

# National

## Second Iran hostage mission training had started

# Carter was prepared to make a large military attack

United Press International  
ATLANTA — After the aborted attempt to free the hostages in Iran failed and eight Americans were killed, former President Jimmy Carter ordered a larger and more powerful military operation to try again, it was reported Sunday.

Sale, in a copyright story printed in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, quoted unnamed sources as saying secret military rehearsals for a second mission took place in the deserts of Utah, California, Texas and New Mexico while other units practiced at Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Benning, Ga., and the Special Operations Wing

at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. The White House at the time denied reports by syndicated columnist Jack Anderson that Carter had a second plan to "invade Iran," and several major newspapers refused to publish the Anderson story.

U.S. forces, however, already were in position in Egypt and Israel and the countries from which the second mission was to have been staged, Sale said sources told him.

The unidentified sources also said there was a clear push to use military force against Iran until Sept. 12, 1980, when Ayatollah Khomeini announced that Iran was willing to release the hostages.

"Carter was implementing a contingency plan," a source said. The plan was described as one of "major scale" that would have involved as many as 100 U.S. helicopters, units of elite forces, a large number of combat aircraft and as many as 10,000 ground troops.

Under the reported plan, the 82nd Airborne Division was to make an air drop and seize the Mehrabad airport at Tehran. F-15s or F-14s, A-10s and other combat aircraft were to be used, with the latter acting as an "air cap" operation to screen the paratroopers on the ground as well as to strike all major airbases in Iran.

The plan also called for elements of the "Delta Unit" and other top commando groups to arrive at various sites in Tehran and

other locations in Iran to free the scattered hostages. It would have included 1,800 Marines who would have attacked the main spigot of Iranian oil on the Persian Gulf, Kharg Island.

By April 1980, U.S. policy was pursuing two parallel lines — relying on the impending Iraq-Iran conflict as a means of pressuring Iran for concessions while at the same time developing a U.S. military strike, the article said.

U.S. officials reportedly admitted that the CIA and other agencies knew of the impending invasion of Iran as early as February 1980.

By early summer, the source said, rehearsals began at Ft. Bliss, Texas; the Ford-Irwin National Training Center at Barstow, Calif.; the U.S. Marine Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms, Calif.; Hill Air Force Base at Ogden, Utah; and Fort Bragg, N.C.

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## Brady showing steady improvement

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WASHINGTON — White House press secretary Jim Brady, known for his wit and tenacity, is

displaying both as he fights to recover from a bullet that required removal of a portion of his brain.

Doctors Sunday said he "continues to make satisfactory progress," and Brady's own words, spiced with vigor and humor, have given his friends and family renewed hope about his overall chances.

The severity of his wound and the decision to remove a part of his brain damaged in the assassination attempt on President Reagan last week, have spread fears that Brady's chances of escaping brain

damage were minimal.

But for the past few days, he has kept up a steady stream of one-liners that indicate "the Bear" — his nickname — is improving quicker than anyone had hoped.

Take Saturday, Brady, whose face is still heavily bandaged and swollen from the wound and subsequent 6½-hour operation, was attempting to open his eyes as his surgeon, Dr. Arthur Koblinski, stood watching nearby.

Koblinski has been asking Brady some questions about his job to

gauge the extent of the damage.

Some of the questions are elementary, and Brady apparently realized that.

When Koblinski asked him why he was trying to open his eyes, he received a vintage Bradyism in response: "To see who is the doctor asking all of these dumb questions."

Saturday night, he spoke with his wife Sarah — whom doctors say Brady "clearly recognizes" now "both by sound and vision."

As a measure of how well Brady senses what happened to him,

Brady referred to his injuries, telling his wife, "The 'Bear' was certainly in the wrong place at the time."

Doctors said Brady is now eating solid foods and sipping water. And while there have been "intermittent temperature elevations, no infection has been detected."

Brady learned from his wife that the president was shot during the attack, and that he too is now convalescing at George Washington University Hospital.

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## No end to coal strike planned

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Union officials indicate talks to end the 11-day-old strike by the nation's 160,000 soft coal miners

may not resume until late this week, adding to a gloomy prediction by the coal industry's top negotiator that a settlement will not come quickly.

United Mine Workers President Sam Church Jr. remained in seclusion during the weekend and was unavailable for comment.

When UMW spokesman Eldon

Callen was asked in Washington Sunday about the resumption of talks, he said, "I don't expect anything to happen for the next few days."

B.R. "Bobby" Brown, the negotiator for the Bituminous Coal Operators Association, said during the weekend he was "optimistic" at the prospects of ending the walkout, which began March 27 after rank-and-file members rejected a tentative agreement.

Brown said he had been in touch with West Virginia Gov. Rockefeller, who is working on both sides to shorten the strike but neither man would discuss the tails of the conversations.

A UMW member was held today on a murder charge in Virginia following a scuffle in Pennington Gap tavern Friday which a non-union miner was shot to death and his brother injured.

Since miners walked out, there have been reports of scattered violence throughout coal regions in Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky, with much of the activity related to the movement of non-union coal.

Sheriff's deputies said Monday Lester, an employee of Westmoreland Coal Co. mining, was arraigned Saturday night on charges of murder and malicious wounding in the death of Manness, 25, a T&T Darby miner, and the wounding of Manness' brother John, 23, who was hospitalized in good condition.

Authorities were uncertain what touched off the argument between Lester and Manness.

There were indications from UMW members that Church had not been in contact with the coal industry since the tentative contract agreement was rejected by union members by a 2-1 margin last week.

Bill Lamb, former UMW District 6 International Executive Board member and now a Pennsylvania miner, said Brown and Church were roadblocks to getting an acceptable contract that would resolve fears of the current strike going longer than the 11-day walkout in 1977-78.

"There is no need for this to be a long strike," said Lamb. "I think our membership sent a loud and clear signal to Church and Brown that if you people want to end the coal fine. But quit trying to force our contract and quit trying to bust our union."

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