



World beat

International

Weather causes crash

JOHANNESBURG: South Africa (AP) — Pilot error and bad weather probably caused the plane crash that killed Mozambique President Samora Machel and 33 other people, newspapers here said Tuesday. But Zambia's president blamed South Africa for the crash.

Mozambique said the crash included four Soviet crew members, two Cuban doctors, Zaire's and Zambia's ambassadors to Mozambique, and senior government officials. Ten people survived Sunday night's crash just inside South Africa.

South African newspapers quoted the injured Soviet pilot as saying he believed he was shot down, but the papers said pilot error and weather apparently caused the crash.

Business Day, a Johannesburg daily, said the pilot apparently mistook a radio beacon on Mozambique's border with South Africa for one at Maputo airport.

Attorney needs time

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — The attorney for Eugene Hasenfus said Tuesday he needs more time with his American client to prepare an adequate defense against charges of terrorism and violating public order.

But in an interview Tuesday with Hasenfus at a maximum security prison outside Managua, the captured American told NBC Nightly News, "I'm guilty of everything they've charged. It's there. How can I say I wasn't carrying small arms and ammunitions to their resistance."

NBC said Hasenfus is sure he was working for the CIA, and that he feels abandoned by the U.S. government.

The attorney, Enrique Sotelo Borgen, said he was allowed to talk to Hasenfus for just 10 minutes Monday after the opening session of Hasenfus' trial in the People's Tribunal.

National

Agreement on way

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, expressing confidence the United States and the Soviet Union will reach an arms agreement, pledged Tuesday during a visit by West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl

that the accord will be based on allied strength and not "weakness or timidity."

Reagan greeted Kohl at an elaborate welcoming ceremony on the White House South Lawn, and both said Reagan's meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in Iceland provided the basis for further nuclear arms reduction talks.

Reagan said any future agreement with the Soviets would be based not on trust alone, but on the strength shown by the United States and its allies.

IBM leaves S. Africa

NEW YORK (AP) — IBM announced plans Tuesday to sell its South African subsidiary, joining General Motors Corp. as the second major U.S. corporation in two days to pull out of the politically and economically battered nation.

International Business Machines Corp., the world's biggest computer company, said the worsening economic and political climate in the racially divided nation prompted its decision to sell IBM South Africa to local interests.

"We consistently have said that IBM would remain in South Africa as long as we could maintain an economically sound business and contribute to peaceful change," Chairman John F. Akers said in a statement issued from IBM's headquarters in Armonk, N.Y.

"Unfortunately, the deteriorating political and economic situation in South Africa, and between South Africa and its trading partners, makes our action necessary."

29 firms forced to leave

WASHINGTON (AP) — American companies, squeezed by a lagging economy in South Africa and anti-apartheid activists at home, are leaving the white-ruled country at a brisk pace, analysts say.

International Business Machines Corp. and General Motors Corp., two industrial giants, are the most recent companies to announce plans to sell operations in South Africa.

Their decisions increase to 29 the number of American companies that have left or voiced plans to do so in 1986, according to Investor Responsibility Research Center, a Washington-based group that tracks U.S. business activity in South Africa.

The Coca-Cola Co., Procter & Gamble Co. and the Marriott

Corp., are among the others who are pulling up stakes.

Disinvestment has long been a goal of American opponents of South Africa's apartheid system of strict racial separation. They argue that withdrawing U.S. capital sends a strong message to Pretoria's white government.

U.S. ousts 55 diplomats

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration Tuesday ordered 55 Soviet diplomats to leave the country within nine days, but said it hoped the action would not sour the prospects for arms control.

Five of the diplomats were declared "persona non grata" in retaliation for the earlier expulsion of five U.S. diplomats from Moscow. The additional 50 were ordered out to bring the Soviet embassy staff in Washington and consulate staff in San Francisco "to parity" with the size of the U.S. contingent in Moscow and Leningrad.

State Department spokesman Charles Redman announced the massive retaliation with "regrets," but said it was forced on the administration by the Soviet Union.

Redman also sought to assure Moscow that the United States did not want to lose the momentum achieved at President Reagan's summit meeting in Iceland with Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

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Claim granted

PORTLAND (AP) — Penny Harrington, who resigned as police chief after allegations were made about her ability to manage her department, was granted a stress-related disability claim Tuesday.

In a 6-3 vote, the Fire and Police Disability and Retirement Board granted the claim after Harrington's attorney presented medical reports indicating she was unable to return to work.

She had sought a full chief's salary, about \$65,500, for at least the first year of her claim. However, the board ruled that she will receive captain's salary, at \$49,524 a year, for the first year retroactive to July 1.

After a year her benefits will be reduced to \$33,550 a year, a first-class patrol officer's salary, for up to three years. If she still cannot return to work then, she will receive 60 percent of the

patrol officer's salary.

Her case will be reviewed every two weeks to determine if she is able to return to work, officials said.

Measure ruled valid

SALEM (AP) — An attempt to invalidate a property tax limit measure that's on the Nov. 4 general election ballot was rejected Tuesday by the Oregon Supreme Court.

In a unanimous ruling, the state's highest court said Measure 9 doesn't violate a pro-

vision in the Oregon Constitution requiring initiative measures to deal with only one subject "and matters properly connected therewith."

The measure would limit property taxes to 1½ percent of value by 1988, restrict raises in assessed values to 2 percent a year and provide methods for overriding the tax limit.

The Supreme Court said all the provisions in the measure are "properly connected" with the main subject of property taxes.

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