



World beat

International

Waite sighted

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Two taxi drivers said they saw missing hostage negotiator Terry Waite walking in a southern Beirut suburb Thursday with an escort of about 10 gunmen and four turbaned Shiite Moslem sheiks.

Waite, the 6-foot-7 Anglican Church envoy, was last seen by reporters Jan. 20 when he left the Riviera Hotel in west Beirut to meet the kidnapers of two Americans. Since then, Waite has not contacted the church or his family.

The taxi drivers, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press they saw Waite walking with his escorts in a street close to the Lebanese capital's airport highway at about 3 p.m. Thursday.

National

Protesters arrested

MERCURY, Nev. (AP) — Actors Martin Sheen, Kris Kristoferson and Robert Blake were among 438 anti-nuclear activists arrested Thursday at the Nevada Test Site after listening to six congressmen promise to fight for an end to nuclear testing.

More than 1,000 activists gathered for the demonstration at the test site's gate. They lined both sides of the highway three and four deep while protesters who wanted to risk arrest walked down the middle to a cattle guard where they faced off with sheriff's deputies and security guards.

Among others arrested when they stepped across the cattle guard were astronomer Carl Sagan and peace activist Daniel Ellsberg.

Energy Department spokesman Jim Boyer said 433 of those arrested would be charged with trespassing and five would be charged with resisting arrest. Those arrested were taken in buses to nearby Beatty, Nev., for court hearings.

It was the largest demonstration and the largest number of arrests in more than six years of protests at the desert site 65 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

Plans abandoned

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States, rebuffed by France and two other close allies, was forced Thursday to abandon plans for a seven-nation meeting in Rome on countering the rising tide of terrorism.

Although State Department officials said military steps were not on the agenda, the reluctant allies did not wish to participate in a conference held in the shadows of a U.S. military buildup in the eastern Mediterranean.

With eight Americans held hostage in Lebanon, there was apprehension that the United States might strike out in retaliation, as it did last April against Libya.

France, which initiated the boycott, and Britain and West Germany, which also declined

invitations to attend, all have hostages in Lebanon.

The session was to have opened Friday and focused on the recent spate of abductions.

Trust must be rebuilt

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee said Thursday the Iran-Contra uproar shows the need to restore trust between Congress and the spy agencies, while Reagan administration officials appealed to Congress to continue the flow of U.S. aid to the Nicaraguan rebels.

Sen. David Boren, D-Okla., predicted there will be some proposals to tighten procedures for informing Congress of undercover activities. He said that while he would endorse some changes in that respect, "I think the most important thing is attitude. You have to rebuild trust."

Congress backs industry

WASHINGTON (AP) — Declaring the nation is "in the economic fight of our life," senators Thursday unveiled a sweeping trade bill they said would boost U.S. industry but not "crawl into the hole of protectionism."

Sponsors said the bill would help the United States compete with Japan and create more of the high-paying jobs that have dwindled as the nation has moved from manufacturing to service industries.

"If these trends continue much longer, American workers will end up like the people in the biblical village of old who were condemned to be hewers of wood and drawers of water," Senate Finance Committee Chairman Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, told a news conference.

Almost as soon as the measure was introduced, however, some of its more than 55 co-sponsors said they would move to toughen its provisions, which would give the administration authority to conduct international talks in return for a report to Congress on U.S. objectives.

Regional

Committee acts

SALEM (AP) — Oregon Senate committees on Thursday recommended confirmation of the appointments of Stan Long as state commerce director and Fred Miller as executive director.

Both appointments, made by Gov. Neil Goldschmidt, now move to the full Senate for consideration.

The Senate Business, Housing and Finance Committee voted to recommend confirmation of Long's appointment as head of the Commerce Department.

It won't be the first state position for Long if he wins Senate confirmation.

He served as deputy attorney general from 1981-83 under Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer and also has served on the state Land Conservation and Development Commission.

Miller's appointment to head the Executive Department was endorsed Thursday and sent to the full Senate by the chamber's Rules Committee.

Miller is a former state Transportation Department director who helped oversee the drafting of a new state budget for Goldschmidt during the new governor's transition to power.

BPA must prove need

OLYMPIA (AP) — A Senate committee on Thursday unanimously endorsed legislation that would ask the Bonneville Power Administration to prove that its proposed utility rate hikes are necessary to meet federal treasury payments and other costs.

The Senate Energy and Utilities Committee also voted 6-0 in favor of a second memorial urging Congress to reject a Reagan administration proposal to sell or "privatize" BPA in order to settle BPA's national treasury debt of about \$8 billion.

There was little discussion on that second measure, Senate Joint Memorial 8005.

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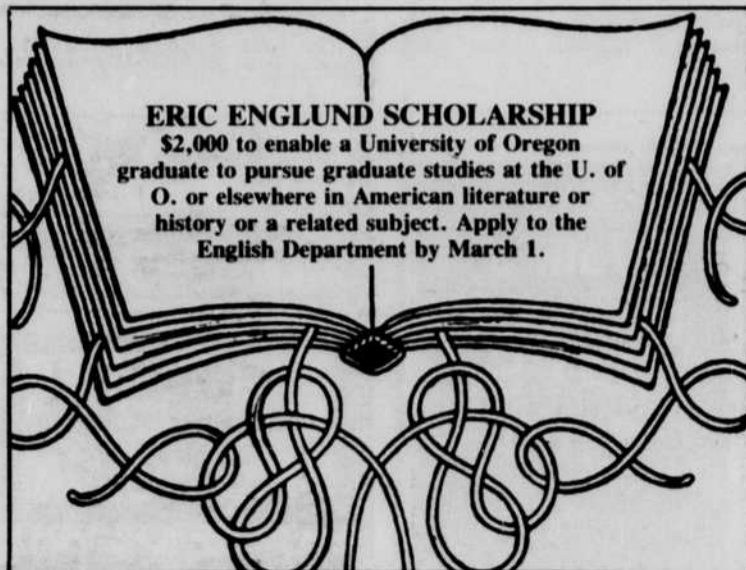
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