

World and Nation

Mozambique president's death most recent setback for country

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — President Samora Machel's death is the latest of several reverses Mozambique has suffered since gaining independence from Portugal 11 years ago.

For the black-ruled states of southern Africa, it could delay efforts toward new alliances and tactics in a renewed confrontation with their powerful white-ruled neighbor, South Africa.

It takes from Africa another soldier-president who was one of the few remaining leaders linked to the anti-colonial struggle that spread across the continent in the 1960s.

Machel's death also is a loss for the West. His commitment to pro-Soviet Marxism did not prevent him from seeking to involve the West increasingly in solving Mozambique's serious economic problems.

Mozambicans appeared never to lose personal trust in their magnetic leader, no matter how heavy the burden on national crises. "It is very difficult to substitute for a man like Machel, but we do have a leadership," said Teodomiro de Vasconcelos of state-run Mozambique radio.

The ruling FRELIMO party is not expected to start the formal process of choosing a successor until after the funeral, which probably will be conducted next week.

Premier Mario Machungo and Marcelino dos Santos, secretary to the permanent commission of Parliament and the party's No. 2 man, were expected to share decisions during the interim.

Speculation about a successor focuses on Foreign Minister Joaquim Chissano, 47, who was prime minister in a transitional government before independence and has been foreign minister.

Chissano was personally close to Machel, 53, and is regarded as a moderate.

Other possibilities include dos Santos, a staunch Marxist who once shared pre-independence leadership with Machel in a FRELIMO triumvirate; Machungo, who performed well as governor of the food-producing province of Zambezia; Security Minister Sergio Vieira, and Defense Minister Alberto Joaquim Chipande.

Bryan Bench, an analyst for the independent

Institute of International Affairs in Johannesburg, said: "Now there must be some attempt to grapple with all of Mozambique's troubles. They can't muddle through much longer."

"The popular leader who had been in the forefront of the anti-Portuguese struggle is gone, and all the problems are out in the open."

Machel's government inherited a largely undeveloped country. The Portuguese left at independence and took most of the administrative skills and business machinery with them.

Within months, Mozambique faced an anti-Marxist rebellion. The insurgents were aided first by whites in Rhodesia, which now is black-ruled Zimbabwe, and then by South Africa.

Rebels of the Mozambique National Resistance crippled the Cahora Bassa dam, potentially the world's sixth-largest hydroelectric project, and their raids in the drought-stricken countryside contributed to a famine that affected millions of people.

Shamir sworn in as new Israeli prime minister

JERUSALEM (AP) — Yitzhak Shamir, leader of Israel's right-wing Likud bloc, was sworn in Monday to replace Shimon Peres as prime minister and vowed to increase Jewish settlement of occupied Arab territories.

Shamir and his 24-member Cabinet took their oaths after the Knesset, or Parliament, debated for four hours and then gave Shamir an overwhelming 82-17 vote of confidence. There were three abstentions in the 120-member Parliament.

Under an unprecedented 1984 coalition agreement between Peres' left-leaning Labor Party and Shamir's Likud, Peres takes Shamir's previous job as foreign minister.

The 71-year-old Shamir said a "supreme priority" of his government would be to funnel funds into increased Jewish settlement of occupied Arab territories.

"The (national) economy will be based not only on solid economic principles, but also on the Zionist values which must be our guide, among them the supreme value of settlement throughout the Land of Israel," he told the Knesset as he presented his new government.

Increased Jewish settlement in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, where 1.4 million Palestinians live, could antagonize peace efforts with Jordan.

Israel captured the West Bank from Jordan and Gaza from Egypt in the 1967 Middle East war.

Quake strikes New Zealand, reaches 8.1 on Richter scale

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — An earthquake powerful enough to cause tremendous damage struck a remote Pacific archipelago Monday, but New Zealand scientists on the only inhabited island said no one was hurt.

"They're all okay," said Jeremy Lumley, a technical officer at the meteorological observatory in Wellington. "There's no damage. No one was injured."

"They said a few things tumbled off the shelves. That's about it. The quake lasted from about 45 seconds to a minute and was followed by two aftershocks."

He spoke by telephone after making contact with the scientists at the weather station on Raul in the Ker-

madec Islands, about 750 miles northeast of New Zealand's North Island and south of Tonga. New Zealand administers the Kermadecs.

The U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo., said the temblor measured 8.1 on the Richter scale, making it the biggest earthquake since one of the same strength devastated parts of Mexico City on Sept. 19, 1985.

Spokesmen for the agency said the worst earthquake in the Kermadec area registered 8.6 on the Richter scale and occurred May 1, 1917.

Mike Randall, chief instrumentalist at the observatory, said the Raul weather station was operated by a handful of New Zealanders.

A wide area of the South Pacific

was put on alert in case the quake set off a tsunami, or giant underwater wave, but the warning was canceled after reports from Pago Pago, Western Samoa, that the water level there rose only four inches.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, sent out the alert to areas near the quake's epicenter.

The Richter scale measures the magnitude of a quake at its epicenter, according to ground motion as recorded on seismographs.

A quake of 6 or more is considered severe, capable of causing widespread damage near the epicenter. Any quake with a Richter reading of 8 or more is considered a "great" quake capable of major damage.

Official: Interest high for new U.S. gold coin

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first general-circulation U.S. gold coin to be minted in more than a half-century went on sale Monday with Treasury Department officials reporting brisk demand for the American Eagle coins.

By midday, officials at the U.S. Mint said they had processed orders for 232,000 ounces of gold, with 18 of 25 primary dealers making requests for the new coins.

"The orders are coming in; the interest is definitely there," said Donna Pope, director of the U.S. Mint. "We hope to sell 2.2 million ounces of gold in the first year of the program, but if interest continues at the height that it is right now, that may be a conservative estimate."

The coins will have a face value of \$50, \$25, \$10 and \$5 but will sell for far more than that. The price will fluctuate, reflecting the price of gold. The coins will contain gold in amounts ranging from one-tenth of an ounce for the \$5 coin up to a full ounce in the \$50 gold piece.

Gold was selling in London for \$425 an ounce on Monday.

The Mint is not selling coins directly to the public but is distributing them to 25 primary dealers around the world, who must place their orders in minimum amounts of 5,000 ounces. These dealers will resell the coins to a network of coin shops, precious metal dealers, brokerage firms, banks and savings and loans.

Officials estimated that the coins will begin showing up for sale to the public as early as Thursday and should be in widespread distribution by the end of the month.

Jerri Eskow, vice president for marketing at Deak International, one of the companies that will be selling the coins, said her firm hoped to start selling the coins over the counter by the end of the week.

The coins, which feature Miss Liberty on one side and a family of eagles on the other, are being minted at a rate of 90,000 coins per week at West Point, N.Y., the site of the government's second-largest gold depository.

Pope said that U.S. investors purchased \$1 billion in gold coins last year and she hopes that the American Eagle will capture a sizable portion of that market.

93 arrested in nationwide 'Star Wars' protest

Associated Press

Demonstrators protesting the "Star Wars" missile defense program blocked streets and sidewalks Monday in Atlanta, Washington, Cleveland and Sunnyvale, Calif.

Police arrested 93 people. The demonstrators, members of a group called No Business As Usual, said the Strategic Defense Initiative, popularly called Star Wars, is a first step to World War III.

In Atlanta, about 100 people

turned out for a protest at Georgia Tech, which is engaged in various defense-related research projects.

"We expect that our researchers will proceed with this type of research in the firm conviction that their work will be broadly beneficial," said a statement from acting school president Henry C. Bourne Jr.

There was a brief attempt to slow morning rush-hour traffic, but that was halted by police.

In Washington, about 50 protesters chanted, "We're the future, not the bomb!" outside the building that houses the main SDI offices and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Officer Thomas Randolph said 27 were charged with disorderly conduct, but one was also charged with assaulting a police officer, a felony.

Police at Lockheed Missiles and Space Co. in Sunnyvale, Ca. arrested 45 people on charges of disrupting

traffic into the Silicon Valley defense plant after a march by about 100 protesters.

In Cleveland, about 75 to 100 people gathered outside the NASA Lewis Research Center and 21 were arrested for aggravated disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, police said.

Security officers said no protesters entered NASA Lewis, a 350-acre complex that employs about 3,700 people.

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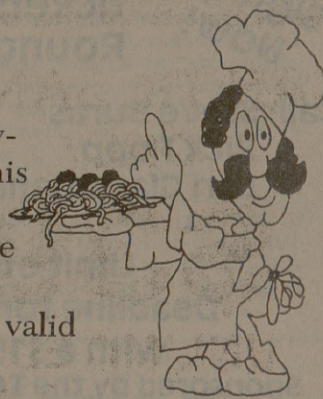
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