Diplomatic war deepens
Rhomeini's death threat to author is seen as catalyst

TEHERAN, Iran (AP) — Iran rejected Thursday a joint European Common Market nations Tuesday and Britain expelled an Iranian envoy as the diplomatic battle grew over allegations of nuclear death threats against author Salman Rushdie.

Most recently, Rushdie's "The Satanic Verses" blasphemes their religion by portraying the prophet Mohammed's wives as prostitutes and suggesting that he wrote the Koran, the holy book of Islam, rather than receiving it directly from God.

In Washington, President Bush said he supported the retaliatory moves by the European countries.

However, offensive Rushdie's book, "The Satanic Verses," may be behind bars. Iran is considering using and offering rewards for its perpetrators are deeply offensive to the norms of civilized behavior," Bush said.

A bounty of $600,000 has been put on Rushdie's head by Iranian religious leaders since the Rushdie issued the death sentence.

In a message Sunday, Khomeini calls for a reward or a fee in return for this action," the statement said.

The United States does not have diplomatic relations with Iran. Bush has been working on the speedometer. Wallace has 100 different inventions ranging from a computer to a medium-sized spacecraft that has a self-regenerating ecosystem to send micro-organisms to study the effects of exposure in space.

An award-winning Chicana author read excerpts from her novel Thursday to a medium-sized crowd at the College of the Canyons.

Estelle Portillo Trimbley, a native of El Paso, Texas, is the first Chicana to have a book of her own literary works published.

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Her work has been the subject of study by a number of critics and scholars, in part because of the symbolism found in her writing.

"I don't think any writer uses symbols intentionally," she said. "It's something we know because it has been there for a thousand years inside. I use them so much it makes me cry sometimes." She also added however, "Life is not symbols."

She is often depicted as having a "negative image of women as a symbol of guilt," but her work features women as protagonists and emphasizes the importance of the female character.

Trimbley was one of the first authors to introduce the theme of lesbianism in Chicana culture and to write of the oppressive

"Everywhere we've used so far has been from our own pockets or been donated by merchants and companies," Ryan said.

"I'm working with the modules, trying to figure out what kind of bacteria to use," Ryan said. "My animal science major, Christina Dils. It will contain a microsatellite that will be a lot of fun with a few animal cells."
Ayatollah Khomeini's satanic death threat

Iran's aging (not fast enough) leader has gone too far once again. Much too far.

The Ayatollah Khomeini is acting not like a religious figure but a common monster. He has put a contract out for Salman Rushdie, author of "The Satanic Verses," a novel which Khomeini says is blasphemous to Muslims.

Iranian religious leaders have put a $5.2 million bounty on Rushdie's head.

Khomeini says it is the duty of every Moslem to try and kill Rushdie, even at risk of their own lives. Rushdie, who lives in London, is now hiding with his wife.

Iranian President Ali Khamenei said this past weekend that Rushdie's book would be "punished" if it was published. He said, Forgiving, tolerant Khomeini has refused the apology. The blood hunt for Rushdie is still on.

Western diplomats are leaving Tehran by the droves. They are justifiably protesting Khomeini's inexcusable madness.

Britain pulled out of its embassy completely, while the European Common Market governments have decided to pull out their top diplomats. Britain may close down its Iranian embassy in London.

Those actions tell Khomeini that his latest move is totally unacceptable. But other world actions do not.

Publishers in France, West Germany, Greece and Turkey have canceled plans to publish the book, according to an Associated Press story, and some bookstores in the United States and abroad are reportedly banning the book. These actions will only confirm Khomeini's crazed belief that he can decide what may be written and read in the world.

This cannot be allowed.

Khomeini may be able tell his disciples what to think or write or read, but he may not force those ideas on the free world.

It is bad enough that he thinks he can play censor to the world. But the idea that someone should be killed and "sent to hell" is unbearable. The world has a responsibility to put the Ayatollah in his place.

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Another legend concerning African influence at the time of the Council of Chalcedon states that African paved the way for the devotion to the "Black Madonnas" that is still to be found among the Catholics and orthodox in Europe. There are black Madonnas in the Cathedral of Augsburg in Germany, the Church of San Francisco at Pisa in Italy, the Borgia Chapel in Rome, Notre Dame des Halles in Belgium, the "Black Madonna" of Kazan or "Black Virgin" of Kazan in Russia — all proudly display the mother and black Christ.

From very early times, this Simon the black has been connected in the traditions of the church with the African Simon of Cyrene, who played such an important role in the early church. In the 13th century, Acts, we read that in the Church of Antioch there were prophets and teachers who were barbarians, which Simon called Negro (Latin for "black"), and Lucas of Cyrene.

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The newspaper...
Colebrook breaks 1000-meter NCAA record

By Rob Lorenz

The women's track team took five athletes to the LA Times Indoor Invitational track meet at the University of Southern California. The Top four teams qualified for the conference tournament. The top four teams qualified for the conference tournament. The top four teams qualified for the conference tournament.

"She got third in the 1000 meters and established a new collegiate record," said Lance Harter, the women's track and field coach. "It was previously held by Joetta Clark, who has been a two-time Olympian for the United States. The record was 3:30.83 and Janet and Teena ran a 24:52.6 last night. In fact, Joetta was second place, must lose its last two conference loss to first place Northridge. We're also 6-5 and Chapman for the final spot." The Mustangs men edge UCSB

By Rob Lorenz

The Cal Poly men's track team won a close meet from UC Santa Barbara on Saturday in the Olympic trials. Although the invitational was not as important to the top athletes who ran, it was important to the coaches who want to have an opportunity to compete in outdoor events so that they could have experience indoors. They don't run that much indoors, which is the case in many places. Indoors you're always changing strides because the doors on the West Coast."

"They learned a lot about what it's like to race indoors," said Rembao. "It's a lot different from racing outdoors. You don't have long straightaways where you can get a nice relaxed stride going. Indoors you're always changing strides because the turns are real sharp and steep and the straights are real short."

"It's a lot more difficult to run indoors, and it's a lot more tiring," said Rembao. "I didn't expect to do it well." But Rembao did. He ran the open quarter (mile), the 200 (meter) and ran the mile relay. I mean after last night I thought I'd be real tired, but he still ran real fast today," said Rembao.

Rudy Huber, who competed in a number of events both Friday and Saturday, was the overwhelming choice of his teammates for athlete of the week. "He ran ten events in the last two days," said Rembao. "He just wanted to compete. He wanted to contribute so much to the team that he chose to do those things. He's always one of the last to volunteer." Rembao also said that Rich Beason, Mike Klin and Barbara Streff competed in Los Angeles. See TRACK, page 4

Cagers seek fourth playoff position

By Rob Lorenz

After splitting two games over the weekend, the men's basketball team heads into the final week of the season with a fairly good chance of making the NCAA playoffs.

"We've got to beat Chapman (on Thursday) to stand a good chance," said Head Coach Steve Beason. "We're pretty tough competing against Northridge and Chapman for the final spot."

UC Riverside, Cal State Dominguez Hills, and Cal State Bakersfield are all ranked in the top 20 in Division II and all have a lock on the playoffs, so the battle has come down to the final spot. Vying for that position are Cal Poly, who must play at Chapman on Thursday, and Northridge. Chapman, who plays Bakersfield and Cal Poly; and Northridge who will face an other team against Riverside and Pomona at home.

"Chapman is 7-5 in league, and Northridge is 6-6. We're also 6-6," said Beason. "It will come down to head-to-head results. We've got the toughest battle because we are on the road."

After a 99-97 overtime point defeat to fourth-ranked UC Riverside on Thursday, the Mustangs rebounded to defeat the last place Cal Poly Pomona on Saturday, 99-97.

"They (Pomona) always play us tough," said Assistant Coach Doug Web. "They are a good ballclub, they just had a lot of breaks this year." The Mustangs were laid against Pomona by freshman Bill Archer, who scored 19 points and had 12 rebounds and seven assists from three-point range; Coble Naas, who scored 19 points and had 12 rebounds; and Jamie Gama, who had 19 points, 15 of those coming in the final five minutes.

The playoffs are now the focus, and the final two games of the season will determine whether the Mustangs' season is over or whether they will join Riverside, Dominguez Hills and Bakersfield in the playoffs.

"I think it looks good. We're right in the middle of the pack with everyone else, so we're not really deciding our own fate unless we win both games down there," said Beason.

Poly women miss upset

By Leo Shiffrar

The Cal Poly women's basketball team entered Saturday night's game with Cal Poly Pomona with upset on their mind.

But it was not to be, as the Mustangs suffered a tough conference loss to first place Pomona 61-56.

"The ladies were upset, because they felt they should've won," said Head Coach Jill Orr. "I told them to be proud of the way they played," she said. The Lady Mustangs took an early 6-2 lead before relin­quishing it to the Broncos at 10-8. With some good offensive play, Pomona took the lead back and forth until the first half. The Lady Mustangs biggest deficit in the half was for five points. With 2:00 remaining in the half, junior guard Liz Oman made a shot to stretch the lead to 29-22 with back to back field goals. This was Cal Poly's only lead of the game.

The second half was just as in­tense and emotional as the first half. However, Pomona maintained a lead and outscored Cal Poly in the first half, 32-27. With 1:56 left in the game, torches were no more and Cal Poly was down 49-41.

"I would like to congratulate Joetta Clark for winning the title and Deborah Vetel for her scor­ing performance," coach Richburg said. "We had so many great athletes. We have just had a lot of energy too early in the season, so we had to take her on the inside so she'd die and move back in," she said. "To us, it (the meet) wasn't that important. We were going to run faster," said Colebrook. "It was the best race I've ever run, but it was a good strong race. The tactics I wanted to employ I wasn't able to employ them the way the race went. I just had to stay slim and keep each lap as it came." Colebrook said that she had got tired in the middle of the pack, but it went out too fast and she did not want to catch up in the pace and maybe die and lose a chance at the record, so she decided to sit back for a while and then pass.

"Every time I tried to come by there was this one runner who kept moving out and then I'd go to her inside on the slow she'd move back in," she said. "To overtake her would have taken a lot of energy too early in the race, and I wouldn't have been able to sustain it, so I decided to leave it until the last two laps, when I knew I could make a major burst for the tape and sustain it. I got it (the record), but I would have liked to have gotten it by a bit more. But next time."

The other four athletes who ran in the invitational competed in what are known as Olympic development events.

"What the LA Times does is run two classifications of events," said Harter. "They run more of a collegiate open kind of competition, which are people that are developing. The TAC (The Athletic Congress) sponsors those events, and then the in­ternational open, which people come from all over the world run in.

Aeron Arlin and Kris Kochel took first and second place in the 800 meters, with Arlin winning in a time of 2:12.2, which is only two seconds off of her outdoor best time. Kochel also ran an in­door lifetime best. In the 400-meter hurdles, Gina Allan was second to Crystal Irving, a former Califor­nia collegiate state champion. Also, Sharon Pauli, who is presently running unattached but will be eligible in the spring, came in second in the 55 meter hurdles in a time 8.7 seconds."

"A very good showing," said Harter. "There's 10,900 people there, and TBS was doing the film­ing, so we're getting tremendous national and international exposure, which a credit to the university."
Four senior wrestlers bid farewell to Mott Gym Friday night with a 18-17 decision over Fresno State.

John Galkowski, Joey Pangelinan, John Martin and Gabe Cortina competed in the last home meet of their careers. Three of the four recorded wins.

"It's going to be hard to replace them," Head Coach Lennox Cowell said. "They were good wrestlers and good friends."

Galkowski, at 118 pounds, upset his record to 27-8 with a 6-3 decision over Bulldog Anthony Tamez. Galkowski leads all seniors in career wins with 83 and qualified for the NCAA Nationals two times. Galkowski also placed 4th in the prestigious Las Vegas Tournament.

"I'm going to miss the home matches because I wrestle better at home," Galkowski said. "It's really sad being in my last home match, I'm going to miss having my friends cheering me on."

Pangelinan, at 136 pounds, left the mat a winner as well, defeating Harold Zinkin 10-7. Pangelinan scored five take-downs en route to his victory and he said that is what he wants to be remembered by when he leaves.

"I want to be remembered as a good technician on my feet," Pangelinan said. "And also as someone who cared about the sport."

Pangelinan is ranked first in the Pac-10 and is 26-7-2. He also won two tournaments this year and is ranked in the top 20 by "Amateur Wrestling News."

The Mustangs led 6-0 after Pangelinan's victory, but Fresno's John Pierro helped the Bulldogs as he defeated Robert Tabarest 10-8 at 134 pounds to tie the meet at 6-6.

John Martin, a 142-pound senior, scored four points for last as he pounded Fred Hunziker 24-8 for a five-point technical fall.

I'm glad to win my last two matches against Fresno and Bakersfield who are our two main rivals," Martin said. "It feels good to win as a winner."

Martin is 15-7-2 after winning over 25 matches last year and has come on lately with the win over Hunziker and a 12-3 decision over nationally ranked Steve Morris of Bakersfield.

Bill Grundler tied Fresno's Sordi at 150 pounds, but it was a team point taken away with time running out that proved disastrous for the Bulldogs. Sordi cost his team a penalty deduction on Saturday included: Eric Axtell and Jim Williams, who both qualified for the nationals in the pole vault.

"You Don't Have To Live with the Pain" CALL Today for Appointment
The township of Mamelodi lies just outside the capital city of Pretoria in South Africa, but it was once considered a 'homeland' in another time. By Rob Lorenz Staff Writer

The name Mamelodi means 'place of melody' but the definition certainly doesn't suit the surroundings. What is notable about the township is that the residents live in a racially segregated community, cut off from the rest of society.

"We went there sort of as a short-term mission project," said Stephen France, a Cal Poly student who spent a month of last summer in Mamelodi. "We lived in the township and worked out in the rural areas."

France went there as part of a group trip arranged through his old school, Westmont College in Santa Barbara, and decided that maybe apartheid in those four weeks than most people care to know, he said. Since his transfer to Cal Poly, he has remained involved by becoming active in Amnesty International, an organization that monitors violations of human rights worldwide.

"The situation is just incredibly complex," said France. "We tried to get everyone's viewpoint, from the most liberal blacks to the most conservative whites."

South Africa is seemingly a country in transition. The present government has been instituting reforms, such as allowing black participation in government at the municipal and provincial level, and striking pass laws (requiring black citizens to carry passes), but still there is strife. Although blacks are being allowed more freedom of movement, they are not being allowed what they really want: political power.

"South Africa has reached the point of negotiation," said Rafi Taylor, a history professor who taught in Nigeria last year, disagrees with Gangat's assumptions.

"I don't buy the argument that the ANC is the only violent actor in South Africa," said Taylor. "The ANC was formed in South Africa in, I think, 1912. From 1912 until 1960, they were essentially a non-violent group trying to seek peaceful change in society. They turned to violence because of the increasing violence of the state."

"Let's go back in history," said Taylor. "Let's go all the way back to Khali and Sharpeville Massacre. There was brutal violence there. I don't know how many people were killed. The conservative estimate said that 69 people were killed, some people say far more. The ANC wasn't responsible for that, the South African government was responsible."

Gangat said that much of the violence seen over the last few weeks than most people care to know, he said. According to Gangat, even those laws are being ignored. Blacks have moved into white neighborhoods in order to be closer to their work. They are able to buy homes in white neighborhoods by forming a business partnership with a white man, who then can buy the house in his name for the black person.

"The white government says that they're trying to do reforms, but it's just not enough," said Stephen France. "Fundamentally, they are just not doing the right thing."

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Morro body surfers not found
Half-brothers may have been caught in strong current

By J.W. McPhail
that day.

An unsuccessful search for two body surfers off the coast of Morro Bay was called off Mon­
day morning.

Two half-brothers, Christopher Cabral, 13, and Steven Dooley, 17, both of Dinuba, were reported missing Sunday afternoon after­
noon by their father.

Police said the boys' names were not given, was watch­ing the boys body surf about 50 to 75 yards off the beach north of Morro Rock. He looked away for a few moments and when he looked back he said he was unable to find the boys.

The boogie board the boys had been sharing was washed up on the beach a short time later.

Neither of the boys were wear­ing wetsuits.

According to police the boys' father said both were pretty good swimmers.

Two Coast Guard cutters, the Morro Bay Harbor Patrol, the County Sheriff's Search and Rescue unit, the State Park Ser­vice, Morro Bay Police and a Coast Guard helicopter searched Sunday afternoon and Monday morning for the boys, said police.

Harbor Patrol Officer Jim Kroll said the search was limited to routine patrols of the beach area by police, the Harbor Patrol and the State Park Service.

Kroll said that on the day the boys were reported missing the waves were 3 to 5 feet high and a 5 to 15 mph wind was creating a significant chop on the water.

Rip currents were running strong, said Kroll, and while he was patrolling off the coast, he noticed a major current continuing along about a mile out where the boys disappeared.

Rip currents are common in the surf, said Kroll and are usually visible because of sand on the water. They do not always occur in the same spots, he said.

When caught in a rip, Kroll said, swimmers should stay calm and swim parallel to the shore until out of the current.

Eight people have died in sur­related accidents in Morro Bay since 1974.

AUTHOR

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situation of Chicano women within their own culture.

Trambley, a community college instructor, producer and director, has written two plays, a collec­tion of Haiku poems, a book of short stories and a novella. She is the recipient of the Quinto Sol Award for literature and in 1981, was honored with a Writer Recognition Award by the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Trambley, who is a member of the Cal Poly's logging team for 10 years, the team's coach, won the "Bell of the Woods" award for most overall points.

McLaughlin, also the team's coach, won the "Bull of the Woods" award for most overall climb in great form. Smokey Biggin won the women's overall event.

Blaine Boccignone won the pole events.

Although Cal Poly has had a logging team for 10 years, the first home meet was held in 1984. McLaughlin is largely responsi­ble for starting this campus tradition. "By inviting junior colleges," he said, "there's a good chance some of these stu­dents may transfer to Poly." He said he hopes these schools will be sponsoring their own com­petitions in the future, after learning how such events are organ­ized.

Team adviser Tim O'Keefe said logging competition is not all fun and games. "These events em­phasize skills these students will be using in their fieldwork."

The logging team is not entire­ly made up of natural resource management majors. Any student can join the club.

The team is now practicing for the "superbowl" of bigger sports, the Conclave, which will be held in Idaho in April.

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"The Cost to the government. How can those 'negotiations' for many reasons."

"Ruthless won't meet until Mandela is freed," said Gangat. However, Mandela cannot be freed until he denounces violence as a means of undermining the government."

It is doubtful that this will happen in the near future. Nelson Mandela is 70 years old and is being held in a guarded house, where he is not allowed to leave but is in more comfortable sur­roundings than he was in prison.

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In a battle of opposites, who can agree on the right thing? Consensual white South Africa want a return to all of the vestiges of past apartheid, and liberal black

The problem is, there is a small group to the right that wants to keep all of the power, no matter what the cost. And then there is a group to the left that wants to usurp all of the power, no matter what the cost.

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"We do not fear such threats. ... We are prepared to follow our own path at a cost," said Rafsanjani.

The confrontation over Rushdie appeared to be eroding efforts by some Iranian officials, including Rafsanjani, to strengthen ties with more nations despite opposition by fundamentalist hard-liners. Although Rafsanjani was not quoted as endorsing the death sentence, his comments indicated Iranian leaders were closing ranks in the face of retaliation for Khomeini's death call. President Ali Khamenei, a Rafsanjani ally, said Friday that Rushdie might be pardoned if he repented and apologized. Rushdie, a Moslem himself, apologized the next day, but Khomeini ignored the overture and renewed the death threat.

The Common Market nations stopped short of breaking relations with Iran but said that in addition to recalling top diplomats, they would suspend visits to and from Iran. Britain, a market member, went a step further by recalling its entire embassy staff. On Tuesday, it announced it was expelling the Iranian charge d'affaires and his aide.

"It is neither possible nor sensible to conduct a normal relationship with Iran," Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe told the House of Commons.

Sweden and Norway followed the Common Market and recalled their ambassadors, and Sweden threatened to cancel a trade mission to Tehran next month unless the death warrant were rescinded.

Publishers in France, West Germany, Greece and Turkey then canceled plans to publish the book. Bookstores in Japan and many in the United States pulled the novel from their shelves.
State

Californians support abortions
Seventy percent of those polled oppose legal sanctions

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Two out of three Californians believe that a woman should be allowed to have an abortion if she wants one during the first trimester of pregnancy, according to a California Poll released Tuesday.

The poll also showed that 70 percent of state residents oppose a constitutional amendment to make abortion illegal and that 55 percent believe that the state should pay for the abortions of poor women.

But while the poll showed an increase in support for early abortions, it also showed a drop in support for abortions in later stages of pregnancy.

Only 31 percent of those surveyed favored a woman's right to have an abortion during the second trimester, while 56 percent were opposed, and 15 percent approved third-trimester abortions while 69 percent were opposed.

The survey of 1,007 adults, conducted by the Field Institute Jan. 23 to 31, has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The poll shows that despite the growing controversy over abortion, the margin of Californians opposed by 69 percent to 18 percent of those polled favored a woman's right to have an abortion during the first three months of pregnancy; thirty-seven percent were opposed.

While 66 percent in the current poll were in favor, the number of those opposed fell from 77 percent.

Amy Weitz, spokeswoman for the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California, said the poll shows that "anti-choice groups reflect a very small but well-organized minority.''

Brian Ferrara, director of the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue in Sunnyvale, doubled the poll's finding.

He contends that such groups have found that only 17 to 18 percent of Californians would favor first-trimester abortions on demand.
Bush says 'vicious rumor' against Tower 'gunned down'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Tuesday denounced as "vicious rumor" allegations against Defense Secretary-designate John Tower and declared they had been "gunned down" by a thorough FBI report.

A committee vote on the embattled nominee was scheduled for Thursday.

Urging the Senate to move "forthrightly" on the nomination, Bush said at a news conference that the report produced "nothing to substantiate allegations of excessive drinking, philandering and financial improprieties."

Members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, meanwhile, scrutinized the report, which the White House forwarded to the committee chairman Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., and ranking Republican John Warner of Virginia late Monday.

Nunn's spokesman said the committee would meet in a closed session Wednesday and vote Thursday on the nomination.

Meanwhile, Rep. Mickey Edwards, R-Okl., a prominent conservative, said Tower should withdraw his nomination because he has lost the credibility needed to promote Bush's defense agenda.

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Edwards said the question is whether Tower, a former Republican senator who once chaired the Armed Services Committee, can be credible in dealing with defense contractors after accepting nearly $1 million from major weapon manufacturer as a consultant since he left the Senate in 1985.

But Bush, responding to reporters' questions at the White House, said he was "convinced that he is not only capable of doing this job, but will do it in an outstanding way."

The president said he personally reviewed the 140-page FBI report.

"What I got from it was that there has been a very unfair treatment of this man by rumor and innuendo, over and over again rumors surfaced with no facts to back them up," Bush said.

Published reports have said the FBI found that Tower drank excessively in the 1970s, but no longer does so.

Asked about that, and whether the former senator had undergone treatment, Bush replied:

"I say there is no evidence of any kind of the disease — alcoholism. None. None whatsoever." Bush said the report "speaks to the fact that a lot of the charges ... I'd say all of these charges that we've read about — have been rumor, and a lot of it vicious rumor."

The president said the allegations against Tower "that have been hanging over this simply have been gunned down in terms of fact."

Meanwhile, The Wall Street Journal reported in Tuesday's editions that a senator from Texas Tower profited from a lucrative oil investment arranged in 1981 by a Corpus Christi lawyer whose son Tower recommended for nomination to the federal bench.

Tower's financial disclosure forms indicate he put up no capital and financed his entire investment with a five-year promissory note from a now-defunct San Antonio bank, the newspaper said.

The money was used to purchase machinery which was leased to a Corpus Christi drilling firm under terms that allowed Tower to pay off the note while earning about $25,000 from the rental payments and resale of the equipment in 1986, it said.

Rescue teams search for crashed airplane in remote Fla. swamp

HURLBURT FIELD, Fla. (AP) — About 100 rescue workers used a helicopter, bulldozers and bridge-building equipment Tuesday trying to reach the site in a remote swamp where a California-based Air Force C-141B cargo plane crashed and burned with eight people aboard.

"The status of those on board is still unknown at this time," a technical sergeant at Technical Sgt. David Torrence, a spokesman for this base in Florida's Panhandle, said about 12 hours after the first rescuers reached the scene.

The plane, a four-engine jet transport based at Norton Air Force Base at San Bernardino, Calif., went down at about 8 p.m. CST Monday about four miles north of Hurlburt while on a final landing approach.

Seven crew members from Norton were on board. Also, a drill rig and bridge building equipment boarded during a refueling stop in Colorado Springs, Colo., officials said.

The C-141J along with heavy cargo that had been being flown into a nearby Canadian military camp on Eglin's reservation, said about 12 hours after the first rescuers reached the scene.

The plane was on a regularly scheduled flight and was to have gone on to Howard Air Base in Panama City, Florida, after picking up cargo and personnel there.

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Small fires still burned hours after the crash.

Controllers at Eglin lost radio and radar contact with the plane at about the same time Army Rangers, who have a training camp on Eglin's reservation, said they heard an explosion.

No munitions were aboard and the sound may have been that of the plane hitting the ground, said Col. Dale Stovall, commander of the 1st Special Operations Wing at this base about 35 miles east of Pensacola.

There were severe thunderstorms in the area, said Stovall, who was in charge of the rescue and recovery effort, but he declined to say if weather factored in the crash. An Air Force safety team is investigating the accident.

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Calendar

Wednesday

*An informal discussion with Cal Poly President Warren Baker will be held at 11 a.m. in room 220. Students are welcome to ask questions and the forum is sponsored by the Cal Poly Academic Senate.

*Texas, a folk rock group, will perform tonight at 8 in the Student Union. Sponsored by the Multicultural Committee.

Thursday

*Civil rights activist Kwame Toure, formerly known as Stokely Carmichael, will speak on "Need for Nonviolent Organization of People." Thursday at 7 p.m. in the student union.

*Eglin Air Force Base's sprawling 720-square-mile military reservation, used for training maneuvers and weapons testing.
CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, on the eve of separate talks with Israel and PLO officials, said Tuesday he would try to persuade Israel to negotiate with PLO chief Yasser Arafat.

Shevardnadze's 10-day Middle East initiative faces its toughest test Wednesday when he meets Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens in an effort to sell Israel on his peace plan. Arens warned that arranging peace talks could be a lengthy process.

"Peace-making in the Middle East is a very difficult exercise. It is a painfully slow process. But we are both convinced that very intensive efforts have to be made to try to put momentum in the process and try to move the process forward," Arens said.

Egypt's Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid, speaking with reporters after meeting Arens, also indicated that preparatory moves might take a long time.

"We will keep on discussing and talking and having a dialogue, a means we believe in even if the dialogue takes a long time," he said.

Israel is adamantly opposed to talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization, which it views as a terrorist group. It also has serious reservations about the Soviet concept of an international conference, which would include the PLO.

"We are trying to persuade Israel" to enter negotiations with the PLO, Shevardnadze told reporters after meeting with Egyptian Prime Minister Ahmed Shafiq.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, leaving on a four-day trip to France, was chilly toward the Soviet proposal of a U.N.-sponsored Middle East peace conference.

"We don't believe the international conference can serve the cause of peace, but it was their (the Soviets') idea so it is not surprising they should raise it," Shamir said.

He did not, however, rule out further discussions, and Israeli officials have hinted some compromise might ultimately be possible to overcome Israel's fears that such a conference would be biased against the Jewish state.

On the eve of Shevardnadze's meeting with Arens, there was rising speculation that it might set the stage for restoration of diplomatic relations between Moscow and Jerusalem.

Moscow severed ties after the 1967 Middle East war when Israel captured Arab lands.

Arens declined to comment on the prospects for renewing ties with Moscow. But the prospect clearly alarmed PLO officials.

Yasser Abed-Rabbo, head of the PLO's information department and a member of the organization's 15-man Executive Committee, said the Soviets should not renew relations unless Israel accepted an international conference.

"Washington is pushing Moscow into an unconditional return of ties with Israel, offering in return only promises of a wider Soviet role in the Middle East," Abed-Rabbo said in a telephone interview PLO headquarters in Tunis.

"We don't believe the Soviets will fall into this trap," he said.

Israel has insisted it would accept a Soviet role in peacemaking only if ties are renewed.

Shevardnadze was vague about what might happen concerning Israeli-Soviet ties. He repeated Moscow's position that the lack of contacts was not normal and said Israel "knows the means" for bringing about a change.

Shevardnadze met earlier with Abdel-Meguid to review his proposal, unveiled earlier in Syria, that the U.N. Security Council and its five permanent members lay the groundwork for a peace conference to be convened within nine months.

The five permanent council members — the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China — would sit as a committee studying the problem.

Moscow's position that the lack of contacts is "another decade will be required to be sure that the warming of the 1980s (the warmest decade recorded on a global basis) will ... continue " ... S Schneider for Atmospheric Research, admitted that "drastic action may be needed, but he said action was needed now to guard against catastrophic change."

The greenhouse effect "gives you an additional reason" to reduce burning of fossil fuels and take other action to benefit the environment, he said.

The subcommittee was told that it may take two decades to learn whether the greenhouse effect is responsible for temperature changes like the heat waves of last summer. Schneider and Michaels agreed that scientists are unable to attribute last summer's heat to the buildup of greenhouse gases, and Schneider showed the committee slides of news articles that he said prematurely blamed last summer's temperatures on built up greenhouse gases.

Schneider said "another decade, or possibly two, will be required to be sure that the warming of the 1980s (the warmest decade recorded on a global basis) will ... continue into the 1990s and beyond."

Michaels, a professor of environmental sciences, said climate experts have a "clouded vision" of future global warming, and told lawmakers that "biasing sweeping environmental policy on such uncertainty, "is especially risky, even if the policy is otherwise rational."
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students involved are using it as a senior project, while others are doing it "for the experience," Ryan said.

"It's really fun working with engineers and other majors," Dils said. "You learn so much more."

Backgrounds of students involved also include computer science, electrical engineering and mechanical engineering.

Ryan said a separate section of the system will contain special specimens such as cancer cells.

"We already know that cancer cells don't like radiation," he said. "We want to see if the combination of space radiation and weightlessness will affect or even kill them."

This information could be vital to the future of man and missions in space, Ryan said.

"But we can't do much more except research without money," he said. "We really don't know how much it will cost, but I estimate about $50,000 to $100,000 for the craft itself." The canister must be purchased separately and could cost as much as $250,000.

The LEEF project has been active for less than three months, but it's "flying," Ryan said. "I've never seen anything take off like this before."

Ryan said the group would like to see it launched before they graduate, or within two years. He said two engineers at Lockheed have already offered to help research and he also hopes to spark interest from the American Cancer Society.

"If we find that there are changes in these cells, there are millions of cells in the human body that may have similar changes," Ryan said.

Human tissue, however, will not be used.

"We wanted to study blood cells originally, but it's too hard to keep blood alive," he said.

Dils said the ecosystem would have to contain bone marrow for the cells to survive, "and they have too short a lifetime."

The ecosystem will be maintained at one atmosphere of pressure, the same as earth's. A thermostatic switch will keep the temperature at 65 to 75 degrees and the craft will be powered by a combination of rechargeable batteries and solar cells, Ryan said.

A LEEF system model will be displayed with other Cal Poly Space Systems projects tonight at 7 in building 52, room E45 as part of Engineering Week.

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