

# French official killed in Lebanon

From Associated Press reports

BEIRUT, Lebanon — A lone assassin using a silencer-equipped pistol killed the French military attache outside the French Embassy Thursday. It was the latest of a series of terrorist attacks on French targets here and in Paris.

Anonymous telephone callers in Lebanon and France claimed responsibility for the assassination in the name of two obscure groups and threatened further blows. One demanded release of an alleged terrorist jailed in France.

Police said Col. Christian Goutierre, 60, had parked his car near the French Embassy in Christian East

Beirut at 8:30 a.m. and was about to get out when the gunman approached him.

They said the attacker shot Goutierre three times in the head and escaped in a waiting green BMW. Police described the gunman as a tall, dark-complexioned man wearing a white shirt and beige trousers and believed to be in his late 20s.

Goutierre had parked his car outside the embassy's security zone, which extends 100 yards around the four-story building and is patrolled by embassy guards and Lebanese police. There was no immediate explanation why he did not park in the security zone.

Goutierre had been stationed in Beirut since October 1984.

France, like most Western countries, had moved its embassy to Christian East Beirut from the Moslem western sector two years ago because of frequent kidnappings and bombings. Switzerland and Greece are the only Western countries that still have embassies in West Beirut.

The first claim of responsibility came from an anonymous telephone caller to a Western news agency in Beirut. He said the assassination was carried out on behalf of the Revenge and Justice Front, previously unknown.

"Let (French Prime Minister Jacques) Chirac know our next blow

will be more crippling," said the caller, who did not say what the group wanted.

Later, a caller to a Western news agency office in Paris claimed the attache had been killed by Anti-Imperialist International Brigades "revolutionaries."

That group name was used previously in rocket and bombing attacks last May on the U.S., Japanese and Canadian embassies in Indonesia.

The second caller threatened all French diplomats, French President Francois Mitterand and Chirac, and demanded release of three comrades jailed in France.

# North Carolina fertile ground for investors

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Entrepreneurs looking for large amounts of money to start their businesses have not traditionally found a receptive North Carolina financing community. That is slowly changing, though, according to David Vorhoff, vice president of the NCNB Investment Banking Company.

"We tend to find North Carolina an attractive place for people to invest," said Vorhoff. "There are a number of purchasers and potential buyers looking for opportunities."

For investors, North Carolina provides many sound opportunities. But for businesses seeking money, the prospects are not as good.

Less than 1 cent of every venture capital dollar comes into North Carolina, as opposed to 44 cents in California and 13 cents in Massachusetts, according to 1985 estimates of the Venture Capital Journal quoted in the Aug. 25 issue of the Charlotte Observer.

"If you're looking for money, I'd say (the climate) is quite bad," said Dennis Dougherty, general partner of Intersouth Partners. "From an investor's perspective, it's quite good. We're investing at twice our expected rate."

Intersouth Partners is the first venture capital fund based in the Research Triangle.

But Vorhoff disagrees with Dougherty.

"Good deals get financed regardless of where they are," he said. "They (the investors) will go wherever they find an attractive deal."

For Intersouth, attractive deals meet some general criteria. A company should need at least \$200,000, have a management team or clear technical skills, provide a marketable product and show explosive growth potential.

Intersouth has invested an average of \$450,000 per venture — money that comes from a fund comprised of limited partners such as institutions and other entrepreneurs. They expect a return on their investment when they exit the company in five to seven years.

"Venture capital companies don't

have much risk because of balanced exposure and active investing," Dougherty said. "The investment is not just in one company, but in 10 to 25, so for any failure you will have others that succeed. Also, (we) help companies learn good business practices."

Eventually, Intersouth hopes businesses will either go public or be bought by large corporations, enhancing the North Carolina economy.

Further, with more corporations relocating in the state, there is a greater potential for professionals from them to start their own companies here, Vorhoff said.

# Martin rejects plea of death row inmate

From Associated Press reports

RALEIGH — Gov. Jim Martin refused to stop the execution of John William Rook, 27, of Clayton, who is scheduled to die at 2 a.m. Friday for killing a Raleigh nurse, unless the Supreme Court intervenes.

Rook would be the third person executed in North Carolina in two years. He is scheduled to be executed by lethal injection. His lawyer, David Rudolf of Durham, said after an hour-long conversation with his client that Rook was "in good spirits, given the situation, and we're still hoping the Supreme Court will do the right thing."

Rook requested a dozen hot dogs

"all the way" and two Cokes for his last meal, said Correction Department spokeswoman Renee McCoy.

Rook, convicted of murder and rape in the 1980 death of Anne Marie Roche, had an appeal in the N.C. Supreme Court.

Rook's lawyers have asked the high court to stop the execution at least until October, when the court is scheduled to review a Georgia death penalty case that raises an issue in Rook's appeal.

Both cases claim that the death penalty is imposed in an arbitrary and unconstitutional manner because statistics show killers of whites are more likely to get the

death penalty than killers of non-whites. Roche was white, and Rook is white.

"After hearing from the attorneys for John William Rook and other interested persons, and giving full consideration to all matters and things placed before me by them, it is my decision not to grant the petition for commutation or reprieve of his death sentence for the first-degree murder of Ann Marie Roche," Martin said in a statement.

Rook's death chamber is less than a mile from where he said he raped, beat and slashed Roche, 25, and then ran over her with a car and left her to bleed to death in a field at

Dorothea Dix Hospital, a mental institution across the street from Central Prison. He confessed three times to police.

The execution would be the third in North Carolina since capital punishment was reinstated in 1977 by the Supreme Court.

If the Supreme Court doesn't intervene, Rook will be taken from a death watch cell near the execution chamber to a preparation room outside the chamber about 50 minutes before the execution. He will be strapped to a gurney and wheeled inside the chamber.

# U.S will ask for Daniloff

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State George P. Shultz will confront Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze Friday with a demand to free American reporter Nicholas Daniloff, and is ready to cut short their summit planning session unless he gets a satisfactory reply, U.S. officials said.

In Moscow, however, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev on Thursday denounced the correspondent for U.S. News & World Report as a spy and suggested the United States had exploited the case to try to spoil superpower relations.

As tensions rose, the Soviets exchanged barbs with the Reagan administration Thursday over a U.S. order that 25 Soviet diplomats assigned to the United Nations leave the country by Oct. 1.

Shevardnadze, arriving at Andrews Air Force Base on the eve of the two-day meeting with Shultz, called the expulsion illegal and a "bad decision."

## Senate approves Rehnquist

WASHINGTON — William H. Rehnquist, saying he is looking forward to his new job as chief justice, sought Thursday to set aside the bitter controversy sparked by his promotion.

"I'm not going to address myself to the past. I'm glad the confirmation process has finally run its course," Rehnquist told reporters the morn-

ing after his 65-33 victory in the Senate. "I'm looking forward to the future and trying to be a good justice."

Antonin Scalia, the federal appeals court judge who won unanimous Senate approval to become the newest Supreme Court justice, refused to comment Thursday. His secretary said he would not respond to press inquiries.

## Nuclear waste site questioned

RALEIGH — Gov. Jim Martin is expected to meet with key officials Friday to discuss the future of the state's involvement in the Southeast Compact Commission, according to Martin's science adviser Earl MacCormac.

MacCormac says one topic to be discussed is whether North Carolina got fair treatment last week when the commission chose the state to dispose of low-level nuclear waste from eight Southern states. The present dump near Barnwell, S.C., is scheduled to close in 1992.

"We are certainly concerned about attitudes on the compact commission," MacCormac said. "It has not made life easy for us in North Carolina in terms of fairness."

Martin is faced with two options: recommending the state leave the compact and take care of its own waste, or remain and dispose of all the wastes from the eight states in the compact for 20 years.

# Reagan denounces Democrats

From Associated Press reports

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — President Reagan, campaigning across the Deep South, accused Democrats on Thursday of "political shenanigans" in Alabama and "stagnation, arrogance and the abuse of power" in Louisiana.

In a 10-hour sweep through the two states, Reagan hit Democrats with some of his toughest political rhetoric. He said losing the Republican majority in the Senate would stalemate his presidency, confronting him with a "totally hostile Congress."

Stumping in Alabama for Sen. Jeremiah Denton in his race against Democratic Rep. Richard Shelby, Reagan castigated Democrats for the political disarray in the governor's race that has split their party and

boosted Republican election hopes.

In Louisiana, appearing on behalf of Henson Moore, senate candidate, Reagan blamed Democrats for the economic woes of the state where unemployment has climbed to 13.6 percent.

Outside New Orleans Reagan said, "We will undertake a high-level review of America's energy-related national security concerns."

"America must never again be left dependent upon unreliable foreign sources of oil," he said, drawing cheers from the audience.

Reagan did not spell out details of the review, but legislators from oil states say they recently have obtained administration backing for a study of the import fee issue. The president has opposed such a fee in the past.

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allow ambassadors from countries facing "drug consumption, drug transportation, or drug production problems," to inform Congress about the overseas supplies of illegal drugs.

U.S. House candidate Bill Cobey, R-Dist. 4, supported the president's plan in a prepared statement.

"Drug abuse has reached epidemic proportions," Cobey's statement said. "It's about time that Congress and the American people have turned their full attention to this problem."

David Price, Cobey's Democratic opponent, also supported the proposal, but said, "One wonders where

the the concern has been for the past six years."

"We should approach full-scale drug testing very cautiously. There is a case to be made for testing people in sensitive positions, or those who have many other people lives in their hands. However, there are many questions regarding the legality of

drug testing."

Cobey said, "Testing for sensitive positions should be introduced. However, overall testing would be an invasion of privacy, and most likely ineffective as well."

Reagan's proposal for mandatory drug testing is on shaky legal ground, said Daniel Pollitt, UNC School of Law professor.

"Mr. Reagan has three major legal hurdles to clear before his mandatory testing program can go into place," he said. The proposed plan violates the Fourth Amendment prohibition against unreasonable

search and seizure, the Fifth Amendment protection from self-incrimination, and goes against the legal principle of presumption of innocence, he said.

It also violates due process of law, because federal employees would be suspended or even fired without a hearing or trial, as well as being an invasion of privacy, Pollitt said.

Some UNC students had mixed reactions to the drug testing. Pat Morgan, a junior from Boone, said, "I favor mandatory testing for all federal employees, especially those higher up in the government who are

making important policy decisions."

Greg Mosorjak, a senior from Johnstown, Pa., disagreed. "Nobody should have to take mandatory drug tests. Mandatory testing infringes on personal freedom and violates the Constitution."

Many students interviewed, like Andrea Kerner, a senior from Winston-Salem, support limited drug testing for those who are responsible for the lives of others. "However, I do not think people in the private sector or school children should be forced to take drug tests," Kerner said.

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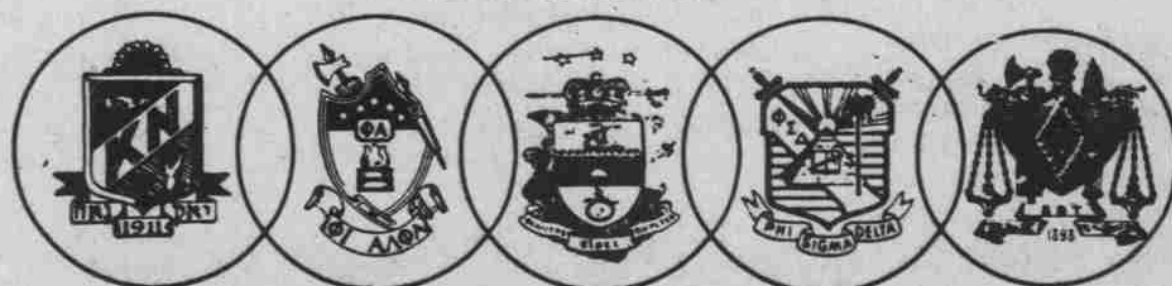
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