

Limit on primaries gets black support

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A Senate bill that would eliminate second primaries in North Carolina has received support from some black leaders who say the second primary is racially discriminatory. The Senate Election Laws Committee is discussing the bill, which would eliminate the runoff election and limit the number of primaries in the state to one. After a no-vote on Wednesday, the committee will discuss the bill again next Wednesday. Black leaders in the state say the second primary discriminates against blacks. They argue blacks may finish first in a primary and then lose in

the runoff. The case of Rep. Mickey Michaux, D-Durham, is often cited as an example. In 1982, Michaux received 45 percent of the votes over two white candidates for the Democratic primary in the 2nd Congressional District. Michaux lost to Tim Valentine of Nashville in the runoff. North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas are the only 10 states which have second primaries. The current bill calls for a runoff election if the front-runner in a primary does not receive a majority of the votes. Since the establishment of the

second primary in 1915, the leader in the first primary has lost the runoff 32 times. The state president for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) supports the bill. Passing such a bill may serve as a deterrent to blacks running for office, Kelly Alexander said. Sen. Jim Johnson, R-Cabarrus, who is co-sponsoring the bill along with Sen. Ralph Hunt, D-Durham, does not believe the bill will disadvantage blacks. The current system is keeping blacks out of office, he said, and it is time the system is changed. "I do support the bill, but I'm concerned that people are going to see in it more than they should," said

Sen. Frank Ballance, D-Warren. "In the past, a lot of black candidates have been knocked out by the second primary. If we eliminate the second primary, we may find that these same candidates could win, or we may find that they won't win. "Part of the problem may be solved, but not all of it." Whether the candidate is black or female, a white, male candidate is more likely to win, Michaux said. "Some say the bill could be a deterrent and others say the opposite, but I support the bill," he said. Support for a bill eliminating the second primary was introduced at last year's state Democratic Convention.

City Police Roundup

In Chapel Hill:

Several incidents of driving while impaired (DWI) were reported in town during the week.

Carol Tomlin of Chapel Hill was arrested for DWI and driving left of the center line Tuesday in an accident on East Franklin Street.

Tomlin was driving her 1984 Porsche west in the eastbound lane when Raed El Farhan turned his 1988 Pontiac right to avoid a head-on collision.

Tomlin's car struck El Farhan's and caused \$4,000 damage. Tomlin's car suffered \$2,000 damage.

Police stopped John Walker of Chapel Hill Tuesday on East Franklin Street at Roberson Street after they observed him traveling 60 mph in a 20 mph zone. He was also charged with DWI.

Police charged Bradley Robertson with DWI and going 50 mph in a 35 mph zone after they observed him almost running into a curve on Airport Road near Airport Drive.

A resident of Zeta Psi fraternity reported to police Monday that his car had apparently been stolen from the southeast corner of the Granville Towers parking lot over Easter weekend.

Along with the usual problems with stray dogs, police report there were other incidents involving animals in town this week.

A black snake was captured Tuesday in the attic of a home on Laurel Hill Road. Police took the snake outside and let it go.

An animal control officer was

called to Taylor Street to assist police in returning a pet llama to its living quarters.

In Carrboro:

A Carrboro woman's purse was stolen from her car in an incident Monday at Harris Teeter in Carr Mill Mall.

The woman told police she placed her purse in the car and went back to retrieve her groceries when one of the clerks in the store yelled, "He's got your purse."

Two Harris Teeter employees who knew the man described the thief as a medium build black male, about 30 years old, 5 feet 7 inches, weighing about 155-160 pounds.

The purse contained a check book, credit cards, about \$88 in cash and a pair of eyeglasses valued at \$150.

A Carrboro woman reported her boyfriend had bitten her. Police said that both parties had broken skin after their fight on Monday.

Two employees at Residential Services Inc. on West Weaver Street were eating lunch Tuesday when a deer jumped through a storm door. The deer was injured and bled on the walk and floor. The animal fled through an opened back door.

Police received a noise complaint Wednesday morning about a man in a West Main Street apartment. Police said the man was talking loudly and was upset because his food caught fire while he was cooking.

— compiled by Larry Stone

South Korean police halt Hyundai strike

From Associated Press reports

SEOUL, South Korea — Thousands of riot police staged an air, land and sea assault Thursday to end a violent strike that had paralyzed the Hyundai shipyard — the country's largest — for more than three months. About 700 workers were arrested.

Thousands of radical students protesting the intervention battled police and attacked five Hyundai facilities in six cities. In the capital of Seoul, about a dozen students attacked an auto showroom and destroyed three cars, the South Korean news agency Yonhap said.

About 14,000 riot police, assisted by helicopters spraying tear gas, stormed Hyundai Heavy Industries in Ulsan before dawn to quell the strike that had left more than 400 people

injured since Dec. 12.

News reports said at least 54 more people were injured in Thursday's police operation.

The shipyard in Ulsan, about 150 miles southeast of Seoul, is owned by the Hyundai Group, one of the nation's largest conglomerates, which produces cars, ships, electronics, steel and other products.

Hyundai said it lost \$6 million in sales daily during the strike.

The police action came as the government took a tough stand on an increasingly militant labor movement. Officials said the government will use police to end all illegal labor protests in the future.

Police in combat fatigues and visored helmets stormed the sprawling shipyard via land and sea routes. Two helicopters fired tear gas and a

third helicopter was used as a command post.

Most of the 1,000 picketing workers fled to nearby dormitories, where they battled police with fire-bombs, rocks and steel pipes.

Workers refused a police order to surrender. Air mattresses were spread around the five-story dormitories to prevent suicides.

Police firing tear gas raced up fire escapes and down hallways of the company dormitories to drag out hiding strikers. Police arrested 700 workers, but most strike leaders escaped before police moved in.

Windows were smashed with rocks and clubs as riot police entered buildings to drag out workers.

Tear gas drifted over the shipyard and into nearby residential areas. Yonhap said about 2,000 family

members and supporters of the strikers were dispersed by tear gas after they harassed police.

Hyundai's trouble began Dec. 12 when militant workers broke away from a company-sanctioned labor union and set up a separate union of their own, demanding hefty pay hikes and the rehiring of hard-line union leaders dismissed earlier.

Management refused to recognize the new militant union, and 1,000 to 5,000 of the yard's 22,000 workers have been involved in violent clashes with pro-management workers.

About 1,000 students at Ulsan University were dispersed by riot police with tear gas when they tried to march from the campus to the shipyard to join the strikers, Yonhap said.

Palestinians wounded in 'Land Day' rallies marking 1976 deaths

From Associated Press reports

DEIR AL HANNA, Israel — Israel's Arabs staged a general strike and rallies Thursday in support of the uprising in the occupied territories, where three Palestinians were reported killed during "Land Day" protests.

Arab reports said 31 Palestinians were wounded in the occupied West Bank, while the army put the figure at 24.

Despite heavy security and a curfew that confined all 650,000 residents of the Gaza Strip to their

homes, violent clashes erupted in towns and refugee camps throughout the territories to mark the 13th anniversary of a bloody clash over Israeli confiscation of Arab land.

The army sealed off the West Bank and Gaza Strip, barring Palestinians from entering Israel, and posted thousands of troops in the occupied lands.

Rallies in northern Israel by thousands of Israeli Arabs in support of the Palestinian revolt generally went off peacefully, but police arrested 20 Arabs for possessing pro-uprising

leaflets believed to incite violence.

Arab Affairs Minister Ehud Olmert praised Israeli Arabs for refraining from violence. "No doubt there's a large measure of responsibility here. They restrained themselves," he said on Israel's Arabic television broadcast.

Israeli Arabs number about one-fifth of Israel's 4.2 million population and their involvement in demonstrations prompted fears the uprising could spread to Israel itself.

"Land Day" marks the March 30,

1976, deaths of six Arabs in an incident at Deir Al Hanna triggered by confiscation of Arab land for an army firing range.

In the West Bank village of Shweike, troops shot and killed a 20-year-old Palestinian carrying a large stone as he was about to ambush an army officer in a narrow alleyway, a military spokesman said.

Palestinian residents identified the dead man as Akram Saif Al Din Khawayled. They said a 20-year-old was seriously wounded in the stomach.

A military spokesman said a Palestinian from the village of Al Jib near Ramallah also died and the army was investigating. Arab doctors

identified him as Mohammed Mansour Abed Rabo, 22, and said he was shot in the chest.

Arab doctors in the occupied Gaza Strip said Nasr Khaled Nasr, 24, was killed by a plastic bullet to the heart during a clash with stone-throwing youths in the Jabaliya refugee camp.

The army said it was checking the report and added that 24 Palestinians were wounded in the West Bank.

The deaths brought to 415 the number of Palestinians killed in the 15-month-old revolt against Israeli occupation. Eighteen Israelis have also died.

Arab reporters said 17 Palestinians were wounded in the Hebron area, including two allegedly shot by

Jewish settlers near Alia hospital.

In the West Bank village of Yatta near Hebron, residents said Arab guards of Mayor Ismail Ihmid opened fire on Palestinian demonstrators who hurled stones and firebombs at city hall for staying open in defiance of the strike.

An army spokesman confirmed the incident, saying guards opened fire because the protesters tried to set fire to city hall. He said three Palestinians were wounded in the attack.

Arab doctors said 11 Palestinians were wounded in clashes in Arab east Jerusalem, as well as in villages and refugee camps near Bethlehem, Ramallah, Jenin, Tulkarem and Nablus.

Forum

James Hardin, a panel member and executive director (or chief) of the Lumbee tribe, said: "Native Americans have an identity problem. They feel safer in their own communities. A father told me that when the kids

go out to the bus in the morning, it's as if they come down off a mountaintop."

American Indians' identity problems can be attributed to "Western ideology." Christianity, social

Darwinism, and Manifest Destiny have been imposed on tribes through both military and social pressures, Hardin said. "Whites had a 'knock 'em on the head and keep on expanding' ideology."

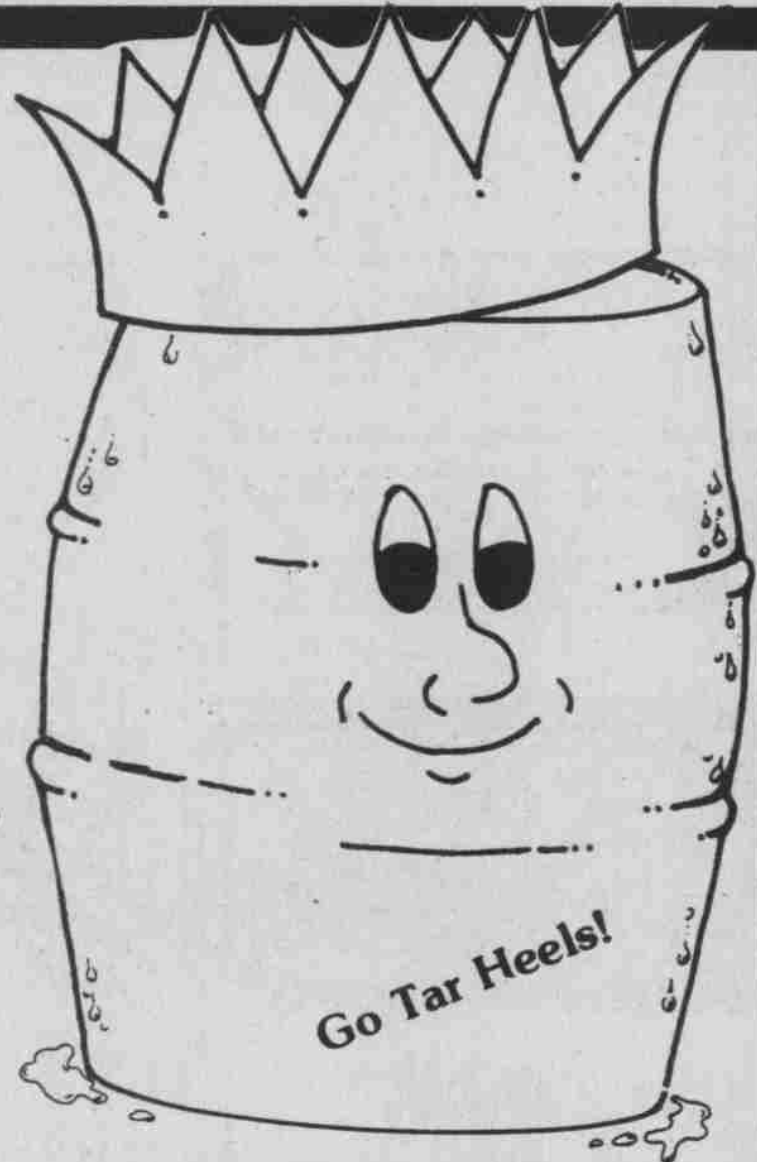
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