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PREPARING FOR WAR

'All the decades of deceit and cruelty have now reached an end. Saddam Hussein and his sons must leave Iraq within 48 hours. Their refusal to do so will result in military conflict commenced at a time of our choosing.'

President Bush

BUSH GIVES SADDAM 48 HOURS

Iraqi leader warned to step aside or face attack by U.S., allies

By RICHARD W. STEVENSON
New York Times News Service

Washington — President Bush on Monday gave Saddam Hussein 48 hours to go into exile or face attack from the United States and a handful of allies.

In an address to the nation from the White House, made hours after he had abandoned attempts to forge a united diplomatic front against Iraq, Bush said the Iraqi leader and his two sons must leave the country. He warned diplomats, aid workers and journalists in Iraq to get out of harm's way immediately.

Saddam showed no signs of complying, and Bush's language suggested he did not expect such compliance. The president gave no date for the start of war, but it was clear that hostilities could begin as soon as the ultimatum expires Wednesday, or even sooner if Saddam makes clear that



President Bush

he will not go.

For the president, the speech marked the end of a long period of diplomacy aimed at convincing skeptical allies like France and Germany, as well as a skeptical U.N. Security Council, that force would be necessary to disarm Saddam.

That diplomatic effort ended in failure and the president was sharply critical Monday night of both France and the Security Council. The United States now faces a war with only Britain, among allies, giving significant military support.

The president put the United States on heightened alert for terrorist reprisals and prepared the

American people for a war he said was an act of self-defense against a country with ties to terrorists that is still trying to hide, amass and develop biological, chemical and nuclear weapons.

"Instead of drifting along toward tragedy, we will set a course toward safety," Bush said.

His 15-minute speech was full of gravity, reflecting the fact that Bush has now perhaps staked his presidency on his ability not just to prevail on the battlefield but bring postwar stability to Iraq.

To the Iraqi people, Bush gave notice that he would soon launch an invasion that he said would

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Through 'The Ditch' And Closer To War

USS Providence enters Red Sea as Bush issues ultimatum to Saddam

By ROBERT A. HAMILTON
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Aboard the USS Providence

PASSING THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL OVER THE weekend, the USS Providence changed from the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea, transferring from Sixth Fleet to Fifth Fleet in the process.

But for the crew, the biggest change was that suddenly war with Iraq seemed much more likely.

Passing through "the ditch" with the Providence were a host of other warships, at enormous cost both in terms of steaming time and passage fees. Crewmen said the fleet would not move except to increase its tactical advantage when hostilities start.

DISPATCHES AT SEA

EDITOR'S NOTE: Day reporter Robert A. Hamilton and photographer Tim Cook are aboard a Navy submarine covering the preparations for war.

The move gave the Navy ships in three seas that can target Baghdad with their Tomahawk cruise missiles, increasing its firing options significantly.

But for a few hours in Great Bitter Lake, the midpoint of the canal, the mood lightened considerably as the captain ordered "steel beach" over the public address system.

Sailors quickly lined up at the rear escape hatch to climb out and get a few minutes in the sun before the Providence began silently prowling the warm waters of the sea that separates Africa from Saudi Arabia.

Once the submarine re-entered the main channel for the last half of the trip to the Gulf of Suez, the sailors had to return below decks. At 2 p.m., the Providence was out of the canal and heading for deep water. By nightfall, the flares of excess natural gas burning at drilling rigs illuminated the distant shore.

"Welcome to the Red Sea, gentlemen," said Sonar Technician 1st Class Daniel D. King Jr.

"How come it still looks blue?" joked Mess Specialist

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TIM COOK/The Day

Cmdr. Jon Kan, captain of the USS Providence, keeps watch from high atop the sail as the nuclear submarine makes its way to its latest station in the Red Sea on Saturday.

With decision, Bush shoulders the risks of war

By JOHN DONNELLY
The Boston Globe

Washington — President Bush's speech Monday night was aimed at far more than fellow Americans.

He addressed international diplomats, the Iraqi people, the Iraqi military, and Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, giving him and his sons 48 hours to leave their country.

The multiple messages reflected the multiple risks inherent in the decision by Bush and a few allies, most notably Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain, to launch war after the failure of diplomacy in the United Nations Security Council.

In response, Bush soft-peddled criticism of the U.N. He told the Iraqi people that the United States would do its best to meet humanitarian needs after a war; he warned the Iraqi military that they would be tried as war criminals if they set fire to oil wells or used weapons of mass destruction; and at the end, the president told Americans that even an attack on U.S. soil would not deter the administration from its mission to oust Hussein and disarm Iraq.

And for the first time, Bush warned Americans that

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Thunderous air assault would precede ground attack in opening hours

By ROBERT BURNS
AP Military Writer

Washington — In the opening hours of war in Iraq, volleys of terrain-hugging cruise missiles and torrents of precision-guided bombs would seek to blind Saddam Hussein's military, cutting military communications and clearing the way for a ground invasion that would sweep north from Kuwait.

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, says the idea is to create "such a shock on the system that the Iraqi regime would have to assume early on that the end is inevitable."

The end Myers and others hope for — but aren't counting on

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Pfizer-Pharmacia Deal Gains More Ground Toward Final Approval

Firms reach agreement with FTC staff; closing could wrap up in April

By GEORGINA GUSTIN
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Pfizer Inc. and Pharmacia Corp. announced Monday that they had drawn another step closer to closing the deal that will re-

sult in a drug company half again as large as its closest competitor.

Both companies said they had reached an agreement with the staff of the U.S. Federal Trade Commission on which medicines they will divest to gain the commission's approval, the final regulatory obstacle Pfizer must clear in completing its \$52 billion acquisition.

"It's just one more step," said Stephen Lederer, a spokesman for Pfizer. "The FTC staff approval means it now goes to the commis-

sioners, and they have 30 days to make their decision, so we've got a long time before we have day one of the new company."

The pharmaceutical firms said they have agreements in place with the buyers of the assets they're divesting, but would not say what those products are. In a statement Monday, Pfizer said, "the products and compounds to be divested are not material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the company's business or operations."

Pfizer anticipates the remaining steps in

the process will put off the closing of the transaction until April.

In late February, European regulators announced they had approved the merger provided the companies sell off certain products and compounds. Under the conditions, the companies will have to sell the anti-hypertension drug Ketensin, which is marketed in the Netherlands, and Parkemoxin, an animal antibiotic marketed in Germany. The companies also agreed to sell the rights to two compounds for erectile dysfunction currently be-

ing tested.

Darifenacin, a treatment for overactive bladder with annual sales of more than \$1 billion, also will be sold. Pharmacia already markets the incontinence drugs Detrol and Detrol LA.

The companies announced the merger last July and initially said the deal would close by the end of 2002. Last fall they applied to both European and American regulators. In November, European antitrust regulators tem-

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