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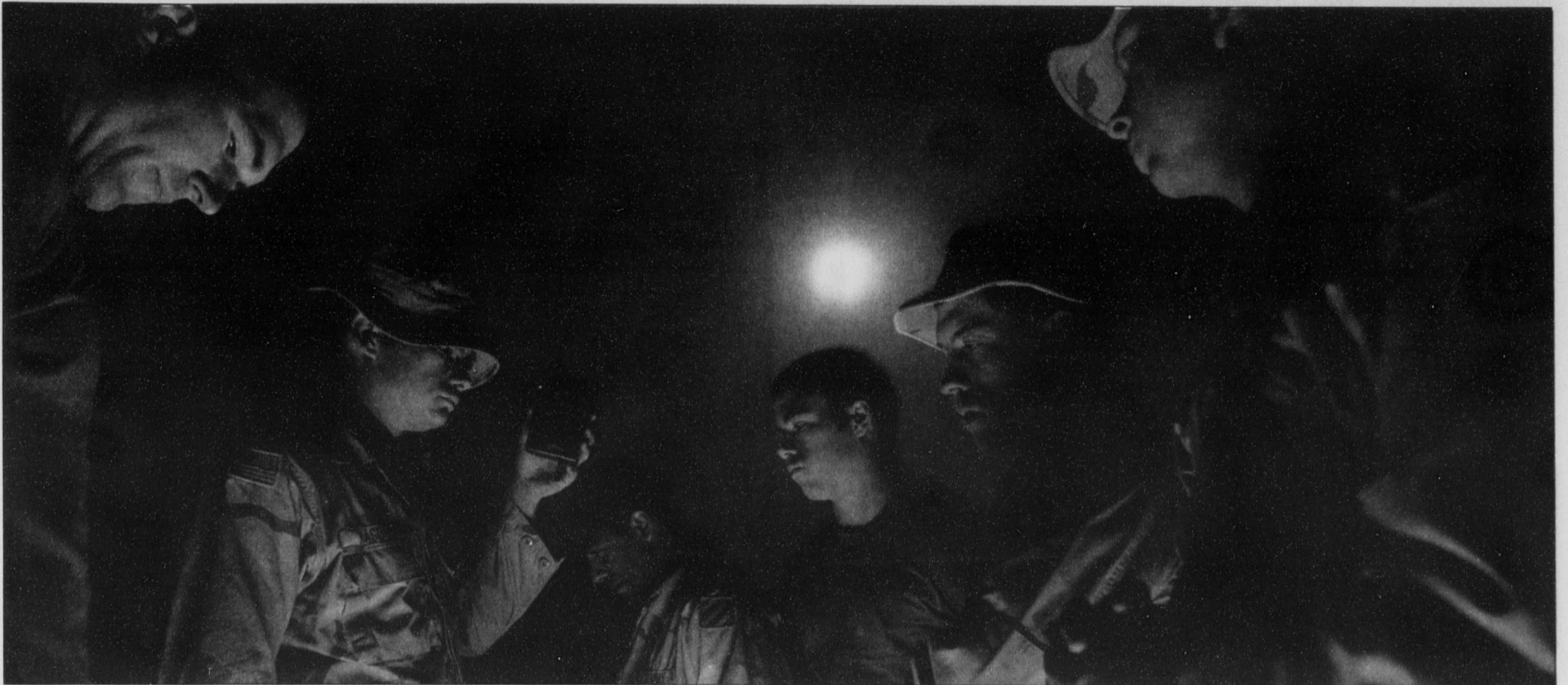
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BRINK OF WAR

BUSH GIVES HUSSEIN 48 HOURS TO FLEE IRAQ OR FACE MILITARY ATTACK



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Under a full moon at 4 a.m. local time in western Kuwait, U.S. troops from the Army's A Company 3rd Battalion 7th Infantry Regiment listen to President Bush's address to the nation, given on Monday from Washington, D.C.

Security Council

These 14 countries, along with the U.S., constitute the U.N. Security Council.

Britain
Position: Supports
Has been the United States' most loyal ally

Spain
Position: Supports
Says military force can proceed even without U.N. authorization

Bulgaria
Position: Supports
Supports use of military force without U.N. authorization

France
Position: Opposes
Primary critic of the United States' stance on Iraq

Russia
Position: Opposes
Said that U.N. inspectors should be given more time

Germany
Position: Opposes
Has argued that peaceful means have not yet been exhausted

China
Position: Opposes
Says there is no justification for military action at this time

Syria
Position: Opposes
Says Iraq is cooperating and sanctions should be lifted

Pakistan
Position: Undecided
Could support military action without authorization

Mexico
Position: Undecided
Could support military action if authorized

Cameroon
Position: Undecided
Supports inspections but sees no reason for military action

Chile
Position: Undecided
Says there has not yet been any justification for military action

Guinea
Position: Undecided
Supports inspections but says no military action at this time

Angola
Position: Undecided
Supports inspections to disarm Iraq peacefully
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SOURCE: WWW.CNN.COM

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WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT BUSH SAID MONDAY THE UNITED STATES WILL UNLEASH WAR AGAINST IRAQ UNLESS SADDAM HUSSEIN FLEES HIS COUNTRY WITHIN 48 HOURS.

The president warned Americans that terrorists might strike in retaliation and put the nation on higher alert.

"The tyrant will soon be gone," vowed Bush, commander in chief of 250,000 U.S. troops poised to strike.

Bush set a course for war without U.N. backing after months of futilely trying to persuade Hussein to disarm.

In an address televised worldwide, he spoke to several audiences at once, starting with the U.S. public and skeptical allies

and including Hussein, Iraq's military and its citizens.

"The day of your liberation is near," Bush told Iraqis.

The speech did not silence opposition from home and abroad to Bush's tough-on-Hussein policies.

Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle said Bush had failed "miserably" at diplomacy, forcing



WHITE HOUSE/PAUL MORSE

President Bush speaks from the White House on Monday night.

the United States to go to war with Iraq.

From the ornate cross halls of the White House, Bush said for the first time that Hussein could not retain power even by beginning to disarm his nation of weapons of mass destruction — long the stated goal of U.S. policy in Iraq. The only way war can be avoided now is Hussein's exile, Bush said.

"All the decades of deceit and cruelty have now reached an end," the president said. "(Hussein) and

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U.S. action signals failing U.N. power

Foreshadows struggle for dominance

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Refusing to be caught in a tangle of stalled negotiations about war in Iraq, the United States on Monday abandoned U.N. Security Council debate in a move foreign policy experts say exposes the inherent weaknesses of the United Nations.

"The United Nations Security Council has not lived up to its responsibilities, so we will rise to ours," Bush said Monday.

When President Bush sidestepped the Security Council on Monday and issued a 48-hour deadline for Saddam Hussein to relinquish power, U.N. dissenters could do nothing more than protest.

"International support is not an entity unto itself," said Ilan Berman, vice president for policy at the American Foreign Policy Council. "It's only as strong as those who can enforce it."

And in the case of the United Nations, the United States is its strongest enforcing body — it provides roughly 70 percent of its funds and a vast majority of its troops.

Though Bush said he still respects the mission of the United Nations, experts say his actions will have a lasting effect on its authority.

Some, like Berman, say it will cripple its effectiveness and lead to

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Hussein defiant as Bush issues threat

Maintains Iraq has no weapons

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — The United Nations ordered its weapons inspectors out of Iraq on Monday, widening the stream of diplomats and foreign journalists heading for the exits before any shooting starts.

Defiant to the end, Saddam Hussein gave no sign of heeding President Bush's demands that he step down within 48 hours or face war. He warned that U.S. forces will find an Iraqi fighter ready to die for his country "behind every rock, tree and wall."

But he made a last-minute bid to avert war, admitting that Iraq had once possessed weapons of mass destruction to defend itself

from Iran and Israel — but insisting that it no longer has them.

"We are not weapons collectors," the official Iraqi News Agency quoted him as telling Tunisian Foreign Minister Habib Ben Yahia, who was visiting Baghdad in a last-minute quest to avert war.

"When Saddam Hussein says he has no weapons of mass destruction, he means what he says," Hussein said.

His admissions were pushed aside as President Bush set the countdown clock for war. "The tyrant will soon be gone," Bush said, either by Hussein's own choice to leave or by force.

In advance of the speech, Iraqi Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf said Hussein won't leave. "He will stay

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AMERICA'S VIEWS

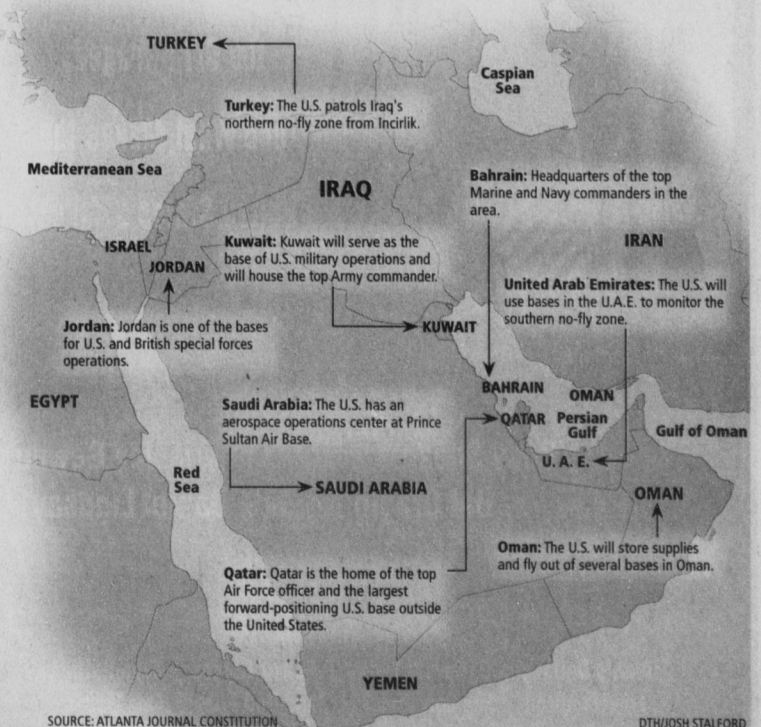
64%
Percent who support U.S. involvement in a war against Iraq.

56%
Percent who say it is desirable but not crucial to get U.N. approval.

37%
Percent who say the U.N. is doing a good job dealing with the problems it faces.

34%
Percent who view France favorably. Down 25 percent from last month.

SOURCE: MARCH 14-15 GALLUP POLL



SOURCE: ATLANTA JOURNAL CONSTITUTION

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WEATHER

TODAY Light Rain, High 62, Low 42
WEDNESDAY Cloudy, High 55, Low 45
THURSDAY Thunderstorms, High 56, Low 50

