

Rhodesian blacks vote for first black government

SALISBURY, Rhodesia (AP) — Nationalist guerrillas blew up oil storage tanks and launched attacks on at least five polling places as Rhodesians prepared to vote Tuesday for the nation's first black majority government.

million gallons of diesel fuel and thousands of gallons of gasoline were destroyed in a rocket attack Sunday night at the Caltex storage depot in Fort Victoria, about 175 miles south of here.

Army Brig. Gen. Peter Rich said the attacks on polling

places began Sunday night, but only one site suffered damage. He said it was minor.

Rich said two guerrillas were killed by security forces. polling places will be operating normally tomorrow," he said.

On Monday night, guerrillas fired about five mortar rounds at a bus depot in Salisbury, the Rhodesian capital, a military spokesman said. No injuries were reported.

The raids threatened the government's effort to encourage a solid turnout of black voters to prove the elections deserve international recognition.

Black and white Rhodesians, in the face of the guerrilla attacks and nearly worldwide ostracism, are to begin five days of voting Tuesday in elections that may decide the fate of a bi-racial internal settlement aimed at ending 90 years of white rule.

The Patriotic Front forces of guerrilla leaders Robert Mugabe and Joshua Nkomo are pledged to sabotage the voting, which will decide the 72 black members of Rhodesia's first majority parliament.

The guerrillas oppose the elections because whites are promised continued control of the police, security forces, judiciary and civilian administration, plus 28 seats in the 100-member parliament and four Cabinet posts. White Rhodesians voted last week for their parliamentary representatives.

A good voter turnout was seen as crucial to international recognition of the elections. So far, not a single country has recognized the voting, although several hundred foreign reporters and government observers — some official and some unofficial — are here.

The black nationalist leaders, who have been waging a six-year guerrilla war against Prime Minister Ian Smith's government, have denounced the vote for limited black rule as a sellout to the black majority. Three percent of Rhodesia's 7 million citizens are white.

Whites, who are fleeing the country at a rate of some 2,000 a month, say recognition of the new government elected this week in fair elections and a lifting of sanctions on exports to Rhodesia is their last hope.

The attack on the oil storage facility apparently involved six guerrillas who used a Russian-manufactured rocket, the military said. The depot, whose petroleum is precious to a country burdened by United Nations sanctions that restrict imports, was patrolled only by guards employed by the company.

No injuries were reported in the attack.

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From Associated Press Reports

PORTLAND — The editor of Oregon Magazine defied a CIA order to censor 16 words from an article about spying on Idi Amin in Uganda and started the presses rolling Monday for the May edition.

"If the federal government really wants to censor these words, it should immediately seek a restraining order, because it is our intention to go ahead and publish them as originally scheduled," said Tom Bates.

Bates is the 35-year-old editor of Oregon Magazine, which has a circulation of 46,000 and publishes news for and about Oregon.

John Greaney, associate general counsel for the CIA, met with U.S. Attorney Sidney Lezak Monday to determine whether to request an injunction against publishing the words.

Lezak's office refused to comment on what was discussed, referring all calls to the Justice Department in Washington.

DUBROVNIK, Yugoslavia — Aftershocks hampered rescue work Monday and residents along the shattered Adriatic coast slept outside for a second night following an earthquake that killed 235 persons in Yugoslavia and Albania.

Tourists scurried for airplane tickets out of the devastated area.

Officials said they recorded 150 aftershocks after the earthquake, which destroyed buildings along a 60-mile strip of coastline in southern Yugoslavia's Montenegro tourist region and in Albania.

WATERBURY, Conn. — Robbers shot up a Puralator Security Inc. office and an armored truck early Monday, killing three guards and fleeing with cash and negotiable securities, authorities said. Reports of the haul's value varied from \$1 million to \$50 million.

The New Haven Register quoted an investigator, who declined to speak on the record, as saying \$30 million to \$50 million in negotiable securities was taken.

However, Puralator President John Pratt said he would be surprised if the total of stolen cash and securities exceeded \$1 million.

NEW YORK — The Point Reyes Calif. Light, a weekly newspaper with one full-time reporter and a circulation of 2,700, won the 1979 Pulitzer Prize for its investigation of Synanon, the controversial West Coast drug and alcohol rehabilitation center.

The Philadelphia Inquirer won a fifth straight Pulitzer — for the international reporting of Richard Ben Cramer from the Middle East. It was one of three Pennsylvania newspapers to win a 1979 award.

In the arts, John Cheever's collection of 61 short stories written since 1945 and entitled "The Stories of John Cheever" won the prize for fiction.

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Thwarted in an attempt to commandeer an Israeli airliner, Palestinian terrorists threw a gasoline bomb and a grenade into the crowded lobby of the airport here Monday. Police said the bombs and a sub-sequential shootout injured 11 persons.

Belgian police and security guards of the Israeli El Al airline captured two of the terrorists after a gun battle but said one or two others blended into panicked crowds and escaped.

Belgian Defense Minister Paul Vanden Boeynants said the terrorists hurled the bomb and a small grenade from a mezzanine into the crowd below.

Authorities quoted the captured terrorists as saying they were from the Palestine Liberation Organization and that the airliner was their intended target.

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