

## World and Nation

# Parliament debates Estonian autonomy

From Associated Press reports

TALLINN, Soviet Union — The Estonian parliament debated an outright break with Moscow on Wednesday through a "declaration of sovereignty" and a constitutional amendment requiring local ratification of new Soviet laws.

The declaration stops short of calling for complete independence for the republic, but demands negotiation of a treaty with Moscow "to determine the further status of Estonia in the composition of the Soviet Union."

Even if the proposals are defeated in the ethnically divided Estonian parliament, their public discussion by a government body is an unprecedented act of defiance in the Soviet Union, which is still feeling its way through President Mikhail Gorbachev's policy of glasnost, or greater openness.

The proceedings, which began at noon in the 18th-century pink Toompea Palace, were televised live in the

republic.

The proposals apparently are supported by the leadership of the Estonian government and Communist Party. They were presented by the ruling government body, the Presidium, and speakers said the principle of sovereignty had been supported at a meeting of the party's policy-making Central Committee.

The hours of debate in the Estonian parliament, or Supreme Soviet, were serious and restrained. Deputies read explanations of Estonia's need to control its land, factories and laws, saying centralized control from Moscow has been ruinous for both the economy and the environment.

Deputies also argued for a resolution opposing a series of amendments to the Soviet Constitution proposed by Gorbachev, saying they would shift power from the country's 15 republics to the central government in Moscow.

The Soviet amendments, which also remove the republics' right to

secede, are scheduled for adoption Nov. 29, and authorities have shown no sign of backing down, despite opposition in Estonia and the other Baltic republics, Latvia and Lithuania.

Estonian radio reported Wednesday that 2.6 million people in the three republics have signed petitions opposing the Soviet amendments. That would represent nearly a third of the republics' combined populations of 7.7 million people.

Deputies from largely Russian-speaking regions and factories in Estonia complained of haste in the proposals for Estonian sovereignty and pleaded for delay more often than outright defeat of the measures.

"They have been proposed behind our backs," complained Vladimir Andreyev, a Russian power plant mechanic from Narva.

"We are seeking parliamentary solutions," said Marju Lauristin, a leader of Estonian People's Front, a broadly backed grassroots political

organization that backs the changes. She said Lithuania's parliament will tackle similar resolutions of sovereignty and opposition to the Soviet constitutional amendments Thursday.

Lauristin said that if the central Soviet government ignores Estonians' parliamentary moves, they will confront "the same problem in different ways."

The republic of 1.6 million people is by no means united behind the measures. A competing movement called the "Internationalists" has been telling Russian speakers that the Estonian nationalist mood will lead to discrimination against them.

Politburo member Viktor Chebrikov, who concluded a four-day visit to Estonia on Monday, did not mention the sovereignty proposals in his speeches. Activists said he seemed to temper his earlier criticism of Estonian politics on the final days of his visit.

# Leftist parties take the lead as Brazilians' votes tallied

From Associated Press reports

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — Leftists surged ahead for control of major cities as ballots were counted Wednesday from nationwide voting that indicated Brazilians' dissatisfaction with President Jose Sarney's government.

Sarney's right-center Brazilian Democratic Movement Party, the dominant party since 1964, was taking a beating from both the right and left in early returns from Tuesday's municipal elections.

The results showed dissatisfaction with record 1,000 percent annual inflation, political corruption, reduced buying power of the cruzado and nearly constant strikes, political analysts in Brazil said.

**Pakistan holds open elections**

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Voters casting ballots Wednesday in Pakistan's first open election in more than a decade chose between populist Benazir Bhutto or the conservative heirs of the general who had her father hanged.

If elected, Bhutto would be the first woman to lead the Islamic nation. Thousands of police and soldiers were on patrol and no major violence was reported in the contest between Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party and a nine-party alliance that includes supporters of Mohammed Zia ul-Haq, the military president who died in a plane crash three months ago.

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In the last open election in 1977, Bhutto's father, Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, won by a landslide and prompted a coup by Zia. Mr. Bhutto was convicted of complicity in a murder conspiracy and hanged in 1979.

About 48 million of Pakistan's 107 million people were eligible and unofficial estimates said slightly more than half voted.

### Canadians fear U.S. power

TORONTO — The free trade pact with the United States has dominated the election campaign, making Monday's voting a referendum on an agreement that feeds recurring Canadian fears of being swallowed up by the juggernaut to the south.

Opponents say the United States, with 245 million people and huge economic clout, would outweigh this nation of 26 million to the point of endangering its identity and even sovereignty.

Perhaps no single image has been more dramatic than the opposition Liberal Party's television commercial depicting a map and a hand erasing the border.

An astonishing Liberal revival in the polls coincided with use of the ad, bringing the party from far behind to a dead heat with the incumbent Conservatives of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

# RJR asked to recall 'smokeless cigarette'

From Associated Press reports

TUCSON, Ariz. — Arizona's Board of Pharmacy has asked R.J. Reynolds Co. to voluntarily withdraw its "smokeless cigarette" from test-marketing in Phoenix and Tucson pending a determination of whether it is a drug.

The agency acted after the American Medical Association petitioned the board and Missouri's Health Department, arguing the Premier cigarette is a "new, hazardous" drug that should be banned by the Food and Drug Administration.

R.J. Reynolds attorney Jack La Sota had asked the board to delay

any action on Premier cigarettes, which are also being test-marketed in St. Louis, until the FDA makes its own determination of the tobacco product's classification.

He said a decision is expected by the end of this year.

The Premier is low in smoke and ash because the tobacco is warmed, not burned. The cigarette also consists of a tobacco flavoring capsule. Like conventional cigarettes, the Premier also contains nicotine.

For that reason, the medical association has called it a "drug-delivery system" that falls under the jurisdiction of the FDA.

Timothy Agan, an assistant attorney general, said the board's enforcement options, if it were to determine that the product is a drug, would include seeking an injunction against its sale, as the AMA requested.

The board would have to go to court because only the FDA has the power to declare a product a drug and regulate it, he said.

La Sota left immediately after the board decision and was unavailable for comment.

Ruth Iliff, a spokeswoman for the Arizona Cancer Center, read a letter from the center's director, Dr. Sydney Salmon, calling the effort to intro-

duce Premier in Arizona "an insidious attack" on public health.

Salmon's letter said billing the product as a cigarette is "an effort to escape from just regulatory and investigational procedures."

When the AMA filed its petitions, R.J. Reynolds said Premier "is a cigarette . . . not a drug-delivery system," and "substantially reduces many of the chemical compounds that the critics of smoking have been complaining about."

## Young

something of an example," he said.

Violence would have been inevitable in the civil rights movement, Young said, if it hadn't been for Martin Luther King Jr.'s leadership, the free press and the free judiciary.

He said the struggle for equality is far from over in this country, although progress has been made rapidly.

"There is something about human frailty that (makes people) more secure with people who are like ourselves and who don't challenge us," he said.

However, he said, "The fact that we have been able to achieve the level

of understanding that we have achieved is probably far more significant than we are prone to imagine."

Freedom is a constant struggle, both in the United States and worldwide, he said.

It is very hard to quantify the difference in racial equality today as opposed to before the civil rights movement, he said.

"We're never going to have a world free of what I prefer to call ethnocentrism," he said. "Everyone will always see the world as they have been brought up to see it."

Young said that when people are imprisoned because of a matter of

conscience, the real prisoners are their oppressors.

"Nelson Mandela is probably the only free man in South Africa," he said.

Mandela is a member of the African National Congress and an anti-apartheid activist who has been jailed in South Africa since the 1960s.

The struggle in South Africa will never be resolved until Mandela is released and a new constitution is written that provides for equal rights of the black majority and the white minority, he said.

"We're going to see that happen in our lifetime," he said.

He said that in spite of the negative use of the word "liberal" by George Bush in the recent presidential campaign, a liberal philosophy has made progress in human rights possible.

"Liberal" is really making change possible without violence and without overthrow," he said.

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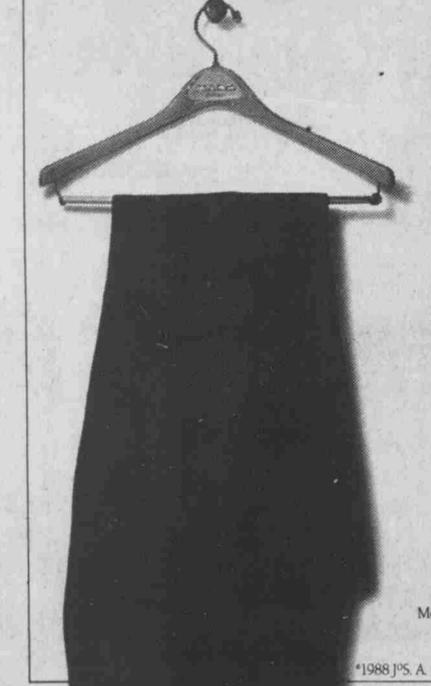
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