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U.S. airline office, synagogue struck by bombs in Denmark

COPENHAGEN, Denmark—Bombs tore open a U.S. airline office and damaged a synagogue and Jewish nursing home Monday in Copenhagen, a European capital that had previously escaped the recent terrorist wave. Other suspected bombs were found before they could exvere found before they could ex-

Twenty-seven people were in-ured, at least three seriously, authorities said. Three Americans rere among those suffering minor njuries, the U.S. Embassy reported. Police later announced they had aken six foreigners into custody for questioning in the bombings, but they did not disclose the detainees'

In Beirut, Lebanon, an anonymous telephone caller told The Associated Press the attacks were car-

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terrorist organization Islamic Jihad to avenge an Israeli raid on a southern Lebanese village Sunday. The claim could not be otherwise veri-

One bomb gutted the quarters of Northwest Orient Airlines near Copenhagen's Tivoli amusement park. Northwest Orient is the only American airline with offices in the Danish capital.

Another attack, which some bystanders said involved two bombs, damaged the Copenhagen Synagogue and an adjacent Jewish home for the elderly, the Meyers Minne Nursing Home, on a narrow street near Copenhagen's 17th-century

Both attacks came within minutes of each other in mid-morning, as shoppers crowded nearby streets, taking advantage of late summer

Harald Ruetz, a Northwest Orient manager, said one employee and two customers were in the office at the time of the explosion, which appeared to have been set off outside its plate-glass windows.

"Otherwise, she would have died," he said of the employee, who es-caped with minor injuries. Ruetz said he did not know how badly injured the customers were.

An employee of the nursing home said about seven of its residents had been injured, none seriously. The other victims apparently were passers-by at the two sites.

Police said about half the injured were Danes and half foreigners.

U.S. files suit against White

Runoff date not cleared

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department, continuing a legal bat-tle with Texas Democratic Gov. Mark White, asked a federal court Monday to order the state to seek "within five days" U.S. approval for a special congressional election. Assistant Attorney General Wil-

liam Bradford Reynolds, who heads the civil rights division, maintained that the failure of the state to ge federal clearance for the scheduled Aug. 3 special election violates Sec-tion 5 of the Voting Rights Act of

On Monday, the Justice Department asked a U.S. District Court in San Antonio to issue a temporary restraining order requiring submission of the plan for the election to fill Texas' 1st Congressional District eat vacated May 27 by Rep. Sam B. Hall, a Democrat who resigned to

become a federal judge.

This followed the department's filing last Friday of a civil suit against White and Secretary of State Myra A. McDaniel, seeking a court order to require Texas to submit the elec-

The civil suit filed earlier said that man "at this time.

The Justice Department maintained that the failure of the state to get federal clearance for the Aug. 3 special election violates Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act.

the Voting Rights Act requires pre-clearance of the special election schedule to insure that the schedule does not discriminate against minority voters.

White and McDaniel have taken the position that no advance approval from the Justice Department is necessary under the Voting Rights

The department's request Monday also contained a motion for a preliminary injunction to force sub-mission of the plan. But the Justice Department also said that it did not

ney, were the top two finishers in a June 29 special election for the seat vacated by Hall. No Republican has been elected to Congress from the seat two finishers in a proposed from the grand jury through its deliberations, said he told the panel in clossing remarks he felt. been elected to Congress from the district in over a century.

The request said the Supreme Court as recently as last February had reaffirmed previous rulings that changes in an election schedule and in a candidate qualification period require preclearance under the Vot-

ing Rights Act. The department said that White's establishment of schedule for the special election had resulted in a shortened candidate qualification period ending on May 29, selection of June 29 for the first special elec-tion, and selection of Aug. 3 for the

"Although the attorney general of the United States has 60 days to re-view a complete submission of a vot-ing change under Section 5, the attorney general would be prepared expeditiously to review Texas' subintend to seek postponement or cancellation of the Aug. 3 runoff election between Republican Edd hargett and Democrat Jim Chap-runoff election on Aug. 3," the department said

by Jeff MacNelly Impeachment hearings begin for Alaska gov.

Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska — The Alaska Legislature opened a historic hearing Monday into whether Gov. Bill Sheffield should be impeached for allegedly steering a lucrative state lease to a political crony and lying to a grand jury. The governor said he was looking forward to telling his

"The governor, very readily, is going to testify" later this week before the Senate Rules Committee, said Bob Miller, a Sheffield spokes-

man.
The political drama, which began July 2 with the release of a grand jury inquiry into the way a \$9.1 million state office lease was negotiated, is being carried live on television from the state's biggest cities to Eskimo villages.

It is the first impeachment proceeding in the state's 26-year history.

Both sides hired a battery of lawyers, including several who played roles in the Watergate investigation and impeachment proceedings that led to the resignation of President Nixon in 1974.

Hearings before the Senate Rules Committee are expected to last from three weeks to a month. The committee has five members, but all 20 senators are taking part and are free to question witnesses and examine evidence — as are members of Sheffield's legal team.

Legislative leaders called a special impeachment session after the grand jury recommended that they consider removing the first-term Democrat from office. The 15-member panel said the millionaire hotel owner "is unfit to fulfill the inherent duties of public office.

The grand jury returned no indictments but criticized Sheffield for his testimony, saying it "reflects a tack of candor and a disrespect for the laws of this state," a characterization Sheffield has denied.

committed perjury during his testi-mony, adding "the lying to you is really worse, more serious than the initial substantive offense.

The panel was investigating whether Sheffield and John Shively, his former chief of staff, manipulated lease requirements so only one company could fulfill a state contract to provide 32,000 square feet of office space in Fairbanks.

That company, McBirney and Associates, won the non-competitive, 10-year lease in February. One of the partners in the company, labor leader Lenny Arsenault of Fairbanks, raised about \$92,000 for Sheffield during his \$2 million 1982 gubernatorial campaign, the grand

Sheffield, 57, has defended the lease, contending it was designed to save the state money. It was voided earlier this month on the recommendation of former state Attorney Gen. "tainted by political favoritism.



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