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Secord: Reagan was informed of secret shipments to Contras

WASHINGTON (AP) — Richard Secord testified to Congress ednesday he was told by President agan's key aides that the president w of, and appreciated, his work arranging secret arms shipments Iran and Nicaraguan Contra re-

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ouse-Senate hearing, Secord den-suggestions that he himself had nefitted from his role in the Iranntra affair.

Second quoted fired White House tional security aide Lt. Col. Oliver orth as saying North had menned to Reagan the irony of profits om the Iranian arms sales being dirted for use by the Contras.

White House spokesman Marlin itzwater told reporters in response, I refer you back to our original om The ement that the president was not are of the diversion. There is no ord that he did and it is hearsay to Secord's testimony.

nal Party scored an overwhelming

tory in Wednesday's whites-only ection, crushing liberal parties hich had hoped that support for

's voteless blacks joined a nation-

e strike to protest the election, in

ich far-right parties opposed to

e government's slow-paced re-rms outpolled an informal anti-artheid alliance.

The last hope for a dramatic tri-ph by the alliance vanished when

ependent Denis Worrall, the for-

er ambassador to Britain, lost by votes to powerful Constitutional evelopment Minister Chris Heunis

artheid was waning.

Secord said that North made the remark in a "humorous vein" but that he had not thought North was usloped during his recovery from second said. "As I joking.

As the retired Air Force major general spent the day at the witness table, Richard R. Miller, 34, a fors. mer State Department employee In his second day of testimony to a who now heads International Business Communications, a Washington public relations firm, pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiring to illegally use a tax-exempt foundation to raise

money to arm the Contras. Conservative fund-raiser Carl R. Spitz" Channell pleaded guilty last week to a similar conspiracy charge and named Miller, who was a staffer on President Reagan's 1980 cam-paign, as well as North as fellow conspirators.

Asked by U.S. District Judge Stan-ley Harris to identify the govern-ment official he dealt with, Miller replied, "Lt. Col. Oliver North." Early Wednesday, one of the cen-

continue with cautious racial re-

forms but also pledged to oppose

gated schools and neighborhoods.

the Cape province wine-growing and one for an independent. The to-

South African National Party scores victory

as blacks go on strike against white elections

surgery for a brain tumor. The surgery had forced him to resign from

the CIA earlier this year. Investiga-tors had doubted he would be able to testify at these hearings because of his illness.

One committee member, Sen. William Cohen, R-Maine, who also is vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said Casey's involvement can be pieced together without his testimony but that it may take "several months or longer."

In a full day of testimony, Secord continued to give a joint House-Senate hearing the most detailed public accounting to date of the Iran-Contra affair, concentrating Wednesday on various aspects of arms sales to Iran, including the transfer of U.S.made weapons from Israeli stocks.

think everyone knows I never spoke with the president on this.

"I was told on a number of occasions, and I even recorded it once in a December 1984 memo to myself, that the president was informed of my participation in the Contra and later in the Iranian operations. "I had talked with the director of

the CIA, who is a close confidant of the president. I assumed that he was

passing information to him. "I talked with two different na-tional security advisers during the two years in question here. I vetted all the projects I was working on with Oliver North and I was told by (then-National Security Adviser) Adm. (John) Poindexter in January of '86 that not only was he pleased with the work that I had been doing, He also spoke about the presi- but the president was as well

Former PTL leaders lose church jobs for 'bad conduct'

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) - For- Fayetteville but did not make their mer PTL Club leaders Jim Bakker and Richard Dortch have been dismissed as ministers of the Assemblies of God, national leaders of the Pentecostal denomination announced Wednesday. The 13-member Executive Pres-

bytery of the church announced its decision after meeting by telephone conference call to consider recommendations from district officials in North Carolina.

The Rev. G. Raymond Carlson, general superintendent of the church, said both Bakker and Dortsch were dismissed for "conduct

unbecoming to a minister." He said Bakker's dismissal was for his admitted sexual encounter with Jessica Hahn in a Florida motel seven years ago and "for his alleged misconduct involving bisexual activ-

Dortsch was dismissed for concealing information about the immo-ral activity of a fellow minister, Carlson said.

Both Bakker and Dortch submitted resignations from the ministry March 19 when Bakker disclosed that he had a sexual encounter with Hahn, a former church secretary, in 1980.

At the same time, Bakker re-signed as head of his PTL Club television empire.

Dortch, a PTL executive, suc-ceeded Bakker as host of the organi-zation's television show until re-signing last week in the wake of disclosures that he had negotiated a financial settlement with Hahn.

Under regulations of the Assemblies of God, resignations by ministers are not accepted immediately pending an investigation at the dis-trict level. The national board, which heard allegations against Bakker during a regularly scheduled meeting shortly after his announcement, referred the resignations to the North Carolina district, headed by the Rev. Charles Cookman, for further study and a recommendation.

The district presbyters considered the matter a second time during a decision public. Bakker turned over operation of

his \$172 million PTL ministry, based in South Carolina, to a new board headed by the Rev. Jerry Falwell, a Southern Baptist from Virginia.

At a meeting last week in the wake of further allegations of wife-swap-ping among PTL leaders and that Bakker had engaged in homosexual acts and used the services of prosti-tutes, the new board voted to banish him permanently from PTL.

Bakker emerged from seclusion Friday to deny involvement in wifeswapping, homosexuality or use of prostitutes.

Senator puts hold on CIA nomination

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Er-nest Hollings, D-S.C., said Wednes-day he would hold up the nomi-nation of FBI Director William Webster to be the CIA director until Webster assures him the Justice De-partment will conduct a full investigation of security problems at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

Hollings accused the FBI of not vigorously investigating the State Department in connection with the Marine espionage scandal at the embassy.

"It is apparent that the FBI has no idea of doing anything," Hollings said at a news conference. "It is apparent that I'm being given the ru-naround." Hollings said he wanted a full investigation of how the security problems developed.

Hollings said he had placed a "hold" on the Webster nomination "until I can get a better understanding from him" about what will be meeting Monday and Tuesday in done to probe the security problems.

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passed by the surprisingly strong 24 percent total for the Conservative Party, formed in 1982 by breakaway won. Malan. The leader of the Progres-sive Federal Party, Colin Eglin, also won. OHANNESBURG, South Africa tional Party had captured seven seats P) — President P.W. Botha's Na- from the liberal Progressive Federal from the liberal Progressive Federal Party, or PFP, and three from its moderate ally, the New Republic Party, while losing one seat to the

Nationalists who opposed any mod-ifications of apartheid. Wynand Malan, a Parliament member who quit the National Party in January to protest the slow pace of reform, easily won as an indepen-PFP. It broke even with the far-right Conservative and Hestigte Nasionale (Reformed National) parties, gain-More than 1 million of the coun-ing eight seats and losing eight. dent in the Johannesburg suburb of Randburg. But another Nationalist The results vindicated the Nationalists' campaign strategy, emphasizdefector who joined Malan in an independent alliance, Esther Lategan, was beaten by the National Party in-cumbent in Stellenbosch. ing the party's commitment to crack-ing down on black unrest and guerrilla activity. Botha promised to

> The PFP, which had hoped to majority rule and maintain segrespearhead an advance by the antiapartheid alliance, suffered surpris-Partial returns showed the Na-tional Party winning 98 races, the ing losses in Cape Town and Johan-nesburg districts which were consid-PFP 18, the Conservative Party 13,

ered its strongholds. Winners for the National Party in-

tal vote for liberal candidates was With returns compiled from 130 less than 20 percent, compared with 166 parliamentary races, the Na- 27 percent in 1981, and was sur-

A record 480 candidates from five parties entered races for 166 seats in the House of Assembly following Botha's decision to call the election two years early. Botha, 71, said he needed a mandate to continue gradual reforms of some discriminatory laws and give blacks a limited role in national policy-making.

He vowed during the campaign to resist majority rule and maintain segregated schools and neighbor-

Of the country's 5 million whites, 3.03 million were registered to vote. With the National Party favored to hold most or all of its seats, analysts were looking toward the nationwide vote totals to see whether the party in power since 1948, has lost support

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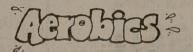
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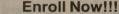
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