

Riots erupt in Soweto after months of calm

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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — The tide of riot sweeping South Africa returned to Soweto yesterday, breaking months of calm in the vast black township that was the flashpoint of deadly racial turmoil nine years ago.

Rioters stoned, looted and set fire to cars, trucks and stores in several neighborhoods of the community of at least 1.5 million people southwest of Johannesburg.

Police said a mob of about 100 black youths stoned a tour bus carrying seven American, British and West German tourists. Three windows in the bus were smashed but no one was hurt, they said.

Witnesses reported that police attacked rioters with birdshot, rubber bullets and tear gas. Baragwanath Hospital said eight youths were admitted with birdshot wounds.

"Wherever the police meet a group of people, they open fire. Klipspruit (neighborhood) along Potchefstroom Road is just engulfed in tear gas," said a reporter who was on the scene at nightfall. "There is general chaos in most parts of the township."

Riots continued in black townships elsewhere in this white-ruled nation, with incidents reported in all four provinces.

Police headquarters in Pretoria said three blacks were killed Tuesday night and early yesterday — a woman in unknown circumstances at Witbank, east of Johannesburg, and two men shot by police during disturbances in Actonville, east of Johannesburg, and

Queenstown in the eastern Cape province.

Tens of thousands of black students joined school boycotts in at least 26 cities and towns, the government said. Schools reopened last week after a month-long winter holiday.

Soweto is South Africa's largest black township. It had remained relatively free of the rioting that has engulfed other black towns for more than 10 months in protest of apartheid, the white minority's legalized system of race discrimination.

In the current wave of rioting, much more than in the past, mobs have attacked local black officials and black policemen, who are seen as tools of the white government.

More than 450 blacks have been killed. The death toll was 575 in rioting that started in Soweto on June 16, 1976, and spread across the country.

Some observers attribute the relative quiet in Soweto this time to improvements in housing and other facilities there since the 1976 uprising.

Police and soldiers on horseback dispersed a crowd of about 1,000 youths at a Soweto court building early yesterday morning, before a hearing began for 107 blacks charged with demonstrating illegally last Saturday.

Witnesses said police fired several rounds of tear gas and one canister landed in the courtroom.

Police said they arrested 40 youths who hijacked a bus to reach the court, and briefly detained about 400 more in hijacked buses but let them go because the bus company did not press charges.



Soldiers watch a burning minibus on a street in Soweto, South Africa's largest black township, after rioting flared yesterday following several months of relative calm.

Bush visits Reagan for first time

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Reagan was taken off intravenous feeding and put on a mostly liquid diet yesterday as he continued what Vice President George Bush, visiting him for the first time during his convalescence, called a dramatic recovery from cancer surgery.

Bush said Reagan was "running high and looking good" four days after having a malignant tumor removed from his colon.

"It really is dramatic the way the recovery is taking place," the vice president said.

Bush spent about 45 minutes with the president in his suite at Bethesda Naval Hospital in suburban Maryland. They discussed foreign and domestic affairs and Bush said the president was "clearly read up" on the issues.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said Navy Capt. Dale Oller, the head of surgery at Bethesda, reported that Reagan's digestive system was beginning to return to normal and placed him on a diet of liquids such as bouillions, apple juice and tea, as well as Popsicles and Jell-O.

The spokesman said the president had gelatin and tea for lunch and was to be served bouillion and tea for dinner. He said Reagan "was awake throughout the afternoon, walking around the suite, attending to routine paperwork and reading."

Speakes said the president had his first uninterrupted night of sleep Tuesday night, retiring shortly after 11 p.m. EDT after watching the movie "To Have and Have Not," with Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall, on television.

He said Reagan awoke about 5 a.m., went back to sleep and woke again at 8 a.m. As he left his

room to walk the length of the hall in his suite, Speakes said, the president quipped, "Tennis, anyone?"

Doctors removed a nasal tube used to draw out gas and fluid from the president's stomach. Reagan, who had complained of some irritation from the tube, quipped, "This is Christmas in July."

The physicians described Reagan's condition as excellent, his vital signs as stable and his spirits as good, according to Speakes.

The spokesman said the president signed several nominations and a supplemental extradition treaty with Britain, designed to assist in combating terrorism.

Speakes said Reagan heard the sirens of the Bush motorcade arriving and surprised his visitor by getting out of bed to greet him in an adjacent sitting room.

"I got up there prepared to wait, and out came the president to greet me, walking, and sat in a straight-backed chair and looked very well indeed," the vice president told reporters.

Bush was accompanied by his chief of staff, Craig Fuller; the president's chief of staff, Donald T. Regan; and Speakes.

Speakes said the president's "first words to the group were to deny still another report of his demise," referring to rumors of his death that circulated in some international financial markets.

"Somebody must be trying to make a buck," the spokesman quoted Reagan as saying.

He said they discussed a breakfast meeting with Senate Finance Committee Republicans earlier in the day, at which Bush substituted for the president, and that Reagan "emphasized his interest in the budget deficit, which obviously still concerns him."

Speakes said the president told his visitors,

"We have to show real dollars in domestic spending savings. That's the only way. Go tell them that."

Bush, who made a fortune in the Texas oil fields before entering politics, said, "There's an expression in the oil business, 'Running high and looking good,' when you are drilling a well, and that's the way he is, running high and looking good."

"He was very much concerned about the problems of agriculture and there were other subjects, too, but the main point is he was clearly read up and concerned about the various problems just as if he were sitting in the Oval Office," the vice president said.

Bush said Reagan "clearly needs some more time" to continue his recovery and added, "I think he hurts from time to time." But he said the president told him, "I feel fine right now," and Bush said he was "impressed with the recovery, his obvious strength."

He said they did not discuss how soon the president will get out of the hospital. The White House says he is expected to be released over the weekend or early next week.

Bush said Reagan showed "no indication" of being depressed over his condition.

"The upbeat humor, unfailingly present in normal circumstances, is very much present today," he said. "We had a very good repartee, kidding and joking."

He said they did not discuss Reagan's unprecedented delegation of presidential power to him during the period he was under the anesthetic on Saturday.

"I assured him that things were functioning well," he said. "Obviously they would be functioning better if the president were there in the Oval Office, but they are clearly going ahead, and I told him that."

Outcome of festival pleases organizers

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To approximately 300,000 people the 1985 Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts meant six days of live entertainment, craft sales and museum exhibits.

To the organizers of the week-long extravaganza, however, the Arts Festival represented the culmination of almost a year of preparation and planning.

"It was definitely the biggest Arts Festival ever," said Lurene Franz, managing director of the Arts Festival. "In terms of the amount of people who came to the festival and the number of offerings, this year's Arts Festival was bigger even than last year's."

Franz also said that people who attended the festival were "thrilled with the quality of the art — it was of good caliber." Visitors were also impressed with the Arts Festival paraphernalia. "We ran out of all adult-sized T-shirts. The posters went well, and it seemed as though everyone wanted a souvenir."

The main concern of the coordinators of the festival was how everyone would react to the new route. "It was a necessary thing," emphasized Franz. "The route was changed in an attempt to save the elms on campus."

The previous route consisted of both sides of the Old Main Mall and the Henderson Mall and stretched into town all the way to Fairmount Avenue. The new route, however, did not use this area.

"It hooked in town and provided a link between College Avenue and Pollock Road, which was important because it provided continuity for the customers," she said.

"We received nothing but positive comments about the route," said Mary Ann Haas, President of the State College Borough Council and liaison to the board of the Arts Festival. "Even with the tremendous crowds, there was room to walk and browse, or room to stop and really look at the wares."

Elwood G. Williams, chief of the State College Police Department, said he felt that "the new layout caused a few traffic circulation problems. We'll have to reexamine this route and see what kind of alternatives we have for next year."

Franz and Haas said they were both delighted with the extent of community involvement in the festival.

"What I found to be amazing was that such a big segment of the community, and that includes the on-campus student community, supported and worked for the festival," Haas said.

Franz said the public was "very cooperative. We had good volunteers doing a crackerjack job."

The number of volunteers cannot be pinpointed, but the figure is estimated to be around 2,500. "You must remember that these are official volunteers," Franz said. "Many helped unofficially by offering directions and by welcoming visitors to State College."

Although major parking problems were avoided by the shuttle bus service to and from the Beaver Stadium parking lot, parking was tight downtown. "I wasn't prepared for the influx I got on Saturday," said Don Thompson, coordinator of parking for the festival.

Unfortunately, a few minor incidents of stealing and vandalism occurred during the festival. "We seemed to have more thefts reported from the vendors than in the previous years," Williams said. Also, the canvass of the new West Halls stage was cut and stolen.



Mickey says happy birthday

Brenda Soto O'Sullivan, 32, of Anahelm Calif., holds her 7-month-old daughter, party at Disneyland in Anaheim Calif., celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Dominque, as the two share a moment with Mickey Mouse during the day-long famed amusement park. Please see related story on page 4.

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