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Foreign Briefs

All-news T.V.

ATLANTA (Georgia): An improbable scheme hatched by a 41-year-old millionaire came to life on Sunday when a satellite started beaming to U.S. viewers their first 24-hour all-news television network. Mr Ted Turner, an Atlanta broadcasting and sports entrepreneur, is the founder of the Cable News Network (C.N.N.). The C.N.N.'s first major interview was with President Jimmy Carter on the West Asia situation. — Reuter.

Italian P.M. cleared

ROME: The Italian Premier, Mr Francesco Cossiga, was cleared in a narrow vote by a Parliamentary Commission of Enquiry on Saturday of charges that he had protected the son of the Christian Democratic Party Vice-President, Mr Carlo Donat-Cattin, from arrest as a terrorist. Nevertheless, Mr Donat-Cattin resigned from his position on Saturday night as he had offered to do. — A.F.P.

Bomb blast

LONDON: A bomb blasted the offices of the Kuwait oil company in central London on Sunday, police said. The explosion, which the police said was caused by a bomb weighing about 0.5 kg, blasted out the front portion of the building housing the oil company's offices. A police spokeswoman said it was not yet known if the bomb had been placed inside the building or outside. — Reuter.

Meeting in Havana

HAVANA: Cuba is consulting other non-aligned countries about holding an extraordinary ministerial conference of the movement in Havana in July, the Foreign Ministry announced on Saturday. President Fidel Castro became chairman of the 85-member organisation for a three-year term at the summit conference in Havana last September. — Reuter.

Riot police

JOHANNESBURG: Riot police kept watch on Saturday as South Africans celebrated Republic Day with no sign that student unrest over racial inequality was abating. The police said there was more violence overnight in several areas around Cape Town where students stoned cars driven by whites and set buildings on fire. — Reuter.

Mr Begin

TEL AVIV: The Israel Prime Minister, Mr Begin, has decided to retain the post of Defence Minister, Israel Television reported on Saturday. Mr Begin has been acting Defence Minister since Wednesday, when Mr Ezer Weizman left the post after sharply criticising Mr Begin's policies. — A.F.P.

Soviet protest

MOSCOW: The U.S. decision to sell U.S. defence equipment to China touched off on Saturday a flurry of angry protests in the Soviet press. Pravda accused the U.S. of making a "weighty contribution to the militarisation of China." — A.F.P.

Bhutto's doctor

ISLAMABAD: The Lahore High Court ruled on Saturday that it should inform it of the whereabouts of the family doctor of the executed Prime Minister, Mr Z.A. Bhutto. The family of Dr Zafar Nisari, a dentist and friend of the Bhutto family, said he was arrested at dawn on May 22. — A.F.P.

125 poisoned

BANGKOK: The ousted Khmer Rouge regime claimed on Sunday that Vietnamese troops had put "poisonous chemical powder" in international food aid and water sources, killing 125 Kampucheans in the extreme west of Kampuchea in May. — A.F.P.

Premier Hua

OSAKA: The Chinese Premier, Mr Hua Guofeng, left here for home by a special plane on Sunday, winding up his six-day State visit to Japan. — A.F.P.

ITS CONG (I) LANDSLIDE AGAIN

3-PARTY ALLIANCE LOSES IN PUNJAB

By Sukhdev Singh
CHANDIGARH, June 1 — In the race for power in Punjab, the Congress (I) defeated the three-party alliance

Barnala, Mr Ravi Inder Singh, Mr Balwant Singh, Dr Bhagat Singh, Mr Jivan Singh Umranganal and Mr Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa (all Akali Dal).

Mr Chand Singh Chopra, Mr Darshan Singh Jhulal and Mr

Total Punjab seats: 117
Results declared 117
Congress (I) 63
Akali Dal 37
C.P.I. 9
C.P. (M) 5
B.J.P. 1
Independents 2 (Mr Dilbagh Singh — Nawanshahar, and Mr Jasmat Singh Dhillon — Faridkot).

Sarwan Singh of the C.P. (M) returned to the State Assembly. Among the C.P.I. senior leaders re-elected were Mr Babu Singh and Mr Baldev Singh Loomba.

The Congress (I) suffered big reverses when two of its contenders for leadership — Mr Gurdial Singh Dhillon and Mr Harcharan Singh Brar — were defeated

from the Beas and Muktsar constituencies respectively. The major reverses suffered by the alliance partners included the defeat of Mr Satva Pal Dang



Darbara Singh (wins)

(C.P.I.), Mr Dalip Singh Tapiala (C.P.M) and Randhir Singh Cheema (Akali Dal). Other veterans who lost in the day's poll were Mr Darshan Singh Canadian (C.P.I.-Garhshankar), Mr Dev Raj Singh, a brother of the Dal President, Mr Jagdev Singh Talwandi (Akali Dal—Rajkot), Mr Dharam Pal (B.J.P.—Garhiwala) and Mr Harbhajan Singh, former Food and Supplies Minister (Janata Party—Jullundur Cantonment).

The C.P. (M), which had a strength of eight members in the dissolved Assembly won only five seats. These are Nurmahal, Attari, Rajpura, Sherpur and Kumbkalan. The C.P.I., on the other hand, raised its strength from seven in the previous House to nine. It scored victories in Lehra, Shutterana, Mansa, Rampura Phul, Adampur, Nihalsinghwalla, Dharamkot, Verka and Dhariwal.

The lone B.J.P. member was returned from Gurm, Har Sahal. His name is Mr Khushal Chand. The B.J.P. together with the other breakaway groups had a strength of 25 members in the dissolved House.



P. S. Badal (wins)

headed by the Akali Dal and secured an absolute majority in the 117-member House.

Among the senior Congress (I) leaders who made the grade were the P.C.C. (I) chief, Mr Darbara Singh, Mr Santokh Singh Randhawa, Mr Joginder Pal Pandey, Miss Sarla Prashar, Mr Kanshi Ram, Mr Yash and Mrs Sajida Begum.

The Youth Congress (I) leaders, Mr Venod Sharma (Banur) and Mr Basant Singh (Anandpur Sahib), also won.

The notable winners on the alliance side were Mr Parkash Singh Badal, Mr Surjit Singh



M. S. Brar (defeated)

Punjab Assembly winners



Left to right: Mrs Rajinder Kaur (Dhanaula), Mr Jivan Singh Umranganal (Beas), Mr Venod Sharma (Banur), Mr Ravi Inder Singh (Morinda) and Mr Balwant Singh (Lohian).



Left to right: Mr Sarwan Singh (Nurmahal), Mr Gurdev Singh Badal (Panj Grain), Mr Niranjan Singh (Patti), Mrs Surjit Kaur (Tanda), Mr J. P. Pandey (Ludhiana West), Mr Sardari Lal Kapoor (Ludhiana North) and Mr Jagat Singh (Kharar).

Agitators offer to resume talks

GAUHATI, June 1 (U.N.I.) — Sponsors of the Assam movement today renewed their offer to resume talks on the foreigners issue provided the Government restored a "congenial atmosphere" by withdrawing "repressive measures" against them.

The move mainly came from the All-Assam Students Union which felt that Mrs Indira Gandhi should abandon her "deceptive tactics" and adopt a practical approach to the solution of the issue which "is directly linked with unity, integrity and sovereignty of the country", an A.A.S.U. statement said tonight.

The student leaders said "there is no question of their calling off or temporarily suspending the agitation unless an acceptable solution is formulated."

They blamed Mrs Gandhi for spoiling the atmosphere necessary for holding discussions. The Opposition leaders should have advised her to withdraw "all repressive measures to create the right atmosphere for holding talks," the statement said.

Meanwhile, the authorities in Assam's Darrang district have banned physical training programmes launched by the agitators and their opponents as reports from Nowgong said two more decomposed bodies were recovered from the town's periphery.

REASON FOR BAN
The District Magistrate of Darrang issued orders banning physical training under the Assam Maintenance of Public Order Act, 1947. Mr G. C. Baveja, Adviser to the Governor, had told newsmen yesterday that the Government disfavoured any physical training

programmes as they added to tension. Originally the All-Assam Students Union and the Assam Gana Sangram Parishad had organised such a training programme. Mr Baveja said yesterday that the opposition All-Assam Minorities Students' Union had also started such a programme as a counter-measure.

In all 400 people have been arrested from various parts of Nowgong district in connection with the recent disturbances, officials said. It was relaxed in other areas of Kamrup, Goalpara and Dibrugarh for varying periods as no fresh incidents were reported from the troubled areas. Troops and para-military forces continued to patrol the sensitive areas in the wake of persistent tension. P.T.I. adds: Referring to the reported attempt to make crude flow out of Assam with the help of the Army the parishad said "it will only diminish the possibility of a negotiated settlement, if any such possibility exists."

Accusing the Government of utilising the official machinery to "deliberately suppress the real facts" the parishad invited the Indian and foreign press to visit Assam and see whether or not the Assamese people had been attacked by foreigners.

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Showers in city

From The Tribune Bureau
CHANDIGARH, June 1 — High velocity winds followed by light showers brought down the day temperature considerably in the city today. The maximum temperature read 36.6° C as against yesterday's 41.8° C. The minimum temperature fell by 3.8° C to 25.2° C.

Latest party position

BIHAR

Total seats	321
Results declared	30
Cong (I)	15
B.J.P.	1
JPJ	2
JSC	1
CPI	3
Marxist Coordination	1
J.M. Morcha	4

GUJARAT

Total seats	182
Results declared	152
Cong (I)	126
BJP	5
JPJ	17
Ind	4

MADHYA PRADESH

Total seats	320
Results declared	158
Cong (I)	121
BJP	31
JPJ	2
JSC	1
R.P.I.(K)	1
Ind	2

MAHARASHTRA

Total seats	288
Seats declared	107
Cong (I)	72
BJP	2
JPJ	15
Cong (U)	6
CPI	2
CP (M)	2
PWP	4
Ind	4

ORISSA

Total seats	145
Results declared	61
Cong (I)	48
Cong (U)	2
JPJ	3
JSC	4
CPI	2
Ind	2

RAJASTHAN

Total seats	200
Results declared	131
Cong (I)	93
BJP	18
JSC	6
Cong (U)	4
JPJ	1
CPI	1
Ind	5

TAMIL NADU

Total seats	234
Results declared	200
Cong (I)-DMK Front	59
Cong (I)	26
DMK	33
I.U.M.L.	0
ADK Front	139
ADK	111
CPI	10
CP (M)	10
Other ADK allies	8

UTTAR PRADESH

Total seats	425
Results declared	129
Cong (I)	100
JSC	15
BJP	4
JPJ	1
CPI	3
Cong (U)	2
Ind	4

A.D.M.K. WITHSTANDS INDIRA WAVE

NEW DELHI, June 1 (U.N.I.) — The Congress (I) won absolute majorities in Gujarat and Punjab and was convincingly leading in all States except Tamil Nadu, according to reports received here late tonight.

The party won a clear majority in Gujarat securing 92 seats when 115 of the 182

stronghold of the D.M.K., by defeating two senior members of that party, Mr K. Manoharan and Mr S.J. Sadia Pasha.

Mr Manoharan, who was in Mr Ramachandran's Cabinet, left the A.I.A.D.M.K. a few months ago and joined the D.M.K.

The D.M.K. President, Mr M. Karunanidhi, himself was having some trouble in another city constituency, Annanagar, alternately leading and trailing his A.I.A.D.M.K. rival, Mr H.V. Hande.

The Congress (I), however, appeared to be comfortable in the Hindi belt winning or leading in a large number of constituencies in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. Of 86 results declared in U.P., the party bagged 71.

In Bihar, from where results are trickling in, the Congress (I) led the vote in the very outset winning six of the seven Assembly seats so far. The party was well poised to win most of seats in Ranchi, Hazaribagh, Santal Parganas and West Cham-



NANDINI SATPATHY

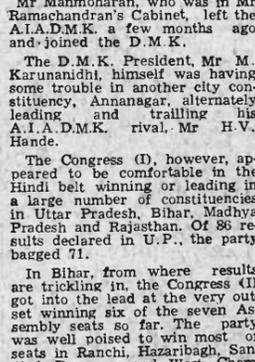
seats had been filled this evening.

Voting in Gujarat followed the same pattern as in the Lok Sabha election in January with a computer analysis clearly pointing to a three-fourths majority for the Congress (I).

Swept away by the Congress (I) tide were Opposition stalwarts like the former Chief Minister, Mr Babubhai Patel, and the Janata (J.P.) chief, Mr Indubhai Patel.

In Tamil Nadu, the A.I.A.D.M.K. chief, Mr M.G. Ramachandran, led the victorious march of his partymen by his convincing win from Madurai West. Many of his former Cabinet colleagues also came out successful. When 115 seats had been filled, the A.D.M.K. score was 56 and its allies 19.

A.I.A.D.M.K. men made a dent in Madras city, considered a



SHARAD PAWAR

over his Congress (I) rival in Bakhthiyarpur.

The Congress (I) has captured one-fourth of the 320 seats already. The Bharatiya Janata Party, which at one time looked set for major gains, was far behind the Congress (I).

The Congress (I), however, suffered a loss in the defeat of party functionaries, Mr Hanif Mohammed and Mr Amolak Chhajed, both losing to the B.J.P. men.



RIJU PATNAIK

In Maharashtra the Congress (I) made a clean sweep in the districts of Wardha, Chandrapur and Sangli. Among the notable winners in the State was Mr Sharad Pawar, former Chief Minister. Mrs Shalimata Patil, who lost the January Lok Sabha election in Satara to Mr Y.V. Chavan, won the Sangli seat vacated by her husband, former Chief Minister Vasantrao Patil.

The Congress (I) was on a winning spree in Rajasthan leaving all Opposition parties way behind. Of the 57 seats declared so far, the party secured 45. Among the prominent Congress (I) men who made it to the victory post was the former Chief Minister, Mr Hari Deo Joshi, a member of the State Assembly since 1952.

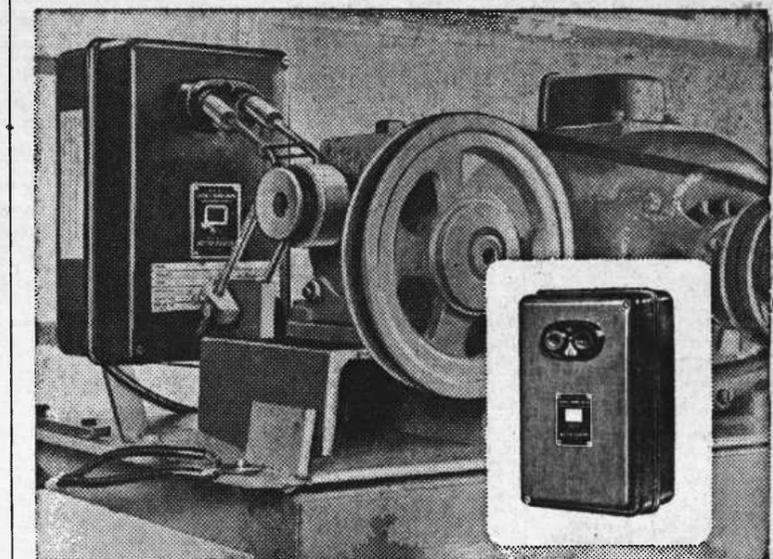
Repoll today

NEW DELHI, June 1 (P.T.I.) — Polling will be resumed tomorrow at all booths where it was adjourned yesterday by the Presiding Officers following incidents of violence or attempts at booth capturing. The Secretary to the Election Commission, Mr K. Ganesan, said today.

He said in places where there had been booth-capturing the polling officers had been asked to go strictly by the directives issued by the commission in this regard.

As per the directives of the commission, he said, they ballot boxes of booths captured would not be taken up for counting. Counting in the remaining booths of the same constituency would, however, be taken up and if the margin of victory of a candidate was so large as not to be affected by the votes polled in the captured booths, the result would be declared. Otherwise, a repoll would be ordered.

Mr Ganesan said the commission was still awaiting a final report from the Returning Officers regarding cases of booth-



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CHANDIGARH WEATHER

The maximum temperature on Sunday was 36.6° C (97.8° F) and the minimum 25.2° C (77.3° F).

Maximum relative humidity 61 per cent. Minimum 30 per cent.

The sun will set on Monday at 7:21 and rise on Tuesday at 5:29.

OUTLOOK FOR MONDAY: Fair weather.
Detailed weather report on page 6