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Kurdish rebel fighting halted

CALM returned yesterday to the Iranian city of Sanandaj held ~~by~~ Kurds after four days of ~~heavy~~ fighting. The insurgents are demanding ~~the~~ and they besieged Iranian Army troops inside the ~~city~~ barracks as tribal leaders continued talks on a settlement.

Reports reaching Tehran said the fighting had ended after the Iranian Army stopped ~~attacking~~ the Kurdish positions. But at least ~~100~~ men were killed later when a group of tribesmen marched on the barracks, shouting provocative slogans.

The marchers asked the Army to release between 150 and 160 tribesmen held hostage by the troops.

Guerrilla plans

SECURITY POLICE in the black homeland of Transkei have captured a number of armed guerrillas preparing for an onslaught against South Africa, the Minister of Justice, Mr. Dugby Koyana, said yesterday. Mr Koyana said that the men, arrested over the past five months, had infiltrated Transkei after undergoing military training in Ghana and Libya.—Reuters.

New leader

KING HASSAN of Morocco yesterday appointed Madi Benabid as Prime Minister to replace Ahmed Osman who resigned. Mr Benabid, a 32-year-old former Casablanca lawyer, was appointed Minister of Justice in October, 1977. Sources close to the Government said there would be further important Cabinet changes soon.—Reuters.

Right's gain

FINLAND's ruling left-wing parties, their majority cut by a big right-wing swing in elections last weekend, suffered another setback yesterday. A recount gave the Conservatives an extra seat from the Liberal party, a member of the centre-left coalition. The opposition Conservatives became the second largest party with 46 seats, a gain of 11.—Reuters.

Regional deal

THE Common Market will make available an extra 100 millions for regional development in Britain as a result of an EEC Budget compromise being worked out last night, writes John Palmer in Brussels. But despite the extra money, the British Government still believes that it is getting a bad deal from the European Community in making annual net payments to the EEC Budget of about £1 billion.

Arrest drama

SPANISH theatre director, Mr Albert Boadella, who fled to France a year ago to escape trial on charges of insulting the Armed Forces in a play, was arrested yesterday in Barcelona, police said. They said Mr Boadella, aged 35, now also accused of contempt of court, returned to Spain several months ago and his public appearances were considered an attempt to the military.—Reuters.

Bhutto date

THE Pakistani Supreme Court announced yesterday that it will give its decision on former Prime Minister, Mr Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's appeal against the death sentence on Saturday. Mr Bhutto could be hanged if the Court upholds the death sentence imposed by the Lahore High Court in 1978.—UPI.

Protest talks

FOUR Peruvian journalists, led by Mr Alfonso Baella of El Tiempo, have agreed to suspend a three-day hunger strike for 24 hours while talks on press freedom with the Military Government are in progress. They are demanding the restoration of full press freedom after the Government banned 10 independent political publications two months ago.—Reuters.

Founder dies

MR Walter Legge, British husband of the soprano Elizabeth Schwarzkopf and a leading figure in the field of classical music recording, died yesterday at his home in the South of France. Mr Legge founded the Philharmonia Orchestra in London in 1945 and was an international recording manager for EMI.—Reuters.

Border mines

ONE MILLION land mines now cover East Germany's border with the West, the Interior Minister, Mr. Gerhard Baum, said in Bonn yesterday. Barriers and minefields on the 875 mile-long border have also been strengthened, the West German Minister said.— Reuters.

Baron's flight

BARON EDOUARD Jean Empain, the Belgian millionaire industrialist abducted last year, has left France amid reports that he has received fresh kidnap threats. He flew to the Moroccan port of Casablanca

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