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### Clarification

An article in the July 19 Daily Tar Heel entitled "BOG tells trustees to OK mandatory drug testing plan" incorrectly reported the Board of Trustees' action on a mandatory drug testing policy for athletes at its June 22 meeting. The board never voted on the policy as the article reported.

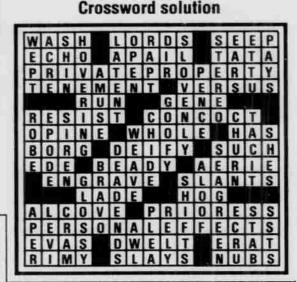
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# Thousands of citizens try to leave Hong Kong

From Associated Press reports HONG KONG — Tens of thousands of people mobbed Hong Kong's Immigration Department Wednesday, the last day to apply for permission to move to Britain and escape Communist rule

in 1997. Laborers, doctors, clerks, housewives and teachers squeezed into a line that snaked hundreds of vards through downtown Hong Kong. At least 50 people had spent the night, and several children fainted in the hot weather.

when the British colony reverts to China

Immigration officials estimated 30,000 people stood in line. By 5 p.m., 4,857 heads of households had applied for the nationality package, they said. This was in addition to an estimated 26,000 who submitted applications in previous days.

The British government is offering about 225,000 Hong Kong residents the right to live in Britain. According to Hong Kong immigration officials, about

people are eligible for consideration freewheeling economic and social sysunder the package.

Already more than 1,000 people a week are emigrating, mainly to Australia and Canada, because they fear a loss of rights and opportunities when Hong Kong comes under Chinese rule in 1997.

C.B. Chan, assistant director of immigration, said the department would stay open until midnight to accommodate the crowd.

Most of those eligible for the plan don't have to formally apply because they already can prove they are British subjects, either by possessing a British-Hong Kong passport or a Hong Kong birth certificate.

Thus, thousands needlessly lined up today and the Immigration Department issued pleas to people with the necessary documents to go home. The confusion was another example that many Hong Kong residents are becoming in-

creasingly desperate about their future. As part of a 1984 agreement, China promised to maintain Hong Kong's

tem under a program it calls "one country, two systems." But after the June 1989 crackdown on the pro-democracy movement in Beijing, many in the territory lost faith in China's

Hong Kong people also question British assurances of its support up until 1997, when Britain's 99-year lease on the colony runs out. In a sign interpreted by many as kowtowing to China, the colonial government is prosecuting five activists for breaking an obscure law banning the use of bullhorns.

The government censored a film critical of Beijing and banned from its waters a radio ship that was intended to broadcast pro-democracy messages to

A recent letter sent by a top official, William Ehrman, to Chinese authorities reaffirmed Britain's policy of forbidding Hong Kong from becoming a base for "subversive activities," local

A sudden job switch by Britain's foreign minister with special responsibility for Hong Kong, Francis Maude, also has caused concern. Maude has been appointed financial secretary to

the treasury. "This is a crucial stage of negotiations," said Martin Lee, a member of the Hong Kong's Legislative Council and a leading political activist. "I hope the person replacing him will ... take Hong Kong matters to heart."

To gain consideration under the British nationality package, applicants must first become permanent residents of Hong Kong. That is achieved either by birth, marriage or by living and working in the territory.

Once they become permanent residents, they can apply for the right to live in Britain. The British government has issued guidelines which says it is looking for professionals in about 20 occupations, such as doctors and engineers. Fluency in English, rare among Hong Kong Chinese, is considered important.

#### media have said. 3.5 million of Hong Kong's 5.7 million ANC may accept government promises, halt violence

**STATE and NATIONAL** 

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa— Nelson Mandela said Wednesday the African National Congress will halt its armed struggle as soon as the government meets its demands for political

Mandela indicated the ANC might accept a government commitment to change, rather than insisting on the reforms being implemented before armed action ceases.

The ANC, of which Mandela is deputy president, is demanding the government allow thousands of exiles to return home without fear of arrest; free prisoners convicted of politically motivated crimes; stop trials for politically motivated acts; repeal laws restricting political freedom; and lift the

state of emergency in Natal province. Until these changes are made, the ANC has said it will not participate in formal negotiations with the government on ending apartheid to give the black to suspend armed activity. majority a say in national affairs. The

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government wants the ANC to formally end its military activities before negotiations begin.

Mandela told a news conference the ANC leadership was confident progress would be made on clearing away the obstacles at an Aug. 6 meeting with government officials.

The ANC National Executive Committee decided at a two-day meeting that it will definitely suspend all armed activites once the obstacles have been removed, he said.

He acknowledged that the ANC leadership was having difficulty getting word to members of its guerrilla wing — Spear of the Nation — about the plan

The government and ANC agreed to

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commit themselves to a peaceful resolution of the country's problems during talks in May, two months after President F.W. de Klerk freed Mandela from prison and legalized the ANC.

The government has granted amnesty to certain ANC leaders and allowed them to enter the country to begin reforming the organization.

However, it is still illegal for ANC guerrillas to infiltrate and store weapons. In addition, de Klerk has not lifted the state of emergency in Natal province, the site of black factional fighting.

Mandela said no infiltrations of guerrillas had occurred since the May 2-4 peace talks

He also denied local news reports of an alleged plot by Communist members of the ANC military wing to mount an insurrection, "I don't need to repudiate anybody because there is no such plot,"

His comment about ANC members not having killed anyone since May seemed to refer specifically to planned and directed activities by its armed wing.

In fighting between ANC supporters and rival black groups, hundreds of people have died in the past few months, and ANC opponents say guerrilla wing members participated in the violence.

The fighting has pitted ANC affiliates against the Zulu-based Inkatha political party in Natal province.

#### From Associated Press reports the obstacles. Then we will suspend the armed struggle," Mandela said, adding that the timing of the cease-fire was negotiable. "As long as apartheid is the case, the armed struggle will go on."

reforms, and possibly sooner.

"The government must remove all

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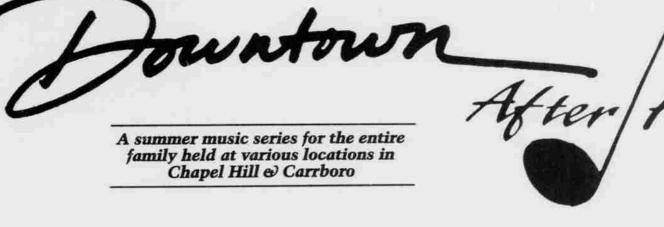
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