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Emergency Vetoed

Grachev on Tuesday called for massive military action to disarm the rebels. Russian troops should "take tougher action against the Chechen combatants throughout the (Chechen) republic," Interfax news agency quoted Grachev as saying.

"The illegal armed formations must immediately surrender their weapons," Grachev said. "If they disobey, they should be eliminated."

Grachev also warned that militants would step up guerrilla warfare in the autumn, "using their better knowledge of the terrain under cover of fog and rain. I do not belong to the 'party of war.' I am simply a realist ... Talks alone cannot solve all the problems," he continued.

General Romanov on Tuesday remained in a coma in a Moscow military hospital with serious injuries to his head, lungs, heart and liver following Friday's radio-operated bomb explosion in a Grozny underpass. Romanov was still critically ill, but there were some signs of improvement in his condition, Interfax said, quoting Burdenko military hospital director Vyacheslav Klyuzhev. Doctors spoke of a reduction of fluid on Romanov's brain, but he was still undergoing artificial lung ventilation.

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Acces to Truce Cleared

and they can judge whether full restoration has been met. If they say yes, we will also accept," he said.

The truce had been due to go into effect shortly after midnight on Monday but was delayed by the Bosnian authorities who said one of their main conditions, the full restoration of utilities to Sarajevo, had not been met since gas had not been supplied by Russia.

The delay also allowed fighting in various parts of the country to rumble on with last minute actions aimed at firming up frontlines in sensitive areas.

UN officials said on Tuesday that

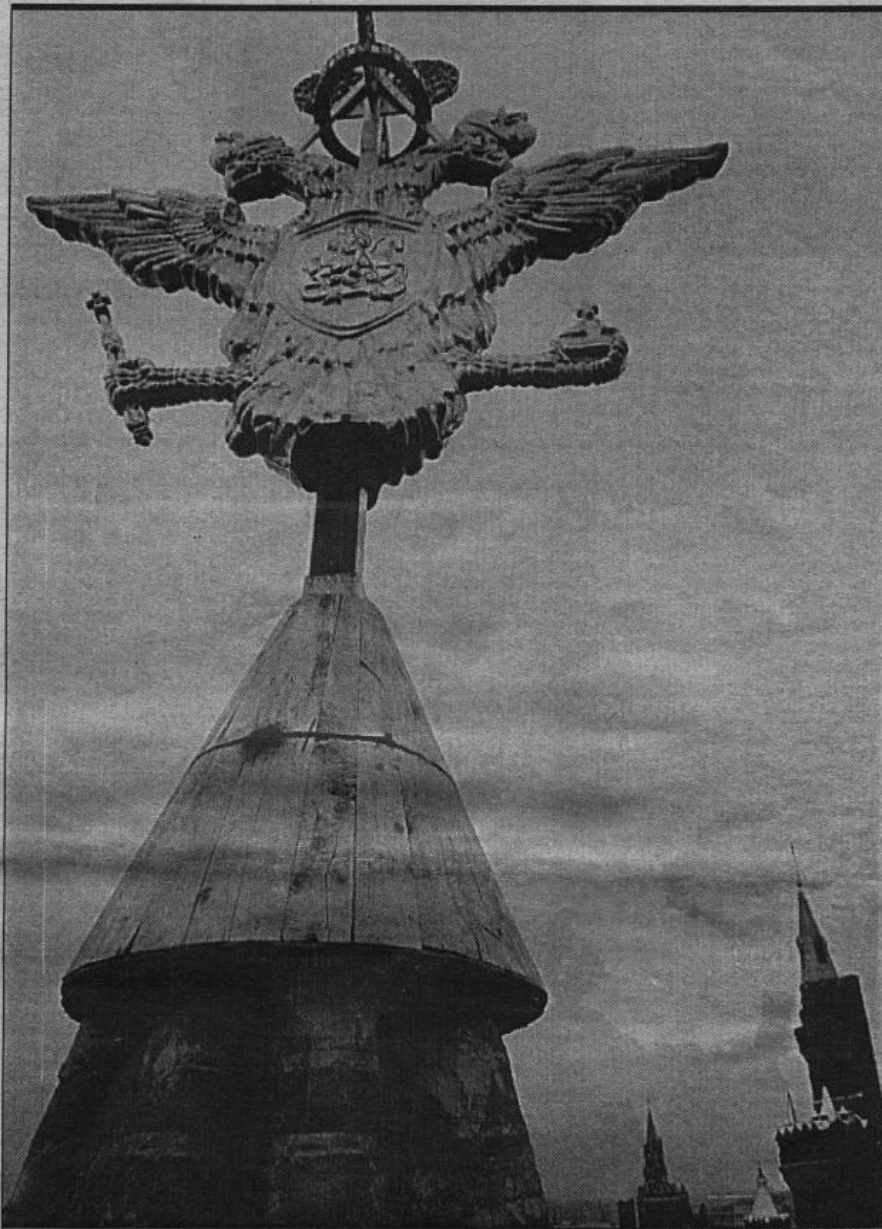


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THE EAGLES HAVE LANDED

Ancient symbol of Imperial Russia, now adopted by the Russian Federation, the double-headed eagle returns to loom over Red Square from the Voskresenskiye Gates. The Kremlin's red stars will be staying, at least for now. (See story on page 6).