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Military crash kills eight

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — A C-130 crashed into a snowbank and split in two during a landing in a thick, icy fog, killing eight Canadian soldiers heading to a major U.S.-Canadian military exercise, officials said.

The Canadian Hercules C-130 was carrying eight crewmen and 10 special service paratroopers from Edmonton, Alberta, when it crashed just short of the runway at Fort Wainwright's airfield, said U.S. Army Capt. Jim Rodgers.

"The weather was quite bad,"

said Rodgers. At the time of the crash, he said, a thick, icy fog blanketed the runway and the temperature registered around 60 degrees below zero.

After the crash, Mock said, Canadian officials canceled their forces' participation in the exercise, Brim Frost '89, and recalled remaining Canadian aircraft and servicemen.

U.S. and Canadian investigators had not determined whether weather caused the crash, Mock said.

Jackson's half-brother convicted

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) — Jurors say physical evidence was lacking in the murder and conspiracy case against Chicago millionaire Noah Robinson, who was convicted as an accessory in the stabbing of a gangland murder witness.

Robinson, the half-brother of the Rev. Jesse Jackson, received the maximum sentence of 10 years in prison following Saturday's conviction of accessory after the fact of a felony.

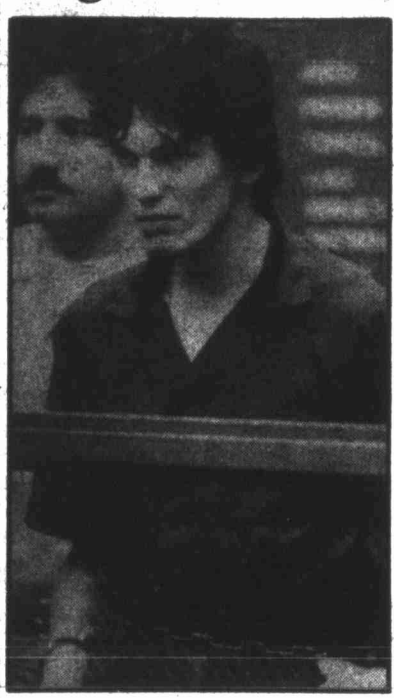
State Circuit Judge James E. Moore declared a mistrial on the

other charges against the 45-year-old Greenville native: murder, conspiracy to commit murder, criminal conspiracy and accessory before the fact of assault and battery with intent to kill.

Solicitor Joe Watson said Robinson would be retried on those charges.

Robinson, whose business interests include a construction company, has maintained that he is a victim of a political conspiracy caused partly by Jackson's success.

'Night stalker' trial begins today



RICHARD RAMIREZ

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Security has been tightened for the trial of Richard Ramirez, the drifter accused of 13 Satanic slayings in the "Night Stalker" serial murder case that terrorized California four years ago.

Deputy District Attorney Philip Halpin was scheduled to give the prosecution's opening statement today, six months after jury selection began.

Superior Court Judge Michael Tynan told the 12-member jury to anticipate two years of testimony.

When the courtroom opens, spectators will have to pass through metal detectors, similar to the devices used in airports. Ramirez will be restrained by leg shackles while seated in court.

Ramirez, 28, a pale, shaggy-haired drifter from El Paso, Texas who was arrested after an angry mob chased him down, is charged with 13 counts of murder



DONG HA, Vietnam — Vietnamese children gather around Vietnam veteran Gene Spanos, Rosemont, Ill. Spanos led a delegation of six former Marines returning to the bases where they fought 20 years ago.

Former enemies give vets friendly welcome

TAY NINH, Vietnam (AP) — Former Viet Cong fighters carried legless comrades on their backs and led the blind to welcome American enemies who returned in peace long after the terrible war.

They were faceless to each other on the battlefield, each a possible statistic on the other's casualty report. Now they met, at the Tay Ninh Rehabilitation Center, and spoke of pain and sorrow.

The Americans looked at the Viet Cong guerrillas they had feared and hated, who had killed their buddies. They saw men and women, in or near middle age, learning to live without lost arms, legs, hands or eyes.

"I wanted to shake people's hands and there weren't hands to shake," said Kevin Bowen of Boston.

"Vietnam so deeply affected the conscience of America," said William R. Kimball of South Lake Tahoe, Calif., founder of Vets With a Mission, which brings groups of veterans back to Vietnam.

"It's a place that I don't think you could ever really leave

behind," he said. "It was inevitable that America come back and you're seeing the first trickle of a flood that's going to take place in the next few years."

Four years ago, it was rare to see an American in Vietnam. Now increasing numbers of veterans, relief workers, physicians and surgeons return on goodwill missions.

They build health clinics, perform plastic surgery on disfigured children, deliver medical supplies and Bibles, walk old battlefields to call attention to unexploded shells and mines that remain deadly 14 years after the war ended.

"It took the Vietnam veterans themselves to build the memorial" in Washington, D.C., and "recognize the terrible loss that occurred," said Ralph Timperi, now assistant public health commissioner of Massachusetts.

"It's Vietnam veterans who are taking the leadership to get our country to recognize the terrible loss the Vietnamese have suffered," he said.

World

Amnesty reports on executions

LONDON (AP) — Amnesty International today urged the international community to persuade Iran to stop a six-month campaign of political executions and other "cruel, inhuman or degrading" punishments including torture.

The London-based human rights group said in a statement submitted to the United Nations Human Rights Commission that it had received reports of more than 1,000 executions of political prisoners since July.

The commission begins its annual meeting today in Geneva.

Amnesty International said other human rights violations that have persisted in Iran include detention without trial and amputation, usually of the four fingers of the right hand, of which it said 21 instances had been recorded.

Tehran radio reported Sunday that 22 more drug smugglers were hanged publicly in various Iranian cities in the previous three days, raising the total to 113 in the crackdown launched two weeks ago.

Gorbachev scores high in poll

NEW YORK (AP) — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has overwhelming support among Muscovites, but many aren't sure where perestroika is headed and are worried, according to a published report.

The Daily News in its Sunday editions reported that a poll of 1,000 Moscow residents indicated that a majority of Muscovites believe the Soviet war in Afghanistan was a mistake and that former leader Leonid Brezhnev had been bad for the country.

The poll also indicated that Gorbachev's economic reforms enjoy a 93 percent approval rating. But when pressed, 51 percent of those polled said that the reforms have had no real impact on their lives. Seventeen percent said the reforms were having a negative impact, the Daily News reported.

In addition, the newspaper said that Communist Party members are among the most leery of Gorbachev's reforms, fearing job losses or that the party will lose its influence in the Soviet Union.

U.S. closes embassy in Kabul

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. diplomats lowered the Stars and Stripes and closed their mission in embattled Kabul today as departing Soviet troops headed north in what one Moscow envoy said could be the last truck convoy home.

Soviet diplomats in Kabul say the remaining 15,000 to 20,000 Red Army troops could be gone by the end of the week, about 10 days before the U.N. deadline of Feb. 15.

The guerrillas are not a party to the U.N. agreement and have vowed to overthrow the government of President Najib once the Soviets are gone.

"Today we leave at a moment that is both happy and sad," said the charge d'affaires, Jon D. Glassman, after a flag-lowering ceremony in the embassy's snow-covered compound.



JOHN GLASSMAN WITH FLAG

West Germans remain silent on plans for weapons modernization

MUNICH, West Germany (AP) — NATO troops and arms are increasingly unpopular among West Germans, so it was no surprise when Bonn officials carefully ducked the issue of modernizing short-range nuclear missiles at a NATO defense strategy session.

Government sources said privately that Chancellor Helmut Kohl had instructed senior West German officials attending the annual conference to stay mum on whether Bonn supports extending the range of battlefield nuclear missiles.

Most of the defense experts taking part in the weekend conference strongly support the 1983 plan adopted by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to improve the missiles, chief among them the Lance, which was first introduced in 1972 and has a range of just over 60 miles.

They also appeared to support U.S. calls for a cautious response to Kremlin disarmament initiatives, though the conference did not produce a statement.

The issue is extremely sensitive for the Bonn government, which is unlikely to shirk its commitments within the 16-nation alliance by openly opposing modernization despite strong public opposition.

But by remaining silent on the issue, the Bonn leadership may be encouraging unrealistic hopes among West German voters that the modernization question is still open. It was left to left-wing West German politicians to speak out on the issue at the conference, and they voiced resistance.

Members of the opposition Social Democratic Party told the group of 171 NATO defense experts that West Germans oppose modernization and have serious problems with the size of the NATO force posted in their country.

As Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev gains in popularity among West Germans — 71 percent give him a favorable rating — public support for defense spending and the NATO troop presence has waned.

Most conference delegates attacked what they saw as a dangerous complacency that could weaken defenses.

U.S. Defense Secretary-designate John Tower told the conference that NATO should maintain a "healthy skepticism" about Kremlin disarmament overtures and keep the West's nuclear options open.

The Texas Republican said the

alliance runs the risk of mortgaging its security if it fails to modernize its nuclear forces because of perceived improvements in relations with Moscow.

Tower said the Soviet Union remains a powerful adversary with superior military capability and the West must not lose sight of that imbalance in its euphoria over disarmament prospects.

"If we fail to consider that capability, or if we fail to consider its relevance in terms of their intentions, then we do so at our peril," he said.

Social Democrats like Egon Bahr, the party's arms control expert, and Karsten Voigt drew fire from American participants when they explained many West Germans are increasingly critical of NATO doctrine.

Even Defense Minister Rupert Scholz mentioned his country's concerns about the possibility of having to share a greater burden of the NATO budget, though he avoided mentioning modernization.

Tower met privately with Scholz on Sunday morning but apparently accomplished little in the way of persuading his allied counterpart to show stronger support for NATO policy.

"We just illuminated some problems. We didn't come to any solutions," Tower told The Associated Press after the meeting.

He declined to say what particular issues were covered or whether he was able to get an assurance from the West German minister that Bonn would support modernization.

The West Germans also were taken to task for their response to U.S. intelligence reports alleging



JOHN G. TOWER

that West German companies helped Libya develop a chemical weapons potential.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., accused Bonn of "benign neglect" in the Libyan scandal and suggested senior West German officials have been lying to cover up their culpability.

On Sunday, the conference focused on the new and mounting threats to alliance unity posed by Gorbachev's "charm offensive" in the West.

NATO Secretary General Manfred Woerner raised the concern voiced by many other influential defense strategists that Gorbachev could fail and be replaced by a far more conservative leader.

"We cannot entrust our security to one person alone or to intentions," Woerner said. "Both can change overnight."

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# Diamonds aren't forever if giver proves unfaithful

DEAR ABBY: I never thought I'd see the day when I'd be writing to Dear Abby, but here goes: I am a 34-year-old, single working mother who fell in love with a man I met last August. The day before Thanksgiving, he asked me to marry him. I accepted, and he gave me a beautiful diamond ring. I had never been married or had a diamond ring before.



Dear Abby

Right after he gave me the ring, he went back to his hometown to tell his family about us, and also to comfort his ex-girlfriend, who had been calling him at all hours, crying and begging to have him back. (He told me when we first met it had been over between the two of them for some time, and I believed him.)

Well, when he came back, he informed me that instead of telling his ex-girlfriend that he was engaged to marry me, he ended up in bed with her and now he wanted to end our relationship!

I was in shock. We had already taken the diamond ring and wedding band to the jeweler to be sized. After he gave me the ax, he picked up the rings at the jeweler's and kept them!

I want my rings back. Aren't they legally mine? Please advise me. —DUMPED

DEAR DUMPED: The laws differ from state to state, so you will have to consult a local lawyer for legal advice. My advice: Forget

the rings and the man, and accept the fact that you've lost both.

I think you're lucky to be rid of him. He appears to be unreliable, mercurial, and neither ready nor willing to honor a commitment.

DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of a 3-year-old boy. He is going through a stage now where he runs around the house without underpants. My husband and I are comfortable with this, as we have taught our son to be proud of his body and to feel good about himself. My in-laws, however, seem to make an issue of this whenever they visit.

The last time they were here, they said to our son: "We're not speaking to you until you put on underpants."

I became upset, and told them what I thought about their comment. Was I wrong? What are others' thoughts concerning this?

—STILL FUMING

DEAR FUMING: Simmer down. I'm all for teaching children to feel good about their bodies, but I'm

also for teaching them appropriate modesty. Your in-laws should not have given the boy such a harsh ultimatum, but I agree with their objections to his running around the house without underpants when guests are on the premises.

DEAR ABBY: Please explain the difference between "making love" and "having sex." A lot of people confuse these two very different acts. Will you please define each one? —JUST PLAIN BILL

DEAR BILL: In "having sex," the name of the game is sexual gratification. It's a selfish, physical exercise in which the partner can be a faceless object. (Anyone will do.)

In "making love," one is motivated by a desire to give pleasure, express deep affection and communicate one's feelings of caring. It's the ultimate in sharing. In "making love," the partner must be a very special person. (No one else will do.)

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## Flying fears: Ill-kept aircraft greater threat than hijackings

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans favor tough new anti-terrorist measures, including military strikes, to combat attacks against international flights, but most say poor airplane maintenance is a greater threat, a poll has found.

The national Media General-Associated Press survey found that a majority backed U.S. military strikes against countries that support terrorists only if the support were proved and innocent civilians were not killed.

The poll found opinion sharply divided on whether military retaliation would deter terrorists or spur them. But a majority said the government can stem terrorism, and 57 percent said it is not doing enough now.

The survey of 1,162 adults had a 3-point margin of error. It was conducted Jan. 4-12, after a terrorist bomb downed Pan Am Flight 103 over Scotland, killing 270 people.

In response to the bombing, the

Federal Aviation Administration ordered U.S. airlines to X-ray all checked baggage on flights from Europe and the Mideast. The poll found support for other steps, some considerably tougher:

—Ninety-six percent said foreign airlines should be required to X-ray checked baggage.

—Nearly three-quarters favored requiring airlines to hand-search all checked baggage on international flights, even if that meant passengers had to check in three hours early. That is the practice on El Al, Israel's airline, which has long experience in anti-terrorism efforts.

—Half of those polled supported banning carry-on luggage on international flights. Such a ban has been used sporadically by British Airways on flights into Belfast, Northern Ireland, during times of political tension.

The survey also found some sentiment for greater public

disclosure of terrorist threats against airlines, even if the threats are frequent and unverifiable.

That issue arose when it was revealed that U.S. officials had been warned before the Pan Am attack that a bombing was imminent, but did not publicly reveal the threat. Officials said later that announcing the threats could cripple the airline industry because warnings virtually are received daily.

Respondents were split evenly on the question. Asked if the government should announce all terrorist threats it receives against airlines, even if it gets them daily and cannot tell if they are legitimate, 45 percent said yes, 45 percent said no. The rest weren't sure.

However, 57 percent said the airlines should be required to announce all terrorist threats they receive. Thirty-eight percent opposed such a requirement; the rest had no opinion.



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### Crown of doves

TOKYO — Two doves perch face-to-face atop the head of a bespectacled woman beset by a flock of hungry birds Friday. The woman was not

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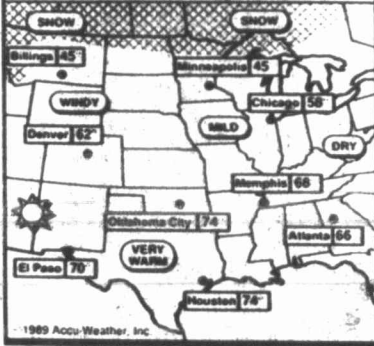
Showers and some thunderstorms extended along a cold front from southeast Texas to northern Louisiana, middle Tennessee and West Virginia.

Rain fell in southern New England, while freezing rain and snow fell in parts of northern New England. Drizzle and fog extended across much of the Great Lakes and the Ohio Valley.

A high-pressure system with clear skies, stinging cold and wind heading southeast from Alaska's interior, and another high-pressure system moving toward Alaska from Siberia threatened to prolong the cold snap.

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Accu-Weather forecast for Tuesday Daytime Conditions and High Temperatures



Elsewhere, today's forecast called for scattered showers and thunderstorms along the Gulf Coast; showers extending from much of the Atlantic Coast to the southern Appalachians and the Tennessee Valley; snow in northern Maine; and rain along the coast of Washington state.

High temperatures were predicted in the 20s in southern Idaho; 30s and 40s from the northern and central Rockies to the northern Plains, the upper Mississippi Valley, the Great Lakes, upper Ohio Valley and northern New England; 50s and 60s from much of California to the southern Rockies, Kansas, the southern Plains, Missouri, the lower Mississippi Valley and the Tennessee Valley.

Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1989

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: author Norman Mailer, comedienne Carol Channing, Dodgers great Jackie Robinson, tenor Mario Lanza, actress Suzanne Pleshette.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are in top form today, turning in an almost-perfect performance. Do not get overly confident, however. Domestic matters require a firm but diplomatic touch. Stand up for your rights.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Impulsive buying can strain both your budget and your relationship with partner. Changes are inevitable and will prove to be a step forward. A platonic friendship deepens into love.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Business affairs may not go according to plan. Your ability to shift gears successfully impresses an influential person. A surprise is part of the picture. Someone repays a favor in a meaningful way.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Secret agreements are best avoided now. You will liberate yourself from a negative person or situation. Contact with overseas clients brings welcome financial news. Romance cools. Keep your chin up. Adventure beckons.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): New sales techniques meet with a degree of success. Turn to relatives before friends if an emergency arises. A short business trip could prove lucrative. You enjoy meeting new faces.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Straight answers from an authority figure help you make an important decision. You are ready to move ahead. Choose your words carefully when addressing delicate matters. Romance blossoms. Nurture it with tenderness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Acting footloose and fancy free could lead to domestic problems. Grow up! A youngster looks up to you as a role model. Romance may be rocky but fun. Avoid jeopardizing your relationship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Influential person asks a huge favor. Expect to be rewarded in

tangible ways. Be alert to changes. You need to be more flexible with work associates and family members. Romance is sweet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): An older person will try your patience. Bite your tongue. Cooperation and more TLC will prevent bruised feelings. Continue to keep a close eye on spending. New investment opportunities will present themselves.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may want to run away from everything today. Work is excellent therapy. Many of your wishes will come true when you develop your potential. Learn new technology to boost your earning power.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A much more relaxed atmosphere helps you accomplish a lot at work or home. Get better organized, too, and you will become more productive. A social engagement adds cheer this evening.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You feel more secure now that you are on better financial footing. An important change is just ahead. Your timing could not be better! Keep up with your professional reading.

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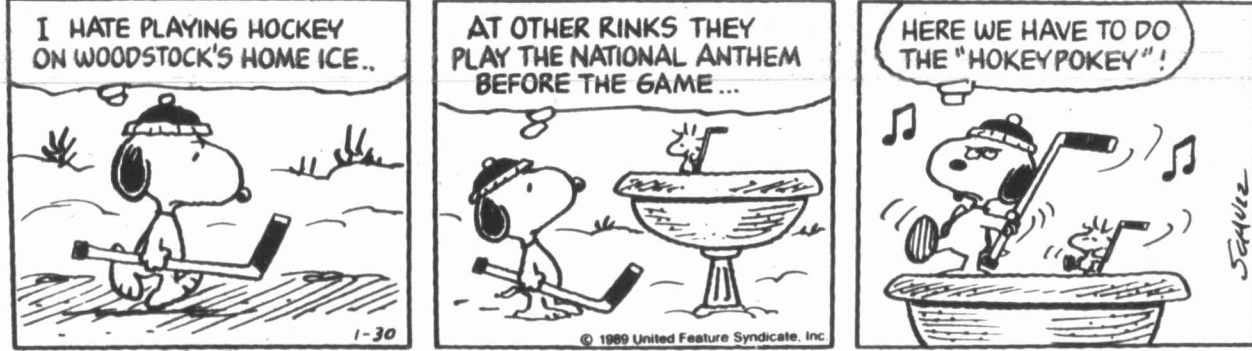
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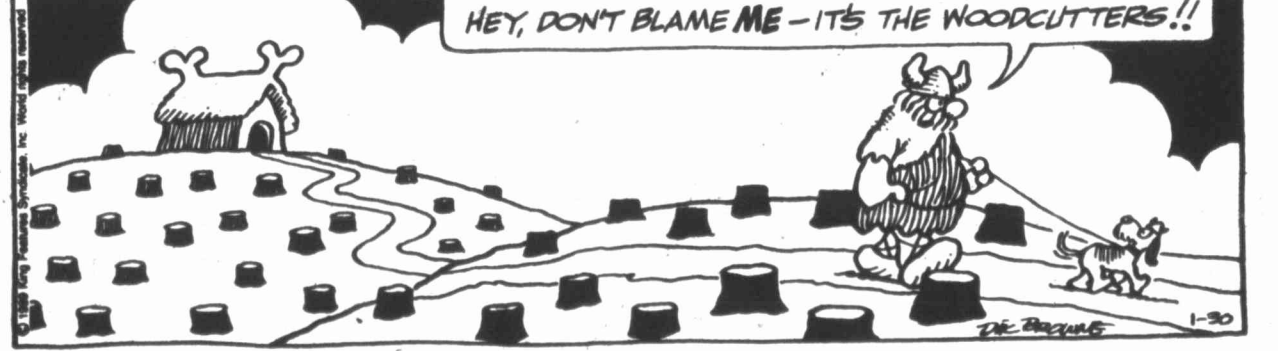
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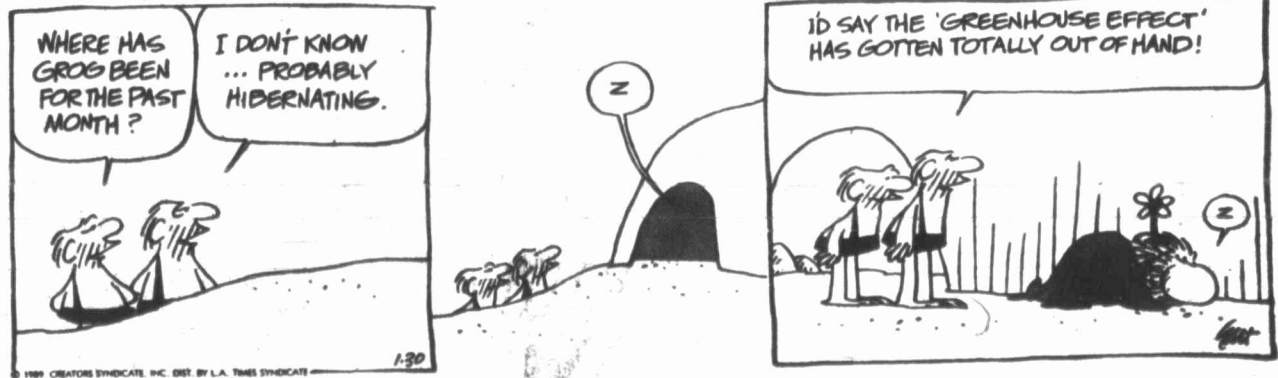
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