

# CLINTON PLANS MOVE ON BOSNIA

## Foreign Policy Advisers Called In For Final Talks

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is nearing a decision on stronger steps to quell the violence in war-torn Bosnia, even as he voices hope that talk about possible military action has itself had an impact.

Clinton was bringing together top foreign policy advisers today for a final round of consultations before dispatching Secretary of State Warren Christopher to Western Europe and Russia to rally support for whatever he decides.

The president said Friday he wanted to "get an updated report on the situation and ... ask a lot of questions" in the meeting with Christopher, Defense Secretary Les Aspin, national security adviser Anthony Lake and other top aides.

"I may want to make another round of phone calls after we meet with the principals," Clinton said. "And I expect then we'll be pretty close to deciding where we are."

The main options under consideration were lifting an arms embargo against outgunned Bosnian Muslims and air strikes against Bosnian Serb posi-

tions.

With pressure for stronger action mounting, a bipartisan group of 16 senators Friday sent a letter to Clinton expressing support both for multinational air strikes against Serbian artillery sites and lifting of the arms embargo.

But support for such action is far from unanimous in Congress, and U.S. allies in Europe have particular concerns about the impact of such a strategy.

Clinton has been wrestling with the Bosnian issue ever since he took office, calling it by far the most difficult foreign policy question he faces. His goals are to bring a swift end to the ethnic violence there and at the same time foster prospects for long-term peace.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher on Friday called the Serbs "clearly the main impediments to peace" and accused them of waiting until they could cause more suffering before agreeing to participate in a new round of peace talks this weekend in Athens, Greece.

The two other warring factions in Bosnia, ethnic

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**FINAL PREPARATIONS** — Workers hurry on Friday to pitch tents and add much to surrounding areas in anticipation for today's re-

## Parade Kicks Off Celebration Of Walnut Bridge Reopening

Amid a flurry of activity, the Walnut Street Bridge was opened today for the first time in 15 years.

The ceremony began at 9:30 a.m. with a parade reminiscent of the one that opened the bridge on Feb. 18, 1891. A short time later, the bridge was formally opened with speeches by several dignitaries.

For the children, there were dancing, storytelling, a scavenger hunt, hot air balloon rides and kite flying.

A variety of period stages were also set up complete with music, dress and other activities reminiscent of each particular era.

The activities are scheduled to continue tonight. The big time musical entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m. with a performance by the Sherman Williams Band, followed by a concert by noted pop singer Elvin Bishop. These performances will be held on the south end of the bridge.

Then, at 8:30 p.m., the activity switches to Riverfront Parkway near the Tennessee Aquarium for performances by zydeco musician Al Rapone, and blues entertainers Big Daddy Kinsey and Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown. A fireworks show will be held between the second and third performances.

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who discussed the history of the structure and the renovation efforts.

Then, Chattanoogaans had an opportunity to view the bridge up close for the first time and participate in a variety of activities.

For the sports enthusiast, there were a climbing competition, a road race, a rowing regatta, a bike race and a bridge tournament.

## First Lady Woos Republicans On Voluntary Health Controls

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton, courting Republicans on health care, says the White House is considering allowing doctors, hospitals and pharmaceutical companies to implement voluntary price controls.

Senators who attended a two-hour session with Mrs. Clinton on Friday said that under the "stand-by" policy she discussed the government would have legislation ready to enforce controls if the voluntary restraints didn't work after a certain period, such as a year or two.

That compromise, according to aides familiar with the meeting, is likely aimed at appeasing both Republicans who oppose price controls and the medical industry, which would prefer to implement its own controls.

Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., expected to be a key supporter of President Clinton's plan in Congress, said he thought the stand-by compromise should take the edge off GOP complaints.

But Utah Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch said he was opposed to having the government dictate prices.

"We don't believe that's the United States way," he said.

During the session, Mrs. Clinton pledged plenty of room for compromise, and Republicans praised her effort to draw them into the debate. One of her husband's chief critics, Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, stood at her side at a later news conference and promised the GOP's help.

She offered few new details of the plan, expected to be ready by late May.

White House and congressional officials have described the emerging proposal as one that would probably call for an employer-based system requiring all companies to provide coverage for workers. Big companies that want to keep their own systems might be able to "opt out."

Employees might have to pay more, too, and the government, using higher taxes, would ultimately pay for the uninsured.

Mrs. Clinton said it was impossible

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### 50% Chance Of Showers; High In Mid-70s

Cloudy skies and seasonably moderate temperatures will bring a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms Sunday.

A 40 percent chance of showers will prevail in the area tonight.

The high Sunday will be in the low to middle 70s after the morning low near 60 degrees. Today's high was to have been in the low to middle 70s.

Winds will be from the south at 5 miles an hour tonight and Sunday.

The high in Chattanooga Friday

was 70 degrees and the low was 53. The low this morning was 59 degrees.

Extended forecast: A chance of showers and thunderstorms is expected to continue in the area Monday and Tuesday. Partly cloudy skies are anticipated Wednesday. Highs will be in the middle 70s to near 80 degrees throughout the period. Low readings will be in the upper 50s each day.

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## Pro-Lifers Win Bid Battle, Paying \$294,000 For Clinic

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The Pro-Life Majority Coalition of Chattanooga on Friday purchased the Vance Road site of the Chattanooga Women's Clinic, where abortions are performed, for \$294,000 in a bankruptcy court bidding war with Dr. Ed Perry, clinic physician and president.

The property became available for purchase when Ernest Porter Yarborough, owner of the property, filed a Chapter 11 plan of reorganization in bankruptcy.

A condition of the pro-life purchase offer was that it be allowed to take possession of the property on May 18, the day after the existing clinic lease expires.

Dr. Perry testified that he was seeking to personally purchase the property and lease it back to the clinic.

The board of directors for the winning bidder met earlier this

month and decided to bid on the property.

Treasurer Mike Jennings testified that no final determination has been made on the use of the property.

He said options under consideration include a Holocaust Museum, a memorial park, or recycling and selling the building and tract.

Allison Lynch, who represented Dr. Perry, sought unsuccessfully to persuade Bankruptcy Judge John Cook that a clause in the proposed purchase agreement between Dr. Perry and Mr. Yarborough would give the clinic a minimum 90-day extension beyond the basic May 17

existing lease.

The jurist concluded that the proposed purchase agreement did not have court approval and was "unenforceable."

Virginia Moore, clinic director, said she hopes to relocate the clinic.

Pat Lindley, spokeswoman for the pro-life coalition, said the clinic will be forced to move.

"Even if with that disruption the life of only one baby is saved, it will have been worth the money," she added.

Records indicate that 90 percent

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**LOW BIDDER** — Dr. Ed Perry leaves bankruptcy court after losing a bidding war for the clinic property.



**PURCHASERS** — The Rev. Bob Berger, left, and Pat Lindley, right, Pro-Life Majority Coalition of Chattanooga member and spokeswoman, respectively, express joy at purchasing the clinic site. (Staff photos by Michael Locke)

## Abortion Facility Plans To Relocate

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While pro-life supporters say their purchase of the Chattanooga Women's Clinic property is an end to "a baby-killing business," the abortion clinic's attorney said the facility plans to relocate.

U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge John Cook on Friday approved the sale of the Chattanooga Women's Clinic's Vance Road property to the Pro-Life Majority Coalition of Chattanooga (ProMaCC) for \$294,000.

Dr. Ed Perry, medical director of the clinic, offered a bid of \$289,000 for the site. The Elizabethton, Tenn., physician, who performs abortions at the Chattanooga clinic, testified he planned to purchase the property and lease it back to the Chattanooga Women's Clinic.

The property was formerly owned by Ernest Porter Yarborough, who is in a Chapter 11 plan of reorganization in bankruptcy court.

"The city of Chattanooga rose up and said there are better uses for a commercial property than to kill babies," said Pat Lindley, ProMaCC spokesman, in reaction to the ruling.

Judge Cook's decision "does not put the clinic out of business," said attorney Allison Ulin Lynch, who represented that facility and Dr. Perry. "The Chattanooga Women's Clinic will be in operation."

Shelley Rucker, who represented ProMaCC, said, "I'm pleased that my client was successful."

Ms. Rucker described her clients as people who are "putting their money where their mouth is."

The attorney said it was "hard to say" whether the clinic and Dr. Perry

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**SELES STABBED** — Top-ranked tennis star Monica Seles grimaces as she is aided after being stabbed in the back Friday by a spectator at a tennis tournament in Hamburg, Germany. The story is in today's Sports section. (AP Photo)