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International

Press censored

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — The government imposed severe censorship Thursday, requiring journalists to get official approval before reporting on most peaceful actions against apartheid as well as violent unrest.

New rules issued by President P.W. Botha go beyond press censorship. They also bar antiapartheid activists from making "subversive statements" that urge resistance to the white government through many forms of non-violent civil disobedience.

Among those are rent, consumer and school boycotts; strikes; protest meetings; complaints about compulsory military service, and establishment of civic associations and people's courts.

Israel restrains press

TEL AVIV. Israel (AP) — While journalists in South Africa are contending with expanded censorship restraints for the first time, Israel's local and foreign reporters always have had to submit to the military censor's blue pencil.

Surrounded by hostile Arab states and having fought five wars during its years of existence, Israel says censorship is essential to state security.

The army distributes a permanent list of subjects that must be submitted to the censors before stories or photographs are published.

The permanent subjects include military activity of any sort, soldiers' deaths, weapons sales and purchases, nuclear research or facilities, oil purchases and immigration of Jews from enemy countries. The periodic additions include such events as the 1984 airlift of Ethiopian Jews.

Sister makes plea

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Terry Anderson's sister asked his captors Friday to free the kidnaped American journalist "in the spirit of Christmas."

Peggy Say made the appeal in an open letter published in Beirut's two leading newspapers, the independent An-Nahar and the leftist As-Safir

Anderson, 39, is chief Middle East correspondent of The Associated Press. He was kidnapped in Moslem west Beirut on March 16, 1985, and Islamic Jihad, a Shiite Moslem group believed loyal to Iran, claimed responsibility.

The underground group, whose name means Islamic Holy War, also claims to hold American hostage Thomas Sutherland, 55, acting dean of agriculture at the American University of Beirut, and three Frenchmen.

National Jury probes crimes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Allegations of gunrunning and other offenses by Nicaraguan Contra rebels and by some American supporters are being examined by a grand jury in Miami, a federal official says.

The official, who insisted on anonymity, said Wednesday that the federal grand jury investigation started last month, but refused to say who was the target of the probe or who had been called as witnesses.

The official also said the probe is not connected — at least now — to other investigations under way in Washington into the diversion of \$10 million to \$30 million from Iranian arms sales to the Contras.

Hostages get letters

WASHINGTON (AP) — A volunteer organization is sending 50,000 letters to the American hostages in Lebanon, hoping they will be delivered through a Shiite Moslem clergyman, a group spokeswoman said Thursday.

The letters, written by school children in Buffalo and Philadelphia and Girl Scouts and Campfire Boys and Girls throughout the country, are being sent by "No Greater Love," described as a Washington-based humanitarian, non-profit organization formed to help the families of terrorism victims.

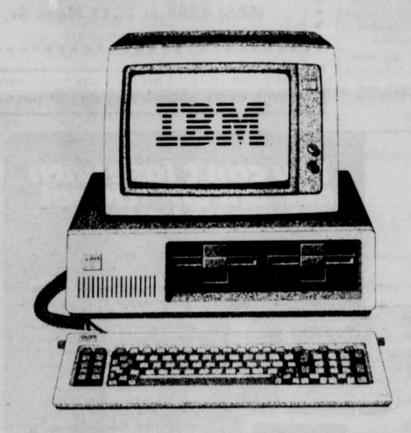
Regional Chain drops cards

PORTLAND (AP) — A toy store chain no longer will carry Garbage Pail Kids bubble-gum cards and stickers in Oregon and Washington as the result of a one-man protest.

Gary Kuhn, 30, of West Linn said Wednesday, however, that he still was encouraging a boycott of the Toys R Us stores until all Garbage Pail Kidsrelated products are removed.

"We've pulled the Garbage Pail Kids off the floor," Mark Haag, general manager of 10 Toys R Us stores in the Pacific Northwest, said Wednesday. "The decision was made partly from his protest and other letters we've received."

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