

state/nation/world

Kidnappers demand joint superpower action in Beirut

By ED BLANCHE Associated Press Writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon — The Soviet Union said yesterday that Moslem extremists gave only an hour's warning before killing an embassy employee.

The Moscow newspaper Literary Gazette published a report by its Beirut correspondent, Konstantin Kapitonov, in which he said he was at the Soviet Embassy when the threat to kill Arkady Katkov was delivered to a Western news agency in Beirut.

"If Moscow doesn't stop the armed clashes in Tripoli, the first Soviet hostage will be killed at 2100 (9 p.m. Beirut time)," Kapitonov quoted the message as saying.

"Everybody simultaneously looked at his watch," Kapitonov wrote. "Only slightly more than one hour was left until the deadline. Talks were carried out with the leaders of parties and organizations and with the security service, and calls were made to everybody who had influence and who could render any assistance."

Katkov's body was found Wednesday. The anonymous caller said he represented a fundamentalist Sunni Moslem group named the Islamic Liberation Organization that claimed responsibility for abducting four Soviet Embassy staff members a week ago. The other three still are held.

A statement issued in the name of the kidnappers demanded that Moscow force Syria, its main Middle East target, to call off leftist militias that were besieging fundamentalist Sunni fighters in the northern port city of Tripoli.

Syria declared a cease-fire in Tripoli after Katkov's body was found, ending 19 days of fighting in which more than 500 people had been killed. The man who telephoned a Western news agency early yesterday called the truce in Tripoli "a historic move that does not necessarily mean the conspiracy against the Moslems is over. The heretics think they can invest this truce to deceive us into releasing the (Soviet) hostages. We emphasize that this (kidnap) operation will not end that easily and it will not be the last. We shall not release the hostages."

The statement said no Soviet hostages would be freed unless President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev agree at their summit next month in Geneva to "terminate the Lebanese tragedy and the sufferings of the Lebanese people."

It was the first communication purporting to be from the Islamic Liberation Organization since a caller claiming to represent it said suicide bombers would blow up the Soviet Embassy on Friday.

The suicide bombers never materialized, but three-quarters of the 150 Soviets in Beirut were evacuated to Moscow via Damascus, Syria.

The past week's events have put the superpowers in the unique position of facing a common threat from Islamic fundamentalists. As Israel's main supporter, the United States had been the principal target until the four Soviets were seized.



Urban violence

Wrecked cars litter the sidewalks with burned-out houses in the background after some of the worst urban violence since 1981 erupted Sunday night in the north London district of Tottenham. Police threatened yesterday to use tear gas and plastic bullets against street rioters. Twenty civilians were hurt when more than 500 youths, some armed with shotguns, machetes and staves, battled in racially-mixed Tottenham.

Budget deadlock continues

By CLIFF HAAS Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. — While the government lived hand-to-mouth without credit in what President Reagan called an "emergency situation," the Senate failed yesterday to break its deadlock over a balanced-budget plan that has stalled legislation to increase federal borrowing authority.

"We have to do something," said Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole, R-Kan. But there was no indication of a quick end to the tangle that kept the Senate in session over the weekend and delayed action on increasing the national debt limit to a landmark \$2 trillion.

Senate Republicans planned to meet this morning to consider a plan by Senate Democratic Leader Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia that would set a schedule for voting on various amendments and wrapping up all the issues by Thursday night.

Senators spent yesterday meeting in a series of private meetings of the Senate floor to discuss what might do to curb debate and move on.

At the White House, Reagan urged a gathering of Republican supporters to work for passage of the plan to set statutory limits on federal budget deficits in order to achieve a balanced budget by 1991.

"That's one proposal that is worth fighting for," Reagan said in his fifth pitch in four days for the plan. He also complained that the proposal was "being held hostage for wrangling over the debt ceiling, putting the federal government in an emergency situation. The business of our nation must go forward. We need the debt ceiling increase passed."

Supreme Court focuses on racial issues

By RICHARD CARELLI Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. — With the future of racial preferences in the American workplace at stake, the Supreme Court began its 1985-86 term yesterday by agreeing to decide a pair of affirmative action disputes.

The court set the stage for what could be its most important decisions on racial equality of the 1980s by agreeing to study cases involving firefighters in Cleveland and sheet metal workers in New York and New Jersey.

In seeking to integrate their workforce by giving minority members special preferences.

In the sheet metal workers case, the justices must decide whether courts may force unions to adopt fixed quotas or goals to increase minority membership.

Affirmative action — called "reverse discrimination" by some of its critics — has troubled American courts for decades.

In 1979, the court ruled that employers — at least private, non-governmental employers — voluntarily may give minority workers special treatment in hiring, training and promotion. The court in that ruling said even employers with no proven history of racial bias may offer the special preferences.

state news briefs

MOVE hearings begin today

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The state Supreme Court yesterday rejected the Philadelphia police union's request to postpone a hearing into the MOVE siege, which ended with 11 deaths and 61 houses burned.

A special investigative commission appointed by Mayor W. Wilson Goode is to begin hearings today into the tragedy, in which police surrounded the headquarters of the radical group for most of May 13 before dropping a bomb on the rowhouses.

The Fraternal Order of Police has challenged the legality of the commission, saying police officers who were subpoenaed would be deprived of their constitutional rights since their attorneys would be unable to cross-examine them or other witnesses.

The high court rejected the FOP's request to postpone the hearings until a lower court decides whether the commission was legally created.

Robert Hurst, president of Lodge 5 of the FOP, representing most of the city's 7,000 police officers, said the union would ask the U.S. Supreme Court this morning to stop the hearings.

"Our job is to determine who was responsible for the decision making and who participated in those decisions," said commission member Bruce Kaufman, a former state Supreme Court justice.

The 11-member Philadelphia Special Investigation Commission "was appointed shortly after police, trying to serve arrest warrants on four MOVE members, dropped a bomb on the group's fortified west Philadelphia headquarters."

nation news briefs

Atlantis pulls off a perfect landing

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — The shuttle Atlantis landed safely on a California desert yesterday, still surrounded by secrecy as spectators were barred from watching the end of an inaugural four-day mission that launched two military satellites.

Communications with the five-man Atlantis crew remained blacked out as mission commander Air Force Col. Karol Bobko guided the stubby-winged orbiter to a perfect 1 p.m. EDT landing on a dry lakebed runway at Edwards Air Force Base. A spokesman in Mission Control reported, "The orbiter is in very good shape," but no other details were released immediately.

The crowd of spectators usually on hand for a shuttle landing was absent. The viewing area was closed to all but reporters and NASA and military personnel.

Loud speakers that usually carry commentary and astronaut communications played the national anthem as Atlantis touched down.

There was no obvious damage shown on television views relayed by NASA and the shuttle looked fresh and new. But a ground crewman said there was a four-inch gash in the heat protection tile on the underside of the left wing flap.

Secret plan replaced CIA funding

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — Facing a congressional cutoff of military aid to Nicaraguan rebels early last year, President Reagan approved a secret plan to replace CIA funds with assistance from American citizens and U.S. allies, according to current and former administration officials.

White House officials picked retired Army Maj. Gen. John K. Singlaub as the chief fund-raising contact and assigned him to structure the campaign within the confines of neutrality and other laws that bar U.S. citizens from supporting foreign wars, said the sources who insisted on anonymity.

White House spokesman Ed Diegen refused comment on Reagan's reported approval of the plan to go outside U.S. government channels to continue supplying the rebels fighting to overthrow Nicaragua's leftist government.

In the past, the White House has insisted that it "neither encourages nor discourages" the private fund raising that sprang up after Congress — angered by the CIA's mining of Nicaragua's harbors — refused to continue military aid to the rebels in the spring of 1984.

But government sources, including one senior administration official, described the behind-the-scenes White House role in organizing and advising the aid network as much more extensive than has been acknowledged.

The aid network — particularly a recent surge of arms and money from allied countries — has allowed the rebels to continue military operations during the 15-month cutoff of direct U.S. aid and thus circumvent congressional efforts to shut down the CIA-sponsored war.

Three congressional committees are reviewing whether White House National Security Council officials violated a year-old ban against "directly or indirectly" aiding the rebels militarily.

Catholics protest Godard's film

NEW YORK (AP) — "Hall Mary," the film which was banded out of Rome by a wrathful pope, made its U.S. debut yesterday amid fresh protests by Roman Catholics who cannot envision the Blessed Virgin as a nude starlet.

Cardinal John O'Connor denounced the film as "blasphemous and sacrilegious," and demonstrations were planned at Lincoln Center during Monday evening's premiere at the 23rd New York Film Festival.

"We believe in some sort of decency and decorum in dealing with matters religious. There is obscene language being used, and obscene scenes," said John Puthenveetil, executive director of the Greater New York chapter of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, which coordinated the protests.

"I personally felt it was a whole lot of filthy, anti-Catholic garbage," said Puthenveetil, who saw the film at a press preview on Friday.

In Jean-Luc Godard's film, Mary is an avid basketball player who works at a gas station; Joseph is a dreamy and frustrated cabdriver; Gabriel an unshaven, unseemly-looking angel who travels by jet. Mary, played by Myriem Roussel, is nude in several scenes, but there is no sex.

The story of Mary, Godard said, happens every day. Every man must take his wife's word about her child's paternity. "Every man must trust his wife," he said. Yet not every woman learns of her pregnancy from an angel, the distinction which makes the film so controversial.

world news briefs

Suspected spy returns to Germany

BONN, West Germany (AP) — An engineer suspected of spying after he fled to communist East Germany has returned to West Germany, federal authorities said yesterday.

DR. RUTH IS HERE with 400 answers to your most intimate questions! DR. RUTH'S GAME OF GOOD SEX... SMART SHOP... 212 CALDER SQUARE

CAMPUS STEREO OFFERS YOU UNBELIEVABLE LOW PRICES.

YAMAHA PIONEER JVC SONY Boston Acoustics Infinity

maxell 90

TDK SA-90... MAXELL XLII-90... DENON DX-7-90... SONY UCX-90... SONY UCX-900

STEREK S901C

CAMPUS STEREO 307 WEST BEAVER

We Cure Bored Rooms

Rx Prescription

asterisk CALDER SQUARE II, STATE COLLEGE 227-6716

Write a letter to a friend!

Halloween Special 10 TANNING Sessions For Only \$39.00

THE ORIGINAL Italian PIZZA & RESTAURANT SPECIAL THIS WEEK! 2 large cheese pizzas only \$9.99

DESMOND TUTU and ALLAN BOESAK WINDS OF CHANGE a video taped interview about South Africa

FOR LOST ITEMS... THE HUB DESK LOST and Found

INTERESTED IN STUDYING ABOARD INFORMATIONAL PROGRAM Speaker -- Joseph Ruane Office of Education Abroad Program THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10th 265 WILLARD

NORTH KOREA'S WINDS OF CHANGE A lecture and slide presentation by Prof. Parris Chang of Poli-Sci. Oct. 8 7:30 p.m. 305 HUB

to stop it ALBERT GALLERY

BANDOLINO

bare foot 212 Calder Square II State College, PA 814-234-8080

THE FINANCE CLUB PRESENTS: Jim Angus, PaineWebber Inc. Speaking on "Topics in Finance" 7:30 PM Wednesday, October 9 26 Mineral Sciences ALL WELCOME!!

AICHe presents: EXXON Wednesday, Oct. 9 73 Willard 7:00-9:00 PM

100% MAINE 37.7% CHEAPER FASHION SHOE OUTLET Benner Pike, across from Nittany Mall • Downtown, Calder Way

STAGE DOOR DELI 6 FOOT HOAGIES! \$36.95 + tx. Italian & Ham; others slightly more. Deadline: Order by Friday, Oct. 11; 6 p.m.!

Want to ski the Swiss Alps, Steamboat, or Killington? Sign-up now in the HUB basement 10/4 - 10/10 Offered by the Alpine Ski Division of the Outing Club

THE SCORPION 232 W. Calder Way Wed. — "Hybrid Ice" Thur. — "Earthtones" Fri. — "Rhetoric" Sat. — "Rhetoric" This Week

Careers In Foreign Services Ms. Elizabeth Cummins, Department of State, will be discussing the Foreign Service Exam and Careers in the State Department. 7:30 pm, Thursday, October 10th at 209 Willard. All interested students are welcome.

Pizza T Whole wheat dough available 32oz. of Pepsi FREE with any Pizza T Expires 10/8/85 FREE DELIVERY DAILY Starting at 11 a.m. 234-0182 one coupon per customer

All burned out? Does work have you watching the clock? Is the day making you a nervous wreck? Does school have you worn out? IF YOU SAID YES TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, WHY NOT DROP BY SERA-TEC WHERE YOU CAN RELAX AND RELAX FOR 1 1/2 HOURS OR SO AND BE PAID! IN FACT, BY DONATING PLASMA YOU CAN EARN \$22-\$30 PER WEEK. You must be 18 yrs. of age to donate... Bring in some identification with your birth date on it. ALSO, CLIP OUT THIS AD AND PRESENT IT TO THE RECEPTIONIST FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$3** ON FIRST DONATION. SERA-TEC BIOLOGICALS 120 S. Allen St. (Rear) 237-5761 8-6:30 Mon., Tues., Thurs. 8-4:30 Wed., Fri.

skiing is still in season!! PENN STATE WATER SKI CLUB Meeting Tuesday October 8, 7:30 P.M. 265 Willard ALL SHIRT MONEY DUE EVERYONE WELCOME

DON'T!DON'T!DON'T!DON'T! drinkndrive!litters!smoke!start!fires!or!anything!else!for!that!matter!your!trouble!maker!you