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Iraqi radio says forces ordered to leave

Baghdad claims battle to annex Kuwait has ended | 12 killed in SCUD attack

The Associated Press

Iraq announced Monday evening that its "epic, valiant battle" to annex Kuwait had ended and its forces had been ordered to withdraw. A U.S. military official said some Iraqi units were moving north.

In a surprise announcement read over Baghdad radio, the Iraqi leadership said the withdrawal would be made in line with a Soviet peace plan — although it didn't specify which of two Soviet plans it meant.

It instructed Iraqi troops to retreat even if the allies continued to attack.

The White House waved off the Baghdad report, saying it had heard nothing officially. "The war goes on," spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said.

Later Monday, a senior Pentagon official said allied intelligence sources

had reports of "some movement of (Iraqi) units going north" toward home.

"It's too early to say whether it's repositioning or withdrawal," the Pentagon official said on condition of anonymity.

The announcement did not specify a schedule for the withdrawal.

The broadcast interrupted regular programming at 1:35 a.m. Baghdad time (5:35 p.m. EST) to announce the development, two days after the U.S.-led alliance launched a massive ground offensive to free Kuwait from Iraqi control.

"Our armed forces have completed their duty of jihad (Islamic holy war), of rejecting compliance with the logic of evil, force and aggression," the Iraqi radio said. "They have been engaged in an epic, valiant battle which will be

recorded by history in letters of light."

The Baghdad radio statement suggested that Iraq would withdraw regardless of whether the allies stopped attacking them. The allies have reported great success in the first two days of their huge ground invasion.

The radio attributed the statement to an unidentified official spokesman.

The announcement said the leadership "had stressed its acceptance to withdraw in accordance with U.N. Security Council Resolution 660 when it agreed to the Soviet peace proposal."

"In compliance with this decision," it continued, "orders were issued to the armed forces for an organized withdrawal to the positions in which they were before the 1st of August 1990."

The Baghdad report appeared to take the White House by surprise.

"We've heard the radio reports," Fitzwater said. "There's been no contact with our government. No authoritative contact with the U.N. that we're aware of, so that really we don't consider there being anything to respond to."

Gorbachev tried to broker a peace plan last week that called for an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait over a three-week period. Iraq accepted the terms, but the U.S.-led allies rejected them. President Bush then countered with an ultimatum for a seven-day withdrawal that Iraq turned down.

The Soviets had presented a new proposal to the U.N. Security Council on Monday, a few hours before the Baghdad announcement. It wasn't clear if Iraq was referring to that plan or last week's plan when it said its withdrawal would be in line with the Soviet proposal.

The Associated Press

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia — In the worst SCUD attack of the Persian Gulf War, an Iraqi missile demolished a barracks housing about 100 American soldiers. The U.S. military said 12 servicemen were killed, 25 wounded and 40 unaccounted for in the Monday attack.

Baghdad radio hailed the attack, saying the missile struck "the coward traitors who mortgage the sacred places of the nation...and turn Arab youth into shields of flesh."

The single missile caused more casualties than Iraq's armies have inflicted in two days on the battlefield. U.S. military officials say four Americans died and 21 were injured in the first two days of a major ground assault.

Saddam Hussein's troops have hurled

dozens of missiles at Israel and Saudi Arabia since the Persian Gulf War began Jan. 17, but most have been knocked out by U.S.-supplied Patriot defense missiles.

It was not immediately clear if a Patriot was fired to intercept the SCUD on Monday.

One reporter said he saw a Patriot explode in the sky over Dhahran. Several lawmakers who were briefed at the Pentagon, including House Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash., and Republican leader Bob Michel of Illinois, said they believed a Patriot was fired.

But there were some television reports quoting U.S. officials saying a Patriot was not fired because the SCUD was breaking up in flight. The report could not be immediately verified.



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Termain Kyles, Mike Sturmer and Lee Marcus participate in dialogue in the Black Cultural Center Monday

African-American, Jewish talks reveal ways to improve relations

By Matthew Mielke
Staff Writer

Members of the Jewish and African-American communities held a dialogue Monday in the Black Cultural Center that provided opportunities for members to discuss ways of improving relations between the two groups.

The discussion was held as part of Chai Week, a program dedicated to raising awareness of the Jewish religion and the Jewish community.

Dana Lumsden, a member of the Black Student Movement, said during the dialogue that the U.S. Jewish lobby supported South Africa's system of apartheid. "The Jewish lobby, in supporting the state of Israel, is supporting the state of South Africa," he said.

Grant Vinik, a Jewish student who lived in South Africa for seven years, said most Jews in South Africa were very sympathetic toward black South Africans and they opposed the government's system of institutional-

ized racism. But many Jews have left South Africa, and the hard-line supporters of apartheid remain, he said.

Lee Marcus, associate professor of psychology, served as mediator between the two groups. "Why is there a need to have such a discussion group?" he asked.

A student responded that hostilities exist between the two communities because the actions and speeches of a few prominent members on both sides have led the others to create stereotypes.

For example, some Jews believe Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan represents the feelings of most African Americans, he said.

Termain Kyles, an African-American student, said it was possible for African Americans and Jews to co-exist. He joined a fraternity that has Jewish members, he said.

One African-American student told him he was denying his black heritage, Kyles said. "They (the fraternity members) accept me for who I am."

Members suggested another reason

for hostilities between the two groups was education and educational opportunities.

An African-American student said that after coming out of years of slavery, African Americans have never had as much of an opportunity for education as Jews. Discrimination kept them from having the opportunity to receive an education, he said.

Elliott Zenick, a member of the Hill Foundation, a Jewish student organization, said many people of the older Jewish generation resented programs such as educational quotas that have been created to benefit African Americans. People from the older generation pass these attitudes down to their children, he said.

Zenick said the dialogue was a beginning in improving relations between the two communities on campus.

P.J. Studevent, an African-American student, said dialogues between Jews and African-American students should continue on a smaller scale.

L.D. Newman, assistant director of University housing, did not return telephone calls to her office and would not comment from her home.

Parikh said the housing department's attempts to recruit minorities for RAs gave them more incentive to apply.

Turcogorge said candidates for RA positions were asked questions that would indicate their concerns and views about different racial groups. Their answers gave interviewers clues as to how sensitive, aware and open to training the candidates were about minority issues, she said.

Polly Compos, an RA in Spencer Residence Hall, said recruiting more minority RAs would have a positive effect.

"(It would help), especially on North Campus, to achieve more of a balance than they have now," she said.

Housekeepers receive response to complaints

By Laura Williams
Senior Writer

A University housekeeping assistant administrator sent a letter Monday to some housekeepers in response to a Step 1 mistreatment grievance they filed two weeks ago.

Charles Davis, a housekeeping assistant administrator, sent the letter after meeting last week with housekeepers to address what housekeepers called daily mistreatment.

None of the housekeepers at the meeting presented him with any specific problems or cases of mistreatment, Davis said.

"Nobody came forward and said, 'I have a problem with my supervisor,'" he said.

But housekeepers are continuing to allege that problems exist, and they need to be solved.

About 15 housekeepers discussed the problems at a meeting Wednesday with Bill Morris, their attorney.

Housekeepers at the meeting listed problems such as:

■ Supervisors are always trying to find a reason to fire housekeepers;

■ Housekeepers must arrive for work at an early time — 3:50 a.m.;

■ Housekeepers receive unequal pay and poor treatment;

■ The University does not offer housekeepers an opportunity to improve their education to enable them to get other jobs;

■ A state hiring freeze has meant that housekeepers must clean large areas

without adequate help. More housekeepers need to be hired;

■ Secret personnel files are kept by supervisors to be used against the housekeepers;

■ Housekeepers are unfairly denied promotions;

■ Housekeepers are not allowed to sit down during work or to drink soft drinks during work.

Davis said he thought most of the housekeepers' problems were related to the University's budget crisis.

He said he had no control over the state-ordered hiring freeze that has meant individual housekeepers must clean areas normally assigned to more workers.

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Kicked pipe in men's bathroom causes damage in Greenlaw Hall

Staff report

Greenlaw Hall sustained extensive water damage Monday afternoon after a vandal broke a toilet pipe in a second-floor men's bathroom.

Randy Boone, the first physical plant repairman on the scene, said the damage would be costly for the University.

"Somebody kicked the flush valve off a commode, and the pipe broke off," Boone said. "It will be expensive to replace, probably in the thousands."

When we got here it was a mess."

Some of the first-floor ceilings may need replacing, including those of a lecture hall, several classrooms and a hall, Boone said. The tile floor in the second-floor men's bathroom and hall also may need replacing, he said.

About two or three inches of water covered the bathroom floor when repair workers arrived, he said.

Water covered some second-floor office and classroom floors and trickled down the outside of the building.

Two fire trucks and several police officers arrived at Greenlaw shortly before 3 p.m.

Freda Hankins, an English department teaching assistant, said she was on the fourth floor when the pipe broke. "When I got here water was gushing out of the bathroom. You could hear it from all the way around the building."

The second-floor computer lab was closed after the deluge, but the computer equipment did not sustain any damage, she said.

Stores don't segregate hair products

By Nancy Johnson
Staff Writer

The managers of four local drugstores said Monday that the theft of African-American products was not a problem in their stores, and placement of the products received no special attention.

In December, UNC's Black Student Movement began a boycott of Rite Aid discount store on Franklin Street after a customer said she was told by an employee that African-American hair care products were placed at the front of the store because they were high-theft items.

But Ray Doering, a Rite Aid corporate spokesman, said African-American hair care products were placed at the front of Rite Aid in Chapel Hill as part of a marketing plan and not because they were high-risk items.

Other local drug store managers said some products were kept near the front of their stores or behind cases to prevent theft, but that African-American hair care products were not among them.

African-American hair care items are placed near the middle of the store at Kerr Drug Stores in University Mall, said store manager Leroy Ruble. Items are placed in categories and higher-priced items are placed behind counters and cases to protect them.

African-American hair care products are among the items that are most often stolen, but it has not been a real problem, Ruble said.

"No thought is given to shop-lifting," Ruble said. "It's more given to movement of merchandise."

Health and beauty aids such as deodorant and shampoo are the items that are most often stolen, he said.

John Woodard, owner of Sutton's Drug Store on Franklin Street, said he kept certain items, such as magazines and cigarettes, by the register because they were stolen often.

But African-American hair care products are not among those considered high-risk items and are not kept at the front of the store, Woodard said.

The aisles of Sutton's run lengthwise to make all store items visible, he said.

The floor plan of Eckerd Drugs, located in Eastgate, places the African-American hair care products toward the back with other hair care products, said Malcolm Smith, store manager. The products are grouped together but are not separated from other hair care products.

Film, cigarettes, watches and other electronic items are among those items kept near the front of the store or behind counters, Smith said.

Rhonda Horner, the manager of Revco Drug Store in Ram's Plaza, said there are 11 items in her store that are classified as high-risk, but that African-American hair care products are not among them.

Horner said fragrances, some razors, radios, cameras, film, cigarettes, phones and clocks are considered high-risk and are kept near the front of her store.

All hair care products are kept in the back corner of the store, she said.

Doering said Rite Aid had not yet

made a decision about whether to change the location of the products in the Chapel Hill store, but that representatives of the corporation would like to work with the Black Student Movement to try to find a solution.

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In order to preserve your self respect, it is sometimes necessary to lie and cheat. — Robert Byrne