

WORLD BRIEFS

**Lebanese villagers flee Israeli artillery barrage**

KAFRA, Lebanon — Thousands of villagers fled their homes in southern Lebanon on Wednesday as Israeli helicopters rocketed a guerrilla base, and Shiite Muslim and Israeli soldiers rained rockets and artillery shells on each other.

On the third day of fighting in south Lebanon, Lebanese Defense Minister Michel Murr returned from Damascus and said Syria had granted his request for help to cope with the spiraling violence.

Syria has 40,000 troops stationed in Lebanon under a 1976 Arab League mandate to snuff out the civil war that ravaged the nation from 1975 to 1990. But the troops have stayed clear of south Lebanon to avert a collision with Israeli soldiers, and there seems no likelihood now that they will change their stance.

The fighting, which followed a fatal attack on an Israeli army post and Israel's assassination Sunday of Hezbollah leader Abbas Musawi, fueled tension in the region before new Arab-Israeli peace talks open Monday in Washington. Renewed violence in southern Lebanon has preceded each round of talks.

**Pope praises church for Solidarity support**

DAKAR, Senegal — Pope John Paul II said Wednesday he was proud of the church support for the Solidarity labor movement in his native Poland after the Communists sought to crush it a decade ago.

Responding to a report that he and former President Reagan formed a secret network to help Solidarity after it was outlawed by communist authorities in 1981, he denied that a "formal alliance" had existed, but said both men were committed to fighting totalitarianism.

The pope is on a week-long pilgrimage to three largely Muslim countries with tiny Roman Catholic minorities. Of Senegal's 7.7 million people, 85 percent are Muslim and only 5 percent

Catholic. From Senegal, John Paul will proceed to Gambia and Guinea. This is the pope's eighth visit to Africa and his 54th foreign tour. Arriving in Senegal, he said the two religions and followers of traditional religion must cooperate.

Striking a theme he has sounded following the recent changes in Europe, he stressed that wealthy nations "must not forget" to support their African brothers and sisters, while responding to other appeals for help from eastern Europe.

**Anti-abortionists face racketeering charges**

CHICAGO — Calling anti-abortion protesters "terrorists," a lawyer asked a federal appeals court Wednesday to decide whether their protests break racketeering and antitrust laws.

The case could have far-reaching implications in the abortion battle.

An attorney for the National Organization for Women told the three-judge panel of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that the protesters take the law into their own hands and attempt to limit abortion by what amounts to restraint of trade.

"The Supreme Court has said speech is protected. But when free speech becomes entwined with an unlawful act, the protection ends there," said attorney Fay Clayton. "These people are terrorists. They have gone far beyond free speech."

NOW is appealing a lower court's ruling that anti-abortion protesters do not violate antitrust laws. A U.S. District court judge ruled in May that the protesters are engaged in political, not commercial, activity.

Holderman also said racketeering laws do not apply to the protesters because they are not seeking financial gain.

Attorneys for Operation Rescue and other defendants argued their clients have no economic motive in the protests. They said an economic motive is a legal requisite for finding that the protesters broke antitrust and racketeering laws.

—The Associated Press

**Presidential hopefuls aiming at Dixie**

**Buchanan's strong finish in New Hampshire stuns Bush**

By Eric Lusk  
State and National Editor

One day after Pat Buchanan's surprising finish in the New Hampshire primary, President Bush has declared the 1992 campaign a "new ball game" and has vowed to fight his feisty Republican challenger toe-to-toe in every state.

Although the president earned 58 percent of the total vote to Buchanan's 40 percent, many political observers have called the results from New Hampshire a strong rebuke of Bush's failures in domestic policy.

"This really shows you that Bush has a major, major problem," said David Mason, a political analyst with the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank in Washington, D.C.

"A lot of Buchanan voters indicated that they would vote for a Democrat in the fall. It's striking to compare this to Lyndon Johnson, who got knocked out with a similar performance in 1968."

Bush, openly stunned by the results from New Hampshire, took a quick

campaign swing through Tennessee on Wednesday in preparation for the upcoming Southern primaries. Some analysts have expressed concern that Bush will move more to the political right in an effort to block Buchanan's surge.

"What I don't want to see happen is for Bush to try to go hard-line conservative," said N.C. Banking Commissioner William Graham, who was the chairman of the state's Bush-Quayle campaign in 1988.

"If you start trying to go that route, you'll hurt yourself in the general election. I think Bush is on the right track."

Buchanan's startling tally in New Hampshire has given new life to the Republican challenger's campaign. The conservative political commentator earned far more votes in the nation's first presidential test than most of his supporters had imagined, said Peter Flaherty, chairman of the Conservative Campaign Fund.

"I was with Pat (in New Hampshire), and I never dreamed he'd get 40 percent," said Flaherty, a Buchanan sup-

porter. "I thought 30 percent would have been a victory. George was sent a message, but I'm not sure he got it."

Mason said while Bush was planning to attack his GOP nemesis through widespread media campaigns in Southern states, Buchanan would concentrate his efforts only in a few states. Republican candidate David Duke, who has gained spots on a few ballots in Southern states, could weaken Buchanan's appeal with conservative Republicans, he said.

"Buchanan's going to ... pick his battlegrounds, and he's going to try to score two or three strong showings like New Hampshire," Mason said.

Graham said Bush's New Hampshire showing reflected the president's early struggles to get organized. The president's camp has suffered without Lee Atwater, the former GOP head and a close adviser to Bush and Reagan during the 1980s, Graham said. Atwater died last year.

"We miss Lee Atwater big time," he said. "There's been a certain amount of stumbling around (without him)."

**New Hampshire Primary**

DEMOCRATS			
Paul Tsongas	55,372	35%	(9)
Bill Clinton	41,197	26%	(9)
Bob Kerrey	18,411	12%	(0)
Tom Harkin	16,719	10%	(0)
Jerry Brown	13,612	9%	(0)
Mario Cuomo	5,487	3%	(0)
REPUBLICANS			
George Bush	91,751	58%	(14)
Pat Buchanan	64,020	40%	(9)

\* With 100% of precincts reporting

Flaherty said although many observers have labeled Buchanan the protest-against-Bush candidate, the GOP maverick wanted to make a serious effort to win the White House. While he focused on taxes in New Hampshire, Buchanan should make racial quotas and civil rights his primary agenda item with Southern voters, he said.

**New Hampshire primary fails to produce definite Democratic front-runner**

By Anna Griffin  
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Although the New Hampshire primaries provided Paul Tsongas with a major political boost, the first test on the road to the presidency did little to narrow the field of candidates vying for the Democratic nomination.

"The primary did help Tsongas, of course. But we're not going to see any immediate impact on the Democratic field," said Ben Kunz, a research fellow at the Hoover Institute in Stanford, Calif. "Nobody's declaring a nominee, and nobody's dropping out because of the New Hampshire results."

When the smoke cleared Tuesday night, Tsongas had won the primary with 36 percent of the vote. Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton finished second with 26 percent, followed by Sen. Bob Kerrey with 12 percent, Sen. Tom Harkin with 10 percent and former California Gov.

Jerry Brown with 9 percent. Despite Tsongas' victory, he and Clinton picked up the same number of delegates — nine. And the fact that Tsongas didn't post a more overwhelming win could hurt him in coming weeks.

"Tsongas took advantage of an opportunity while it was there," Kunz said. "But Clinton and Kerrey have an obvious advantage in the South; Tsongas may not be seeing any more opportunities like this one."

Kunz said Tsongas won the primary because New Hampshire voters, who remembered him from his days as a U.S. senator from Massachusetts, have tended to support intellectual candidates with concrete solutions.

Despite his strong showing, Tsongas still should not be considered the front-runner for the nomination, said David Monroe, a political science professor at the University of New Hampshire.

"Tsongas will not win the nomina-

tion," he said. "He may force the other candidates to rethink their positions on the economy, but he won't win."

The mere fact that Clinton survived New Hampshire politically unscathed is victory enough, Kunz said. Clinton should regain the top spot in the upcoming Southern primaries, he said.

"Clinton certainly is the most marketable candidate in the South," Kunz said. "He's good-looking, he's got that drawl, he's got the money, and he's got the track record to win a lot of votes."

The poor showings by Harkin and Kerrey have made the upcoming Maine caucuses and South Dakota primary much more important. Either candidate could face an early exit if he cannot place higher than third or fourth in the upcoming tests, Monroe said.

"Kerrey and Harkin need to prove to potential campaign contributors that they can win votes," he said. Brown finished surprisingly high in

New Hampshire. The man that some in the media have called "Moonbeam" because of his liberal attitude, considered his 9 percent finish a moral victory, said Brown spokesman Tom Peery.

Write-in candidates Mario Cuomo and consumer advocate Ralph Nader finished well behind the five Democratic leaders. Members of the National Draft Cuomo Committee had predicted a second- or third-place finish for their write-in candidate.

Campaign season continues with the Maine caucuses Saturday and the South Dakota primaries Tuesday. The next major primaries will be held in Maryland on March 3, South Carolina on March 7 and in Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Tennessee and Texas on March 10. The Super Tuesday primaries may help narrow the field to two or three candidates and could produce the eventual nominee, Monroe said.

**New drug-resistant tuberculosis strains threatening high-risk groups**

By Karen Lakey  
Staff Writer

New drug-resistant strains of tuberculosis have appeared across the nation, posing a dangerous threat to people in many high-risk groups, including the homeless, substance abusers and AIDS patients.

American Lung Association statistics show that rates of multi-drug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR TB) have increased 14 percent among the general population during the last five years.

Deadly new pockets of the disease are being reported in New York state prisons, New York City and Florida, said John Seggerson, a chief adminis-

trator in the tuberculosis elimination division of the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

"The increases are occurring primarily in younger age groups, as opposed to previous cases being reported in older populations," he said.

AIDS patients, substance abusers, malnourished people and the homeless are considered at highest risk for developing active tuberculosis, because their weaker immune systems lack the capability to fight the strong bacteria, Seggerson said.

"If someone who is HIV positive gets exposed, very likely, they will go right to the disease," he said. "That is

one of the reasons for the increases we are seeing."

The rate of MDR TB among New York state prison inmates has risen 900 percent within the last five years, according to statistics from the New York State Health Department.

"In New York, the rates of TB have rapidly increased in the inner cities and in the prison population," said Frances Tarlton, spokeswoman for the New York State Health Department. "We believe this increase is directly linked to poverty, homelessness and HIV infection."

Tuberculosis is an airborne bacteria that attacks the lungs. People transmit the extremely contagious bacteria when

they come into close proximity with others. Family members, prisoners and nursing home residents are especially vulnerable to TB infection, according to the ALA.

The bacteria can live in the body as long as the immune system is able to fight it. Even if exposed to the disease during childhood, it may take 30 years for it to develop into active tuberculosis, said Steve Martin, head of the tuberculosis control branch of the N.C. Public Health Department.

Others may be exposed to the bacteria and never develop the active disease, he said.

"A lot of the cases we're now getting in North Carolina are people who were exposed to TB when they were younger," Martin said.

North Carolina has not been hit with widespread cases of tuberculosis, he said. In 1991, only 624 cases of the disease were reported.

Tuberculosis advances through two stages. In the first stage, a person is exposed to the bacteria, and the immune system fights to prevent it from developing into tuberculosis.

The active disease develops when the immune system loses the strength

needed to fight the bacteria.

Individuals in lower socio-economic groups are at risk of developing active tuberculosis, because they traditionally receive inadequate health care, according to the ALA.

"A combination of poor nutrition, the effects of ... malnutrition and low socio-economic status contribute to the cases of TB in eastern North Carolina," Martin said.

About 15 drugs are presently on the market to combat tuberculosis. Because of the rising number of new TB strains, doctors may need months to find effective treatments for their patients.

Once effective medication has been found, it may take from six to 12 months to kill the infection.

"If people don't complete the full course of therapy, the infection can activate again and become drug resistant," Tarlton said.

Seggerson said the most effective way to kill the disease was for patients to complete their drug therapy, no matter how bothersome it became to take medicine for long periods of time. Completing therapy could save a patient's life and could prevent others from being exposed to the disease, he said.

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