



World beat

International

Botha sweeps election

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — President P.W. Botha's National Party scored an overwhelming victory in Wednesday's whites-only election, crushing liberal parties that had hoped support for apartheid was waning. More than 1 million of the country's voteless blacks joined a nationwide strike to protest the election, in which far right parties opposed to the government's slow-paced reforms outpolled an informal anti-apartheid alliance.

The results vindicated the Nationalists' campaign strategy, emphasizing the party's commitment to cracking down on black unrest and guerrilla activity. Botha promised to continue with cautious racial

reforms but also pledged to oppose majority rule and maintain segregated schools and neighborhoods.

National

House supports SALT II

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House rejected President Reagan's views on a pair of nuclear arms control treaties Wednesday, voting to require U.S. compliance with the unratified SALT II pact and saying the U.S. interpretation of the Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty cannot be changed unilaterally. The first decision came when the House voted 245-181 to require U.S. compliance with the 1979 SALT II treaty.

The action, which Reagan has opposed, would ban any long-

range nuclear weapons beyond those permitted by various numerical categories in the pact. Minutes later, the House rejected 231-189 a Republican-backed proposal that would have required U.S. compliance with the pact, but only if the president decided the Soviets were adhering to all treaty provisions. Reagan has repeatedly said they are not.

Regional

Measure likely to pass

SALEM (AP) — There appears to be little doubt that Oregon voters May 19 will approve a measure designed to keep the Hanford nuclear reservation from being used as a national dump for radioactive wastes. The only thing undecid-

ed, backers say, is the size of the favorable vote. And that's what they're working on, with the election just over a week away.

"If there's not a decent turnout on this, in the 80 percent realm, it will not strengthen the hand of the congressional delegation," says Don Skinner of Salem. Skinner is campaign manager of the Oregon Committee to Stop Hanford. The non-binding resolution won unanimous approval of both houses of the Oregon Legislature, which put it on the ballot along with the second measure that deals with school finance.

Court rules on clauses

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Court of Appeals on Wednesday ruled the governor can veto on-

ly the emergency clauses in bills with such clauses and not other sections of the measures.

The decision overruled a stance taken by former Gov. Vic Atiyeh in a dispute dating to the 1983 session of the Legislature.

The squabble began when Atiyeh vetoed several provisions of a bill dealing with public employee pensions.

Atiyeh claimed he had authority to do that because the state constitution allows the governor to veto less than an entire bill if it contains an emergency clause.

Emergency clauses put measures into effect as soon as they are signed by the governor. The Legislature didn't attempt to override the veto but instead officially regarded it as invalid.

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