

WORLD BRIEFS

Kidnappers release two Western hostages

DAMASCUS, Syria — Shiite Muslim kidnapers freed British hostage Terry Waite and American Thomas Sutherland on Monday, and Waite said the remaining three Americans held hostage in Lebanon would be released by month's end.

"Terry Waite and I are very happy to have received our first gulps of Lebanon and Syrian fresh air but we have to wait to tomorrow to meet the sunshine," said a joyous Sutherland on his arrival.

Their release by the group Islamic Jihad, or Holy War, was a dramatic advance toward ending the hostage ordeal. The United Nations has been leading diplomatic efforts to gain freedom for Western hostages in Lebanon in exchange for the release of Arab detainees held by Israel — a condition demanded by the kidnapers.

Sutherland and Waite had been considered key hostages, partly because of the length of time they had been held. Their release raised speculation that the Israelis may have made a commitment to free Sheik Abdul-Karim Obeid, their most valuable Shiite prisoner.

Waite said at a news conference that his captors told him before they set him

free that American hostages Joseph Ciccipio and Alann Steen would be released within the next five days and Terry Anderson by the end of the month.

Stock market stabilizes after Friday's plunge

NEW YORK — The stock market brushed aside fears of another Black Monday with a 30-point rise in the Dow Jones average.

Investors stayed calm despite lingering doubts about the nation's ailing economy.

Lessons learned from past crashes and word from Washington that a controversial credit-card measure would likely die helped the Dow recover about one-quarter of the 120-point plunge.

Many of the fears of some traders, economists and legislators were erased at the opening bell on the New York Stock Exchange, when the Dow average jumped about 20 points immediately.

Friday's plunge evoked memories of the Oct. 19 crash in 1987, which also was preceded by a major drop on a Friday. Since then, however, regulators and stock exchanges have imposed new rules designed to limit sharp declines.

— The Associated Press

By Anna Griffin
Staff Writer

Republican leaders expressed little concern over rumored presidential campaigns by conservatives Patrick Buchanan and David Duke, yet the prospect of a noticeably right-wing challenge to George Bush could splinter GOP unity.

The rumors concerning Buchanan's candidacy surfaced last week after friends and conservative party activists began organizing a campaign committee for the Feb. 18 New Hampshire presidential primary.

"His sister has said that he's going to run," said Peter Flaherty, chairman of the Conservative Campaign Fund, a Washington, D.C., political action committee. "It's pretty much a given thing that he's running. These aren't just rumors anymore."

Buchanan currently writes a syndicated national column and serves as a commentator on CNN's "Crossfire." He also worked in the White House as an adviser to former presidents Ronald Reagan and Richard Nixon.

Duke, who was defeated soundly in his quest for the Louisiana governor's mansion Saturday, did not address national aspirations in his concession speech. But the former Ku Klux Klan member and founder of the National Association for the Advancement of White People did suggest he wanted to take his message to a national audience. Many political experts believe Duke

will challenge Bush in the 1992 Southern primaries, where the Louisiana native has a growing group of supporters.

Bush's declining popularity in the wake of a continuing recession has triggered the recent rumors of a conservative challenge in next year's primaries. Some of the more right-wing GOP members would like to see Bush defeated or at least seriously challenged by another Republican candidate, Flaherty said.

"Many of the conservatives would love to see Buchanan really embarrass Bush," Flaherty said. "Any kind of credible challenge would accomplish that because it would show the president that he hasn't united the party and isn't in total control."

But Republican Party leaders expressed confidence that Bush will return to the White House.

"My assumption is that even if someone runs against President Bush it will basically turn out to be no contest," said N.C. Republican Party Chairman Jack Hawke. "He will be the nominee in the general election and will be re-elected."

A challenge by Duke or Buchanan will not change Bush's strategy or force him to appease the more right-wing sect

of the party, he said.

"I think the president will run a campaign based upon his record as president," Hawke said. "That will not change, no matter who the opponent is. He'll talk about the successes (of his administration) and his hopes for the future, and he will build his campaign on that."

National GOP officials claim Bush will receive their full support.

"Our nominee will be George Bush," said GOP deputy press secretary Henry Hall. "It's a free country and (Duke and Buchanan) can run if they want to. But we're totally behind the president."

Some independent analysts believe any challenge from conservatives will force Bush to become more aware of the right-wing sect of the Republican Party. Although Buchanan and Duke each represent only a small portion of the GOP, either potential candidate could steal the support of die-hard conservative voters away from the president, Flaherty said.

"You'll see a much more conservative candidate and a more conservative president," Flaherty said of Bush's campaign strategy. "Buchanan's campaign

is a protest candidacy, but it may be the best organized and highest profile protest candidacy in years."

Although he is known primarily as an ultra right-wing conservative, Buchanan's prominence could help him win voter support among more moderate GOP members, Flaherty said.

"Pat Buchanan has a constituency out there," he said. "People know who he is whether they like him or not. He's better known than Tom Harkin, that's for sure."

Intense media coverage of the Louisiana governor's race will help David Duke, Flaherty said. Like Buchanan, Duke has received a great deal of negative publicity, he said.

"He's gotten a lot of press," Flaherty said. "And in politics, publicity, whether good or bad, helps... Duke has momentum going into the primaries."

Republican leaders question whether any politician would dare challenge Bush's popularity.

"All I've heard has been talk, that's all," Hall said. "(Buchanan and Duke have) both gotten some media attention, but they haven't called us."

Analysis

Campus Calendar

TUESDAY
3:30 p.m. Internships in N.C. state government information session will be held in 209 Hanes, sponsored by UCPPS.

4 p.m. The Study Abroad Office will sponsor an information session on the lower level of Caldwell Hall about the UNC fall semester and summer programs in Paris.

JOB HUNT 104: Job Search Strategies Workshop for seniors and graduate students will be held in 210 Hanes, sponsored by UCPPS.

5 p.m. UNC Juggling Club will meet in the lobby of Carmichael Residence Hall.

6 p.m. UNITAS will have a session for students interested in the program for next year on the fifth floor of Carmichael Residence Hall.

Carolina Fever will paint banners. Meet at the CAA office, Union Suite A.

UNC-Soviet Exchange will meet in 208 Union.

6:30 p.m. N.C. Student Legislature will debate whether the Lumbee Indian tribe should receive federal recognition and funding in 226 Union.

7 p.m. The student-led New Alliance Party will collect signatures in front of the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center to pass legislation to open the electoral process to independent political candidates.

The Undergraduate History Association will hear Dr. James Hevia speak in 569 Hamilton.

Carolina Fever will meet in 100 Hamilton.

An English Conversation Partners Workshop (sponsored by the International Center for American Partners) will be held at 303 Battle Lane.

TARP will elect a co-chairperson in 209 Manning. Upper Quad will have an RA information session in the Manly Residence Hall TV lounge.

IM-REC Graff Basketball will hold an officials' clinic.

7:30 p.m. Free Tutoring on the second floor of Dey Hall in French 1-4, Spanish 1-4, ECON 10, STAT 11 & 23, CHEM 11, Biology 11, and Math 10, 16-18, 22, 30-31. Sponsored by Student Government Tutoring Program.

La Maison Française will sponsor French conversation on the second floor of Carmichael Residence Hall.

Alpha Epsilon Delta (pre-health honor society) will meet in 224 Union.

Carolina Comic Book Club will meet in the Union.

Gay Studies Group will meet in the Union, room TBA. Please come by the CCLA office before the meeting for leading material.

Society of Human Resource Management will hear Vicki Winston from the SAS Institute speak in 210 Union.

Panel discussion on homosexuality will be held in the downstairs parlor in Parker Residence Hall. Sponsored by Scott RA program.

8 p.m. An RA Question-and-Answer Session will be held in the fifth-floor lounge of Granville Towers East.

UNC Young Democrats will meet in 211 Union. IM-REC Ice Hockey Club will play N.C. State at the Daniel Boone ice rink in Hillsborough.

11 p.m. WXYC 89.3 FM will play the new album from Action Swingers in its entirety.

ITEMS OF INTEREST
Senior Portraits: The Yachty Yack will be taking senior cap and gown portraits until Nov. 23 in 213 Union. Call (800) 873-2591 or come by 213 Union to schedule an appointment.

Make this Thanksgiving special for someone else — participate in the Canned Food Drive. Boxes will be located in the Pit and in the dorm lobbies until Nov. 23. Sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

Delta Sigma Theta sorority will sponsor a star search at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Hanes Art Center. Tickets are \$1. Questions? Call 933-5274.

Dinner Discussions will have a "Fast discussion" for Oxfam Wednesday in the Campus Y Lounge. Kate McIntyre will discuss hunger issues in Africa.

UNC Math Contest is available in 365 Phillips until Nov. 26.

An RA Question-and-Answer Session will be held in the Winston Residence Hall TV lounge at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

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