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Haitians fear more terror

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Haitians stayed home yesterday, fearful of deadly streets where men with machine guns and machetes killed at least 34 people in a weekend of terror that destroyed the first free election in 30 years.

Most presidential candidates could not be reached at their homes or offices. The independent Electoral Council's nine members were in hiding.

Most businesses were closed. Few cars or public minibuses could be seen and the city's industrial park was virtually deserted. Small groups of men could be seen in some neighborhoods.

Scores of people were wounded Sunday by roving bands that attacked voting stations and people at random in the streets, while the army did nothing to step in. Gunmen shot up the Electoral Council headquarters.

Soldiers patrolled the city yesterday, but had little to do. The military-dominated National

Governing Council postponed the first election of a president and legislature since 1957, when Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier began the family dictatorship that ended Feb. 7, 1986.

Silvio Claude, a major presidential candidate, asked that an international military force be sent to the poverty-stricken Caribbean nation to supervise a new election.

"We call on a group of nations—the Organization of American States or the United Nations—to send multinational forces to conduct elections if the United States, the boss of the

junta, doesn't force it to step down," said Claude, a 53-year-old Protestant clergyman representing the Christian Democratic Party.

"No election is possible with this government. They are the Macoutes. They're the ones shooting everybody," he said on Radio Metropole. The Tontons Macoutes were a private Duvalier militia that terrorized the nation.

Haitians often accuse the United States of being the power behind the three-man junta led by Lt. Gen. Henri Namphy.



Leslie Manigat
... presidential candidate

Polish reforms rejected

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WARSAW, Poland — In a dramatic upset for the government, voters rejected proposed economic and political reforms that communist leaders said were needed to revitalize the economy, officials said yesterday.

The government of Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski had strongly campaigned for approval of Poland's first referendum in 41 years.

It was the first time in the nation's communist history that the leadership had suffered a loss in nationwide elections.

Low voter turnout in Sunday's voting contributed in large part to the defeat of the measures, which called for large price increases.

Nearly a third of Poland's 26.2 million eligible voters heeded the call by the outlawed Solidarity trade union federation and stayed away from the polls.

Of the 67 percent who cast ballots, about two-thirds endorsed the government's position. They represented 44.2 percent of the entire electorate, and the measures had to be approved by a majority to pass.

Government spokesman Jerzy Urban put a positive face on the outcome.

"We do not consider this a defeat," he said, noting that most of those who voted cast ballots for the government. "I want to confirm the determination of the authorities to continue reforms and the democratic procedure of consulting the opinions of voters on issues vital to everyone."

Jaruzelski had portrayed the referendum as a sign of increasing democracy in Poland in the years since the crackdown on Solidarity in 1981.

But Solidarity leader Lech Walesa said from his home yesterday that the results "explained nothing."

Plane search fruitless; 115 people missing

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KANCHANABURI, Thailand — Searchers trekked through mountain jungles and scanned the Thai-Burmese border from the air yesterday but found no trace of a South Korean jetliner that vanished over Burma with 115 people aboard.

Officials admitted they had no idea in which country the aircraft might have crashed or why it disappeared Sunday on a flight from Baghdad, Iraq to Seoul. The search was suspended until daybreak today and would focus on both land and sea.

A flurry of conflicting reports yesterday from Thai and South Korean officials added to the confusion surrounding the disappearance of Korean Airlines flight 858.

Early yesterday, Air Vice Marshal Sommot Sundaravej, spokesman for the Thai air force, said the Boeing jet crashed in Thailand's Kanchanaburi province, along the border.

Later, Col. Punlop Roongsomphun, police chief of Kanchanaburi province, said a helicopter crew spotted the wreckage of the plane. The search then concentrated on that area, about 100 miles west of Bangkok.

At the Seoul airport, hundreds of relatives of passengers burst into tears when KAL officials, after hearing the Thai report, announced the plane had crashed. Most of the passengers were South Korean construction workers returning from jobs in the Middle East.

But later, Lt. Gen. Chitr Boonyachai of Kanchanaburi police told reporters: "We did not spot the wreckage or find out anything about the aircraft. Initial police reports were uncertain."

Meanwhile, KAL president Cho Choong-kun said the airline's investigation was concentrating on the possibility a bomb had destroyed the jetliner.

"A bomb may have been planted by terrorists or other impure groups," said Cho, who arrived in Bangkok with a team of investigators and set out for the province.

South Korean officials said they were not ruling out the possibility of hijacking or sabotage.

"Kanchanaburi is only one possibility, but we're also paying attention to Burmese territory and the high seas. All kinds of possibilities exist," South Korean embassy spokesman Lee Seong-Eon said.

Mayor buried

Chicago residents pay final respects

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CHICAGO — The city bid a tearful farewell yesterday to Mayor Harold Washington with prayers and praise as dignitaries, family and friends gathered at his funeral and thousands mourned outside under wet, gray skies.

Ministers, politicians and relatives eulogized the city's first black mayor before his flag-draped casket as a scrappy political fighter with a warm sense of humor. He died Wednesday of a heart attack at age 65.

Several speakers vowed to carry on Washington's self-proclaimed reform administration and surmount the political struggle now swirling around who will be chosen acting mayor.

"The death angel can make the very important irrelevant in the winking of an eye," said the Rev. Jesse Jackson, his eyes misty with tears. "How could he take Harold, we ask? We are hurt, we need him so much."

"We'll miss you, buddy ... we will not let you down," Jackson pledged, drawing applause inside the non-denominational Christ Universal Temple.

Jackson, a Chicago-based civil rights leader and Democratic presidential candidate, said Washington's supporters must work to keep his City Council majority intact.

"When great teams are down, they rally," said Jackson, who cut short a trip to the Middle East to try

mediating the succession struggle. "We cannot surrender to darkness, to pain and polarization."

The two front-runners vying to become acting mayor are Alderman Tim Evans, Washington's City Council floor leader, and Alderman Eugene Sawyer, who was linked more with regular Democrats than with Washington's reform administration. Both are black.

Interim Mayor David Orr has said he is not interested in becoming acting mayor. Orr, an alderman and the city's vice mayor, was sworn in to the interim position on Thursday and will serve, under law, until the council selects an acting mayor from its ranks.

Sawyer's supporters contended yesterday they had 28 committed votes, two more than the 26 needed for the 50-member council to elect an acting mayor. The acting mayor likely will serve until the next municipal election in 1989.

The council has not scheduled a meeting to take a vote, but was to convene this morning to hold a memorial service for Washington.

"Eventually those political wranglings will have to come to some fruition," Alderman Lawrence Bloom said after the funeral. "Harold would have wanted it that way."

As the service began at the South Side church, bells tolled throughout the city for one minute and the city's public transit system stopped momentarily in Washington's honor.

After the services, a hearse carrying the mayor's body made a final pass through the South Side.

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