

G.O.P. Studies Offer by Perot

Ross Perot, one of the worst enemies of the Republicans in the last Presidential campaign, may soon become a friend.

Mr. Perot has offered the G.O.P. \$1 million to produce a nationally televised program to critique President Clinton's health care plan, Republican officials said.

The arrangement could have benefits for the Texan and the party, which lost many voters to Mr. Perot in 1992.

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Americans." Moments after the exhausted committee completed its work, the President phoned his congratulations to a beaming Representative Sam Gibbons, the 73-year-old Florida Democrat who was thrust into the chairman's job last month after the indictment of Representative Dan Rostenkowski of Illinois on corruption charges.

The Ways and Means bill approved today, after more than a month of deliberation and voting, preserves two of the central principles put forth by the President: universal coverage and the requirement that employers assume 80 percent of its cost for their workers.

But the committee's bill has its own twist: It proposes the expansion of Medicare to create a "safety-net program" that would be available to businesses that employ fewer than 100 people or individuals who do not have access to health coverage through work. [Page A12.]

The final proceedings had an air of history for a committee that prides itself on being in at the creation of

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Grisly Discovery in Rwanda Leads French to Widen Role

By RAYMOND BONNER

Special to The New York Times

BISESERO, Rwanda, June 30 — Four hundred sick and frail Tutsi, including scores of people suffering from grenade, machete and gunshot wounds, were rescued today from marauding Hutu forces by French troops near this town in western Rwanda.

One survivor indicated that the group was the largest remnant of the 10,000 Tutsi who lived in the region before the Rwandan civil war erupted again in April. Fewer than a thousand survive, he said.

Some Tutsi said they had been on the run since April, with little to eat other than a few potatoes and unripe sorghum. For the last 10 days, they said, they have been under daily attack from forces aligned with the Hutu-dominated Government — regular soldiers, paramilitary units and pro-Government militia.

French soldiers reported finding hundreds of bodies in the area, another reminder that despite the French intervention, the killings of Tutsi go on. Some American officials and human rights organizations have called the massacres genocide.

It was not until journalists alerted French troops to the ragtag band of 400 that a patrol was dispatched. The French soldiers were clearly unprepared for what they found, and set about immediately to provide military protection for the Tutsi, a mission the troops had rejected as recently as Wednesday.

"This is not what we were led to believe," said a noncommissioned officer at the French camp in Bisesero. "We were told that Tutsi were killing Hutu, and now this."

[French commandos evacuated 74 wounded Tutsi from the area late Thursday, The Associated Press reported from Goma, Zaire. The evacuees were flown in six helicopters to Goma, which is the base for the French mission and has one of the two field hospitals set up for sick and wounded civilians.]

Some Tutsi had grisly wounds. A

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Haiti Refugees Drown

Haitian police opened fire on a boatload of refugees, causing a panic in which at least 30 drowned, according to British and American reporters. At the United Nations, the Security Council tentatively backed an expanded international presence in Haiti if and when military rulers leave.

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The Two Powers Behind a CBS Merger

Barry Diller, left, chairman of QVC Inc., and Laurence A. Tisch, chairman of CBS, outside the CBS Building in Manhattan yesterday after they confirmed that they had reached agreement, forming a giant television operation. Business

Simpson Lawyers Seek to Exclude Bloody Evidence Found at Home

By MICHAEL JANOFFSKY

Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, June 30 — When four homicide detectives arrived at O. J. Simpson's home early on June 13 to tell him that his former wife had been slashed to death the night before, they found blood on the door of a white Ford Bronco parked at the curb and a trail of blood leading to his front door, a police report shows.

By the end of the day, the report says, the detectives had discovered more blood, in the master bathroom and in the foyer. Outside, they found 13 bloodstains inside the Bronco and a bloodstained glove resembling one found at the home of the victim, Nicole Brown Simpson.

This evidence was made public today in a motion filed by Mr. Simpson's defense lawyers, who argued that all of it should be suppressed.

Robert L. Shapiro, Mr. Simpson's chief counsel, maintained that the detectives had violated the defendant's constitutional rights because they had not obtained a search warrant until nearly six hours after arriving at his house and discovering that he was not at home.

Attached to Mr. Shapiro's motion was the police list of all 34 items of evidence that the detectives say they seized at Mr. Simpson's home on June 13. At a preliminary hearing that began today in Municipal Court here, Judge Kathleen Kennedy-Powell delayed until next Tuesday a ruling on the admissibility of that evidence.

The hearing, whose larger purpose is to determine whether there is enough of a case against Mr. Simpson to try him on murder charges, began with testimony by a clerk at a downtown Los Angeles cutlery store who said Mr. Simpson bought a 15-inch knife there on May 3. [Page A20.]

The authorities, who have not found a murder weapon, say they believe

that a knife similar to the one bought by Mr. Simpson was used to kill Mrs. Simpson and a friend of hers, Ronald L. Goldman, at her town house here, about two miles from Mr. Simpson's home.

Mr. Simpson has said that he had no involvement in the killing of his former wife or Mr. Goldman and that he was at home at the time, waiting for a limousine that would take him to Los Angeles International Airport for a late-night flight to Chicago.

The evidence list disclosed in the defense motion today provides the first broad look at the prosecution's

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Copter Deaths: Pentagon Finds Human Failure

By ERIC SCHMITT

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, June 30 — Controllers aboard an Awacs radar plane failed to warn the pilots of American F-15 jets that two helicopters they were preparing to attack over northern Iraq in April were friendly, a Pentagon report says.

The disclosure that some Awacs controllers knew the Blackhawk helicopters were American at the time other controllers were clearing the jets to attack added a new twist to the mystery of how one of the American military's worst self-inflicted losses unfolded. Twenty-six people were killed, including the leadership of a Western military liaison with the Kurds in northern Iraq.

Many early reports focused on the role of the fighter pilots, but as a result of the inquiry, senior Pentagon officials will now have to consider the performance of the controllers on the radar plane, their superiors at Incirlik, Turkey, and senior commanders in Europe who set the rules of engagement. Among those killed were officers from Turkey, France and Britain.

"Multiple human error was responsible for this horrible tragedy," said one senior Defense Department official.

Defense Secretary William J. Perry and his top aides received a three-hour preliminary briefing on Wednesday on the closely held report, which some officials said would pin responsibility on at least eight people,

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Hong Kong Money for Trump

A group of Hong Kong investors stepped in with the money that Donald J. Trump needs to begin building Riverside South. Page B1.

Railroad Giants to Merge

Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Pacific plan to merge in a \$2.7 billion stock swap, creating the nation's largest railroad. Page D1.

Arafat is Coming to Gaza

The chairman of the P.L.O. will cross into the Gaza Strip in a motorcade.



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10-year-old boy had wounds on his head and a long scar on his right cheek, where he had been beaten with a club and cut. His left hand was badly mutilated, slashed with a machete. A woman in her 20's had a slash on her neck, back and right shoulder from a machete. An emaciated man hobbled with a stick, a gaping bullet wound in his left buttock. Another man had a jagged shrapnel wound on his lower left leg.

There were very few women and no infants. "They could not run fast enough with the children, so they were the first to be killed," said Eric Nzabihimana, 28, a teacher, who said his parents and five brothers and sisters had been killed. "We have had nothing to eat, so we had no strength to defend ourselves or to run."

The stench of rotting bodies wafted through the mountain air. The body of one teen-ager lay just off the road. One cluster of about 30 of the dead, mostly women and children, appeared to have been killed within the past few days.

At least 300 to 400 corpses are in the surrounding hills, said a French soldier who reached the refugees. "They are everywhere," he said.

Past Support for Hutu

Hundreds of thousands of Tutsi have been killed since April, when the country's four-year-old civil war between the Government and Tutsi-led rebels erupted in new bloodletting after a suspicious plane crash killed Rwanda's President, a Hutu, and his counterpart from Burundi.

The French insist their intervention, which is backed by the United Nations, is one of relief and is not intended to benefit either faction. But France supported the Government with arms and training during the first years of the civil war.

The French are offering protection for Tutsi in refugee camps they are setting up in the area. But soldiers and armed Hutu in civilian clothes man checkpoints along the roads, making it impossible for Tutsi to reach the camps.

The French military unit based in Gishyita, four miles west of Bisesero, was aware that people in the mountains were being killed every night, Comdr. Marin Gillier said on Wednesday. But the French Defense Minister, François Léotard, after a briefing here from Commander Gillier, re-



French troops rescued about 400 Rwandan refugees near Bisesero.

jected any operation to evacuate or protect the embattled Tutsi.

Mr. Léotard said the French did not have enough troops to protect everyone. There were 300 French troops in Rwanda today; another 1,200 were at bases across the border in Zaire.

The French troops from Gishyita were distributing food to Hutu refugees today when they were alerted by journalists to the Tutsi in Bisesero.

The French sent a small patrol, and what it found caused the French military to change its mind about what needs to be done. More troops were dispatched.

When a truckload of French paratroopers and navy commandos arrived in mid-afternoon, the Tutsi began to stand, some as thin as the poles they used to support themselves. They applauded and cheered, raised their arms and gave thumbs-up signs. Smiles appeared; eyes brightened.

On the Horizon, the Hutu

The French soldiers, in full combat gear and with recoilless rifles and machine guns, established defensive positions, mounting their assault rifles on tripods and setting up watch around the perimeter of the camp.

With binoculars, they scanned the ridge line to the south, where on the edge of a small woodland a mass of people was silhouetted against the sky. The Tutsi said they were Hutu militia.

"I can't see if they have guns," said a French soldier. But it didn't matter, he noted, since "the massacres aren't with guns."

Another soldier said of the Tutsis, "If we leave, they will be dead by tonight."

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International

FRENCH RESCUE 400 IN RWANDA

About 400 members of the Tutsi ethnic group who had been on the run since April were rescued by French troops near Bisesero. The area was littered with the bodies of just as many who did not survive the violence and privation. A1

U.S. TO SIGN SEA TREATY

The Law of the Sea treaty, which regulates sea-bed mining, fishing rights, oil exploration, conservation, scientific research and other issues will be signed by the United States after broad changes were negotiated that officials say will make the treaty friendlier to business. A1

TWIST IN COPTER INVESTIGATION

At the time some radar plane controllers were clearing jets to attack Blackhawk helicopters flying over Iraq, other controllers realized the helicopters were American, according to a classified Pentagon report on the April incident in which 26 people were killed. A1

JAPAN'S REFORMERS UNFAZED

The ascendancy of an unexpected alliance in Japan is being described as a temporary setback by those who have fought for political and econom-

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ABORTION CLINIC PROTEST LIMITED

The Supreme Court upheld the core of a Florida state court injunction intended to keep disruptive protesters from blocking access to an abortion clinic. A1

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HEALTH BILL CLEARS A COMMITTEE

The Ways and Means Committee passed legislation that promises health insurance to every American and requires their employers to pay for the bulk of its costs. A1

THE BILL WOULD OPEN MEDICARE TO MILLIONS WITHOUT INSURANCE

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PEROT MAY BECOME G.O.P. ALLY

Ross Perot has offered the Republican Party \$1 million to produce a television program to critique the Clinton health care plan, Republican officials said. A12

CONGRESSWOMAN'S DILEMMA

Representative Barbara Kennelly of Hartford faced painful choices this week in voting for major changes in health insurance certain to anger some constituents. A13

SEARCH DISPUTED IN SIMPSON CASE

O. J. Simpson's lawyer argued that evidence found at his client's home should be thrown out because detectives did not secure a search war-

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talk was redistribution of wealth."

In talks that ended early this month, the Administration persuaded other countries to delay setting royalty payments and to drop production quotas that the treaty set for private sea-bed mining companies.

Mr. Scholz also said that under the amendments, the United States and other industrial nations would have an effective veto over decisions by the International Seabed Authority, to be based in Jamaica.

For more than a year, the Administration has negotiated with more than 50 countries to amend the mining section of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Testifying to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Mr. Christo-

negotiations to stall for time to continue its nuclear program.

He will go to the Middle East on July 17 as an intermediary in indirect talks between Syria and Israel.

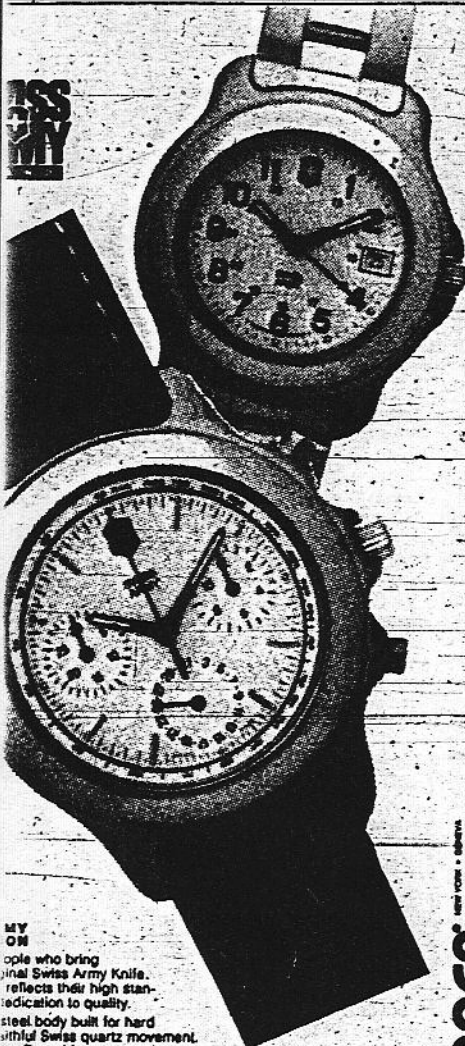
Washington supports a war-crimes tribunal to prosecute those responsible for genocide in Rwanda.

The Law of the Sea treaty has generated disputes between rich and poor countries because of its underlying premise—that the oceans and the sea bed are a "common heritage of mankind," to be shared through "a just and equitable economic order."

This premise disturbed President Reagan, but Clinton Administration officials say the amended provisions seek not to redistribute wealth, but to create incentives for sea-bed mining.

Under the amendments, companies would no longer have to pay \$1 million a year to explore for minerals on the

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