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House approves sanctions against South Africa

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WASHINGTON — The House gave overwhelming approval Thursday to compromise legislation imposing economic sanctions against the white minority government of South Africa, but conservative Republican opposition in the Senate delayed a final vote until after a one-month congressional recess.

The House voted 380-48 to adopt the plan, which would ban the importation of South African gold coins into the United States and impose other limited sanctions in a bid to pressure Pretoria into altering discriminatory practices against the black majority.

But the best that frustrated supporters could do in the Senate was a 97-0 showing on a test vote, a roll call

rendered meaningless when opponents voted with backers of the sanctions.

The congressional action unfolded in an atmosphere of uncertainty over President Reagan's intentions. Reagan opposes sanctions, and while congressional sources said the administration had spread the word that he would veto the measure, White House officials said no decision had been made.

In the House, liberals and conservatives made a joint plea urging the president to sign the measure.

But in the Senate, conservatives threatened a filibuster and Rep. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., objected three times as Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., sought a final vote before the beginning of the recess.

Weinberger against South Africa sanctions

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, asserting that the United States cannot afford "any more enemies," said Thursday that economic sanctions weakening the government of South Africa could lead to an even worse regime — even one as bad as Iran.

"We are not in a position to

"There is a great deal of doubt that this will help a nation in trou-

make any more enemies as far as countries are concerned," Weinberger said in a wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press. "We need all the help, all the friends, all the alliances we can put together."

"I've always tried to take the position that we certainly do not

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ble," Sen. Malcolm Wallop, R-Wyo. said.

He denounced the measure as "racist pandering and meandering in an effort to do what looks good to the public."

The measure, written against a backdrop of a white crackdown against majority blacks in South Africa and rising anger in Congress, would ban the importation of Kruggerand gold coins for sale in the United States. It also would prohibit loans to the South African government and block the large-scale sale of computer materials to the Pretoria government.

The bill would limit exports of nuclear goods to South Africa, although it would permit U.S. corporations to make new investment in the country.

The measure represents a virtual repudiation of Reagan's no-sanctions policy of "constructive engagement" in South Africa. At the White House, spokesman Larry Speakes said the president would make no decision on the measure, the product of a House-Senate conference committee, until it reaches his desk.

"There are a number of complaints we have about the bill," Speakes told reporters.

Later, however, congressional sources who asked not to be identified by name said White House aides were signaling Reagan's intention to veto the measure. Those reports drew a quick denial at the White House.



Photo by ANTHONY S. CASPER

Another One Bites The Dust

The Piggly Wiggly in College Station now is the second supermarket to close its doors within the past month in the local area. It joins the ranks of Mariel's, which closed its doors last month, and Weingarten's

which went out of business last year. This latest closing leaves the supermarket chains of Safeway, Skaggs, Kroger and newcomer Winn-Dixie to serve College Station customers.

High school testing recommended

Help for black students proposed

By BRIAN PEARSON
Staff Writer

Dr. Ivory Nelson, Texas A&M executive assistant to the chancellor, has introduced suggestions to help black students break college entrance barriers.

As the chairman of the Committee on Black Student Retention in Higher Education in Texas, Nelson presented a plan on July 18 to promote the academic progress of blacks.

The plan was presented to the Coordinating Board of the Texas College and University System.

Nelson said the suggestions would help more blacks graduate from high school and get more blacks to enter and graduate from college.

He said the recommendations would apply to all students.

"We've got to change something that's happening in the high schools so we can get them into college," Nelson said. "Only half the students

that graduate from high school go to college. We need more than that to go."

Only 39 percent of the blacks that graduate from high school go to college while 57 percent of whites go on to higher education, he said.

Nelson said he is optimistic the coordinating board will approve the recommendations.

The committee recommended that all high school students be required to take a basic core of college

preparatory classes such as chemistry, physics and calculus, he said. The courses might increase the high school graduation rate for blacks.

"Black students were not taking these rigorous courses and getting prepared for college," Nelson said.

Seventy-five percent of white students graduate from high schools while only 63 percent of black students graduate, he said.

The preparatory classes would in-

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Registration, drop-add to begin on Monday

Open registration and drop-add for the fall semester will be held August 5-23.

Associate registrar Don Carter says the registration center in the Pavilion will be open from 10 a.m. to noon and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Students who were eligible for preregistration in the spring, but did not register, may do so during open registration. Those who did not attend A&M during the spring semester, but have attended the University before, and students who were blocked for preregistration by their academic department should contact

their department to see if they will be allowed to register.

Carter warns that some academic departments will not have representatives available to register students at all times. So, students coming to campus to register or drop-add must call their departments ahead of time to make sure someone will be available to register them.

To begin the processes of registration and drop-add, students should report to their major departments.

Students who are drop-adding classes must have their fee invoice with them, Carter says. But, he says, it is not necessary to have a paid-fee receipt.

1st District election to proceed

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Saturday's special election to fill the vacant 1st Congressional District seat can proceed, a three-judge federal court panel ruled Thursday.

However, the judges said the results might be voided if the state fails to seek approval of the election date from the U.S. Justice Department by Aug. 9.

Gov. Mark White said his staff was "preparing the papers for submission to the Justice Department as quickly as we can."

White aide Janis Monger said the submission could not be made Thursday, "but we are working on it."

Attorney General Jim Mattox said voters shouldn't be confused by the

courtroom maneuvering.

"The election will go forward and your votes will count," Mattox said. "I want to make sure that voters are not frightened away from the polls Saturday."

"Courtroom maneuvering shouldn't keep people from voting and having those votes counted."

In their unanimous opinion, the judges said Texas made a mistake by failing to clear the original June 29 special election date and the Aug. 3 runoff date with the Justice Department.

Under the federal Voting Rights Act, Southern states are required to obtain preclearance from the Justice Department of certain election procedures to make certain there is no discrimination against minorities.

White had argued that Texas didn't need federal approval of the special election to replace Rep. Sam Hall, D-Texas, who resigned earlier this year to become a federal judge.

After a hearing in U.S. District Court, the three judges issued a complicated order directing state officials to submit an election request to the Justice Department.

In a unanimous opinion, the judges gave the state three directives:

- Texas was told to ask for approval immediately.

- If it failed to do so, the judges said they wouldn't stop Saturday's voting.

- Texas also was told it could submit its election request before Aug. 9.

If the U.S. attorney general then approves the plan by Aug. 15, the election results will stand.

- If Texas fails to submit a plan by Aug. 9, the judges said, "The election will be declared void."

Steven Rosenbaum, a U.S. attorney from Washington, told the court if the state submitted its election plan immediately his office has promised to act on the request by at least late Friday.

Assistant Attorney General Mary Keller argued, as White had earlier, that Texas hadn't violated the Voting Rights Act.

She argued that state election laws that gave White the right to declare an emergency and set dates for special elections had been precleared by federal authorities.

U.S. Army officer, 5 others jailed for conspiracy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Six people, including an Army officer assigned to the Pentagon, were arrested on charges of conspiring to export arms to Iran in violation of a U.S. government ban on such sales, the FBI announced Thursday.

Among those arrested was Lt. Col. Wayne G. Gillespie, 46, of Alexandria, Va. The FBI alleged that he had inspected TOW anti-tank missiles destined for Iran.

"There were over 1,300 missiles on the shopping list," said Dick Ross, an assistant FBI special agent in the Tampa-Orlando, Fla. district. "The total value, if everything was obtained, was about \$75 million."

In the affidavit filed in federal court in Orlando, the FBI said agents had been told Gillespie was assigned to the Army's Missile Command at the Pentagon.

But Defense Department spokesman Fred S. Hoffman said that was in error.

"Colonel Gillespie is a research and development coordinator in the office of the deputy chief of staff for international programs at the Army Materiel Command," Hoffman said.

Ray Aponte, a spokesman for the command, said he could not immediately describe Gillespie's duties or discuss what security clearances the officer held.

Aponte also said it would take some time to obtain Gillespie's service record with the Army.

"This hit us very suddenly," he said.

An FBI official, declining to be identified publicly, said it was not known whether there was any connection between the alleged conspiracy to purchase arms for Iran, revealed Thursday, and the arrests last month of six people alleged to have been involved with the shipment to Iran of stolen U.S. military equipment.

FBI Director William H. Webster said the current arrests stemmed from a bureau undercover operation in which an agent identified as "UCA" met at various intervals be-

tween March 11 and July 31 with several of the principals involved in the alleged scheme.

"Federal investigative agencies are constantly alert for plots to transfer U.S. technology and arms in violation of our laws," Webster said. "We will pursue, without ceasing, such illegal activities to insure that violators are brought before the bar of justice."

The United States banned the export of military supplies to Iran after religious fundamentalists led by the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini ousted the Shah of Iran in 1979.

Authorities said the alleged conspirators intended to purchase a variety of U.S. missiles, including the TOW, the Sidewinder, Harpoon, Sparrow AIM-7F, Sparrow AIM-7M and Phoenix. They also were said to be seeking the French Exocet missile as well as miscellaneous parts for the F-4 jet fighter, including 10 F-4 engines, and other military equipment, such as a mobile hospital.

Besides Gillespie, those arrested were identified as:

- Paul Sjeklocha, 47, of San Jose, Calif., also known as Paul Cutter, a publisher and author of articles on military science and technology.

- Fadel M. Fadel, 54, a Lebanese national engaged in the import-export business in Calabasas, Calif.

- Farhin Sanai, 52, of Calabasas, Calif., the wife of Fadel.

- George Neranchi of San Francisco.

- Amir Hosseni, who has claimed to be an official of the Iranian government.

The FBI was seeking Charles St. Clair, 50, of Granada Hills, Calif., who was believed to be out of the United States.

In Alexandria Thursday, U.S. Magistrate W. Curtis Sewell set bond at \$100,000 for Gillespie.

The complaint charges that the six intended to purchase 1,140 TOW anti-tank missiles at a total cost of \$9,120,000 and that they would provide an aircraft to fly the weapons and parts to Iran.