



# World beat

## International Concerns grow

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Fears grew Tuesday for Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite, last seen eight days ago when he left for secret talks with Shiite Moslem kidnappers to seek the release of hostages.

One report Tuesday said Waite was still negotiating. Another said he was placed under house arrest by the Moslems he went to bargain with.

Archbishop Robert Runcie of Canterbury said in London he was "greatly concerned" about Waite's safety.

Waite arrived in the Lebanese capital on Jan. 12. Since then, 11 more foreigners have been abducted in Beirut. The latest, a Saudi Arabian, was grabbed by gunmen Monday night.

## Accused spy released

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Sam Nesley Hall, a self-described freedom fighter and brother of a U.S. congressman, will be turned over to his family's lawyer and will leave Nicaragua Wednesday, a government official said.

Javier Chamorro Mora, a deputy foreign minister, told a news conference that Hall has been "excused of criminal responsibility" because of the state of his mental health.

Hall, 49, was arrested Dec. 12 at Punta Huete air base, 13 miles northeast of Managua, with maps and sketches of the airfield, crudely drawn on hotel stationery, stuffed in his socks, the Sandinistas said at the time. The Nicaraguan government accused him of spying.

## Brother arrested

BONN, West Germany (AP) — Police have arrested a brother of the jailed Lebanese man accused in the 1985 TWA hijacking, security sources said Tuesday.

They said Ali Abbas Hamadi, brother of imprisoned Mohammed Ali Hamadi, 22, was taken into custody at Frankfurt airport Monday night because investigators think he may have been involved in this month's kidnapping of two West Germans in Lebanon.

"We suspect he was either involved or knows something about the kidnappings," one source, speaking on condition he was not identified, told The Associated Press.

In an incident West German television said was related to the arrest, police in Saarland state shot and wounded a 23-year-old Palestinian and arrested his father and three brothers, a family member said.

## Air raids continue

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iraq resumed air raids on Iranian cities Tuesday after a one-day lull, and Iran claimed its invasion force seized part of a highway leading to Basra, Iraq's southern provincial capital.

At an Islamic conference in Kuwait, only 50 miles from the battle, King Hussein of Jordan appealed for an immediate truce and negotiations to end the war, which began in September 1980.

The official Iraqi news agency said jet bombers pounded Ilam, Delhoran and Islamabad-Gharb in western Iran in retaliation for Iran's shelling of Iraqi cities.

Later dispatches reported raids on Iran's holy city of Qom, which has been hit almost every day since the Iranian invasion began Jan. 9, Isfahan in central Iran and two other cities. The agency reported 176 sorties by Iraqi jets.

## National

### Reagan regrets effort

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan said Tuesday night that his failed effort to reach out to Iran and win the release of American hostages in Lebanon was his "one major regret" but he called on the nation not to be "obsessed with failure."

He said it was not wrong to try to establish contact with a nation of strategic importance and "certainly it was not wrong to try to secure freedom for our citizens held in barbaric captivity. But we did not achieve what we wished, and serious mistakes were made in trying to do so."

Reagan said his administration had made progress on many fronts but "I have one major regret."

"I took a risk with regard to our action in Iran. It did not work and for that I assume full responsibility," Reagan said.

## Democrats respond

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic leaders answered President Reagan's State of the Union address with a pledge of cooperation, but they warned him to clean up the Iran scandal and move toward compromise on domestic programs.

"The last two years of the Reagan presidency need not be a period of discord. A weakened president serves no one," Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., said in the Democrats' formal response to the address.

But Reagan must take steps to restore his and the nation's credibility, Byrd said.

"The administration has the obligation to tell 'We the American People' exactly what led to the arms-for-hostage deal — and what happened to accountability in the White House," said Byrd, using the "We the People" theme of the president's address.

## Carriers remain

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration has ordered the Navy to extend the deployment of the aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy in the Mediterranean Sea.

The move maintains two carrier battle groups in the Mediterranean indefinitely, the Pentagon said.

## Wage increases down

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wage and salary increases last year averaged 3.5 percent, down from 4.4 percent in 1985, as more employers heaped year-end bonuses on their workers in lieu of larger pay raises, the government reported Tuesday.

Schoolteachers enjoyed the largest average pay gains for the second year in a row, 5.9 percent on top of the 6.1 percent increase they received in 1985.

## Regional

### Bills introduced

SALEM (AP) — A bill to provide low-cost health-care insurance to the poor was among those introduced in the Oregon Legislature on Tuesday.

Drafted by the joint Interim

Committee on Health Care, HB2352 would create an insurance program for low-income people under 65 who are not covered by an employer's group plan.

## Dump delayed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Phil Gramm said Tuesday the Department of Energy will delay the targeted completion date for the nation's first high-level nuclear dump for five years to give itself and Congress a chance to re-evaluate the

program.

"I have learned that the Department of Energy (today) will issue an amended mission plan in response to concerns raised by me and others about the nuclear waste repository siting," said Gramm, R-Texas.

The action would move the government's projected completion date of the waste repository from 1998 to 2003 and could mean a delay of the entire nuclear waste repository program for up to five years, Gramm said.

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