

# Special committee to decide hostages' fate

The Associated Press

The Iranian Parliament delayed a full debate Tuesday on the American hostages and in a raucous session voted to select a special committee to deal with the fate of the 52 Americans who were in their 318th day of captivity.

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Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, who cut off deputies trying to debate the hostage issue, said discussions on the new committee will continue when Parliament meets Thursday.

But in line with revolutionary leader Ayatollah

Ruhollah Khomeini's pledge that the parliament would decide the fate of the hostages, Rafsanjani assured deputies that the final decision would be by the Majlis itself.

The parliament session quickly turned into a shouting match as some members demanded a closed session on the issue. Hardline deputy Sayyed Fakhrudin Rahimi said, "We do not need any special committee or a secret session. The spy-hostages must be tried and executed and the non-spy hostages released on conditions."

Rahimi echoed a call by the Islamic fundamentalist Tehran newspaper Ettelaat that the hostages be tried as spies.

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perspective.

The report included an aesthetic perspective which required three courses in literature and the fine arts, two of which must have been sequential. Two courses were required in the humanistic perspective.

Several of these courses were to be taken during the junior and senior years.

In April of 1980, nine subcommittees formed by Williamson to study the report recommended the reduction of the science, humanistic and aesthetic requirements and added a speech requirement.

During the summer, Williamson and several members of the Committee on

General Education studied the recommendations, then presented their version of a revised report to the full committee in late August. The full committee has been working since then on the version that will be made public in October.

Williamson said though he liked the original report, "The reorganization had to meet with the reality of the number of resources available."

At least two student hearings on the report will be held in October, Williamson said. One will be an open forum and the other will have guests speaking on the report.

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Morris said that emergency funding was limited, but that the delayed checks are coming in every day now. Students are notified by mail that their aid checks have arrived.

"The crunch of the late checks is over," Morris said. "Those students who applied late should have made other arrangements for their living costs before now."

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### Passengers escape burning plane

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In New York, Jim Arey, a spokesman for Pan American World Airways Inc., which merged with National earlier this year, said one tire blew out, creating heat and friction and causing several other tires to explode. That touched off what he described as a small fire fueled by rubber and fluids in the undercarriage but quickly extinguished by firemen.

Most of the passengers were American and British tourists, including several young children. The identities of the injured were not immediately known.

### Dissident leader sentenced to die

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—A military court Wednesday sentenced prominent dissident leader Kim Dae-jung to death on charges of attempting to overthrow the government by force.

In a six-minute session, the four-general panel also sentenced 23 of Kim's followers to prison terms of three to 20 years each which was almost exactly as the prosecution had demanded.

The sentences now go automatically to a higher military court for review, then to the nation's supreme court. President Chun Doo-hwan also will have a chance to commute Kim's death sentence.

Execution in South Korea is by hanging.

In a summary of his defense last Saturday against the sedition charges, Kim proclaimed his innocence and pleaded that trials such as his "should happen in this land never again."

## students

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Hearing agreed. "You meet many different people here, depending on where you go," he said. But schooling is quite different here than in his homeland. "We have more discussions in Germany, as opposed to lectures," he said.

Hearing and Brigitte Strauch, also from West Germany, are both majoring in American studies. "Relationships between students and professors are far better here," Strauch said.

Pamela Nicholson and Lorraine Wickham from Australia are both graduate students. They agree on the quality of education at UNC.

"It's very different than the university I attend at home," Nicholson said. "It's in the middle of a very large city. I like the village atmosphere here much more."

Wickham added, "You can tell everybody for us that we do speak English in Australia."

Nancy Allen, a local housewife, became a host several years ago. "This is the third student we have hosted," she said. "They are all so different. We have two children who have really benefited from this."

Nell Morton, another hostess, agreed. "I was abroad this summer," she said. "I found out how little we really know about other countries."

Robert Q. Kelly, a Morehead scholar from Sussex, England, was pleasantly surprised with his reception here. "The American friendliness is really something else," he said. "People go out of their way to help you. I live on South Campus, and everyone is in a good mood and has a good time. It gets almost oppressive when you're used to it. It's not all that prevalent in England."

Kelly said he originally had planned to attend Cambridge but took the Morehead interview on the advice of his headmaster. "I couldn't refuse four years, all expenses paid," he said. "And the programs here are so much more diverse. I can't believe some of the things an undergraduate can take. It's all very good."

Peter Rzesznitzek, a history and political science major from West Germany said, "Everyone is busy trying to meet and help the students. The International Center is excellent."

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