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FOREIGN

Former leader Lech Walesa meets with officials in southwestern Poland today after a sit-in since Jan. 2, in an effort to discourage new strikes in their effort to obtain recognition for their farmers' union. A-1

In the murder trial of Jean Charles de Menezes, the British man arrested at Heathrow, the judge told the jury that the man was not responsible for the day she shot and killed him. A-2

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American farmer will receive a pardon from Washington with an amnesty along with an Avenue followed by a reception. B-1

A farmer is awarded a D.C. Superior Court order for "excessive force" against him in the face with a knife in his left eye at a march in 1979. B-1

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D.C. Welcome for Hostages

Walesa Tries To Put Off New Strikes

Meets With Peasants Seeking Recognition

WARSAW, Poland — Solidarity labor leader Lech Walesa has gone to a southeastern Polish town in an attempt to head off new strikes in support of a farmers' union sit-in which began Jan. 2.

If work stoppages are called, they probably will begin tomorrow, which has been designated a day of solidarity with the farmers.

Solidarity said there was a possibility that a key meeting of the Solidarity leadership, scheduled for tomorrow and Thursday in Gdansk, would be held instead in Rzeszow, where peasants occupied government buildings to support a demand that negotiators meet with them to discuss recognition of their farmers' union. The government has said it is against such recognition.

The Solidarity meeting would elect delegates for talks with the government on demands for a five-day, 40-hour workweek. The ruling Communist Party Politburo met yesterday on Solidarity's demands, and an official statement emphasized that the government was willing to negotiate a compromise with the labor confederation to end the recent wave of strikes. The statement said the party "is open to discussion" on variants for shortening the six-day workweek.

Meanwhile, more than 2,000 students held a sit-in yesterday at Lodz University, and a leader of the demonstration said the polytechnic and film schools in Lodz would join the protest today. The students sent a delegation to Warsaw to discuss their complaints with student leaders and government officials.

The students are demanding that compulsory classes in Marxism be made optional, autonomy for some student groups from the Education Ministry, the barring of police from campuses unless permitted by university officials and access to printing facilities.

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Careers Melt As Job Freeze Takes Its Toll

By Philip Shandler
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Charles Gossett, 29, of San Francisco, spent about \$800 to buy new clothes and fix up his car so he could drive here for the federal job that he had applied for. He got the job Wednesday in Chicago, he got word that he could hang up the clothes and turn his car back toward the

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Former hostage Gary Lee and his wife, Patsy, go for a stroll at West Point. The Lees live in Falls Church.

Associated Press

Flooding Routs 200 in SE After Break in Main

Two hundred persons were evacuated from their homes this morning when a water main in Southeast Washington ruptured, flooding basements and streets and swamping cars in more than six feet of water in some places. No injuries were reported.

Evacuation of residents in two apartment complexes and 25 homes at 12th and I streets SE was ordered by fire department officials when it was feared the water would inundate furnaces and hot water heaters and cause explosions.

Firemen reported that two gas lines to private dwellings ruptured under the pressure of the water and that there was fear the Southwest Freeway might have been undermined by the tons of water that swept up against it from the ruptured main.

There were no reports of injuries as many of those evacuated left their homes on foot with firemen removing them from the scene for the evacuation.

Hostages Try to Catch Up On 'Missing' 14 Months

By Maureen Dowd and Suzanne Bilello
Washington Star Staff Writers

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Protected by this stony fortress of a campus and a cadre of military police, the 52 returned hostages emerged from their 14-month time warp yesterday. From dawn until early this morning, they played catch-up.

They jogged in the cold morning mist, read magazines painting them as the new American heroes, traded more family gossip with their relatives, gobbled up smorgasbords of gourmet food, got haircuts, visited an elementary school and played video games.

"We're all just walking around with silly grins on our faces," said Elizabeth Swift of the District, "soaking it all in."

Though dark tales of beatings, depression and even an attempted suicide during the captivity continued to leak out from the former hostages, it was the good cheer that was most evident yesterday. William Gallegos, the 23-year-old Marine corporal from Pueblo, Colo.,

was so eager to talk to his mother that he woke her up three times, starting at 7:15 a.m. to urge her to hurry down to a lavish meal of champagne and smoked salmon.

Gary Earl Lee of Falls Church and Rodney "Rocky" Sickmann of Krakow, Mo., talked with their families so long and so loudly at the hostage hideaway in the stately Hotel Thayer that by mid-afternoon they had laryngitis.

Gregory Persinger, the 23-year-old Marine from Seaford, Del., roamed through the record section of the campus canteen, asking sales clerks to catch him up on the latest albums by Kenny Rogers and other recording artists. Sickmann said he spent his first evening back on native soil "drinking a lot of liquor and chasing women."

Richard H. Morefield, the 51-year-old diplomat from San Diego, confessed that it was difficult to believe he had returned to a life of domesticity until he saw his wife's toothbrush crossed with his in the

Reagan Sets Warning on Kidnappings

Low-Key Reception And a Firm Stance

By Lisa Myers
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President Reagan today will use a White House ceremony honoring the freed American hostages to warn the world that any such abuse of American diplomats in the future is not likely to go unpunished, senior White House officials say.

The president also will seek to reassure the 52 released captives, some of whom reportedly are suffering from severe mental problems, that their professional careers are in no way jeopardized by their 14-month ordeal. Concern over resuming their military and diplomatic careers was the most widespread worry expressed by the hostages during debriefings prior to their return Sunday to the United States, according to press secretary James Brady.

Reagan yesterday received an in-depth briefing on the condition and concerns of the former hostages, as well as their mistreatment at the hands of the Iranians. He was told, for instance, that Thomas L. Ahern, whom the Iranians thought was the embassy's CIA station chief, was beaten not long before the hostages' release, sources said.

Reagan apparently was not told, however, that one of the eight Marine hostages was sexually abused by his captors, as reported by a senior former Carter administration official.

Tears formed in the president's eyes while advisers, led by Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr., recounted the ordeal of the former hostages and reported that a dozen or so of them are suffering from "severe problems," mostly mental. The most common affliction is "extreme guilt," according to administration sources, for some action committed under duress or for inability to perform their duties at the time of the embassy seizure.

Reagan was cautioned to avoid labeling the former hostages as "heroes," sources said.

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52 'Punished For Vietnam,' Hostage Says

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP) — Freed hostage Moorhead C. Kennedy Jr. said yesterday that the Iranian militants who captured the hostages told them repeatedly they were being punished for America's role in Vietnam.

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In Tehran, meanwhile, Iranian
Prime Minister Mohammad Ali Rajai
yesterday said the United States was
forced to unfreeze Iranian assets in
order to free the 52 American hos-
tages because the U.S. economic
sanctions and boycott of Iranian oil
failed.

overall problem of terrorism highest
priority and would send proposals
to Congress soon for combating it.
Beginning at 11:55 a.m. today, four
planes carrying the 52 former hos-
tages and their families will begin
arriving at Andrews Air Force Base
at 15-minute intervals. They will be
greeted by Vice President George
Bush, Defense Secretary Caspar
Weinberger, Haig, congressional
leaders and others, then bused along
the motorcade route to the White
House.

President and Mrs. Reagan will
be introduced privately to each of
the hostages before a formal 3 p.m.
ceremony on the South Lawn.

The 53 hostages — their number
includes Richard Queen, who was
released last July because of illness
— will be given miniature American
flag gift sets as mementoes of the
occasion, Brady said.

After the 15-minute tribute, a re-
ception will be held for the hostages,
their families, the rescue force that
unsuccessfully tried to free them,
families of the eight soldiers who
died in the Iranian desert during
last April's aborted mission, and 19
former hostages released previ-
ously.

Also invited is Kenneth Taylor,
the former Canadian ambassador to
Iran who helped three Americans
escape, and officials from Algeria,
West Germany, Switzerland, and
Great Britain — countries that in
one way or another aided in the
hostages' release.

Former President Carter, who met
with the hostages in West Germany
soon after their release, will not at-
tend the ceremonies. "He felt
strongly that the sole honor of
greeting the returned Americans be-
longs now to the sitting president,"
Brady said.

Reagan yesterday proclaimed
Thursday a national day of
thanksgiving for the safe return of
Americans who "have shown by ex-
ample that the spirit of our country
will never be broken."

Almost off-handedly, Kennedy
said in his interview with Walters
that one of the hostages had at-
tempted suicide and the Americans'
militant captors were "shaking us
down for anything which might be
used to help somebody commit sui-
cide," such as belts, razor blades and
neckties.

Kennedy, a native of New York
City where his parents now live,
said in the AP interview that he
thinks America should honor its
commitment to Iran.

"It's important that we maintain
our moral leadership," he said. "We're
a great nation because we're all mor-
ally strong. And in the third world,
that's so important."

Kennedy said he is seriously con-
sidering quitting the State Depart-
ment, not because he feels bitter
about his experience, but because
he wants to open a new chapter in
his life.

"I don't feel bitterness," he said.
"I've spent 20 happy years in the
State Department. If I leave the de-
partment, it will be because I want
a different challenge.... I paid my
debt to the United States. I shouldn't
have to continue if I don't want to."

He added that he doesn't feel the
State Department was prepared for
the embassy takeover and that he
hopes the government learns from
the experience.

52 Americans Loan Black Hostage Try Making Up For Lost Time For Lost Time

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Thanksgiving Day. In the morning
there was an interdenominational
service at the Cadet Chapel, a lovely
gothic church with vaulted ceilings
and flags from every American war.

Accompanied by the cadet glee
club, they sang the traditional
thanksgiving hymn "Now Thank We
All Our God," and recited biblical
psalms redolent with the joy of liber-
ation. "In my anguish, I cried to
the Lord and he answered by setting
me free," they read from Psalm 118.

"It was almost as if we had written
the service ourselves," marveled a
radiant Kathryn Koob of Fairfax.
"The scriptures were the same as the
ones we used in our private medita-
tions" in captivity in Iran. In the ev-
ening they dined on filet mignon in
the mess hall with hundreds of ca-
dets in dress grays, as the glee club
serenaded them with the "Halls of
Montezuma" and the national an-
them.

But the prevailing mood of exu-
berance among those of the former
hostages and their families who ming-
led with cadets and the press did
not eclipse the lingering specter of
trauma and depression.

Morefield was subdued as he
strolled past the horde of reporters,
his hands plunged into his raincoat
pockets.

"Give me time, please, to come into
this gradually," he said softly. "Ob-
viously, I'm all wound up. It's impor-
tant for me to share with all of you
what happened, but give me a
chance to cope and do what I think
you want me to do.

"I have to take it one step at a time,
coming backwards, reversing the
chain of support that went from my
wife in San Diego to the U.S. to the
rest of the world to me."

Clair Barnes, 35, of Falls Church,
Va., also had some disquieting
thoughts.

"I'm depressed sometimes," he
said. "I did expect to get out of captiv-
ity sometime or other, sooner or
later, but I didn't know how long it
would be."

Many of the former hostages were
preoccupied yesterday with the im-
mediate future. "I'm ready for a va-
cation," said Frederick Kupke of
Francesville, Ind.

Most others, however, said they
are eager to go back to work. "I hope
the powers that be send me back
overseas," said Joseph Hall of Little
Falls, Minn., an Army warrant offi-
cer. "But not to the Middle East."

Army officials were taking great
care to see that cadets and Point em-
ployees did not inadvertently trig-
ger any latent trauma; they were
specifically told not to ask any ques-
tions about the time in Iran.

Others among the group tried to
dispel the clouds of the ordeal. Wil-
liam Gallegos' parents indignantly
dismissed the idea that their son was
suffering aftereffects of his
nightmare.

"Why should he be depressed.
That's bull—" Jose Gallegos said.
"The Marines were gung-ho when
they left and they're double gung-ho
now," insisted his mother, Theresa.

She said the two toughest adjust-
ments for her son and his friends
were "getting used to wearing shoes
again and seeing a lot of people all
the time. Their feet are killing them,
poor guys."

After their morning jog, Gallegos
and six other Marines took an hour
out from the family reunion to visit
the children at the West Point ele-
mentary school.

The second grade greeted them
with a kitchen band of egg beaters,
drums made of cereal boxes and rub-
ber bands and kazoos and sang a
spiritual called "Free at Last."

Gallegos, James M. Lopez from
Globe, Ariz., Johnny McKeel Jr., of
Balch Springs, Texas, and several
others rolled on the floor with the
awe-struck children and hugged
them tightly and signed autographs.

They were touched, and some
tears were shed. The boys were eff-

WEST POINT, N.Y. — They
threatened to put out his eyes. They
kicked him in the ribs, stepped on
his hands and banged his head
against the wall.

"They treated us just like an ani-
mal in the zoo," said former hostage
Charles Jones, the only black held
for the entire 444-day ordeal.

Speaking out for the first time
since his release, Jones, 40, told re-
porters yesterday of the physical and
mental abuse he received from his
captors, speaking with calm some-
times, with great anger at others.

The Iranians who took over the
embassy released all the black hos-
tages except Jones soon after the
seizure. Jones wouldn't speculate
yesterday on why they kept him.

Captured in the U.S. Embassy
vault on Nov. 4, 1979, as he finished
destroying the embassy's classified
records, Jones said he suffered for
refusing to provide information and
to say publicly that he was well
treated.

He said he was "interrogated" five
times and, near the beginning of
his imprisonment, physically
abused.

"As for rough treatment, no —
aside from being kicked in the ribs,
having my hands stepped on, my
head bumped up against the walls
and a few little odds and ends like
that, I was put up against my head
and being threatened to have my
eyes put out — no, there was no
rough treatment," he said.

Jones, a communications special-
ist and teletype operator from De-
troit, had a yellow ribbon pinned
to his khaki jacket when he talked
with reporters on the snowy campus
of West Point. He spoke with his
wife, Matti, at his side, and he seldom
let go of her hand.

Not only did the Iranians physi-
cally abuse him early on, Jones re-
ported, but he was also forbidden
to talk for more than four months:
from the day he and the others were
seized until — and he remembered
the exact date — March 17. After
that, he said, he could speak occa-
sionally — he was always kept with
five or fewer other hostages — but
not too loud, too fast or too often.

"One of their favorite things was,
"don't speak, don't speak," he said.
"We got kind of tired of that."

In addition to his anger toward
his Iranian captors, Jones also
showed some harsh feelings toward
some Americans who visited Iran
as "sympathizers," as he called them.
He said the 52 former hostages were
preparing a statement on the sub-
ject.

"There's something that's coming
out about the people who did visit

Carter Deficit Would Be Higher By Hill Budget Office Projection

By Sheilah Kast
Washington Star Staff Writer

Former President Carter's propo-
sed fiscal 1982 budget would actu-
ally result in a \$33.2 billion deficit,
instead of the \$27.5 billion deficit his
administration projected, the Con-
gressional Budget Office said today.

The CBO said Carter had underes-
timated, by about \$5 billion, the
amount needed to pay for the de-
fense programs he proposed.

"Fewer aircraft, ships and tanks
would be procured at significantly
higher costs per unit in 1982 than
previously planned," the CBO said.
The agency said inflation would add
\$2 billion to spending for weapons,
\$2 billion to the bill for fuel to be
used by the military and \$1 billion
for other defense supplies.

It compared Carter's proposals
with laws already in effect and poli-
cies already tacitly approved by Con-
gress when it debated the budget last
year. These include a "stable but
flexible" tax rate cut, which
the CBO says would speed the de-
pression of budget deficits.



EX-HOSTAGE CHARLES JONES
Was kicked, stepped on

that's not very nice," he said. His
wife hushed him at that point and
Jones would not elaborate, except
to say that many of them "were very,
very sympathetic to (the Iranians')
cause."

Despite the difficulty of his captiv-
ity, Jones said that he never doubted
that he would be rescued.

"My faith was always in the United
States government, and I always
thought they would do something
to get us out," he said. "We were
looking for (the Marines) every
day."

Jones said that he slept on a sim-
ple mattress on the floor during his
captivity, generally in clean sur-
roundings. He said he was moved
"15 or 20 times" and kept with up
to six fellow Americans at a time.

News from the outside world was
scarce, with "everything censored,
including letters," he said. Most of
his outside news came through
sports and photography magazines,
he said, and only once — when Time
magazine named the Ayatollah Kha-
meini "Man of the Year" because of
his great influence on world affairs
— was he shown a copy of that news
magazine.

"The students made a big thing
of that, they showed it around," he
said. "How would you like it if you
can't talk and you're treated like
an animal, and then you have your
nose rubbed into something like
that?"

But despite his ordeal, Jones was
unwilling to label the Iranians as
barbarians.

"I consider them a little uncivil-
ized, but barbarians? That's a little
strong," he said.

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contributed to this story.