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Jail Escapee captured

FOCUS ON AFRICA

S.A. emergency lifted

By Jack Reed

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — President Frederic

de Klerk lifted a nearly four - year - old nationwide state

of emergency Thursday but retained special powers to

De Klerk, speaking before a rare joint session of parliament, said his decision had removed one of the "major

stumbling" blocks to full power - sharing negotiations

with the country's Black majority in an attempt to end

Black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela, in France

Thursday as part of a 45-day international tour, called the

De Klerk also announced the release of 48 political

"We are on the threshold of the real negotiation pro-

cess and the time has come for other important role

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prisoners "as a gesture" in advance of an agreement with

Mandela's African National Congress on the release of

all political prisoners and the return of exiles.

players to do their bit," de Klerk said.

decision, "a victory for the South African people as a

deal with strife in Natal province.

its protracted political crisis.

whole, both White and Black."

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THE MARION BARRY TRIAL:

Jittery jurors decline to serve

By Hamil Harris

Robyn-Denise Yourse AFRO Staff Writers

and perjury trial of Mayor Marion Barry have told the Washington AFRO that a plea quisition of some 250 perspective jurors who say they feel as if they are the ones being

possibility that a plea bargain could come within the next bargaining was being purthree days or maybe within a sued. "I have no comment," week", said the source in the U.S. District Courthouse at Third Street and Constitution

Ave. NW. The mayor's attorney R Kenneth Mundy, however, declined comment when asked if the possibility of a plea would become a reality, following a public appeal

from the Rev. Jesse Jackson on June 6, saying only that the former Democratic presidential candidate and Rep. Walter Fauntroy (D-DC) acted on their own behalf when they publicly urged the

mayor to accept a plea. "I have not talked to Cong. Fauntroy, he is doing that on his own," Mr. Mundy said, adding that Rev. Jackson was also acting independently. "We did not invite this

Once outside the courthouse, Mr. Mundy continued to avoid comment on whether or not the option of plea he repeated. "Perhaps later, but not now."

Meanwhile, Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson admonished attorneys for both the prosecution and defense for the lengthy proceedings surrounding jury selection. As a

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{Photo By Lawrence W. Jackson Jr.} MAYOR BARRY is embraced by a well wisher during a citywide prayer service attended by more than 300 people on the

Council Bill 818:

Funeral directors state objections

By Joy M. Tyler

AFRO Staff Reporter Much attention has been focused on Councilwoma Sheila Dixon's Funeral Costs Bill 818, but those of the Na tional Funeral Directors an Morticians Association Baltimore feel the bill is un warranted, and have not have

cilwoman's claims. Executive director of the association, Mr. Hari P. Close, stated that Dixon's bill

is a smoke screen, and Bill 818 has no merit.

Close noted that during the bill hearing last month, adequate information was not disseminated to the public, nor the media.

In response to the bill, the association, has offered to awareness, rather to enact new legislation.

One suggestion was to reac-(Continued on Page A2)

City bids farewell to Commissioner



Pallbearers solemnly carry the casket of former Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman past the hundreds of mourners, and fellow officers from throughout the state who attended the Thursday morning funeral at the Cathedral of Our Mary The Queen.

By Helen Glover Cook AFRO Staff Writer

ranking officer. The Thursday, 11:00 a.m. state, the District of Colum bia, Pennsylvania and New York who lined the Charles Street entrance to the

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Gag order lifted:

The AFRO talks with Sgt. Beans

By Will Marshall

AFRO Staff Writer In the first interview since administrative charges were

dured over the past nine

"When Captain John Peach read the charges before choked up there were tears in (ADP) talked to the AFRO his eyes. He just couldn't I've had to sit by and be

about "the persecution I en- believe they had done this to "You know the Bible says,

Joy comes in the morning, dureth through the night. "For the past nine months

ridiculed by the very drug dealers that I was helping to rid the city of. You really don't know how hard that was for me to take.

"I live in a White neighborhood and they shied (Continued on Page A8)

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ON THE POLITICAL SCENE

Candidates announce the formation of 'teams'



By Helen Glover Cook

AFRO Staff Writer As the September 11,1990 Primary election date draws

delegation to the General Assembly and the longest serving Black politician in Annapolis, officially filed for

The 41st team includes Delegates Margaret Murphy, Frank D. Boston Jr. and Samuel Parham.

In the 40th district the incumbents will no longer run as a team but have split alliances, cannibalizing their slate of previous elections to form opposing Democratic

Incumbent Senator Troy Brailey filed for re-election on May 31. Although Senator Brailey is in the planning stages of an election assault his teammates have yet to be announced. Political speculators are anticipating an



Ms. Lisa Williams, Del Howard Rawlings, Dr. Salima