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Vance quits in protest of rescue attempt

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WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Alexander Haig, convinced the military mission to free the hostages in Iran was the wrong course of action, resigned his post as secretary of state, administration officials said Sunday night.

The resignation, just three days after the White House revealed that mechanical problems forced cancellation of the rescue attempt, was a certainty from the time the rescue force began its task, officials said.

An official said Vance strongly opposed the mission from the outset, and told President Carter he would quit after the raid "no

matter what the outcome."

There was no White House or State Department confirmation of Vance's resignation, but other government sources indicated an announcement would be made today.

It was expected Vance would leave his post soon and Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher would take over as the acting secretary.

"He felt strongly about it. He talked to the president several times over the past two weeks and he and the president agreed that they simply differed," said one official. "Cy felt he had no choice, despite his warm

personal relationship with the president."

"The secretary felt he could not support it but did not want to resign until it was over," the official said.

Vance, a 63-year-old quiet "diplomat's diplomat," made it clear when he took the job he would serve only one term.

From the outset of his career in the Carter administration, Vance sometimes clashed with his more hawkish counterpart at the White House, national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski.

Their differences occasionally simmered openly, and once Carter tried to smooth

over the problem by making Vance his chief foreign policy spokesman. That did not last long.

Vance, some officials said, was the only one of the president's top advisers who opposed last week's abortive effort to rescue the 53 Americans held hostage in Iran since Nov. 4. But Carter, despite Vance's misgivings, was determined to mount an effort to free the hostages. The plan was initiated Nov. 9 and first actively considered April 11.

On Sunday, Brzezinski said he backed the mission and would do it again. Defense

Secretary Harold Brown, through a spokesman, expressed similar sentiments.

During his three years, three months at the State Department, Vance devoted most of his time to the Middle East, working on what finally became the Camp David concepts.

Rumors of his resignation began surfacing Sunday afternoon following speculation that he was dismayed at the rescue attempt and felt it had undercut the carefully crafted diplomatic efforts to free the hostages.

It was rumored that Vance would resign

in March, after the United Nations vote mixup, and Vance denied publicly then he would quit. That snafu involved a vote to condemn Israel for settlements in occupied Arab territory, and Vance publicly took the blame for a communications snarl.

Vance's influence at the White House, though it sometimes took a back seat to Brzezinski's, was still apparent in his final days as secretary. He persuaded Carter to draw back when he was about to halt shipments of food or medicine to Iran on the day he broke diplomatic relations with Iran.

Carter coming to Texas to visit injured servicemen

United Press International
SAN ANTONIO — President Carter is leaving Washington for the first time since 53 Americans were detained in Tehran last week to visit five servicemen hurt during a rescue mission to free the hostages.

White House officials said Carter would leave for San Antonio about 9:30 a.m. CDT today and return to Washington immediately after meeting with the men injured in last week's aborted mission in Iran.

The president was expected to land at San Antonio's Kelly Air Force Base, although a spokesman there would neither confirm nor deny Carter's plans.

The men — four of them being treated for burns at Brooke Army Medical Center and the fifth recovering from a knee injury at nearby Lackland Air Force Base — were given optimistic health reports Sunday by a Brooke spokesman.

burn treatment center, would speak only in generalities and said the Privacy Act prohibited discussing the cases by name.

"Dealing with the age group we are, survival is anticipated in all four cases," he told reporters.

Pruitt said the men's burns ranged in extent from 2 to 44 percent of their bodies. Some had suffered second-degree and others third-degree, and the burns ranged in location from only the face to all extremities.

"They seem to be coping well. They're all conscious and aware of what's going on," he said.

Pruitt said three of the men were able to walk and watch television Sunday morning while the fourth, believed to be Air Force Staff Sgt. Joseph B. Beyers III, 37, of Charleston, S.C., had a better than "50-50 chance" of survival.

Beyers' wife and five children visited him Sunday at the Fort Sam Houston medical facility, where four suites were reserved for the comfort of the families of the injured men.

The other men at Brooke were identified as Marine Maj. Leslie B. Petty, 34, of Jacksonville, N.C., who was in serious condition; Marine Maj. James H. Schaefer Jr., 36, of Los Angeles; and Air Force 1st Lt. Jeffrey B. Harrison, 26, of Warren, Ohio, both listed in satisfactory condition.

Pruitt said one victim, whom he declined to identify but who was believed to be Beyers, suffered inhalation burns and was being treated with tubes in his trachea and artificial life support systems.

Beyers and Petty, whose wife was at the hospital, will remain in intensive care for three to five days while the other two men were expected to be moved to the third floor today.

Pruitt said the two less badly burned men may be released from the hospital in eight to 10 days, but the other two will have

to remain longer. He said some of the burn victims may require skin grafts but declined to predict whether any would be permanently disfigured.

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Carter message read

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NICEVILLE, Fla. — President Carter offered a personal message to more than 2,500 people gathered to eulogize five airmen killed attempting to free the American hostages in Iran.

The president telephoned a message Sunday that was read at a memorial service by Maj. Gen. Robert Bond, commander of the Eglin Air Force base complex.

Carter praised the eight servicemen, five of whom were attached to the 8th Special Operations Squadron at nearby Hurlburt Field, who died when a helicopter and transport plane burst into flames after the 1978 mission was aborted.

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Former Navy clerk, upset over Iran, holds officer hostage

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DALLAS — A former Dallas Naval Air Station employee, upset at developments in Iran, held a base officer hostage at gunpoint for more than an hour Sunday, then surrendered without bloodshed, according to base officials.

A base spokesman said there were no injuries in the episode, and the suspect was hospitalized for mental evaluation.

Sheriff's deputies took the suspect, identified only as Richard Mayfield, to Parkland Memorial Hospital for psychiatric evaluation, Aide said. Federal charges were pending.

March earns \$14,000

The March of Dimes is \$14,000 richer thanks to the Corps of Cadets' March to the Brazos, Mike Weaver, Corps adjutant and president of the march said Sunday.

Before the march, made March 29, pledges totaled \$18,000. "We're sorry we can't collect the rest of it," Weaver said. "Nobody is strong-armed about it. It's strictly a voluntary thing."

"A lot of people just gave a dollar donation," said Tracy Cox, vice president of the 6-7 mile march. "Some paid a dime per mile, 50 cents per mile. Pasta's Pizza gave a \$500 donation."

"The volume of money came from students. Larger contributions came from businesses in Bryan-College Station."

Most donations were from this area, Cox said, but some cadets got sponsors from their home towns over Spring Break.

Council to view item on electives

By DEBBIE NELSON
Battalion Staff

The Academic Council will consider a proposal that would require students to take nine hours of electives not directly related to their majors in a meeting Tuesday.

Other items before the board will be the addition of "Dean's Honor Roll" status above "Distinguished Student" listings and numerous proposed changes in the University Rules and Regulations.

The board will meet at 1:30 p.m. in 601 Rudder Tower.

In a written recommendation, a special committee has proposed establishment of a requirement of nine semester hours of "broadening electives" for undergraduates. The courses would be required from departments not directly related to the student's major.

The aim of the broadening electives would be to strengthen students' humanities, social science, and natural science backgrounds. They would be chosen from lists prepared by each department and would be subject to the approval of the departmental curriculum committees.

The Academic Programs Council recommended establishing a Dean's Honor Roll for students who have a grade point ratio of at least 3.75.

Eligibility for this rating has the same requirements as the Distinguished Student

Proposed changes in 1980-81 University Rules and Regulations include giving instructors permission to use cheating as grounds for lowering grades after the final course grade has been issued.

Now, as in the proposed change, instructors must notify the student and the student's dean in writing as soon as practicable, but can not alter a mark after the final course grade has been submitted to the registrar.

A report from the Rules and Regulations Committee says action has been hampered against one graduating senior who was found to have plagiarized a term paper in a required course.

Also up for consideration is the reclassifying of advanced ROTC courses as free electives, which would allow negotiations

Other proposed Rules and Regulations changes include making parking permit fees refundable, indicating which graduate courses will be graded on a satisfactory-unsatisfactory basis, and removing the requirement of a dean's approval for Q-drops.

Curricula changes in Biology and Agriculture Education are also proposed, to emphasize students' fields of interest and prepare them for a variety of roles.

Fire damage undetermined

A fire in the postal and store rooms of the Monaco Apartments, 306 Redmond Dr., was extinguished by the College Station Fire Department early Sunday morning.

The fire began at 12:30 a.m. on the first floor and went up the walls to the second floor, a spokesman said.

Cause or damage have not yet been determined, a fire department spokesman said.

Sweet teeth for charity

Texas A&M University President Jarvis E. Miller and 2-year-old Laura McIlhenny were a couple of the 2,000-3,000 people who helped eat 1 mile, 575 yards worth of banana split Saturday. Laura is the daughter of Tim McIlhenny, a senior chemical engineering student. The dessert feast, which raised money for the Bryan-College Station Boys Clubs,

was arranged in the shape of the ATM logo. The benefit was run by Alpha Phi Omega, a University service organization. A total of 11,400 bananas, 34,200 scoops of ice cream, 170 pounds of nuts, 270 gallons of chocolate topping and 110 gallons of whip- topping went into the banana split.

Photo by Dave Tollefson

