

## World and Nation

# Status of U.S. hostages still unclear

**From Associated Press reports**  
**WIESBADEN, West Germany** — There are no signs that the nine American hostages in Lebanon will be freed soon, despite the release of an Indian captive, a U.S. State Department official said Wednesday.  
 Doctors said former hostage Mithleshwar Singh was in good spirits but under tremendous stress. The official said a State Department debriefing team started questioning Singh, an Indian citizen and resident alien of the United States, in hopes of learning about the American hostages.  
 Singh went to the U.S. Air Force Hospital in Wiesbaden early Wednesday, two days after his captors released him in Beirut in what they said was a goodwill gesture. Sixteen foreign hostages are still held in Lebanon.  
 "One wants to be encouraged that they will be released, but we really don't know," the U.S. official said at the hospital. "There are no indications that others are coming out."  
 Of those holding hostages in Lebanon, the State Department

official said: "It is our opinion that they are under the influence of Iran and are part of Hezbollah."  
 He added later: "There are indications that they (the kidnappers) are backed by Iran, we assume financed by Iran."  
 A team of 10 to 12 State Department officials flew to Wiesbaden on Wednesday to interview Singh, 60, who was a captive for 20 months.  
 Singh said after his release that three American educators abducted with him were "OK."  
 "It's better for me not to make any statements because we don't know what might hurt them," he said. "Please let me be quiet. . . . It's better for my colleagues."  
 Singh flew to Frankfurt aboard a military transport plane. He has not spoken to reporters since he arrived in West Germany.  
 Dr. Robert Gilmore, head of the Wiesbaden hospital, told reporters a preliminary examination indicated Singh was given adequate medical treatment during his captivity.  
 "He lost significant weight and muscle mass. But he was afforded

visits by a physician and treatment was appropriate for his illnesses," Gilmore said.  
 Gilmore said the kidnappers allowed a doctor to visit Singh twice a week.  
 He said testing done in Wiesbaden confirmed his previously known problems of diabetes, hypertension and "possible coronary artery disease."  
 "Overall, Dr. Singh is in good spirits and though very fatigued has traveled well," Gilmore said.  
 Gilmore said Singh lost 35 to 40 pounds during his ordeal. He said the

kidnappers agreed to respect Singh's vegetarian diet.  
 "There is tremendous stress," Gilmore said, however. "Singh is exhausted."  
 Gilmore said Singh told officials he wants to return to Colorado after his tests. Singh taught at the now-defunct Western Colorado University before moving to Beirut.  
 Armed men dressed as policemen took Singh hostage Jan. 24, 1987, on the Beirut University College campus in Moslem west Beirut, along with Americans Alann Steen, Robert Polhill and Jesse Turner.

# Police, anti-abortion demonstrators clash in 'siege of Atlanta'

**From Associated Press reports**  
**ATLANTA** — Police headed off anti-abortion sit-ins Wednesday by impounding the demonstrators' bus and increasing security at clinics where 360 people were arrested a day earlier during the protesters' "siege of Atlanta."  
 Officers dragged three demonstrators to police vans Wednesday. Most demonstrators, however, limited activities to praying and singing hymns.  
 The bus was impounded as it took demonstrators from a silent vigil at one clinic to a demonstration at another.  
 "The officer determined (the bus) to be unsafe for operation. When it was stopped there was smoke coming out and it was crowded with too many people," said police spokeswoman Myrna May. She said she did not know how many were aboard.  
 Protesters on Tuesday complained that police treated them with unnecessary harshness, twisting arms and fingers and using pressure-point holds just under the ears to force them into buses.  
 Some screamed or cried as they were taken away, and four were treated for apparently minor injuries.  
 George Napper, Atlanta commissioner of public safety, said he believed there were isolated arrests "in which police could have acted more gently" but that he thought the overall

behavior was justified.  
 Demonstrators on Wednesday arrived gradually at the Feminist Women's Health Clinic, where police arrested one for trying to jump a barricade and two others for assaulting a woman trying to enter the clinic, Maj. W. Holley said.  
 About 50 police, including several on horses, were posted at the small clinic.  
 On Tuesday night about 75 people at an anti-abortion rally stayed behind for tactical training and said they would take part in Wednesday's action and face arrest, but fewer than that were in evidence at the clinic.  
 Joseph Foreman, a leader of Operation Rescue, which is organizing a week of attempts to close Atlanta abortion clinics, said demonstrators would try to cross police lines "only if we see a woman preparing to go in and kill her child."  
 He claimed the police lines kept women out. "So there is no need for us to risk arrest," he said.  
 Lynne Randall, the clinic director, denied that the demonstration is stopping abortions and said the protesters were "acting like thugs."  
 She said several patients had arrived at the clinic. "They might postpone it," she said. "Our appointment numbers are the same, they are just distributed differently." She said the clinic usually sees 10 to 50 patients a day.

## Debate

legislation. Every major environmental group has endorsed the Democratic ticket, he said.  
 Quayle was asked three times how he would approach the presidency. First, he said, he would say a prayer for himself and the country, and would then gather Bush's advisers together to help him. When asked about it again, he said he would simply turn to the Cabinet, because he would know it well after working with Bush's advisers as vice president.

Bentsen said the differences between him and Dukakis were important, but they showed Dukakis' openness to other views and his reluctance to have a "clone" as a running mate. "We agree on the vast majority of issues," Bentsen said.  
 Hume also asked Bentsen about his acceptance of political action committee (PAC) money through his creation of the "\$10,000 Breakfast Club."  
 Bentsen said he made a mistake

# Speaker of House defends release of CIA information

**From Associated Press reports**  
**WASHINGTON** — House Speaker Jim Wright formally denied to the ethics committee Wednesday that he broke house rules by talking openly about a secret CIA operation aimed at undermining Nicaragua's leftist government.  
 Wright, in a letter to ethics chairman Rep. Julian Dixon, said his Sept. 30 criticism of the CIA's purported secret efforts to provoke civil disturbances in Nicaragua was based on publicly available information.  
 But the letter left several unanswered questions for the panel, formally known as the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, to examine in its informal probe of the allegations against Wright.  
 Dixon, D-Calif., called the investigation relatively simple, particularly compared to the committee's separate and complex probe into Wright's finances. "It's not that complicated a matter," he said.  
 "There are two basic elements: what classified information the speaker may have received, and . . . what he said to the press."

## News in Brief

**State University and a private gathering at the Bush state headquarters.**  
**Settlement reached in CIA case**  
**WASHINGTON** — The government has tentatively settled a lawsuit charging the CIA used nine Canadians as human guinea pigs in mind-control research that included heavy doses of LSD, lawyers in the case said Wednesday.  
 The tentative out-of-court settlement, negotiated by attorneys for the Canadians and the Justice Department, was announced on the eve of trial at a hearing before U.S. District Judge John Garrett Penn.  
 Neither side would discuss the amount of the proposed settlement, which is still subject to final approval by top-level Justice Department officials. But sources who spoke on condition of anonymity said the CIA agreed to pay the plaintiffs a total of \$750,000.  
 The \$9 million lawsuit claimed that CIA-financed research into mind control left permanent psychological or emotional damage on the nine patients who underwent treatment in the late 1950s at the Allan Memorial Institute of McGill University in Montreal.

**Martin won't meet Quayle**  
**RALEIGH** — Gov. Jim Martin will not be on hand when Dan Quayle makes his first appearance in North Carolina since becoming the Republican vice presidential nominee, an aide said Wednesday.  
 Democrats gloated at the news, saying Martin was afraid to be seen with Quayle because the Indiana senator was a political embarrassment. Martin denied it.  
 "I would like to join Sen. Quayle and in fact have invited him to join me on Friday," Martin said in a prepared statement. "But our schedules simply could not be worked out for us to appear together."  
 Quayle will attend a late-afternoon rally Friday at N.C.

**Stock market partially recovers**  
 The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, which had fallen 10.85 points Monday and Tuesday, recovered 4.27 to 2,106.33.  
 Advancing issues outnumbered declines by about 3 to 2 on the New York Stock Exchange, with 852 up, 564 down and 517 unchanged.  
 Big Board volume totaled 175.13 million shares, against 157.78 million in the previous session.

# Ailing savings and loans may burden industry

**From Associated Press reports**  
**WASHINGTON** — The chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board said Wednesday that his agency can no longer cover the cost of rescuing ailing savings institutions without placing an exceedingly "heavy burden" on the industry.  
 Danny Wall, whose agency regulates the nation's 3,000 savings and loans, told the Senate Budget Committee it will cost \$45 billion to \$50 billion to clean up the industry, boosting an earlier projection by more than one-third.  
 Noting that the bank board has resolved 122 cases so far this year at the cost of \$20 billion, Wall said it would cost an additional \$25 billion to \$30 billion for the work that remains to be done.  
 As much as \$10 billion of the cost remaining could be spent between now and the end of the year to rescue dozens of additional institutions, he said.  
 Sen. Lawton Chiles, D-Fla., chairman of the committee, complained that Wall's shifting estimates "offer little reassurance to the taxpayer" and said, "We could be hearing about a \$100 billion problem just in time for Christmas."  
 Chiles also said the bank board, by issuing promissory notes that are counted toward the federal budget deficit, was spending billions of dollars without congressional authorization. That, he said, would result in other problems, such as anti-drug efforts being squeezed.  
 Wall's projections now are in line with other government estimates, including the \$45 billion to \$50 billion projection of Congress' General

Accounting Office (GAO). Private analysts have put the price tag as high as \$100 billion.  
 However, while the GAO said its cost estimate meant Congress will have to appropriate taxpayer dollars, Wall said his agency's resources could cover the cost. But, he said, that would place "an exceedingly heavy burden on the thrift industry."  
 Currently, the board's fund insuring deposits in savings and loans up to \$100,000 gets all of its money from healthy institutions, which pay a special assessment amounting to more than double the regular assessment paid by competing commercial banks for deposit insurance.  
 Wall said the only way the bank board can get by without additional funding would be to abandon plans to phase out the special assessment and continue it for 30 years, a move sure to provoke an outcry from savings and loans lobbyists.  
 Rep. Stephen Neal, D-N.C., speaking at a separate session of the House Banking Committee, argues that forcing the industry to pay more could push healthy savings and loans into insolvency.  
 The House committee was considering a bill sponsored by Rep. John LaFalce, D-N.Y., that would increase from \$10.8 billion to \$15.8 billion the bank board's authority to borrow through bonds. The board has so far issued \$3.75 billion of the 30-year bonds, which are in turn paid off through the industry assessment.  
 LaFalce said his bill was intended to give the agency a way to raise money without resorting to promissory notes that ultimately could have to be paid off by taxpayers.

Bentsen said he supports opening markets through tougher trade regulations and getting farmers to match market prices.  
 "Senator Bentsen talks about recapturing the foreign markets," Quayle responded. "But I'll tell you one way that we're not going to recapture the foreign markets, and that is if in fact we have another Jimmy Carter grain embargo set the American farmer back."

## For the Record

Tuesday's story "Are out-of-state students at UNC in a class by themselves?" incorrectly stated that the average SAT score of out-of-state students denied admission is 1300.

The average SAT score of the top 400 out-of-state students denied admission is 1300.  
 The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

## BSM

going to try and work with the administration. I would hope the University will take the Black Cultural Center proposal seriously."  
 BSM members agreed that the first step is to convince the University of the need for the new center by holding meetings in the small BCC facility. A special meeting for this purpose will be called after Fall Break, Perry said.  
 One student stated the need for the BSM to promote black culture on campus.

"This whole University is a white cultural center, and if you don't watch out, the black students on this campus will slowly get grayer and grayer," he said.  
 The proposal requests that the new BCC include offices for all black student organizations, a library, and space for studying. The facilities planning committee will receive the proposal within the next two weeks, Perry said.



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