

# U.S., Britain may amend war resolution

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WASHINGTON — U.S. and British officials, eager to get United Nations backing for an attack on Iraq, said Monday they may amend their resolution to give Saddam Hussein more time to disarm if that would help win passage of the measure in the Security Council.

British Foreign Minister Jack Straw, speaking in London, said the resolution, which sets a deadline of March 17, could be rewritten to allow more time and to set specific tests of cooperation for Iraq to meet.

President Bush was working the telephone Monday trying to secure votes for the resolution, only to be confronted with threats by Russia and France to veto the measure.

Those two countries are joined by China, Germany and Syria as de-

clared opponents of the resolution, which is backed by the U.S., Britain, Spain and Bulgaria. The five undeclared nations are Angola, Cameroon, Chile, Guinea and Mexico.

Pakistan, which had been undecided, announced Monday that it would not support the resolution. However, officials in Islamabad indicated that they might abstain rather than vote against the measure.

White House officials said they were "within striking distance" of nine votes, but progress was slow enough that they said a vote expected Tuesday would be put off until later this week.

While the United States and Britain worked to pass the resolution, the French were working on a parallel course to defeat the measure. French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin flew to Africa to

meet with officials from Angola, Guinea and Cameroon. British officials were dispatching an envoy to the same three nations to lobby in favor of the resolution.

U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan warned Bush that the United States would be violating the U.N. Charter if it carried out its threat to invade Iraq without the backing of the world body. Bush said the United States would be within its rights to attack Iraq without U.N. support because Hussein represents a direct threat to America.

Bush contends that a new formal U.N. authorization of action against Iraq is not necessary because a previously approved resolution clearly spelled out that Iraq would face "serious consequences" if it failed to disarm. But the resolution is strongly favored by U.S. allies such as British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who sup-

port Bush but face significant antiwar pressures at home.

The flurry of diplomatic activity is growing more frenetic each day. The Bush administration has vowed to seek a Security Council vote on its resolution this week, regardless of whether it has the votes to pass the measure.

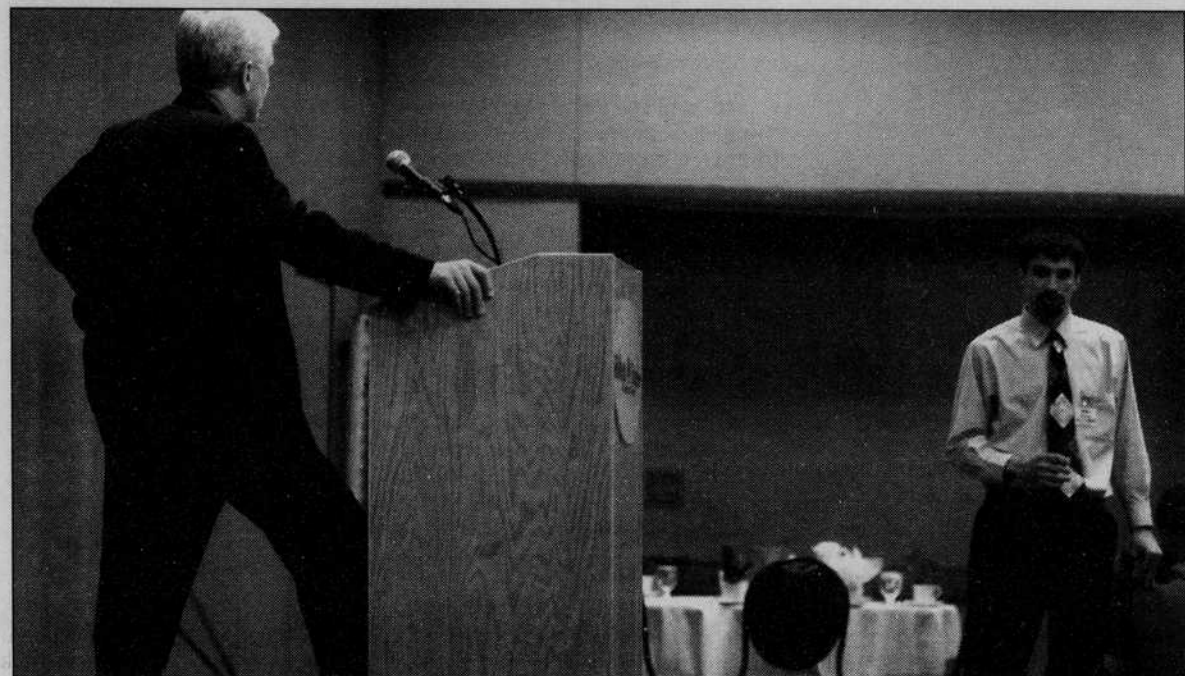
Opponents of the new resolution urge that U.N. weapons inspectors be given more time and point to Iraq's incremental cooperation as confirmation that inspections, if duly enforced, could be effective.

The Bush administration Monday chastised chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix for failing to tell the Security Council on Friday that Iraq has been found to have cluster bombs and unmanned aerial vehicles, both of which could be used to spread chemical agents.

Blix's failure to address those issues during an oral presentation, and his decision to add them at the last minute to a 173-page written report, suggest that the weapons inspectors have been painting an overly optimistic picture of Iraqi cooperation, administration officials said.

French President Jacques Chirac, the leading opponent of military action against Iraq, said in a television interview that France would veto the U.S.-backed resolution if it looked as if Bush had enough votes to pass it. A "no" vote by any of the five permanent Security Council members — France, Russia, China, Britain and the United States — amounts to an automatic veto.

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Iraq weapons inspections specialist Joseph Cirincione (left), debates with Churchill High School social studies teacher Mike Sterling about the effectiveness of weapons inspections and war in Iraq at the City Club of Eugene's meeting Monday.

## Debate

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"I contend (that) the inspections work," he said. "It's not a question of acting forcefully — we are acting forcefully."

The director, who had the majority of speaking time, said that when people see the thousands of Iraqi civilian casualties, other terrorists around the world will want to de-

stroy anything American — be it U.S. civilians, troops or a McDonald's in Iran. He added that war is also terrible because of its cost, which includes the lives, money, destruction and time U.S. forces will spend in the Middle East to uphold the region's new democracy after the war is over.

"This is a dangerous fantasy," he said, adding the United States will be put in a colonial position. "We have never done anything like this."

Sterling argued that he does not believe Hussein will voluntarily disarm.

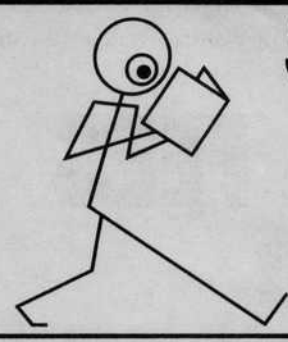
"I have a fear of assuming a leader like Saddam Hussein can think rationally like we do," he said.

Cirincione disagreed. "Containment works," he said. "Saddam is contained. We have him in an iron box."

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