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L.A. prays for peace, prepares for worst

Police, churches, merchants brace for King verdict

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Armored personnel carriers have moved in. Police are packing rubber bullets and tear gas. Korean-American merchants have stocked up on guns. Even churches are ready, making plans to stay open as long as necessary and patrol their neighborhoods.

The city is nervous as the second Rodney King beating trial draws to a close, but determined to avoid a repeat of the devastating riots that followed acquittals in the first trial last spring.

Los Angeles isn't the only worried city. San Francisco was among other cities hit by rioting last year, and at least one store there already has begun boarding up its windows at night.

Jury deliberations in the federal trial are expected to begin on Good Friday and could continue through Easter. Almost every resident, from merchant to mayor, prays violence will be avoided.

Police Chief Willie Williams and Mayor Tom Bradley promised this week to send 6,500 uniformed officers into the streets as soon as deliberations begin. Those officers will carry special riot-control gear and a serious attitude.

"We're not going to fail you this time," Williams told Los Angeles.

His predecessor, Daryl Gates, was accused of not caring and not acting

quickly enough last spring when the state jury acquitted four white officers of most charges in the March 3, 1991, beating of the black motorist.

Three days of wanton lawlessness followed: 54 people died and 10,000 businesses were destroyed. Damage estimates reached \$1 billion.

"People cannot afford to lose anymore or have any more damage done to their communities," said Tony Salazar, co-chair of Rebuild L.A., a private group of business and community leaders formed after the riots.

"People in Los Angeles are generally tired of it and want to put the riots behind them."

Easier said than done. The federal trial isn't the end of it. On Wednesday, a trial was postponed until July for

three black defendants charged with attacking white trucker Reginald Denny at the start of the riots.

Meanwhile, Los Angeles waits.

Police officers carry rubber bullets and tear gas. The National Guard has moved in armored personnel carriers. Churches throughout South Central, site of last spring's worst devastation, will open as soon as the verdicts are read and stay open as long as needed.

The First AME Church, a rock for a big part of South Central's black community, held a meeting Wednesday night to review church leaders' strategies for patrolling their neighborhoods, staffing a rumor-control station and caring for their youngsters.

"We need to have a voice of reason," church spokesman Mark Whitlock said.

"We need to have a calm, analytic response."

Some responses thus far have been far from analytical. Gun sales in Los Angeles, and especially Koreatown, increased sharply as jury deliberations neared. Targeted by looters and arsonists during the riots, many Korean-American merchants have vowed to fight fire with gunfire.

Some people have decided simply to escape. Travel agents reported an increase in residents booking late, out-of-town getaways for this weekend.

And the Information and Rumor Control Center, which opened Friday, has been logging calls at a clip that increases daily — 30 on Wednesday morning alone, more calls than in all five previous days of operation.

N. Korea vows to fight pressure on accord

Communists warn of nuclear danger

TOKYO (AP) — North Korea's parliament, meeting for the first time since the hard-line Communist country pulled out of a nuclear-control treaty, vowed Wednesday to fight international pressure to rejoin the pact.

"The only road which our nation should follow is to reject aggression and interference of outside forces," said a declaration adopted by the Supreme People's Assembly.

The international community has been using a combination of diplomacy and warnings of possible sanctions to try to persuade the Pyongyang government to rejoin the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which it quit March 12 after Western demands to inspect two suspected nuclear sites.

In the resolution, North Korean lawmakers said the pressure was increasing the risk of war.

"Today the situation on the Korean peninsula has come to an unpredictably dangerous phase," it said in a statement carried by North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency, monitored in Tokyo. "Dark clouds of a nuclear war are heavily hanging over the head of the nation."

Although the treaty pullout does not take effect until June 12, North Korea ignored a March 25 deadline to allow inspection of two secret sites by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the U.N. group from Vienna, Austria, that oversees compliance with the pact.

The IAEA declared North Korea in violation of the accord and referred the matter to the U.N. Security Council.

So far no move has been made to impose sanctions.

China, North Korea's closest ally, could veto any punitive measure, and the council has indicated it will keep trying diplomatic means.

In Beijing, the North Korean Embassy on Wednesday distributed a Foreign Ministry state-

ment calling for talks between Pyongyang and Washington to resolve the nuclear dispute.

North Korea maintains the two sites the inspectors are demanding access to are military bases unrelated to its nuclear program. The North's top diplomat in western Europe on Wednesday reiterated that the bases are off limits.

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bassador to the Paris-based United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The Pyongyang government says its nuclear program is peaceful, but Western intelligence officials have said it is apparently trying to build weapons.

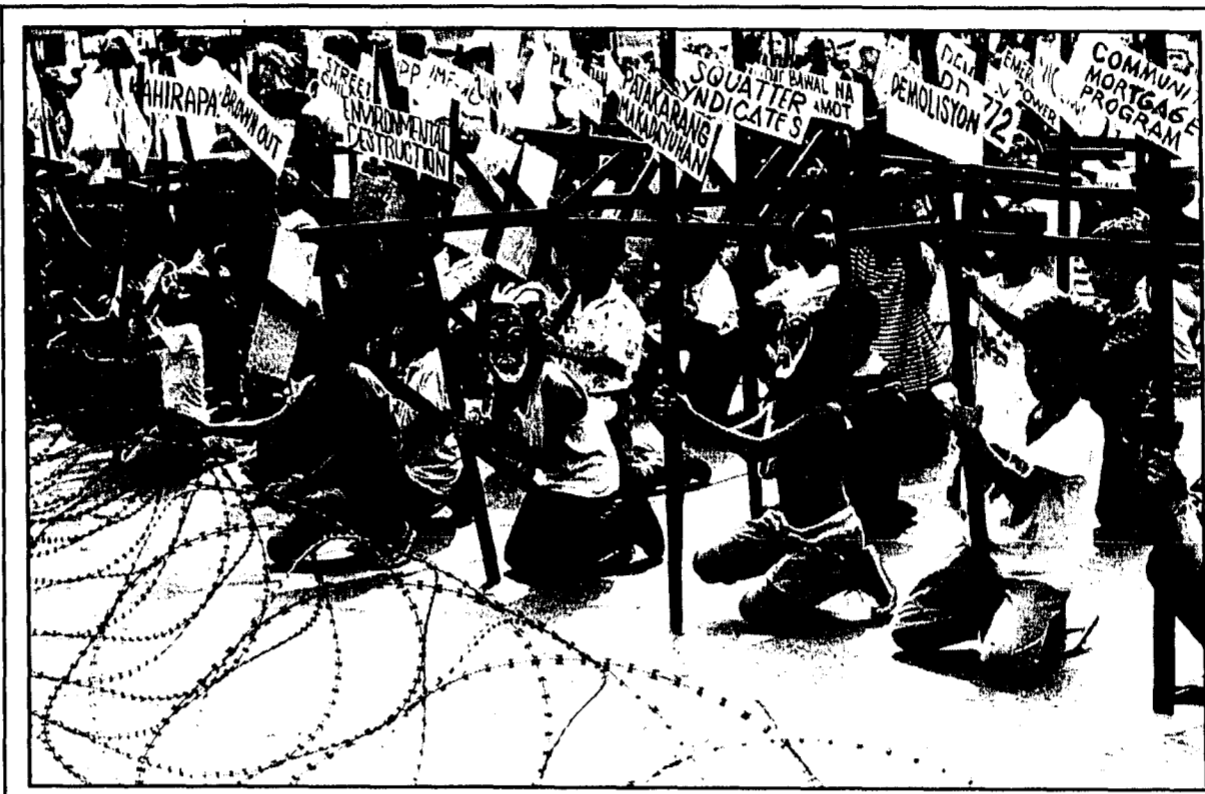
The parliamentary resolution also bitterly denounced last month's joint U.S.-South Korean "Team Spirit" military exercise, calling it a "preliminary test nuclear war."

The North declared a state of "semi-war" during the exercise, and the South put its own forces on alert after the treaty pullout.

The two Koreas fought a war in 1950-53, and their border remains among the most heavily fortified in the world.

Despite the continuing tensions, the parliament called for continuing steps toward unification with the capitalist South. Reconciliation talks have been derailed by the military exercise and the nuclear dispute.

"The whole nation should subordinate everything to the cause of national reunification," it said.



SIGNS OF THE TIMES: Children of Manila's slum dwellers hold wooden crosses with signs bearing the different ills of Philippine society as they hold an anti-government protest at the barbed-wire barricaded approach to the presidential palace Wednesday. The protest, by about 2,000 poor residents, coincided with the Roman Catholic observation of Lent and likened their suffering to that of Jesus Christ while carrying the cross before his crucifixion.

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Cult leader is not the 1st Koresh

Washington Post

WACO, Texas — A biblical scholar and expert on cults, who has advised federal authorities during the armed standoff with David Koresh and his followers, believes that Koresh modeled himself after the messianic leader of a turn-of-the-century doomsday cult near Fort Myers, Fla., who died after a violent confrontation with a town marshal.

J. Phillip Arnold, director of Reunion Institute, a biblical research center in Houston, Wednesday cited striking similarities between Koresh and Cyrus Teed Koresh and founded a religious commune called the Koreshian Unity.

"I've never heard of anybody else calling themselves Koresh before, and I've been reading this stuff for 20 years," said Arnold, whose institute studies religious cults and provides counseling for members who leave.

Koresh is Hebrew for Cyrus, the Persian king and defender of the Israelites who, according to the Book of Isaiah, was anointed by God to crush the Babylonians.

Like David Koresh, who changed his name from Vernon Howell, Cyrus Teed "Koresh" was obsessed with the Book of Revelation, a darkly allegorical work that foretells a series of calamities leading to the apocalypse. Also like David Koresh, Teed took mistresses although he preached that his followers should be celibate to guarantee them eternal life, Arnold said.

Like Koresh, Teed taught that God was an embodiment of both male and female and that Teed himself was an incarnation of the Messiah and had experienced a vision telling him to regather a spiritual nation of 144,000 in preparation for the Final Judgment, as recounted in Revelation, Arnold said.

Both men mixed science with religion, David Koresh focusing on astrology and Teed on an egocentric philosophy that viewed the earth as a hollow, concave sphere in which mankind lived and looked out onto three layers of atmosphere, Arnold said.

According to Robert Fogarty of Antioch College, who wrote an introduction to Teed's 1898 book, "The Cellular Cosmology — The Earth a Concave Sphere," Teed "may have been a lunatic, fraud and swindler; however, to his followers he was Koresh, the prophet whose philosophy was not only divine but a mandate to cultivate the earth and save it for future generations."

Baltimore Sun reporter furious over interrogation by Russian officials

MOSCOW (AP) — An American reporter interrogated about a story he wrote on chemical weapons said Wednesday he was the target of "outrageous" harassment by security officers, who said he could be detained if he did not cooperate.

Will Englund of The Baltimore Sun said his lawyer and a U.S. diplomat were barred from the meeting with investigator Viktor Shkarin. Englund said he was told earlier his attorney would be allowed.

"I can only conclude that they brought me here under completely false pretenses, as I of course would not agree at all to going in there by myself," said Englund. Officials allowed his interpreter to assist him during the questioning.

The majority leader in the House of Representatives, Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., said he would defend Englund's right to counsel when he and other members of Congress meet Thursday with Russian officials.

"We will certainly add our voice," Gephardt told a news conference. "We obviously believe in the rights that our citizens enjoy, whether they are in

the United States or here, and we certainly will make that point to officials here."

There has been no indication Englund, 40, faces criminal charges.

Alexei Kandaurov, a spokesman for the Russian Security Ministry, said under Russian law a lawyer did not need to be present during questioning.

The summons against Englund apparently was the first for an American reporter in Russia since the 1986 arrest of Nicholas Daniloff of U.S. News and World Report. He was held briefly on espionage charges, then released before a U.S.-Soviet summit.

Englund, who has been based in Moscow since June 1991, was summoned last week to discuss the Sept. 16 story. It was based partly on information from a Russian scientist, Vil Mirzayanov, who has been charged with disclosing state secrets.

Mirzayanov was one of two authors who said in an article in the Moscow News last fall that Russia had tested powerful binary chemical weapons in apparent violation of a previous agreement to destroy such weapons.

Study: Fetal alcohol syndrome leads to long-term brain damage

LONDON (AP) — Babies born with fetal alcohol syndrome suffer long-lasting brain damage, though many physical deformities diminish over time, according to a 10-year German study.

Doctors have suspected that fetal alcohol syndrome — a condition associated with exposure to alcohol in the womb — causes chronic emotional and intellectual damage. But few scientists have traced affected children from birth to adolescence.

The new study shows many of the physical deformities disappeared with time, but an array of emotional disturbances

persisted, said Dr. Hans-Ludwig Spohr, a pediatrician at Rittberg Hospital of the German Red Cross in Berlin.

Fetal alcohol syndrome, which strikes one to two babies in every 1,000 live births worldwide, describes a collection of features including a small head, stunted growth and delayed mental development. Doctors do not know the precise level of alcohol that damages the fetus.

The study is being published in the April 10 issue of The Lancet, a medical journal.

"This is an important study to document what's been reported anecdotally,"

said Dr. George Brenneman, a pediatrician at Johns Hopkins University in Maryland.

Although some doctors say women can safely have one or two drinks a week during pregnancy, Brenneman said he recommends abstinence because the evidence is inconclusive.

German investigators traced 36 boys and 24 girls born with fetal alcohol syndrome between 1977 and 1979.

In infancy, 45 percent were mildly affected, 30 percent moderately and 25 percent severely affected.

All of the children, even those severely

deformed, eventually achieved normal weight and height.

Microcephaly — or an undersized head — persisted in 65 percent of the children, said Spohr.

Although two-thirds of the children lived with adoptive or foster parents in good environments, the majority continued to suffer from psychiatric problems.

Spohr said 55 percent of 29 children who started in regular schools switched to schools for the learning impaired. The other 31 children started and remained in schools for children with learning and emotional disabilities.

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Story Times — The Cedar Rapids Public Library will present Story Times for preschool/first grade children today at 9:15 a.m. in the west side branch and at 10:30 a.m. in the Kenwood branch.

Bingo: Emerald Knights, Wed., Fri., Sat., 6:30. 712 2nd Ave. S.E. — Adv.

Bingo, Hawkeye Downs— Tonight, Blackout 53 for 300. (100) Bingo (5) 6 pack 6:30 tonight, Early and Late Birds, Super 8, Bonanza. — Adv.

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Cleaning up after the flood? If you need a chemical that disinfects and deodorizes call Odorite, 393-9035. — Adv.

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Agency accredited — Family Service Agency, 1330 First Ave. NE, has received a certificate of accreditation from the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children. Accreditation attests that the agency has met a set of nationally established requirements. The procedure involves a self-study by the agency and a visit by a team of council reviewers.

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Kids' self-esteem — A workshop to increase children's self-esteem starts today at the Family Service Agency group facility, 1334 First Ave. NE. Weekly meetings will continue on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. through May 12. Cost is \$5. More information is available at 398-3574.

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Flanagan's Homemade Beef and Noodles with real mashed potatoes, vegetable and roll. \$3.08. 1111 Ellis Blvd. 365-6768. — Adv.

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St. Luke's dietitians present, "Hearty Eating: Label Reading," Monday, April 12, 10-11 am. St. Luke's Health and Wellness Room, Westdale OR 5:45-6:45 p.m., Room 163. Call 369-7341 to register for this free program. — Adv.

Is your weight worth your health? St. Luke's has a medically supervised weight management program designed for people with 15 to 45 pounds to lose. Sessions begin each month. Call for a free consultation session, 369-7440. — Adv.

Mercy Care North, 375 Collins Rd NE, is pleased to announce the association of Andrew Patterson, M.D. Walk-in, no appointment necessary. Monday - Friday, 7:30am to 9pm, Saturday and Sunday, 8am-5pm. — Adv.

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Johnny's Parkway Thursday: Oriental Beef. 364-9208. — Adv.

St. Luke's "Shape up for Teens," is a 10-week weight control program for teens, 14 to 18 years old. Classes begin April 14 at St. Luke's Alive and Well. Call 377-1615 for details. — Adv.

The Optifast Program at St. Luke's is a medically supervised weight management program with an emphasis on long term lifestyle changes. If you have 50 or more pounds to lose, this program may be for you. New sessions begin Monday, April 26, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Call for free consultation session, 369-7440. — Adv.

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