

Somalis Resentful Of UN Presence

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directs his growing band of supporters against foreign domination of the small east African nation. U.S. President Bill Clinton, who has 5,000 troops in Somalia, said that he wants to "stabilize" the country and "leave its people in control of their own destiny." But Aideed has written a letter to former President Jimmy Carter seeking an invitation to New York to put his case before the formal UN body. Aideed has avoided capture by adopting what one source called a "village lifestyle" that has made him almost invisible to sophisticated electronic detection equipment and massive ground searches. He hopes to win a war of attrition and his techniques are said to include traveling by donkey instead of automotive caravans and employing women as messengers instead of using electronic devices to communicate with his troops.

Since June 5, almost 50 UN peacekeepers have been killed in Somalia's capital city of 1 million. Peacekeeper strength in the country for operation "Restore Hope" now numbers 25,000 strong. Sources say, Aideed heads a guerilla military and political clan faction that also numbers in the thousands and his ability to outsmart the forces is making him a folk hero.

Western forces use high-tech armaments, such as helicopters that use night-vision sights firing automatic weapons and 2.75 millimeter rockets to fight against Somalis loyal to Aideed. Since the June incident of locals striking against the UN, Aideed has been labeled a "fugitive warlord" and recently the U.S. sent 400 Army Rangers there with the express purpose of capturing him. Many of the Rangers are reported to be members of the elite anti-terrorist Delta Force. During the Rangers' first operation, they were dropped by ropes from

hovering helicopters and badly damaged two buildings inhabited primarily by foreign white aid workers and arrested eight UN civilian employees by mistake. These relief workers, and other supporters at the UN building, protested and labeled the raid "extremely aggressive." Troops from Canada, which show the Confederate flag as their symbol, have also been cautioned by their superiors for their "aggressive" treatment of Somali citizens. With the developments in Somalia, Elder Yehudah Ben Sibbia, Chair of the Afrikan American Organization, has asked for "a halt to all military action in Somalia" and the "withdrawal of all UN and U.S. imperialistic forces from the country." U.S. senators are asking Clinton for a "reevaluation" of the U.S. role and purpose in Somalia.

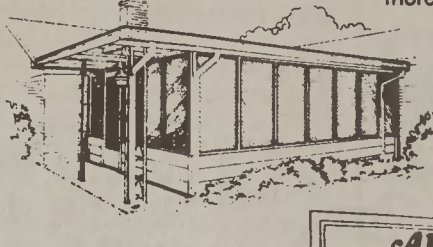
Clinton, who sent 40 specially-trained soldiers from Ft. Benning, Ga. to Mogadishu to help clear mines, has said that he wants to reduce

American troop strength in Somalia, but wants to do it without an increase in violence.

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R&B legend Aretha Franklin (left) was presented a key to the city Wednesday by Charlotte City Council member Ella Scarborough. Franklin played to a packed house at the Blumenthal Center. More on the show can be found on Page 1B.

Apartheid's Allies Are Behind Violence

By Tina Susman
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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa - A mob used a sledgehammer to smash into a black workers' hostel and then opened fire with assault rifles, injuring three people, police said Wednesday.

Early Wednesday morning, a local leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party was killed as he left his home near Johannesburg for work. Police said Samuel Motha was shot in the head, and his wife found his body when she went to investigate the sound of shots.

The late-night attack on the metal factory hostel south of Johannesburg was the second in six weeks and appeared linked to political fighting that has killed scores of blacks in the area. On Aug. 22, 12 blacks sitting outside the factory hostel were killed when a group of men opened fire on them.

Police Lt. Deon Peens said as many as 20 men smashed a hole in the hostel wall at about 10:15 p.m. Tuesday. The gunmen, armed with automatic rifles and pistols, then began firing randomly at hostel dwellers.

Three residents were hospitalized with bullet wounds. A fourth was injured when he jumped off a balcony to escape, Peens said.

The gunmen fled back through the hole and escaped.

The Inkatha Freedom Party accused the rival African National Congress of carrying out the attack and said most hostel dwellers are Inkatha supporters. The ANC denied it, saying the hostel is occupied mainly by its supporters.

In other recent violence, police also reported finding the bodies of seven people, including two police officers, in townships around Johannesburg. All had been shot to death Tuesday or Wednesday, they said.

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U.S.'s Future Likely To Be Colorful

By Tim Bovee
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WASHINGTON - Hispanics will eclipse blacks as the nation's largest minority group in the year 2010, the government said Tuesday in a report that predicts a considerably different America by the mid-21st century.

By 2050, the U.S. population will be almost evenly divided between minorities and non-Hispanic whites, the Census Bureau said.

The bureau's new projections also forecast faster general population growth than previously expected, estimating that the U.S. population will reach 392 million by 2050. That's 52 percent more than the 258.7 million Americans today.

It's also up 9 million from a projection issued just last year.

The projection was changed to account for the return of military people from abroad, updated birth and death statistics, and information showing how new immigration rules have affected the population, said Jennifer Day, a Census Bureau demographer and author of the report.

Minorities will increase their share of the population, the report said:

- Hispanics, from their present 9 percent of the population to 14 percent in 2010

and 23 percent in 2050.

- Blacks, from 12 percent today to just over 13 percent in 2010 and 16 percent in 2050.

• Asian Americans, now 3 percent of the population, to 10 percent at mid-century. They will remain the fastest growing racial group.

• American Indians, from a little below 1 percent to slightly above 1 percent. Although their share barely changes, their numbers will double from 2.1 million to 4.3 million.

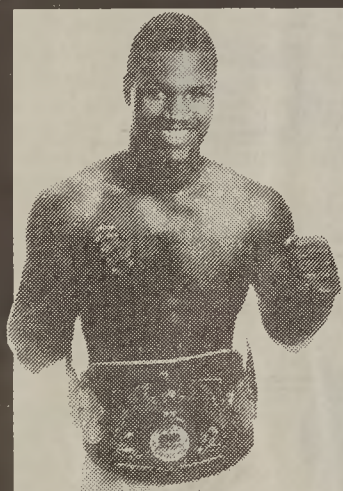
The growth will affect America's non-Hispanic whites, the group that has dominated the nation's politics, economy and culture throughout most of its history.

Their share of the population will drop from 76 percent now to 68 percent in 2010 and 53 percent in 2050. Their number will increase from 188.6 million to 205.8 million.

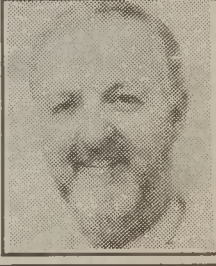
The explosion in the Hispanic American population is projected to center around a baby boom. Births accounted for about two-thirds of the projected Hispanic increase; immigration accounts for the rest.

The number of Hispanic births will double by mid-century, the Census Bureau said. Presently Hispanic women age 14 to 49 on average bear 2.9 children apiece over a lifetime.

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