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Mozambique declares war, seals off border

Associated Press
MAPUTO, Mozambique — The Communist-backed government of Mozambique declared today that a "state of war" exists with Rhodesia. It announced it has sealed off its 800-mile border with the white-ruled nation. Share prices on the London

stock exchange immediately dropped.

However, it was not immediately clear whether Mozambique had declared war on Rhodesia, a breakaway British colony, or whether it was simply putting the nation on a war footing. Last week, Rhodesian forces

went into "hot pursuit" after some of the thousands of African guerrillas infiltrating from the Mozambique border.

The "state of war" declaration came in an impassioned speech by Marxist President Samora Machel from the presidential palace. The speech was broadcast by Mozambique Radio.

The bearded, 42-year-old Machel said all Rhodesian property and assets in Mozambique would be seized, all communications with Rhodesia cut and Mozambique would apply full economic sanctions against its white-ruled neighbor.

Proposal requests more student reps

Texas A&M's student body president is pushing a proposal that would improve representation of students from all Texas A&M system colleges.

The proposal would create a Texas A&M System Student Board that would give students at Texas A&M, Tarleton State University, Prairie View A&M and Moody College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources better representation before the Texas A&M Board of Regents, said Jeff Dunn, student body president.

The proposal will be presented to the A&M student senate on March 11.

According to Dunn, goals for the proposed system student board are: 1. to represent the combined interests of the students of member schools in order to improve the Texas

A&M System, 2. to serve as a liaison between the students and the Texas A&M Board of Regents, 3. to promote equal representation, equal rights and welfare of the student bodies, 4. to serve as a lobby group for the students.

Each member school would send two delegates with the exception of Moody College, which would send one.

The proposal must be approved by all of the student senates, said Dunn.

If approved, representatives from member schools will meet March 20 at Prairie View A&M to finalize the constitution. After finalization, a temporary board will be set up to function until June 1, when next year's senators will be in office, he said.

— Lillian Foreman

Marine dies after run 'boot camp'

Associated Press
SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Mendoza was nearing the routine three-mile morning run when he suddenly collapsed.

He was rushed to the dispensary Tuesday, but unable to revive him and he became the third Marine to die in recent months to die at Diego "boot camp."

A Marine Corps spokesman said Mendoza died of cardiac failure. The 19-year-old recruit from Houston, Tex., was in his formal training, the spokesman

Tolling bell signals Mardi Gras ending hangover starting

Associated Press
NEW ORLEANS — As the bell in St. Louis Cathedral tolled midnight, Mardi Gras 1976 came to an end.

Some die-hard partygoers still strode the litter-strewn streets of the French Quarter in search of drink and merriment, but most of the million or more persons who turned out to celebrate Carnival called it quits.

Today is the first day of Lent, and many have much to repent. On Ash Wednesday, hangover remedies are more popular than grits in breakfast shops.

Fat Tuesday began with the Krewe of Zulu landing by Mississippi River launch at the foot of Canal Street and taking an erratic route through the cheering crowds, flinging doubloons and hand-painted cocoanuts into the waiting hands along the route.

Eight other parades downtown and in the suburbs completed the day's merriment.

Among those arrested were three ching band. Witnesses said the drummer bumped into a patrolman and a scuffle broke out between bandmen wielding instruments and policemen wielding nightsticks.

In the waning moments of Mardi Gras, Rex, the King of Carnival, reenacted an old tradition as he walked to the center of a crowded ballroom to greet the King of Comus.

"This has been one of the memorable days of my life," Rex, shipping magnate Friedman Strachan.

"I may have been this early my wedding day, but certainly since then."

Waiting in the wings for the were 80 street cleaners to clear away the tons of rubbish. Two downtown streets where parades rolled, Canal and Charles.

The Sanitation Department will take the rest of the week to up the 1,800 tons of litter from the streets of New Orleans.

Mardi Gras was also celebrated various ways throughout Louisiana and along the Gulf Coast.

In Lafayette, La., Jim Bragg judged Mardi Gras costumes atop a parked flatbed truck, which earned him a jab in the eye with a sharp stick and a square eye from a fake flower.

A short-legged, 18-foot-tall achieved by a framework with shoulders bagged the hapless shaw with his tricky flower, "most comical" title.

And his injured ribs came to erratic flag pole of one of the George Washingtons to appreciate the bicentennial Fat Tuesday was presumed to be accident though it happened twice.

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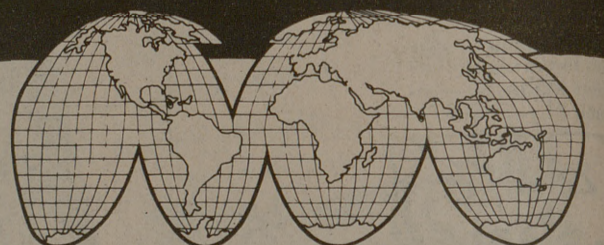
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