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The future secretary of state, left, with her mother and other members of her family after their postwar return to Czechoslovakia.

Albright's Family Tragedy Comes to Light

Secretary Says She Didn't Know That 3 Grandparents Were Jewish Victims of Holocaust

By Michael Dobbs
Washington Post Staff Writer

Madeleine Korbelt Albright was almost 2 years old when her parents whisked her out of Czechoslovakia in March 1939, less than two weeks after the Nazi occupation, giving up their life as a prominent Czech diplomatic family and saying goodbye to many relatives. Eventually, she and her parents came to America, where Madeleine followed in her father's footsteps into a diplomatic career that culminated two weeks ago when President Clinton made her the first female secretary of state.

Albright has spoken movingly of her past and of the importance that her family's experience with Nazis and later Communists has had on her political views. But she says she never was aware of what happened to family members who stayed behind in Czechoslovakia. Research by The Washington Post shows that more than a dozen relatives, includ-

...we were first taken to the train station... about 5:00 in the evening and by 11:00 the same night, all these were in the train to Prague with our small suitcase which we were able to pack in a hurry. That was the last time we saw our parents alive. ...

A tearsheet from a family narrative that was written 30 years after World War II by Madeleine K. Albright's mother.

ing three grandparents, were killed as Jewish victims of the Holocaust.

In an interview last week, Albright, who was raised a Roman Catholic and now is an Episcopalian, said her father and mother never talked to her or her two siblings about the relatives' fate or their Jewish background. She said she

found the new information "fairly compelling" but wanted to conduct her own research into her family and its fate. "Obviously it is a very personal matter for my family and brother and sister and my children," she said.

"The only thing I have to go by is what my mother and father told me,

how I was brought up," Albright said.

She said her parents said of her relatives only that they died "during the course of the war."

Albright defended the choices her parents made and said she cannot question their motivation. "I believe See ALBRIGHT, A8, Col. 4

Ambassador Harriman Felled by Grave Stroke

Associates Call Envoy's Condition Critical

By Charles Trueheart
Washington Post Foreign Service

PARIS, Feb. 4 (Tuesday)—Pamela Harriman, the U.S. ambassador to Paris, was hospitalized here last night with what Clinton administration sources and close associates characterized as a massive stroke that had left her near death.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman,

Christopher Snow, offered no details of Harriman's condition or the circumstances under which she fell ill except to say she had been taken to the American Hospital in suburban Neuilly around 7 p.m. Monday. But, Snow said, "I wouldn't want to minimize the seriousness of the situation. She wouldn't have spent the night in the hospital if ... she were just ill in the passing sense."

In Washington, however, a close Harriman confidant who asked that he not be named said he had been told by State Department officials that the ambassador had suffered a stroke and was "in serious condition." Another longtime associate said he had been informed by administration officials that physicians attending her viewed her condition as life-threatening.

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns would say only that Harriman "fainted and fell ill" and that her son, Winston Spencer Churchill, was at her bedside at the hospital.

President Clinton was briefed on her condition Monday night by White House national security adviser Samuel R. "Sandy" Berger, an administration official said, and the See HARRIMAN, A8, Col. 6



Pamela Harriman as she arrived at a Washington inaugural party Jan. 19.



D.C. Mayor Marion Barry strides to the podium to present his budget.

Barry Unbending On Debt Proposal

Mayor Warns of Severe Service Cuts as Alternative

By David A. Vise
Washington Post Staff Writer

D.C. Mayor Marion Barry warned yesterday there would be "blood in the streets" as people suffered from severely reduced services unless the D.C. financial control board approves his plan to save about \$50 million next year by lengthening the time the city takes to repay its debt.

Responding to sharp criticism of his \$3.3 billion spending proposal for 1998, Barry (D) called his debt restructuring plan "a valid tool" that enables him to balance the budget responsibly. He also said the debt proposal provides an alternative to cutting the District's police force and slashing \$30 million from D.C. public schools and programs serving the poor.

"The community can't take that," Barry said. Referring to people advocating deeper cuts, he said, "They want blood in the streets."

D.C. Chief Financial Officer Anthony A. Williams said that the mayor's debt proposal would save money next year but that, over the long run, it would cost the city \$170 million—a figure confirmed by the city's outside financial adviser and disputed by Barry. Wil-

liams also said the debt proposal hurt the city's credit rating on Wall Street.

"It would drive us deeper into bond status," Williams said. "It would cost too much and is ill-timed."

Financial control board Chairman Andrew F. Brimmer said the board would reject Barry's proposed 1998 budget because of the debt proposal and its underfunding of the police department and public schools. Barry said he told Barry last week that the board opposed the plan to lengthen the time the city takes to repay its debt and that it wanted to see real cuts in spending.

"The mayor has known all along that the proposal would not be well received," Brimmer said, adding that control board members want to see "genuine reductions in expenditures and not bookkeeping transactions."

Barry said he would try to persuade skeptical members of the D.C. Council and control board officials to change their minds. He threatened not to endorse further spending cuts to balance the budget if they reject his debt plan.

"There may come a time when the control board and council recommend some cuts I can't agree to," he said. See DISTRICT, A6, Col. 4

Helms Pushes Chemical Arms Treaty Aside

Chairman Wants GOP 'Priorities' Put First

By Thomas W. Lippman
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Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) served notice yesterday that he will hold an international treaty banning chemical weapons hostage to his own foreign policy agenda, including reorganization of the State Department and reform of the United Nations.

Helms's staff released a Jan. 29 letter from him to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-Miss.) saying that "top Republican priorities" such as "legislation that ensures comprehensive reform of the United Nations" should come before consideration of ratifying the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Senate Republican aides said Lott, whose support for the chemical treaty is lukewarm at best, is inclined to let Helms have his way rather than try to circumvent him and force an early ratification vote.

The treaty, one of the most ambitious global arms control agreements of recent years, was negotiated during a Republican administration and See CHEMICAL, A12, Col. 4

Trash Shortage Could Lay Waste to Area Budgets

By Tod Robberson
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After years of public efforts to increase recycling and cut the amount of trash headed for landfills, an entirely different crisis now confronts Washington area governments: a trash shortage.

There simply isn't enough trash available to pay the bills at publicly owned landfills and incinerators, waste managers say, thanks to successful recycling programs, more efficient waste-management practices and competition from huge international

firms that are opening private dumps in Maryland and Virginia.

The complex economics of trash are playing havoc with county and city budgets, putting bond ratings at risk and causing tax increases for area residents, said Joan Robles, principal environmental planner for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

Trash tipping fees—which jurisdictions charge to dump a truckload of trash at their incinerators and landfills—have become cherished sources of revenue. When the amount of trash drops off, so does revenue, sometimes by millions of dollars. In some cases, counties

depend on the money to repay debt incurred to build huge trash-burners or dumps.

The need for trash has Fairfax County importing it from outside the state and has Montgomery, Prince William and other counties competing for refuse by tipping fees.

It also has elicited criticism from those who favor expanding recycling efforts. They argue that local governments invested too heavily in incinerators and landfills, making them reluctant to recycle more trash because it means they won't have enough to burn or bury. See TRASH, A8, Col. 1

Topless Clubs Look for Legal Cover

Houston Law Aims to Tighten Reins on Adult Businesses

By Sue Anne Pressley
Washington Post Staff Writer

HOUSTON—Nikita and the other topless dancers in town are worried: The city of Houston recently passed a law that could change the face of table-dancing forever. It calls for brighter lights, name tags and, most disturbing of all, a distance of three feet between a dancer and her admirers.

To comply with that, the women joke, they'll have to start wearing Hula-Hoops.

First Amendment lawyers are predicting that a big and potentially costly legal war will soon explode here in the nation's fourth largest city, where upscale topless clubs are as familiar to certain visitors as oil refineries and the Astrodome.

Houston's new ordinance, propelled by council member Jew Don Honey, a Baptist minister who came into office with a promise to crack down on the city's adult businesses, also has a provision that strikes disconcertingly at the clubs' pocketbooks. Under the law, many of the 116 businesses, includ-

ing related areas such as parks, churches or schools. That applies to all but a handful of Houston's 36 topless "gentlemen's clubs," and the owners of these Houston institutions, many of them multimillion-dollar enterprises with several hundred employees, have vowed to fight the city in court.

"This is the age of safe sex, which these clubs represent, and a time when [Hustler publisher] Larry Flynt is being celebrated in theaters across America," said David Wasserman, a First Amendment attorney in Winter Park, Fla., who has defended many of the adult businesses. "And in Houston, they're trying to end this kind of entertainment and criminalize bachelor parties. Houston has a reputation for some of the finest clubs in the country—this is not the rain-coat crowd."

Houston, a sprawling city of 1.6 million, already is an anomaly among urban centers; it is the largest American city without a police department. Yet it is through such laws that the city is aggressively lashing out. Officials say support in a U.S. Supreme Court ruling which found that sexually oriented businesses have a

NATO Plans Worry Russia's Premier

Chernomyrdin Says Growth Could Bring Arms Buildup

By Jim Hoagland and David Hoffman
Washington Post Foreign Service

MOSCOW, Feb. 3—Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin said today he will warn President Clinton and Vice President Gore in Washington this week that a rapid expansion of NATO into central Europe threatens to undermine the Yeltsin government and will fuel extremist demands in Russia for a return to armed confrontation with the West.

"I'm worried about Russia," the usually low-key, careful Chernomyrdin said in a 70-minute interview at the Russian White House. The West "wants us to explain to our people that there is nothing to fear. How can we explain this? Nobody is going to listen to any explanations. ... Developments in Russia could take an ominous turn."

Chernomyrdin's forceful remarks were clearly meant to advance Russia's negotiating posture in discussions with the United States and other NATO allies. He also demanded that NATO sign with Russia "a binding treaty, with verification" that would commit the alliance to change from a military body into "a political organization" that would not treat Russia as its main threat and enemy.

These positions have already been ruled out by NATO, which is preparing, at its July summit in Madrid, to invite Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic to become members two years from now.

Russian leaders, including President Boris Yeltsin and many nationalist and Communist politicians, have denounced the expansion plans from the start. But over the last year, there has been a growing realization here that expansion is inevitable, despite Russia's objections. In response, Russia has tried floating compromise trial balloons—creation of a nuclear-free

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Pakistan's Next Leader

Former prime minister Nawaz Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League held a decisive lead over Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party in incomplete results from yesterday's parliamentary elections. Voter turnout was the lowest since 1970.

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Pataki's Moonlighting

New York's Governor, George Pataki, is following the bad example of his predecessor, Mario Cuomo, by supplementing his state income with speaking fees. This lecture sideline, no matter how it is organized, invites conflict-of-interest problems and distracts the state's highest official from his primary duties. Moreover, by failing to make his moonlighting public, Mr. Pataki has made an undesirable practice worse.

Mr. Pataki is signed up with a Manhattan talent agency that books politicians and entertainers for speaking engagements. For a \$15,000 fee the Governor has already given four speeches, all to out-of-state groups. The audiences included a magazine conglomerate, two chapters of the Jewish National Fund and the Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association.

The Governor did not bother to reveal his new enterprise until it was reported in *The New York Post* last week. Unlike Mr. Cuomo, he did not list the speeches on his public schedule, making it difficult to tell what state business he might have been missing during his trips. Mr. Pataki's spokeswoman, Zenia Mucha, pointed out that the Governor's new income would be revealed when he makes his tax returns public later this year. Besides, she said, the booking agency had already made his availability public by putting him on its roster. But Mr. Pataki should have shared the news about his moonlighting with those of his constituents who were not shopping around for a \$15,000 lecturer.

Better yet, Governor Pataki should simply get out of the paid lecturing business, immediately. This page, along with his own campaign advisers, criticized former Governor Cuomo for his busy out-of-

state lecture schedule, which earned him \$1.3 million over three terms of office. Governor Cuomo at least had a national reputation as a speaker on public issues. While Mr. Pataki brought many talents to the governor's office, oratory is not one of them. His bookings, and his sizable fee, are due solely to the fact that he is the chief executive of New York State.

Mr. Pataki has cleared his speaking engagements with the State Ethics Commission, whose approval is almost inevitable since the state, unlike Congress, does not bar officials from accepting honorariums. He has also restricted his lectures to out-of-state groups. But in a world where special interests have national and even international agendas, the dangers of conflict of interest are still far too great.

Mr. Pataki's spokeswoman, Ms. Mucha, has said that the speeches supplement his income to make up for money he would have made as a lawyer or businessman if he had not run for governor. This is a familiar excuse, made by many elected officials who are convinced that by serving in government they are forgoing far greater opportunities that would have been theirs in the private sector. But time spent in public office actually seems to enhance the financial prospects of most politicians, who can later trade on the prestige and contacts they made in Congress, City Hall or the State Capitol.

Right now, New York pays its Governor \$130,000 plus the use of a home in Albany. Mr. Pataki knew what the salary was before he took the job. If he feels in retrospect that the sum is too low, he can always ask the State Legislature to raise it.

Unlock Family Planning Funds

Responding to pressure from anti-abortion activists, Congress has put so many restrictions on spending for international family planning programs that, according to the Clinton Administration, millions of people in developing countries are being denied access to contraceptives. America's role in population planning has thus been transformed from generous benefactor to parsimonious scold. The new Congress has a chance to turn matters around.

The United States helps to underwrite family planning programs in more than 60 countries, offering contraceptives like condoms and birth control pills and providing technical assistance to local family planning organizations, including training of health-care and family counselors and demographic research.

Many foreign groups that provide these services also offer information about abortions or actually perform abortions in countries where they are legal. As a matter of law and policy, no American money can be used for these purposes. That is, foreign organizations can only spend the money on contraceptives and other preventive programs. Even so, anti-abortion activists in the U.S. have managed to scare so many legislators that funding for even non-controversial birth control programs has suffered a dramatic decline, from \$548 million in 1995 to \$356 million in 1996.

Congress compounded the problem by putting a big chunk of this money in escrow. Only \$72 million was actually released to foreign organizations last year, amounting to an effective decrease of 87 percent from the previous year. For 1997, Congress appropriated \$385 million but delayed disbursement

from the start of the fiscal year last October until July.

Congress promised to reconsider some of the restrictions if the Administration could show that the cuts had caused harm. The Administration now confirms that 17 of 95 overseas programs may have to shut down and that the reduced funding will result in "increased unintended pregnancies, more abortions, higher numbers of maternal and infant deaths and, of course, more births."

These arguments are echoed in a recent report from the Rockefeller Foundation. The foundation argues that family planning programs have reduced average family size and improved the health and survival of women and children, resulting in better economic and environmental prospects in developing countries.

Congress is expected to vote later this month on whether to allow the funds allotted for 1997 to be released starting March 1, instead of waiting until July. That vote is supposed to be yes or no, with no amendments. But Representative Chris Smith, a New Jersey Republican and an outspoken opponent of these programs, wants to offer a separate measure requiring overseas recipients of American money to promise not to perform abortions or give abortion counseling.

Neither the White House nor the Senate is likely to find that acceptable, leading to a stalemate that would keep the funds locked up until midyear. House leaders should ignore Mr. Smith's divisive tactics and abide by their original agreement. Worthy international family planning programs have already been punished enough. They deserve a fair vote on the merits.

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Planned Parenthood®
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December 9, 1996

Robin Leeds
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Dear Robin:

Do you know that 60% of the pregnancies in the United States are unintended and that each year one million teenagers become pregnant at a cost to U.S. taxpayers of more than \$35 billion?

We do. And we are daily working to reverse these grim statistics -- and improve the health and lives -- of the women and men of Maryland.

For almost 70 years, Planned Parenthood of Maryland has provided high quality, accessible health care services, offered sensitive and effective education programs, and championed the cause of reproductive rights for all. Our focus continues to be prevention, aggressively attempting to interrupt the cycle of poverty and despair caused by unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases. Our job becomes more difficult every day, as funding diminishes and political challenge increases.

That is why I am writing to seek your generous support for these vital activities.

Planned Parenthood of Maryland has long been synonymous with caring, confidential and affordable health care -- often unavailable anywhere else. Through our network of seven modern centers across the State, PPM now provides comprehensive reproductive health care and counseling services for more than 15,000 patients a year. And we are, unquestionably, the provider of choice: for 70% of our patients, PPM provides the first point of entry into the health care system...for 40% of our patients, PPM represents the only health care they receive. This must continue, despite radical transformation in the health care industry.

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PPM is committed to ensuring that all Marylanders, regardless of race, sex, age, disability, or economic circumstance, have access to these critical health care services. We intend to remain on the cutting edge of medical advances in reproductive health, ensuring that such services as emergency contraception, medical abortion, and no-scalpel vasectomy are available to the public. We intend to survive and thrive: On the '97 horizon are plans to introduce prenatal care, female sterilization and mid-life services.

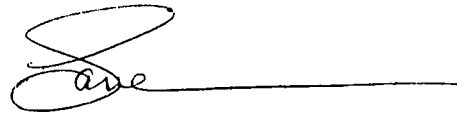
As a champion of reproductive rights and health, PPM enjoys an unblemished record as public advocate for the women and men of Maryland. Working at the federal, state and local levels, PPM is the unparalleled leader in the fight for increased public attention to reproductive health care needs and against any attempt to deny or limit access to critical health care services.

Nothing will reduce unintended pregnancy and promote healthy sexuality more effectively than education. The statistics cited above scream the need. That is why we must continue to expand our education and community outreach programs in the areas of family planning, reproductive health, sexuality education, parenting and effective communication.

Together, we can continue to set the Maryland standard for innovation and excellence in health care delivery, advocacy and education. Please help us do so.

Thank you and have a healthy and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,



Sana F. Shtasel
President and CEO

*Great to see you!
Can we reconnect for real?!*
Lots to catch up on ~
+ do!