

Iranians may be willing to aid hostage release

Weapons, frozen assets requested in return

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Two Iranian officials said Wednesday that Tehran is willing to work for the release of American and French hostages in Lebanon in return for weapons, unfreezing of Iranian assets in the United States and freedom for political prisoners.

A third official, Prime Minister Hussein Musavi, said in a report broadcast by Tehran radio that there was no possibility of negotiating with the United States.

But although Musavi seemed to rule out direct talks, his comments did not appear to contradict declarations by the other Iranian officials that a deal could be made. The difference in emphasis was seen as part of a growing internal struggle within the Iranian leadership.

Parliament speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani ridiculed what he said was a mission to Tehran by former National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane and four other Americans to mend U.S.-Iranian relations. U.S. officials haven't confirmed the mission.

But Rafsanjani signaled that rejection of the purported mission does not mean Iran won't help.

"If you want us to help you, provided like others you do not interfere with our job, we will help — if our friends in Lebanon accept," he was quoted as saying by Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia. Rafsanjani is one of the most powerful figures in Iran's clergy-led government.

"Of course, our friends in Lebanon are free," he was quoted as saying, referring to Islamic Jihad, the pro-Iranian group that released American hostage David Jacobsen Sunday. It claims to hold two other Americans and three Frenchmen.

Islamic Jihad has said it killed another American and another French hostage, but no bodies have been found.

In London, Iranian charge d'affaires, Seyed Jalal Sadatian, said no deals had been struck with Washington. But, in an interview with the Associated Press, he said if the United States ended its hostility toward Iran and released Iranian assets, "out of humanitarian grounds we are pre-

pared to do whatever assistance we are able to do."

In a BBC radio interview, he noted that Iran had been dealing with American companies to buy arms despite the U.S. arms embargo. Iran needs weapons and spare parts for its 6-year-old war against Iraq.

Musavi said that because of American "crimes against the Islamic revolution," there could be no talks with the U.S. over financial disputes ex-

cept in the framework of accords reached after Iran's 1979 revolution.

According to the Iranian news agency, Rafsanjani's demands included release of unspecified Iranian assets seized after the 1979 revolution; recognition of Lebanese Moslem rights; freedom for political prisoners in Israel and abroad; and shipment of weapons purchased by ousted Shah Pahlavi's government.

Envoy says comments put his life in danger

LONDON (AP) — Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite said Wednesday that British press speculation he was acting on behalf of governments in his mission to free hostages in Lebanon had made his Middle East contacts nervous and could cost his life.

"There are certain speculative comments . . . that perhaps Mr. Waite is used by or closely associated with governments," Waite, in a rare burst of anger, told reporters at London's Heathrow Airport.

"Give me a break," he said. "It is your fellow journalist I am working for." He was referring to Associated Press reporter Terry Anderson, one of six Americans still missing in Lebanon.

Waite spoke after returning from West Germany where American David Jacobsen, released by his Lebanese captors Sunday, was reunited with his family. Doctors at the U.S. Air Force base in Wiesbaden said the 55-year-old Jacobsen had no major problems due to his 17 months in captivity, but they advised routine follow-up tests.

While in West Germany, Waite told reporters he needs more time to work for the release of the remaining hostages but vowed, "I'm going to see this through."

He said he was cautiously optimistic that two of the missing Ameri-

cans, Anderson and educator Thomas Sutherland, will be released soon.

In London, however, Waite said the speculation prompted by Jacobsen's release had made his contacts nervous and it might be a while before he could pursue his efforts to win the releases. He said he did not know when he would return to the Middle East.

"All I can say to those people who write such speculative comments is realize that that sort of comment will cost me my life," Waite said.

He said that on past negotiating trips to Beirut the kidnapers considered taking him hostage and once threatened to kill him because they were not certain he was a non-political church envoy without government contacts.

An editorial in Wednesday's edition of the *Times of London* said, "Mr. Waite himself would seem to have been used as decoy in this affair." A news report in the same edition said that the United States had "used Mr. Terry Waite . . . to capture public attention in the hostage deal."

At a news conference at the U.S. Air Force base in Wiesbaden, West Germany, Waite specifically denied reports that he was being used by the United States to divert attention from real negotiations.

Texas senator sets priorities for U.S. finance committee

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the Democratic Party back in control of the U.S. Senate following Tuesday's elections, the senior senator from Texas ascends to the chairmanship of one of that body's most powerful committees — finance.

"The finance committee has the most wide-ranging and all-encompassing jurisdiction of any committee in the Senate," said Bentsen, who is in his third six-year term. "It raises all the money and spends over half of it."

Democrats rejoiced Wednesday in having reclaimed control of the Senate by an impressive 55-45 margin, including victories in several states that had gone Republican in the 1980 presidential election.

Senate chairmanship positions will be determined by the Democratic leadership Nov. 20, and since

they are chosen based primarily on seniority, Bentsen is a sure bet to become the first Texan ever to head Finance.

As chairman, he said he plans to pass a trade bill, "revisit" the new tax law, develop insurance for catastrophic illness, defend Medicare and Medicaid, and examine ways of grappling with the burgeoning Social Security system — all of which fall under the Finance Committee's jurisdiction.

Bentsen's top priority will be passage of a comprehensive trade bill that he says will provide relief to domestic industries, such as steel, textiles and computer chips, currently reeling because of unfair foreign trade practices.

"The administration has stiffed the Senate on trade for the last two years," Bentsen said in a recent in-

terview. "The immediate, knee-jerk reaction . . . to any major trade bill is protectionism."

But the senator says his trade plan would be designed to protect industries just long enough for them to restructure and re-emerge into the global marketplace revitalized and ready to compete.

"Where they target our industries I would modify the law . . . give relief in the way of import protection to an industry if it could demonstrate that at the end of that protection it would be competitive," Bentsen said.

Since modernization sometimes leaves portions of an industry's labor pool unemployed, the senator advocates developing a network of retraining centers for displaced workers, funded and operated by both public and private sectors.

Stock market posts gain at closing

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market posted a moderate gain Wednesday, surprising analysts who had thought investors might respond negatively to the outcome of Tuesday's elections.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials rose 6.60 to 1,899.04.

Volume on the New York Stock Exchange reached 183.17 million shares, up from 163.24 million Tuesday.

Some negative response had been considered possible in the market to the news that the Democrats took control of the Senate.

In theory at least, that development raised new questions for investors about the outlook for government policy on matters such as taxes and trade.

But analysts said they didn't expect any dramatic changes or significant economic shifts in the aftermath of the elections.

Bob Dole of Kansas, the Senate Republican leader, said in a television interview that he doesn't look for any rise in interest rates as a result of the Democrats' gains.

After no significant selling materialized, the market made several runs at the 1,900 level in the Dow before finishing just short of it.

President asks staff to keep up support despite Senate losses

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan acknowledged Wednesday the election did not provide the outcome he sought, but he asked his staff to stick with him in the twilight of his presidency to continue to implement policies begun during his terms.

In a subdued but characteristically upbeat speech to White House aides a day after his 25,000-mile campaign to preserve a Republican Senate ended in disappointment, Reagan said, "For two years more, my friends, let us make history together."

And drawing a line from his 1984 re-election campaign pitch, he insisted Washington "ain't seen nothin' yet."

The president called Tuesday's election results fairly good news overall, despite the fact that Republicans lost the Senate for which he had campaigned hardest, since the GOP did score victories in important governors races.

Reagan's chief political strategist, Mitchell E. Daniels Jr., told reporters the loss of the Senate was just a story of close elections.

He recalled that the Republicans had won 17 of the 21 Senate races decided by two percentage points or less in 1980, 1982 and 1984 and said, "Last night, Lady Luck evened the score."

The president acknowledged the results were not what he sought.

"But our agenda remains unchanged," he said, "and I look forward to its attainment."

"Even in this hotly contested race, we enjoyed widespread support on the issues that we campaigned on."

He cited his economic policies, appointment of tough judges to the federal bench and a strong defense, especially SDI, the Strategic Defense Initiative aimed at developing a shield against nuclear attack.

"So in a sense, our message — that same message of limited government and a firm foreign policy that we enunciated from our first day in office — did get across and continues to get across," Reagan said, offering his congratulations to Tuesday's victors and condolences to the vanquished.

The 75-year-old president, who during the first two years of his second term defied attempts to label him a lame duck, said his goals remain to "make America more prosperous, more productive and the world more peaceful."

He said he would strive to enact a constitutional amendment to balance the budget and legislation permitting the president to strike individual items from spending measures passed by Congress.

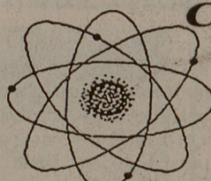
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