

Dutch bargain with gunmen

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ASSEN, The Netherlands — Authorities here yesterday asked South Moluccan gunmen holding 60 hostages in two locations where they want to fly the plane they are demanding.

It was the first real bargaining session since the terrorists seized an elementary school and a train in northern Holland last Monday.

The gunmen released more than 100 school children Friday, but still

hold 56 hostages aboard a hijacked train near Glimmen and four teachers in the village school of Bovensmilde, 15 miles away.

Deputy Justice Minister Hendrik Zeevalking said yesterday the "great uncertainty" remained over the destination the gunmen had in mind.

"If you don't know where you want to go, you will never find someone to fly you there," he said.

The gunmen have demanded the release of 21 South Moluccans im-

prisoned for similar terrorist attacks and a Boeing 747 to take gunmen, prisoners and hostages out of the country.

Zeevalking said the government's asking the gunmen for a destination did not mean it was willing to let them leave.

He said this move was aimed at getting crisis bargaining out of the realm of irrationality and onto something concrete.

At an all-night crisis cabinet session, the government also discussed how to avoid a possible backlash against the Moluccan community, Zeevalking said.

Dutch sources said World War II resistance fighters and veterans had planned reprisals against the Moluccans.

At Sunday services, priests and ministers pleaded with Dutch citizens not to let "understandable abhorrence" at the takeovers cause

vigilante violence against the 35,000-strong South Moluccan community in the Netherlands.

The Moluccan gunmen are trying to press the Dutch government to support their bid for independence for their Asian homeland, formerly known as the Spice Island. Indonesia took over the islands after Dutch colonial troops pulled out more than 25 years ago.

The 56 hostages near Glimmen were crowded into the front car of a hot, four-coach passenger train without toilet facilities.

Authorities, who said conditions aboard the train must be "stinking," delivered mops, brooms, dusting cloths, soap and hot water to the train Sunday.

Authorities also delivered sandwiches, water and oranges along with medicines for a man suffering from depression and a woman seven months pregnant.

Vance hopes conference will start cooperation

By GEORGE SIBERA

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PARIS — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance said Sunday he hopes this week's North-South economic conference will lay the foundation for cooperation between the world's rich and poor nations.

Eight delegations from industrial countries and 19 from underdeveloped nations have been negotiating since 1975 in preparation for the three-day Conference on International Economic Cooperation.

"Many countries have been working for two years to prepare this conference to see how both developed and developing countries can work together to meet the pressing needs of the developing world," Vance said on his arrival Sunday.

"I look forward to the meeting and hope that we can build, in the conclusions reached, a base which we can be proud of for the future."

Before the talks, Vance — who will address the opening session — planned to confer with other mem-

bers of the American delegation including Richard Cooper, Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs.

Although the cabinet-level meeting is supposed to end the two years of dialogue, the participants may decide to keep some of the conference structures in place, notably the four committees on energy, raw materials, finance and aid. Or they may decide to turn these matters over to the World Bank or specialized groups within the United Nations.

Two favorite ideas of the poor countries already have been rejected by the rich ones: cancellation of some or all Third World debts, now approaching \$200 billion, and gearing the prices of raw materials to the world inflation rate.

Cooper said last week that debts "should be dealt with on their merit and on a case-by-case basis."

He said if the meeting this week is successful, the rich countries will propose a \$1 billion "special action program" to help poor countries.

Research trustees approve budget

Members of Texas A&M Research Foundation's board of trustees approved a budget last Wednesday that showed an estimated research volume of \$17 million in 1977-78.

The board also approved over \$9 million worth of proposed new grants and contracts for research including underwater archaeology in Italy, Turkey and Kenya, investigation of earthquakes in California, and coordination of social services for the City of Garland.

The 20 trustees were informed that the total assets of the foundation, as of February, had increased by \$1,446,882 during the preceding year.

The program promotes educational purposes by encouraging and conducting scientific investigations; and research by training and developing persons for the conduct of this research by acquiring and making public such related knowledge.

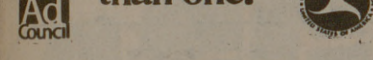
Through April of this year, the foundation processed 480 proposals for research and investigation, an increase of 20 per cent over the same time period in 1976.

Texas A&M's total research activities this year are expected to surpass \$50 million.

Bank adds Koldus as board member

University National Bank of College Station has elected Dr. John J. Koldus, vice president for student services at Texas A&M University, to the bank's board of directors during the board's May meeting. Koldus has been vice-president for student services at Texas A&M since he came to the University in August, 1973.

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