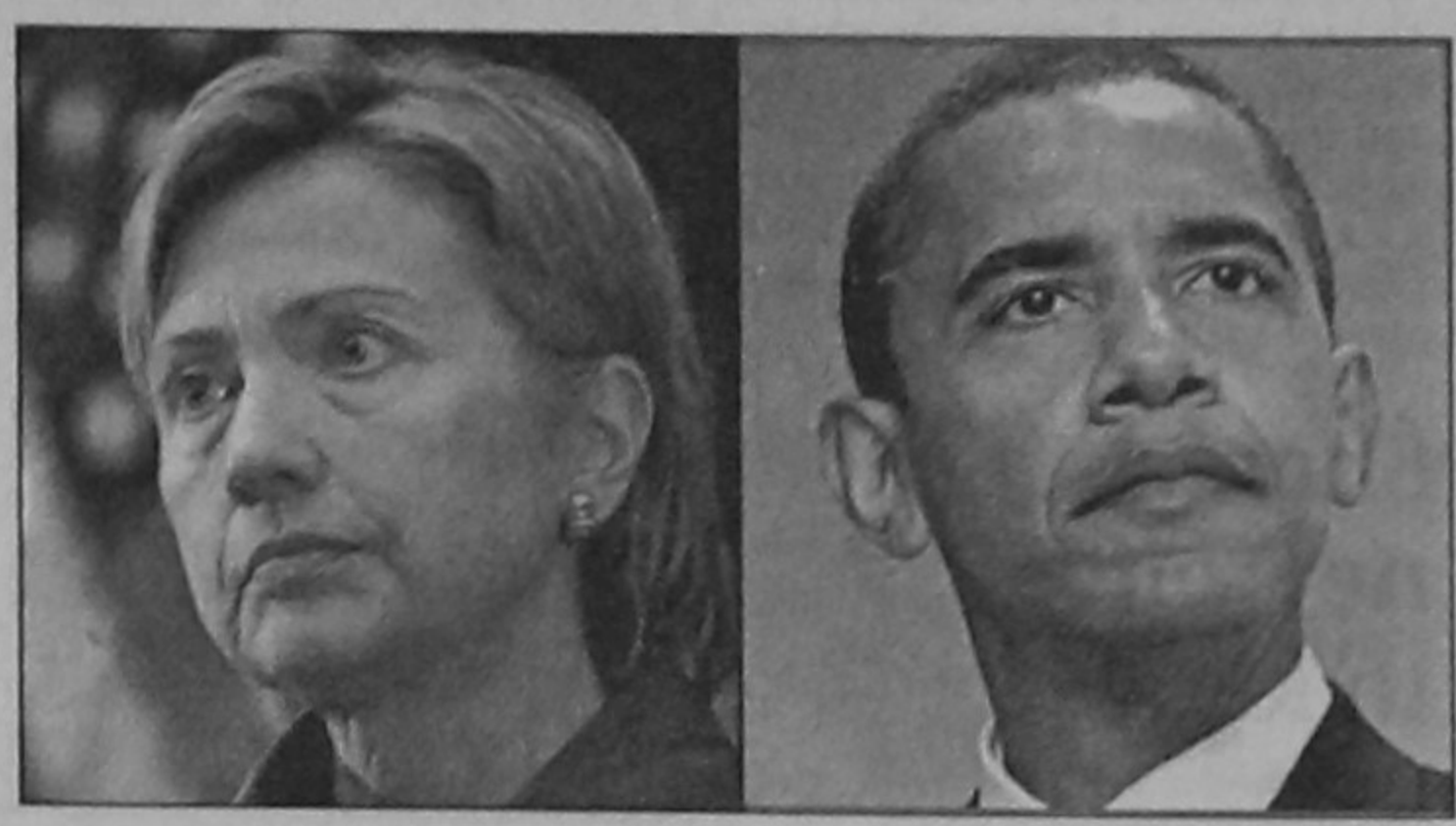
Serbian govt calls for polls

BBC ONLINE
The Serbian government has urged President Boris Tadic to dissolve parliament and hold an early election.

Obama mocks VP talk as Mississippi votes get rolling

Hillary focuses on Pennsylvania, national issues

AFP, Mississippi
Democratic front-runner Barack Obama headed into Tuesday's primary last night in Mississippi, a state he is tipped to win, mocking talk of a "dream ticket" headed by his White House rival Hillary Clinton.



Hillary Clinton and Obama

Obama, who leads by about 100 delegates after 45 Democratic contests, ridiculed verbal gymnastics by the Clinton camp arguing that he is not ready to be commander-in-chief, but could be her number two.

Clinton breathed new life into her faltering campaign with wins last week in Ohio and Texas, helped by an ominous television advertisement that questioned whether Obama was ready to deal with a hypothetical crisis in the dead of the night.

The former first lady is already looking past the Magnolia State to the far bigger battleground of Pennsylvania, a blue-collar state whose 158 delegates are up for grabs on April 22.

Obama grabbed some momentum back on Saturday with a landslide win in Wyoming, but emerged from the caucuses with a net gain of only two delegates over Clinton.

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