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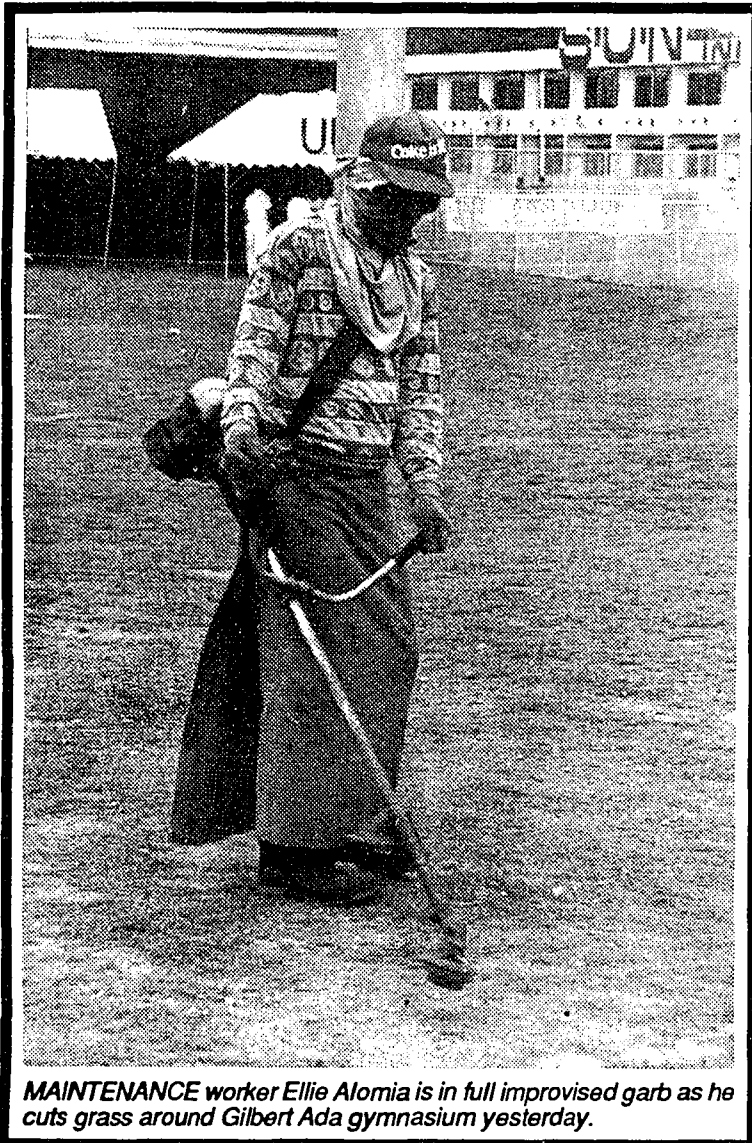
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MAINTENANCE worker Ellie Alomia is in full improvised garb as he cuts grass around Gilbert Ada gymnasium yesterday.

Family threatens to block key road

A MEMBER of the Tagabuel-Ogumoro clan is threatening to block a major road in San Jose today if the Marianas Public Land Corp. (MPLC) fails to approve the family's application for land exchange involving road encroachment and right of way.

Placido Tagabuel, a member of the Tagabuel-Ogumoro clan that owns four hectares of private land in the San Jose triangle area, said he would remove access to at least four major thoroughfares, portions of which fall within the boundaries of the family's property.

"MPLC better do something about our land exchange or I will definitely close down the portions of the San Jose junction by this afternoon," he said in an interview. "I would not accept any more promises nor will I go into further negotiations. We have been negotiating for so long and we had enough."

Tagabuel said a portion of the family's land which encompasses 7,740 square meters of road portions of the triangle currently being expanded into a four-lane intersection was used by the government for public purpose under the eminent domain provision of the Constitution.

In this case, part of the

Tagabuel-Ogumoro property was used for public access roads, thereby necessitating a land swap transaction subject to the approval of MPLC.

According to Tagabuel, the land exchange application has been pending since 1988, even as other land exchange claimants in the vicinity have already completed their land exchanges.

It could be recalled that on July 4, 1992 the family of the late Dominina Olopai closed down the portion of Chalan Msgr. Guerrero that encroached on her property, in protest over her pending land exchange application.

The claim was resolved late last year with the Olopai family getting another property in Reda Hill, Gualo Rai.

Tagabuel's property includes a portion of Middle Road, Chalan Msgr. Guerrero, the road leading to the Marianas Country Club in Chalan Kiya and the road from the triangle leading to Oleai Elementary School.

Entrances to those roads all fall within the property.

The property is part of the Feliciano Malus estate totaling 4.4 hectares, which is now owned by the family of Soledad Ogumoro

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Aldan seeks veto of benefits bill

THE NORTHERN Mariana Islands Retirement Fund has urged Governor Lorenzo I. Guerrero to veto House Bill 8-161 which proposes a 3 percent increase in benefits to former members of the municipal council and the Marianas District Legislature and district commissioners.

"There is no logical explanation other than the fact that the bill was introduced purely for political reasons to accommodate a constituent's request," Tomas B. Aldan, fund administrator, said in a letter to Guerrero on July 21. "This is not only grossly unfair and biased, but also potentially detrimental to the financial condition of the fund."

HB 8-161, introduced by Representatives Mametto U. Maratita, Antonio M. Camacho and Herman T. Guerrero, was passed by the House without a standing committee report on Nov. 10, 1992. It was passed on second and final reading by the Senate on July 14, also without a standing committee report.

The bill, which is now on the governor's desk for signing into law, provides the additional benefits to the former elected officials for service rendered prior to Jan. 8, 1978, and to all elected officials and local judges for service rendered after Jan. 8, 1978.

In recommending a veto of the bill, Aldan said that prior to April



Tomas B. Aldan

1975 members of the municipal council rendered only part-time service, at most 60 days a year.

"What is more ironic is that while the mayor serves in a full-time capacity, former mayors are not eligible, while municipal council members who served on a part-time basis are being made eligible," Aldan said.

He also cited former members of the Congress of Micronesia who served on a full-time basis but were not made eligible for the additional benefits.

Aldan also said it was "grossly unfair" for current contributing members not to receive the special benefit, while those who did not contribute were made eligible.

"This is definitely discriminatory because while all members are contributing at the same rate depending on the membership class, some receive special benefits without additional contribution.

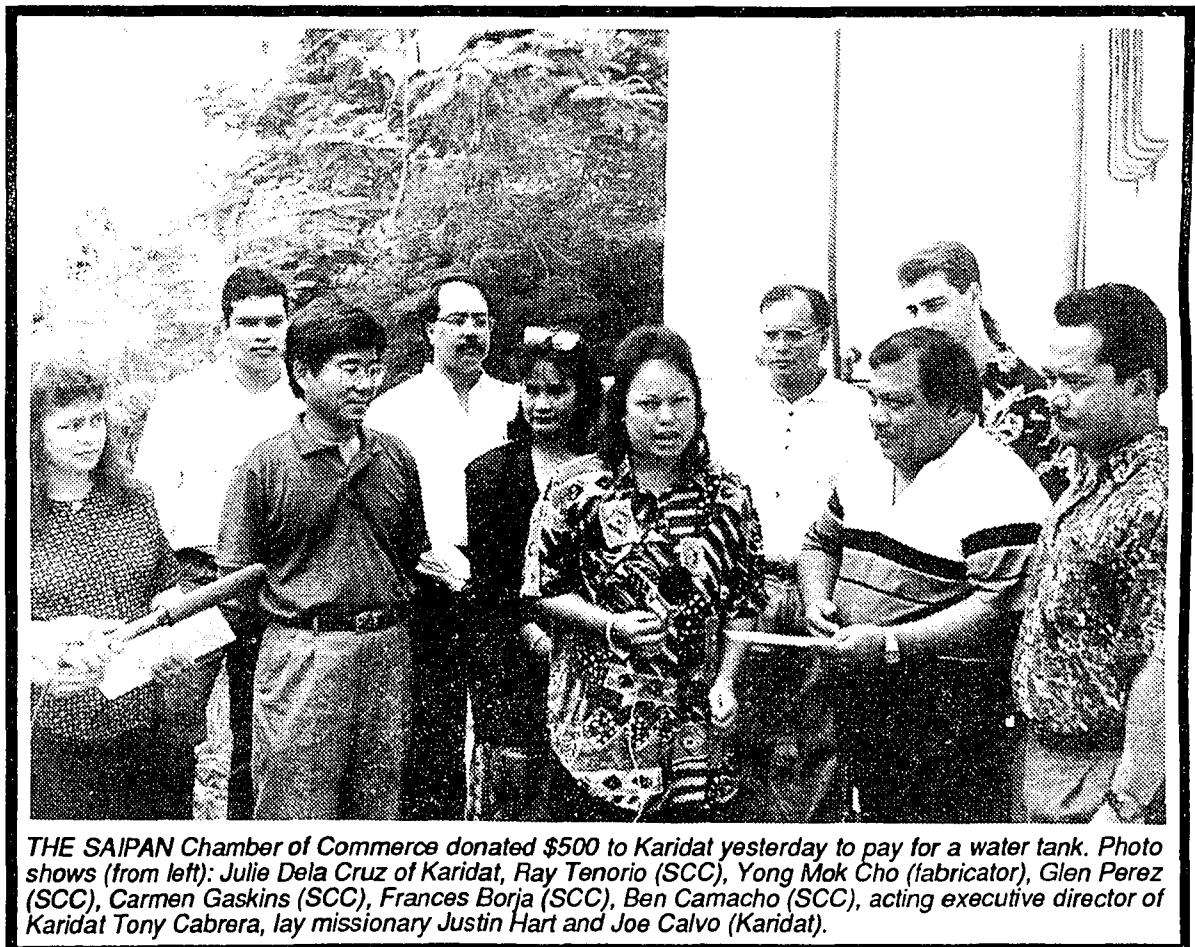
"The government is crying for more revenues because of a projected deficit; yet, there seems to be enough money to provide special benefits to special people," Aldan said.

In an interview, Aldan said the additional benefits would strain the fund's resources. The government, which is already unable to generate adequate funds to cope with increasing requirements, will also have to increase outlay as its contribution to the fund in behalf of government employees, he said.

"By vetoing the bill, you are encouraging fairness and equity as determined by the service of the member," Aldan said. "Special benefits have no place in a pension plan when it is not equally or fairly distributed among the members."

He said the governor would help taxpayers, the government and the fund by rejecting the HB 8-161.

"The government cannot continue to support such extravagant and generous benefits," Aldan said. "It is high time that we put a stop to such biased practice and passage of bills for the benefit of the few." (NL)



THE SAIPAN Chamber of Commerce donated \$500 to Karidat yesterday to pay for a water tank. Photo shows (from left): Julie Dela Cruz of Karidat, Ray Tenorio (SCC), Yong Mok Cho (fabricator), Glen Perez (SCC), Carmen Gaskins (SCC), Frances Borja (SCC), Ben Camacho (SCC), acting executive director of Karidat Tony Cabrera, lay missionary Justin Hart and Joe Calvo (Karidat).



Thomas J. Macdonald

Macdonald named head of HTC

HONOLULU - Bancorp Hawaii Inc. and Bank of Hawaii chairman and chief executive officer H. Howard Stephenson has announced the appointment of Thomas J. Macdonald as president of Hawaiian Trust Company Limited (HTCo).

Macdonald, HTCo executive vice president, will continue as president of American Financial Services of Hawaii Inc. (AFS) and its two subsidiary companies, Bishop Trust Company Limited, and American Trust Co. of Hawaii Inc., which were recently acquired by Bank of Hawaii.

"We are extremely pleased that Tom has accepted this challenging opportunity. Tom's experience and excellent reputation in the trust and investment industry are invaluable to us. He has been instrumental in directing the growth of Hawaiian Trust, and with the acquisition of American Financial Services, we are moving strategically into greater opportunities under his leadership," Stephenson said.

Macdonald joined Hawaiian Trust in 1970 after serving for two years with Lincoln Rochester Trust Company in New York. During his career with HTCo, he has been corporate secretary, manager of the personal trust department and manager of the estate settlement department.

He was named executive vice president in 1986 and president of AFS and its subsidiaries in May this year.

A former US Army captain (Hawaii and Vietnam), Macdonald graduated first in his class and summa cum laude from the University of Rhode Island with a bachelor's degree in English and American Literature.

Clinton to tighten immigration control

By Ron Fournier

CHICAGO (AP) - President Clinton is preparing to announce a broad plan to tighten immigration controls, a White House official says.

The plan, to be unveiled by the president on Tuesday, is aimed at giving immigration authorities firmer control over the influx of aliens arriving in the United States, especially over those with ties to terrorist groups.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Monday that the goal was to prevent any recurrence of the "tragedy of errors" cited in a State Department report explaining how Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman was allowed to remain in the country despite ties to terrorists.

Concern over lax immigration procedures has been heightened by incidents ranging from the World Trade Center bombing in

New York City to a shooting outside CIA headquarters in Virginia in January that left two dead and three wounded. In that case, the FBI is seeking a 28-year-old Pakistani said to be disgruntled over the treatment of Muslims in Bosnia and elsewhere.

Under Clinton's plan, up to 600 additional Border Patrol agents are to be hired. Federal agencies dealing with immigration will be ordered to better coordinate efforts, the official said.

The plan calls for "expedited exclusion" under which those seeking asylum in the United States would be given much quicker reviews of their cases rather than remaining in the country for months or even years awaiting action.

Initial details of the plan were sketchy. It was not immediately learned precisely how much the program would cost or how much of it would require congressional

approval.

The official described the plan as a continuation of plans announced June 18 by Clinton designed to crack down on the smuggling of illegal immigrants by organized crime syndicates.

That plan included steps to stop the smuggling of illegal aliens at their source, legislation to subject smugglers to tougher racketeering penalties, new measures to intercept oceangoing vessels involved in the traffic and greater efforts to detain illegal immigrants.

Clinton's budget already calls for an increase of 163 immigration inspectors at a cost of \$10 million.

The plan said that would help the Immigration and Naturalization Service to handle expected increases in immigrants entering the borders by land, and make it easier to detect undocumented aliens and contraband substances being smuggled into the United States.

Northwest awaits start of summer

By James L. Eng

SEATTLE (AP) - Some summer.

While the East Coast boils and the Midwest bails, the Pacific Northwest still awaits the start of a season that makes bearable the steely skies of the rest of the year.

"First day of summer? We had one last week. It came and went," joked the National Weather Service's John Deam.

With July nearly through, the Seattle area has enjoyed all of four "sunny" summer days by weather service standards. That means four days in which skies were cloudy less than 30 percent of the time.

Across the region, it's been a summer of persistent clouds, record-setting low temperatures, higher-than-average rainfall and some wicked thunderstorms to boot.

Even Alaska has been warmer. "We need to go back and change the calendars," said Lorena Simons, a psychic. She claims more clients than usual have been coming in - with energy sapped - for readings and advice.

"I would put summer beginning within July and going through the end of September. Mother Earth has just been doing so much hanging in, trying to relieve so much of the toxins and energy."

While Memorial Day typically heralds the start of summer in much of the country, rainy weather usually hangs on in Seattle through the Fourth of July. By then, residents are ready for a glorious drought - three months of mostly blue skies that create a dramatic backdrop for the region's lush greenery.

This year, the average high temperature through Sunday has been 68 (20 C), compared with an average high of 75 (24) in July. On one day in mid-July, the high was 59 (15 C) at SeaTac Airport, compared with 79 (26) at Fairbanks, Alaska.

What's responsible? "Everyone will tell you El Nino or Mount Pinatubo," said Cliff Mass, an associate professor of atmospheric sciences at the University of Washington. "We basically do not know."

He said the jet stream, a series of strong wind currents that blow from west to east across the United States, has settled over the Northwest and brought cool, rainy weather.

US, Asian allies disagree on Khmer

By Ruth Sinai

SINGAPORE (AP) - The United States ran into disagreement with its Asian allies Monday on the question of participation by the Khmer Rouge faction in the future government of Cambodia.

The United States insisted that the Khmer Rouge, accused of killing more than one million Cambodians between 1975-78, must disarm and respect the Paris peace accords ending Cambodia's civil war, said a senior administration official.

Only then can the Khmer Rouge participate in any government, said the official, who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity.

But a statement summing up the first session of 13 Asian and Pacific foreign ministers, including Secretary of State Warren Christopher, took a different view.

"Notwithstanding the Khmer Rouge's non-compliance with the Paris peace agreements, the meeting recognized that the exclusion of the Khmer Rouge carried serious risks" for the survival of those accords, said the statement.

The delegates stressed different points, said the US official in explaining the divergence of views.

The United States did agree with the others that ultimately, it was up to the Cambodians themselves to work out the future role of the Khmer Rouge in the government to be formed this fall by Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

Sihanouk complained last week that US rejection of a role for the Khmer Rouge in his government would endanger the results of the UN-supervised elections held successfully in Cambodia last May.

Although the Khmer Rouge boycotted the elections, the group controls some 20 percent of the country and is now demanding a role in the new government.

Several Asian foreign ministers have warned that unless the Khmer Rouge is given a say in the new government, it could unravel all that has been achieved through strong international efforts over the past two years in Cambodia.

Christopher told delegates that the United States has every intention of helping a future Cambodian government financially.

Capitalism corrupting China troops

BEIJING (AP) - Top military officials warned Monday that capitalist reforms were corrupting some troops and decried the appearance of money worship and hedonism within the ranks.

The comments came in a long essay marking the 66th anniversary of the 3 million-strong People's Liberation Army written by generals Liu Huaqing, one of seven members of the ruling Communist Party's top body, and Zhang Zhen, commandant of the National Defense University.

The complaints appeared directed at the excesses unleashed by senior leader Deng Xiaoping's market-style economic policies and not at the reforms themselves. They were particularly notable because the Chinese Communist army has long cultivated an image of itself as a fighting force made up of selfless peasants.

In the commentary, the generals said that as China opens to the outside world, some of the "rotten thoughts and living styles" of capitalism were bound to come into the country.

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and her brother, the late Juan Tagabuel, Placido's father.

"The problem with our land exchange application is the MPLC board's rejection of the current accepted appraisal of our property. We have already reached agreement with MPLC staff over the figure, but when the board heard about the accepted appraisal, the problem began," Tagabuel said.

The appraisal, according to Tagabuel, is currently pegged at \$700 per square meter, a compromise figure from the \$685 reportedly offered by MPLC.

"We have gone past our patience and our willingness to negotiate. Without a deed of exchange by today, we will close the road portions of our land," he said.

According to Tagabuel, the is-

sue of the pending land exchange is made much more "fascinating" by the fact that his brother, Augustine, serves as chairman of the board from MPLC.

"My brother Gus has refrained from taking part in board deliberations on our application because of conflict of interest. But I still wish the board looks at our request in a fair manner," Tagabuel said. (RHA)

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Panel to investigate funds use

THE SENATE Committee on Federal Relations and Independent Agencies will conduct an oversight hearing on how all federal funds for capital improvement projects in the CNMI were used.

This was learned from Senator David M. Cing, committee chairman, who said the investigation would begin with Tinian starting September this year.

"The committee wants to make sure federal money has been used

as intended from day one until now. At this time when Chairman George Miller is hitting the Commonwealth hard, we must show some form of fiscal responsibility on a local level," Cing said in an interview yesterday.

Miller's committee in US Congress has recommended strict conditions before the CNMI can continue to enjoy CIP money under Section 702 of the Covenant. The

position was adopted by the House of Representatives in its budget reconciliation bill for fiscal year 1994.

Cing said his committee would determine whether federal funds were properly utilized.

"We will try to find out if there is any one person who should be held accountable for such funds and what procedures need to be altered or new one initiated to pro-

vide for greater accountability and more efficient use of funds," Cing said.

To start "in his own backyard," Cing informed Tinian Mayor James M. Mendiola Monday about the planned investigation and asked that all related documentation since the inception of the Commonwealth on the use of federal CIP grants for projects in Tinian be readied for the investigation. (RHA)

Health focus

By Connie Speros

IN THERE a diet for people with arthritis?

Arthritis is actually a term used to described over 100 different diseases. Arthritis is most easily defined as inflammation of the joints. Two most common types are osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis.

Osteoarthritis does not have a single cause, but it seems to develop from the stresses and strains experienced during the course of one's life. The smooth cartilage at the end of bones becomes rough resulting in friction. The tendons and ligaments holding the joint together become weak, and the joint becomes stiff and often painful. The joints most likely to be attacked are ones which bear most of the weight: the hips, knees, ankles, and spine.

Excess body weight means added burden to the weight bearing joints. In some people, symptoms have disappeared after weight loss. Losing weight, though, is more difficult because the disease limits potential exercise.

Rheumatoid arthritis is an autoimmune disease. This means the immune system attacks joints. Some tissues are destroyed and replaced with scar tissue which often disfigures the joints. The immune cells remain at the site of attack resulting in continued inflammation. Rheumatoid arthritis causes crippling pain, making simple movements almost impossible.



It's no wonder arthritis victims will try just about anything to "cure" the disease or make it more bearable. Unproven remedies are among the top 10 health frauds in the United States. Since the symptoms come and go without warning many people think that diet is related.

Studies are being conducted with some success. Since fatty acids play a role in the inflammation process, people with rheumatoid arthritis who followed a strict vegetarian diet (no meat, dairy products, or eggs) and avoided refined sugar and citrus fruits experienced a decrease in symptoms. The improvement lasted even after a year.

Encouraging as the results may be, one should not take it upon himself to switch to a strict vegetarian diet without professional monitoring. The diet can lead to nutritional deficiencies.

In the future, most arthritis patients will probably require a combination of diet and medication to control symptoms.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

CIVIL ACTION NO. 92-392
TRIPLE J SAIPAN, INC. dba TRIPLE J MOTORS
Plaintiff,

-v-
RAMON C. BABAUTA and YUKIO YATSUHASHI,
Defendants

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued by the Court in this matter on February 28, 1993, as amended, have levied and executed upon, and will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for current lawful money of the United States, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: a 1990 Toyota 4-runner 4-door wagon, color white.

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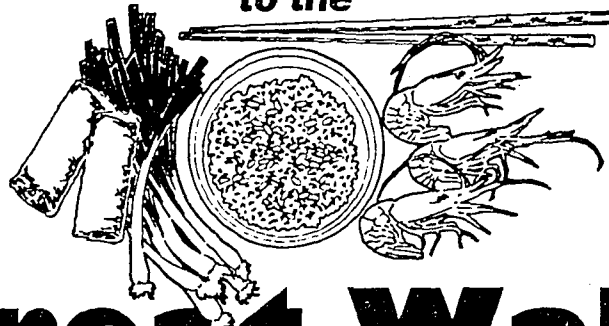
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Ramos pledges to cut birth rate

By Oliver Teves

MANILA (AP) - President Fidel Ramos pledged Monday to reduce the country's population growth rate to 2 percent by the end of the decade despite strong opposition from the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

Meanwhile, about 30,000 leftists rallied near the House of Representatives, challenging Ramos to deliver on promises to transform the Philippines into a newly industrialized country by the year 2000.

In his annual State of the Nation address, delivered at the

House building, Ramos said the country's 2.48 percent annual growth rate, one of the highest in Asia, "impairs our capability to improve the quality of life."

"Our government has committed itself squarely to a family planning program based on choice," Ramos said, and the goal is to bring the growth rate below 2 percent by 1998.

Ramos, a Methodist governing a majority Catholic nation, said the government would use private social welfare organizations in achieving the goal, but pointedly neglected to mention the Roman Catholic Church.

The church leadership has strongly criticized the government's family planning program, including the distribution of free condoms and birth control advice.

Last week, Ramos told Catholic health workers that if they could not support the program, they should resign.

On Sunday, Cardinal Jaime L. Sin, the archbishop of Manila, said in a homily that "we might survive economically, stabilize politically and thrive financially, but will it be at the cost of losing our freedom of conscience, of losing that which is special to us - our

faith?"

Catholic lay groups have promised to provide legal assistance to health workers who lose their jobs because they refuse to implement the government's population control program.

In his speech, Ramos also promised to promote economic growth by curbing monopolies, revising the tax system and solving the acute electricity crisis left over by his predecessor, Corazon Aquino.

Ramos claimed that by mid-1994, the main island, Luzon, would have enough electricity for the industrial sector, although some private economists believe

the problem will not be solved before 1996.

Ramos also promised to push forward with efforts to restore law and order and called for reforms in the country's archaic judicial system. He said dockets were jammed with 300,000 unresolved cases and that the slow pace of justice was eroding public confidence.

He also pledged to press forward in peace talks with Communist, Muslim and military rebels.

Critics said Ramos' promises were overly optimistic, considering the country's sluggish economy, which has barely grown in this decade.

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ADOPTION NO.
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In the matter of the
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minor child

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Notice is hereby given that
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set for hearing on the 12th
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a.m. at the Superior Court
of the Commonwealth of the
Northern Mariana Islands,
Tinian.

Dated this 19th day of July
1993.

(s) LOUISE C.
HOFSCHEIDER
Deputy Clerk of Court

RP, China differ on Spratly issue

SINGAPORE (AP) - The Philippines and China differ over how to settle rival claims to the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea, Philippine Foreign Secretary Roberto R. Romulo said Monday.

Both nations, along with Malaysia, Taiwan, Brunei and Vietnam, claim all or part of the islands, believed rich in oil and gas.

"The Philippines believes the sooner the sovereignty issue is settled, the better. However, we know that negotiations cannot be held on that issue unless all parties agree to them," Romulo said.

In a statement, he said that "China refuses to negotiate the sovereignty issue and instead proposes that the issue be shelved until conditions are ripe. When that will be, the Chinese will not say."

"However, the Chinese are willing to engage in informal discussions on matters of cooperation," he added.

Romulo said the Philippines has reluctantly resigned itself to the temporary shelving of the issue.

He said his nation favored keeping the issue "in the attention of the international community and to keep talking about it in order to expand areas of understanding and diminish the possibilities of misunderstanding."

Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen said in a statement Saturday that China was willing to develop the islands jointly while the sovereignty issue waited to be discussed.

Vietnam and Malaysia also have said they were willing to jointly develop the area, while Brunei has been silent on this. All six nations have said they would not use force to resolve the issue.

Shelving has reduced tension and bought time, said Romulo who, like Qian, was in Singapore for talks among the foreign ministers of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and other countries.

Philippines rejects authoritarian system

MANILA (AP) - The Philippines will not copy its Asian neighbors by using authoritarianism as a shortcut to economic prosperity, President Fidel Ramos said Monday.

"Authoritarianism is the way to economic power and higher living standards for our East Asian neighbors," Ramos said in his annual State of the Nation address to Congress.

"The time for authoritarianism has passed in our country and the world. Instead of the discipline of

command, we must invoke the self-discipline of civic responsibility."

Filipino political commentators have questioned whether the country can catch up with its more prosperous East Asian neighbors using a free-wheeling political system modeled after the United States.

By contrast, such countries as Malaysia and Singapore have overtaken the Philippines using more restrictive political systems.



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Asian news briefs

LDP supports reform plan

TOKYO (AP) - Japan's longtime ruling party and opposition groups both rushed today to support a reform plan offered by two parties whose votes could determine whether power changes hands for the first time in 38 years.

Both the Liberal Democrats, who lost their majority in Parliament in elections July 18, and an opposition coalition are trying to win over the Japan New Party and the Sakigake (Pioneer) New Party.

If the two parties stay neutral, the LDP has enough votes in the 511-seat lower house to form a minority government and keep the power it has held since 1955. But if swing parties unite with the other five opposition parties, the opposition will take power.

HONG KONG (AP) - Beijing's recent steps to cool China's overheated economy will give investors and Hong Kong a short, sharp shock, Hong Kong's biggest bank said today.

"The slowdown will not be painless: there will be project and production stoppages; some assets will be devalued; and some increase in unemployment can be expected," the Hongkong Bank said in a monthly economic report.

China's 14 percent growth since 1992 has grabbed world attention but left the economy gasping. Alarmed at inflation running at 12.5 percent and signs of unrest among workers and peasants, Beijing recently ordered a 16-point austerity plan to cut credit and public spending, and to rechannel investment to badly needed public works projects.

HK faces economic shock

TOKYO (AP) - Three Japanese banks opened brokerages today in the first step toward increased financial deregulation promised in a law passed in April.

The new firms are IBJ Securities Co., Norinchukin Securities Co. and LTCB Securities Co. They are limited mainly to the underwriting and sales of bonds, including government bonds.

Japan's new financial liberalization law allows banks and securities firms to engage in each other's type of business.

TOKYO (AP) - North Korea on Monday dedicated a giant monument to its "victory" in the Korean War, the Communist state's official news agency reported.

Ceremonies for the monument, occupying 150,000 square meters (1.67 million square feet) along the Pothong River in Pyongyang, came on the eve of the 40th anniversary of the end of the war.

President Kim Il Sung, the nation's only leader since Korea's division in 1945, and Kim Jong Il, his son and heir-apparent, were warmly cheered at the ceremonies, said the Korean Central News Agency, monitored in Tokyo.

North Korea started the war by invading South Korea in 1950. After US-led United Nations troops came to the South's aid, and Chinese troops entered the war on North Korea's side, the conflict ended on July 27, 1953, with an armistice. No peace agreement ever has been signed.

The agency said the monument consists of a gate, a stone monument inscribed with President Kim's autograph, another stone monument inscribed with a poem, a sculpture on the theme "victory" and other smaller sculptures.

At a war's end anniversary meeting Monday, it said, Premier Kang Song San declared that North Korea had "defeated the invasion of imperialism, which boasted of being the 'strongest' in the world, and glorified the dignity and honor of an independent people for the first time in history."

3 banks open brokerages

HONG KONG (AP) - A town in south China thinks it has found a mountain that looks just like Mao Tse-tung, the "Great Helmsman" of China's Communist revolution.

Seen from a certain angle at sunset, the mountain in Huizhou in south China's Guangdong province has the former leader's "chin, lips, nose, eyes, eyebrows, forehead and sweptback hair," the China-run China News Service said Monday.

"The first time I saw this mountain, I immediately thought: isn't that Mao Tse-tung?" said Gu Xiaoyan, a film writer who told the news agency he was first to remark on the mountain's resemblance to Mao.

"Maybe Mao Tse-tung's influence was too deep on our generation," the report quoted Gu as saying.

US assures strong presence in Asia

By Ruth Sinai

SINGAPORE (AP) - The Clinton administration on Monday laid out plans for its military presence in Asia, including a slightly beefed up force in South Korea and a series of defense arrangements with other countries.

In a series of meetings, Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Undersecretary of Defense Frank Wisner reassured nervous Asian foreign ministers that the United States would remain heavily engaged in the region despite its defense cuts and the Clinton administration's focus on healing the US economy.

In fact, said a senior administration official, the United States

stressed that not only would it not reduce its forces in Asia, but it would strengthen them.

"The Cold War continues in north Asia and there are other insecurities in Southeast Asia," said the official who briefed reporters on Christopher's and Wisner's talks. The reference to the Cold War in northern Asia is shorthand for the dangers of heavily militarized China and North Korea.

"We will be making very certain our forces in Korea are absolutely strengthened," he said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Although no troops would be added to the 37,000 Americans already deployed in South Korea, the United States plans to increase

their firepower and their capability to gather battlefield intelligence about North Korea, said the official.

The United States also plans to intensify its defense contacts with other countries in the region.

- With the Philippines, where Wisner visited Sunday, the United States plans to start regular Navy ship visits soon - the first since the giant US Navy Subic Bay base was closed last year, the official said. The two countries will also conduct joint exercises.

- With Malaysia, which Wisner visited Monday, the United States has made arrangements for aircraft and ship repair facilities, as well as joint naval exercises, the official said.

Plane crash in Korea

Search for survivors continues

By Ju-Yeon Kim

HAENAM TOWNSHIP, South Korea (AP) - Rescuers struggled along mud-washed hillsides in this remote coastal region Tuesday in a last-ditch effort to find more survivors among the 110 people on a domestic airliner that crashed in bad weather.

Asiana Airlines in Seoul said there were 42 survivors and 68 confirmed dead in Monday's crash, but rescue officials at the scene refused to give up hope. Not all the bodies were found yet,

they said.

Soldiers blocked access to the crash site Tuesday. Dozens of family members of victims huddled in the drizzle in a radish field waiting for soldiers to carry bodies wrapped in light blue blankets and plastic from the crash site, an hour's walk away.

"How can you leave my daughter out in the rain like a common dog?" screamed a woman after identifying the body of her daughter, Sung Chun.


The Asiana Boeing 737-500 was en route from Seoul to the

southwestern port city of Mokpo when it crashed in a heavy wind and rain storm. It was the first major aircraft accident in South Korea since 1989 and the first ever for 5-year-old Asiana Airlines, the nation's second-largest carrier.

One wing slammed into a hillside, forcing the plane onto its belly as it careened into a wooded hillside, officials said.

Experts said the trees and mud protected the plane and may have saved lives, and the heavy rains

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Business group arrives in Vietnam

By Bruce Stanley
HANOI, Vietnam (AP) - Representatives of the most prestigious group of American companies to visit since the Vietnam War arrived in Hanoi Monday to discuss business and trade with Vietnamese leaders.

William Sullivan, a former US ambassador to Laos and the Philippines, said he had helped organize

the trip after Vietnam asked to meet with American companies that were serious about doing business here. Included among the 17 companies represented are such blue-chip corporations as Amoco, Phillips Petroleum, General Electric and Motorola.

Sullivan, who often sparred with the Vietnamese on the diplomatic front, now serves as chairman of

the United States-Vietnam Trade Council, a Washington-based organization that seeks to prepare both nations for the eventual restoration of trade between them.

The trade council sponsored the trip in anticipation of the lifting of an 18-year-old economic embargo against Vietnam that has blocked American companies from doing business here. The United States imposed the embargo after Communist North Vietnam defeated the pro-American South and reunited the country in 1975.

Al DeMatteis, director of the New York-based DeMatteis Construction Group, said he came with the delegation to pursue commercial and hotel construction business in Hanoi and the central Vietnamese city of Danang.

"This is an opportunity," he said.

"There's nothing happening in the States. ... This is the last frontier."

But he said all of Europe had been here ahead of him.

As for the embargo, "just end it," he said, "and give American business a chance to get over here."

President Clinton must decide by Sept. 14 whether to renew sanctions for another year. But Sullivan said he didn't foresee a complete restoration of normal relations at that time.

He said Clinton's decision to unblock international loans to Vietnam earlier this month had put the president in an untenable position. American taxpayers might soon be asked to help pay for Vietnamese development projects - in the form of low-interest loans from the World Bank, for example - that US companies could not bid

on, Sullivan said.

American companies are allowed to sign but not execute contracts with Vietnamese organizations. Washington's policy is that the embargo will be lifted only if Hanoi is seen as giving full cooperation in the search for the 2,253 Americans still missing from the Vietnam War.

Maureen Flanagan, a corporate director for Digital Equipment Corp., said she thought Vietnam's access to large international loans would soon make the embargo useless. With up to \$1.2 billion in aid money likely to come into the country by the end of the year, she said, Vietnam no longer would need the United States.

"This embargo is over because Vietnam cannot be hurt any longer," Flanagan said. "The only thing that can be hurt is American business."

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Boeing reports drop in income

SEATTLE (AP) - Boeing Co. said Monday its second-quarter earnings slipped 1 percent from a year ago, due to lagging commercial jet sales and less defense business.

Nonetheless, investors pushed Boeing's share price higher. By noontime on the New York Stock Exchange, Boeing shares were up \$1.37 1-2 at \$39.12 1-2.

Earnings came to \$426 million, or \$1.25 a share, from \$432 million, or \$1.27 a share, in the second quarter of 1992.

Sales rose 2 percent, to \$7.99 billion from \$7.82 billion.

Boeing delivered 109 commercial jets in the second quarter of this year and 202 in the first half, compared with 119 in the second quarter of 1992 and 243 in the first six months of last year.

First-half defense and space sales

were about 14 percent lower than the previous year, the company said.

Boeing projects 1993 sales of about \$26 billion, compared with \$30.2 billion a year ago. Second-half 1993 sales will be about 20 percent lower than the first half, due to Boeing's previously announced slowdown in jetliner production, the company said.

The company warned that lower sales will continue through 1994, reflecting an economic slowdown in much of the world that has hurt airline profits.

Boeing's firm-order backlog totaled \$80.8 billion on June 30, down from \$87.9 billion on Dec. 31.

Frank Shrontz, chairman and chief executive officer, said the company expects to maintain its operating profit margins on commercial jets, even as it cuts production 35 percent through mid-1994.

In the first six months of 1993, earnings came to \$751 million, or \$2.21 a share, compared with a net loss of \$150 million, or 44 cents a share, in the first half of 1992.

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DIGITAL PRIVATE BRANCH EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM
ADDENDUM NO.1

The Executive Director's Office, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is extending the deadline of submission of proposals for the Digital Private Branch Exchange Telecommunication System from July 23, 1993 to July 30, 1993.

The place and time of submission of proposals remain unchanged.

RAMON S. GUERRERO
Executive Director

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Business/Finance

Exchange rates

NEW YORK (AP) - Foreign Exchange, New York prices. Rates for trades of \$1 million minimum.

	FOREIGN CURRENCY IN DOLLARS		DOLLAR IN FOREIGN CURRENCY	
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fArgent Peso	1.0100	1.0100	.9901	.9901
Australia Doll	.6785	.6773	1.4738	1.4765
Austria Schill	.0824	.0827	12.132	12.093
cBelgium Franc	.0279	.0281	35.78	35.54
Brazil Cruzeiro	.00002	.00002	64055.02	63282.01
Britain Pound	1.5005	1.5007	.6664	.6664
30day fwd	1.4964	1.4969	.6683	.6680
60day fwd	1.4933	1.4934	.6697	.6696
90day fwd	1.4901	1.4902	.6711	.6711
Canada Dollar	.7811	.7816	1.2803	1.2795
30day fwd	.7805	.7810	1.2813	1.2804
60day fwd	.7798	.7804	1.2823	1.2814
90day fwd	.7792	.7798	1.2833	1.2824
yChile Peso	.002550	.002550	392.08	392.17
C hina Yuan	.1740	.1740	5.7468	5.7468
Colombia Peso	.001475	.001475	677.99	677.80
cCzechKoruna	.0341	.0344	29.34	29.07
D enmark Krone	.1495	.1495	6.6910	6.6900
ECU	1.13010	1.13950	.8849	.8776
z Ecudr Sucre	.000533	.000533	1875.01	1875.01
dEgypt Pound	.2994	.2994	3.3405	3.3405
Finland Mark	.1715	.1706	5.8320	5.8600
France Franc	.1700	.1702	5.8840	5.8750
Germany Mark	.5800	.5821	1.7240	1.7180
30day fwd	.5779	.5801	1.7303	1.7238
60day fwd	.5763	.5783	1.7292	1.7292
90day fwd	.5746	.5767	1.7402	1.7341
Greece Drachma	.004219	.004234	237.00	236.20
Hong Kong Doll	.1289	.1290	7.7550	7.7540
Hungary Forint	.0106	.0107	93.91	93.28
yIndia Rupee	.0321	.0321	31.200	31.200
Indonesia Rupiah	.000478	.000478	2090.52	2090.52
Ireland Punt	1.3996	1.4026	.7145	.7130
Israel Shekel	.3642	.3566	2.7458	2.8040
Italy Lira	.000623	.000622	1605.50	1609.00
Japan Yen	.009385	.009372	106.55	106.70
30day fwd	.009384	.009371	106.56	106.71
60day fwd	.009385	.009372	106.55	106.70
90day fwd	.009384	.009370	106.57	106.72
Jordan Dinar	1.4682	1.4682	.68110	.68110
Lebanon Pound	.000578	.000578	1730.00	1730.00
Malaysia Ringg	.3897	.3898	2.5663	2.5655
zMexicoN.Peso	.320307	.320307	3.1220	3.1220
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Netherlands Guild	.5157	.5168	1.9390	1.9348
N orway Krone	.1361	.1361	7.3480	7.3490
Pakistan Rupee	.0357	.0357	28.05	28.05
yPeru New Sol	.5025	.4975	1.990	2.010
zPhilpines Peso	.0359	.0360	27.86	27.75
Poland Zloty	.000058	.000058	17293	17220
Portugal Escud	.005787	.005841	172.80	171.20
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Singapore Doll	.6184	.6186	1.6170	1.6165
cSo.AfricaRand	.2982	.2992	3.3535	3.3420
f So.AfricaRand	.2226	.2230	4.4925	4.4850
So. Korea Won	.001236	.001237	809.00	808.70
Spain Peseta	.007218	.007278	138.55	137.40
Sweden Krona	.1245	.1237	8.0340	8.0820
Switzerlnd Fra	.6577	.6590	1.5205	1.5175
30day fwd	.6567	.6581	1.5227	1.5196
60day fwd	.6561	.6574	1.5242	1.5212
90day fwd	.6553	.6566	1.5260	1.5230
Taiwan NT	.0371	.0371	26.96	26.92
Thailand Baht	.03948	.03948	25.33	25.33
Turkey Lira	.000090	.000090	11099.00	11099.00
U.A.E. Dirham	.2723	.2723	3.6727	3.6727
fUruguayN.Peso	.243902	.243902	4.10	4.10
zVenzuel Boliv	.0109	.0109	91.8000	91.7500

ECU: European Currency Unit, a basket of European currencies. The Federal Reserve Board's index of the value of the dollar against 10 other currencies weighted on the basis of trade was 94.78 Monday, up 0.14 points or 0.15 percent from Friday's 94.64. A year ago the index was 83.17
c-commercial rate, d-free market rate, f-financial rate, y-official rate, z-floating rate.

Spot metal prices

NEW YORK (AP) - Spot nonferrous metal prices Monday.
Aluminum - 54.3 cents per lb London Metal Exch. Mon.
Copper - 0.9710 dollars per pound.
Lead - 32 cents a pound.
Zinc - 44.73-48.28 per pound, delivered.
Tin - 3.3692 dollars per pound.
Gold - 391.75 dollars per troy oz.
Silver - 5.070 dollars per troy oz.
Mercury - 191.00 dollars per 76 lb flask.
Platinum - 395.00-402.00 dollars troy oz., N.Y. (contract).

Dollar marches higher; gold prices increase

By Mary Beth Sheridan

NEW YORK (AP) - The dollar continued to march higher Monday as investors fled from European currencies in advance of a German central bank meeting that could decide the future of the continent's exchange-rate system. Gold prices rose. The gold contract for August delivery closed at \$393.00 a troy ounce on the Commodity Exchange in New York, up \$3.20 from Friday. At 4 p.m., Republic National Bank quoted gold at \$392.80, up \$2.70.

The dollar rose half a penny against the German mark and edged upward against weaker European currencies that are under attack by speculators. Some investors are betting on a realignment or even collapse of the European Exchange Rate Mechanism, which sets narrow bands in which the European currencies trade against each other.

"People are fearing the whole system looks unstable that they'd better stay out of ERM currencies altogether," said Nigel Rendell, an international economist with the James Capel and Co. investment house.

Speculators targeted the Belgian franc Monday after betting heavily against the French franc, Spanish peseta, Portuguese escudo and Danish krone last week. The pressure became so intense that Belgium and Portugal raised short-term interest rates Monday to discourage speculators from borrowing money to bet against their currencies.

In the United States, trading was reported light Monday as investors waited to see if Germany's central bank would cut interest rates at its meeting Thursday.

If it doesn't, other European countries will either have to match Germany's relatively high rates or see their currencies - and in turn the ERM - battered. Lower interest rates in a given country prompt investors to sell that nation's currency, since investments there earn less.

"If they don't cut rates Thursday, the market will definitely try to test the central banks," through dumping weaker currencies and forcing central banks to buy them up to defend their value, said Tom Benfer, a senior market representative at the Bank of Montreal.

Other dollar rates as of 4 p.m. EDT) in New York compared to late Friday's prices: 1.7250 German marks, up from 1.7200; 1.5200 Swiss francs, up from 1.5030; 5.8875 French francs, up from 5.8785; 1,606 Italian lire, up from 1,603; and 1.2807 Canadian dollars, down from 1.2808.

Other late dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Friday: 1.7240 German marks, up from 1.7185; 1.5210 Swiss francs, up from 1.5185; 5.8898 French francs, up from 5.8730; 1.9395 Dutch guilders, up from 1.9325; 1,603.

Currency traders scare Europeans

By Mary Beth Sheridan

NEW YORK (AP) - They overran the British. They bloodied the Italians. Will that financial scourge of modern-day Europe - currency speculators - now defeat the Belgians and French?

An attack Monday by speculators on the Belgian franc and an assault last week on the French franc showed the awesome power of global investors to shake government central banks.

European central banks have spent billions of dollars' worth of their reserves in recent days to buy back currencies under siege. Both the Belgian and French central banks were forced to take the politically unpopular step of hiking interest rates.

"The speculators have one thing on their side - they made a fortune this year already. They can take a much bigger fling," said Rudiger Dornbusch, a professor of economics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"They can say, 'Is the Bank of France really that tough?'"

Global foreign currency trading has exploded in recent years with advances in technology and financial deregulation. The daily volume of trading in dollars, yen, francs and other currencies shot from \$620 billion in 1989 to \$880 billion last year, says the Bank for International Settlements.

Traders selling and buying currencies for commercial banks and investment funds "can run right over a central bank," said Matt Porio, a vice president at Chase Manhattan Bank.

One financier alone, George Soros, reportedly made more than \$1 billion last September by correctly betting that the German mark would rise in value and the British pound and Italian lira

would weaken.

Speculators are once again hammering at that theme, this time gambling Belgium and France will not have the stomach to maintain interest rates as high as Germany's.

If they are correct, the Belgian and French francs will weaken and depositor money will pour into marks. That will raise the German currency's value, vindicating the speculators' strategy.

Several European countries, however, are committed to keeping their currencies at a set value with the German mark through the European Exchange Rate Mechanism, intended as a step toward a single European currency. These countries have few options when faced with a speculative attack. The French central bank spent a huge sum - the estimated equivalent of \$9 billion last Thursday and Friday - to buy the franc with other currencies in

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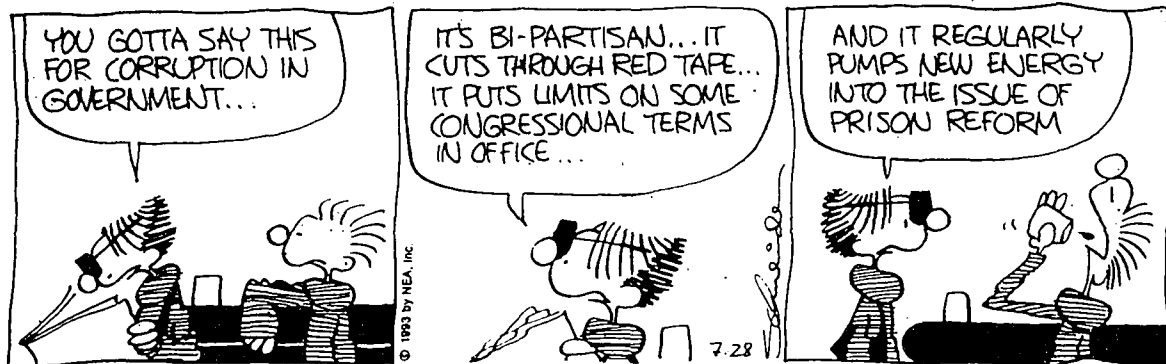
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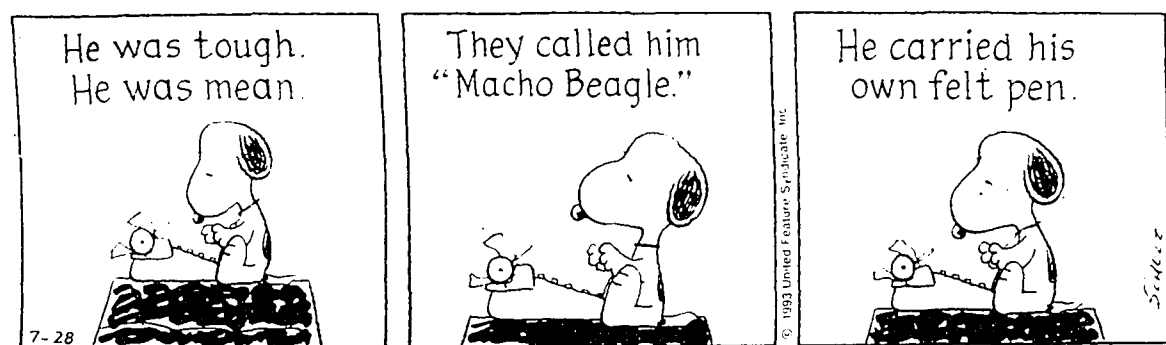
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By Stella Wilder

Born today, you are an active, vigorous, and strong-willed individual whose character is further marked by a fierce competitive streak and the capacity for volatility. You aren't the kind to keep your opinions to yourself, particularly when you feel you have been wronged in any way. When you are feeling secure, however, your intolerance of injustice is focused squarely upon those who abuse others; you are an able advocate for all those you know who are in no position to help themselves.

You react very positively to challenges of every kind; where others would see a setback, you see an opportunity for learning and for broadening your horizons. You are never content to do over again something you have already succeeded at doing; you're always after something more.

Also born on this date are: Harry Bridges, labor leader; Selwyn Lloyd, British diplomat; Vida Blue, baseball player.

To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, JULY 28

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Focus on money matters, working out details of a new plan, settling difficult issues at home. Don't overload your schedule.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — As an experiment, you may wish to try things the way others do them. A fresh new perspective can result.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You've been feeling restricted, restrained, and cooped-up far too long. Today is the day to set yourself free!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You'll find yourself immersed almost accidentally in a new project which will demand 100 percent commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — If you're too concerned with repeating yourself today, you're very likely to do just that. Focus on what's possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You may find yourself in a new position of some authority today — so you'd better be sure you know what you're doing!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You can be student and teacher both, today, as well as lover and fighter both. Strength and sensitivity go together!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — This

is no time to tell others what to do, when you are nowhere near certain what is required or appropriate yourself!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — There is sure to be a good deal of work to do today, but relaxation and recreation are also necessary.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You can derive a great deal of pleasure — and, ultimately, long-term profit as well — from playing games today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You're feeling unconnected, and you may wish someone had the answers. It's a good sign! You're about to break through.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't just go through the motions today; rather, commit yourself fully to each and every decision and action.

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DATE BOOK

July 28, 1993

Today is the 99th day of 1993 and the 38th day of summer.

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1914, Austria declared war on Serbia, and World War I began.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jean Baptiste Camille Corot (1796-1875), artist; Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889), poet; Rudy Vallee (1901-1986), singer; Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis (1929-), former first lady, is 64; Bill Bradley (1943-), U.S. politician, is 50; Sally

Struthers (1948-), actress, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1978, Boston's Fred Lynn hit two doubles, two triples and a home run in a single game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I say that we are wound / With mercy round and round / As if with air." — Gerard Manley Hopkins

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1898, a severe hailstorm hit the business district of Chicago. A number of people were injured, not by the hail, but by runaway horses, of which there were several hundred.

SOURCE: THE WEATHER CHANNEL & 1993 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (July 25) and full moon (Aug. 2).

TODAY'S BARB BY PHIL PASTORET

It's enough to age anyone, when you have to explain to people under 30 what a choo-choo is.

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The great racehorse Man O' War was defeated only once in 20 starts. He was beaten by the appropriately named Upset in 1919.

The first organized baseball team was the New York Knickerbockers, which was assembled in 1845.

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

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- 4 Contort
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- 12 Mountain on Crete
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- 17 "Submarine"
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- 24 Noise
- 26 Station
- 29 "House —"
- 31 Vessel
- 33 Sorrow
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- 55 Couch
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 20 Drink slowly
- 22 Separate
- 23 Courtyard
- 25 Neither
- 27 Dirties
- 28 Temporary shelters
- 30 Asiatic ox
- 32 Youngster
- 36 Obtain
- 38 Choir voice
- 41 Talked idly
- 43 Sweet potato
- 45 Eagles' nests
- 47 Insect egg
- 49 Speechless performers
- 52 For fear that
- 54 Back of neck
- 55 Mournful
- 56 Greek letter
- 57 Female sheep
- 59 Born
- 60 Guido's high note
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Evans, Wright win 800-meter events

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - World record-holder Janet Evans and Peter Wright won national titles in the 800-meter freestyle events Monday, the first day of competition at the 1993 US Swimming Long Course Championships at the Texas Swimming Center.

Evans' time of 8 minutes, 23.61 seconds was the fastest in the world this year and allowed her to earn her 34th career national title. The mark also bettered her effort at the Barcelona Olympics, where she won the gold medal in the 800 with clocking of 8:25.52.

Trina Jackson finished second in 8:34.57, followed by Alexis

Larson at 8:37.49.

In the men's event, Wright charged from his third-seeded position to capture his second national title and his first-ever at that distance.

Wright's time of 7:58.90 was the second fastest in the world in 1993 and made him only the ninth American to ever break the 8-minute barrier.

Carlton Bruner finished second in 8:00.32, with Chad Carvin third at 8:02.28.

The top two finishers in each event qualify for the Pan Pacific Games, to be held Aug. 12-15 in Kobe, Japan.

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It added that "freedom of speech and self-expression remain severely restricted" and that former Beijing Mayor Chen Xitong, the chairman of the Beijing 2000 Olympic Bid Committee, played a central role in the government decision to crush the Tiananmen Square democracy movement in 1989.

Lantos said it was "particularly obnoxious" that Chen was in charge of Beijing's Olympic bid, adding that his promise of a disturbance-free games "can only turn our stomachs."

Some opponents of the resolutions have warned that it could backfire, promoting support for

China among IOC members who will decide who gets the games.

In Senate testimony earlier this month, US Olympic Committee head Leroy T. Walker warned that sympathy votes for China and damage to Salt Lake City's bid for the Winter Games in 2002 could be among the "extremely deleterious consequences" of pressure on the IOC to reject Beijing.

Rep. Pat Williams, D-Mont., compared the resolution to President Jimmy Carter's decision to boycott the 1980 Moscow Summer Games after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, saying that action "helped keep the Iron Curtain in place."

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prevented fire. Pieces of the plane hung from tree tops and were buried in underbrush.

The plane had been reported missing for almost two hours when Kim Hyon-sik, a 21-year-old passenger, struggled into Haenam Township with another male passenger seeking help.

Rural Haenam Township is about 20 miles (32 kilometers) south of the airport at Mokpo, the plane's final destination on its scheduled 55-minute flight from Seoul.

Mokpo is 309 kilometers (193 miles) southwest of Seoul on the Yellow Sea.

More than 100 villagers and farmers rushed to the downed plane in pouring rain with farm implements to pry openings in the wreckage of its body and help survivors escape. They said the fuselage had broken into three pieces.

The area is surrounded by rice paddies and dotted by dozens of rocky coves and small harbors, and has few roads. The crash site was reachable by helicopter or by a two hour hike along narrow, rain-sodden paths.

Dozens of grieving family members jostled soldiers Tuesday at an identification site midway between the crash and the nearest village. Bodies were placed on the ground, examined by a coroner and weeping families were asked to identify the dead.

Survivors included a Korean-born Japanese woman who was

bringing her two young children home for her mother's 60th birthday. The oldest child, 4-year-old Chiaki Tada, died.

"I thought I was going to die," said Kim Hyong-kyun, 30. "I hugged my wife next to me.

On impact, the plane was broken in two pieces and my wife was under her seat."

Kim and his wife escaped with minor injuries. Many of the survivors were seated near the rear of the plane, they said.

Government officials blamed the accident on misjudgment by the pilot, Hwang In-ki, 49, a former air force major who died in the crash. The airline said Hwang had 8,000 hours flying time, 3,000 of it in commercial aircraft.

The passengers included many families with children on their way to southern villages for the summer holidays. One child died on the way to the hospital and two others were hospitalized in critical condition, news reports said.

Asiana is the second-largest Korean airline company after Korean Airline. It was founded in 1988 after the Seoul Olympics and has evolved from a domestic to an international carrier. It recently launched service from Seoul to New York and Los Angeles.

The airline is owned by the Kumho Group, a medium-size conglomerate that also makes tires and petrochemicals and operates the nation's largest express bus company.

Cubs defeat Padres

CHICAGO (AP) - Jose Vizcaino's three-run homer with two outs in the 11th inning gave the Chicago Cubs a 9-6 victory over the struggling San Diego Padres on Monday night for their third straight victory.

With one out in the 11th, Shawn Boskie singled off reliever Tim Mauser (0-1). One out later, Rey Sanchez singled and was followed by Vizcaino's game-winning homer, only his second of the season. Vizcaino finished with four RBIs.

Boskie (2-1) pitched 1 1-3 innings of scoreless relief for the victory.

The Cubs tied the score 6-6 in the bottom of the 10th on Mark Grace's RBI single off Gene Harris.

Tony Gwynn opened the Padres' 10th with a single off reliever Dan Plesac and after Phil Plantier sacrificed, Derek Bell was walked intentionally. Craig Shipley delivered the go-ahead run with a single.

Before the game, the Padres (38-62) traded pitchers Greg Harris and Bruce Hurst to Colorado for two minor leaguers in another

cost-cutting move.

Phil Clark's pinch-hit, solo homer with two outs in the ninth, his fourth, tied the score 5-5 against former Padres reliever Randy Myers. Derrick May's two-out RBI single in the eighth gave the Cubs the lead.

With the Padres leading 4-3, San Diego starter Wally Whitehurst gave up a triple to Willie Wilson to lead off the eighth. One out later, Vizcaino drove in the tying run with a sacrifice fly.

Whitehurst gave up five runs and seven hits in 7 2-3 innings. He is winless in his last four starts.

Cubs starter Jose Guzman pitched 6 2-3 innings and gave up three runs on four hits.

Chicago took a 3-0 lead in the second when May singled, Sammy Sosa doubled and Rick Wilkins homered to center, his 20th. Wilkins has three homers and 10 RBIs in his last nine games.

The Padres made it 3-1 in the fifth on Plantier's 16th homer. San Diego tied the score in the seventh on Tim Teufel's two-run single off reliever Paul Assenmacher.

Assenmacher gave up a leadoff homer to Gwynn, his fifth, in the eighth to give San Diego a 4-3 lead. In San Francisco, Orel Hershiser improved to 19-7 lifetime against San Francisco, and the Los Angeles Dodgers teed off on the first-place Giants, winning 15-1 Monday.

The Dodgers, who entered the game hitting .231 since the All-Star break, got 17 hits and had their highest run output of the season. Mike Piazza, Jose Offerman and Eric Davis each drove in three runs as every member of Los Angeles' starting lineup got at least one hit.


Hershiser (8-9) gave up five hits in pitching his fifth complete game and struck out two.

Loser Bryan Hickerson (5-2), who had won five starts in a row, made his shortest appearance of the season, lasting just 2 1-3 innings. The left-hander was tagged for six runs and five hits and walked two.

Reds 6, Astros 1
In Houston, Jose Rijo pitched five-hit ball for eight innings as Cincinnati beat Houston and Darryl Kile.

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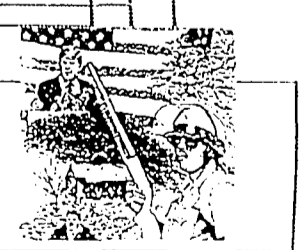

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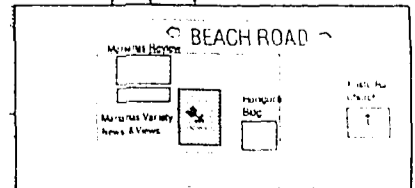


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SEO HYO-SUK, who plays centerfield for South Korea, stands with his country's flag after beating Hong Kong 12-7 in the first game yesterday.

Congress urges IOC to reject Beijing bid

By Jim Abrams

WASHINGTON (AP) - The US House of Representatives urged the international Olympic Committee Monday to reject Beijing's bid for the Summer Games in the year 2000 because of China's "massive violations of human rights."

In a resolution passed by a 287-99 vote, the House said it "strongly opposes" allowing Beijing to host the games, and asked the IOC "to find another, more suitable venue."

"Given the abominable human rights record of communist China it would be unthinkable and unconscionable to agree to holding the Olympics in China in 2000," said Rep. Tom Lantos, D-Calif., a sponsor of the resolution.

It urged the US representative to the IOC to vote against Beijing

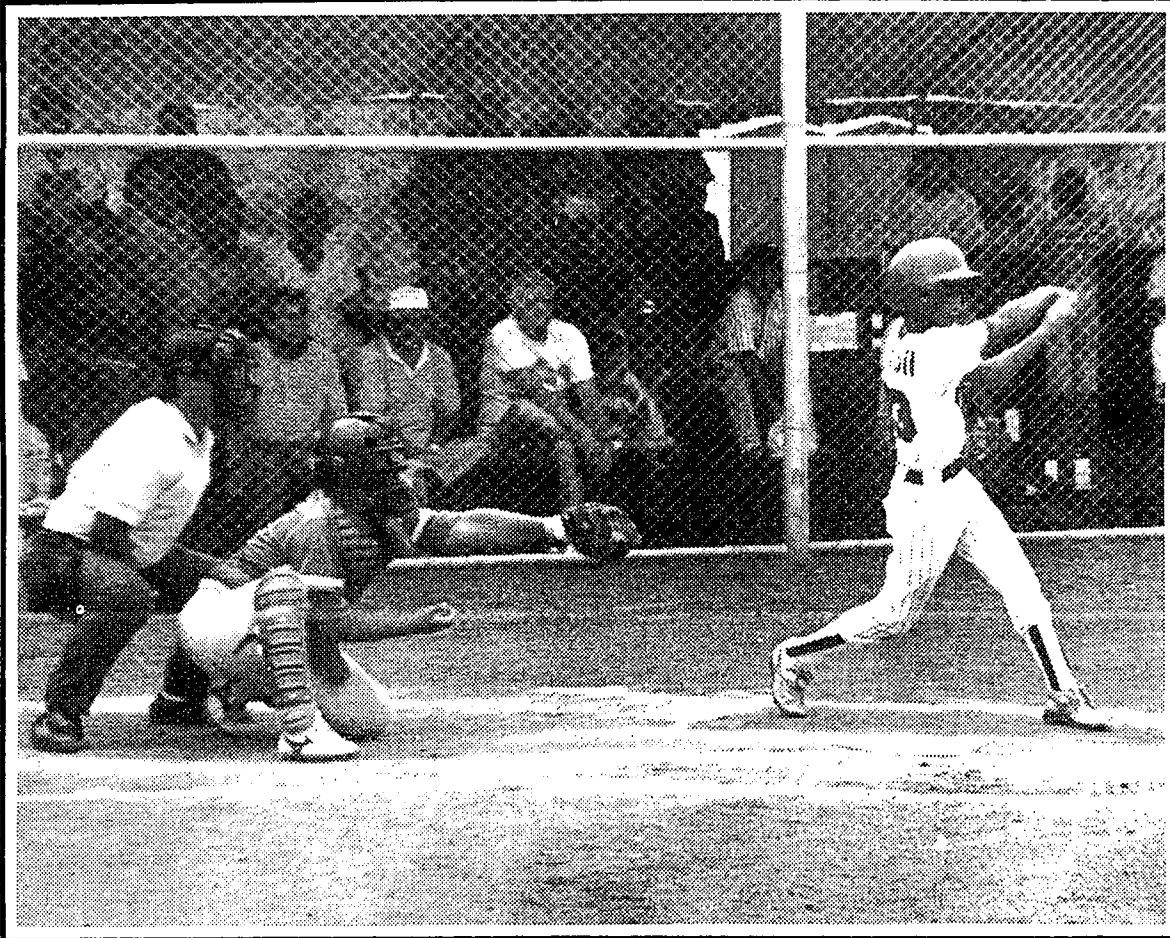
when the IOC's 94 members meet in Monte Carlo in September to select the host city for the 2000 Games.

Sydney, Australia, is considered the front-runner, with Beijing a serious contender and Manchester, England; Istanbul, Turkey; Berlin; and Brasilia also in the running.

He Zhenliang, a member of the Beijing Olympic bid committee and a vice president of the IOC, last week condemned the congressional resolution as "an infringement of the Olympic principles and it is unacceptable."

The resolution, expressing the sense of the House, quoted a State Department report stating that the Chinese "government's human rights practices have remained repressive, falling far short of internationally accepted norms."

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TAIWANESE catcher Wei Shu-Yu extends hand as Guam batter Roel Affleje tries a hit during their encounter yesterday. Taiwan won, 16-0.

Far East Little League South Korea beats Hong Kong 12-7

THE KOREAN Little League Team played its first game yesterday with a 12-7 victory over Hong Kong.

Hong Kong, which earlier earned its first victory over the Philippine team, proved to be no match to Korea.

During the first inning Korea established an early lead with 10 points against nothing for Hong Kong. In the second inning, Hong Kong scored 3 points. Both teams were scoreless in the third inning.

Korea got back to its feet in the fourth inning, gaining 2 points, and Hong Kong with 3.

In the fifth inning Kunishige Naoki made a home run, adding 2 points to Korea.

Hong Kong made 3 points in the fifth inning and 1 in the sixth. Korea, made nothing in both fifth and sixth innings. Near the end of the game Korea's center fielder caught a flyball to defeat Hong Kong.

In the second game yesterday, Taiwan posted its third victory by defeating Guam, 16-0 in four innings.

In the first inning Taiwan made 7 points, Guam none. In the second inning Taiwan scored an additional 6 points. Chen Chian Wei from Taiwan made a two-run

Team	Loss	Win
Philippines	2	0
Taiwan	0	3
Indonesia	3	0
CNMI	0	2
Hong Kong	2	1
Japan	1	2
Guam	2	0
China	0	1
Korea	0	1

home run in the third inning, adding 16 points.

In the fourth and last inning Guam still failed to score, giving them their second shutoff.

In addition, Terswi Eter, Guam's pitcher, was not able to pitch yesterday because he made an obscene gesture at the umpire.

Indonesia suffered its third loss yesterday in its game against Japan, which ended at 8-0.

Masanao Takai from Japan made a two-run home run in the third inning, stretching the points for his team. In the fourth inning, Japan made 8 additional points to end the game.

In the last game yesterday, China defeated the Philippines 20-1. China scored consistently - 1 in the first inning, 6 in the second, 11 in the third and 2 in the fourth to clinch the victory against the Far East League defending champion.

Meanwhile, Jon Joyner from the CNMI team was named the player with the most home runs with a total of three. The player with most strikeouts is Lu Ming-Chuan of Taiwan, who made a total of 10 strikeouts in one game. Kelvin Kapileo have Wilton Ngotel nine strikeouts each one game. (CT)

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