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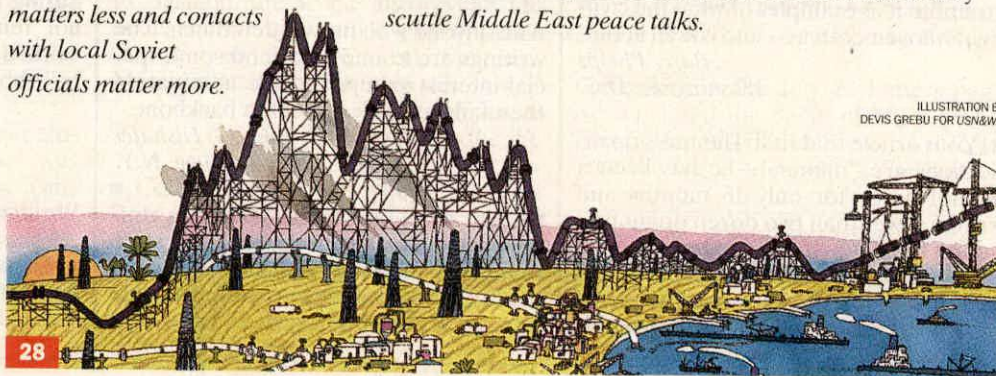
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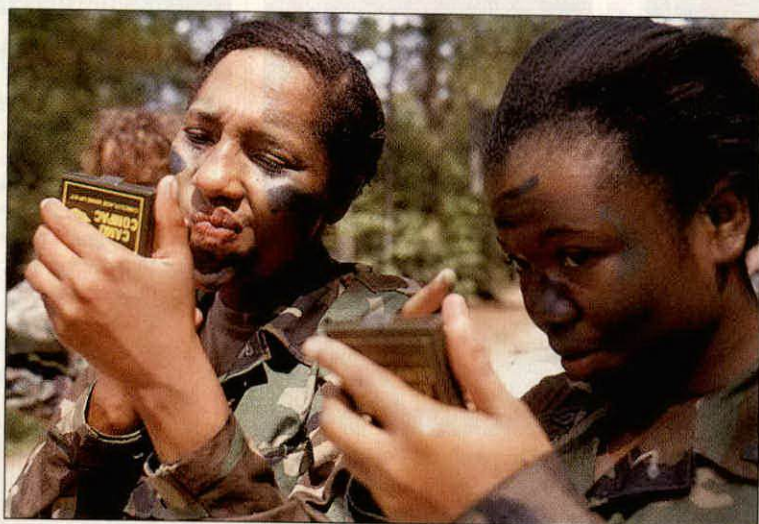
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In the Air—But Not in the Trenches,
Says a Decorated Combat Vet

By Col. David H. Hackworth

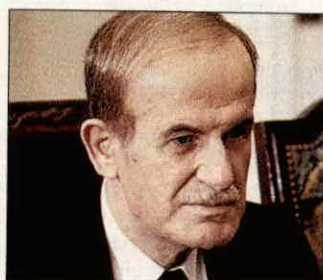




Female soldiers apply camouflage paint during exercises at Fort Bragg, N.C.

■ Should Women Be Asked to Shoot to Kill?

They earned their stripes in the Persian Gulf, and many of the nation's women in uniform say it's time to erase the last barrier to equality in military service—a law prohibiting females from serving in combat roles. This week the U.S. Senate takes up a measure to let women be combat pilots. The issue has ignited sharp debate on the potential disruption of U.S. military readiness, but it pivots on one key question: are women really ready to be professional killers? **Nation: Page 22**



Syria's wily President Assad

■ A Moment of Truth?

By saying "yes" to an American call for a Mideast peace conference, Syrian President Hafez Assad has suddenly forced the Israelis, the Palestinians and the Americans to face dilemmas in the Middle East they have long tried to postpone. In a rare on-the-record interview with **NEWSWEEK** and The Washington Post, Assad lays out the reasoning behind his diplomatic masterstroke. **Special Report: Page 16**

■ The Killers Among Us

Few crimes mirror human depravity as starkly as serial sex murders. Last week there was a particularly gruesome illustration. Milwaukee police discovered the remains of what could be as many as 11 men in a grubby apartment—and admitted they may have missed a chance to arrest their prime suspect two months ago. **Society: Page 40**



Sifting through the remains of a horror

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