

United States Marine kidnapped in South Lebanon

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Gunmen Wednesday kidnapped a U.S. Marine officer serving with a United Nations peacekeeping force in south Lebanon, U.N. and Pentagon sources said.

The Pentagon identified the victim as Lt. Col. William R. Higgins, head of a 75-man observer group attached to the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon. UNIFIL sources originally identified him as Lt. Col. Richard Higgins.

A Pentagon official said Higgins was on

temporary detail serving as the chief of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization's Lebanon Observer Group. Higgins, 43, is a native of Danville, Ky., the official said.

U.N. sources said Higgins was kidnapped in the late afternoon on the coastal highway between Lebanon's southernmost port of Tyre and the border town of Naqoura, site of UNIFIL's headquarters.

No group claimed responsibility. Sources

said Higgins was returning from talks with Shiite Moslem militia officials.

"Higgins was driving in a U.N. Jeep station wagon from Tyre to Naqoura behind a similar vehicle in which two other observers were traveling," UNIFIL spokesman Timur Goksel said.

He denied an earlier report that Higgins had an escort of Fijian troops from UNIFIL and said

the American officer was in his station wagon alone.

Goksel said UNIFIL helicopters and ground troops were searching for Higgins.

In Washington, a Defense Department official who spoke on condition of anonymity confirmed that Higgins had been kidnapped and gave a similar account of the kidnapping.

He said there were 15 to 16 Americans serving with the observer group.

Worker kills 7 in shooting spree

SUNNYVALE, Calif. — A four-year obsession with a co-worker's smile ended with a Silicon Valley technician blasting into a top-secret defense plant, killing seven people with a shotgun and wounding four, including the woman who spurned him, police said Wednesday.

"I'm not crazy — I know I will die as a result of this," Robert J. Farley, 39, told hostage negotiator Ruben Grijalva before surrendering Tuesday night, more than five hours after a fusillade announced his arrival at the

ESL Inc. plant. He had been fired from his \$36,000-a-year job there in May 1986 for poor performance.

"It didn't appear there was any way he could have been stopped," said police Capt. Al Scott.

Grijalva quoted Farley as saying the attack stemmed from his obsession with engineer Laura Black, 26.

"He said he was in love with her from the first moment he saw her," Grijalva told the San Francisco Examiner. "It was her smile."

"He knew she was not attracted to

him, but he told her it wouldn't end until either she went out with him or he died."

Grijalva said the price of surrender was a turkey-and-ham sandwich and a soda.

"He surrendered for a No. 26 from Togo's and a Diet Pepsi," said the Sunnyvale Public Safety Department negotiator.

Flags flew at half-staff at the ESL complex on Wednesday. Counselors were available for workers who needed help coping with the shooting.

Bush, Dukakis point campaigns southward

CONCORD, N.H. — George Bush and Michael Dukakis Wednesday pointed their campaigns southward after decisive New Hampshire victories, and Bob Dole promised to counterattack unless the vice president stops "distorting the Dole record." Bush denied he had done anything wrong.

Richard Gephardt, who finished second to Dukakis, said he was in the race to stay. However, Sen. Paul Simon of Illinois, third among Democrats in New Hampshire after finishing second in Iowa, said he will have to drop out unless he can win next

week in either South Dakota or Minnesota. Former Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt said he had "a divided mind" about whether to continue but that Jesse Jackson had already asked for his support if he should drop out.

Dole, the big Republican winner in Iowa last week, said Bush's comeback victory in New Hampshire was at least partly due to Bush TV commercials that Dole said distorted his record.

"I'm going to try to go out and straighten it out," he said at the Manchester, N.H. airport before

flying back to Washington. "I'm not going to run from it. I'm not known for running from a fight."

Bush, who returned to Washington Tuesday night, was reluctant to talk about Dole's accusation. However, when questioned during a brief exchange with reporters Wednesday, he replied, "I think I said it wasn't true, but I'll be glad to say that."

"You all want me to talk about Sen. Dole. I want to talk about the issues," Bush said. "I'm not going to dwell on it, you see, I don't want to be drawn into something like that."

Reagan prepares to send budget to Congress

WASHINGTON — President Reagan on Wednesday prepared to send his fiscal 1989 spending plan to Congress and launch the last and likely least contentious budget debate of his presidency.

The \$1.1 trillion fiscal blueprint being unveiled Thursday was expected to reprise Reagan's oft-rejected requests for cutting domestic programs, with some new proposals

for transferring government functions including parks and management and perhaps Amtrak railroad service to private industry.

But the plan also was being crafted to comply with the spending agreement reached last fall in the budget "summit" between Reagan and congressional leaders.

Since the budget summit agreement spells out overall spending and

tax levels, including allocations for the military, domestic programs and foreign aid, this year's battles were expected to focus on the details rather than the thrust of the budget priorities.

The pact should help smooth the budget's path through Congress, since the balance between domestic and military spending totals is annually one of the most difficult.

In Brief

Israelis kill 1 Arab, wound 4 in West Bank

HEBRON, Occupied West Bank — Israeli soldiers fired on a crowd trying to stop them from making arrests during a pre-dawn raid on an Arab village Wednesday, killing one and wounding four, witnesses and the army reported.

A merchants' strike in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip kept most Arab businesses closed except for the three hours from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Numerous cases have been reported of threats to shopowners who remain open.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir returned from Italy and rejected a trade of territory for peace with the Arabs. Secretary of State George P. Shultz proposed the idea and it was accepted by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. Shamir's partner and rival in the governing coalition.

An army officer at the village said the soldiers aimed at legs only but doctors said the victim was shot through the heart.

Fire forces evacuation of Embassy in Moscow

MOSCOW — Soviet firefighters chaperoned by Americans extinguished a fire Wednesday in the U.S. Embassy, the same building the United States has been unable to abandon because of bugging devices that permeate a new structure.

About 150 embassy employees were evacuated and sent home for the day, embassy spokesman Richard Gilbert said. No one was injured.

U.S. Embassy officials said Soviet firefighters were called to put out the fire in an unoccupied fifth-floor residential section after they decided embassy personnel couldn't extinguish it on their own.

The Soviets responded promptly and were "escorted at all times by American employees," inside the building, said Gilbert, who briefed reporters in the wet snow outside the mustard-colored embassy's main door after the fire had been brought under control.

'Last Emperor' top performer in nominations

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — "The Last Emperor," a panoramic drama of modern China, scored top honors with nine nominations Wednesday in an Oscar race that included Cher, Robin Williams and Michael Douglas but overlooked directors Steven Spielberg and James L. Brooks.

"Broadcast News," the comedy-romance set in a television news bureau, followed with seven nominations including those for stars William Hurt, Holly Hunter and Albert Brooks. James Brooks was nominated as producer and writer, but surprisingly, not as director.

Joining "Broadcast News" and "The Last Emperor," the life story of China's last monarch, as contenders for best picture were "Fatal Attraction," "Hope and Glory" and "Moonstruck."

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All I know is all the ways it shouldn't have happened. All those easy ways. But it's a little too late for that, I guess. Too late this lifetime, for me."

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