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Syria will not help hostages

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Syria has accused the United States of failing to honor an understanding on release of 59 hostages from a hijacked TWA airliner in June and said it wouldn't any longer try to win freedom for seven other American captives, a State Department official disclosed yesterday.

The official said the Syrians made known their sense of displeasure in mid-July after it became clear that Israel would not immediately release all of the more than 750 Shiite and Palestinian prisoners held at its Atilit prison. The last of the prisoners were eventually released last week, 10 weeks after the Americans aboard the TWA 727 were released.

The official said it isn't known whether the release of the last batch of prisoners by Israel last week will prompt the Syrians to give assistance now. Rep. George O'Brien, R-Ill., said on Aug. 16 that Syrian President Hafez Assad promised him he would work for the release of the other seven, while saying he didn't know who had them or where they were.

"They said we had reneged on the deal, which we really hadn't," said the State Department official, who spoke to a reporter only on condition he not be identified.

But the official acknowledged that "we let the Syrians assume" there was a deal as "a way of getting action on the hostage release." The Syrians played a key role in winning freedom for the airliner hostages.

Telephone calls to the Syrian Embassy for reaction went unanswered late yesterday.

Israel had insisted all along there was no connection between the release of the TWA hostages and the release of the Atilit prisoners because Israel had planned to let them all go free anyway. The United States also disclaimed any linkage, although Syria believed something different, according to the State Department official.

He said Syria, which eventually sided in release of the TWA hostages, had said at the time that it would also press for release of seven other Americans kidnapped previously "as a matter of high priority."

But the official said that in mid-July, about two weeks after the release of the TWA hostages, Syria concluded that Israel wasn't going to promptly release all of its prisoners from Atilit and "told us they wouldn't help" with the other seven hostages.

The source said U.S. officials aren't at all sure the Syrians could deliver the seven hostages. But he said it is better for them to be trying than not trying.

"Maybe they will be lucky," he added.

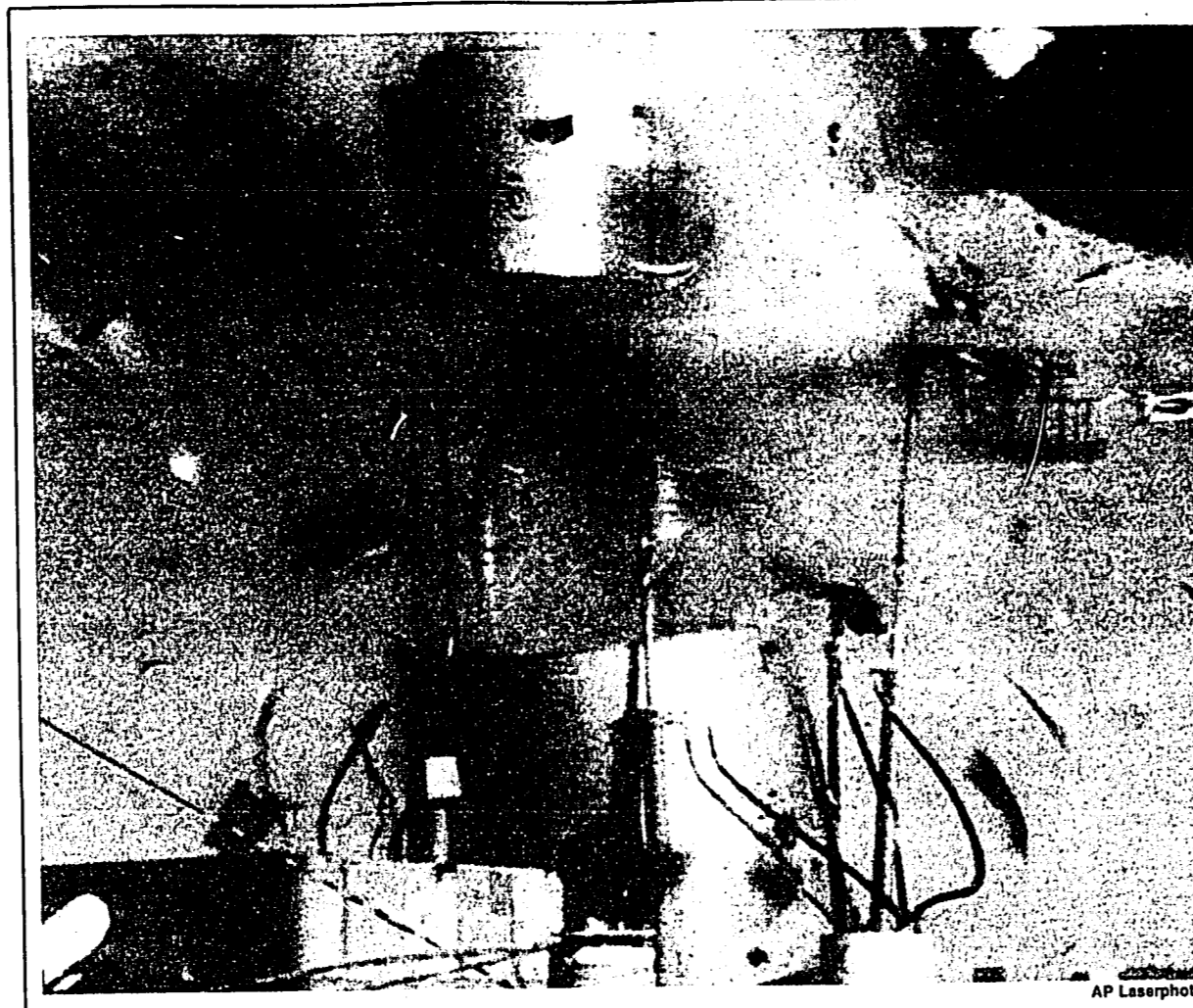
The administration also does not know where the hostages are, or who is holding them, but thinks the kidnapers are probably closer to Iran than to Syria, and that Syria must work through Iran in trying to obtain their release, he said.

But the official said it isn't known whether one or all of the seven are still in Beirut, in the Bekaa Valley or possibly even in Iran.

Two of the hostages have now been held longer than the 444 days that Iran held the 52 American hostages that it finally released in early 1981.

The seven kidnapped Americans are Terry Anderson, 37, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press; William Buckley, 56, a political officer at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut; David Jacobsen, 54, administrator of the American University Hospital in Beirut; Rev. Lawrence Martin Jenco, 50, director of Catholic Relief Services in Lebanon; Peter Kilburn, 60, a librarian at an American University; Thomas Sutherland, 54, acting dean of agriculture at the university; and Rev. Benjamin Weir, 61, a Presbyterian missionary.

Anonymous calls to news agencies in Beirut over the weekend reported that Weir had been released, but there was no sign of him and no other information since that call.



Laser blast
A blast from a high-powered chemical laser blows apart a stationary missile in a recent experiment conducted at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. The experiment was part of President Reagan's Star Wars program.

S. African students boycotting

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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Police moved in with tear gas and rubber bullets yesterday to put down efforts by thousands of mixed-race students and their teachers to open schools closed by the government.

Black students boycotted classes near Johannesburg and Pretoria.

On the second day of its invasion of Angola, in what this nation says is a search for black guerrillas, the South African military offered no news about the fighting. A spokesman blamed bad communications.

Louis le Grange, minister of law and order, was quoted by a pro-government newspaper, The Citizen, as saying that "there is a definite decline in the number of incidents of unrest in the country."

The paper suggested authorities might soon lift the 8-week-old state of emergency, quoting le Grange as saying, "I trust ... that the country will speedily return to normal."

Le Grange did not mention the state of emergency. It was imposed in an attempt to quell rioting against apartheid, South Africa's system of enforced racial segregation by which 5 million whites run South Africa and 24 million blacks are denied the vote and other civil rights.

Police used the rubber bullets and tear gas against students, parents and teachers who massed near schools in the Cape, where the government closed 164 mixed-race schools indefinitely on Sept. 6 after day-and-night rioting. About 360,000 youngsters had been attending the schools.

Witnesses said scores of arrests were made as crowds massed outside locked-up schools. They said at times crowds outside locked schools might soon lift the 8-week-old state of emergency, quoting le Grange as saying, "I trust ... that the country will speedily return to normal."

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Rome cafe attacked, 39 hurt

ROME (AP) — Police charged a Palestinian from Lebanon yesterday with the grenade attack on a fashionable cafe on Rome's Via Veneto in which 39 people were injured. Five of the injured were in serious condition.

Justice officials were unable to offer a motive for the Monday night attack on the Cafe de Paris, located about 100 yards from the U.S. Embassy.

Hospitals reported that 15 people were still being treated for injuries, including six Italians, three Americans, three Britons and one victim each from Argentina, Australia and Spain.

The attacker threw two grenades from a car or a motorcycle as patrons of the crowded cafe sipped coffee or drinks. Only one grenade exploded and patrons overturned chairs and tables in an effort to escape the cafe.

Coffee cups, silverware and wine glasses crashed to the floor in the cafe that once was a favorite of movie stars, directors and artists in the 1950s. The Cafe de Paris was made famous by its use as a locale in film director Federico Fellini's "La Dolce Vita."

Police identified the arrested man as Ahmad Al Hossen Abu Sareja, 27, and said he was born in a refugee camp in Lebanon. He was charged the bombing and denied all responsibility. "I (the suspect) is a Palestinian, we can only say that a liberation movement like ours does not act with means like this. And who knows who he is, and for whom he is acting," it said.

Police officials said the investigation would concentrate on several groups that had threatened reprisals unless seven Lebanese arrested by Italian police last November were released.

The Lebanese have been indicted on charges of planning to blow up the U.S. Embassy.

According to police, Abu Sareja checked in Sunday at a Rome hotel with setting off an explosive.

Police said Abu Sareja was first identified as a Moroccan because he carried a false passport from that country. He was spotted by police running from the cafe and caught after a chase.

But in a conversation with an Arab-speaking Italian journalist the suspect denied he had carried out the attack.

state news briefs

MOVE houses being replaced

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Workers put down the first rooftop yesterday on one of 61 new houses that will replace homes burned in the deadly assault on a rowhouse stronghold of the black supremacist group MOVE.

The fortified headquarters of the radical, primitivist group and 60 other homes were destroyed May 13 in a police siege, when a police concussion bomb triggered a fire that killed seven MOVE members and four children.

Damage from the blaze totaled more than \$10 million.

"We want not only to build these houses here — we want to build homes," Mayor W. Wilson Goode said at yesterday's "topping-off" ceremony. "We want to rebuild this community. And this is yet simply another step toward achieving that."

Goode said construction was on schedule and that he was optimistic that the 250 residents displaced by fire would return to the west Philadelphia neighborhood by next May.

"I will not cheer until every single person who lost a home here is in fact back in that home and feels comfortable with that home," the mayor said before climbing stairs to the roof of one house and signaling workers to pour the first bucket of tar.

nation news briefs

Funny papers fight world hunger

NEW YORK (AP) — The funny papers will take on a serious issue on Thanksgiving Day, as more than 100 of the nation's most popular cartoonists devote that day's panels to world hunger.

The idea was proposed by Garry Trudeau, whose "Doonesbury" often grapples with controversial issues. But Trudeau has recruited as co-sponsors two cartoonists who deal in less topical fare — Charles Schulz, creator of "Peanuts," and Milton Caniff, who draws "Steve Canyon."

So far, 114 cartoonists have enlisted in the project, including "all of the biggest names," and more are expected, said David Stamford, who edits Trudeau's books for Holt Rinehart & Winston.

"The response has been great. It looks like pretty much the entire comics page will be devoted to hunger," said Stamford.

Trudeau was not available for comment. But Stamford said Trudeau — who had donated proceeds from his most recent book, a cartoon chronicle of the USA for Africa recording sessions, to African famine relief — came up with the idea, and called Schulz and Caniff.

U.N. opens 40th session

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The General Assembly opened its 40th session yesterday and the most pervasive issue, although not yet on the agenda, was the U.S. effort to make the world body mend its free-spending ways.

The United States threatens to reduce its share of the total U.N. budget from 25 percent to 20 percent unless weighted voting is introduced for money matters. Such a voting system would give the major Western allies control of fiscal policy.

The session was gavelled to order by outgoing Assembly President Paul Lusaka of Zambia at 3:30 p.m., half an hour behind schedule.

Spanish diplomat Jaime de Pinies was chosen by acclamation to replace Lusaka and serve as president of the 40th General Assembly.

Reagan will be here Oct. 23-24 for a commemoration of the date the U.N. charter came into force, Oct. 24, 1945.

Lusaka told a news conference earlier yesterday that he strongly opposed changing the current voting system, which gives each of the 159 assembly members a single vote regardless of how much it contributes to the budget.

Senate reverses immigration vote

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — The Senate, reversing itself on an immigration amendment, voted 51-44 yesterday to allow 350,000 foreigners to enter the country as temporary farm laborers.

The seasonal-workers provision was the last major issue in the way of a final Senate vote on the immigration control bill. However, senators threatened to delay the legislation with a debate on unrelated issues.

The overall measure would try to slow illegal immigration by providing \$1.7 million over the next three months.

Within three years of enactment, the bill also would grant amnesty to thousands of illegal immigrants who arrived in the United States before Jan. 1, 1980.

Only last week, the Senate had voted 50-48 to table, in effect kill, a seasonal-workers provision that did not include a limitation on the number of foreigners to be admitted to pick perishable fruits and vegetables.

But as growers' lobbyists persisted in talking to wavering senators, the amendment's sponsor, Sen. Pete Wilson, R-Calif., offered the revised proposal with the 350,000 worker "cap." He said this would negate arguments that growers wanted an open-ended program.

world news briefs

Cosmonauts rendezvous in space

MOSCOW (AP) — Two rookie cosmonauts and a highly decorated space veteran blasted into space yesterday, and headed for a rendezvous with two colleagues who have been aboard the Salyut-7 space station for more than three months.

Soviet television interrupted regular programming shortly before 7 p.m. (11 a.m. EDT) to show film of the Soyuz T-14 rocket carrying the three men through clear skies.

"We can feel the craft trembling, like a horse before the start," one of the cosmonauts told television commentators before liftoff. His voice was not identified.

Reports did not say where the launch took place, but manned space missions usually leave from the top-secret Baikonur Cosmodrome in northern Kazakhstan, 1,560 miles east of Moscow.

The official news agency Tass said the launch occurred at 4:39 p.m. (8:39 a.m. EDT) and that all systems on board the craft were functioning normally.

Lt. Col. Vladimir Vasyutin, 33, the mission commander; researcher Lt. Col. Alexander Volkov, 37; and veteran flight engineer Georgy Grechko, 54, were said to be feeling fine.

Nixon visits Afghan border

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — Former U.S. President Richard M. Nixon said yesterday the Soviet Union cannot win its fight against widespread insurgency in Afghanistan and the conflict must be settled politically.

President Mohammed Zia ul-Haq accompanied Nixon on his trip to this city close to the border with Afghanistan. Nixon visited Afghan refugees and spoke to reporters about the Soviet military's occupation of the neighboring country.

More than 3 million refugees have crossed into Pakistan since the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan in December, 1979.

"The settlement of the Afghan problem must be reached politically," said Nixon, who supports the indirect talks between Pakistan and Afghanistan. The two sides are snaggled over laying down a timetable for a withdrawal of Soviet troops.

"The Soviets know they can't destroy bodies but they cannot destroy the will of the independent peoples," Nixon said. "The Soviets are also aware that they cannot win this war."

Nixon later drove to inspect the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, traveling to a post in the historic Khyber Pass.

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