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Botha restores citizenship for some Blacks

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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — President P.W. Botha abandoned a pillar of apartheid yesterday by declaring that blacks consigned to nominally independent tribal homelands can have their South African citizenship restored.

The announcement was coupled with a defiant statement by Botha that South Africa's white-minority government would chart its own course toward racial reform and would not be influenced by pressure from the United States.

In Cape Town, Nelson Mandela, head of the outlawed African National Congress who has been serving a life term in prison since 1964, faced prostate gland surgery, members of his family said.

Mandela, who is expected to die within a few months, will undergo surgery after consultations with his doctors, they said. Doctors provided by the government said the 67-year-old black nationalist was suffering from an enlarged prostate gland and had cysts on his liver and right kidney.

Also in Cape Town, hundreds of enraged mourners at a riot victim's funeral kicked and stabbed to death a mixed-race policeman. Police said the plainclothes policeman fired into the mixed-race crowd, seriously injuring one mourner, as he struggled to save himself after being recognized as a policeman.

Police said they shot and killed a 4-year-old girl as she played in her home during rioting in a Pretoria black township on Tuesday. Her death raised the toll in South Africa's 13 months of anti-apartheid "township wars" to 1,028.

Botha told a party congress that 3 million blacks living in "white" South Africa but who are official citizens of four independent homelands will have their citizenship restored. He also was prepared to give "dual citizenship" to an additional 5 million blacks living inside the four homelands.

"(This is) additional proof of this government's willingness to react to the agendas of the other side of the negotiating table," Botha declared at the Orange Free State province congress of his ruling National Party in Bloemfontein.



Weeping Moslem women listen to the eulogy during a funeral service of a victim of the continuing racial unrest in South Africa. Violence broke out when a policeman was attacked, shot and wounded a mourner, and was himself beaten to death.

"This is an abandonment of the declared policy that all black South Africans would one day be foreigners and aliens in their country."

Botha also called for "all well-meaning, reasonable and honest South Africans" to "take the road of renewal, reform and freedom as South Africans determine it and not as Russia or America wish to determine it."

Government officials said an announcement was due Thursday on influx control, which denies blacks freedom of movement into the 47 percent of South Africa declared white. At least 11 million blacks live in "white" South Africa.

Botha acknowledged in an Aug. 15 policy speech that influx control was unworkable.

A study by the white University of Cape Town said that torture and beating of South Africans detained without charge was widespread. The study, based on interviews with 176 former detainees over 2½ years, said 28 percent were subjected to some form of torture.

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100 are killed in train wreck

By Associated Press

LEISU, Portugal (AP) — More than 100 people were reported killed when an express train loaded with immigrants was derailed and crushed by a freight train yesterday, according to firemen at the scene, quoted by Portuguese news media.

Prime Minister Mario Soares, who flew by helicopter to the crash site near his town in central Portugal, said the accident was the worst in the history of the country's railway system.

Firefighters and witnesses said cars in the two trains tipped over and burst into flames, setting a pine forest along the tracks on fire as well.

The domestic news agency, ANOP, and the state television, RTP, quoted the firemen giving the death figures. ANOP also quoted police as saying there were another 140 injured. But RTP said it was difficult to determine the number of injured because they had been taken to many different hospitals.

According to railway officials, the accident occurred at 6:40 p.m., when the behind-schedule eastbound international train hit a Coimbra-bound local train between the towns of Mangualde and Nelas in the mountainous Serra da Estrela region.

Alvaro Rodrigues, a ticket collector on one of the trains, told ANOP he managed to escape with two women when the car they were riding in tipped over.

Hospital authorities in Viseu, 183 miles northeast of the capital, Lisbon, appealed for donations of blood, and police asked people to stay away from the scene to facilitate removal of the dead and injured.

Male smokers may endanger mates

By Associated Press

NEW YORK — Non-smoking women whose husbands smoke heavily at home.

The risk went up with the number of cigarettes the husband or other cohabitant smoked at home and the total number of cigarettes he smoked, said Lawrence Garfinkel, one of the researchers and the cancer society's vice president for epidemiology and statistics.

The overall increase in risk barely failed to reach the statistical test for significance, Garfinkel said. But he said the relationship between increased cigarette smoking by the husband and increased risk to the wife did meet statistical significance, and he considers that the more convincing part of the study.

The study will be published Friday in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

Garfinkel said Wednesday the increase in risk "is nothing at all like even light smokers versus non-smokers," where the risk can be increased by four times or so.

The study of 134 nonsmoking women with lung cancer found that having lived with a smoking husband could double their risk of lung cancer if the husband smoked heavily at home.

President Reagan sent a message to the Duarte family, offering to provide whatever help was needed in tracking down the kidnapers. Rey Prendes said similar messages of sympathy have been pouring in all day from all over the world.

President Duarte's daughter kidnapped

By JOSEPH B. FRAZIER
Associated Press Writer

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Security forces recovered a stolen red van that was used to kidnap President Jose Napoleon Duarte's daughter and another woman, a top official here said yesterday.

But, despite a massive search, there were no clues about the victims' whereabouts or fate.

Julio Adolfo Rey Prendes, the president's closest adviser, said Wednesday that a second woman was kidnapped along with Mrs. Duarte.

Rey Prendes said police recovered a red van which the kidnapers used to get away from the university. He said the van was found by police late Tuesday at La Rabida, a lower middle-class neighborhood in the southeastern part of the capital.

He said no traces of blood were found in the van.

A presidential source, who asked anonymity for security reasons, said the van was one of four vehicles that gunmen, who claimed they were guerrillas, stole at gunpoint at the residence of the kidnaping.

Security officials described the kidnaping as one of the boldest urban actions since the June 19 machine-gun attack on two sidewalk cafes that killed 13 people, including four U.S. Marine guards.

The Central American Revolution Workers Party claimed responsibility for that attack.

One presidential security officer said "it was certainly the guerrillas who kidnaped Mrs. Duarte Duran, but none of the five groups that make up the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front rebel coalition claimed responsibility.

Neither did rightist death-squads operating in the country declare their involvement.

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Disco bear returns to India

By Associated Press

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Munnna the disco bear, whose three-week gig in Paris was cut short by kidnapers, is doing the soft shoe again in a remote desert hotel.

The 7-year-old bear, who dances to Indian folk tunes and was a star attraction of the traveling Festival of India, was kidnapped in Paris July 10 by animal rights activists.

Munnna, who received the only animal visa granted by the French government, shimmied to Paris pop music nodding his head and tapping his feet for only two days before he disappeared.

His captors claimed he was being exploited and was a disgrace to India and to its cultural festival.

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Riots end in England but resentment still smolders

By EDITH M. LEDERER
Associated Press Writer

BIRMINGHAM, England — Britain's second-largest city was reported calm last night as West Indian blacks helped patrol the streets after two straight nights of race-related violence in a slum district.

But, resentment still smoldered between blacks and the Indian and Pakistani-descended Britons who bore the brunt of the violence.

A Birmingham police spokesman who spoke on condition of anonymity said the city's Handsworth district was calm except for a few minor incidents.

One reason for the quiet appeared to be the presence of West Indian blacks with distinctive dreadlock hairstyles who walked the streets, telling youths to stop congregating on street corners.

"We are trying to get everyone off the streets so the police don't have any reason to stay here," said one black who would not give his name.

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Some 200 soldiers from seven Caribbean nations, 300 U.S. troops from all services, a U.S. Navy destroyer, a British frigate and a British support ship are taking part in the exercises, called Operation Exotic Palm.

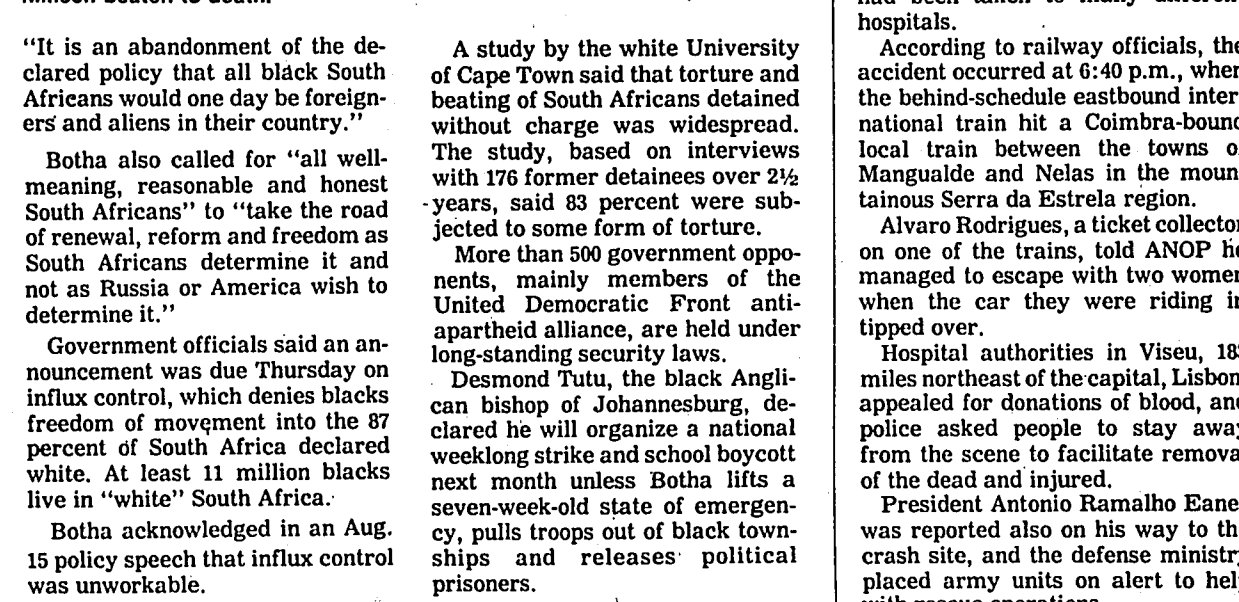
The Caribbean Special Services troops range from 80 to 100 people per unit and were equipped and trained by U.S. Army specialists in a \$20 million program since the 1983 Grenada invasion.

"Probably the biggest thing in this exercise is working together for the first time," said Lt. Steve Burnett, spokesman for the U.S. Forces Caribbean, a special task force based in Key West, Fla.

"The units that have been training separately now come together as a joint unit. It's going to be interesting and useful because if a real situation does occur, you don't have to work out any bugs," Burnett said.



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An elevated view showing the results of two days of rioting which hit the Handsworth district of Birmingham, England.

state news briefs

Telepathy involved in murder case
DOYLESTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A Bucks County man charged with killing an encyclopedia salesman really believed the man had sent telepathic messages to try to get him to commit suicide, experts testified.

Air force chief to fly shuttle
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Air Force Under Secretary Edward C. "Pete" Aldridge has been selected to fly on the first space shuttle mission launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., the Air Force announced yesterday.

House aids aviation checks
WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — The House approved money yesterday to sharply increase the number of government aviation inspectors amid concerns that the Federal Aviation Administration is not able to adequately monitor airline safety.

Titanic rescuers were too slow
WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — The man who discovered the sunken Titanic said yesterday that another ship, the Californian, was nearer the doomed liner than it claimed during the 1912 disaster and "there is no doubt it could have gone in there and rescued those people."

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