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Peace talks to go on, Angolan says

From Associated Press reports

JAMBA, Angola — Angolan rebel leader Jonas Savimbi says peace negotiations to remove Cuban soldiers from Angola and establish independence for South-West Africa are at a difficult but irreversible stage. "I don't see how the process can be interrupted. It can only be expedited. I don't see how the clock can be turned back," Savimbi said Friday in an interview at a supply camp for his National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, known as

UNITA.

Under a U.S.-mediated peace accord among Angola, Cuba and South African troops from South-West Africa, more than 50,000 Cuban troops supporting Angola's Marxist regime are expected to withdraw within two years.

Savimbi said all but 5,000 troops should pull out in the first year. The four nations also have been negotiating the withdrawal of South African troops from South-West Africa, also known as Namibia, which is to gain

its independence.

The discussions — which have excluded UNITA — are to resume in about a week in Brazzaville, Congo, to meet a Nov. 1 target date for implementing a U.N. independence plan for Namibia.

Savimbi said he has conferred separately with both U.S. and South African representatives.

Savimbi moves elusively throughout the bush, rarely spending more than one night in a place. He was interviewed by The Associated Press

in a thatched house at dawn.

Reporters were driven by UNITA escorts to supply camp Luangundo B from Jamba, UNITA's grass-hut headquarters in southeastern Angola, in 18 hours of bone-crunching travel in an open truck.

Savimbi said he expected good relations between the United States and UNITA after the U.S. presidential election, even if Democrat Michael Dukakis becomes president. Dukakis said he would cut U.S. aid to UNITA.

5 killed in series of attacks in South African townships

From Associated Press reports

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Five black men were killed in a series of attacks, including four in violence-plagued townships outside Pietermaritzburg, police said Sunday.

Two men were killed, and 11 men and women suffered burn injuries when attackers threw gas bombs at a home in the Mpumalanga township near the southeastern city of Pietermaritzburg, police said.

In the same township, police found the body of a man who had been stabbed to death. In Soweto, the main township outside Johannesburg, a man was shot dead, police said.

All the attacks were listed in the police report, which describes incidents the previous 24 hours, but the report provided no additional details.

The townships outside Pietermaritzburg have been the site of the worst black-on-black faction fighting in South Africa in recent years. At least 600 people have been killed in black-on-black fighting the last two years, according to most estimates.

U.S. to sign for military bases

WASHINGTON — The United States has agreed to pay the Philippines \$481 million annually and back a bond program to help ease the country's foreign debt as part of a lease agreement for U.S. military bases, Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus said Sunday.

Secretary of State George Shultz and Manglapus plan to sign the pact on Monday. In Manila, Philippine President Corazon Aquino announced the expected signing but provided no details.

A U.S.-Philippine working group picked away at the details of the agreement on Saturday and again on Sunday. While some technical points remained to be resolved, the signing ceremony tentatively was set for Monday afternoon.

"We still continue to be hopeful to conclude the negotiations," said Alex Armasov, a State Department press officer.

Anti-nuclear protesters arrested

SEABROOK, N.H. — Eighty-four demonstrators, including at least two children less than 10 years old, were arrested Sunday in a protest against the long-delayed Seabrook nuclear power plant.

Those arrested had climbed a

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fence with handmade ladders or had blocked plant gates during the finale of a two-day protest against possible low-power testing of the \$5.6 billion plant later this year. Total attendance for both days was about 500.

Marie Benedum, 66, of Banborton, who had four generations of her family at Sunday's protest, wanted to go over the fence but held back because of a bad knee.

"This is a very decisive time," she said. "There is so much at stake. They want to start the low-power testing, and I don't believe in that."

Police said nine juveniles among those arrested were not charged. They said the other 75 were charged with criminal trespassing, a violation comparable to a speeding ticket, and released.

Seabrook has been a target of protests since before construction began in 1978. It was completed in 1986 but has been unable to get a federal operating license.

Politician says POWs ignored

ASHEVILLE — A team of U.S. government officials searching crash sites in the Vietnamese countryside for the bones of missing American servicemen is ignoring evidence of live Americans while digging for remains, former U.S. Rep. Bill Hendon said.

"For us to spend our time and resources digging around the wreckage of an airplane that crashed 20 years ago while American POWs starve nearby in communist prisons is unbelievable," said Hendon, who is coordinating a \$2.4 million reward pledged by 21 congressmen for the return of a live prisoner.

"From press reports, it's clear that on the way to the crash sites, the U.S. team almost stumbled over one of Vietnam's newest and most secure prison facilities where the U.S. government has eyewitness accounts and volumes of intelligence showing American POWs being held there well into the 1980s," Hendon said.

A Department of Defense spokesman told the Asheville Citizen there have been reports of Americans being held in Vietnamese prisons but said that none have been proved to be American servicemen captured during the war.

Activists say Robeson situation unresolved

From Associated Press reports

RALEIGH — The trial of Eddie Hatcher and Timothy Jacobs brought about the acquittal they deserved, but not the airing that Robeson County's problems desperately need, activists in the troubled county said.

"The truth is, I've seen nothing new since Feb. 1," said Connie Brayboy, editor of the weekly Carolina Indian Voice in Pembroke. "Eddie had nowhere to go . . . and as we sit here in October, those facts not only remain the same but have increased."

The premise for the pair's takeover

of a Lumberton newspaper — that the burden of drugs, prejudice and corruption on the poor, tri-racial county was no longer bearable — still hasn't had the public airing Hatcher sought.

Defense attorneys had hundreds of witnesses available and subpoenaed more than a dozen county officials and businesspeople they suspect are involved in drug trafficking. U.S. District Judge Terrence Boyle canceled those plans when he ruled against allowing evidence the defense hoped would substantiate their claims.

"People had high hopes when the subpoenas were issued that people would either be found out or found innocent, and the air would be cleared," Brayboy said.

Added the Rev. Mac Legerton, a white community activist in Lumberton: "It may be years before we know fact from fiction in Robeson County, and it may never be known."

Despite his more than 10 years in Robeson, Legerton is one of the outsiders — the agitators — that public officials have blamed for spreading much of the unrest there.

The Fellowship of Reconciliation,

of which Schilling is national program director, will work in the county's schools to help students and teachers deal with conflict and mediation, he said. It will also continue to lend support to the Center for Community Action, which Legerton heads.

As others have, the "witness for Justice" group that included Schilling demanded a Justice Department investigation into several recent deaths in the county, including the March 26 killing of Julian Pierce, a Lumbee Indian and judicial candidate.

Homecoming celebration turns to havoc

From Associated Press reports

ST. CLOUD, Minn. — Hundreds of rioting students burned furniture and clashed with police in a second night of homecoming weekend violence that resulted in 50 arrests by officers clad in riot gear, police said Sunday.

At least six people, including a

police officer and a person found in a trash carrier, were treated at a hospital for minor injuries suffered Saturday night and early Sunday, said hospital nursing supervisor Patricia Anderson.

As many as 1,500 St. Cloud State University students were involved in the rioting in a four-block area on

Friday and Saturday nights, Assistant Police Chief Jim Moline said.

Students set off firecrackers and some played the Beatles' song "Revolution" on a stereo as police swept through the crowd, estimated at about 700 people Saturday night. Other people tore down street signs and jumped on cars or threw beer bottles and pieces of lumber.

About 60 officers, including some from the State Patrol and neighboring counties, shot tear gas to disperse the crowd and made 46 arrests, most on misdemeanor charges of unlawful conduct or criminal damage to property, Moline said.

After a lull of a few hours, 150 officers were sent in early Sunday to break up crowds of 150 to 200 people, some of whom had set fire to furniture and a trash carrier that had been dragged into the street, Moline said.

"It's like a battle between the police and the students," said Karen Jacobs,

the managing editor of the student newspaper, the University Chronicle, who watched the disturbance from her dormitory room.

The riots broke out in the midst of homecoming celebrations by the school's 16,400 students. Witnesses said the problems began when officers tried to break up loud parties and fights.

Moline said that in his 31 years on the police force, the weekend's violence could be topped only by demonstrations against the Vietnam War in the 1960s.


Student Randy Ridehour, 23, said officers backed off several times Saturday night to avoid a potentially disastrous confrontation.

"It was mob mentality," he said. "Many people had been drinking heavily and were enjoying the havoc, he said. "A lot of kids thought they were being cool and funny. The students were acting stupid."

Some of the handful of people arrested Friday night probably will be charged with felony assault for throwing beer bottles, and the arrests Sunday morning will result in several more misdemeanor charges, Moline said. Thirty-four of the 50 people arrested were university students.

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