

New appointees are not so diverse, analysis shows



WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite efforts to create a government that "looks like America," President Bill Clinton's earliest appointments are predominantly middle-aged and male — and not much more racially diverse than the Bush administration, an Associated Press analysis shows.

To considerable fanfare, Clinton appointed a broad mix of men, women and minorities to his Cabinet — the top 18 appointees. But his first wave of sub-Cabinet and White House

appointees is not so diverse. In fact, the group as a whole looks quite a lot like the president.

A third are fellow Ivy League graduates, and 36 percent are fellow lawyers. At least nine share an even rarer academic distinction with Clinton — they're Rhodes scholars.

Of the first 157 White House staffers and sub-Cabinet appointments announced so far:

- Eight-six percent are white, 13 percent are black, and just one person is Asian-American. Of the group, 4 percent are Hispanic. According to 1990 Census figures, 80 percent of Americans are white.

- Nearly two-thirds are men.

America's population is split evenly between the sexes.

- The average age of an appointee is 45 years, 10 months.

More than half of Clinton's appointees so far, the Cabinet included, are white men 35 and older.

The Clinton administration record so far is only slightly more diverse than his Republican predecessor. Near the end of the Bush administration, in September 1992, 87 percent of the 3,402 political appointees were white and 6 percent were black, the Office of Personnel Management said. Four percent were of Hispanic heritage.

In September 1987, 90 percent of the Reagan administration's 2,763 political appointees were white and 5 percent were black. Just 2 percent had Hispanic roots.

Clinton can fill about 3,000 jobs through appointments. The posts he has filled so far, however, are the government's pri-

mary power brokers — Cabinet secretaries, their deputy and assistant secretaries, agency administrators and White House deputies.

During last year's campaign, Clinton said he planned "to give you an administration that looks like America."

Experts search cavern to find missing worker

NEW YORK (AP) — Explosives experts inched deeper into the huge, bombed-out cavern under the World Trade Center on Sunday, searching for a still-missing worker and more clues about the explosion.

Riding on "spider scaffolding" — the kind of portable platform used by high-rise window cleaners — investigators worked their way down the sides of the cavern, checking the jagged edges of blown-out concrete floors for evidence.

The investigators had yet to reach the sub-basement level where much of the rubble collapsed after the bomb went off in an underground garage Feb. 26, killing five people.

As investigators looked for clues, police dogs sniffed through subterranean debris for a trace of missing building employee Wilfredo Mercado, who is believed to have also died in the blast. Charles Maikish, director of the center, said some reconstruction work had been delayed "to put finality on that particular issue out of sensitivity to the family."

So far only one man is accused in the bombing that rocked the Trade Center's 110-story twin towers. Mohammed Salameh, 25, was arrested Thursday night and is being held without bail. Investigators say Salameh rented the van that held the bomb.

Chemicals and bomb parts found in a storage locker in New Jersey were sent to Fort Dix, N.J., for study, but federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms spokesman John O'Brien said he didn't know the results of the tests.

Bust lands 700 pounds of cocaine

BURNS (AP) — Three Californians were in jail Sunday after authorities made what they believe was one of the largest drug seizures in Oregon history.

An estimated 700 pounds of cocaine were seized Friday evening after a rental van was stopped for a routine traffic violation on Highway 20.

Authorities searched the van and found cocaine hidden in the vehicle's wall panels.

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Global Education Project will have "International Perspective on Women's Issues" today from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the EMU Ben Linder Room. For more information, call

346-1334.

Ecology and Evolution Group population biology non-breakfast will have Rotation Talks II today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 331 Klamath. "Variability in a Species of Marine Ultraphytoplankton" by Scott Miller and "Microsatellite Genotyping in Daphnia" will be presented.

MISCELLANEOUS

Eugene Unicycle Club will meet tonight at 7 at Eugene Bicycle Works, 1st Avenue and Washington Street. For more information, call 683-3397.

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