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# East Germans continue protests

From Associated Press reports

DRESDEN, East Germany — Tens of thousands of protesters in at least eight cities braved icy winds Sunday to keep the heat on the Communist leadership, despite open borders and the election of a reform-minded Cabinet one day earlier.

Nearly 3 million East Germans crossed into West Berlin and West Germany between Friday and Sunday, the second weekend since the government opened borders to the West, bor-

der police said. Most were just visiting for the day.

Ferry service across the Elbe River, which forms part of the border, resumed Sunday at Hitzacker, about 80 miles southeast of Hamburg, for the first time since April 23, 1945.

In another change, the official ADN news agency reported that the roles of the party and the government in East Germany's armed forces will be separated.

Communist Party chief Egon Krenz

assured East Germans in a televised interview late Sunday that he would fight for political reform. "If the party is of another opinion, then they should find another general secretary," he said at his East Berlin home.

ADN said 50,000 people participated in Dresden's first officially authorized protest rally. Other estimates of the crowd size ranged up to 100,000.

"Lord don't forgive them because they knew what they did," said one banner in the southern city, making a

biting play on words from Jesus Christ's agony on the cross.

In East Berlin, thousands participated in an unauthorized march from the Alexanderplatz square to Parliament, calling for sweeping reforms and abolition of the Communist Party's guaranteed monopoly on power.

Parliament on Saturday confirmed a reform-minded Cabinet of Communist Premier Hans Modrow and created a committee to study possible constitutional changes, including dropping a law guaranteeing Communist rule.

"We won't let ourselves be blinded by the open borders," said one protest banner. "Swap DDR (East Germany) for Mickey Mouse," said another.

One sign suggested, "Honecker to court," and speakers called for prosecution of the country's former leaders, including ousted president and party chief Erich Honecker, who was replaced by Krenz Oct. 18.

# Striking jet manufacturers reach tentative settlement

From Associated Press reports

SEATTLE — Boeing Co. and Machinists union negotiators, spurred by an unusual move by a federal mediator, agreed to a tentative contract Sunday that could end a 47-day-old strike by workers in nine states.

After 14 hours of talks that ended about 3:30 a.m., chief Boeing negotiator Larry McKean said the production workers could be back on the job as early as Wednesday at the world's No. 1 maker of passenger jets.

"At this point we're looking forward to a favorable vote on this contract and a return to normal operations," he said.

"This proposal is a substantial improvement" over previous offers, said Tom Baker, president of Seattle-area District Lodge 751, which represents nearly 80 percent of the Boeing workers covered by the contract.

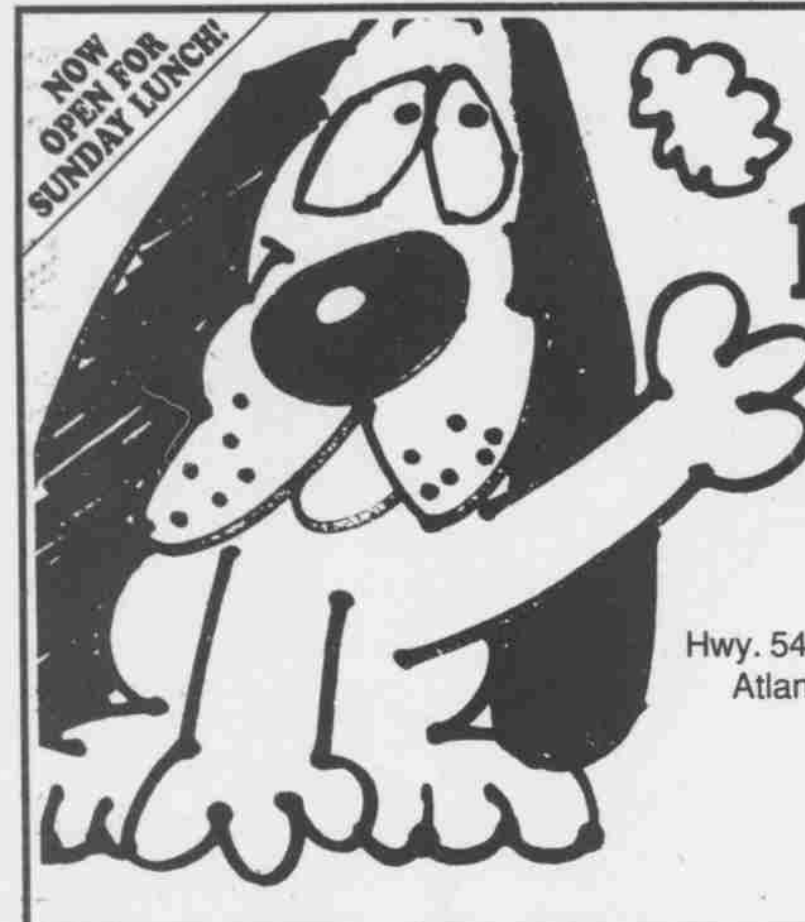
## News in Brief

### Rescued quake victim dies

SAN FRANCISCO — Buck Helm, the longshoreman rescued from a flattened freeway 3 days after the Oct. 17 earthquake, was mourned Sunday as a gutsy symbol of endurance. His death raised the toll from the quake to 67.

Helm, 58, died of respiratory failure Saturday night at Kaiser-Permanente Medical Center in Oakland, said hospital spokesman Ron Treleven. No other details on his death were available.

"Buck's passing pretty much took everyone by surprise because he was improving," Gary Frischer, a spokesman for Helm's family, said in a statement.



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the line within 15 or 20 minutes of their arrival.

"What we need to do is turn around and walk back," said one officer while trying to straighten people into a line.

One number distributor climbed up the slope alongside the Smith Center and shouted, "Nobody's gonna get any (numbers) if you don't stop the pushing — I guarantee it."

The rush seemed to be fueled by rumors that number distribution might begin around midnight. Some students slipped up toward the front of the line.

At about 12:20 a.m., other students became frustrated with those hovering around the front of the line and placed a barricade of gates perpendicular to the line. This raised heads along the line, and many wondered if something was about to happen.

Carolina Athletic Association (CAA) President Lisa Frye said confusion about the distribution time probably contributed most to the incident. "I think they thought we weren't supposed to come until 6 a.m. They didn't expect the numbers to be handed out so early."

The CAA, which handles student ticket distribution, changed the basketball ticket distribution policy this year, so that numbers for tickets could be handed out any time before 10 a.m. on Sunday distribution days.

But not enough students knew this, Frye said. "I certainly take full responsibility for not doing a good enough job of not letting people know about it."

Students were also confused by a sign at the Smith Center that outlined a Smith Center policy of not lining up before 6 a.m., she said.

Alcohol also seemed to play a part in the confusion. "It was poor timing because everybody there had been drinking," Harris said. "If they did it in the morning people would be tired and wouldn't be as rowdy."

Acting Public Safety Director John DeVitto, who arrived on the scene with four University police officers and a Chapel Hill Police officer, said beer cans were among the trash in the area. "I did see a lot of debris. The students obviously had been in line awhile."

About 300 to 400 of the 1,200 to 1,400 students in line were packed under the overhang near the ticket window, DeVitto said. "It took us a little time to restore order. We got them out from under the building and got the lines in order."

"The biggest thing was trying to get them to pay attention and listen."

Students who had been waiting in line for hours left frustrated with poor ticket numbers. The first 100 or 200 students got the numbers they deserved, but others did not.

"People who were there for 10 minutes got better tickets than those who were there since 4 p.m.," Harris said.

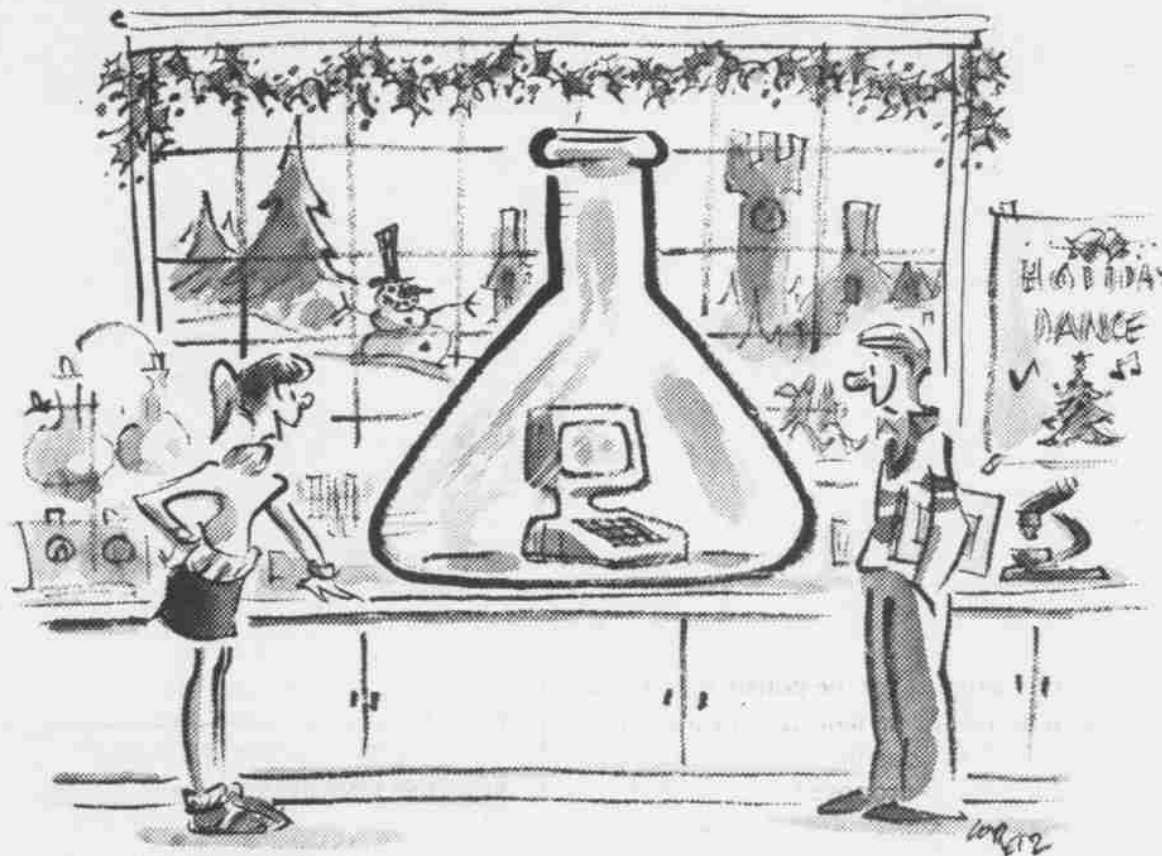
The disturbance took the CAA by surprise, Frye said. The last two distributions went smoothly, but those distributions were after 6 a.m., she said. "The reason we came down early was so people could go home. We weren't going to come before 6 a.m. for any games except State and Duke."

The incident has prompted the CAA to review the distribution policy, Frye said. "If the numbers system is what created a mob scene, then we obviously need to change the system." The CAA will ask for distribution ideas from students who were at the Smith Center Sunday, she said.

Chris Baumann, a freshman from Alta Loma, Calif., said people were needed to enforce the line. "It might be more beneficial to walk down the line and hand out the card instead of having everyone come up to the front."

Harris agreed with the numbers system but not the random distribution time. "If they're going to do it at night they should specify a time. I know they're trying to discourage people from camping out, but it's not working."

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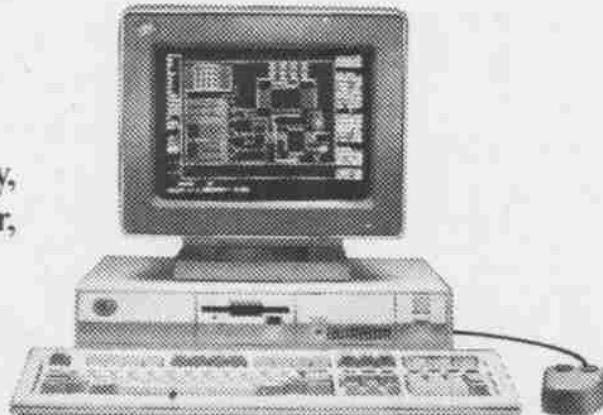
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