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# Mandela homecoming thrills crowds

From Associated Press reports

SOWETO, South Africa — Nelson Mandela came home a hero Tuesday, welcomed after nearly three decades by an ecstatic throng of blacks who delighted in his freedom but also heard him mourn the oppression of apartheid.

More than 120,000 people crammed into the country's largest stadium to greet the man revered by most South African blacks as their leader. Many were getting their first glimpse of him. "The march toward freedom and justice is irreversible," Mandela told the roaring crowd in the township that has become one of the bleakest symbols of apartheid.

At what the independent South African Press Association called the largest political rally ever in southern Africa, Mandela exhorted blacks to end their factional disputes, take control of a crisis-ridden school system, and work with discipline to end white-minority rule.

Whites, he said, must be reassured that "a South Africa without apartheid will be a better place for all."

Some spectators came six hours early to get seats, and the 80,000-seat stadium was overflowing by the time Mandela arrived.

Youths perched precariously on wall tops, others scaled 120-foot-high light towers, and more than 30 people were injured as crowds shoved and pushed to get a view of the podium.

An explosion of joy shook the stadium when Mandela, 71, emerged from an underground walkway, saluting with

a raised fist.

"Mandela! Mandela!" the crowd roared as he slowly walked around the field, flanked by top leaders of his African National Congress and other anti-apartheid groups. People thrust fists into the air and danced as Mandela passed them.

"Today, my return to Soweto fills my heart with joy," Mandela said. "At the same time, I have returned with a deep sense of sadness that you are still suffering under an unjust system."

In Cape Town, the government issued its first formal response to Mandela's statements since his release Sunday after more than 27 years in prison.

Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen said the government agreed with Mandela that apartheid must be eliminated and voting rights extended to blacks. But he criticized Mandela's support for continued guerrilla violence and economic sanctions.

"The government is not prepared to accede to the handing over of power," Viljoen said. "If that is the goal of the armed struggle, then there is no meaningful way ahead."

Mandela, speaking from a podium on the playing field, said the thought of returning to Soweto helped him endure his years in prison, serving a life term for starting the ANC's guerrilla war.

"God bless Africa," the crowd sang in rolling cadences after Mandela ended his speech, raised his fist again and joined in the anthem of the anti-apartheid movement.

Two helicopters then descended onto the field and took him, his family and top aides to a smaller stadium in Soweto. From there he drove in a motorcade — escorted by Soweto police with ANC flags on their motorcycles — to the modest four-room brick house he lived in before his arrest.

Mandela waved to about 2,000 people waiting outside, then walked into his home.

In his nearly 30-minute speech, Mandela deplored the poverty and suffering endured by many in Soweto, a sprawling township of 2.5 million people that has been a home base for the anti-apartheid movement.

"Our people need proper housing, not ghettos like Soweto," he said. "Our people need a living wage."

Dressed in a gray suit and wearing reading glasses, he echoed the major themes he has addressed since his release.

He said the ANC would "continue the armed struggle as long as the violence of apartheid continues." He also condemned black-against-black violence, saying it had weakened the fight against apartheid.

"We must take bold steps ... to end the mindless violence" in Natal Province, he said. More than 50 blacks have been killed in fighting there this week, and more than 2,500 since 1986.

He also addressed the white-run security forces, which he said many blacks viewed as instruments of repression.

"I call on the police to abandon

apartheid," he said. "Join in the march to new South Africa, where you also have a place."

In remarks aimed at quelling white fears, he said: "I and the ANC are as opposed to black domination as we are to white domination. I must accept that our statements ... are not enough to allay the fears of the white population."

"A new South Africa has to eliminate hatred and suspicion caused by apartheid, and (substitute) it with peace. "Go back to your schools, churches, mines and communities and build on the massive energy of recent events in our country," Mandela said.

Soweto schools were virtually deserted because pupils were taking part in the celebrations. Tens of thousands of adults stayed away from work.

"I am so happy," said spectator Tebello Poee in broken English. "I am proud because how long have we been waiting for Nelson Mandela."

The ANC seeks a one-person, one-vote system, which would be dominated by South Africa's 28 million blacks. President F.W. de Klerk, who ordered Mandela's unconditional release, seeks to negotiate a new constitution that would establish some political rights for blacks, but provide the 5 million whites with some sort of veto over major decisions.

On Feb. 2, de Klerk lifted a 30-year ban on the ANC and other opposition groups, suspended executions and announced other reforms aimed at clearing the way for black-white negotiations.

# Japanese future princess enters royal training period

From Associated Press reports

TOKYO — What does it take to become a princess? It takes class. Lots of them, nearly every day.

During the next month, 13 carefully selected tutors will try to instill a royal aura in Kiko Kawashima, a college student who will wed Emperor Akihito's younger son in June.

With a notebook clutched to her chest and her hair pulled back in a ponytail, Miss Kawashima arrived at the palace Tuesday morning in a black, chauffeur-driven limousine to begin her "princess studies."

The first class on the agenda was religious rites and coronation ceremonies. The teacher was Torahiko Nagazumi, a former chamberlain and classmate of the late Emperor Hirohito.

Miss Kawashima's curriculum, worked out by the Imperial Household Agency, will cover eight topics: classical poetry, calligraphy, Japanese history, palace rituals, laws related to the imperial family, the imperial system, the constitution and religious ceremonies.

The quiet 23-year-old, who already has won over the nation with her shy smile, is to attend 28 hours of classes spread out over the next month. Many Japanese women also attend classes before getting married, but for most, flower arrangement, cooking and the tea ceremony are the popular subjects.

## News in Brief

### Armenians flee violence

MOSCOW — Hundreds of Armenians have fled Tadjikistan's capital following rioting that killed seven people and wounded scores, a Soviet journalist said today.

Soviet soldiers and armored vehicles controlled the center of the central Asian republic's capital of Dushanbe, but rioting was spreading to the suburbs, said Anatoly Larenok, a correspondent for the national newspaper Vozdushny Transport.

"The situation is still very tense," the official news agency Tass said today.

Violence broke out in the city of Dushanbe on Monday after rumors spread that thousands of Armenian refugees from ethnic violence in the Caucasus were being given preference for new housing at the expense of natives.

The rioters smashed windows and set fire to the ground floor of the republic's Communist Party headquarters and attacked stores and passers-by. Seven people were killed and 79 hospitalized with injuries, he said. Tass said preliminary reports showed at least six people had died in the rioting and 108 were injured.

# Weather may slow clean-up

From Associated Press reports

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. — Blustery winds threatened to push more goo onto California beaches Tuesday as reinforcements joined the battle to sop up the oily onslaught a week after a tanker spill fouled the coast.

The cleanup crew was tripled to 1,120 workers on six miles of oil-stained beach, and another 300 workers were being trained to handle the crude oil invasion. Fifteen miles of beach in Southern California remained closed.

Meanwhile, the 811-foot tanker American Trader docked for repairs. Winds combined with increasing surf

to push new bands of thick crude ashore, threatening wildlife sanctuaries. The 400,000-gallon spill has killed 86 birds and coated 261 others with oil.

The National Weather Service said onshore winds to 40 mph could develop by Thursday.

Gov. George Deukmejian was expected to act Tuesday on an emergency declaration request by Huntington Beach Mayor Tom Mays.

Huntington Beach is about 35 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

Waves of grimy crude oil spilled by the American Trader rolled onto Bolsa Chica State Beach, leaving the beach coated with a layer of crude 2 inches thick in some areas.

"I'm disgusted," surfer Bill Casper said while watching the black tide roll in at his favorite surf spot near Huntington Beach Pier. "It's going to affect the beach for years. There will be tar on the beach for years."

On a bike path further north near Bolsa Chica, Lee Buratti, 40, of Dana Point was taking a break in training for the wheelchair race in next month's Los Angeles Marathon. He complained of the petroleum stench.

"The fumes were much too much. I could feel it in my lungs. It actually hurt a little and it slowed my pace," said Buratti.

# Germanys may use single currency

From Associated Press reports

BONN, West Germany — The Germanys agreed Tuesday to begin formal talks on making the West German mark the official currency of East Germany, a move that could lay the economic foundation for reunification.

The rush to reunify the Germanys gained further impetus in Ottawa, where British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd said Tuesday that the Western allies and the Soviet Union were close to agreeing on a way to unite the Germanys.

The announcement referred to a U.S. plan to have East and West Germany work out procedures for a merger immediately after East Germany holds national elections March 18.

The allies of World War II — the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union — then will discuss security questions, including whether a reunified Germany would be a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The Soviets want a neutral Germany, while the United States is pressing for NATO membership. Hurd made the announcement during an East-West summit on aerial surveillance.

Deep problems, meanwhile, still exist between the government of West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and the rickety Communist coalition of East German Premier Hans Modrow.

"We still have a difficult stretch of road ahead of us before fulfillment of

German unity," Kohl told reporters after his meeting with Modrow.

Their brief summit produced an agreement to set up a joint commission to devise a way to make the West German mark the official currency of both nations.

Although the commission, which is to begin talks next week, will deal with an important component of reunification, any system it comes up with would not be put into effect until after Modrow's lame-duck government is succeeded in March.

The opposition groups want all important decisions on economic recovery put off until after March 18.

But some West German officials who are championing reunification warn that East Germany's economic state is so dire that it could be bankrupt even before the elections. Kohl said more than 85,000 East Germans have fled to West Germany during the past six weeks.

The West German chancellor proposed monetary union a week ago as a means of giving East Germans confidence of immediate relief.

But expansion of the mark into East Germany would demand complete conversion to a market economy and would effectively deed economic control to West Germany's central bank.

Modrow pressed for immediate steps after March 18 to join the German economies but made clear that no action could be taken before then.

The premier instead appealed for \$9 billion in "solidarity aid" to tide over East Germany. West German Finance Minister Theo Waigel said massive loans could not be made when so little detail of East Germany's financial profile has been made public.

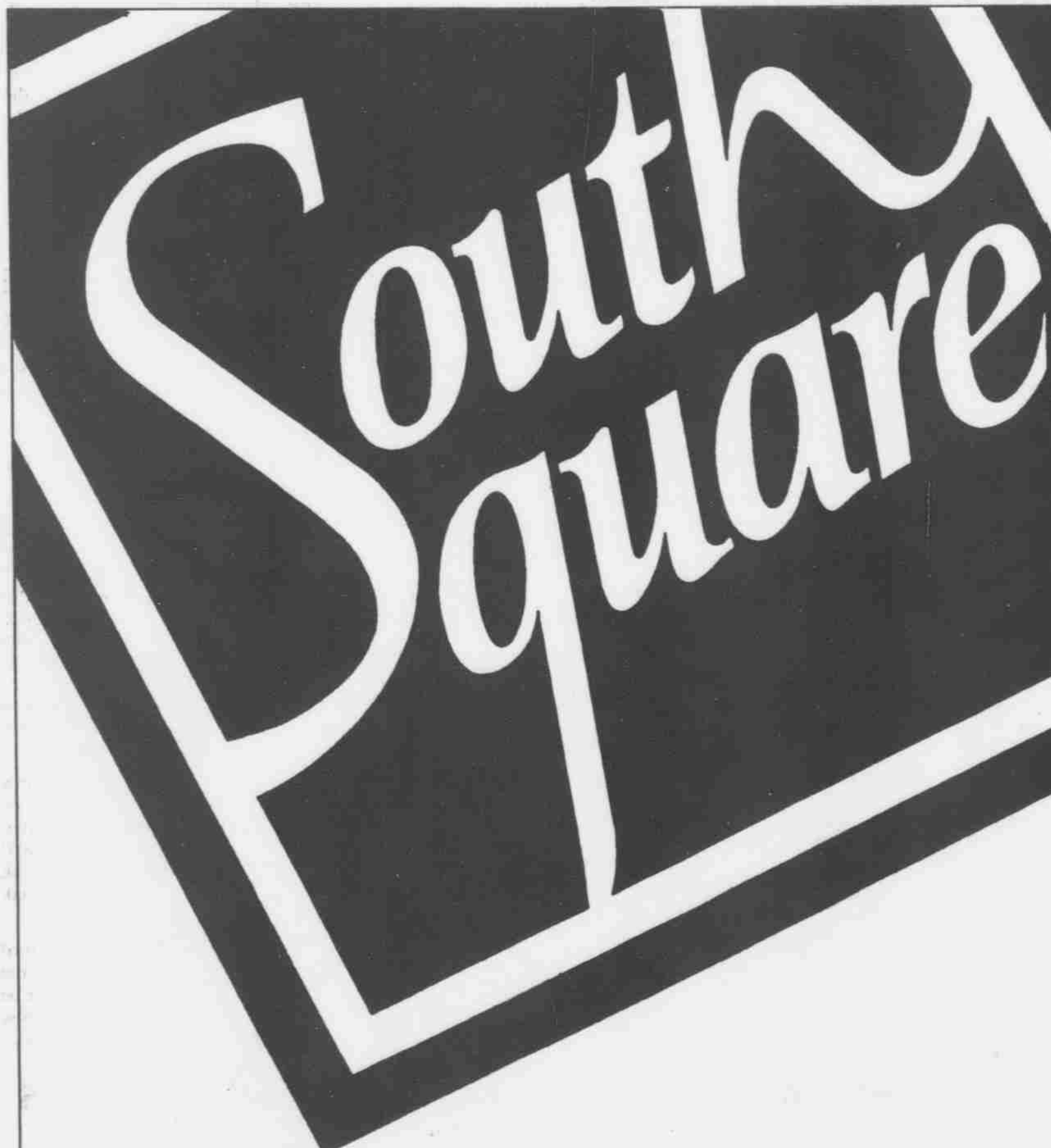
Modrow claimed his nation has much to contribute to a unified Germany, declaring that national wealth totals \$850 billion, more than half the gross national product of the wealthy West German state that is three times larger.

That statistic illustrated the difficulty Western officials have in translating socialist valuations in non-convertible currency into assessments of comparable worth in hard currency.

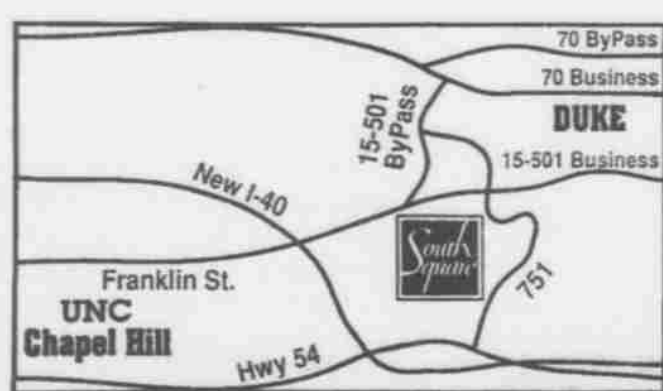
In addition to Bonn's uncertainties over East Germany's financial state, the Kohl government is reluctant to provide aid to the Modrow government that is virtually assured of being ousted in the elections.

The Communists are widely distrusted because of the corruption that was rampant under former leader Erich Honecker, who was ousted last year.

West German political parties are aiding the new, disorganized and diverse groups campaigning for parliamentary seats in East Germany. But the Western parties, singling out the most compatible East German parties, are mainly interested in having a ready power base in the East once unification takes place.



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