

De Klerk declares beaches open to blacks

CAPE TOWN, South Africa -- President F.W. de Klerk on Thursday declared all beaches open to blacks, and he promised that the law allowing racial segregation of public facilities would be repealed as soon as possible.

"There is no alternative for South Africa but the road of reconciliation, of creating opportunities for all the people of this country in a way which is fair, just and equitable," he said.

"The time has arrived to repeal this act," he said, referring to the Separate Amenities Act which his National Party put into law in 1953,

allowing white local governments across the country to bar blacks from parks, libraries, swimming pools, civic centers, buses and public toilets.

The act cannot be repealed formally until Parliament reconvenes Feb. 2. De Klerk's declaration "that all beaches will henceforth be accessible to all members of the public" also requires action by municipal and provincial authorities.

In many communities, most or all public amenities are open to all races. But whites-only facilities persist in the capital, Pretoria, in many rural

towns, and in several small industrial cities where the far-right Conservative Party took power in municipal elections last year.

The proposed repeal of the Separate Amenities Act "is the beginning of the end of a separate white community life," said Koos van der Merwe, chief spokesman for the Conservatives, who urged whites to oust de Klerk.

"Mr. de Klerk is placing South Africa on the road of a totally racially mixed South Africa, which will inevitably be governed by a black majority."

The repeal would still leave major areas of segregation in South Africa -- residential neighborhoods, medical care and public education. It also would leave intact the political system that gives the 5 million whites domination over the 32 million blacks, Asians and people of mixed-race.

De Klerk, who took office in August, said his announcements were "in line with our stated goal to eliminate discrimination."

They were the latest in a series of moves aimed at enhancing the prospects for black-white negotiations on a new constitution that would extend

political rights to blacks while protecting white interests.

The government is in the process of designating certain neighborhoods as multiracial, although it says whites will retain the option of living in segregated areas.

De Klerk has given no signal that public schools and hospitals will be integrated, nor hinted at repeal of the Population Registration Act, which officially classifies all South Africans by race.

"For the white group, clinging to power means accepting the risk of -- more than that, of facing -- a revolution," de Klerk warned.



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10-year-old advises Bush

WAUSAU, Wis. -- Ten-year-old Hillary Schaefer guarantees that if President George Bush listens to her advice, the number of fish he catches "will shoot up like a rocket."

The fourth-grader was selected from 5,400 write-in essay entrants to appear on a national public television program for students, "What's In The News," to relate advice she would give the president.

Hillary's essay was inspired by Bush's lack of fishing success

during a vacation at his home in Maine. She donned a fishing hat, grabbed a pole and clutched a fishing net while she read her essay during a videotaping session at a local television station Tuesday.

Bush needs to "keep those Secret Service guys out of your way," her essay said. He should go walleye fishing and use two baits -- throw crayfish in the lake to attract fish and worms on a hook to catch them.

Bush also should make sure his pole is twice the length of his arm, Hillary advised.

Eight mutilated in El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador -- Armed men killed and mutilated six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her daughter Thursday after bursting into their house at a leading university. A witness said uniformed government troops were involved.

The government denied responsibility, condemned the slayings as "savagely and irrational" and said an investigation was under way.

The killings were committed "with lavish barbarity," said the Rev. Jose Maria Tojeira, the Jesuit Provincial for Central America. "For example, they took out their brains," Tojeira said.

Roman Catholic Archbishop Arturo Rivera Damas compared the killings to the slaying of his predecessor, Oscar Arnulfo Romero. That 1980 assassination marked the beginning of years of killings and kidnappings

by right-wing death squads.

"If this spiral of violence continues, death and destruction will sweep away many, especially those who are of most use to our people," said Rivera Damas after leading a prayer over the mutilated bodies.

The slayings came on the sixth day of fierce combat in and around this capital following an attack by leftist Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front guerrillas.

Seven school children killed from storm

NEWBURGH, N.Y. -- A glass wall blew in on a school cafeteria during a severe thunderstorm Thursday, killing seven children and injuring 18, authorities said.

"It was a very quick thing and there wasn't anything anybody could do about it because it happened all at once," said Mayor Donald Presutti.

Rescue workers dug through the debris with a backhoe at East Coldenham Elementary School. State Trooper Robert Gillespie could not say whether more victims were believed to be in the rubble.

It was not known how many students were in the cafeteria when the storm blew in a wall of windows

during lunch.

The storm system was the same one that moved through the South on Wednesday, spinning off tornadoes that killed 17 people in Alabama.

State Police and survivors said they believed the school was hit by a tornado, but the National Weather Service said it could not confirm that until investigators went to the scene.

House members vote for \$30,000 pay raise

WASHINGTON -- House members voted Thursday to raise their pay by more than \$30,000 a year over the next 13 months -- to above \$120,000 a year -- while revising ethics rules to put new limits on outside earnings.

The bill was passed 252 to 174, just 10 months after intense public criticism forced the House to reject a larger pay increase.

The new proposal sped through the House with strong support from the leaders of both parties and an endorsement from President George Bush. A slight majority of Republi-

cans voting opposed the bill despite Bush's stance.

The Senate was expected to consider it today.

"I can understand and sympathize with people in my district who make 15 and 20 and \$30,000 a year who would have trouble understanding why this kind of pay level is needed," said House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo.

"But," he told his colleagues, "in your heart and in your mind you know it's the right thing to do."

Rep. James A. Traficant, D-Ohio,

took a different view.

"I understand the game -- we come with ethics reform and we sneak in a pay raise," he said.

The complex 100-page pay and ethics package was announced by Democratic and Republican leaders Wednesday, but copies were not made available to the public until debate was well under way Thursday.

The bill would increase salaries in the House, for federal judges, and for top executive branch officials by at least 35 percent and often by closer to 40 percent.

E. Germans to give one-third seats to non-Communists

WEST BERLIN -- The East German leadership agreed Thursday to give more than one-third of the seats in the new Cabinet to non-Communists, who now have only four, sources involved in the negotiations reported.

Sources in the Liberal Democrats, one of four small parties that have been allied with the Communists, said Premier Hans Modrow would reduce the Cabinet from 44 members to 26 or 27 and assign at least 11 ministries to non-Communists.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany said people of East Germany must decide on German reunification, but the top Kremlin adviser on German affairs ruled it out.

Nikolai Portugalov said in an interview with the Soviet news agency Novosti there will be two German states "for the foreseeable future and also in the long term."

Mass emigration and pro-democracy protest have created great pressure for reform in East Germany. The Liberal Democrats have said they

will ask Parliament on Friday to eliminate the constitutional provision of a "leading role" that guarantees supremacy to the Communist Party.

Liberal Democratic sources said late Thursday that Communist Party chief Egon Krenz had agreed to support a Cabinet with more than one-third of the seats held by non-Communists.

That would allow the ruling party to retain its dominant role while appearing to respond to demands for

more democracy. Previous governments have dutifully carried out the wishes of the ruling Politburo.

Non-Communists in the Cabinet still are likely to share many of the party's views, which leaves little hope that the demands of New Forum and other unofficial pro-democracy groups will be addressed.

New Forum and the others have pressed for legal status and inclusion in government affairs, and are not expected to settle for mere redistribution among existing political groups.

Seventeen dead, 1,000 homeless from tornadoes

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. -- National Guardsmen stood watch against looting Thursday while work crews dug at the debris of a tornado that struck virtually without warning, leaving 17 people dead and about 1,000 homeless.

No bodies were believed left in the rubble, but portions of the city resembled a bombing target. A shopping center and clusters of apartment buildings were leveled. Cars were piled atop each other. Utility poles had been snapped like twigs.

"It's like taking six to 10 city blocks and putting them in a blender and putting it on liquefy," said rescue worker Bob Caraway.

The storm system that struck Huntsville -- a violent clash of unusually warm and cold air -- continued its march north on Thursday, leaving seven school-children dead in Newburgh, N.Y., and collapsing homes in New Jersey.

Tornadoes were reported Wednesday in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky and Indiana.

Emigration rule ease may cause tariff end

WASHINGTON -- Commerce Secretary Robert A. Mosbacher said Thursday a historic easing of travel restrictions in the Soviet Union would clear the way for the removal of U.S. tariff barriers "if all conditions are met."

Mosbacher said President George Bush would recommend that Congress approve a one-year grant of lower tariffs on Soviet imports after the new Soviet legislation clears final passage.

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Judge orders Reagan to turn over diaries

WASHINGTON -- A federal judge Thursday approved a subpoena that would compel former President Ronald Reagan to produce diaries and other records by next Wednesday for the Iran-Contra criminal case of John Poindexter.

Greene granted a petition by lawyers for Poindexter, who was Reagan's national security adviser. They have requested portions of Reagan's diaries and notes he took at key meetings with Poindexter.

Poindexter now is accused of lying to Congress in connection with the chronology.

In a two-paragraph order, Greene

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