

Clinton lashes out at Republicans

President Bill Clinton lashed out on Sunday at what he called an outrageous Republican abuse of power and smear campaign against his associates over the Whitewater affair, saying their lives had been "wrecked by pure, naked, raw politics."

In an emotional attack on his Republican opponents, Clinton said not a shred of evidence of wrongdoing had been found against him or First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in the Whitewater tangle of financial dealings.

Clinton vowed to help pay the legal bills of friends and associates forced to defend themselves from

charges of financial misdeeds.

"I think it is outrageous that these middle class people have had their lives wrecked by pure, naked raw politics," Clinton said in an interview with CNN television during a stop in Kentucky on his four-day campaigning train trip to the Democratic convention in Chicago.

"I'm going to help pay their legal bills if it's the last thing I ever do, and I stay healthy," Clinton said.

A number of associates of Clinton when he was governor of Arkansas and others who have worked with him since he became president have faced charges of impropriety linked to Whitewater.

Clinton business partners James and Susan McDougal and former Arkansas governor Jim Guy Tucker were convicted in May of fraud and conspiracy charges.

Susan McDougal was sentenced to two years in jail. Tucker resigned and was put on probation and fined. James McDougal will be sentenced in November.

Two other Arkansas allies of the Clintons have been acquitted of violating banking laws to help Clinton's 1990 campaign for re-election as state governor, a case that touched several other Clinton friends, including close adviser Bruce Lindsey.

"Do I feel terrible about the com-

pletely innocent middle class people who have been wrecked financially by this? I certainly do. I didn't abuse them and it's high time that the people who did, take responsibility for what they do," Clinton said.

Without mentioning Whitewater special prosecutor Kenneth Starr by name, Clinton said there had been an abuse of the law allowing a special counsel to be appointed to investigate alleged wrongdoings in the executive branch.

He criticized the aggressive questioning of White House witnesses during the investigation by Senate Whitewater Committee Chairman Alfonse D'Amato.

Higher black democratic turnout

A record number of African-American delegates will be at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

Beginning on August 26, the convention will host 1,027 African-American delegates compared with only 52 at the recent Republican National Convention last week in San Diego.

New York has the largest number of African-American delegates with 89, followed by California with 82. Of the total African-American delegate count 521, are female delegates.

At the 1992 Democratic Convention, there were 922 African-American delegates.

Having a significant role in the convention will be Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, as co-chairman of the Party's Platform Committee. Mrs. Alma Brown, the widow of former DNC Chair and U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown, will serve as honorary chair and make remarks on the opening day of the convention. Featured African-American program participants include Rev. Jesse Jackson, Harvey Gantt, candidate for the

U.S. Senate from North Carolina, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, Mayor Dennis Archer and Senator Carol Mosely-Braun.

The Democratic National Committee's black Caucus has scheduled daily workshops during the convention week at the Hyatt Regency on Wacker Drive, according to Texas State Representative Al Edwards, Caucus Chairman. These workshops will cover "Policy Wars of Congress" and "What's at Stake in the November Elections", "Winning in November," "The African-American Fam-

ily," "Affirmative Action," Education Reform", "Health Issues", and "Economics", "Jobs and Urban Development."

The DNC Black Caucus is also sponsoring a Youth Town Hall Meeting at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 South State Street, on Wednesday, August 28, from 3 pm to 6 pm. Congressional Black Caucus members Maxine Waters (D-CA) and Jesse Jackson, Jr., (D-IL) are moderating this forum which is designed to celebrate the power of young adults throughout the country.

Scientist develops no calorie fat substitute

BY ADAM FANNER

A U.S. government researcher has developed a fat substitute he says can be used to eliminate up to half the fat and calories in cheese and brownies and make hamburgers juicier and healthier.

This is really a new-generation, no-calorie, no-fat substitute," said George Inglett, the Department of Agriculture researcher who developed the substitute, Z-Trim.

If it lives up to its billing, Z-Trim will reduce both fat and calories in popular foods and add fiber, which is important to a healthy diet.

Many fat substitutes currently on the market are high in calories.

Inglett has experimented with Z-Trim in normally high-fat foods such as chocolate, cheese, brownies and hamburgers, leaving some of the foods' fat intact to enhance flavor.

"It tastes just like the original —

you can't tell the difference," he said in an interview from his office at a research center in Peoria, Illinois.

Z-Trim is made by grinding oat hulls or other agricultural byproducts in an alkaline solution. Impurities are washed out and the result can be dried to a white powder. When water is added, it cooks into a slurry and cools into a fatlike gel.

Brownies made with a 50 percent mixture of fat and Z-Trim — thus

containing substantially fewer calories than normal and less fat — were judged as tasty as full-fat brownies by a panel of 25 people in his laboratory, Inglett said. He said Z-Trim could also replace up to half the fat in chocolate, one of the most challenging areas of fat-free research because scientists have so far been unable to keep the texture and taste chocolate lovers demand. Lean hamburgers become more tender and juicier, Inglett said.

Perot gets OK to be on Michigan ballot

Two days after a poll showed Ross Perot's support faltering in Michigan, the Texas billionaire's name was approved to appear on the Michigan ballot as the Reform Party candidate for president this fall.

The Michigan Bureau of Elections board of directors formally approved the party's certification, according to Susan Esser, Reform Party interim state chair.

That cleared the way for Perot's name to appear on the presidential ballot in November, said Esser, who is also Michigan director for the Perot presidential campaign. Michigan is the 44th state to give that approval.

Last month, the party turned in almost 60,000 petition signatures, nearly double the 30,891 needed to be certified, Esser said in a statement.

Perot's Michigan support appeared to be falling among voters. A poll by EPIC/MRI of Lansing published Aug. 24 in the Detroit Free Press showed Perot receiving nine percent of the vote, down from 19 percent from a survey in July.

Republican presidential contender Bob Dole picked up much of what Perot lost, capturing 35 percent, with President Clinton receiving 46 percent. In the previous poll, Clinton had support from 48 percent compared to 29 percent for Dole.

Florida's Hispanic population tops 2 mill

More than two million Hispanics live in Florida and their numbers were growing at a faster rate than the state's total population, according to a University of Florida study released on Monday.

More than half of Florida's Hispanic population, about 1.1 million, live in Miami's Dade County, the study found.

"If past trends continue, Florida's Hispanic population will grow well into the future at a rate faster than the state's total population," said June Nogle, a demographer with the university's Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

"This may result in demands for social services that are different than in the past. For example, bilingual education, es-

pecially with Hispanics being younger and more likely to have children in school than some other groups," she said.

Florida had a population of 14.1 million in 1995, 14 percent of which was Hispanic. In 1990, the state's Hispanic population was 12 percent.

The vast majority of Hispanics living in the state were under age 65 and almost one-third were under 20, the study found.

"Because the Hispanic population is much younger than the rest of the state, this creates a strong supply of young people to fill jobs that otherwise might go unfilled," Nogle said. "That is good news for Florida, which, because of its large number of retirees, is traditionally thought to be fairly elderly compared to other states."

Plot to bomb 12 jets real

BY GAIL APPLESON, LAW CORRESPONDENT

A plot by three militant Muslims to bomb 12 U.S. passenger jets last year was very real and the defendants had the know-how and will to carry it out, a federal prosecutor said Monday.

In closing arguments at the trial of the three accused plotters, Assistant U.S. Attorney Dietrich Snell told a Manhattan federal jury that if a fire had not broken out in the Philippine apartment being used to make the bombs, the scheme would have been executed.

"The defendants' plan was very real. They had the material, they had the knowhow and they had the determination to carry out the plan with deadly precision," he said.

The three have been on trial since May for their alleged plan to destroy the planes within a 48-hour period last year and kill about 4,000 passengers as they returned to the United States from the Far East.

The government's presentation of evidence entered a crucial phase last month at about the same time as the fatal TWA explosion over Long Island, New York.

All 230 passengers and crew on board were killed.

Reports speculating that the defendants might have some connection to the explosion caused U.S. District Judge Kevin Duffy to question jurors as to whether their judgement had been affected by the disaster.

The government's evidence included a laptop computer seized from a Manila apartment shared by two of the defendants that held files calling the scheme "Bojinka."

It contained flight schedules and code names for the defendants who would carry out the bombings aboard Delta, Northwest and United planes bound for the United States from the Far East.

The schedules were for flights with stopovers before they reached the United States.

A letter in the computer said the purpose of the attacks was to punish the United States for its support of Israel.

Snell said the word "Bojinka" should have become part of the jurors' vocabulary, "synonymous with one of the most hideous crimes ... ever conceived."

The alleged ringleader of the airline bombing scheme is Ramzi Ahmed Yousef, who will be tried again this year on charges that he masterminded the 1993 World Trade Center bombing that killed six people and injured more than 1,000.

"He was the architect of the whole scheme. He was the chief recruiter," Snell said.

Yousef is also charged with placing a bomb on a Philippine Airlines flight from Manila to Tokyo Dec. 11, 1994, as a trial run.

The bomb exploded under the seat of a Japanese passenger, killing him and injuring 10 other people.

THE TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGIN'?

(SO ARE SOME ROUTES AND FARES.)

On September 1, Tri-Met will be instituting citywide changes in service that will affect many schedules, routes and fares. It's all in the name of progress as we move toward a better, more efficient transportation system. But we don't want you to be left behind (literally), so we want to alert you to which routes will be changing.

The affected route numbers are listed here. For updated information, just look for Rider Alerts on the buses and MAX, or call 238-RIDE for new schedules and routes. And please note, we also have new Park & Ride lots in Tigard and Gresham.

AFFECTED ROUTES: Several routes have added or extended service and some others will have slightly different schedules, connections, name or number changes. More specifically, the following routes are affected:

5, 18, 27, 31, 33, 41, 61X, 71, 72, 76, 78, 80, and 81

There will also be a slight increase in some fares (reflected in the chart). Honored Citizen fares and Day Ticket prices remain unchanged. New prices are effective September 1, but you may continue to use any tickets you already have.

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Youth	\$.80	\$ 7.00	\$27.00
Honored Citizen	\$.50	\$ 4.00	\$10.00
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