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# Eight die after Carter cancels hostage rescue

From our wire services

Two American planes, withdrawing after an attempt to rescue the hostages in Iran was canceled, collided on a desert airfield in Iran, killing eight American airmen and injuring two others.

A statement from the White House said the mission was "terminated because of equipment failure."

The statement said that as the American personnel were being withdrawn "there was a collision between our aircraft on the ground at a remote desert location in Iran. There were no military hostilities but the president deeply regrets that eight American crewmen of the two aircraft were killed," it said.

The militants holding American hostages in Tehran since the U.S. Embassy there was seized Nov. 4, have threatened repeatedly to kill the hostages if there was a military attempt to rescue them.

There was no immediate reaction in Tehran to the U.S. rescue attempt. President Carter "accepts full responsibility for the decision to attempt the rescue," White House Press Secretary Jody Powell said.

"The United States continues to hold the government of Iran responsible for the safety of the American hostages," the White House statement said. "The United States remains determined to obtain their safe release at the earliest possible time."

The White House said those involved were airlifted out of Iran and were receiving medical treatment. They were expected to recover.

The statement emphasized that the action "was not motivated by hostility toward Iran or the Iranian people, and there were no Iranian casualties."

The White House said preparations for the rescue attempt "were ordered for humanitarian reasons to protect the national interests of this country and to alleviate international tension."

It was not immediately clear from the White House statement what time the rescue attempt was made or how long an interval there was between the failed attempt and the White House announcement of the operation.

Neither were any immediate details as to the scope of the attempt nor how many U.S. servicemen were involved.

Defense Secretary Harold Brown was conferring early this morning with his aides at his Pentagon office.

He apparently called a meeting at the Pentagon around midnight and was seen hurriedly leaving his office for the White House last night about 5 p.m.

At his news conference last week, Carter indicated military action would be taken if all other methods to obtain the release of the hostages failed. He gave no hint any rescue mission was in the works.

While the White House provided no details of the rescue bid, it did not appear that the rescue force got anywhere near Tehran, because the reported aircraft collision was in an area described as remote desert.

The middle-of-the-night announcement of the rescue attempt followed recent hints by key administration officials that American news organizations think twice before assigning reporters to Tehran.

The officials, who had asked not to be identified, had made the suggestions while trying to explain official disapproval of trips either made or contemplated to Iran by relatives of the hostages.

The mother of one hostage said she was shocked when told of the rescue attempt. "Our planes? Well, that seems sort of silly. This is such a shock. I don't know what to think. I don't know what to say," said Wynona McKeel, mother of Marine Sgt. Johnny McKeel Jr., 26, of Balch Springs, Texas.

## Sharing the day



Photo by Renee Jacobs

Smiles made the rounds yesterday on the HUB lawn as Gentle Thursday was celebrated under mostly sunny skies. This young child's gleeful expression was typical of the warmth that flowed through the crowd.

## Dry sky makes Thursday gentle

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Despite a few brief sprinkles, rain did not dampen Gentle Thursday as people packed together on the HUB lawn yesterday.

"The weather makes it," said Thomas Watson (12th-metallurgical engineering).

A University police officer said yesterday afternoon Gentle Thursday was going "very, very nice."

"Surprisingly, there are not many problems with high school students," he said. Several student marshals said only a few people were asked to leave.

Although there were few conduct problems, some students experienced ill effects from alcohol and drug use.

Dr. John A. Harglerod, director of University Health Services, said, "There has been a heavy traffic of people who have had too much to drink," although he could not specify the exact number.

He said several people were hospitalized in Centre Community Hospital. Some people became sedated from mixing drugs, particularly Quaaludes, with alcohol, he said.

Spokesmen from the hospital said they could not release any information.

But most people seemed to enjoy the music and Frisbees, as well as sharing new friendships. Even dogs made new pals as they romped through the crowd.

The first few bands did not enjoy strong crowd reactions, but the milling people grew rowdier as the day passed.



Local musician and University graduate Glenn Kidder was one of the many performers who participated in Gentle Thursday's festivities yesterday on the HUB lawn. His songs included his own "Acoustic Disco" as well as "Ohio," Neil Young's song commemorating the deaths of four students at Kent State University in 1970.

Tom Hardisky (9th-biology) expressed a common feeling about Gentle Thursday. "I love it," he said. "Everybody's having a good time. I like everyone else having a good time."

The crowd seemed to make new friends easily.

"Everybody's in a really good mood and everybody's talking," said Leslie Hrebin (5th-electrical engineering).

Some groups flew flags to identify themselves. The Rolling Stones' trademark — a red tongue wagging from an open mouth — aroused a short roar from the crowd each time the sign was intermittently thrust skyward.

Some individuals had their faces painted.

Kenneth Bost (graduate-political science) and his friends brought an

effigy of an Arab. Bost said they made the effigy to protest oil prices and the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. He said they planned to burn the Arab at sundown last night.

Families also enjoyed Gentle Thursday. Jay and Lois Loftus, 1125 S. Atherton St., said they liked the huge earth ball being tossed around the crowd and dogs playing Frisbee, and said their young daughter Terra liked the free gifts she got.

## Black revolt against capitalism 'inevitable'

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Organized revolution by blacks against the oppression of the capitalist system is inevitable, Stokely Carmichael, organizer of the All-African People's Revolutionary Party, said yesterday during a symposium sponsored by the Black Arts Festival Committee.

"The enemy the people are fighting is the capitalist system," Carmichael said. "It is a vicious system. It is a backward system."

Carmichael, former prime minister of the Black Panthers, said all people must become aware of their innate struggle against capitalism, which exploits the labor of many for the benefit of few. This unconscious struggle for justice chronicles the history of blacks in the United States and can end only in organized revolution, he said.

Carmichael was joined in the symposium by Michael Thelwell, black historian and author; Barbara Sizemore, associate professor of education at the University of Pittsburgh, and James Stewart, assistant professor of economics at the University of Notre Dame.

Thelwell also stressed that "whichever aspect of the black world we look at, the enemy is the same — international capitalism as represented by imperialism, colonialism, and slavery." Blacks suffer, he said, because of the economic crisis brought on by the lack of responsive and creative leadership in the United States.

This economic crisis will end "when this nation undertakes a revision of its relationship to the Third World, completely revises its pattern of production,

and revises its wasteful pattern of consumption," he said.

Sizemore said the double consciousness of blacks — the struggle to be a Negro and to be an American — limits the vision of many poor blacks, forcing them to see advancement only in terms of employment and education, rather than the revolution which is needed.

Referring to the programs for black studies at many universities, Sizemore said, "We are losing a potential to carry on what I think we could use — organization and mobilization for revolution."

Stewart, who critiqued and reviewed the comments of his colleagues, said the double consciousness of American blacks was only partly resolved by the uprisings of the '60s. The problem that remains to be solved is the hardship engendered by capitalism, he said.

"An anti-capitalist strategy is the key for blacks in the '80s," he said.

Carmichael, also a former president of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, said the organization for the black anti-capitalist struggle "consists of giving principles to the people which they come to adhere to, and are willing to stick to and kill for and die for."

### Recovery Friday

Today will be partly cloudy and continued mild through tonight. Clouds will increase tomorrow, with showers starting in the evening and continuing into the middle of Sunday. Today's high will be 67, tonight's low will be 52 and tomorrow the high will get up to 64. On Sunday, the high looks to be a cooler 59.

### IN EDITION



#### Heartsick Nittany men fooled by Cupid

In yet another episode of Penn State's version of "Love of Life," the men of Nittany 28 are giving a weekly award to the man in their dorm who screws up his love life the most in a week.

Tim Braughton (10th-general agriculture), a member of the Fool of the Week selection committee, said the award is a trophy of a horse's hindquarters given out every Sunday night.

Braughton said one of the winners was a guy who was talking to a girl in his room when his girlfriend stopped over for a visit.

"That guy won it two weeks in a row," Braughton said.

#### Personal ads lend to personal birthday

A rather personal experience happened to Mark Zed (12th-engineering science) Friday — he received 38 personal ads in the Collegian.

Saturday was Zed's birthday, and his girlfriend called and wrote to many of Zed's friends telling them to buy a personal in Friday's paper.

"When I first saw them," Zed said, "I didn't believe that some of those people put them in themselves. I haven't seen a couple of those people for two years."

However, Zed's birthday wasn't quite as jubilant as Friday. He had to take engineering exams all Saturday.

#### Wisconsin student govt. self-destructs

It's now time to count our blessings. Penn State's student government has often been criticized — justly and unjustly — for mismanagement, stretching the truth and just about everything short of bad weather.

But the party in control of the University of Wisconsin student government, headed by Jim Mallon and Leon Varjian, has lived up to its campaign promises — to leave the organization in a shambles.

After two years in office, they spent about \$80,000 in student funds and

\$28,000 of profits from insurance and printing businesses.

Let's hope the new Undergraduate Student Government administration doesn't take this as a direct challenge.

#### Kentucky kid wins \$13 labor settlement

And it's justice for all, at least in Kentucky.

According to a United Press International story, Robert Miller, 10, of LaGrange Ky., hired himself out as a kind of "tidy farm" man by cleaning out a barn at \$1 per hour.

After 13 hours of work however, his employer, an 80-year-old Louisville man, decided not to be a Southern Gentleman and refused to pay him, so young Miller did what any adult might do — took him to court.

The fifth-grade student at LaGrange Elementary School received some satisfaction from the small claim's

court complaint, according to Oldham County District Judge Dennis Fritts, who reported a \$13 out-of-court settlement paid to the youngster.

It looks like the meek shall indeed inherit the earth... at least if they go through the courts.

#### Python group tough on Gentle Thursday

Gentle Thursday originated some 10 years ago as a protest against protests. It was designed originally to be "A Day of Sharing", a day to sit back and be peaceful.

But Penn State's Monty Python Society is offering an alternative to this years event — Vicious Friday — a day of murder and mayhem.

The society tried to place an advertisement in Friday's Collegian promoting the event, featuring Sid Vicious and the Pirahna Brothers, but missed the deadline.



Illustrations by Tom Mossor

However, the Python society member who tried to place the ad couldn't be reached for comment Thursday afternoon. Maybe he was out getting gentle with most State students yesterday.

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