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## Official: Marcos could face charges of looting

MANILA (AP) — The government may file criminal charges against ousted President Ferdinand E. Marcos for allegedly looting millions of dollars from the nation's coffers, an official said Wednesday. Also Wednesday, members of Marcos' former ruling party said they consider "void and without force" the interim constitution proclaimed Tuesday by new President Corazon Aquino.

The constitution abolishes the National Assembly, dominated by members of Marcos' New Society Movement, and gives Aquino sole law-making powers. Marcos' labor minister, Blas Ople, said Aquino was setting up a dictatorship.

Several assemblymen who had supported Aquino also criticized the interim constitution and said they

would meet next Monday to consider possible responses.

Raul Daza, a member of the Commission on Good Government that was set up by Aquino to track down Marcos' wealth, told a news conference that filing charges against the former president may be the only way to recover the money. Much of it thought to be in Swiss banks.

Daza said, "You might see the commission bring criminal charges against Marcos" after commission Chairman Jovito Salonga returns next week from the United States. Salonga is following up several lawsuits to recover Marcos' holdings there.

Daza said two other commission members were in Switzerland and Canada to investigate reported Marcos holdings in those countries. Swit-

zerland on Tuesday took the unprecedented step of freezing all assets placed there by Marcos and his family.

Neither Swiss nor Philippine officials have said how much money Marcos is believed to have deposited in Swiss banks. One commission official said two weeks ago he had received a report that Marcos deposited \$800 million in one Swiss bank, but the commission has not said if it verified the report.

Swiss banking authorities have said bank secrecy laws can be lifted in criminal proceedings.

Daza did not say what charges the commission was considering against Marcos. He said he and Salonga are optimistic the government can prove Marcos used illegal means to amass his wealth, but he did not say how this could be done.

## South African police claim 25 blacks killed in 24 hours

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Police said Wednesday they shot and killed 25 blacks in 24 hours in unrest across South Africa, and reported the deaths of three others in black-on-black attacks.

Police in the black homeland of Bophuthatswana said 11 people were killed and scores were injured when police opened fire with shotguns and rifles at a meeting with 5,000 people. The meeting was called to smooth over civilian complaints of police brutality.

Col. M.A. Molope, district police commander, said the crowd began throwing gasoline bombs and stones and police fired in self-defense.

Residents said they believed as many as 100 people were injured when police fired rifles and shotguns during the meeting on a soccer field in Winterville. They said more than 1,000 were taken into custody.

Elsewhere, police said they shot and killed nine blacks among a crowd of 100 who attacked a liquor store with rocks and gasoline bombs in Kwazakele township near Port Elizabeth.

Police said they killed two other blacks in Kwazakele, two in the Crossroads shanty city near Cape Town and one in Kagiso township near Johannesburg — all during stone-throwing and firebomb outbreaks late Tuesday.

Two black men were reported burned to death near Durban — one with a flaming tire around his neck — in a type of assault used by black militants against people they see as cooperating with the white-led minority government.

Police said a child was stabbed to death near Durban

Wednesday, during one of at least 11 riots in seven townships.

The 28 deaths marked one of the bloodiest periods since widespread unrest broke out 19 months ago against apartheid, the system of segregation under which 5 million whites dominate 24 million voteless blacks.

More than 1,250 people have died in riots in black communities, nearly all of them blacks and two-thirds killed by police and soldiers. Others have died in fighting between rival black groups and in mob attacks on individuals.

Winterville, a community of 500,000 residents housed in shacks and bungalows, provides labor to the South African capital of Pretoria. Bophuthatswana is one of four tribal homelands declared independent by South Africa under the system of apartheid.

Pretoria's Roman Catholic archbishop, George Daniels, and 12 others obtained a Bophuthatswana Supreme Court order this month barring homeland police from illegally detaining and assaulting government opponents.

Catholic Deacon Hans Hlaethwa, chairman of the Winterville Action Committee, said police continued to harass children and took more than 100 into custody over the weekend.

In England, a 77-year-old white man died in East London Wednesday, three weeks after he and his wife were injured by a stone-throwing crowd as they drove through a black township.

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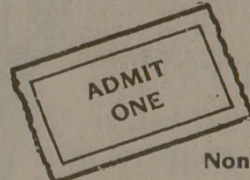
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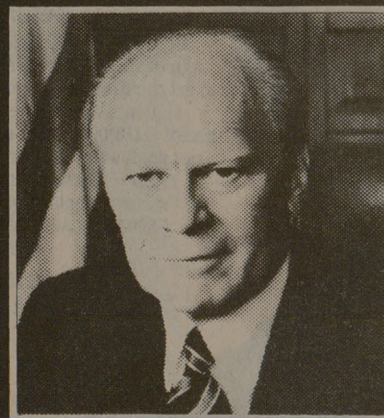
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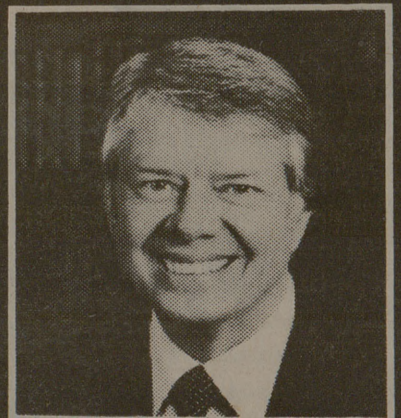
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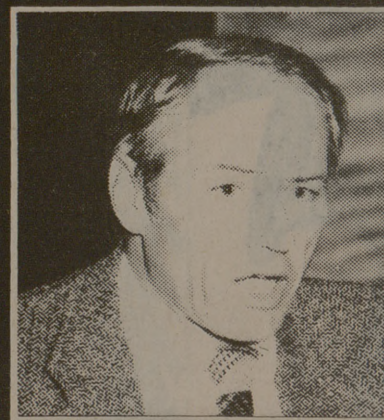
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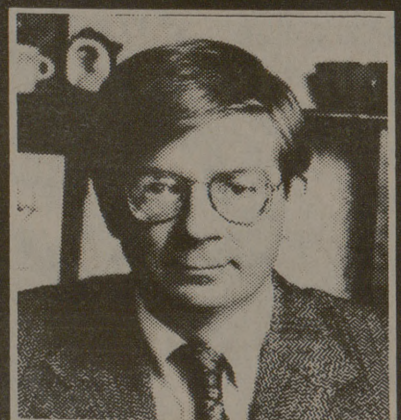
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