

# Caller claims teachers' kidnappings

From Associated Press reports

BEIRUT, Lebanon — An anonymous caller Sunday claimed the weekend abduction of three American teachers and an Indian professor in the name of an underground group linked to Iran and threatened to kill them if the United States helps Iraq.

An earlier caller, also claiming to speak for the Organization of the Oppressed on Earth, said the educators were grabbed on Saturday to prevent the extradition from West Germany to the United States of Mohammed Ali Hamadi, a Lebanese man sought in a 1985 TWA hijacking.

Twenty-three reporters now are reported missing and believed kidnapped in Lebanon, including eight seized since Anglican Church envoy

Terry Waite arrived in Beirut on Jan. 12 on a mission to seek the release of hostages.

The Christian Voice of Lebanon radio station said it received the two calls Sunday, but it was not clear if they were made by the same man.

The calls could not be authenticated. The extremist Shiite Moslem group usually delivers statements to local newspapers or Western news agencies when it wants to publicize a claim, and the Voice of Lebanon has been known to be inaccurate on Moslem-related affairs.

The first caller said the group would kill a hostage if Hamadi, 22, was extradited to the United States, where he is wanted on charges of air piracy and murder in the June 1985 TWA hijacking to Beirut.

In the second call, a man said a

hostage would be killed if Hamadi was not released by midnight (5 p.m. EST). It was not clear if the caller referred to an American or to the other hostages.

The second call also said the hostages would be killed if the United States provided support for Iraq, who has been at war with Iran since September 1980.

"We ask U.S. President Reagan not to intervene in the Gulf War and not to provide assistance to the Iraqi authorities," the man said in Lebanese-accented Arabic. "The (American) hostages will be wasted if he fails to do so."

The three Americans kidnapped from Beirut University College on Saturday night by gunmen disguised as police were Alann Steen, 48, a journalism professor who formerly

taught at three northern California colleges; Jesse Turner, an Idaho native, assistant instructor of mathematics and computer sciences; and Robert Polhill, 53, assistant professor of business studies.

The Indian was identified as Mithileshwar Singh, chairman of the business studies division and a legal resident alien of the United States.

On Sunday, U.S. Ambassador John Kelly held crisis talks with senior aides in Christian east Beirut. Also, he had met with them late Saturday after the abductions.

Waite, personal emissary of Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie, remained out of sight for a sixth day Sunday. He was negotiating with Islamic Jihad, captors of two Americans held in Lebanon since 1985.

# Chances for snow chilled by rain; storm warning ends

From Associated Press reports

The second major snowstorm predicted in less than a week for North Carolina never materialized Sunday as warmer than expected temperatures pelted the state with freezing rain instead of the forecasted 8 inches of snow.

A winter storm warning in effect over most of the state late Saturday night and early Sunday was canceled by noon as temperatures near 35 degrees in the mountains and the foothills produced some rain and sleet, said Richard Jones, a meteorologist with the weather service in Raleigh.

**Chinese arrest U.S. reporter**

PEKING — Authorities arrested a student accused of giving intelligence to an American reporter, the official news agency said Sunday, in what appeared to

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be the first move against the press in China's anti-Westernization campaign.

The official Xinhua News Agency said in a two-paragraph report that Lin Jie, a student of Tianjin University, was arrested for "his secret collusion with and providing intelligence to" Lawrence MacDonald, reporter for the France-Press.

**Judge refuses Britt recount**

RALEIGH — A Superior Court judge Friday refused to order a recount in the 6th District congressional race, upholding the State Board of Elections' decision to declare Rep. Howard Coble, R-N.C., the winner by 79 votes.

# Buchanan disappoints conservatives

By MATTHEW J. BIVENS

Staff Writer

White House Communications Director Pat Buchanan announced Tuesday that he would not run in the 1988 presidential elections, disappointing members of the Congressional Club and other conservative groups who had hoped to convince him to run.

"Buchanan would have been the candidate to get in there and get things done," said Calvin Kirven, a spokesman for the Congressional Club. "Jesse Helms would be our

first choice, but of course he's not interested in running."

Kirven said the Congressional Club supported Buchanan because he has been one of the few political figures who has not distanced himself from President Reagan during the Iran-Contra scandal.

"(Buchanan) is the kind of conservative candidate who's not afraid to speak up for what he believes in," Kirven said.

He said Buchanan's overall conservative philosophy agreed with

that of the Congressional Club, and his ability to deal with the press has also impressed members.

The Congressional Club is not sure who it will support but has other candidates in mind and will decide soon, Kirven said.

"Right now, we're just waiting for the dust to settle," he said.

Kirven said no one could say why Buchanan chose not to run, and he declined to speculate on Buchanan's reasons.

Keith Poston, chairman of Stu-

dents For America at UNC, said he wasn't surprised by Buchanan's decision. The investigations into the Iran-Contra affair and the political climate in Washington probably caused Buchanan to reconsider, he said.

Poston said that, while he wasn't defending the Iran-Contra affair, he thought Buchanan's defense of the president was admirable.

"Buchanan has been a true friend of conservatism and the president," he said.

## Kuralt

lantern.

"Does it improve with age? I kept a quart jar of it for a week one time, and I couldn't tell if it was one bit better than if it was fresh from the still."

After talking of moonshine Saturday nights, Kuralt later talked of the church-going mornings.

"One feature of North Carolina is the old white church," Kuralt said, "standing there looking like it has always been there. It hasn't been."

"William Byrd, the old Virginia traveler in North Carolina in 1728,

wrote: 'One of the things that might be said of the inhabitants of this province is that they are not troubled with any religious view. They do not know Sunday any more than any other day . . . When he reached the capital, Edenton, he said: 'I believe this is the only metropolis in the Christian or Mohammedan world where there is neither church, chapel, mosque, synagogue or any other place of holy worship of religion whatever.'"

"That was North Carolina, before the Baptists got here."

## Clark

effort.

The current chancellor's committee doesn't meet student's needs, he said. "It's Housing advising housing."

At least half the new committee members would be students; the other half would be prominent faculty members, he said. This would create an atmosphere where students

could make serious contributions with faculty members to create academic and socially oriented dorm programs, he said.

Clark is the governor of Morrison Residence Hall and chairman of RHA's finance committee. In his freshman year Clark was the fourth floor president of Morrison.



John Turner, dean of the School of Social Work, at the benefit

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