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# Guste will review a request he look into deaths of inmates

BATON ROUGE (AP) — Attorney General William J. Guste Jr. has scheduled a Monday meeting to review a request from a prisoners' rights group that he investigate four inmate deaths in parish jails.

"We want to give him the information we have — which is real limited at this time — and hopefully get a commitment out of him to investigate," said John Vodicka, coordinator of the Louisiana Coalition on Jails and Prisons.

A spokesman for Guste said there may be a statement after the meeting.

In two letters to Guste last month, the coalition asked him to investigate the circumstances surrounding the deaths of inmates in three parish jails and one in the Orleans Parish prison in the last month.

Vodicka wants to know whether foul play, not enough supervision, poor medical care or a lack of psychiatric care contributed to the deaths.

"We'd like to know if wrongdoing or neglect was involved in any of the four cases and Guste's office has the resources to conduct such an investigation," said Vodicka.

According to coalition records, 15 persons died in parish jails and prisons during 1981, he said, adding that most were apparent suicides.

The coalition is asking Guste to investigate these deaths:

—Ronald Bardwell, who was stomped to death by another inmate in the Orleans Parish prison on Dec. 19 after prison officials said he welshed on a bet.

"We got an anonymous letter from a prisoner that something else might have happened," said Vodicka. "And we got another letter on it, so we'd like it looked into."

—Joey Greg Phillips, who hanged himself at the Bossier Parish Jail in Benton last October. His family said he was denied adequate medical treatment when he was isolated after tests for hepatitis.

—Joe Louis in Pointe Coupee Parish Jail last fall. He was found in a ditch after apparently being hit by a car, and he was charged with simple drunkeness.

Louis was found dead in his jail cell the next day. Vodicka said Louis was never treated nor hospitalized for any injuries he might have received in the accident.

—Jim Hufner in the Rapides Parish Jail in December. Vodicka said Hufner died after swallowing a toothpick, toothbrush handle, three plastic spoons and a piece of cloth.

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# Kidnap called declaration of war

ROME (AP) — The Red Brigades terrorists, in a six-page statement issued Saturday, branded kidnapped U.S. Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier a Yankee pig, and declared war against NATO and the American military, police reported.

In Verona, Judith Dozier, her voice cracking and her eyes welling with tears, appealed to the terrorists for the safe release of her 50-year-old husband.

Italian police used helicopters and dogs to comb northeast Italy in their largest search on record, hunting for the people's prison where Dozier reportedly was held by the terrorists to face proletarian justice.

The statement by the Marxist urban guerrillas was the first written dispatch since they snatched Dozier from his Verona apartment Thursday night.

"War against NATO!" read one of the slogans at the end of the message. "Attack the centers, the war strategies, and the bases of the American military machine!"

The statement accused the United States and multinational corporations of using the Western alliance to dominate Europe and criticized the "complete exclusion of the interested peoples" from the U.S.-Soviet arms reduction talks in Geneva, Switzerland.

The communique was left in a cracker box in a wastebasket on the major Rome thoroughfare of Via XX Settembre. An anonymous telephone caller told a journalist from the Rome newspaper Giornale D'Italia where to find it.

The message did not make any demands for Dozier's release.

It carried the Red Brigades' symbol at the top — a five-pointed star in a circle, and was labeled "Communique Number One."

In previous kidnappings, the Red Brigades have issued a series of numbered communiques.

"On Thursday, December 17, an armed nucleus of our organization captured and locked in a people's prison a Yankee pig of the American occupation army, Brigadier General James Dozier, vice commander of Allied Land Forces in Southern Europe," the statement said.

The message praised West Germany's Red Army Faction, another left-wing terrorist group that has claimed attacks on NATO facilities. It also called for reopening links with other urban guerrilla groups in Europe, naming specifically the Irish Republican Army and the Basque separatist group ETA.

Mrs. Dozier, in a brief statement at NATO headquarters targeted for the Red Brigades, said, "This is a man who lives and cares for others."

"We hope that you will return him safely and sound," she said, her voice filled with emotion.

Police said Dozier, the second-highest ranking U.S. Army officer in Southern Europe, was probably in the hands of the leftist terrorist group's hard-line Venice wing — which kidnapped chemical company executive Giuseppe Taliercio last May 20 and left his bullet-riddled body in the trunk of a car on July 6.

"I think it's the hard-liners," Police Chief Pasquale Zappone told a news conference. He did not elaborate.

Police believe the Red Brigades are divided into two factions: The hawks, who interrogate their victims and then kill them, and the doves, who sometimes grant safe release after a people's trial.

Police set up hundreds of roadblocks and searched homes in the area between Venice and Milan. They were giving particular attention to empty summer vacation cottages around Lake Garda near Verona, but Zappone stressed that the terrorists had a three-hour start Thursday before police began the chase.

The motive for the kidnapping is still unclear.



Sketch of Dozier kidnap suspect

# Inmate booked in cell death

An inmate in the House of Detention was booked with murder after a fellow prisoner who balked at paying off on a contest was kicked to death Saturday, authorities said.

The dead man was identified as 43-year-old Ronald L. Bardwell, 611 Carlip St.

Police booked Kevin Wright, 22, 5719½ N. Derbigny St., with murder.

Records indicated Bardwell was serving a 150-day sentence for trespassing, and Wright was awaiting trial for possession of a shotgun and drugs.

Detective Norman Pierce, one of the investigators, said Wright and Bardwell had competed in a contest of push-ups. The winner was to have eaten the loser's evening meal, authorities said.

Bardwell lost the contest, police said, but reneged on the agreement, apparently angering Wright. A fight followed in which police said Wright kicked and trampled Bardwell.

# Key Reagan aide to quit next year

DETROIT (AP) — Michael K. Deaver, deputy chief of staff in the Reagan White House, plans to leave his job next November, according to a newspaper report.

In a copyright story to appear in Sunday's Detroit News, the newspaper's Washington bureau quotes Deaver as saying he will quit after the 1982 election to do private consulting or corporate public relations work.

White House spokesman Peter Roussel told The Associated Press: "This is consistent with what Mike has been saying in other interviews, that it was possible for him to leave after a while. I don't have anything to add to that."

"A year from now I'll be gone," the News quoted the 43-year-old Deaver as saying. He has been described as the "president's right arm."

"My wife and my accountant say I can't afford to stay in the job any longer," Deaver said of his $60,000-a-year post. "It's costing me more money to live here than I make and I'm never home."

Deaver, who is from the Los Angeles area, bears prime responsibility for the president's scheduling. He is in charge of Nancy Reagan's office operations and schedules the family's travel and entertainment.

In addition, the directors of White House security and presidential advance, the White House physician, the president's military aides and the president's barist all report to Deaver.

Deaver said he has told the Reagans he will be leaving.

Deaver has been close to Ronald Reagan since 1967 when he became a staff assistant in the then-California governor's office. He helped run Reagan's unsuccessful campaign in 1976 and became deputy director of Reagan's campaign in 1979.


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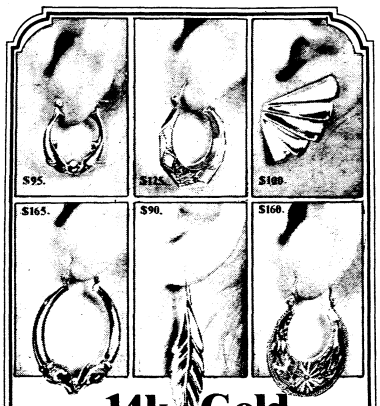
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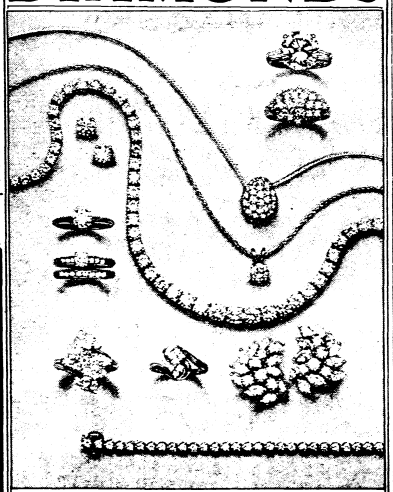
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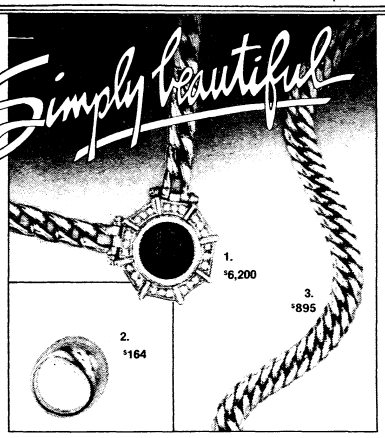
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