

Waite denounces speculation

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LONDON — Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite said yesterday that he acts on behalf of no government in his effort to free hostages in Lebanon, and that such speculation makes his Middle East contacts nervous and may get him killed.

"There are certain speculative comments now moving around that perhaps Mr. Waite is used by or closely associated with government," he told reporters at London's Heathrow Airport in a rare burst of anger about reports on his mission.

"Give me a break. It is your fellow journalist I am working for," he said, referring to Associated Press correspondent Terry Anderson, one of six Americans kidnapped and still missing in Lebanon.

"All I can say to those people who write such speculative comments is, realize that that sort of comment will cost me my life," Waite said.

On past negotiating trips to Beirut, he said, the kidnappers considered taking him hostage and once threatened to kill him because they were not sure he was a non-political church envoy without government connections.

Waite spoke after returning from West Germany, where American David Jacobson, released by his Lebanese captors Sunday, was reunited with his family. Doctors at the U.S. Air Force base in Wiesbaden said Jacobson, 55, had "no major problems" from his 17 months in captivity but recommended routine follow-up tests.

While in West Germany, Waite told reporters he needs more time to pursue the release of the remaining hostages but vowed, "I'm going to see this through."

He said he was "cautiously optimistic" that two Americans held since early 1985, Anderson and educator Thomas Sutherland, would be freed soon.

In London, he said press speculation prompted by Jacobson's re-

lease had not pleased his contacts and he might not be able to resume the mission for "quite some time."

An editorial in yesterday's edition of *The Times of London* said, "Mr. Waite himself would seem to have been used as decoy in this affair." A news report in the same edition said the United States had "used Mr. Terry Waite . . . to capture public attention in the hostage deal."

Waite was asked during his news conference at Heathrow Airport whether he would be returning to Beirut.

"Yes, I am absolutely committed to these people," he said, adding that he had some new evidence that further progress could be made and "I've got to remain consistently optimistic."

He said he hopes to step out of the public eye and resume his contacts. To a reporter who asked whether he would be back in Beirut before Christmas, Waite said: "There is no way I'm going to give up, and if I have to go back, I will."

At a news conference at the U.S. Air Force base in Wiesbaden, West Germany, Waite specifically denied reports that he was being used by the United States to divert attention from real negotiations.

"I have my own contacts. I am independent of any government," he said.

Waite denied any knowledge of reports U.S.-Iranian talks to free the remaining American hostages. He said many people are "muscling in" on efforts to win the captives' release.

He said that "rumors and misinformation spread in the last day hasn't helped" in the release of hostages. "It is putting risk on the lives of the hostages," he said. "Frankly, I wish it had been different. I wish we had a few more people out a few more days ago," he said.

Jacobson was freed Sunday in Beirut by Islamic Jihad, a pro-Iranian group of Shiite Muslims. It has claimed to be holding Anderson and Sutherland.



Terry Waite

Waite said he would "drop out of the public eye" for the next few days while he works on resuming his "church and religious contacts" in the Middle East.

He said in Wiesbaden that the fact he was not returning to Beirut did not mean his mission had run aground.

"When I have been able to resume these contacts and get infor-

mation I need, then it may well be that a return to Beirut will be in the cards," Waite said.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency, meanwhile, released more details of a speech Tuesday by Iran's parliamentary speaker in which he said Iran might use its weapons in Lebanon to free the hostages in return for American weapons and spare parts.

AIDS found to cause distinguishing facial features in infants

By PAUL RAEBURN
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PHILADELPHIA — Newborns infected with the AIDS virus have characteristic facial features that can be used to predict how soon they will develop the disease, a researcher says.

Quickly identifying which infants will develop AIDS could help doctors treat those children — when treatment becomes possible.

"The fetal AIDS syndrome, as the pattern of facial features is called, includes a small head, prominent forehead, flattened nose and very prominent eyes with a bluish tint in the whites of the eyes," said Dr. Robert Marion of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City.

These features and a few others are coupled with a growth deficiency, Marion said.

"The children who are most severely stigmatized develop AIDS in the first six months of life," said Marion, who reported his findings Tuesday at the annual meeting of the American Society of Human Genetics.

Those who are less severely marked develop AIDS after one year of age, he said. "We think this is going to be very helpful in predicting which children will develop AIDS early in life. We're looking to the future when any kind of treatment is available."

Knowing how soon after birth an AIDS-infected child was likely to develop the disease could enable doctors to start treatment at the most appropriate time. They could balance the need to attack the disease early against the potential side-effects of whatever treatment was available.

Government scientists recently announced with considerable fanfare that a drug called zidovudine, or AZT, was of some benefit in slowing the progression of AIDS.

It is the first drug to show substantial benefits against AIDS, but it is not available for children, Marion said.

AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, is a disease in which a virus attacks the body's immune system, leaving victims susceptible to a wide variety of infections and cancers.

Not everyone agrees with Marion's contention that the fetal AIDS syndrome occurs in 50 percent to 75 percent of children infected with the virus. A research team in New York says it has been unable to find the same features in newborns exposed to AIDS, he said.

But Marion said two other groups have found the same features, but that he could not identify them because they have not made their findings public.

Marion and his colleagues — Andrew Wiznia, R. Gordon Hutcheon and Arye Rubinstain, all of Einstein — first reported the fetal AIDS syndrome in July in the *American Journal of Diseases of Children*, Marion said.

Their most recent work, described Tuesday, involves the development of a rating system to classify infants as either mildly, moderately or severely afflicted with the syndrome.

They found that those who are most severely afflicted contracted AIDS from their mothers during the early stages of pregnancy, while those children who are less severely affected contracted the disease later in the mother's pregnancy.

The appearance of AIDS symptoms in the infants follows by about a year their exposure to the virus, Marion said, so the most severely affected infants — who contracted the disease earlier — will begin to show symptoms earlier.

Many mothers with AIDS are drug abusers who contracted the disease through the sharing of hypodermic needles.

A new greek tradition

Fraternities creating their own alcohol policies

By VICTORIA PETTIES
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Over 25 percent of University fraternities have implemented their own alcohol policies this semester because of pressure from their national chapters coupled with the fact that fraternities are now held liable for alcohol-related accidents.

About 14 of the University's 52 fraternities have enacted their own alcohol policies, according to an informal poll taken at the IFC meeting Oct. 27.

Jeff Granger, president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, 290 E. Beaver Ave., said the fraternity's national chapter usually recommends the fraternity mandate alcohol policies partly because of the high costs of liability suits.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity has \$500,000 in liability insurance.

A fraternity's national chapter, along with the local chapter, is usually named in a liability suit.

"I don't think fraternities have any other choice than to implement their own policies," Granger said. "They will need policies that go beyond those of the Interfraternity Council."

—Jeff Granger, president
Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity

"Houses are going to have to take a step themselves and not solely rely on IFC bylaws," De Tommaso said.

Sigma Pi implemented alcohol policies including prohibiting loitering around the bar area, refusing to serve intoxicated people and serving a guest one beer at a time.

De Tommaso said requiring fraternities to request identification for 21 years of age will "simply open up another can of worms." He said he believes "no many of the social fraternities would support such a ruling" and, if passed, it would be hard to enforce because it would be impossible for IFC to monitor all of the fraternities.

IFC Vice President Jeff Peters, chairman of the Alcohol Research Committee, said the committee will present a set of alcohol-related recommendations to IFC this semester.

Peters said many national chapters have recommended their University chapter implement alcohol policies.

Alpha Gamma Rho, 322 Patterson Row, and Delta Theta Sigma, 101 N. Patterson St., require all people attending parties to be at least 21 years old.

Mike Kuhns, president of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, said his fraternity does not check identification of fellow members or little sisters.

Kuhns said checking for identification "is what all fraternities are on the verge of doing."

Craig Williams, president of Delta Theta Sigma, said "fraternities should not place a heavy emphasis on the social aspect of fraternities since they are suppose to stand for brotherhood."

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TMI tests ability to handle emergency

MIDDLETOWN (AP) — In an effort to prepare for potential mishaps, the Three Mile Island nuclear generating plant underwent an emergency drill yesterday.

The drill, which involved all of the plant's divisions, was intended to simulate an actual emergency, said Gordon Tomb, a spokesman for GPU Nuclear Corp., operators of the plant.

"It's very realistic," Tomb said. "It's a simulated emergency . . . that tests our ability to respond. The goal is to make a prompt response to the situation."

The annual drill, which began about 6:20 p.m., is required by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which also monitors the drill's effectiveness. The plant conducts its own drills several times during the year, he said.

Tomb said a hypothetical scenario

is developed, during which about 200 plant employees follow emergency procedures. TMI notifies the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, the state Department of Environmental Resources and other authorities, as if an actual emergency was taking place, he said.

The drill, however, does not involve on-site participation by outside emergency groups, said Lisa Robinson, a GPU spokeswoman.

Under yesterday's scenario, as of 7:45 p.m., operators first dealt with a loss of instrumentation that monitors safety systems on Unit 1, and later began steps to resolve a leak in the primary coolant system.

The drill was expected to continue to about midnight, he added.

In 1979, TMI Unit 2 was involved in the nation's worst commercial nuclear accident.

Elections alter gubernatorial lineup

By WILLIAM M. WELCH
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A record 21 new governors will take office in January, among them an unlikely Alabama Republican "still pinching myself" and Florida's first Hispanic chief executive, as substantial GOP gains left Democrats with a paper-thin statehouse edge.

A net gain of eight governorships by Republicans left a probable 28-24 balance favoring the Democrats. A Democratic majority was assumed but not assured when voters' legislative preferences were confirmed by the re-election of Madeline Kunin, who led handily but fell short of the majority she needed in a three-way race.

"Democrats still retain the majority of America's governorships," said Democratic National Committee chairman Paul Kirk. "We made a net gain of several state legislative chambers and we have two-thirds of the nation's mayors . . . Political realignment has been put to rest, we continue to be the dominant party at every level."

But Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, a Democrat who easily won re-election himself, acknowledged, "Our Democrats had a pretty rough time yesterday."

The state house victories provided solace for President Reagan and Republicans smarting over their lost control of the U.S. Senate.

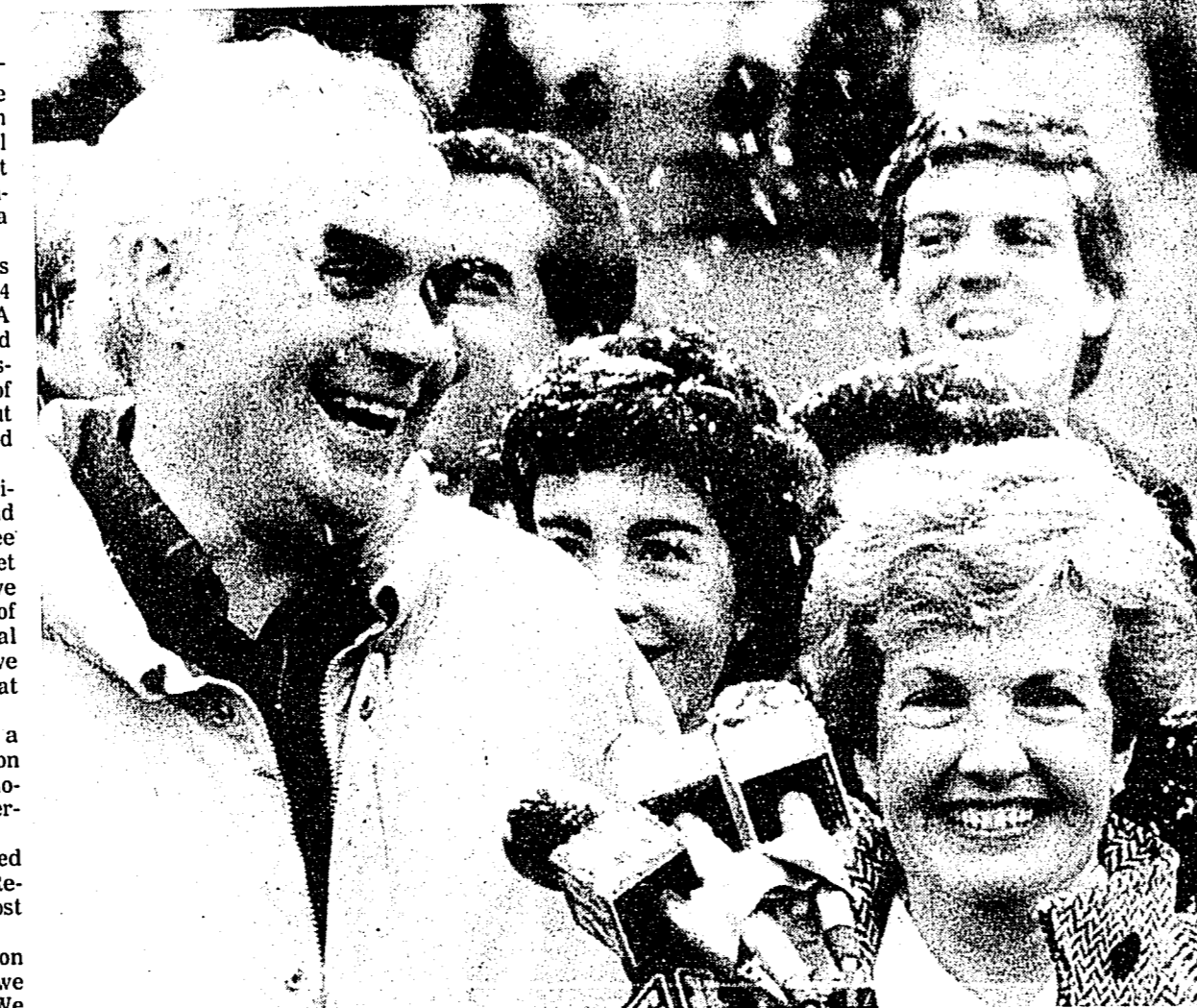
"Overall, yesterday's election brought fairly good news, though we lost the Senate," Reagan said. "We won unprecedented victories in governorships, gaining eight, resulting in Republicans governing more than half the population of the United States."

Democratic incumbents Mark White in Texas and Anthony Earl in Wisconsin were turned out of office as Democrats claimed victories in 11 states now held by Democrats. Republicans couldn't hang on, however, in Pennsylvania, Oregon and Tennessee.

Texas, where Republican Bill Clements reclaimed the seat he lost four years ago, and Florida, won by former Tampa Mayor Bob Martinez, were the big prizes sought by the GOP.

They are growing states that the GOP will hold going into the 1990 election. Republicans will control four of the six most populous states. In Alabama, the successor to Democrat George Wallace, who didn't seek re-election, is Republican Guy Hunt, an Amway salesman who never went to college and whose only previous public office was probate judge.

"I guess sometime in the next two



Governor-Elect Bob Casey and his wife Ellen hold a press conference outside their Scranton home yesterday during the season's first snowfall.

or three days I'll wake up still pinching myself," said Hunt.

He took a traditionally worthless GOP nomination that virtually no one else wanted and rode to victory on the good fortune of a bitter Democratic Party split. He is the state's first GOP governor since Reconstruction.

The Democratic losses were due in part to the retirement of many popular incumbents and the fact the GOP had few governorships to defend.

There were 19 retiring governors, 15 of them Democrats including Alaska Gov. Bill Sheffield, who failed to win renomination.

The victories of Clements in Texas and of GOP legislative leader Tommy Thompson in Wisconsin assured there needs the modern records of 20 new governors elected in 1978, 1986 and 1992, according to the National Governors' Association.

The results also underscored the differing nature of gubernatorial races, with local issues of jobs, schools and taxes setting apart from national politics.

"Any American who believes in

himself, and believes he's got a message, can win an election regardless of what his name is," Martinez said.

Republicans also will succeed Democrats in South Carolina, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas, Nebraska, Maine and Arizona.

"A lot of times local issues play a big role in these governorships," said Clinton. "We have to demonstrate an independence from the national government, no matter which party it is."

Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad was a Republican who withstood a strong challenge after distancing himself from Reagan's farm policies, unpopular in among the state's farmers.

"I think it was a decision by the voters that they want common sense and hard work," Branstad said. "They don't want to go in debt, they don't want higher taxes."

The secret for farm-belt Republicans, said newly-elected Kay Orr, governor of Nebraska, is "being a fiscal conservative — by talking about taxes and not raising them."

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