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Bereuter said PAC's constitute about 38 percent of his campaign receipts. Most of those contributions range from \$250 to \$500 and come from groups either headquartered or located in Nebraska, he said.

Bereuter said he opposes the

MX missile and other proposed military systems. He favors the presidential line item veto, at least on a trial basis. A veto of this type allows the president to delete portions of a congressionally-approved bill without having to reject the entire package. He said he should like the Pentagon to require mul-

tiyear contracts from bidders to lessen the much-publicized overpricing of parts.

A coalition of business groups awarded Bereuter the Watchdog of the Treasury award, which recognizes the fiscally most conservative one-third of the House.

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Police shoot on sight as Hindos take revenge

NEW DELHI — Security forces were ordered to shoot rioters on sight Thursday night as Hindu mobs chanting "blood for blood" attacked Sikhs, leaving about 150 dead and 1,000 wounded in a rampage to avenge the murder of Indira Gandhi.

Security forces were ordered to shoot arsonists and looters on sight in New Delhi and the central Madhya Pradesh state town of Indore, the Press Trust of India said. Rumors circulated in New Delhi that water supplies had been poisoned, but officials denied this.

An indefinite curfew was clamped on the capital, except for the commercial center. Curfews also were imposed on trouble spots in 23 other cities and towns. The authorities in several areas banned public meetings and processions.

The government called for communal peace and repeated Wednesday's appeal by Rajiv Gandhi, Gandhi's son and successor as prime minister, for maximum restraint. The new Indian leader moved quickly to quell unrest by ordering all chief ministers of Indian states who had arrived in New Delhi for Gandhi's funeral on Saturday afternoon to return to their state capitals and restore order.

Despite the violence, arrangements went ahead for a state funeral on Saturday for Gandhi, who will be cremated in the capital on a funeral pyre beside the holy Jamuna River and close to the mausoleums of her father Jawaharlal Nehru and Mahatma Gandhi. Among those attending will be U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov, French president Francois Mitterrand, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone.

FBI foils Honduran coup plan

WASHINGTON — The FBI Thursday announced it has thwarted a plot to assassinate Honduran President Roberto Suazo and overthrow his government. The FBI said two Honduran businessmen, a high-ranking Honduran military officer stationed in Santiago, Chile and a number of unnamed U.S. citizens were charged in a complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Miami. They allegedly planned to execute the government takeover between Oct. 15 and Nov. 15, but the FBI said it was able to thwart the plot by penetrating the group with an undercover agent.

The FBI said the undercover agent was promised \$300,000 including a \$100,000 advance, to arrange the assassination of Suazo. The complaint further alleged the group plotted to acquire weapons, explosives, tanks, airplanes and other military equipment for the assassination and overthrow of the Honduran government. The FBI agent and the would-be assassins were to make their way independently into Honduras and then were to receive further assistance from others involved in the plot.

The FBI said it seized 760 pounds of cocaine from a remote air strip in southern Florida on Sunday. The cocaine, valued at \$10.3 million, was from Colombia and was to finance the aborted plot.

Poles plan Popieluzko's burial

WARSAW — Cardinal Jozef Glemp Thursday gave permission for murdered Warsaw priest Father Jerzy Popieluzko to be buried at the church he made a center of opposition to communist rule. Glemp, Poland's Catholic primate, sent a personal emissary to the Church of St. Stanislaw to say he made his decision "in response to the will of the people."

The body of Popieluzko, a militant anti-communist and supporter of the banned Solidarity free-trade union, was found on Tuesday, 11 days after he was kidnapped by police officers. Church leaders had originally planned to bury him at a cemetery near St. Stanislaw's. Tens of thousands of opposition sympathizers, including solidarity leader Lech Walesa, are expected to attend the funeral Saturday. Hundreds of people lined up at St. Stanislaw's to sign a petition urging Glemp to permit the burial to take place at the church.

Death-row grandma ready to die

RALEIGH, N.C. — Poisoner Velma Barfield Thursday put an end to appeals to stop her scheduled execution first thing Friday morning. "She wants to die with as much dignity as the state of North Carolina will allow," her attorney, James Little, said after a three-judge panel of the Fourth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals refused to stay her execution, the first of a woman felon in the United States in 22 years. Her decision stopped her lawyer from going to the U.S. Supreme Court with an appeal for the life of a woman whom some people see as a reformed and charitable creature and others see as a diabolical killer who pretended to nurse her victims as they died terrible deaths.

The 52-year-old plump grandmother plans to die in her own pink pajamas, having rejected the grey costumes of the prison, her lawyer said. Her execution, by lethal injection, was slated for 2 a.m. EST Friday.

Barfield was convicted six years ago of killing her fiance by poisoning his beer and iced tea with arsenic. She also confessed to killing two elderly people and her own mother. She says she is now a changed person, a "born-again" Christian who wants to spend her days counseling other prisoners. She says addiction to prescription drugs drove her to murder. More than 4,000 letters have been sent to North Carolina Gov. James Hunt recently pleading for the life of Barfield.

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