

Apartheid referendum vote brings tension to South Africa

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The National Congress and others to hammer out a non-racial constitution. The best hope would be the implementation of an "interim government" to include blacks for the first time.

If he carries the referendum with a slim majority or if a large number of whites do not vote, the Conservatives may contend that he lacks a sufficient mandate to press ahead with change.

Beginning at 7 a.m. today, the 3.1 million white voters of South Africa will have the opportunity to go into the country's 1,436 polling booths and give their answer. Yes or no. Complete results of the voting will not be announced in Cape Town until Wednesday afternoon.

Most of the mainstream business community, press and churches are supporting de Klerk. But there is considerable opposition.

"No vote cannot bring about justice," the president told on Monday night. "White security cannot be built on racism, discrimination, or impractical dreams of aggression."

The political anxiety extended to the segregated townships, where black South Africans, who are not allowed to vote in the referendum, worried that a defeat would embolden the Conservative Party and its allies to resurrect apartheid.

The South African Press Association reported on Monday that some blacks in Pretoria also feared random reprisals from white extremists if the referendum was passed.

"The Conservatives have forecast chaos under a black majority rule if de Klerk wins. This warning has been matched by predictions from government supporters of civil war and economic collapse under the weight of intensified Western sanctions should South Africans reject negotiations."

Companies would go under, with employees retrenched in hundreds of thousands," the Johannesburg financial newspaper Business Day said Monday. "A right-wing victory will stop invest-

Apartheid referendum

A look at today's referendum asking whites in South Africa whether to support the dismantling of apartheid.

What's at stake: President Frederic de Klerk announced earlier apartheid was but wants a mandate to continue negotiating a constitution including full political rights to 20 million blacks. He promises to resign and call a new election if he loses.

Who are white voters to vote in such an event? There are 3.2 million registered voters out of a population of roughly 5 million.

Predictions: Most analysts expect de Klerk to get about 65 percent of the vote, but opponents say they are gaining.

The arguments: De Klerk says negotiating with blacks is the only way to bring peace. The Conservative Party says blacks and whites cannot live together and demand a separate white homeland.

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The Conservatives have been outspurred by referendum campaign door-to-door canvassing and campaign films. A tabloid distributed to white households asked a vote for de Klerk to support for the African National Congress, which would face the president's threat to fight rather than live under a black majority government dominated by the ANC.

"We will not negotiate with the ANC," a ministerial group that has allied itself with the Conservatives. "If we have to deal with them, then it will be over the barrel of a gun."

Churchgoers, too, have been bombarded with conflicting messages. The Southern Baptist Council of Churches warned on Sunday that the referendum's defeat would lead to civil war. A right-wing group, the Christian Front of Southern Africa, threatened divine retribution if it passed.



A masked member of an extremist splinter group of the African Resistance Movement demonstrates against apartheid.

"To vote 'yes' would be to vote against God and in the same direction as the anti-Christ," the league said. "This will be a faithful to Jesus Christ and led to eternal damnation."

Meanwhile, de Klerk's National Party gained unexpected backing from Jan Smith, the former prime minister of apartheid white Rhodesia, who said from Harare, Zimbabwe's capital, that approval of the referendum would strengthen de Klerk's hand in negotiations.

"The National Party has even received the support of the 'swart gevaar' or black danger, which is formerly used to frighten whites into supporting apartheid. A recorded message on a phone line operated by the army warned black voters if there is a 'no' vote.

"Anger could be directed at every white, whether you vote yes or no — at you, at your wife, at your children, at your parents and at your friends," the message said. "A 'no' majority gives us no chance. Vote 'yes' and tell your fellow South Africans that you want to live in peace with them."

Nelson Mandela, ANC president, said Monday the black opposition group would fight if reforms were halted.

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■ A young man and young woman in their mid-20s who were talking about having just seen a movie. The only physical description police offered was that the woman had long blond hair and wore a lot of jewelry.

Morales' prison stance irks inmate advocates

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Morales agrees that systematic abuse of prisoners violates the U.S. Constitution and should be halted in federal courts. Duesch said. But he said "single incidents," such as those involving the Louisiana inmates, should be processed in the state courts.

Morales' critics said the brief may shed light on his controversial actions last week concerning the 20-year-old inmate against the state prison system, because of crowding and inhumane conditions, the prisons have been under the supervision of a federal court, which has limited the facilities to 80 percent capacity.

The Texas Board of Criminal Justice voted Friday to accept a settlement that was negotiated with inmates and would allow 100 percent capacity in new prisons. He said the state should have the flexibility to operate prisons above 110 percent capacity and to house inmates in tents and at abandoned military bases.

Filler, who also is the director of the Texas Alliance for Human Needs, said Morales does not seem to understand the problems in the state's prisons.

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Man sought who parked near yogurt shop

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men offered the victim a ride to her car because it was raining. She accepted the ride, and the man drove her to the Gateway Center Apartments at 9010 Gateway Drive, where the driver went into an unknown apartment and returned with a gun.

The suspects left the north Austin apartment complex in their car, a newer model, white, four-door Ford. They drove onto Interstate 35 and headed to San Antonio, sexually assaulting the woman at various points during the trip. After arriving in San Antonio, the suspects released the victim.

A sketch of one of the suspects in that sexual assault, resembles the man in the sketch released Monday in connection with the yogurt case.

The suspect in the sexual assault is described as a dark-complected Hispanic, 20-21 years old, 5 feet 4 inches, of medium build, weighing about 140 pounds. The police description said the man looks like a Native American, but speaks Spanish.

"That description is identical to the one accompanying the sketch of the man wanted for questioning in the yogurt case — with the exception of the reference to the possible Native American heritage.

According to police, the man was sitting outside the yogurt store in an older model, white, four-door Ford, possibly a Chevrolet Impala, around the time of the murders. Police say witnesses told them the car was parked in front of the shop.

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Waters said investigators are baffled that people with knowledge of what happened in the shop before closing to be very valuable.

Police ask anyone with information to call to call 435-5113.

Justice Clarence Thomas and Antonin Scalia dissented. Thomas said "Abusive behavior by prison guards is deplorable conduct that properly evokes outrage and contempt. But that does not mean that it is invariably unconstitutional."

Morales used similar language in his 21-page brief, filed in August. Whites not permitted to conduct unassisted physical contact with inmates by prison guards (Hudson's claim does not pass constitutional muster in the case and unusual punishment is not a constitutional violation).

Morales' brief in the Louisiana case appeared to ignore, if not contradict, his violation of the Eighth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which forbids cruel and unusual punishment. Louisiana argued that under previous case law, Hudson could not file a

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