

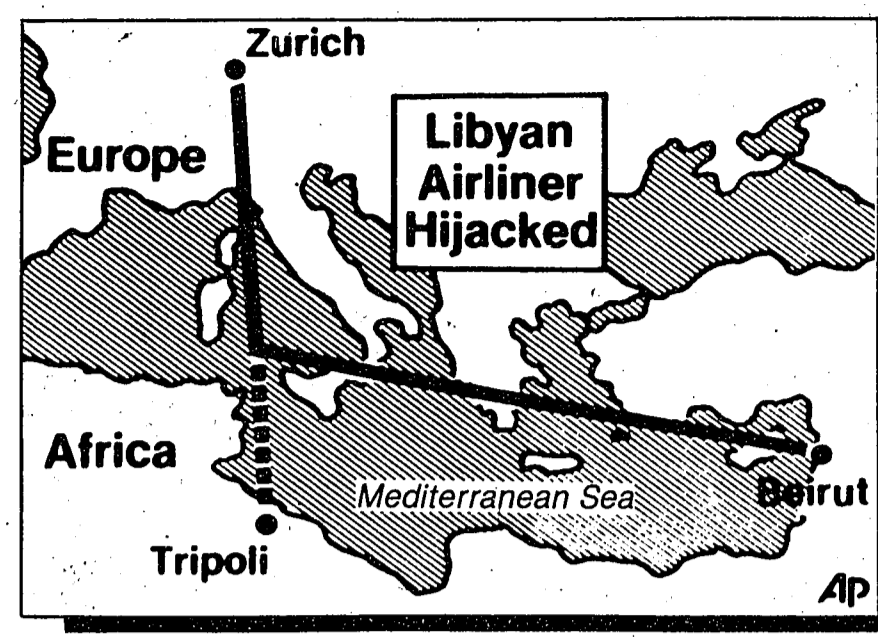
Moslems hijack Libyan jetliner to Beirut

By FERESHTEH EMAMI Associated Press Writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Three Lebanese Moslems armed with grenades hijacked a Libyan jetliner Monday and forced it to fly to Beirut where they said they were seeking the return of a Shiite Moslem leader who disappeared three years ago. They threatened to order the plane aloft and blow it up, airport officials said.

"We don't care about ourselves," one of the hijackers who identified himself as Ali Hamdu said over the plane's radio to the Beirut control tower.

Security forces ringed the Boeing 727 after it landed at 11:06 p.m. (4:06 p.m. EST) with about 45 people aboard. It was the sixth such hijacking over the disappearance of Sadr, spiritual leader of the 1 million Shites in Lebanon. Shiite Moslems have long accused Libyan leader Col. Muammar Khadafi, a Sunni Moslem, of jailing the 53-year-old Sadr after inviting him to Libya. Khadafi has denied the charge.



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New prison cells may be built

HARRISBURG (AP) — The state would like to build 2,500 new prison cells at a cost of \$85 million, under a bill approved yesterday by a House-Senate conference committee.

No church for the Reagans?

WASHINGTON (AP) — First lady Nancy Reagan said yesterday that she may prevent her husband, President Reagan from attending church on Christmas.

Board may oversee colleges

HARRISBURG (AP) — Legislation establishing an independent authority to oversee Indiana University of Pennsylvania and the 13 state colleges was approved yesterday by the Senate Education Committee.

Students, troops clash in Gaza; teenager killed

By DANIEL GREBLER Associated Press Writer
GAZA, Occupied Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli troops shot and killed a Palestinian teenager in a clash with rioting students yesterday as a week of strikes against Israeli rule erupted into violence in the Gaza Strip.

Republican chairman scolded for remarks

Richards will keep his job with party, sources say

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG AP Political Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Party Chairman Richard Richards has been taken to the woodshed by White House aides unhappy with his recent predictions that President Reagan might not seek re-election and that Richard Allen and David Stockman will soon lose their jobs.

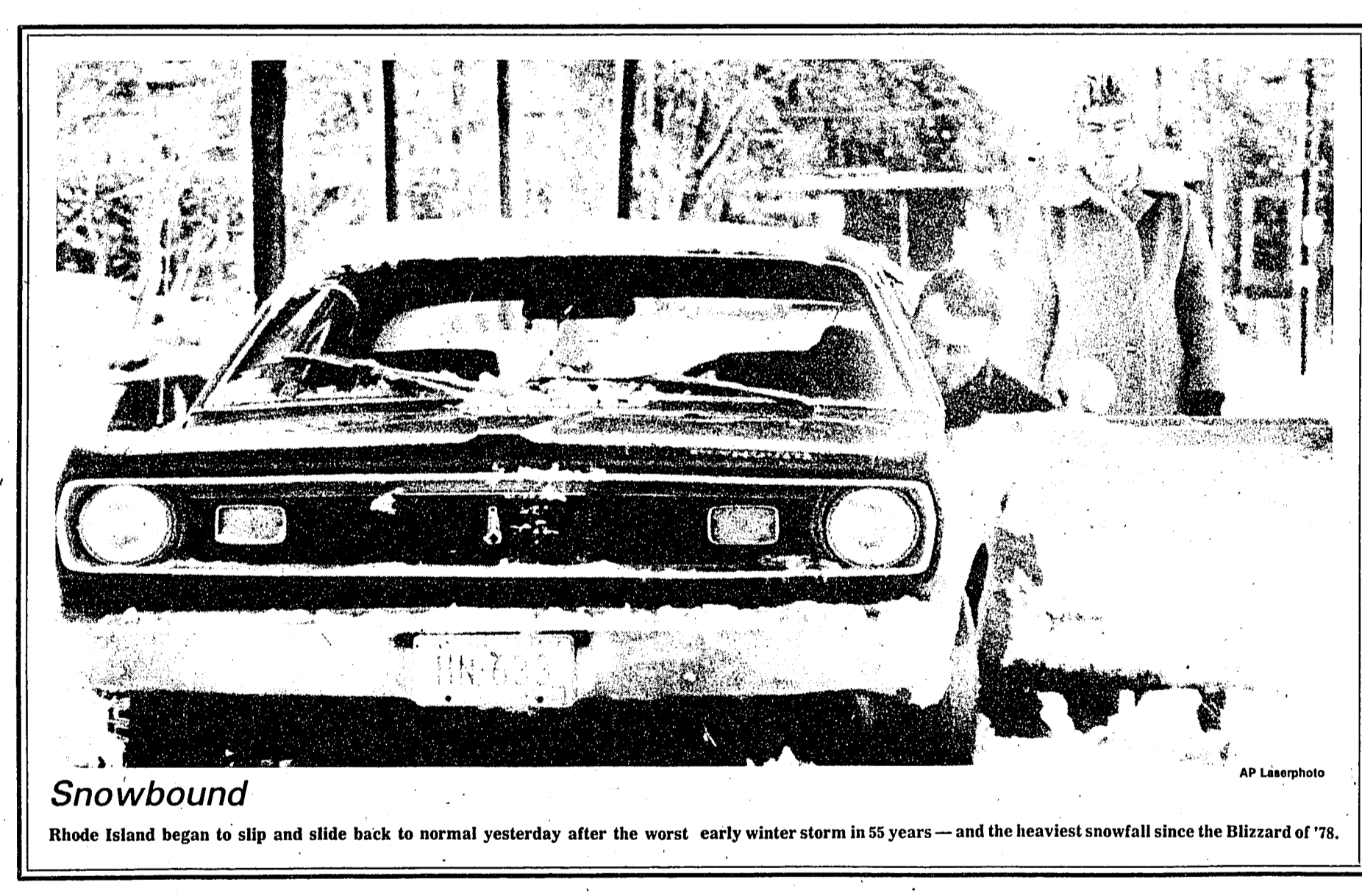
speech, Richards' office issued a statement acknowledging the accuracy of the quotes, although claiming the chairman was quoted "out of context."

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The legislation, which goes to the Senate floor, would create a higher education system administered by a 20-member board of governors. The day-to-day control would be under a board of trustees.

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Two other Arabs and a soldier were injured in the demonstration, in the southern Gaza Strip town of Rafah, the military command said.



Snowbound Rhode Island began to slip and slide back to normal yesterday after the worst early winter storm in 55 years — and the heaviest snowfall since the Blizzard of '78.

40 years later: Pearl Harbor Deficit predictions gloomy

By LINDY WASHBURN Associated Press Writer
PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP) — Forty years ago, Japanese bombers swooped out of the sky to attack Pearl Harbor. Yesterday, military leaders, veterans of the attack and average citizens gathered here and in other parts of the nation to mourn the dead and renew their patriotism.

Administration sources, who asked not to be identified, said the new projected deficit of red ink is part of a preliminary economic forecast given Reagan last Friday to help him decide on a 1983 budget plan that is expected to seek

drastic new cuts in a variety of social programs. Last September, the administration forecast deficits averaging about \$90 billion a year through 1984, without any further spending cuts or new tax increases.

Teaching man's origins prompts controversy; suit begins in Arkansas

By BILL SIMMONS Associated Press Writer

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A federal judge began hearing a suit yesterday against an Arkansas law requiring public schools to teach evolution to give equal time to creationism, the theory that the universe was created suddenly from nothing.

In opening arguments, lawyers for the American Civil Liberties Union, which brought the suit, called the law a "dangerous violation" of the constitution. But the state maintained that it would broaden the knowledge of school children and did not require the teaching of religion.

The law, the Balanced Treatment for Creation-Science and Evolution-Science Act, was signed last March by Gov. Frank White and goes into effect next fall.

The trial, expected to last about two weeks, has attracted national and international attention. The U.S. marshal's office said that about 40 news organizations, some from overseas, registered for courtroom passes.

Louisiana has enacted a similar proposal, and the ACLU is challenging it as well.

Opening witnesses in the ACLU's challenge of the new law said it reflects a literal interpretation of the biblical book of Genesis and is not rooted in science.

State Attorney General Steve Clark, who is defending the law before U.S. District Judge William Overton, contended that the law forbids references to religious writings and requires balanced treatment of a long-controversial subject.

"The issue is whether balanced treatment without reference to religious writings or instruction violates the constitution," Clark said.

The law provides no punishment for violations. While requiring equal treatment for the two theories, it does not require that either creationism or evolution be taught.

Creation-science, as defined by the law, holds that the universe was created suddenly from nothing, that the earth and its life began relatively recently and that men and apes do not share a common ancestry.

Evolutionists maintain that life on Earth developed slowly over millions of years as a result of natural forces and that the universe has existed for billions of years.



Former Centralia residents Eleanor O'Hearn, left, and David Lamb, right, who have moved because of the 19-year-old mine fire under Centralia, appear in the state Capitol yesterday to attend a rally with other residents and officials.

Fires in mines discussed by Pa. residents

By JILL LAWRENCE Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG (AP) — Hours of meetings with legislators and state officials elicited sympathy but few commitments yesterday for Centralia residents threatened by a smoldering underground mine fire.

The residents, wearing red ribbons symbolizing danger and bureaucratic red tape, converged on the Capitol to plead for government action.

But in repeated confrontations, each part of government blamed another branch for the lack of dollars and plans to end the 20-year blaze that has created gas and subsidence hazards.

Local officials from the northeastern Pennsylvania mining town complained that Gov. Dick Thornburgh has failed to press for federal action, while state legislators said their hands are tied until the governor takes the initiative.

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