

# World and Nation

## Fears about safety of Waite raised; Another foreigner abducted in Beirut

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Fears grew Tuesday for Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite, last seen eight days ago when he left for secret talks with Shiite Moslem kidnappers to seek the release of hostages.

One report Tuesday said Waite was still negotiating. Another said he was placed under house arrest by the Moslems he went to bargain with.

Archbishop Robert Runcie of Canterbury said in London he was "greatly concerned" about Waite's safety.

Waite arrived in the Lebanese capital on Jan. 12. Since then, 11 more foreigners have been abducted in Beirut. The latest, a Saudi Arabian, was grabbed by gunmen Monday night.

Police evacuated eight French teachers from Moslem West Beirut to Christian East Beirut on Tuesday. A police official said the French were taken across the capital's dividing Green Line at the request of the French government.

The eight had been teaching for some time at three schools in West Beirut, said the official, who refused to be further identified.

The evacuation came after the spate of kidnappings sent the number of foreigners missing in Lebanon soaring to 26 — eight Ameri-

## Suspected hijacker's brother seized, 4 other arrests made

BONN, West Germany (AP) — Police have arrested a brother of the jailed Lebanese man accused in the 1985 TWA hijacking, security sources said Tuesday.

They said Ali Abbas Hamadi, brother of imprisoned Mohammed Ali Hamadi, 22, was taken into custody at Frankfurt airport Monday night because investigators think he may have been involved in this month's kidnapping of two West Germans in Lebanon.

"We suspect he was either involved or knows something about the kidnappings," one source, speaking on condition he was not identified, told the Associated Press.

Three gunmen grabbed Khaled Deeb, a Saudi Arabian, in the predominantly Shiite Maramel neighborhood on Beirut's airport highway at 10 p.m. Monday, police said.

Radio stations operating in Beirut, outside Beirut, under house arrest or negotiations. They had groups involved in the negotiations with him.

The Christian Voice of Lebanon radio said Waite was in tough negotiations with hostage-holders in Beirut. The station has a history of inaccuracies in Moslem-related matters, it said.

Kuwait's official news agency KUNA said Monday night kidnappers bargaining with Waite had placed him under house arrest in a secret location.

The agency quoted unnamed sources close to the negotiations, saying, "They (the kidnappers) forced him and put him under house arrest to reach a quick agreement."

Runcie, commenting on the longest underground detention in Lebanon since 1985, said he had direct evidence "to confirm the waiti version."

They said they have no further information about the victim.

## Captured American to return to his family

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Sam Nesley Hall, a self-described freedom fighter and brother of a U.S. congressman, will be turned over to his family's lawyer and will leave Nicaragua today, a government official said.

Javier Chamorro Mora, a deputy foreign minister, told a news conference that Hall has been "excused of criminal responsibility" because of the state of his mental health.

Chamorro said Hall will be turned over today to family attorney Gary Froelich of Dayton, Ohio, and then will fly to Mexico City.

Earlier, Nicaragua had said Hall would be released within hours.

Hall, 49, was arrested Dec. 12 at Punta Huete Air Base, 13 miles northeast of Managua, with maps and sketches of the airfield stuffed in his socks, the Sandinistas said. The Nicaraguan government accused him of spying.

In subsequent interviews, Hall denied he was working for the U.S. government but said he was paid \$12,500 for his self-proclaimed se-

cret mission and worked for a previously unheard of organization he called the Phoenix Battalion.

Froelich arrived in the Nicaraguan capital Monday to arrange local counsel for the prisoner, who is a brother of Rep. Tony Hall, D-Ohio. He said he has not talked to Sam Hall since arriving.

The Sandinista government Monday said Hall, 49, needs institutional care not available in Nicaragua.

Officials declined to specify Hall's illness, although government sources who spoke on condition of anonymity said he suffered from a mental disorder. Froelich arrived only minutes after the Foreign Ministry announcement Monday and said he was taken by surprise by the decision.

"We'd like to get him back as soon as possible," Froelich said before the announcement of a speedy release. "We are concerned about what his medical condition is because it is a very vague description from the information we have."

## Shultz: U.S. has other ways to discuss 'mutual interests'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State George P. Shultz told Congress Tuesday the Reagan administration stopped talking to Iran about U.S. arms after a meeting last month in West Germany, but that it has other ways to discuss mutual interests in containing Soviet expansion.

Shultz testified that the Dec. 13 session in Frankfurt was authorized by President Reagan to underscore to Tehran that any thought on their part that there were going to be further sales of arms was wrong.

He told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at an open hearing that there was no longer any contact in that channel. But, Shultz said, there are other points of contact.

Shultz did not identify the "other ways" the two countries could remain in touch, although he did furnish new details about the Frankfurt meeting between a two-man U.S. delegation and Iranian representatives. That session was held after

Reagan declared the United States had broken off all talks with Iran about American weapons.

Shultz said the Central Intelligence Agency had notified him about the meeting after it was scheduled, and he decided, and the president concurred, that they should proceed.

Shultz said he designated Charles Dunbar, a Parsi-speaking foreign service officer, to participate with George Cave of the CIA, and to take charge of the discussion, using "set talking points" prepared in Washington.

"We later found that an Iranian interlocutor" called the CIA official to request another meeting, to transmit an Iranian response to the earlier session, Shultz said.

They met without the State Department's authorization, Shultz said. While he "thought that was inappropriate," Shultz said the substance of the discussion provided no problem.

## World Briefs

### Prisoners start major fire; 28 injured

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Inmates evacuated from their cells because of an accidental fire set blazes throughout the prison Tuesday, battled guards and each other and then barricaded themselves inside an auditorium where they started a major fire, authorities said.

At least 25 inmates and three guards were injured from fighting or suffered smoke inhalation before all the fires were extinguished, said Thomas Seese, spokesman for the State Correctional Institution at Pittsburgh.

All the inmates were searched and returned to their cells by early afternoon.

A fire official said bricks hurled at firefighters from outdoor exercise yard by guards had held 700 to 800 inmates for eight hours in cold after the first fire broke in a storage area.

### Soviets continue bold space program

MOSCOW (AP) — In the year since space shuttle Challenger's explosion halted manned U.S. space exploration, the Soviet Union has forged ahead with an ambitious program of endurance missions, space construction and inauguration of a second orbiting station.

While failures in the Kremlin's space program have often gone unreported, 1986 appeared to be a successful year. The state-run media have predicted 1987 will

be another busy year, beginning with a mission to the new space station.

No date for the launch has been announced, but the news agency reported that the Progress-27 cargo ship had been sent to the Mir station to take fuel and supplies for a manned mission to begin next month.

The Mir station was expected to be visited by two Soviet cosmonauts who returned to Earth in January after a 15-day mission.

### U.S. extends carrier deployment

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration has ordered the Navy to extend the deployment of the aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy in the Mediterranean Sea.

The move maintains two carrier battle groups in the Mediterranean indefinitely, the Pentagon said.

Informed sources who asked not to be named said the order was issued as a precaution in response to the recent wave of hos-

tage-taking in Lebanon and reports that Anglican church envoy Terry Waite was missing.

A source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Tuesday the Navy had been given instructions to prepare for a military strike in Lebanon elsewhere.

But the source agreed the carriers would begin moving eastward toward the Middle East "as a precaution, to be prepared for any contingency."

### Gorbachev calls for changes in system

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev, striking at the heart of the Kremlin power structure, said Tuesday that the nation needs a system for replacing aging members of the leadership with "fresh forces."

In a speech that lashed out at his political opponents in the old guard, Gorbachev called for multiple-candidate elections to regional party posts and suggested a review of the parliamentary

election procedure.

He also proposed new laws to put teeth into his program of reform, including legislation giving people to sue the government and one law that is rumored to give the state-run media anteed access to officials.

But Gorbachev also issued a clear warning that the party was abandoning the principle of reform from the top.

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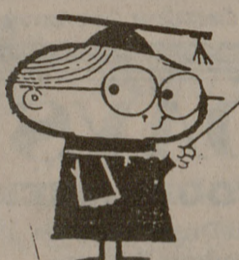
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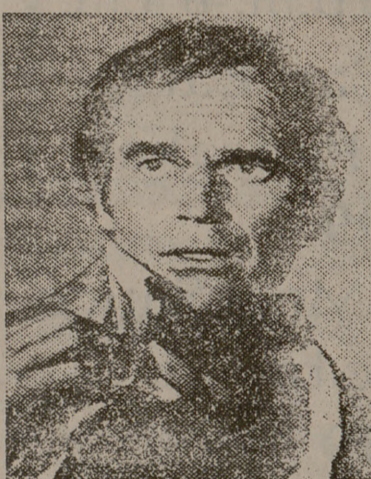
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