

Koreans arrested in kidnap, torture of Moonie leader

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NEW YORK — Six former South Korean military officers were arrested for kidnaping and torturing the acting leader of Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church in a plot to extort \$1 million in church funds, the FBI said Tuesday.

FBI officials said the six, all former members of the South Korean army or marines, were charged with kidnaping Col. Bo Hi Pak, the Unification Church's director of publications and its leader since the imprisonment of Rev. Moon in July on a tax evasion conviction.

In his role as publication director, Pak oversees the Unification Church's newspapers — the Washington Times and the New York City Tribune. He is a colonel in the South Korean Army.

Court documents said Pak was leaving the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Manhattan at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 24 when he was approached by Yung Soo Suh, 48, who invited him to dinner. Pak accepted and got into a car driven by Su Il Yi, 51, where he was met by several other Koreans who pulled guns, handcuffed and blindfolded him.

The FBI said Pak was held in a small house in Slate Hill, N.Y., 50 miles north of New York City.

During his captivity, his captors questioned him and tortured him by administering electric shocks and firing pistols equipped with silencers near his face, the FBI said.

The torture was administered "to make him believe threats that they

would kill him if he did not agree to transfer a million dollars to a Swiss bank account," said Lee Laster, assistant director of the FBI in New York.

Pak wired half that amount and on Sept. 25, was driven by two of his captors to La Guardia Airport and allowed to fly to Washington to finish the cash transfer.

The FBI, which had learned of the kidnap several hours earlier, contacted Pak when he arrived in Washington and the money transaction was delayed and then canceled.

Suh, Yi, Yung Keun Lee, 49, Gen. Sang Whi Nam, 59, Hyun Tae Yoo and Hong Lim Park were charged in the case.

The suspects were taken into custody during the past five days, Suh was arrested in Tokyo; Lee and Nam in New York City; Yi, in Cliffside Park, N.J.; Yoo in Chicago and Park in Fort Lee, N.J.

The FBI said all the suspects had served in either the South Korean army or marines and were acquainted.

Laster declined to speculate on whether internal church politics or South Korean politics were involved but said, "We believe it was a strictly financial deal."

Laster said Pak is the father of eight children and lives in the Washington area. He became leader of the Unification Church, which claims 3 million members worldwide, when Moon was jailed in Danbury, Conn.

What's up

Wednesday

STUDENT Y FISH CAMP: applications for chairman, sub-chairman and recreation coordinator are available on the second floor of the Pavilion. Applications close Dec. 6.

THE SOCIETY FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND NEW VENTURES: is meeting at 7 p.m. in 501 Rudder. Dr. O'Connor will speak on "The Hatching of Entrepreneurship from the Cocoon of Academia."

MARANATHA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: is meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Viking Apartment Clubhouse.

STUDENT ENGINEERS COUNCIL: Dean Herbert Richardson will discuss plans for the College of Engineering at noon in the lobby of Zachry.

TAMU FRENCH CLUB: is meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 131 Blocker to discuss plans for next semester and Saturday's party.

PRE-VET: Dr. Jennings will speak at 7 p.m. in 607 Rudder.

CAP AND GOWN: is meeting at 7 p.m. in Corps lounge B. The handicap service project will be discussed.

TEXAS A&M SPORTS CAR CLUB: is meeting at 7 p.m. in 501 Rudder. The Aggie Cross and the Champion Rally will be discussed.

STUDENT AFFILIATE OF THE SPCA: will meet at 6 p.m. in 704 Rudder. Topics will include the focus of the organization and its role with respect to the Brazos Valley SPCA.

GAY STUDENT SERVICES: will meet tonight. For more information, call 775-1797.

AGGIE SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: is meeting at 8 p.m. in 607 Rudder. Factors affecting formation of caves and information on the trip to Mexico will be discussed.

Thursday

CHI ALPHA: is meeting for Bible study, prayer, worship and fellowship in 410 Rudder.

SIGMA TAU DELTA: is meeting at 7 p.m. in 124 Blocker.

CHURCH OF CHRIST STUDENT ORGANIZATION: is meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the All Faith's Chapel. "Creation v. Evolution" will be the topic of discussion. All students are invited.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three days prior to desired publication date.

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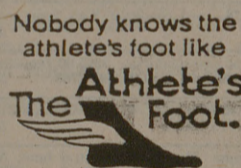
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Chile's students protest policies

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SANTIAGO, Chile — Riot police backed by armored vehicles and water cannons clashed with demonstrators Tuesday at the start of a mass protest against a state of siege declared by Chile's 11-year-old military government.

The protests came after 13 bomb blasts, including a car bomb near the presidential palace, rocked the Chilean capital Monday night. Nobody was reported injured in the explosions.

The government of President Augusto Pinochet deployed troops on the streets of Santiago and announced it would call up army reserves to combat the two-day protest

called by groups opposed to military rule.

Regular troops in jeeps and armored vehicles patrolled most working class districts of the capital, and in some slum areas soldiers in combat gear and blackened faces sat in hastily dug trenches.

Police rammed a water cannon across walkways in the city's business center at midday, firing jets of water to disperse several hundred demonstrators who chanted anti-government slogans.

The protest was the first called by opposition groups since Pinochet imposed a state of siege Nov. 6 in a move to counter a mounting wave of unrest and violence.

Riot police battled with students who hung up banners on university campuses calling for an end to the state of siege, but no arrests were reported.

"The regime cannot govern the country against the majority of its people," said Socialist Ricardo Lagos, leader of the center-left Democratic Alliance, one of the groups that called the protest.

"The state of siege will not stop our struggle for democracy," said Lagos, who led demonstrations along with Christian Democrats Gabriel Valdes and Andres Zaldivar.

Armored personnel carriers mounted with heavy machine guns guarded main traffic intersections,

as the government sought to prevent a repeat of last month's protests when barricades of burning tires blocked public transport and brought the capital to a standstill.

Officials accompanying Pinochet on a five-day visit to northern Chile said the troops were searching for terrorists and army reservists would be called up to back regular troops.

Government spokesman Carlos Krumm said the government was keeping a close watch on news stories filed by foreign correspondents and warned that visas could be revoked if they misrepresented the situation.

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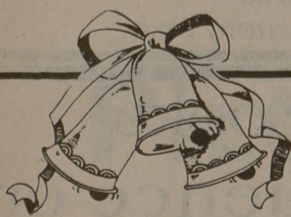
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