

South African miners riot; white policemen killed

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — About 500 rioting black gold miners killed two white policemen with knives and clubs Tuesday night, seized the officers' weapons and used them against police reinforcements, news reports said.

Sources among the miners involved claimed the police, not the

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miners, opened fire during a meeting of the black National Union of Mineworkers.

The independent South African Press Association (SAPA) said the violence occurred near the pit of the Western Areas Gold Mine, owned by Johannesburg Consolidated Investments, 24 miles west of Johannesburg.

It quoted a police spokesman as saying the miners seized the slain officers' pistols and shotguns, mutilated the bodies and then fled into a nearby black township, shooting at police units sent to the scene.

SAPA did not say what might have sparked the violence, but there have been reports that the black

miners were becoming increasingly militant against the white government's policy of apartheid.

Johannesburg is built on a wide lode of gold, with the mines employing thousands of migrant workers from distant black communities. The mine operators house the workers in male-only hostels, refusing to allow them to live with their wives and children, and that has caused frequent outbursts of violence, some of it based on tribal differences.

On the economic front, white South African industrialists called for an end to apartheid in an effort to re-establish confidence in the nation's economy as the inflation rate hit a 64-year high.

The white businessmen's call for an end to apartheid came as the Central Statistical Services, a government information agency, said the inflation rate jumped to 18.4 percent in December. That was 1.4 percent more than the previous month and almost double the rate of two years ago.

The Federated Chamber of Industries, the country's largest employer alliance, said in a statement that political rights and freedoms should be extended to all races.

The group called on the government to create a climate for negotiation by releasing all political prisoners, abolishing discriminatory laws and permitting blacks to work and live wherever their skills and wealth allow, and to share in governmental power.

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table bargaining cannot and will not start until all parties are convinced that government is genuinely willing to negotiate a new constitutional dispensation based on power-sharing up to the highest level," it said.

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The chamber issued no deadlines.

Local and foreign businessmen in South Africa repeatedly have urged the government to speed social and political changes and have blamed official foot-dragging in large part for the decline of the rand, South Africa's currency, and international

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The American Chamber of Commerce in South Africa said in a statement that it supported the industrial group's proposals.

Princess Stephanie gets worst-dressed title

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ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Mr. Blackwell on Tuesday named Princess Stephanie of Monaco as the worst-dressed woman of 1985, saying her "unisex wardrobe entitles her to use either bathroom."

Next on Blackwell's 26th annual list of the world's 10 worst-dressed women were actress Joan Collins of the television series "Dynasty" and rock star and actress Madonna, labeled "Skid Row's nomination for a poverty party centerpiece contest" by the fashion designer.

In a departure from tradition, Blackwell also named actress Lauren Hutton "Fabulous Woman of the Year," and gave entertainer Liberace the "Halley's Comet" award for his "out-of-this-world, brilliant array of flashy, glitzy glamour."

Blackwell, whose first name is Richard, issued his first list in 1960 on a suggestion from his business partner. The list is now a Hollywood institution and, Blackwell claims, an honor for those whose wardrobes are distasteful enough to earn them a place.

"The day you make the list, you are a superstar," Blackwell told an audience of 450 at Trump's Castle Hotel & Casino. "You're a mess, but you're a superstar."

Tuesday marked the first time Blackwell has emerged from his Los Angeles mansion to announce the list.

Also named to the worst-dressed list were: rock singer Tina Turner, actress Michele Lee, actress and comedienne Whoopi Goldberg, actress and former model Cybil Sheperd,

actress and singer Lisa Hartman, actress Apollonia, and actress Heather Thomas.

Blackwell also named 10 women to his list of "Fabulous Fashion Independence of 1985." They included First Lady Nancy Reagan; Raisa Gorbachev, wife of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev; Princess Caroline of Monaco, sister of Princess Stephanie; Diana, Princess of Wales; and actresses Jaclyn Smith, Meryl Streep, Mary Tyler Moore, Priscilla Presley, Jane Wyman and Jane Seymour.

Blackwell, dressed in a black tuxedo, said Tuesday that he had undergone plastic surgery last week on his face.

"You are looking at \$9,982 worth of restoration," he said.

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