Government hopes for judicial fairness in retrial of New York native

By the Associated Press INTERNATIONAL

hopes the retrial — this time in public — of a New York native charged with "terrorist collaboration" will demonstrate judicial fairness after the fall of ex-President Alberto Fujimori, whose administration exercised tight control

Five years ago, hooded military judges sentenced Lori Berenson, a leftist activist, to life in prison in a secret trial that denied her any semblance of

But Justice Minister Diego Garcia Sayan said her right to an open proceeding, which starts today, is assured and she will have an opportunity to answer charges that she helped the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement plan a thwarted takeover of Con-

In contrast to her previous trial, "the right to present a defense has been fully guaranteed," said Garcia Sayan.

But Berenson's parents, both university professors who retired to campaign full-time for her release, say a fair trial is impossible in a nation where their daughter is widely vilified and most Peruvians presume her guilt.

They cite an Inter-American Comnission on Human Rights opinion that

"repressive statutes, procedures and Center in Florida, but the crew kept rules" under Peru's draconian anti-ter- open the possibility of a landing at LIMA, Peru — The government rorism laws prevent fair trials even in Edwards Air Force Base in California, civilian courts.

> ficers defending Macedonia's secondlargest city from ethnic Albanian rebel assaults dismissed the insurgents' predictions of victory, saying they'll fight to the end to defend the country's bor-

"This ground you are standing on will remain Macedonia — we have no other home and no one is going to take it from us," said Marjance, a member of the elite anti-terrorist police on the outskirts of Albanian-majority Tetovo.

The rebels have called on all ethnic Albanians in Macedonia of fighting age to join their ranks, adding to government nervousness.

being instigated from Kosovo by the Maru ... I humbly apologize," Lt. j.g. former Kosovo Liberation Army.

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SPACE CENTER, Houston -Space shuttle Discovery faced a gloomy forecast that included rain and high wind as it continued its trip back you will be for the rest of my life." to Earth with the first crew of the international space station on board.

early Wednesday at Kennedy Space Ehime Maru.

the backup site.

The forecast called for wind and rain TETOVO, Macedonia — Slavic of- late today and early Wednesday over Florida, but the weather was looking better in California.

> Commander Bill Shepherd said he was returning with mixed emotions after 4 1/2 months aboard the space station Alpha. Shepherd, hurtling back aboard Discovery, said he wouldn't mind one or two more days in orbit.

> PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — His voice brimming with emotion, an officer of the Navy submarine that rammed a Japanese trawler apologized as an inquiry into the deadly accident neared its end.

"To the families of those who per-The rebels insist their battle is not ished and to the crew of the Ehime Michael Coen said Monday. "Although I cannot comprehend the unimaginable grief you must feel, I want you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at all times and

Coen, 26, is one of three officers of the USS Greeneville under investiga-The shuttle was scheduled to land tion over the Feb. 9 sinking of the

Attorneys for another officer, Lt. to complete its laboratory work and wop group The Flamingos, "La Cmdr. Gerald Pfeifer, submitted a written statement to the court that was not released to the public.

Closing arguments in the inquiry were expected to begin Today. The presiding admirals gave the Greeneville's skipper — Cmdr. Scott Waddle — and his attorneys until this morning to decide whether he would address the

Waddle's civilian attorney, Charles Gittins, has said Waddle won't testify without immunity from future charges. Waddle's request for immunity was denied Monday.

NODAWAY, Iowa — The Amtrak derailment that killed one person and injured 96 others was likely caused by track failure and not human error, a federal investigator said. "It is clear there was a fracture in this

track," John Golia, a member of the

National Transportation Safety Board,

said. "At this point, the prime suspect is the track." The NTSB wound up its second day of inspections at the site late Monday. Investigators said their work at the

scene was to be completed today. Goglia said metallurgists would test sections of the track and that it usually takes at least nine months for the board

reach a conclusion.

tified sources close to the investigation, reported in today's editions that and Chris Blackwell, the founder of the train derailed where a rail defect Island Records. had been recently detected and a temporary patch installed.

A NTSB spokesman could not be reached to comment on the Post report. Goglia said the railroad that owns the track, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, had far exceeded government inspection requirements.

NEW YORK — Aerosmith may have sold millions of records and played in front of thousands of people, but the band was far from jaded after being inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame for their three decadelong career.

"It's totally overwhelming, because when you see all these people up there that you cut your teeth on, and listened to and heard, to think that you've got a room next to Elvis Presley now, is like, wow!" Aerosmith's lead singer Steven Tyler said as he held his induction trophy backstage.

Aerosmith joined Michael Jackson, Paul Simon, Queen and Steely Dan in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on and the Palestinians to determine Monday. Also inducted were the doo-

Bamba" singer Ritchie Valens, soul The Washington Post, citing unidensinger Solomon Burke, sidemen Johnnie Johnson and James Burton,

For Jackson and Simon, it was their second trip to the hall — both were previously inducted for their legendary

beginnings with The Jackson Five and

Simon and Garfunkel. WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is appealing for cooperation and a bigger role in U.S. missile defense planning in his first meeting with President Bush, while vowing to defer negotiations with the Palestinians until violence

Sharon also would relish Bush's reaffirmation of a presidential campaign pledge to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, thereby bolstering what Sharon says is Israel's right to eternal sovereignty over an undivided

However, the Bush administration already has aligned itself with the previous administration of Bill Clinton in declaring the city's future is for Israel through negotiations.

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