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Walesa wins presidency in landslide



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WARSAW, Poland — Lech Walesa, the shipyard electrician who led Poland's fight against Communist rule for the last decade, was elected president yesterday by a landslide.

Walesa defeated emigre businessman Stanislaw Tyminski, a virtual unknown before the campaign, by a margin of 75 percent to 25 percent, according to official results from 165 of the country's more than 22,000 polling stations.

"I will do everything so that every Pole owns a share of Poland in his hands," a jubilant Walesa told supporters at his headquarters in Gdansk, a few blocks from the shipyard where the Solidarity movement was born a decade ago.

At his headquarters in Warsaw, Tyminski said he was "surprised" by the result. "I expected to get about 50 percent," he said. He also charged that his supporters were "terrorized" and "beaten up."

He had vowed to stay in Poland even if he lost the election and had been non-committal about whether he planned to contest next spring's parliamentary elections.

Tyminski, 42, left Poland 21 years ago and established businesses in Canada and Peru. His second-place finish in the first round of voting two weeks ago, when he knocked Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki out of the running, threw a deep scare into the coun-

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Lech Walesa predicted his presidential victory after casting his ballot yesterday in Gdansk.

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Baker says troops to stay in gulf even if Iraq pulls back

Stunned, weak ex-hostages tell of ordeal

By DANA PRIEST
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BAGHDAD, Iraq — More than 950 foreigners, including about 80 weary, traumatized Americans who came out of hiding in Kuwait, left Iraq yesterday in the first mass departure since Iraqi President Saddam Hussein decided Thursday to stop holding hostages.

In all, 163 Americans left yesterday, along with 440 Vietnamese, 180 Soviets, 160 Italians and smaller groups of other Europeans, all of them held in Iraq against their will since Iraq's invasion of Kuwait on Aug. 2.

More Americans and other foreigners were being brought to Baghdad for expected evacuation today.

Looking stunned and physically weak, the captives from Kuwait — Americans and

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By NORMAN KEMPSTER
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WASHINGTON — Secretary of State James Baker, anticipating a peaceful end to the confrontation with Iraq, said yesterday that the U.S.-led multinational force would stay in the region to keep order during any talks between Baghdad and a restored Kuwaiti government.

Baker said the troops would even the odds between Iraq and its much weaker neighbor, making it possible for Kuwait to resume the negotiations that were shattered when Iraq invaded Kuwait on Aug. 2.

Baker said that the United States would not object if Kuwait was willing to redress Iraq's longstanding grievances, provided President Saddam Hussein agreed to end his occupation and restore the ousted emir to his throne.

Baker spoke freely about the steps that might be taken if Iraq withdrew from Kuwait. Interviewed on the ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley," he said that the United States was prepared to pledge not to use military force against Iraq provided Baghdad complies with U.N. resolutions demanding an end to the occupation of Kuwait.

At the same time, Baker said he would refuse to go to Baghdad any

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CANCER RISK

A new report shows that people in industrialized countries are dying from cancer at a greater rate than ever, and it suggests that environmental causes have a role.

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CHURCH MEETING ENDS IN FRAY



STAFF PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HAYMAN

The Rev. Dennis Lyons, left, and a police officer told the congregation of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church to leave yesterday.

Beleaguered pastor resigns amid turmoil

By BILL WOLFE
Religion Writer

The pastor of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church resigned yesterday after a congregational meeting erupted into fights. The altercations were quelled only when a dozen Louisville police officers evacuated the church, at 728 E. Lampton St., southeast of downtown.

Police said no arrests or serious injuries stemmed from the fracas, which began shortly before 3 p.m., the climax of a rancorous meeting. Church members had been debating whether to call a business meeting to vote on firing the pastor, the Rev. Dennis Lyons.

Opposing sides — who shortly before had been lifting hands in praise of God — began raising hands against one another during a heated argument.

The episode — the culmination of a series of confrontations between Lyons and officers of the church — brings into question the future of a preacher some considered a bright star in Louisville's black religious community.

St. Paul hired Lyons in 1983, and he was admired both in church and elsewhere for his ministry to the poor and homeless. He also worked with prisoners, prostitutes and drug addicts.

He has been involved in civil-rights groups; he frequently leads street revivals in areas reputed to be centers of drugs and violence; and conducts a nightly radio program on a Louisville station.

But Lyons has also had several scrapes with the law, including a 1989 felony conviction for mishandling money at a funeral home he owns. And he became locked in conflict with church officers this



A congregation member who supported the Rev. Dennis Lyons was held back by a friend as a police officer (wearing glasses) and others crowded nearby yesterday at the church. The fighting, which brought out a dozen Louisville police officers, ended with Lyons resigning as pastor.

year over control of congregational policies and finances.

After a Sept. 9 service during which an argument broke out over control of the day's offerings, Lyons sued his opponents and obtained a restraining order to keep them from "disrupting the worship services."

The officers, responding in court that Lyons had mismanaged and misappropriated money, asked the court to terminate his

pastorate. Circuit Judge William Knopf tried to turn the dispute back over to the congregation for the members themselves to resolve.

Yesterday Lyons' opponents had planned to call a business meeting immediately after the church service. Lyons hoped to delay a vote on his future there until Dec. 23, arguing that not all the members had received copies of a new set of church bylaws adopted last month

under court order. The initial scuffle yesterday began between the pastor's wife, Joan Lyons, and Vena O'Bannon, the wife of Edward O'Bannon, chairman of the church's board of trustees. Church members jumped between the two women, but other fights soon broke out in aisles and hallways. Two police officers, on

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Video courtroom

Madison judges' use of new technology sets national precedent

By JIM WHITE, Staff Writer

RICHMOND, Ky. — Madison Circuit Judge James S. Chenault chuckles whenever he's asked to tell the story of how he, in his small Richmond courtroom, set the national precedent for using video technology to keep the official court record.

"Nobody can believe the yahoos did it first," he says. But for Chenault, that advance, made in 1982, is old news. Now he's onto something new.

Last month, with his help, Madison District Court began using a two-way TV system that allows prisoners to appear before the judge without leaving the jail.

Similar systems have been used in courtrooms in California and Nevada, but Chenault said Madison County's is the first east of the Mississippi River.

The system is the latest in a string of advances



Circuit Judge James S. Chenault Supported video system connecting jail with courtroom

that have come out of the Madison County court system and have helped make Kentucky a national leader in the use of courtroom videos.

"I think people are surprised that little of Madison County, Ky., is on the cutting edge of this kind of technology," Jailer Ron Devere said. The \$12,000 system consists of two TV moni-

tors and two cameras that link the jail with district court.

It is used mainly for arraignments and some pretrial hearings; there are no plans to expand it to circuit court.

The judge and defendant can see and hear each other through the TV monitors, one of which is mounted in the courtroom and the other in a small room in the jail. The system also videotapes the proceedings for the court record.

Instead of shackling prisoners and escorting them almost two blocks to the courthouse, jailers lead them a few feet from the holding cell to the camera.

Devere said the system cuts down on the time and personnel required to move prisoners to court — and helps tighten security.

"All I have to do is walk into the courtroom and turn on the TV," said District Judge John M.

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Clear copies

■ Louisville area — Mostly sunny today; tomorrow ditto. High today: 57. Low tonight, 33. High tomorrow, 54.

■ Kentucky — Mostly sunny through tomorrow. Highs mainly in the 50s both days. Clear tonight, with lows in the 30s.

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