

'Large naval target' hit in Gulf

Major Iraqi strike unconfirmed

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BEIRUT, Lebanon — Iraq said Wednesday its forces destroyed a "large naval target" in the Persian Gulf in what would be the third strike at Gulf shipping this month and the second in as many days.

Iraq has generally used the term "large naval target" to refer to oil tankers, but the assault was not immediately confirmed by shipping sources. Iraq said it took place near the Iranian coast.

"Iraqi warjets and warships last night (Tuesday) destroyed a large naval target ... in the northeastern end of the Gulf" the Iraqi military communique said.

Britain, meanwhile, formally blamed Iran for an attack Tuesday that slightly damaged the British supertanker *Renown* off the coast of Bahrain, half-way down the Gulf. The ship docked Wednesday at Dubai in the southern Gulf.

More than 40 neutral vessels were hit in the first six months of this year in an expansion of the nearly four-year-old Gulf war.

Renown had been chartered by the Dutch salvage company Smit International to rescue a \$45-million cargo of crude from the Swiss-owned tanker *Tiburón*, crippled in a Gulf attack three weeks ago.

"The government have made it clear that this deliberate, unprovoked and wholly unjustified attack is totally unacceptable," Foreign Office Minister of State Richard Luce told the British Parliament.

The Foreign Office summoned Iranian First Secretary Abdul Ghasan Moktari, the highest ranking official available, to receive the protest in a 35-minute meeting Wednesday. Reporting to Parliament, Luce

said Britain "deplores this incident and indeed all attacks on shipping in the Gulf area. They are further proof of the need to see an early end to the continuing conflict between Iran and Iraq."

Iraq reported raids on another five "naval targets" July 1, although only two ships were reported hit by shipping sources. More than 40 neutral vessels were hit in the first six months of this year in an expansion of the nearly four-year-old Gulf war.

Most of the ships were struck by Iraq, which declared a blockade of Iranian ports in February. The United States recently sold Saudi Arabia 400 advanced Stinger anti-

aircraft missiles to help it defend Gulf shipping against retaliatory attacks by Iran.

But Iran warned Tuesday night the weapons would be turned against the United States and its friends in the Middle East.

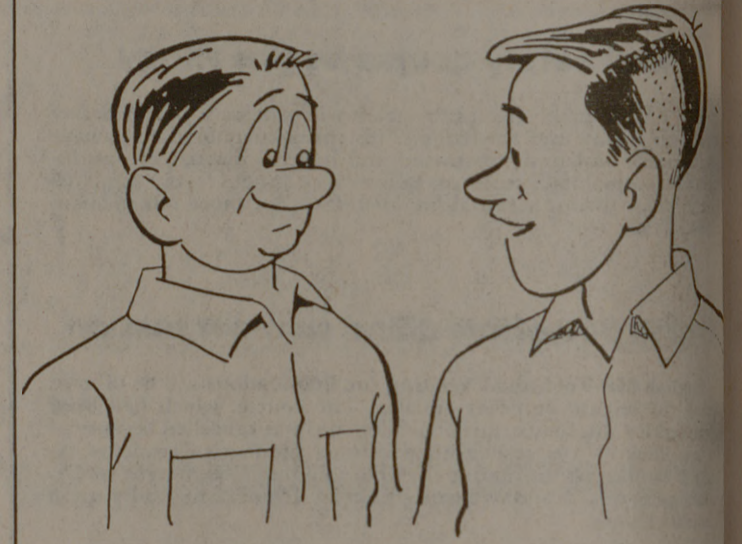
The Iranian news agency IRNA quoted Ali Akbar Rafsanjani, the hard-line speaker of the Iranian parliament, saying "Moslem revolutionaries would one day use (the missiles) against those imperialists."

Kuwait meanwhile deported another 40 Iranians, bringing the total number of Iranians deported from the small Gulf state to 1,180 since March, Tehran radio said.

Kuwait, which has a substantial Shiite Moslem minority, began deporting Iranians and fundamentalist Moslem suspects after Islamic extremists blew up the U.S. Embassy and other buildings in Kuwait last December.

Slouch

by Jim Earle



"Don't ever get a haircut from a barber who's trying to watch TV at the same time."

Highway collapses, harms one

United Press International

FORT WORTH — A 50-foot section of an inner city highway, which lost one of its supports after a trailer broke loose from the truck pulling it, collapsed and smashed a car Wednesday, injuring the driver, officials said.

"It pretty well crunched the whole car," Fred Keish, director of the city's emergency management office said.

Eldora Caffey, a 25-year-old Fort Worth woman, was rushed to John Peter Smith Hospital where she was being treated for minor injuries. A hospital spokeswoman said Caffey was in good condition.

Keish said the noon-time disaster occurred after a truck, traveling in the south-central part of town, lost the water trailer it was pulling. The trailer rammied one of Loop 820's supports, sending a two-lane, 50-foot section of the commuter highway to the roadway below.

No other injuries were reported.

State highway officials predicted it would take four to six months to replace the section of road, Keish said.

Killers' appeals rejected, face electric chair in 2 states

United Press International

A killer who buried his victim alive faced death in Georgia's electric chair a few minutes after midnight early this morning and in Florida, authorities prepared to carry out the nation's first double execution in 19 years a few hours later.

All three men were hoping last-minute federal appeals would save them. The supreme courts of Florida and Georgia rejected their appeals Tuesday.

Ivon Ray Stanley, a high school dropout with an IQ of 81, was to become the 21st man executed, and the second in Georgia, since the Su-

preme Court dropped its ban on the death penalty in 1976.

He was to be strapped into the electric chair at Jackson Diagnostic Center south of Atlanta shortly after midnight.

David Leroy Washington, 34, was to die in the electric chair at Florida state prison near Starke at 7 a.m., and Jimmy Lee Smith, 30, was to follow him a few minutes later.

Florida has already executed six men since 1976, more than any other state.

Stanley and Washington are black; Smith is white.

A federal district court in Pensa-

cola rejected Smith's appeal on grounds of mental incompetency and incompetent counsel late Wednesday and papers were immediately filed with the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta.

Stanley was taken to the "death watch" cell next to the death chamber at noon Wednesday, and authorities said he made no last requests.

In Florida, officials said Washington and Smith were in holding cells about 12 feet apart next to the death chamber. They could not see each other but could communicate if they wished. Apparently they had little to say to each other, according to

prison spokesman Vernon Bradford.

He said Washington ordered a last meal of fried shrimp, fried oysters, French fries, hot rolls, lemonade and vanilla ice cream, and planned to meet with a steady series of lawyers, ministers and family members during the night.

Smith asked for filet mignon, a quart of chocolate milk, tossed salad with French dressing and grapefruit juice. Bradford said Smith was hoping his mother would visit him before he died.

Stanley and another man, Edward Thomas, 28, were convicted of the robbery-murder of Clifford Floyd, a prominent Bainbridge insurance man who was not beaten, shot and buried in 1976.

Thomas is still on Georgia's row.

"He's innocent. As a child he always looking to help someone," said Eliza Yulec, the grandmother who reared Stanley, as she broke back tears at a news conference at Atlanta City Hall Tuesday.

'Serial murderer' added to FBI most wanted list

United Press International

WASHINGTON — The FBI Wednesday added suspected "serial murderer" Alton Coleman to its list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives," intensifying a manhunt for the suspect in a Midwest murder-robbery spree.

FBI official Oliver Revell described Coleman as a "very, very violent criminal on a spree." He is wanted as a suspect in the murders of four young victims and the disappearance of a fifth.

Officials said Coleman also was wanted in connection with a series of abductions and rapes beginning in

February in Chicago.

Revell said Coleman was a suspected "serial murderer" — people who travel from community to community picking their victims seemingly at random. Serial murderers are different from mass murderers who kill all their victims at once.

He said Coleman has approached young mothers with children, offering to take care of them. Revell also said Coleman has "tied up and abandoned some of his victims" without killing them. Most of his victims have been black.

Coleman, who was last seen in To-

ledo, Ohio, four days ago, is believed to be traveling with a companion, Debra Denise Brown, 21.

Revell described Coleman as "street savvy" and said he mainly works in inner city black areas. He is known to have a "violent temper."

Although the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" usually contains only 10 names, Revell said they added Coleman to the list because of his recent crime spree.

The FBI last held a news conference to announce that Christopher

Wilder had been placed on the list in April. Wilder, also considered a "serial murderer," was fatally wounded in a shootout in New Hampshire.

Although Wilder was charged with kidnapping one young woman, authorities said they believed he was responsible for six other disappearances or murders.

Revell said Coleman was "every bit as dangerous as Wilder."

Coleman is wanted or is a suspect in the following cases:

- The Feb. 28 rape of a 14-year-old girl in North Chicago, Ill.
- The May 29 kidnapping of young Kenosha, Wis., girl, who partially decomposed body was covered a month later in Waukegan, Ill.
- The abduction and rape of young girls in Gary, Ind., on June 1 in which one of the girls was killed.
- The June 19 disappearance of Donna M. Williams, 25, one day after she was reportedly seen with suspects at Gary, Ind.

Mine disaster

Taiwan search parties find bodies of 33 miners, rescue 18 survivors

United Press International

JUI FANG, Taiwan — Search parties Wednesday retrieved the bodies of 33 miners and rescued 18 survivors of a fire that swept through a northern coal mine, collapsing shafts and trapping 124 men.

Mine officials said 73 men were still buried in the Mei Shan coal

mine 30 miles northeast of Taipei for a second day, despite round-the-clock efforts to bring them out of the mine alive.

Relatives keeping vigil outside the mine entrance burst into applause as rescue workers brought out the 18 survivors on coal-carrying carts. Police said they were immediately rushed to nearby hospitals.

The workers pulled out 33 bodies from the 7,200-foot deep mine, which partially collapsed after a fire erupted Tuesday.

"I am very, very happy to be able to come back," said Wu Long-Cheng, 37, the first of the miners to be rescued from Mei-shan, a medium-sized mine which produces 5,000 tons of coal a month.

"Considering the heat, smoke and physical exhaustion, these miners have survived for more than 24 hours in the tunnel," said Chang Hsien-Ming, Jui Fang Miners Hospital Deputy Director.

Doctors at the provincial Keelung Hospital said the survivors appeared to be weak from long hours without

food and water, but otherwise in fair condition.

Although hampered by erratic power supply and carbon-monoxide, rescue teams extinguished the fire in the mine and stepped up efforts to free the trapped miners.

Rescue workers had earlier said "an unknown number of the trapped miners were alive."

Dying stars measured shrinking

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AUSTIN — The rate at which dying star contracts has been measured for the first time by a University of Texas astronomer, was announced Wednesday.

Dr. Donald E. Winget, an astronomy professor, said extended observations of a pulsar star proved that the star is shrinking at a rate predicted by theory published by Winget in 1971.

The observations were made at UT's McDonald Observatory West Texas during 100 nights the past five years since the star first discovered by Dr. J.T. Miller at the University of Arizona.

The star is a member of a class of dying stars, much like sun, which have exhausted their store of fuel and are now shrinking.

Leftist guerillas blow up train near capital in El Salvador

United Press International

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Leftist guerillas blew up a train traveling to the capital although there were no reports of casualties, train officials said Wednesday.

The train, hauling cement from western Santa Ana province to San Salvador, was derailed by a guerrilla-planted dynamite charge at Tuesday

night near San Jeronimo, 16 miles north of the capital, train company officials said.

The engine and some of the cars were destroyed in the blast, but there were no reported injuries and there were no reports of fighting between rebels and Treasury police assigned to guard the train, a train company spokesman said.

There was no immediate report of the cost of damages.

Guerrillas stepped up their "economic sabotage campaign" Wednesday on the Pan American and Coastal Highways — the country's two main east-west routes — virtually paralyzing traffic.

In San Miguel, the country's third biggest city, bus dispatchers said

only one bus left Wednesday morning, venturing to the nearby provincial capital of San Francisco Gotera.

Thousands of travelers were stranded by the guerrilla threats to attack any vehicles traveling the country's major highways. Guerrillas machine-gunned two buses and four cargo trucks Tuesday, authorities said.

Military units were placed on a nationwide state of alert Tuesday at the start of a renewed sabotage campaign on national transport. Despite hundreds of troops patrolling highways traffic was minimal in five of the country's 14 provinces.

A similar guerrilla campaign less than a month ago left destroyed some 120 vehicles.

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