

News In Brief

Optimism about hostages continues

With tough talk and stern action, President Abolhassan Bani Sadr hammered away Thursday at the U.S. Embassy militants' remaining power and prestige among the Iranian people, as reports persisted that the American hostages might be freed soon.

For the second straight day, the new Iranian president blasted the young Moslem radicals publicly, calling them "rebels against the government." The Revolutionary Council, led by Bani Sadr, took action against them, restricting their access to national radio and television.

It appeared Bani Sadr was trying to undercut the militants' status as revolutionary heroes in preparation for a resolution of the hostage crisis being worked out behind the scenes.

The United States, encouraged by signs that Iran's new government is anxious to end the hostage crisis, announced Thursday that it would not formally impose long-promised economic sanctions against that country.

Store robbed of \$100,000 in jewels

KANNAPOLIS (AP)—Two gunmen who robbed a Kannapolis jewelry store this week escaped in evening rush-hour traffic with more than \$100,000 in diamond jewelry and \$1,300 in cash, Cabarrus County authorities said Thursday.

Armed with a handgun, the two held up Leonard's Jewelry Store late Wednesday afternoon, according to Rex A. Baucom, manager of the store.

Afghans kill 40; Red Cross allowed in

Rebel snipers have killed about 40 Soviet soldiers in the streets of Taloqan in northeastern Afghanistan, and Afghan troops have deserted their government's cause in the area, sources in the Afghan capital of Kabul reported Thursday.

The report could not be independently confirmed because Afghan authorities have banned travel outside Kabul by Western journalists. But reports reaching the capital spoke of continued small-scale rebel attacks in the province involved, Takhar, and in three other northern provinces—Baghlan, Kunduz and Badakhshan.

The International Red Cross reported Thursday that an observer team it has sent to Kabul has received permission from the Soviet-backed Afghan government to visit political prisoners in Afghan jails.

Carter takes double swipe at Congress

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Carter said Thursday he would veto any legislation aimed at crippling the ability of the Federal Trade Commission to protect consumers and vowed to fight as inflationary one of Congress' pet measures—the huge water projects bill.

Carter called the FTC "one of the greatest weapons the American public has to guarantee truth and integrity and competition in the marketplace" and promised he would "not let it be picked to pieces."

Carter's pledge to veto the bill won him a standing ovation from many attending the annual convention of the Consumer Federation of America.

Morgan to resign from Ethics Committee

From staff and wire reports

U.S. Sen. Robert Morgan will resign from the Senate Ethics Committee because of possible conflicts that might arise between his position as a committee member and his campaign for re-election this year.

Reports said that Morgan, who has been on the committee since 1977, would resign his position before the committee begins its hearings on the FBI's "Abscam" operation. Eight Washington congressmen have been accused of taking bribes from FBI agents who posed as Arab oil sheiks in an elaborate undercover operation.

"I don't think it's proper for me to be

on it when I'm up for re-election," Morgan said. "I had agreed to serve until I filed for re-election. I filed last Friday, and this thing (the FBI probe) broke Saturday."

However, Morgan aide Jane Dillard said Thursday that reports of his announcement to resign were premature and that the senator would continue to sit on the committee until a replacement could be found.

Dillard said that Morgan had not announced formally his resignation yet because committee chairman Howell Heflin, D-Ala., Senate majority leader Robert Byrd, D-W. Va., and others had asked him to stay on the committee until a replacement could be found.

Lee wants investigation

By RAND TUCKER
Staff Writer

State Republican Party Chairman Jackson Lee dubbed the controversy surrounding state employee Mather Slaughter "Huntgate" and reiterated his call for an investigation of the matter.

Lee, addressing about 25 students at a recent gathering of the UNC College Republicans, said Hunt should have known what was going on.

Slaughter has been accused of compiling political dossiers on state employees while employed as a state Alcohol Law Enforcement agent.

In a news release last week, Lee said: "In the Hunt administration, a long career of service to North Carolina means nothing. Political expediency and political power come first."

Lee said he has appointed a committee

of North Carolina legislators to investigate the episode and report its findings to the legislature when it meets in June.

In other remarks, Lee said he is encouraging Republicans to vote for Keith Snyder instead of avowed Nazi Harold Covington in the Republican primary for state attorney general. "I would not want Mr. Covington to be representing the Republican Party," Lee said.

Lee said he did not think it was improper for him to support one candidate over another for the nomination in this case.

Lee said he is optimistic about the Republican Party's chances in the 1980 elections. "The issues are with the Republicans," he said. "The Democrats haven't been doing anything about them."

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Student Supreme Court," Simpson said.

An appeal to the court must be filed within 48 hours of the Elections Board's decision. The outcome of a runoff vote in last year's *Daily Tar Heel* editor race also was contested on grounds of election irregularities and was decided by the Student Supreme Court.

Rep. Sonya Lewis, one of the CGC members who filed a complaint, said she would appeal to the court if the board upheld certification of the referendum.

In a move related to the referendum outcome, CGC called for a new constitutional referendum Tuesday night to delete a clause in the referendum certified Thursday that gives the federation 15 percent of graduate student activity fees.

Student Body President J.B. Kelly, however, said Wednesday he intends to veto the CGC bill when it is placed on his desk.

The bill will be presented to him today by CGC Speaker Rhonda Black.

It was only because of his re-election campaign that Morgan would resign from the committee, Dillard said, but she said she was not sure when Morgan would leave the committee.

Meanwhile, Morgan proposed changes in the way the committee handles investigations of senators charged with ethical misconduct. He said that committee members should not have to act as "investigators, grand jurors, jurors

and judges," of senators, and he advised that the rules governing the committee be changed to accommodate his view.

Morgan's proposals were in a resolution which would be presented to the Senate for ratification, and U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms said that he would support the resolution. Helms also said that he thought that the Senate would approve the measures.

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"I hope I would be the main liaison between the students and the administration," Garrity said. "The foundation has been laid and I would like to work to improve it."

Presidential candidate Bob Saunders said that he hopes to break down the impression held by many students that Student Government is a white student government and the BSM is a black student government.

"All of the candidates are committed to more minorities in Student Government," Saunders said. "We need more (BSM) members in Suite C (Student Government headquarters) and we need Student Government to work with other organizations."

On the issue of tenure for University faculty, Saunders said he would like to see the names of faculty members up for tenure publicized the semester before.

"Tenure is not a question of black and white," Saunders said. "It is a question of research and teaching." Saunders was referring to the recent controversy over the tenure denial of Sonja Stone, UNC assistant professor and director of the Afro-American Studies program.

DTH candidate George Shadroui said he would have more University news in the paper, while candidate Ken Roberts said he would use the space more efficiently to provide more state and national news coverage.

Roberts, who has worked on *The Chapel Hill Newspaper* for 1½ years, was asked if he felt that experience made him lose touch with University issues.

"I have been a student here, I read the DTH and I am enrolled in the journalism school here," Roberts said. "I don't think it has made me insensitive—it has just given me a different outlook."

Charlie Brown, who is running unopposed for CAA president, said he was against students having to pay \$3 for tickets to home basketball games played in the Greensboro Coliseum. He said he hopes to work with the athletic director to get the policy changed.

Nadine Bourgeois, coordinator of the forum, said she was pleased with the turnout and the quality of the questions asked of the candidates. An informal candidates Koffee Klatch was held following the forum.

FBI denies entrapment

WASHINGTON (AP)—The federal case against Sen. Harrison A. Williams Jr. was described Thursday as among the strongest in the FBI's political bribery investigation which has implicated eight members of Congress.

As FBI agents interviewed members of the New Jersey Casino Control Commission, which figured in the allegations against Williams, a move began in the House of Representatives to try to force the FBI to turn over the evidence it collected in its 16-month probe. Rep. Peter Peyer, D-N.Y., introduced a resolution of inquiry which, if approved by the House, would direct the attorney general to hand over all FBI evidence against the congressmen within 30 days.

Justice Department officials have said they would refuse to do that.

The damage of the allegations to public trust in Congress is so great, Peyer said, that "Congress cannot wait for a grand jury investigation or a trial. We must know now what happened."

Peyer sent letters urging every house member to participate in an hour-long debate on his proposal, but he was the only member who attended.

Earlier, FBI Director William Webster told an Oklahoma City news conference his agency had "followed the rules of law" in its undercover operations. He denied any entrapment of members of Congress.

Williams, a New Jersey Democrat, is

reported to have told FBI agents on videotape that Joseph Lordi, chairman of the casino commission, helped him save \$3 million for developers of the Ritz hotel-casino project in Atlantic City. Lordi and Williams have denied involvement in such a deal.

In addition, government sources said last weekend that Williams had accepted stock in a titanium mine last August in return for a promise to help obtain government contracts for a venture backed by an Arab sheik.

Officially, sources close to the investigation say all eight members of Congress remain subject to possible grand jury action, although the government considers its case against Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., to be the weakest.

Williams was reported in the *Washington Star* and the *New York Daily News* to be a strong target for federal prosecution. Quoting unidentified Justice Department sources, the papers also listed Reps. Michael Myers, D-Pa., and Richard Kelly, R-Fla.

The *Star* said other strong cases were being prepared against Reps. John Jenrette, D-S.C., and Raymond Lederer, D-Pa. Instead of those two, the *Daily News* listed Reps. Frank Thompson Jr., D-N.J., and John Murphy, D-N.Y., as other prime targets.

A lawyer for Murphy asked the FBI and the Justice Department to turn over any sound or visual recordings of Murphy, under the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts. The government had no immediate response.

On Wednesday, Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti conferred by telephone with New Jersey Attorney General John J. Degnan. It was not known what they discussed.

20-inch snowfall hits 9 N.C. northeast counties

The Associated Press

Residents of northeastern North Carolina Thursday were digging out of a record 20-inch snowfall that blocked highways and knocked out electrical power to thousands of homes.

The storm that moved across the state Wednesday dumped up to 10 inches of snow in the mountains, one to four inches in the center of the state and up to 20 inches in the northeast.

National guardsmen were dispatched to two northeast counties to help local authorities with emergency calls.

The Elizabeth City airport was closed Wednesday night because of the snow and remained shut down Thursday afternoon.

A Coast Guard spokesman for the Coast Guard's Elizabeth City station said Coast Guard helicopters were flying over the hardest-hit parts of the area to rescue residents stranded in their homes.

"We're particularly surveying the areas where the power is still out," the spokesman said.

Authorities in Elizabeth City and

Pasquotank County used volunteers with four-wheel-drive vehicles to answer emergency calls and to transport staff personnel to hospitals and nursing homes.

Brad Critcher, assistant public information officer in the state Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, said National Guard troops were sent to Pasquotank and Chowan counties Wednesday night.

"There are nine guardsmen with four-wheel-drive vehicles in the Edenton-Chowan County area," Critcher said. "And there are eight guardsmen in the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank County area. But that number may go up if they need additional assistance."

Critcher said city and county officials in the two counties had requested the troops to help their police and fire departments, rescue squads and hospitals.

A spokesman for Virginia Electric and Power Co. said heavy snow and high winds damaged power lines in nine northeastern North Carolina counties.

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