# Hunt, biracial group discuss state's image

RALEIGH (AP)-Gov. Jim Hunt met Monday with a biracial group to discuss the recent acquittals in the Greensboro Klan-Nazi murder trial and its effect on North Carolina's image.

The 4:15 p.m. meeting between Hunt and about 20 black and white leaders was closed to reporters. It was held in the governor's Capitol office.

"I'm here to listen," Hunt said as the meeting began.

Ben Ruffin, Hunt's assistant for minority affairs, said a cross section of black, religious, human-relations and student leaders was invited by the governor to discuss the verdicts, their effect on the state's national image and on relations within the state.

"We tried to get some people involved in the Greensboro situation and also some from around the state-Raleigh and Charlotte," Ruffin said before the meeting.

A Superior Court jury in Greensboro found four Ku Klux Klansmen and two Nazis innocent on Nov. 17 of first-degree murder and rioting charges stemming from the slayings of five Communist Workers Party supporters at an anti-Klan rally Nov. 3, 1979.

Hunt spoke briefly to the group with reporters present and said, "I appreciate all of you being here, representing various groups of people and communities. I think we'll have lots of points of view

Among those attending the meeting were state NAACP Chairman Kelly Alexander of Charlotte, state Sen.-elect Henry Frye of Greensboro and Julius Chambers, a prominent civil rights attorney from Charlotte and president of the NAACP National Legal Defense Fund.

Some of those attending the meeting said they weren't sure what would be gained from it. Chambers, who as head of the Legal Defense Fund was an instigator of the desegregation case now pending against the University of North Carolina system, said he didn't know why he was invited and had nothing to

tell the governor.

"I don't have the faintest idea," he said when asked what was likely to be accomplished. "I received a letter that indicated concern about the Klan trial and the image the state is portraying nationally... I was just asked to come."

Saying "no meaningful purpose would be served" by further prosecution, state officials dropped all charges last week against 13 people yet to be tried.

District Attorney Michael Schlosser announced his decision to end the case Wednesday, citing the Nov. 17 acquittals of six Ku Klux Klansmen and American Nazis of charges stemming from the deaths of five communist demonstrators.

The four Klansmen and two Nazis were charged with five counts each of first-degree murder. They also were charged with felonious rioting. The men pleaded innocent to all charges.

## Iran receives U.S. clarification

WASHINGTON (AP) — Deputy Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher was sent to Algeria Monday night with the U.S. response to Iran's request for clarification on terms for

The mission appeared to keep alive the give-and-take with Iran over the 52 Americans, held captive for nearly 13 months. But there was no indication of a breakthrough in the efforts to

Minister Mohammed Benyahia and Algerian officials who have been serving as intermediaries between the United States

and his delegation would be prepared to answer any questions the Algerians might have regarding the U.S. position.

Christopher conferred over the weekend with President Carter at Camp David, Md., about the U.S. response to Iran's request for clarification, brought here by Algerian emissaries last Tuesday.

The contents of the U.S. message were not disclosed. Iran's terms, announced Nov. 2, call for an American promise not to interfere in the country's internal affairs.

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cancellation of all American claims against Iran, release of more than \$8 billion in impounded Iranian assets and return of the wealth of the late Shah Mohammad Reza Bahlavi.

Earlier Monday, a ranking White House official said the outcome of the hostage situation remained impossible to predict and the domestic political situation in Iran was the

"The question continues to reside in the political situation domestically in Iran," the official said, "And I don't know if there is any way to predict if, how, when they will be able to

President-elect Ronald Reagan was asked Monday about reports that an Iranian official suggested Iran might wait until Reagan was inaugurated before releasing the hostages. "Well, he's pretty foolish," Reagan said.

The White House official, who asked not to be identified, said the United States was trying to provide clarification on points raised by Iran about the U.S. response to Iranian conditions for the release of the hostages.

He said Iran had enough individuals who were familiar with the American political situation "to obtain an independent assessment of what it is and what is not possible under American laws and the Constitution."

### Mideast

600 tanks began Nov. 22, the sources said. Prime Minister Mudar Badran of Jordan told the parliament in Amman: "We shall not shoot first, but we shall defend our country against whatever attack or whichever

enemy." Saudi Arabia attempted mediation and U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim urged restraint in the confrontation that has arisen between Jordan and Syria

Jordan, whose King Hussein is considered among the most trusted Arab allies of the United States, said it would turn Jordan into a "flaming inferno to burn every aggressor." Jordan strengthened its forces on the border to counter the Syrian deployment.

might happen any minute."

Damascus, Vasily V. Kuznetsov, Soviet first vice president, arrived to a red-carpet welcome in the Syrian capital to exchange ratification documents of a new Soviet-

Kuznetsov was expected to discuss the Syria-Jordan situation in addition to at Papagayo's. The room was smaller and the participating in a ceremony to ratify the treaty signed Oct. 8 in Moscow by Assad and

Although Abdullah's unexpected trip home triggered speculation that the Saudi mediation effort had collapsed, the Saudi state radio quoted Abdullah as saying he was optimistic Syria-Jordan tensions were

But observers in Damascus said Saudi Arabia made threats in a message to Assad

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At Ramtha, the Jordanian border crossing post, a young Jordanian colonel said, "The situation is very dangerous and anything

Saudi Prince Abdullah Bin Abdul-Aziz, deputy prime minister and head of the national guard, ended talks with President Hafez Assad of Syria and flew home. He had been expected by Jordanian officials to visit

Shortly after Abdullah's departure from Syrian treaty of friendship and cooperation.

Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev.

that apparently made the mediation effort

## **News In Brief**

### Iran could hold out six more months

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)-A top Iranian official said Monday that Iran could fight Iraq for six months on available cash reserves, without access to money frozen in U.S. banks, gold reserves or income from oil exports.

While Iranian and Iraqi forces reported battles with helicopter gunships, paratroops and artillery, Central Bank Governor Ali Reza Nobari told the Iranian people they should not worry, the official Pars news agency reported.

The agency quoted Nobari as saying Iran had cash reserves of \$6 billion, and that "If we cannot, for political reasons, free our blocked reserves, or sell a drop of oil, and have no other exports, this reserve could last us for six

"Of course, this is impossible, for we have other exports, plus the fact that we have gold reserves," he said.

Nobari's comments appeared to dim U.S. hopes that the cost of the war might cause Iran to act quickly to free the hostages whose capture prompted the United States to freeze \$8 billion in Iranian assets held in U.S. banks.

### Israeli religious minister indicted

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) - Israel's attorney general said Monday that he will indict Religious Affairs Minister Aharon Abu-Hatzeira on charges of accepting bribes.

If the parliament removes Abu-Hatzeira's immunity from prosecution, he will be the first Cabinet minister in the country's 32-year history to go on

The decision by Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir climaxed months of investigation by police into the funding of Israel's Jewish religious institutions, an inquiry that has rocked the clerical establishment.

The Abu-Hatzeira affair was not seen by observers s a threat to Prime Minister Menachem Begin's government. They said it could even strengthen the government, since the scandal would hurt Abu-Hatzeira's political party; the National Religious Party.

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"There was no music until we came in."

Stegman said. He explained that they had

been the first ones to come in to Spanky's

bar, I can't hear myself talk," Stegman said.

"I can't even get in, so a lot of times I don't

even try. My wife and I go where we can have

dinner and drink. You can't get food at bars

"If I go to a bar I go in the late afternoon

Stegman also said he sometimes went to

bars with out-of-town guests to get in touch

with old times. "Having mixed drinks is

something we can do now in this area that we

couldn't do before, because we do not share

Sure, Chapel Hill is the beer drinking

capital of the world. But, not everybody

drinks beer and not everybody likes the upbeat social atmosphere that characterizes

on the cusp between work and home. It's a

where students go."

transition," Lavin said.

the students' interest in beer."

"When my wife and I come at night to a

"We go to a bar just because it's relaxing and it wouldn't matter what time of day it

The next stop was Spanky's. There the lights were much dimmer than they had been tables were placed much closer together. The music was similar, however, and there was the same steady low buzz of conversation.

Stephanie Johnson, a bartender there, offered several reasons for the difference in

day and night bar patrons. "During the day people come to get away from work-type pressures," Johnson said. 'There is more time for conversation and

you get to know people better. "We have people here who have come to conduct interviews. They come in to see what the town is like. It's more dignified to have a

martini than beer. "At night it is a lot more rowdy," she added. "These people are not after our house

Also at Spanky's was Mike Stegman, a professor at the University who is on leave from Washington, D.C., and Chuck Laven, a retired professor from New York who was a guest in Stegman's city planning class. The

past experiences together. Both felt that bars

late-night hours at bars. That's what afternoon hours at bars are Apparently, discussing old times, renewing acquaintances, conducting interviews or two were reminiscing over some wine about

in-thing over a mellow afternoon drink.

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court's July 18 decision said. The legal challenge that led to the July 18 ruling was filed in 1971 by three Pennsylvania men as a protest to the Vietnam War. It had gone unnoticed in the federal courts for years but was revived last December when President Carter reinstituted draft registration in the wake of the Soviet Union's intervention in Afghanistan.

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