

WORLD BRIEFS

Muslims urge defiance of Algerian government

ALGIERS, Algeria — Muslim fundamentalists on Monday urged resistance to the country's new army-backed government, saying it was thwarting the people's will by canceling democratic elections the Muslims were set to win.

The Islamic Salvation Front's call for combat between the people "and the servants of colonialism" heightened fears of a clash between the Muslims and the government that took power over the weekend.

It came a day after the State Security Council canceled runoff elections Thursday that were expected to give the Salvation Front control of parliament.

Foreign reaction to the weekend developments was tempered by mixed feelings toward the prospect of an Islamic government.

"We call on the people to protect their choice and reject all maneuvers aimed at thwarting their will," the front leaders said in their first official reaction to the election's cancellation.

They urged fundamentalists, intellectuals, soldiers and others to unite and "prepare for all eventualities to save the country." They did not specify what tactics should be used.

Vatican declaration threatens cease-fire

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia — The Vatican recognized the secessionist republics of Slovenia and Croatia on Monday, and a federal official warned the move could threaten the 11-day-old cease-fire in Croatia.

The Holy See said it sent a note to the Yugoslav government in Belgrade saying its recognition of the republics was not intended "in the least bit a hostile gesture toward Yugoslavia."

But a few hours later, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug quoted Milan Veres, Yugoslavia's deputy foreign minister, as saying the decision could jeopardize peace. Without going into specifics, he warned that Belgrade would take the "necessary steps" against the Vatican.

About 50 officers under the U.N. flag were scheduled to arrive in Yugoslavia on Tuesday with orders to help create a lasting peace that would lead to the deployment of thousands of U.N. peace-keeping troops.

But Milan Babic, leader of a self-proclaimed Serb republic in the Krajina region of southern Croatia, said his men would never accept the U.N. plan, which asks them to lay down their weapons.

—The Associated Press

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For most of us, there are certain days when we simply do not feel like going to class. We may be sick, or we may just feel that sitting through a lengthy lecture will not help us understand the material any better.

David Monasterio, the 1991 ACC Swimmer of the Year, has a dilemma we can relate to, only his problem centers on the swimming pool, not the classroom. On certain days when he does not feel like swimming, he does to swim practice what we often do to Spanish class.

He skips it. "I'm pretty inconsistent when it comes to workouts," said the junior from Ponce, Puerto Rico. "If I'm not in the mood to swim and I don't feel like it's something I should do, I don't like going into the pool and just doing it to go through the motions."

"I like to be into each workout. I prefer to be, but sometimes I realize I have to do it. Sometimes when I really don't feel like it, I just don't."

Is what Monasterio does akin to calling in sick to work, something else many of us are familiar with?

"Yeah, basically it is," said Monasterio, one of UNC's co-captains. "That's what you sometimes get — you get sick of it. If you're not mentally ready for it, you're not going to get anything out of it. You're going to be thrashing around in the water and you're going to be, I think, wasting your time."

Someone listening to Monasterio might be led to believe he rarely shows up for practice. But when UNC head coach Frank Comfort heard what his star swimmer said about his attendance record, he quickly pointed out that there is no such problem.

"Oh, he doesn't miss much practice at all," Comfort said. "He misses such a minimal amount of practice."

Comfort explained that because Monasterio is so talented, his work habits may appear rather odd.

"We'll put it like this: the more gifted a person is in any discipline, the more you tend to see that they're eccentric, that they're away from the standard



David Monasterio

norm," Comfort said. "I see that in the great athletes, I see it in great people in the theater, in great academicians. It's almost expected that they're a bit different because they are so different."

"They're so incredibly elite." Comfort obviously thinks a lot of Monasterio, and with good reason. As a sophomore last season, the 6-foot-3, 185-pounder took home first-team All-America honors in the 200-yard butterfly and 200 freestyle and won ACC titles in the 200 butterfly, 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle. He was also a part of four ACC Championship relay teams.

"He's without question the most versatile swimmer, distance-wise and event-wise, that's been at North Carolina in a minimum of the past 30 years," Comfort said. "My memory of Carolina swimming doesn't go beyond that."

Monasterio represented Puerto Rico at last summer's Pan American Games and won a silver and two bronze medals as part of relay teams. He also finished fourth in two individual events, narrowly missing a medal in both.

He has already been named to the 1992 Puerto Rican Olympic Team. Making the Olympic team was nice, Monasterio says, but now he has his sights set higher.

"It's really important to note that

making the Puerto Rican Olympic Team is not as hard as making the U.S. team," Monasterio said. "I mean, let's face it. Sure, I'm really happy that I'm going to be there, but being in the finals is what it comes down to."

Monasterio was born in Dallas, Texas, and moved to Puerto Rico when he was 3. He went to high school at Pine Crest School in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where he was a three-year prep school All-America selection.

While Monasterio attended Pine Crest, his brother, Tony, was earning All-America honors at Tar Heel. David eventually joined Tony at UNC, and the two swam together for a season.

Florida, Miami and Virginia joined North Carolina in the recruiting hunt for Monasterio, and he says he still is asked frequently why he chose the Tar Heels. He speaks very frankly when asked about his college choice.

"I've been asked that like 100 times," he said. "Why UNC? I don't know why UNC because UNC is not a swimming power. It hasn't been, and I can't see it getting a lot better the way we're doing things right now. But that's a good question — why UNC?"

"Because I wanted a better school than Florida, even though, if I would pull for a swim team, it would be Florida on the national level. I don't mean to put down the school because it's not bad, it's just that UNC is a much better school academically."

While the Tar Heels have finished second and first in the ACC in Monasterio's two seasons, they have only placed 30th and 21st in the NCAA meets. Again, Monasterio pulled no punches in criticizing UNC's recent NCAA performances. He said he would like North Carolina to become more of a force on the national level.

"Well, I was told that that was why they recruited me, because that's what they wanted to be (a national power)," Monasterio said. "You can definitely see how UNC has the potential to become a swimming power when you look at the other schools that are good — the UCAs, the Stanfords."

"Swimmers are pretty good academic-wise," he continued. "They don't have that much trouble getting into

schools. And if they've got a good school, and if that school has a good facility like we do, then they should have a good program."

"All the good programs have good facilities and pretty good schools, and I can't figure out why we don't have a better team."

This season Monasterio is taking what he calls a big risk by not shaving and tapering before the ACC Championships. Normally swimmers shave their bodies and rest up prior to a big meet — the ACC meet in UNC's case. Monasterio is going to wait until just before the NCAA Championships to shave and taper.

The risk comes in that Monasterio must qualify for the NCAAs during the ACC Championships. If he fails to qualify, then his gamble will turn out to be a waste. If he does qualify, his improved personal performances in the NCAAs will help raise UNC's team score.

"It's a win-or-lose type thing," Monasterio said. "It's definitely worth it. If winning the ACC means finishing 21st in the nation, that's kind of lame, in my opinion. I think we can do a lot better pointwise in the NCAAs, and this is one of the ways to do it."

"I think if I can do it this year, then maybe more people will take that gamble. It's definitely worth it."

Comfort, however, is not so sure a lot of swimmers will be trying it in the future. "It is rather unusual except for the most elite athletes in the nation and/or the world," Comfort said. "It's exciting to have an athlete look at that because with the NCAA cuts as they are now, the number of athletes that can even think about it is so limited, it's amazing."

Monasterio is the first male Tar Heel swimmer who will go into the ACC meet unshaved and untapered. Several females have tried it, most notably Sue Walsh, who won 11 NCAA titles while at UNC from 1981-84. Monasterio's decision came after consulting with Comfort and assistant coach Rich DeSelm.

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Magic intends to play in '92 Games

WASHINGTON — Magic Johnson said today he intends to play for the United States Olympic basketball team at the Barcelona Games this summer.

Johnson, who retired from the Los Angeles Lakers after testing positive for the human immunodeficiency virus that leads to AIDS, was picked for the U.S. team before he announced on Nov. 7 that he had tested positive for HIV.

He had not previously said whether he still intended to be part of the Olympic team, although he said he hoped he could play. This is the first Olympics in which NBA players are eligible to play.

"I will play in the Olympics," Johnson said. "Despite the virus, I can still play."

Johnson declined to say whether he had been given medical clearance to play for the U.S. team, which is comprised of 10 of the NBA's top players, including Michael Jordan, Patrick Ewing, Charles Barkley, Karl Malone and Chris Mullin.

"He's still a member of the team and if he feels he's able to compete, he will, provided he's healthy, of course," USA Basketball spokesman Craig Miller said today from Colorado Springs, Colo. "There is no IOC rule that would prevent someone with HIV from competing in the Olympics."

AP Women's Top 25

Record	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Virginia (69)	13-0	1,773	3
2. Tennessee(2)	9-1	1,676	3
3. Maryland	12-1	1,608	4
4. Stanford	10-1	1,588	2
5. Iowa	9-1	1,469	5
6. Geo. Washington	11-1	1,334	6
7. Steph. F. Austin	9-1	1,309	8
8. Penn St.	10-4	1,232	9
9. Washington	10-2	1,102	13
10. Mississippi	13-1	1,068	14
11. Houston	12-1	969	16
12. Purdue	9-3	950	10
13. Vanderbilt	11-4	902	7
14. Northwestern	7-3	735	11
15. Hawaii	11-0	724	18
16. N. Carolina St.	8-4	653	12
17. Clemson	9-3	544	15
18. LSU	7-4	446	22
19. Miami	12-1	414	25
20. Auburn	9-5	387	17
21. W. Kentucky	8-4	364	24
22. Connecticut	10-4	317	23
23. SW Missouri St.	11-2	272	20
24. Kansas	11-2	260	19
25. Georgia	9-4	120	

Others receiving votes: California 113; North Carolina 103; Texas Tech 96; Creighton 43; Rutgers 35; Ohio St. 31; Louisiana Tech 29; Bowling Green 27; Duke 26; Texas 26; UCLA 22; Michigan St. 20; Nebraska 20; Long Beach St. 16; Oregon 18; Montana 17; Vermont 17; West Virginia 16; Southern Cal 13; Washington St. 13; La Salle 12; Arkansas 11; Georgetown 11; Providence 9; St. Mary's, Cal. 9; Alabama 8; Arizona St. 8; Santa Clara 8; Alcorn St. 7; UC Santa Barbara 7; James Madison 7; Florida St. 6; N. Illinois 6; Toledo 6; Utah 6; DePaul 5; Lamar 5.

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