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## Gunmen grab 2 more foreigners in Beirut

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Gunmen kidnaped two men believed to be foreigners from a store in Moslem west Beirut, dragged them by their hair to a getaway car and sped off. A store employee said the victims spoke broken English and might be Poles.

Most universities and high schools in the Lebanese capital staged a one-day strike to protest the abduction of three Americans and one Indian from Beirut University College on Saturday.

The abductions raised to 23 the number of foreigners missing after being kidnaped in Lebanon, including eight seized since envoy

Terry Waite arrived in Beirut on Jan. 12 to seek the release of two American hostages.

Waite remained out of sight for a seventh straight day Monday, the longest he has been underground in five trips to Lebanon.

The Reagan administration, in a statement read by White House spokesman Larry Speakes in Washington, condemned the latest wave of kidnappings as a declaration of war against civilization, and told Americans to get out of Lebanon, warning, "there's a limit to what our government can do" for them.

Police said four gunmen grabbed two men from an office equipment

store in the Sanayeh residential district at 11:30 a.m. Monday. Police said they believed the victims were foreigners, but did not identify them.

A Lebanese woman who works at the store said she thought the victims were Polish, although she did not know their names.

"They are familiar to me," said the woman, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "They used to pass by us to photocopy documents. They always spoke broken English."

"I knew them for a while as Poles," she said. "I cannot recall exactly why, but I assume they were first introduced to me as Poles."

She said she saw four gunmen in civilian clothes drive up to the shop, and two of them entered the store.

"Each of them grabbed one of the foreigners by the hair and dragged them out, bundled them into the Mercedes and sped away," she said.

The abduction was so quick that two policemen guarding a Western news agency office next door did not notice, she said.

The employee and a second witness said one victim was blond with blue eyes and the other had dark hair. Both victims seemed to be in their early 20s.

About 1,000 Beirut University

College students demonstrated outside Prime Minister Rashid Karami's office a few blocks from the store to protest the weekend kidnapping of the four teachers.

The American educators were Alann Steen, 47, of Arcata, Calif., an instructor in communication arts; Jesse Turner, 39, of Boise, Idaho, visiting professor of mathematics and computer science; and Robert Polhill, 53, of New York, a lecturer in accounting. The Indian was Mithleshwar Singh, a visiting professor of finance who is a U.S. resident alien.

Lebanese professors at the college led the demonstration, in which stu-

dents held posters bearing a single word: "Why?"

Beirut University College said its classes would remain suspended until the teachers returned.

The Christian-owned Voice of Lebanon radio said two anonymous callers claimed the kidnappings on behalf of the Organization of the Oppressed on Earth, a group of pro-Iranian Shiite Moslems.

The callers threatened to kill one or more captives unless West Germany released suspected Lebanese hijacker Mohammed Ali Hamadi or if the United States provided support for Iraq in its war with Iran.



Daniel Bloch, left, president of the Institut National Polytechnique de Grenoble, and Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver exchange agreement memorandums on new cooperative.

## A&M, French institute agree to exchange of ideas

By James Florez  
Reporter

In an effort to increase international communication and enhance the development of new technology, the Texas A&M Department of Nuclear Engineering and the Institut National Polytechnique de Grenoble (INPG) in France have signed a memorandum of agreement which will facilitate the exchange of students and faculty between the two institutions.

The agreement, which formalizes a relationship begun three years ago, was signed by A&M President Frank Vandiver and INPG President Daniel Bloch in a ceremony Wednesday in Vandiver's office.

Witnessing the signing were Gerard Dumont, the French consul general from Houston, his scientific attache, Yvon Gousty, and a contingent of faculty members from the nuclear engineering department.

A&M has signed 35 such agreements with various institutions around the world, and INPG recently signed agreements with the University of California at Berkeley and Cornell University.

Dr. K.L. Peddicord, head of the nuclear engineering department, said contact between the two schools was initiated by the French consulate in Houston and, while the memorandum is

not a strict, binding contract, it does serve as a strong link between the universities.

"We're not saying that on a certain date we will send 'X' number of students," Peddicord said. "It's not a formal, binding agreement. It's more recognition that these exchanges are taking place."

The goal of the program is to increase communication between the United States and France, both leaders in the field of nuclear power, he said.

"The most important goal, in my mind," he said, "is greater communication in the international community."

"The French are very advanced in the field of nuclear power. About 65 percent of their electricity is produced by nuclear power."

"What we are really after here is to enhance the communication between the two countries, which will lead to higher levels of technology in this area."

While the exchange of technical knowledge is the major objective, Peddicord said the program is a valuable experience to the students involved.

"We think this is an excellent experience for the students who come to the United States and for our students who go to France," he said. "It is important for the students to gain a little wider perspective of the world."

Jeffery Simmons, a graduate student from Seguin who spent

## MSC Council approves pick for 38th president

Hartman will begin work at post in April

By Carolyn Garcia  
Staff Writer

Linda Hartman will all but have to hang up her dancing shoes in April when she takes over from Bobby Bisor as the 38th MSC president.

"Time is always a concern," Hartman says. "Every time I consider taking on anything, I have to stop and think about the time involved."

And time is involved. Current president Bobby Bisor says the non-paying job consumes anywhere from 20 to 30 hours per week, which makes it a challenge to keep up the required 2.5 grade-point ratio.



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The senior marketing major says going dancing with her friends is the way she best likes to spend the little spare time she has.

"I like to stay in touch with them," she says. "They usually hear about whatever I'm up to."

Hartman says one of her greatest loves is watching movies.

"I love to see movies with my friends," she says, "but when we go out, they get frustrated because I've already seen what they want to see."

Although she was on the committee to nominate the MSC president, she says she was surprised by the appointment.

Hartman is also president of the Austin Hometown Club.

"We're trying to show it's not a curse to be from Austin," she says.

Hartman says there are many benefits for people who want to take an active part in organizations.

"The greatest benefit of being involved with the MSC is that I have learned time-management skills," she says.

Hartman says that all students should be involved in some University organization.

"I think if nothing else, they should be involved in at least one or-

ganization outside of studying and working," she says.

"If you don't set a pattern now of being involved you're missing out," she says.

Hartman says that improving teamwork is the first objective she wants to tackle when she takes over as MSC president.

"I would like to develop greater teamwork, and to develop a closer network among the administration and improve the flow of information," she says.

Hartman will train with Bisor until April.

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By Carolyn Garcia  
Staff Writer

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## Soldiers in Guardians group seize TV station near Manila

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Hundreds of soldiers said to be loyal to ousted President Ferdinand E. Marcos seized a television station on the outskirts of the capital and tried to storm several Manila-area military bases early Tuesday.

The military said revolts were put down at Villomar Air Base, located at the Manila airport, and at the headquarters of the 15th air force

strike wing at Sangley Point, 10 miles south of Manila. Military chief of staff Gen. Fidel V. Ramos said one mutineer was killed and 16 were wounded at Villomar.

The official Philippine News Agency also reported that about 100

"fully armed Marcos loyalists" were disarmed and detained as they tried to break into Camp Aguinaldo, headquarters of the Defense Ministry and the armed forces general staff.

About 500 pro-government troops surrounded offices of Channel 7 television on the outskirts of Manila, blocked access roads and cut electricity after dissident soldiers seized the building.

There was no report of any move against the presidential palace, and spokesman Teodoro Benigno issued a statement saying President Corazon Aquino wanted to assure the public she was in complete control.

He quoted her as saying the plot was apparently aimed at blocking Monday's plebiscite on a new constitution. He said the rebels had been identified, but did not name them.

Witnesses said rebel soldiers mounted machine guns on the roof of the private television station's office. The mutineers wore red scarves and blue headbands emblazoned with the word "Guardians" — the name of a military fraternity linked to recent coup rumors.

Ramos said the military was in control of the situation and "supports the government of President Aquino." He said the mutineers were Marcos loyalists and that about 70 of them remained inside the television station.

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council and their friends to donate blood in the name of Gregory Treibs.

Treibs, 22, a senior biomedical science major from Fredericksburg, died Friday at St. Luke's Hospital in San Antonio from injuries received in a Jan. 17 car accident that claimed the lives of two other Texas A&M students and a former student.

Feldman said 150 pints of blood are owed in Treibs' name.

"I don't know of a better cause," Feldman said.

There were conflicting reports about the number of mutineers at the television station. Officers at the scene first said there were about 300 but later reported they were not sure of the number.

Another military spokesman said more than 50 mutineers took part in the takeover attempt at the air base.

Col. Emiliano Templo, a loyal officer at the television station, said the dissidents apparently had planned to take over Camp Crame, headquarters of the Philippine Constabulary, the national police.

But pro-government troops got word of the plan and secured the base. The dissidents then moved to Channel 7, Templo said.

An announcer on government radio said dissident troops entered the offices of Channel 7 around 3 a.m. (2 p.m. EST).

The Guardians fraternity claims the membership of about 70 percent of the officers and men of the armed forces.

The leader of the Guardians, Maj. Efren Arayata, rushed to the station early Tuesday to negotiate with the troops inside.

An armed forces statement said about 200 soldiers from central Luzon infiltrated Manila late Monday but it was unclear if they were the only troops involved in the plot.

Government radio said soldiers also had entered the state broadcasting complex to protect it.

Later, the government radio said the situation at Channel 7 was "under control" but gave no further details.

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