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South Africa media shows change

From Associated Press reports
JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Since becoming president two months ago, F.W. de Klerk has promised repeatedly to seek a "new South Africa." To an extent, it is here.

In the old South Africa, whites would have not turned on the state-run TV news or looked at pro-government newspapers and seen African National Congress (ANC) leader Walter Sisulu gazing back, fist raised, a free man.

But on Monday, there was Sisulu, flanked by six colleagues, on television and the front pages of virtually every daily paper in the country.

Their guerrilla movement technically remains outlawed, but at a news conference Sunday following their release from long prison terms, they made it clear that they were back at work.

The ANC has never lost its hold on support in the black community, but most whites have accepted the government's view that it was a com-

munist-controlled terrorist group, bent on forcible seizure of power and imposition of a one-party system.

Since de Klerk replaced P.W. Botha in August, however, the political climate has changed dramatically. For the first time, the government is openly acknowledging the ANC's popularity among blacks, and even relatively conservative whites are beginning to accept the inevitability of negotiations between the guerrillas and the government.

"A difficult, dangerous period lies ahead of us, but this is inevitable if there is to be a new South Africa," said an editorial Monday in *The Citizen*, one of the newspapers most loyal to de Klerk.

The change in perceptions was epitomized by the remarkably high-profile coverage that pro-government media gave to the ANC news conference Sunday. Beeld, the largest circulation daily for the Afrikaners who dominate

the government, ran a banner headline, "Sisulu Speaks Out," above a large color photo of the seven ANC leaders.

The South African Broadcasting Corp. showed the same scene on its morning news, with Sisulu urging "orderly and disciplined" pressure to force the government into further concessions.

Beeld, significantly, played down the freed prisoners' endorsement of continued guerrilla activity by the ANC and began its article with Sisulu's call for a democratic system in which either a black or a white could be president. There seemed to be no effort by the newspaper, nor by the TV network, to stir up antipathy toward the ANC.

The release of the seven ANC leaders, along with a member of a smaller guerrilla movement, was the most dramatic move yet taken by de Klerk, but it followed a series of recent steps by government officials aimed at enhancing the prospects for black-white nego-

tiations. Among these moves:

- For the first time in years, the government has allowed mass demonstrations and marches by anti-apartheid activists. Hundreds of thousands of people have joined these marches in recent weeks, openly displaying ANC banners which in the past were likely to provoke police action.
- The pace of desegregation has quickened. Johannesburg, the country's largest city, has eliminated the last of its whites-only public facilities, and only a handful of beaches remain segregated.
- De Klerk met for three hours with three prominent anti-apartheid church leaders, including Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, by far the longest such talks in recent years between a head of state and black activists. Government officials held their first direct negotiations with activists on a 3-year-old rent boycott in Soweto, the country's largest black township.

Forest rangers urge campers to eliminate all traces of visit

From Associated Press reports
BEND, Ore. — The U.S. Forest Service wants people to forget some of the camping techniques they learned as Boy Scouts.

And recognizing that times have changed, the Boy Scouts have revised their handbook and are urging young campers to leave their hatchets at home.

Rangers such as Michelle Kaptur, who patrols the high wilderness of the Cascade Range, are telling campers that it's no longer good enough to leave a clean camp in the wilderness. The Forest Service wants you to leave no trace of a camp at all, especially not a ring of rocks where you built a fire.

"When you leave a fire ring, the next person says, 'Hey! There's a camp! Let's use it!'" Kaptur explained to a group of campers at Quinn Meadows outside Bend. "After 300 people use it, it's not a wilderness anymore."

"There is this whole cultural image of what camping is," she said in an interview. "In the new 'Star Trek' movie, there's a scene where they're sitting around a campfire. They had looked through the computer log to find out what camping is. And it's exactly true. You have to have a fire ring. You have to have marshmallows. That's all true."

"But it doesn't work anymore. There's too many of us for it to work."

News in Brief

Ogilvy is 24th in line to the throne, her mother being the first cousin of Queen Elizabeth II.

The royal family recently suffered the breakup of the marriage of Princess Anne, the queen's daughter. Now, royal-watchers say, Ogilvy, 23, has broken palace taboos by going public in lurid detail about her estrangement from her parents, Sir Angus Ogilvy and Princess Alexandra.

The affair took on bigger dimensions Monday when Ogilvy, clutching the hand of boyfriend Paul Mowatt, broadcast a tearful plea to her mother over BBC-TV.

"I want you to really stand by me and love me as a mother," she said in the taped interview with host Robert Kilroy-Silk.

"I don't agree that Marina should be pushed up the aisle into, as such, a shotgun wedding," Mowatt said.

Ogilvy said in an interview published Oct. 9 in *Today*, a London tabloid, that her parents had tried to trick her into an abortion, disowned her, and cut off her \$160,000 trust fund and \$450 monthly allowance.

Contest to put sandwich on Stage
NEW YORK — Gloria Horowitz thinks her husband Sheldon is the greatest thing since sliced bread, and that's the way she wants him immortalized: with a sandwich named in his honor at the Stage Delicatessen.

The Stage, home of overstuffed sandwiches named for celebrities, is running a contest to select a common person for a spot on the menu alongside the "Mike Tyson Triple Decker Knockout" and the "Donald Trump Power Special."

A Londonderry affair
LONDON — Marina Ogilvy is two months pregnant and refuses to marry the father until the child is born. She says her parents are demanding they marry now or have an abortion.

It is a sad and commonplace tale of modern morality, but it is also an uncommonly public royal scandal:

Only reforms would lure refugee home

From Associated Press reports
FRANKFURT, West Germany — For Hardy Britze, the final decision to flee West came after the dreaded East German secret police searched his home and demanded to know how a baker could afford a French-made Citroen.

"They searched my business and home, everything," Britze says.

Now, after abandoning friends and parents in the city of Cottbus, Britze

said only political reforms could take him back to his communist nation, a prospect he says he hopes will one day come about.

"For them I'm a criminal now. We look forward to being allowed to go back to visit our homes some day, but that won't happen without major political reforms," says the husky 23-year-old Britze, relaxing over a few beers in Frankfurt.

Britze, his 23-year-old companion Katrin Proehl, and their blonde, 4-year-old daughter, Linda, arrived in West Germany on Sept. 11, two days after Hungary opened its Western borders to the East German refugees.

For now, they share one room in a city-run refugee home, furnished with twin beds, a small table and desk with chairs, a television, clothes closet and wash basin.

"It's a little small, but we expected things like that when we decided to come here," Proehl said in an interview. "We expected to start at the bottom and work up."

Speaking as her daughter clambered on the bed to watch TV, Proehl said the family was encouraged by its welcome here.

"Everyone has been so friendly and helpful to us. And shopping — fantastic. The first time we walked around the Kaufhaus department store, we spent an hour just looking and looking."

The couple came with just a few clothes and personal belongings packed in their car quickly for the trip from Cottbus, about 70 miles south of Berlin, to West Germany. "We'll have to start from scratch to furnish an apartment," Proehl said.

"We left a lot behind. We had our cafe and bakery, our own business. We had our own home. But because of our car and business, we had the 'Stasi' in our house checking on us."

"Stasi" is short for Staatsicherheitsdiest, the East German secret police.

President prepares to sign budget cut order

From Associated Press reports
WASHINGTON — President Bush was poised to sign an order today cutting federal programs by \$16 billion, and his budget director said the cuts would be felt faster than they were the last time they were invoked.

The cutbacks are required under the Gramm-Rudman balanced-budget law

because of the failure of Congress and the White House to agree on a deficit-reduction package.

Unless the House and Senate work out a compromise version of their deficit-cutting bills and send them to Bush by midnight — considered virtually impossible because many lawmakers were out of town — the president is required to sign the order.

"The very, very high odds are that ... we'll end up in sequester," the formal name for the automatic cuts, Richard Darman, director of the White House Office of Management and Budget, told reporters today.

Darman said the cuts would be imposed at a very low level of federal agency operations, making it harder for bureaucrats to transfer money to compensate for the reductions.

When the automatic cuts were last invoked for two months in 1987, they were applied at a higher level, making them easier to deal with, and they were barely noticed by most Americans.

"It has a little more discipline to it," Darman said.

The reductions, spread evenly across many defense and domestic programs, are expected to total about \$8.1 billion for defense and \$8.1 billion for domes-

tic initiatives. That works out to reductions of about 4.3 percent in defense programs and 5.3 percent in domestic agencies.

The cuts are expected to be rolled back as soon as Congress works out a compromise deficit-reduction bill. The Senate approved its version of the measure late Friday, and House-Senate negotiators could begin their meetings this week.

But Darman said Sunday it might be best if Congress left the spending cuts in place instead of rolling them back.

"This time, if it goes into effect, I think it would be good if people would live with it and say, 'don't restore the cuts,'" Darman said on the ABC-TV program, "This Week With David Brinkley."

Automatic budget cuts took effect in 1986 and 1987 as well, but Congress acted quickly to restore the lost funds, a process that Darman called "phony."

The reductions are not expected to be felt by many Americans, at least initially.

"It affects a relatively small number of people in our society," Rep. Bill Frenzel of Minnesota, ranking Republican on the House Budget Committee, said last week.

The automatic Gramm-Rudman cuts, when the law was enacted in 1985, were intended to seem so horrific that Congress and the president would be frightened into cutting the federal deficit in order to avoid them.

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