60 reported killed in Haiti uprising

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — About 60 soldiers have been killed and many more seriously wounded since late Friday when troops loyal to President Prosper Avril began shelling a key army barracks occupied by rebellious soldiers, medical sources said Sunday.

Gunfire also broke out Sunday evening in downtown Port-au-Prince near the national Palace, but it was unclear if there were new casualties or if the shots were simply fired into the air.

Loyalist soldiers of the 1,100-member Presidential Guard appeared to be in control of the Dessalines Battalion barracks a day after the government said it had retaken the facility and ended the six-day revolt.

Medical sources said about 30 loyalist soldiers and about an equal number of Dessalines troops had been killed since Friday evening, when negotiations broke down and the Presidential Guard began to shell the facility on the grounds of the National Palace.

A reporter for Radio Soleil, the Catholic-run radio station, told United Press International that 21 people with serious wounds had been admitted to the hospital of the State University of Haiti, the largest civilian facility on the island nation, since Friday night.

A doctor working for the Haitian Red Cross said he had taken many other wounded soldiers Saturday to Port-au-Prince's half dozen private hospitals.

"There are even two to a bed," said the doctor, who asked not to be identified. He said he could not give specific numbers.

Unofficial reports estimated the toll in fighting around the capital before Friday evening at about 12 dead and more than 50 wounded.

The government has not issued a statement on casualties.

The U.S. Embassy said it gave $25,000 to the Haitian Red Cross and health authorities to purchase medical supplies that Avril had requested to treat the casualties of the weekend of fighting.

The Streets of the capital were filled with people who left their homes to shop for food at the central marketplace and to attend church services, in a sign that tension was beginning to ease.

Sunday afternoon, in another apparent sign that tensions were easing, the Ministry of Information loosened some restrictions issued during a state emergency last Wednesday.

The ministry eased a citywide curfew from between 7 p.m. and 6 p.m. to between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. and announced it would allow local radio stations to broadcast information about the revolt without prior government approval.

The unrest began April 2 when another rebellious army unit, the Leopard Battalion, kidnapped Avril and tried to force him to leave the country.

Presidential Guard troops rescued Avril as he was being taken to the international airport and the commander of the Leopards was deported with two other rebel leaders.

Clashes broke out between the two sides last Monday and Auriel declared a state of emergency Wednesday. The Battle prompted the Dessalines Battalion to join the rebellion and demand Avril quit and call elections.

Friday, the Dessalines soldiers read a statement on Radio Soleil reaffirming their demand that Avril leave the country and give power to the president of the country's highest court, with elections to be held within 120 days.

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti — The remains of a burned out car lie in the street as business goes on. The streets have become a battlefield between rebel troops and the national guard.

Late Friday, heavy artillery and machine-gun fire erupted around the barracks of the Dessalines Battalion, Gunfire continued Saturday and witnesses said some residents of the capital left for the provinces to escape the violence.

Avril, who came to power in September, was an aide to former dictator Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier, who fled in February 1986 after a popular uprising in the hemisphere's poorest nation, ending nearly 30 years of dictatorship under Duvalier and his father, Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier.

WINDHOEK, Namibia — Supporters of the South West African People's Organization (SWAPO) hold up flags and placards during a memorial service for SWAPO guerrillas killed in week-long fighting with South African-backed forces.

UN says Namibia peace plan is still in effect

WINDHOEK, Namibia — The South African - appointed government, citing a week of fierce fighting along the Angolan border, declared a "defacto suspension" of a U.N. plan for granting independence to Namibia.

U.N. officials in New York, however, said the plan remained in effect despite continuing border clashes between SWAPO guerrillas and security forces that have left more than 280 people dead since April 1.

Namibian officials said more paramilitary troops had been activated to guard against reported guerrilla movements on farmland owned by whites and said a curfew would be reimposed on the northern Ovambo region where the fighting erupted.

The territory's South African-appointed administrator general, Louis Pienaar, said the continuing incrusions of SWAPO guerrillas from Angola had made it "impossible to contemplate" elections scheduled under U.N. Security Council Resolution 435.

"One is therefore faced with a de facto suspension of that resolution," he said.

But hours later, the president of the U.N. Security Council said South Africa has given assurances that it remains committed to carrying out the U.N. independence plan.

Soviet Ambassador Aleksandr Belonogov said Pretoria promised to continue supporting the plan in a letter sent to Secretary - General Javier Perez de Cuellar Friday.

In the letter, made available to reporters, Foreign Minister (Roelof "Pik") Botha assured Perez de Cuellar that the "South African government, for its part, remains committed to U.N. Security Council Resolution 435, the trilateral agreement of Dec. 22, 1988 and all commitments we undertook in various other agreements."

Earlier, Botha told a news conference he hoped an urgent meeting Saturday at a farm outside Windhoek involving U.S., Soviet, Cuban, Angolan and South African officials would lead to "agreement on practical steps to be taken to stop the unnecessary and senseless killings started exclusively by SWAPO."

Assistant Secretary of State Chester Crocker, the chief American negotiator in the peace settlements, was reported in the Angolan capital of Luanda Friday along with Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Anatoly Adamishin. The two officials were expected to fly to Windhoek Saturday to attend the meeting.

"The presence of the U.S. and Soviet observers is a clear indication that they are not ready to allow the peace plan to go down the river after eight months of hard and difficult negotiations," the Portuguese news agency Lusa reported from Luanda.

The U.N. resolution and subsequent agreements for Namibia's independence had called for an election on Nov. 1 for a constituent assembly to draft a new constitution and full independence envisioned on April 1, 1990.

The settlement also secured a Cuban pledge to withdraw its estimated 50,000 troops from neighboring Angola over the next two years in a linkage of two of the region's most protracted conflicts.

In implementing the agreements, all South Africa - backed troops were to be confined to base, all SWAPO guerrillas confined north of the 16th parallel in Angola, 100 miles north of the border, and a cease - fire was declared between the two sides.

But on April 1, SWAPO guerrillas began pouring across the border in the hundreds in what South African and U.S. officials said was a bid to establish bases in the territory for the first time in their 23-year-old war for independence.

Military officials in northern Ovamboland reported Friday between 1,800 and 1,900 SWAPO guerrillas had entered Namibia, including 350 in the past 36 hours, with some units penetrating as far as 60 miles south. Another 1,300 were poised on the Angolan side of the border, they aid.

The death toll in the fighting was put at 261 SWAPO and 23 security forces and officials said sporadic clashes were continuing.—(UPI).

Bradley wins 5th term as L.A. mayor

by Robina Luther

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Mayor Tom Bradley got a scare in his bid for a record fifth term as chief executive of the nation's second largest city, narrowly avoiding a runoff election.

With 2,341 of the city's 2,353 precincts reporting at 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bradley had 153,762 votes — 51.98 percent of the total. He needed 50 percent plus one vote to avoid a June 6 runoff in the nonpartisan election, City Councilman Nate Holden had 83,036 votes — or 28 percent, and former county Supervisor Baxter Ward received 44,816 votes, or 15 percent.

Obscure candidates, including a socialist oil field worker and a singer-dancer, shared the remaining votes.

Saying the election had taught him, "Never take anything for granted," Bradley told cheering supporters, "In all candor I have to tell you. I made a mistake during the campaign. I didn't wage the kind of vigorous, all-out effort that I could have, or should have. But tonight I pledge this, during the next four years, I will be a vigorous, all-out mayor."

MAYOR TOM BRADLEY

Bradley's narrow victory — he won his fourth term by a record margin — was blamed put unofficially at only about put unofficially at only about 20 percent of the city's 1.9 million registered voters.

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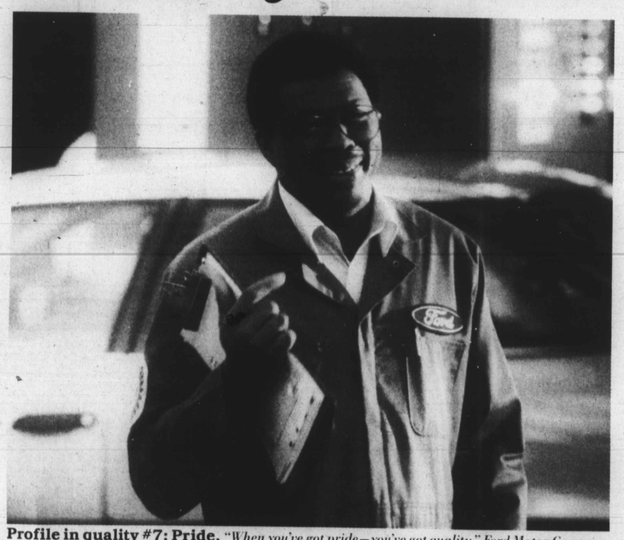

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—The Color of Beauty

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She has been the centerpiece for a men's shoe ad, a business executive for a telephone company and an eager real estate shopper.

Newman works heavily in print, but she also does substantial runway work. She works steadily, but she definitely has not been unscathed by the industry's inherent racism towards minorities. How does she deal with it?

"You don't deal with it, you just have to rise above it," says Newman. And she's still rising as a model and as an actress.

Newman is not only a top local model, but she's a member of the Screen Actor's Guild, (S.A.G.) and she has made vast strides as a thespian.

Newman now views her modeling career as a springboard for her evolving acting career. What's next for Newman?

"I want to be the best actress that I can be," she says.

April Wright, originally from Washington, D.C., is relatively new to the fashion business. "I've been working full-time for about two years," she says.

Wright's vibrant sex appeal has helped her become a top petite runway model in the Baltimore-Washington area.

"I love showing the clothes and the audience really helps me get into it," relays Wright. She continues, "Working runway makes you feel like you're on top of the world."

At 5'4" April is unique, because she's successful in a facet of modeling dominated by women who physically tower over her. But she is also unique for a very dubious distinction.

Because she is a very light-complexion black woman, some agencies claim that they cannot obtain assignments for her because, "she's difficult to define."

What they really mean is that they can't tell whether she's white or black, even though she vehemently identifies herself as being black.

"At first it was a crushing blow. Sometimes it makes you want to cry, but something inside of you makes you keep going," Wright says.

Wright started modeling as a result of her mother entering her photo, (without April knowing) into an amateur modeling contest at Woodward and Lothrop's in D.C. And, to her surprise, (not her mother's) she won.

At first Wright modeled part-time, while she maintained a full-time job. But,as her confidence grew, the quality of her work improved.

After a couple of years, she began to get gigs regularly and now burning up runways is her sole source of income.

Modeling is not the sole source of income for our fourth model, "Candace," but it certainly could be.

Her exotic beauty,(and, yes,her hair is real) is definitely what's happening in the modeling world today. However, this Candace considers modeling a "hobby."

Besides her lucrative hobby, Candace is a realtor and a make-up artist which obviously come in handy.

Candace began to model at the urging of friends who kept saying, "you should be a model, you know, you really ought to get into modeling."

She began entering all types of beauty contests and pageants, winning most of them and for the past two years, she's been doing quite well for herself.

"I've been very, very, lucky, because I have not experienced a lot of the adversity that some girls have. Basically this has been a lot of fun," states Candace.

Maybe the fact that Candace is not necessarily pressed about the fashion industry, is one of the reasons behind the relative ease in which success has come to the Clearwater, Fla. native.

Candace is predominately a print model, but like Alesia Newman, Candace is intrigued by the silver screen.

She recently completed a video for rising rap star, Tone Loc. Music videos are probably the perfect outlet for Candace's erotic energy.

Candace is also contemplating a possible move to the West Coast. However she doesn't seem to be in any real hurry, because for now, things are moving along for her well in the East.

These young women are indicative of what has been true since the advent of time — women of color possess the lion's share of what it takes to be beautiful.

From Queen Nefertiti to Diva Dorothy Dandridge. From Dorothea Towles, the first black woman to become a professional model, to Naomi Sims, the first ebony-skinned modeling goddess.

From Beverly Johnson to Iman, to Kersti Bowser, the majesty of black beauty is eternal.

IF YOU ASK ME

By Bettye Moss

Smile orchids

Smile orchids to 15-year-old **Keyontia Hawkins**. She's the School for the Arts sophomore who has a tremendous contralto voice and excellent stage presence.

She wowed guests at the luncheon-fashion show sponsored by Baltimore Alpha Wives during the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's 57th Eastern Regional Convention at the Stouffer Hotel on Saturday.

They called her presentation of "Adeles Audition," and "Honor, Honor" "superb". Also crowd pleasers were dance routines by other students.

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Cuff note: Young Hawkins began singing at age 7 at New Psalmist Baptist Church. She's daughter of the **John Hawkinses, (Virginia) lives in East Baltimore. Older brother is 17-year-old Daniel.** She has dreams of becoming a concert star. Her second choice is to be come a lawyer.

Orchids, too, to **David Simon, president of School** for the Arts. It is the city's four-year high school for students who have serious aspirations for a career in the arts. He and his staff are doing wonders.

More orchids

More orchids to Morgan State University choir members and their director, **Dr. Nathan Carter.** They returned ten days ago from a week-long "glorious" concert tour in the South.

Highlight — a presentation at the National Black Music Conference in Atlanta. This past Saturday they thrilled delegates at the Alpha Confab here in our city.

Soloists **Sherry Hunt** and **Elizabeth Norman** were "terrific."

Biz nod to **Charles Miles.** He's the friendly bus driver who transports the Morgan singers.

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Lots of smiles at Arlington Baptist Church on Rolling Rd. on a recent Sunday evening when 150 singers and actors in biblical costume presented a magnificent living cross spectacular. Perfectly beautiful the 25-foot cross was covered with hundreds of lights.

The peformance marked the third annual Easter program designed by the young and talented church musical director, **John Leon Lewis,** Drama director is **Faith Peterson. Rev. Peter Bisset** is pastor.

Special orchids to soloist **Linda Perry.** Her rendition of "I've Just Seen Jesus," drew a standing ovation.

Other crowd-pleasing soloists — **Kevin and Karen Turner, Joe Bauer, John Marr, Kirby Humphrey, and Lawrence Raymond.**

Cuff note: — All concerts at Arlington Baptist are FREE.

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Mailbag: **Mrs. Lillian Cross** of Glen Burnie writes: "I have put off writing to say how much I enjoy the smiles. Please mention **Julius Collins.** He is the watchman in our apartment house. We all appreciate his ready smile and his offer to lend a helping hand.

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