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Hillary takes charge in White House



Clinton will claim immature Monica 'fantasised an affair'



by IVO DAWNAY and JAMES LANGTON in Washington

HILLARY Clinton last night took full control of the White House's crisis management as pressure mounted on Monica Lewinsky to admit that the President had urged her to deny their alleged affair.

The First Lady is due to be interviewed on television on Tuesday about the President's State of the Union speech. Her friends suggested that Ms Lewinsky would not be off limits.

Mrs Clinton's intervention is aimed at ending the schism over strategy between the President's political aides, who are urging a comprehensive statement, and his lawyers, who oppose it.

She is said to back the more conservative legal team who have urged Mr Clinton to say nothing immediately for fear of worsening his position and triggering further legal attacks.

At the same time, she is leaning on family friends to come out publicly in their support. Unnamed friends are said to have been told that she believes her husband's categorical denials of a sexual relationship — and has told their daughter Chelsea that they are untrue.

Leaks from White House insiders to the *US News and World Report* have indicated the shape of the defence strategy. The President will claim that the 24-year-old intern was an immature woman who fantasised a love affair.

The unfolding drama has been heightened by growing evidence that Kenneth Starr, the Independent Counsel, is now on the rampage. He has issued at least 10 subpoenas, including ones for the President's friend Vernon Jordan and his personal secretary, Betty Currie.

They are both due to appear before a Grand Jury on Tuesday — just hours before the President is due to make his annual State of the Union address to both Houses of Congress.

In a continuing cat-and-mouse telephone negotiation with William Ginsburg, Miss Lewinsky's lawyer, Mr Starr is insisting that, in return for immunity, she must fully retract her sworn denials of a year-long affair and admit that she was pressured to lie under oath by the President and Mr Jordan.

Using the clandestine tape recordings of her friend, Linda Tripp, and the FBI, he is insisting that, without a full confession, he will indict her on perjury charges, carrying sentences of up to five years. Mr Ginsburg has apparently agreed to his client confessing to a sexual relationship, but is resisting implicating the President in a crime that could lead to impeachment.

However, there is clearly now real alarm in the White House that the scandal is running out of control. Mr Clinton's personal lawyer, Bob Bennett said: "I can tell you, everybody can bend if placed under enough pressure to bend. And Mr Starr is hell-bent on getting President Clinton."

It also emerged that FBI agents have searched Miss Lewinsky's home in the Watergate apartment complex — seizing a computer, letters and gifts from the President, bought last summer when he shopped before the cameras in Martha's Vineyard, New England.

The seizures fuelled speculation that they may included a navy blue dress with semen staing, which could provide conclusive DNA evidence that the affair took place. Miss Lewinsky is said to have referred to the dress in conversations with Miss Tripp.

The latest CNN/*Time* poll shows that his approval rating has dropped to 50 per cent, a 10-point fall in a week, and his lowest for 25 months. His disapproval figure has leapt from 33 to 45 per cent.

According to a *Newsweek* poll, nearly half of Americans say they would favour his impeachment if allegations that he told Miss Lewinsky to lie were proved.

Some commentators believe that President Clinton could survive another sex scandal, but not conclusive evidence that he conspired to pervert the course of justice.

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Prescott wants tax on green belt homes

by TOM BALDWIN and GREG NEALE

JOHN PRESCOTT is demanding a new tax to stop housing developers concreting swathes of countryside and to raise funds for the regeneration of inner cities.

The initiative is designed to stem the growing revolt in rural areas against plans for a massive programme of house-building. But it is likely to signal a further round of Government infighting with the plan putting Mr Prescott's Department for Environment, Transport and the Regions on a collision course with the Treasury in the run-up to the Budget in March.

Tony Blair has ordered ministers to devise new policies for the countryside amid fears that the Government will lose the support of millions of rural voters who backed Labour for the first time at the last election.

The Prime Minister could be forced to arbitrate between Mr Prescott and officials at Gordon Brown's Treasury who oppose the plan because they would have no control over the revenues. The money would be hypothecated — in this case channelled directly into rebuilding houses and infrastructure within cities. Downing Street is said to be unconvinced by Mr Prescott's green tax proposal, fearing it could be seen as an obstacle to building "starter" homes.

But a clutch of newly elected Labour MPs from formerly Tory seats were among those who signed a cross-party motion last week urging the Government to regenerate "brown field" sites in towns before building on more green belt land.

The Tories plan to launch a major "Stop Bulldozing Britain" campaign beginning with a full-scale debate in the Commons on Tuesday, tapping into wider-ranging environmental concerns.

Pressure on the Government has mounted in recent weeks following Mr Prescott's decisions to allow 10,000 new homes in the green belt near Stevenage, Herts, and 2,500 outside Newcastle upon Tyne, as well overturning the recommendation of independent inspectors by approving a 150-acre development on green belt land at Sutton Coldfield. At the same time West Sussex County Council has been ordered to find space for another 2,800 new homes, on top of the 37,900 it has had to accept by 2011.

The Government is under pressure to increase the projected number of homes needed in the next 20 years from 4·4 million to 5·5 million, amid warnings that the projection is an underestimate.

The tax would be levied on

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The coffin of Ben Hughes, a Roman Catholic victim of Ulster's retaliatory killings, passes soldiers in Belfast *Peace plan —Page 2 Photograph: Max Nash*

Palace seeks to ban ex-aide's book on Diana

THE Prince of Wales is demanding a publication ban on a book planned by Patrick Jephson, once a close aide to Diana, Princess of Wales.

Buckingham Palace was at first ambivalent about the book, but the Prince of Wales was furious when he learned of it.

The Queen is consulting her lawyers after Mr Jephson defied her wishes.

Like all Royal employees, he signed a confidentiality agreement when he first took up his post.

If an injunction to prevent publication is granted, Mr Jephson could still publish in America.

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Chunnel rail crisis

THE £5 billion Channel Tunnel Rail Link Project faces collapse as London and Continental Railways, the consortium running the project, draws up a final plea for Government help after failing to raise the necessary cash itself. The Government is discussing with Railtrack, owner of Britain's railways, whether it should take over the project.

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Friends of the Earth silences leader's defence of hunting

by TOM BALDWIN

ONE of Britain's leading environmentalists has been prevented by his own organisation from launching a devastating attack on the proposed law against hunting.

Charles Secrett, director of Friends of the Earth, pulled out of an agreement with *The Sunday Telegraph* to explain in an article why he did not support a hunting ban after last-minute discussions with the FoE's political advisers.

He was warned that it would jeopardise the FoE's lobbying power on other legislation going through Parliament — and alienate animal rights activists.

He decided to speak out because he believes opponents of a legal ban on hunting within the Green movement had not been able to speak their minds freely because of the power of the anti-field sports lobby.

Although Mr Secrett accepts there is a moral case against hunting, he fears there could be environmental damage if it was banned, including the loss of hedgerows landowners have traditionally left for hunts but might otherwise turn over to intensive farming.

Most conservation groups have maintained studiously neutral positions on fox-hunting and the Bill proposed by the Labour MP Michael Foster which would ban hunting with hounds. The Bill was passed by MPs last year, but without Government backing it is unlikely to become law.

Mr Secrett's article was to brand hunting an "insignificant issue" compared with many others he believes should be priorities of the Green movement.

He said the debate was a "culture clash" between urban morality and rural tradition and would not be best resolved through legislation.

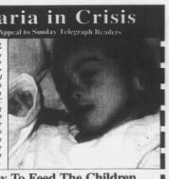
Teddy Goldsmith, founder of the *Ecologist* magazine, said last night: "I've never hunted, and I certainly don't like the practice of digging out a fox that has gone to ground. But I am in favour of foxhunting. Man has been a hunter for most of our history, and I find that perfectly natural."

He added: "A more important target are the appalling battery farms in which millions of chickens and pigs are kept in concentration-camp conditions that would have made the Nazis vomit."

Last night, a spokesman for the FoE said Mr Secrett had been asked to write the article at "very short notice". A key reason why he did not go ahead was because "we have no wish to distract attention from our Road Traffic Reduction Bill, which is our present number one priority".

Bulgaria in Crisis

Emergency Appeal to Sunday Telegraph Readers



LEFT TO FREEZE

Yordan, 1½, already malnourished could die from cold and hunger this winter unless aid reaches him now. With temperatures plummeting to -15°C Yordan's scant clothing and no shoes offer him little protection from the bitter cold and there is no money to heat his orphanage. There are 37,000 places in Bulgaria's orphanages.

No Money To Feed The Children
No Money To Heat The Orphanages

Bulgaria is a country in the midst of a serious economic crisis. Unless urgent help is sent, thousands of children will suffer terribly this winter.

There is little money to heat the orphanages. Orphanage Directors are having to beg for food from local villages and rarely know where the next meal is coming from. In some areas children, like Yordan, are going hungry and the cold could prove fatal for many children this winter. Without aid this could be catastrophic for Bulgaria's orphanage children.

The European Children's Trust, sister charity of The Romanian Orphanage Trust, is ready to distribute emergency food packs, clothes and fuel to the orphanages in most need.

Your gift today will save lives and bring hope.

● £28 could buy enough emergency food packs to feed 20 orphanage children for a week or heat an orphanage for 3 days.

Please send whatever you can to help children survive the winter or call 01273 299 999 NOW

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The European Children's Trust

Please act NOW – winter is here

It could be Euro . . . for £70 million

by JACQUI THORNTON

A PAN-EUROPEAN lottery, offering jackpots of up to £70 million, is under discussion and could be launched as early as next year.

Lottery firms, including Britain's Camelot, are meeting in March to talk about plans for the game, to be run by the European Association of State Lotteries on a weekly or monthly basis.

Each draw would be held in a different country and televised in the same way as the Eurovision song contest. The game would run alongside existing state lotteries.

Although the idea is at an early stage, Ray Bates, president of the European association, said it could start when the euro currency was introduced early next year or when the notes and coins came into use in 2002.

As the number of people eligible to play would be so large, the jackpot could be as high as 100 million euros, equivalent to £70 million.

The plan was first discussed at a Lisbon conference last May.

Up to 15 countries are said to be interested, including Britain, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Portugal and Switzerland. But Mr Bates said heated debate surrounded the size of the prizes.

He said: "The problem is that it's hard to design a game that satisfies a group of countries, such as the UK, which has a population of 58 million and jackpots of £5 million, and Luxembourg, which has 412,000 people and a jackpot of no million."

He believes jackpots should be capped. He would prefer a top prize in the range of £7 million. Enormous sums could lead to "jackpot fatigue" and an eventual decline in sales.

Some people fear that "telephone number" prizes may spark moral outrage.

It was impossible to predict what the game's turnover would be. Other countries that had devised a joint lottery, such as Scandinavia, had found it produced little more than domestic games.

The draw would work either as an additional feature to national lotteries, in which a seven-digit number was printed on the slip, or as a separate game.

Proceeds would benefit good causes, as in Britain. Mr Bates said: "The benefits would go to the individual countries. If someone spent one euro in Ireland, a percentage of that would go to good causes in Ireland."

Some could go to wider causes, such as the United Nations Children's Fund.

Oflot, Britain's lottery watchdog, said Camelot would be able, under its existing licence, to participate in a European lottery.

"We're interested in developments, but it is not as critical for us as for smaller countries," said a Camelot spokesman. "We have the biggest jackpot in Europe. What additional benefits are we going to have?"



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