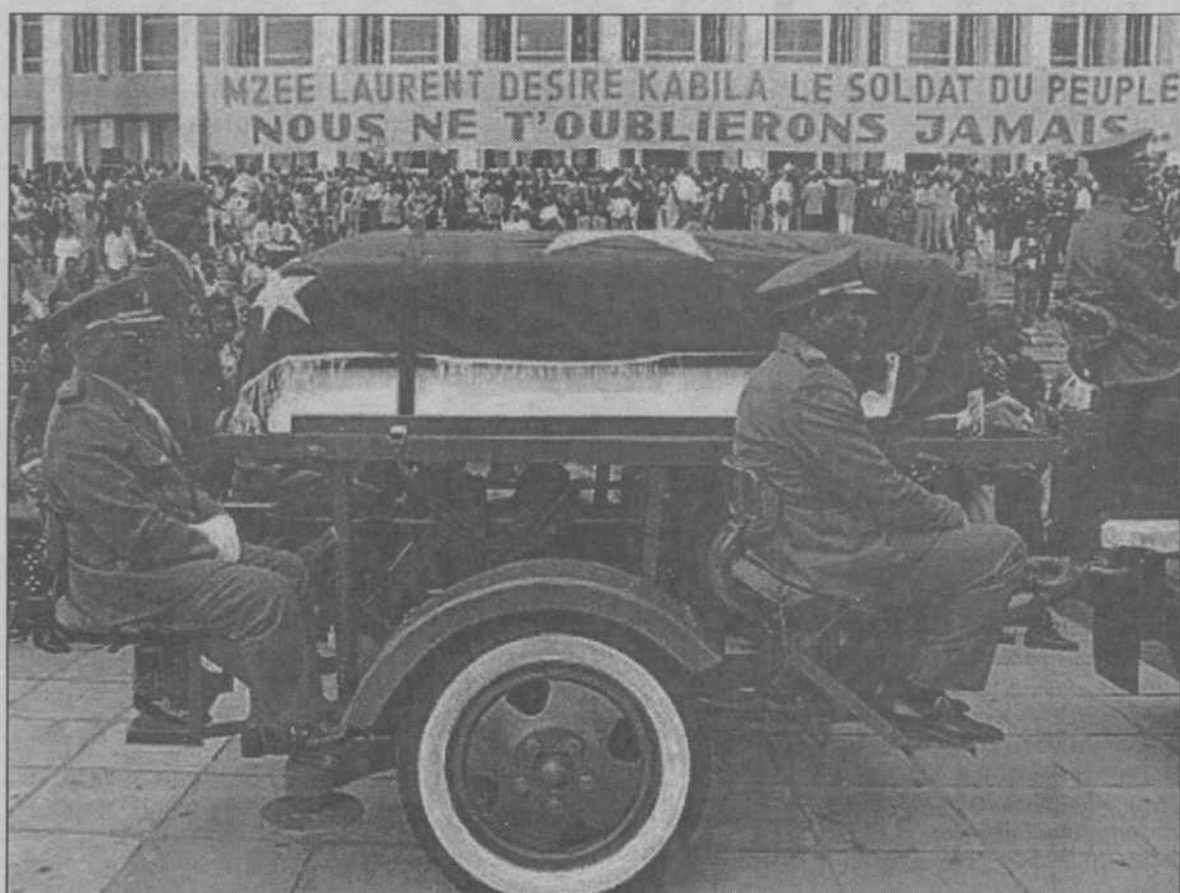


The Gamecock



Slain Congo President Laurent Kabila's body is carried by a car after a ceremony at the People's Palace in Kinshasa. Officials for the Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire) promised a full inquiry into the killing of President Kabila. Thousands of mourners and several African leaders attended his funeral.

Congo holds memorial for fallen President Kabila

BY TIM SULLIVAN
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KINSHASA, Congo — One week after President Laurent Kabila was gunned down by a bodyguard, this crumbling capital city said farewell to him Tuesday, with Kabila's son joined by the nation's key military allies as the coffin was paraded through the streets and placed in a white marble mausoleum.

Joseph Kabila, who was quickly named president after his father was killed, remained somber through the service, watching silently as dozens of dignitaries bowed before the white and gold coffin, and exchanging only brief words with visiting heads of state.

The younger Kabila — who was raised in neighboring Tanzania and

Uganda and does not speak Lingala, the main language of this part of Congo — did not speak at the service. Other members of Kabila's inner circle remembered him as a hero of Congolese history, who toppled the longtime dictator Mobutu Sese Seko.

"It is true that the disappearance of Laurent Kabila is a painful event," said Interior Minister Gaetan Kakudji, speaking at the heavily-protected People's Palace. "But if we think about it, we will understand that he accomplished his mission in snatching back the power confiscated for many decades and returning it to the people."

In many ways, the service showed the irony of Kakudji's words. Surrounding Joseph Kabila and other top

officials were hulking, heavily armed soldiers in jungle camouflage — nearly all of them either Angolan, Zimbabwean or Namibian. Apparently fearing trouble from their own soldiers, Congolese officials chose to leave them either unarmed or further away from the center of power.

And a few speakers made pointed comments about the country's more than two-year-old war, which has killed thousands, destroyed the nation's economy and split the country into government and rebel-held regions.

"Let us stop this war," Cardinal Frederic Etsou said. "We are all brothers and sisters... Let's reconcile so that we will save our nation."

Abortion battle heats up with beginning of Bush era

BY JOHN HEILPRIN
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WASHINGTON — Abortion protesters marching on the capital promised legislative fights and cheered President Bush's first major action in office — overruling an abortion-friendly policy by his predecessor.

At the same time, abortion-rights groups girded for battle. The president of the National Organization for Women said Bush had removed the "moderate mask that he wore during the election" by ruling out U.S. cooperation with many family-planning organizations abroad.

"Read My Lips — No More Partial-Birth Abortion" proclaimed a sign held by Randi Grantham of Wellington, Fla., demonstrating in a smiling Bush mask. The 36-year-old sculptor's sign had a more ominous flip

side: "It's War! Baby."

Bush imposed strict restrictions Monday on U.S. funds to international family-planning groups involved in abortion, even for counseling people about it or lobbying governments about it. The order was similar to a policy of Bush's father, which President Clinton overturned when he took office in 1993.

Bush's move coincided with a demonstration by thousands carrying signs that read "Defend Life" and "Stop Abortion Now," in a march to the Supreme Court that's become an annual rite of protest against Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion nationwide 28 years ago.

"It is not respectable for people who advocate and tolerate abortion to be in high positions of government," said Nellie Gray, the president of March for

Life Fund. Gray spoke at the annual abortion protest rally her group has sponsored since 1974.

There was something different this year: President Bush, an abortion opponent sworn in two days earlier, welcomed and encouraged the protesters.

"Two days ago, Americans gathered on the Washington Mall to celebrate our nation's ideals. Today, you are gathered to remind our country that one of those ideals is the infinite value of every life," Bush said in a message read by Rep. Christopher Smith, R-N.J., an abortion foe.

Abortion opponents hope to take advantage of the new political landscape to push a Republican-controlled Congress and White House they expect will be more sympathetic to overturning Roe v. Wade.

Yemen hijacking ends safely for passengers and crew

BY SUSAN SEVAREID
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ADEN, Yemen — A man claiming to be a supporter of Saddam Hussein hijacked a Yemeni plane carrying the U.S. ambassador and 90 others Tuesday and diverted it to nearby Djibouti, authorities said. The man was overpowered by crew members, and everybody aboard was reportedly safe.

Ambassador Barbara Bodine and the other passengers safely left the plane using its inflatable emergency exit chute after the hijacker was subdued, said acting U.S. Embassy spokesman Donna Visocan, contacted in the Yemeni capital of San'a.

Visocan said the embassy had no immediate information on the fate of the hijacker, his motives or demands. But she said officials heard he had been unaware the passengers included U.S.

diplomats.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said "really terrific action" on the part of the crew, airline officials and Yemeni authorities helped foil the hijacking.

Abdulmejid Tarek of the immigration police at Djibouti airport said the hijacker was taken to a local hospital, apparently with injuries inflicted by his own gun. Tarek had no details.

Visocan said Bodine, who was accompanied by other embassy staff, later flew back to San'a on a plane sent by the Yemeni government to retrieve passengers. Bodine had been flying to the city of Taiz for meetings with Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, who has been in the area inspecting government projects.

It was not clear whether Bodine's meeting with Saleh would be rescheduled. Gen. Tommy Franks, the Florida-based commander of the U.S.

Central Command, was already in Taiz to meet with Saleh, Visocan said. The meeting apparently was called to address the terrorist attack on the USS Cole as it sat in a Yemeni harbor and other security matters.

Yemeni airport officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the hijacker used the aircraft's radio to speak to them about 15 minutes into the half-hour flight, saying he would blow up the Boeing 727 if it were not diverted to Djibouti, a Horn of Africa country just across the Gulf of Aden from Yemen.

The officials said the man spoke with an Iraqi accent and that they believed he was armed with a grenade and a pistol. The hijacker also told airport officials he was a supporter of Iraq and the Iraqi president.

The Yemeni Interior Ministry said the hijacker was an Iraqi who wanted to go to Iraq.

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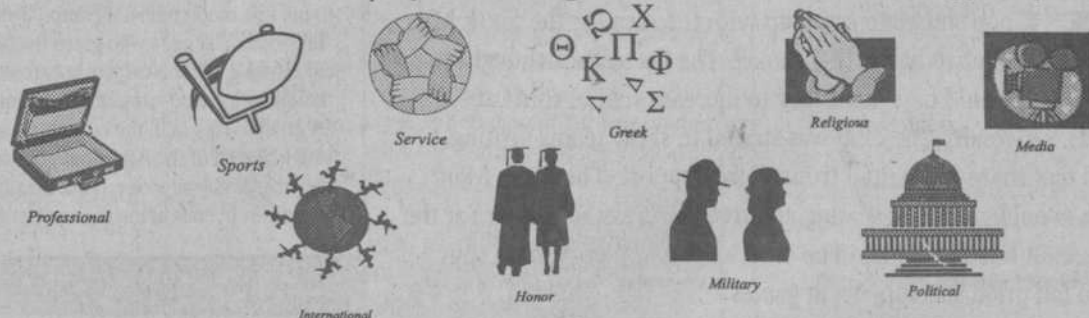


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