



**South Africa to outlaw university racial quotas**

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — A law permitting the government to impose racial quotas on university admissions will be abolished, National Education Minister Louis Pienaar said Tuesday.

Pienaar said the government would soon submit to parliament a new law eliminating the quota system. President F.W. de Klerk's governing National Party controls the dominant white chamber of parliament, assuring the measure's approval.

"If parliament passes the amendment act, the universities will enjoy full autonomy with regard to the admission of students from all population groups," Pienaar said.

For decades, universities were segregated by race, although the practice has eased informally in recent years. De Klerk has proposed repealing all remaining apartheid laws and called for multiparty negotiations on a new constitution to end white minority rule.

**Iranians paint insignia on Iraqi warplanes**

TEHRAN, Iran — Iranian crews have begun painting their air force insignia on some of the Iraqi warplanes that were mysteriously flown into the Islamic republic during the Persian Gulf War, diplomats said Tuesday.

The claim, which could not be independently confirmed, indicates Tehran plans to keep at least some of the military aircraft that sought refuge from the allied air offensive in neighboring Iran.

In another sign that Tehran plans to hold on to the planes, Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said Sunday that only 22 aircraft, including some airliners plundered from Kuwait, "would be

returned when the crisis is over." The rest, he said, either crashed or were shot down by allied jet fighters before they could land.

He did not specify which types of aircraft were among the 22 cited, but stressed the fate of the planes would be decided by Iran and Iraq with the help of the United Nations. Asian and Persian Gulf diplomats in Tehran cited reports from two Iranian government officials as saying Iran's military had put air force insignia on at least 15 planes.

An American reporter said he saw another three planes being repainted near a highway between Tehran and the holy city of Qom, 100 miles south of the capital. "There were three planes that were clearly Iraqi in the process of being repainted. They appeared to have Iraqi markings," said Tom Squitieri of USA Today. He said Iranian soldiers were giving the planes a coat of fresh paint, but he did not see any Iranian insignias being affixed to the jets.

**Czech leader ousted by democratic dissident**

BRATISLAVA, Czechoslovakia — Vladimir Meciar, the populist premier of Slovakia, was ousted by the republic's parliamentary leaders Tuesday and replaced with Jan Carnogursky, a Christian Democrat and former dissident under the Communists.

The 50-year-old Carnogursky favors a weaker federal government and stronger powers for Slovakia. Carnogursky told reporters that Meciar had pledged his support.

The removal of Meciar, 48, by parliament's 21-member Presidium had been expected after parliamentary deputies voted Friday to censure his government for its paralysis. Hundreds of Meciar's supporters rallied outside the parliament to demand new elections.

— The Associated Press

**Senate committee debates crime bills**

By Anna Griffin  
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Now that U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf have defeated Iraq, U.S. legislators in Washington are turning their attention to what may be the deciding issue in the upcoming congressional elections and in the 1992 presidential election: the national crime dilemma.

Two anti-crime packages currently being discussed in the Senate Judiciary Committee seek to halt the spread of crime throughout the United States by imposing stiffer penalties for drug offenses, drunk driving, juvenile crimes and terrorism.

Despite these similarities, the bills proposed by Sen. Joe Biden (D-Delaware) and President Bush are remarkably different in their stand on the combination of civil rights issues such as racial discrimination, capital punishment and habeas corpus rights. And the crime debate continues to be split along party lines.

The bill proposed by Biden, chair-

man of the Judiciary Committee, is a broad, reform-oriented package designed to improve local and federal police forces by providing increased funding to state and federal government agencies.

Additionally, the bill provides more than \$300 million funding to cities plagued by drug-related crimes.

Under the so-called Biden Bill, drug testing would be required of all federal prisoners paroled, and local law enforcement officials would be granted expanded power in the raiding and closing of crack houses.

According to committee reports, however, the major reforms under Biden's package would be in the area of civil rights.

The death penalty would still be in effect for drug offenders and for criminals found guilty of murdering federal agents and state officials working in conjunction with the U.S. government. But Biden's bill would, "effectively eliminate the death penalty as a tool of the law," according to Steve Phillips,

spokesman for Sen. Jesse Helms.

The Biden Bill would take away the power of individual judges to impose the death penalty by effectively specifying definite instances under which capital punishment could be imposed, Phillips said.

The president's crime package, although still in the early stages of development, is a more conservative, streamlined bill that promotes harsher penalties for terrorist acts and juvenile offenders.

While Bush's bill is an opposing response to the Biden plan, it fails to deal with any of the civil rights issues discussed under the democratic package. The White House proposal would eliminate federal court review of state criminal conviction and would allow police officers more leeway in searches conducted without warrants.

The major stumbling points in the search for an effective crime bill are the death penalty, federal funding and gun control, according to a spokesperson for Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Massachu-

setts), a leading member of the Judiciary Committee and a supporter of the Biden Plan.

Supporters of the Bush plan refuse to discuss increasing federal funding of police agencies, although the president's budget, which was not passed, contained an almost \$100 million cut in local spending.

Members of the House Judiciary Committee currently are debating the Brady Bill, a resolution which would impose a seven-day waiting period for gun purchases.

It appears likely that any crime bill reaching the Senate floor would include a modified version of the Brady Bill.

Bush, an outspoken opponent of the gun-control measures, has said he will veto any version of the Biden plan, but would sign the Brady Bill if it is added to his own anti-crime bill.

A spokesman for Sen. Biden said he was, "extremely confident some version of our bill will pass. There is no way the bill proposed by President Bush can get through the Senate."

**Activities honor mansion's 100th birthday**

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Franklin Delano Roosevelt called it "The most beautiful in America."

He was speaking about the N.C. Executive Mansion. A celebration of the mansion's 100th anniversary will highlight a weekend of festivities titled "Mansions, Memories and Raleigh Rambles."

The May 17 and 18 celebration will be hosted by the Historic Preservation Foundation of North Carolina, Gov. James G. Martin and his wife, Dottie Martin.

A great deal of sentiment has gone into planning the centennial, said Mary Biddle Semans, chairwoman of the committee.

"She's a hundred-year-old lady and the people of Raleigh feel close to her," Semans said.

The event begins with a cocktail party in the Heck-Andrews House, which has not been restored since it was built in 1870. Following the cocktail party, the governor and Dottie Martin will host a dinner for 400 patrons at the recently redecorated Executive Mansion, said Susie Burnett Jones, public information director for the event.

"We wanted to show the contrast between the two (mansions)," Jones said.

For dessert, the guests will be transported via trolley to the foundation's new home, the Bishop's House, located on the campus of Saint Mary's College in Raleigh, Jones said.

Four leaders will highlight homes designed by A.G. Bauer, designer of the Executive Mansion, while showing guests the historic section surrounding the mansion during Saturday's "Ramble," Jones said.

Planning began for "Mansions, Memories and Raleigh Rambles" last October, said Kit Boney, special events coordinator for the foundation. "The celebration is part of National Historic Preservation Week dedicated by the National Trust for Historic Preservation," Boney said.

Although special guests have been invited, "the event is open to anyone who pays the price," Jones said.

Tickets for the entire weekend are \$150 per person, while the cost of Saturday's "Ramble" is \$25 per person.

The proceeds will benefit the Historic Preservation Foundation of North Carolina, a statewide non-profit organization, Boney said.

"We are trying to raise the visibility of historic preservation," Jones said. "We don't get funding except through membership."

The Martins will host a black-tie dinner, which promises to be one of the weekend's main attractions. The dinner will be held on the North Lawn of the Executive Mansion.

"(The centennial celebration) is a very special occasion for the Martins," said Nancy Pekarek, spokeswoman for the governor. "They treasure the mansion not only for its historic content, but for what it means to them as a family."

The Executive Mansion Fine Arts Committee supervised the recent renovations paid for by the Executive Mansion Fund Inc., which was established two years ago.

Former N.C. first lady Jeanette Moore, wife of Dan K. Moore, established the committee in 1965 to discuss renovations and screen the suitability of potential gifts to the mansion, Semans said.

Having consistent funds will enable the fine arts committee to improve the Queen Anne Victorian style mansion, said Marie Ham, committee curator and director of the Executive Mansion Fund Inc.

"People think the mansion has it made and (the committee has) an unlimited supply of money," Ham said. "But we don't."

The committee is looking to add more furniture made in North Carolina and furniture owned by former governors to the Executive Mansion, Ham said.

"The dinner is just one of many events to celebrate the (mansion's) hundredth birthday," said Sarah Lofton, executive secretary for Dottie Martin.

There was a concert held in January, a Victorian ball in February, and a family-style picnic is scheduled for early June, Lofton said.

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the College Republicans because of some personal problems with members. "I was basically seen as being too moderate and not pushing any agenda for congress," he said. Moore said he hoped these problems could be worked out.

Moore was elected to congress in February and elected to the speaker position in April.

Moore said he wanted to form an analysis board and send out surveys about service organizations to students in the fall. He also is working on a campuswide recycling program.

Kristina Sung, who ran against Moore for speaker, said she thought he would have trouble because he was new to the University. "I think it's going to be a rough year for him because he really doesn't know what's going on campus," she said.

Sung also said Moore was concerned about the amount of money allotted to the Black Student Movement this year. "I know he is very concerned and talked to me about how much money the BSM got this year and didn't understand why they needed so much," she said. "I think organizations are going to have a lot harder time getting money next year."

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a fair amount of support," he said.

Jones said Hardin and Spangler stressed the need for flexibility in decision-making. "We need to be able to make decisions at the campus level in order to use our funds most effectively and cause the least amount of harm when there are budget constraints as there are now," he said.

The bill would permit the General Assembly to allot certain schools a predetermined sum to be spent at the discretion of each university's chancellor.

UNC-CH and N.C. State probably would be pilot schools to determine whether the flexibility plan should be instituted throughout the system.

The bill would give chancellors of selected schools flexibility to: transfer funds to different budget areas for one-time expenses; keep half of leftover funds each year; create and cut jobs regardless of whether they fall under the State Personnel Act; buy some equipment without taking bids and negotiate contracts directly with suppliers.