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Jacobsen's release brings hope, fear to families of other captives

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Sunday's release of David Jacobsen brought new hope to relatives of Americans still held hostage in Lebanon, but for some the hope was tinged with fear that their loved ones would remain captive.

"There's this feeling inside that now's the time, now's the time," said Jean Sutherland, wife of Thomas Sutherland, 55, an official at the American University of Beirut who was abducted June 9, 1985. "All the events are really making you feel like now is the time."

But Mrs. Sutherland, speaking at Denver's Stapleton International Airport before boarding a jet to Washington where she planned to meet with State Department officials, said she can't expect her husband to be released.

"I've never done the roller-coaster thing," she said. "I've always kept my hopes at the very highest for every single day, but my expectations always at zero because you have to handle reality."

In California, members of Jacobsen's family wept with joy on learning the director of the American University Hospital had been released after 17 months of captivity but said their happiness was muted with the knowledge other Americans still were held.

"It's such a relief," said Carla Forbes, one of Jacobsen's sisters. "First I just cried and cried and cried. I wasn't sad but I had everything pent up inside me for so long I just had to cry."

Six Americans and 13 other foreigners remain missing in Lebanon, kidnapped by various underground groups.

After Jacobsen's release Sunday, the Shiite Moslem group Islamic Jihad issued a statement saying the U.S. government had made approaches that could lead to the release of other captives.

In Malden, Mass., Leota Sprague said, "We just hope and pray, now

Envoy resumes efforts to release hostages

LARNACA, Cyprus (AP) — Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite, resuming a shuttle to free foreigners kidnapped in Lebanon, re-emerged Sunday after dropping out of sight for two days.

Waite, 47, boarded a U.S. Blackhawk helicopter at the Larnaca airport Sunday and flew to Beirut, the capital of Lebanon, where he met with freed American hostage David Jacobsen.

He told the Associated Press in a telephone interview that he and Jacobsen talked "for some hours," but did not disclose details of their conversation or where they met.

A U.S. Embassy official in Beirut, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Jacobsen was in the embassy compound.

"We hope very much with the help of some friends here we can secure the release of other hostages," Waite said, without elaboration. "Our main hope now is to secure the rapid release of U.S. and other hostages."

U.S. military helicopters landed

and took off several times Sunday at the airport, apparently shuttling among Beirut, a British base on this Mediterranean island and ships of the U.S. 6th Fleet on missions linked to Jacobsen's release.

The activity appeared to swirl around Waite, a church layman who has worked for more than a year to free Americans and others held captive in Lebanon.

He announced his latest round of efforts Friday when he telephoned the AP office in Beirut to say he was in the city and that "something may happen in a day or two."

He flew to Larnaca Friday night, but then dropped out of sight until Sunday.

Conflicting accounts of his whereabouts emerged in the interim, including that he had been in Damascus, Syria.

The foreign minister of Iran, who is believed linked to the Shiite Moslem group that held Jacobsen, was in Damascus on Saturday.

After nightfall Sunday, several people disembarked from two U.S.

military helicopters parked at the Larnaca airport about 400 yards from where reporters gathered.

At about the same time, a car sped from the direction of the helicopters and stopped in front of an airliner. Three wheelchairs were parked at the foot of the stairs.

The driver got out, mounted the steps and then returned to the car and drove away.

Reporters gave chase, shouting questions. This diverted attention from the group that walked away from the helicopter, and the episode may have been a ruse.

Officials would not identify those who got on or off the helicopters or say if diplomats or freed hostages were among them.

The airport in the past has been used as an evacuation route for American diplomats from Beirut. The United States recently flew much of the remaining staff of its Beirut embassy to Cyprus as a precautionary measure shortly after Syria and Britain broke relations Oct. 24.

to rest and relax. She is busy doing things that she feels should be done." He did not elaborate.

Earlier Sunday he said: "The mood is down now with expecting to hear that all of them were released. But we're hoping to hear about Terry real soon."

In his earlier comments, Vickers said the family was bitterly disappointed that Anderson was not released with Jacobsen.

"We are really happy for Eric and the family," Vickers said. "Of course the emotions are mixed right now with Terry."

"We're just hoping it will continue."

Democrats looking for Senate control in election results

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats sounded confident while Republicans seemed less than certain Sunday about the outcome of their battle for control of the Senate, the main prize in Tuesday's elections to choose the 100th Congress and several governors.

Republicans rolled out their biggest campaign weapon again, spending \$500,000 for a five-minute late night commercial taped by President Reagan for airing on all three networks.

At stake on Tuesday are 34 seats on the Senate, all 435 in the House, 36 governorships and thousands of offices from state legislatures to local judges.

Both sides predicted Democrats would improve their current 253-180 majority in the House by as many as 10 seats.

There was similar agreement that Republicans, who now hold 16 of 50 statehouses, would gain as many as nine more.

But the only agreement about the struggle for the Senate was that the battle was hanging in the balance after expenditures of tens of millions of dollars over two years.

"We're going to be in the majority when the polls close on Tuesday," Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole said on CBS-TV's "Face the Nation." But, he quickly added, "there are a lot of dicey races out there."

GOP National Chairman Frank Fahrenkopf said on NBC's "Meet the Press," "Anyone who stands and tells you definitely that you're going to win here and lose there isn't really being frank and candid."

Added White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan, speaking on ABC's "This Week With David

Brinkley," "I think we'll hold it. I think it will be very close and it will go down into the early hours of Wednesday before we know the results."

Democrats appearing on the same shows sounded more certain of success.

"It's going to be 52-48" for the Democrats, said the party's leader in the Senate, Sen. Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia.

Sen. George Mitchell, D-Maine, chairman of the party's Senate campaign committee, was more optimistic, predicting, "53-47."

Republicans hold a 53-47 majority in the current Senate, but are defending 22 of the 34 seats on Tuesday's ballot.

The political consensus was that Democrats would gain seats in Maryland, Nevada and Florida.

Republicans appeared in command to pick up a Democratic seat in Missouri.

Fahrenkopf seemed ready to claim overall victory even if the Senate fell to the Democrats.

"Normally the party in power loses 48 House seats," he said. "We're not going to lose 48 House seats. Normally the party in power loses seven governors. We're not going to lose seven governors. In fact, we're probably going to pick up six to 10."

Fahrenkopf said he was "hopeful of a 51-49 edge" in the Senate when the votes are tallied. "The problem that we all face now . . . there are three to eight seats that are so close they're practically dead heats. I'm hoping they break our way. If they do we can hold control. If they break the other way, we're going to lose it."

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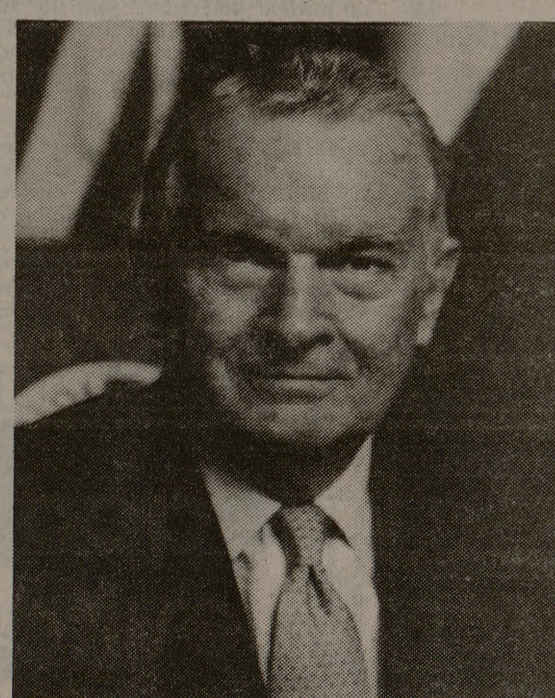
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