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Mandela freed from S. African jail



Anti-apartheid struggle must continue, he says

By Greg Myro
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CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Nelson Mandela walked through a prison gate to freedom yesterday, setting off joyous celebrations and violent clashes as blacks nationwide welcomed their leader back from 27 years in jail.

"Citizens and fellow South Africans, I greet you all in the name of peace, democracy and freedom for all," Mandela told tens of thousands of cheering supporters who thronged outside City Hall at twilight, many getting their first look at the African National Congress leader.

But he emphatically reaffirmed his commitment to the ANC's guerrilla campaign and called for increased pressure to end white-minority domination — the same stance that resulted in his life sentence on charges of plotting against the government. He also reiterated that talks with the government cannot begin until it lifts the state of emergency.

"I stand here before you not as a prophet, but as a humble servant of you the people," said the white-haired Mandela, who looked much more an elder statesman in his suit and tie than a guerrilla leader.

"Today, the majority of South Africans, black and white, recognize that apartheid has no future. It has to be ended by our decisive mass action," he said in a rousing half-

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hour speech frequently interrupted by roars of "Viva!"

"We have waited too long for our freedom."

Violence broke out about the same time Mandela's motorcade arrived in Cape Town from Victor Verster prison and delayed his speech. Police said a black looter was shot to death by officers, and first aid workers said more than 100 people were injured when riot police fired shotguns after groups of black youths smashed shop windows in the city center.

Some youths retaliated by hurling bottles at the officers. Hundreds of terrified people waiting to hear Mandela ran for cover as police fired blasts of shotgun pellets.

Clashes between police and celebrating blacks were reported in at least two other areas, including the tribal homeland of Ciskei, where hospital officials said police shot

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Mandela and his wife, Winnie, wave their fists triumphantly after his release from Victor Verster prison in Cape Town

Violence marks rally as youths battle police

By Laurinda Keys
The Associated Press

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Confrontations between young blacks and white policemen turned celebration to chaos yesterday at the welcoming rally for Nelson Mandela on his first day of freedom.

Tens of thousands had gathered hours before, hoping for a glimpse of the black leader, who was released after 27 years in jail for fighting the white-minority government.

But as the sun set, cheers of "Viva Mandela!" and the energetic singing of the morning faded to new sounds.

People heard shotgun fire, police helicopters circling the sky, wailing ambulances, barking police dogs, and chanting black youths, pounding their feet and raising angry challenges.

Police said officers fatally shot a black looter, and first-aid workers said at least 100 people were injured when riot police fired shotguns after

groups of black youths smashed shop windows.

The center of the city, called the "fastest Cape," was a battlefield. Thousands of blacks and whites stood in the huge parade ground, their eyes fixed on the City Hall balcony as they listened to endless political speeches over defective loudspeakers and waited for Mandela to appear.

They waited, even though they could hear, at the edges of the throng, the shattering shop windows, the intermittent gunfire.

As the 71-year-old prisoner, free for just two hours, was driven in a motorcade past streets lined with tens of thousands of people, the first shots rang out near the railway station.

Bands of youths had broken shop windows earlier in the day, and police who came to investigate were fanned by a crowd that outnumbered them 4 to 1. They guarded

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Jubilant supporters of Nelson Mandela exit in Soweto's Jabulani Stadium

Bush invites Mandela to White House

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WASHINGTON — President Bush rejoiced yesterday over the freedom of Nelson Mandela, spoke to him by telephone and invited the anti-apartheid leader to visit the White House.

"I stated to him our desire to see a peaceful evolution toward a totally racially free South Africa, a society without prejudice, a society of total freedom," Bush said. "And, of course, that is Mr. Mandela's objective. And it was a very friendly conversation."

Speaking to reporters in the Rose Garden of the White House, Bush said Mandela "sounded restrained" but that his comments were very warm.

The president said the conversation lasted five or six minutes.

Mandela "expressed his gratitude to me and to the American people for calling," Bush said. "There was a

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Reunified Germany could be in alliance without harm to Soviets, NATO chief says

By Christopher Connell
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — NATO Secretary General Manfred Wörner engaged yesterday from talks with President Bush to suggest that a reunified Germany could be a part of the Western alliance without extending NATO's military reach over the territory that is now East Germany.

Wörner said a way can and will be found to keep a united Germany in NATO while recognizing "the legitimate security interests of the Soviet Union."

Following two days of talks at the presidential retreat at Camp David, Md., both Bush and Wörner hailed what the White House called West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl's "extraordinarily successful" talks with Soviet leaders in Moscow.

Soviets offer to talk about troop withdrawals from Poland. Page 3A

Kohl said Saturday that he got "unequivocal" assurances from Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev that Moscow would respect the right of the two Germans to decide on the timing and structure of their reunification.

The White House said Bush and Wörner agreed that NATO "should adopt new political roles," including helping shape U.S. policies toward the East bloc nations now shifting toward democracy.

Wörner spoke with reporters at Andrews AFB outside Washington before boarding a U.S. Air Force jet to Ottawa and an international conference on "open skies" — including

Bush's proposal to allow the superpowers to conduct surveillance flights over each other's territories.

Secretary of State James A. Baker III also was in Ottawa yesterday following his six-day trip to Moscow and Eastern Europe. At a news conference in Moscow on Friday night Baker had said U.S. policy calls for full German membership in NATO or "association" with the alliance for a reunited Germany.

A senior administration official later clarified that remark, saying full NATO membership still was the only administration goal for a reunified Germany.

Both Baker and the official endorsed a proposal by West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher that while a united Germany should be a NATO member, See NATO, Page 3A

WEATHER



Warm again. Look for increasing high cloudiness with breezes from the southwest at 10 to 20 mph. Expect a high in the upper 70s, low in the upper 40s. Yesterday's high was 78, and the low 60. Details on Page 8A.

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\$250,000 in gems stolen from car trunk, police say

By Joe Salkowski
The Arizona Daily Star

Gems worth \$250,000 were stolen from the trunk of a car Saturday night, the largest theft associated with this year's Tucson Gem and Mineral Show.

The gems were owned by William S. Earles, 37, who came to Tucson from Pearland, Texas for the show, which ended yesterday at the Tucson Convention Center, said Tucson Police Sgt. Roberto Villaseor.

Earles had parked his car outside the Ye Olde Lantern Restaurant, 1800 N. Oracle Road. When he left the restaurant around 10 p.m., he found his trunk had been forced open and the gems were missing.

The gems were owned by Anthony Bucca, 37, of Phoenix. A car containing \$50,000 worth of crystals was stolen Feb. 4 from the Howard Johnson Lodge, 750 W. 22nd Street.

Last year, \$500,000 in gems were reported stolen from a southside hotel room on the final day of the show.