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Waldheim: Nazi past contested

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — President Rudolf Kirchschlaeger told Austrians Tuesday that United Nations documents implicate Kurt Waldheim in the killings of Yugoslav partisans and civilians. But he said he could not judge Waldheim, a former U.N. secretary-general and candidate for president of Austria, based on material he has examined.

Kirchschlaeger, who has seen 500 pages of documents from the World Jewish Congress and a file from the U.N. War Crimes Commission, said he saw no evidence Waldheim knew Jews were being deported to concentration camps from the Balkans.

Waldheim has denied allegations by the World Jewish Congress that he was involved in war crimes between 1942 and 1945. He has acknowledged serving as an officer in German army Group E, which waged a merciless campaign against the Yugoslav partisans, but has said he was a German-Italian translator and had no part in atrocities.

Vietnam veteran executed despite war stress defense

STARKE, Fla. (AP) — A Vietnam veteran who said he was suffering from war-triggered stress when he stabbed two people to death was executed Tuesday in Florida's electric chair.

David Livingston Funchess, 39, was strapped into the oaken chair shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court voted 7-2 against extending a five-hour stay it had issued earlier in the day.

The execution was originally set for 7 a.m., but was stayed for five hours by a federal appellate court in Atlanta, before attorneys for Funchess gained the second temporary stay in Washington.

Funchess became the 56th person executed in the United States since the nation's high court reinstated the death penalty in 1976, and the third in eight days.

No special precautions were deemed necessary to prevent a repeat of the April 15 battle before the execution of rapist-murderer Daniel Thomas, who kicked and fought guards for seven minutes until he could be strapped down, Depart-

ment of Corrections spokesman Vernon Bradford said.

Peter Erlinger, a professor at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minn., who has researched the post-traumatic stress disorder's effects on Vietnam veterans, said Funchess was the first veteran executed despite being diagnosed as suffering from the disorder.

Erlinger said at least two Vietnam veterans have been acquitted of murder charges using that defense, which was not recognized until 1980. Funchess was convicted in 1975.

Funchess was condemned for the Dec. 16, 1974, deaths of a 53-year-old woman and a 56-year-old man during a holdup in the Jacksonville lounge where he had worked a year earlier. A 65-year-old woman died more than two years after being stabbed in the holdup, but Funchess was not charged in that death.

Funchess' attorney, Jeff Thompson, also a Vietnam veteran, has argued that Funchess was a classic victim of post-traumatic stress disorder, an affliction said to have affected thousands of veterans unable to adjust to a civilian environment after

combat in a domestically unpopular war.

Symptoms include experiencing flashbacks and suppressing memories of violence.

Funchess was 19, had no criminal record and had graduated in the top third of his high school class when he was sent to Vietnam in 1967. After serving just two and one-half months, he was seriously wounded when he stepped on a land mine, and attorneys claimed medication for his injuries led to heroin addiction.

His parents, Wenis Funchess and Alice Roberts, wife Christine, three sisters and two brothers visited with him from late Monday until early Tuesday, Bradford said.

Thompson said, "He was reasonable, relaxed, jovial and somewhat detached."

Some two dozen veteran supporters and death penalty opponents demonstrated Tuesday at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in the state capital of Tallahassee. Veterans also had held a vigil at the capital since last Saturday.

Beirut exodus 'a victory for terrorism'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The exodus of most remaining Americans from West Beirut Tuesday completes a victory for terrorists in a nation once declared "a vital interest" by President Reagan — even as he challenges terrorists in another place, Libya.

"Definitely it is a victory for terrorism," Abdullah Bouhabib, the Lebanese ambassador to the United States, said Tuesday of the departure of Americans. Bouhabib has said previously he felt the United States should have stuck it out.

Ten Americans who had stayed in West Beirut despite the threat of kidnapping by Islamic extremists fled the city's Moslem sector under heavy guard. They went to East Beirut, a safer locale, from which most are expected to leave Lebanon altogether.

A State Department official, Michael Austrian, said only a handful will remain in Lebanon out of the thousands who used to live and work in the prosperous Western-oriented nation. He said all Americans who aren't there on official duty have been urged to leave.

A small embassy staff, headed by Ambassador Reginald Bartholomew, remains.

Five kidnapped Americans remain hostages, unable to leave. It was the murder of a sixth American

Reporters view wreckage left from U.S. attack on Libya

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Foreign reporters have been shown shattered houses, wrecked mess halls and devastated schools as evidence of last week's U.S. air raid, but they have been kept from viewing sensitive military targets.

Libyan authorities have taken reporters on limited tours of five areas containing the air raid targets identified by the Pentagon.

Reporters also saw scores of damaged houses in a well-to-do neighborhood in central Tripoli, which the Pentagon did not identify as a target. U.S. officials claimed the damage there was caused by misfired Libyan missiles or bombs jettisoned from a U.S. F-111 bomber believed shot down in the attack.

Maj. Abdel-Salam Jalloud, Col. Moammar Khadafy's deputy, told reporters Friday that 37 people, most of them civilians, were killed in the attack. An official told reporters touring Benghazi on Monday that 24 civilians died in the raid there.

hostage, Peter Kilburn, and two British hostages, in the aftermath of the bombing of Libya that led to Tuesday's exodus. A large group of British citizens also left on Tuesday.

While the U.S. defeat in Lebanon marked a low point in the struggle against terrorism, it served to galvanize some administration officials to devise a strategy for fighting terrorism that included preemptive and

retaliatory strikes against countries that allegedly sponsor terrorism.

Secretary of State George P. Shultz, who opposed the pullout from Lebanon, argued long and hard for the new strategy. Three countries were prime targets — Syria, Iran and Libya. Last week, the attack came, with Libya the target.

Shultz had insisted for two years that using force against terrorism

would entail risks — the killing of innocent people, the loss of American servicemen, even the threat of more terrorism. But he said not fighting back at terrorism amounted to surrender.

Lebanon was his example of the consequences.

Others, however, find another lesson in Lebanon. They recall that Israel mounted its 1982 invasion in an effort to destroy Palestinian-based terrorists.

William Quandt, a former Carter administration Middle East specialist now at the Brookings Institution, had predicted one result of the invasion would be to disperse Palestinian guerrillas throughout the Middle East and provoke more terrorism from an even more desperate people.

Quandt said in an interview that the new terrorists are "quite literally the children of people massacred in Sabra and Chatilla," the Palestinian refugee camps near Beirut.

Quandt also said there is danger Palestinians will conclude from Lebanon that violence works.

"That image of Shiite resistance driving the Israelis out of Lebanon is a very potent one," he said.

Anti-AIDS 'alternative school' opens

RUSSIAVILLE, Ind. (AP) — Twenty-one youngsters whose parents don't want them in class with AIDS victim Ryan White began attending an alternative school Tuesday in a former American Legion hall.

"The presence of Ryan makes me very nervous," said Chad Gabbard, 12, a seventh-grader who said he had two classes with Ryan at Western Middle School.

"I'm afraid if I go to (public) school — they don't know much about AIDS — I might get it," said Jennifer Byers, whose father, Charles, is one of the alternative program's organizers.

Byers and Dean Leicht established the Russiaville Home Study School for sixth- and seventh-grade pupils after a judge dissolved an injunction on April 10 and allowed Ryan to return to the seventh grade.

Ryan, who contracted acquired immune deficiency syndrome through blood products used to treat his hemophilia, is from Kokomo but is assigned to Western Middle School in rural Russiaville.

Health officials have said repeatedly that AIDS cannot be transmitted through casual contact, but some parents believe there is no guarantee against that.

Things were normal Tuesday at

Western Middle School, said Principal Ronald Colby. "I'm sure there's some psychological or emotional thing for some of the kids because they may have a friend who is no longer in the school," he said.

"I feel a lot of compassion for those people. I know some of those kids. And they are afraid ... I'm glad they have been able to help those children who were afraid."

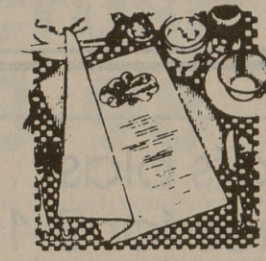
Colby said 20 of 364 students had been officially withdrawn from his school, but he had no concrete attendance figures for Tuesday. Six weeks remain on the current term.

Also Tuesday, attorney David Rosselot, who represents parents op-

posed to Ryan's presence in the classroom, filed a notice of appeal asking Clinton Circuit Judge Jack R. O'Neill to stay the order returning Ryan to class.

The two instructors at the school have not been identified and reporters were not permitted inside the building, the former Floyd Marshall American Legion Post, located between an auto parts store and a pizza restaurant.

AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, is an affliction in which a virus attacks the body's immune system, leaving victims susceptible to a wide variety of infections and cancers.

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