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Day 2: Iraq strikes back

From Associated Press reports

Iraq struck back early Friday against a non-stop hammering by American warplanes the way it said it would — by lobbing missiles into Israel.

U.S. forces then launched retaliatory attacks early today, but the U.S. command expressed overall satisfaction with its air offensive. That attack began early Thursday and continued throughout the day.

One American casualty was reported; a pilot was listed as missing in action when his body was not recovered from wreckage of an F-A-18 fighter, shot down over Iraqi territory by surface-to-air missiles.

The U.S. warplanes' failure to knock out mobile Scud launchers made the missile attack on Israel possible, said Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga.

Bad weather frustrated some allied strikes, and pilots said anti-aircraft fire was intense. "The kitchen sink was coming up through the clouds," said one American flyer.

Following the Iraqi attack on Israel, a Scud short-range missile was fired at Dhahran in eastern Saudi Arabia. It was knocked down by a U.S. Army Patriot surface-to-air missile.

Pete Williams, spokesman for Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, said a single Iraqi Scud was intercepted by the Patriot before it reached the ground. The Scud is Iraq's deadliest ground-to-ground missile.

Williams provided no other details.

At least eight missiles landed in Tel Aviv and elsewhere in Israel during the Friday morning attack — all Scuds launched from western Iraq, Israeli and U.S. officials said. Damage in Israel was serious, but injuries were minor, according to army reports.

Israelis were ordered into shelters and told to don gas masks for protection against Iraqi chemical weapons.

However, an Army official said none of the missiles carried chemical warheads.

Israel had said it would retaliate if attacked, but it was not immediately known whether a retaliatory strike had been launched. The U.S. has urged the Jewish state to stay out of the Persian Gulf war, and Arab members of the anti-Iraq coalition have warned that its entry could split the alliance.

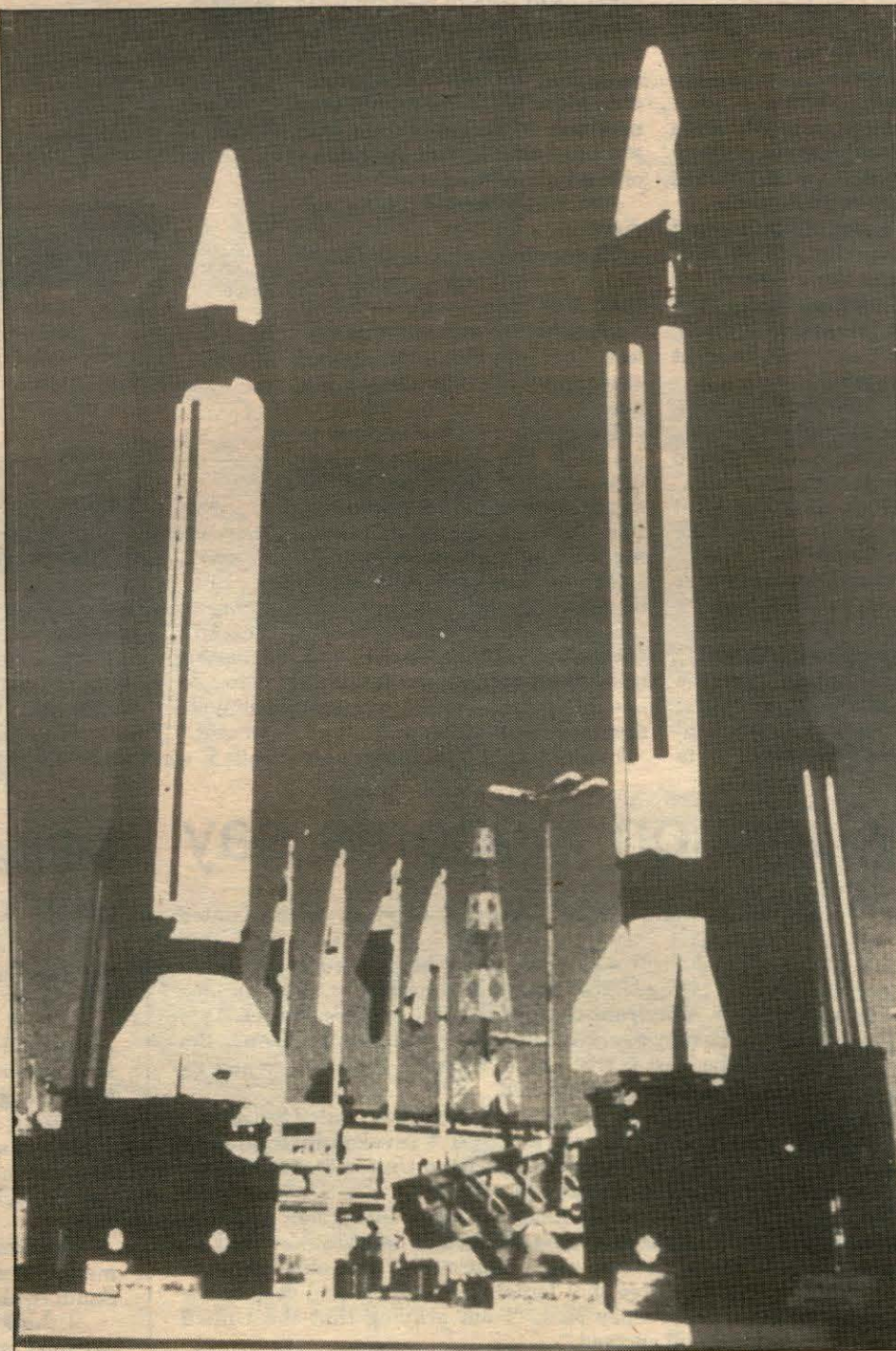
An American official in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Israel has the right to defend itself.

The official also repeated U.S. assurances given Israel in the past few weeks that "an unprovoked attack on Israel also calls for an appropriate American response."

Kuwait's ambassador to the United Nations, Mohammad A. Abulhasan, said, "I hope there would not be an Israeli reaction. If there is, it complicates the matter, but we should not exaggerate the complication."

The first air raid sirens went off in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv about 2 a.m. Numerous explosions could be heard.

An Israeli army spokesman said there



AP LaserPhoto courtesy of The Herald-Dispatch

Iraq fired Scud missiles on several targets in Israel Friday morning in response to the Thursday U.S. attack on Baghdad. The missiles are capable of carrying chemical weapons.

were at least seven casualties, all lightly injured. Police reports said at least 30 people were taken to hospitals but their conditions were not known.

Police reports said at least 30 people were taken to Tel Hashomer Hospital in Tel Aviv, but none of the casualties were from chemical weapons.

An Israeli official in Washington, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said 12 missiles hit Israel.

Israel Radio broadcast instructions to

take precautions against gas, "due to a rocket attack on Israel."

At one point, a distant rumble of planes could be heard over Jerusalem, but it was difficult to tell where the planes were flying to or from Israel.

Iraq had repeatedly threatened to fire on Israel if war broke out over the 5-month-old occupation of Kuwait. The U.S. and allies sent war planes to attack Iraq because it refused to withdraw its soldiers from Kuwait.

Students scared, unsure of future as war continues

By Penny L. Moss
and D. Andrew McMorrow
Staff Writers

Marshall students wrestled with Thursday's events in the Middle East and tried to make sense of an unknown future.

"It scares the hell out of me," Michael S. Bayless, Huntington junior, said at a local gathering spot. "Today in the Herald-Dispatch it said that Israel said that Iraq's missiles were gone. It just shows how misleading the press is. It gave me false hope."

"I've never felt this empty inside about humanity. There's so many things involved in this it's hard to know what to think about it," he said. "It seems sad to me that this is how the world had to unite. I wish there were another way the world could come together."

Jay R. Lukens, Charleston graduate student, had similar views. "I think war sucks. But obviously we're not going to stop now. I just hope for the best."

"I think it's strange that Iraq waited so long to strike back. But I suppose if we keep bombing the shit out of them, they won't have anything to fight back with," he said.

Another student hoped U.S. diplomatic initiative will keep Israel from engaging Iraq.

"Israel said that if Iraq used chemical weapons against them, they'd use atomic weapons to retaliate," Joe D. Holland, Huntington junior said. "I just hope we can talk them down. If we don't, it could easily be Armageddon."

But the apparent success of the first U.S. strike caused some students to re-think their positions.

"Originally, I was very anti-war," John C. Wirts, Charleston graduate student said. "But after reports of how successful it was, it's kind of hard not to feel a little bit of

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Students reconcile beliefs

Latest attacks cause conflict between peace, victory

By James M. Slack
Staff Writer

Students gathered at the Campus Christian Center Thursday to reconcile their Christian belief in peace with their desire for U.S. victory in the Middle East.

Iraq's bombing of Israel prompted members of the Baptist Student Union and the United Methodist Students to conduct prayer vigils during their first meetings this semester.

"I guess it's a holy war now that they've attacked Israel," said Amie E. Nutter, Charleston sophomore.

The UMS meeting opened with the hymn "Peace My Friends" and closed with "Let There Be Peace on Earth." Students attending the prayer meeting read Cain's slaying of Abel and Mathew 5:38-5:45 from the Bible.

After readings, the group discussed meanings of their passages. Most said they believe it is the Christian way to show love toward the enemy and try to understand actions of the opposition.

Students at the meeting discussed what it meant to turn the other cheek.

"To turn the other cheek means you turn and put the cheek that hasn't been struck to be parallel with the other person's cheek," Rev. James A. McCune, campus Methodist minister, said. "When you stand shoulder to shoulder

When you stand shoulder to shoulder, you can carry any object together.

■ Rev. James A. McCune

you can carry any object together, but when your facing each other it's almost impossible because its pull and tug."

Even though it is Christian philosophy to support peace, many students said they had varied reactions over military action.

"I've got mixed feelings about our involvement but I think we're doing the right thing because we need to get Saddam Husein out," Nutter said. "My cousin, Steven, is in the Gulf and I'm scared at what can happen."

Students also expressed displeasure over the MAPS protests this week. "I think they should have protested before the action," Nutter said. "It's good they want peace but I think we should support the troops now."

Baptist Student Union members said they agree with Nutter.

"I thought the rally was ridiculous," C. Gregory Swisher, Ripley senior, said. "I believe that the protesters had a right to protest before the action, but their obligation after the action was to unite

behind the president. They need to be supportive of our stand so that when its over we don't welcome our troops home like we did during Vietnam."

McCune said the Campus Christian Center will be helping students of all faiths deal with the U.S. involvement in the Gulf.

"The Christian Center has a three-point plan to help students through the crisis," he said. "The first thing that we are doing is gathering the names of any person in the Gulf. There will be a notebook in the chapel so that students can register the names of family and loved ones."

Not all the names are for soldiers.

"Students not only have family which are military personal but they also have people in Saudi Arabia that are with support services. There are also international students who have families in that area."

The center's staff also plans to set aside two dates for support meetings. Thursday there will be a gathering at noon in the Green Room for students and staff dealing with guilt and anger.

"People have expressed feeling an array of emotions," McCune said. "We will try to help people with any physical need they may have, due to the absence of a loved one, as well as providing spiritual and psychological support."

Their will be an interfaith prayer



Photo by John Baldwin

Rev. James A. McCune helps students deal with their feelings over war in the Persian Gulf at the Campus Christian Center Thursday.

group the following Thursday at 11 a.m. "This is to be an effort to release any tension that might develop over religious issues on campus and in the community," he said. "This is for people of all beliefs whether it be Christian,

Jewish, or Muslim."

McCune said the purpose of the meeting is for both prayer and conversation. "We can be positive with the happenings in the Gulf so the the anti-Arab and anti-Islamic sentiments can be minimized."

Allies need unity, foreign students say

By Lisa A. Wheatley
Staff Writer

Countries allied against Iraq must remain united, two students with close ties to the Middle East said Thursday.

The Iraqi attack on Israel spurred a variety of emotions among international students.

Amir Tavakoli-Riza, an Iranian graduate student from Charleston and president of the Marshall International Club, said someone should have done something about Saddam Hussein years ago.

"I think it's (the attack on Israel) a desperate measure on Saddam's part. I hope Israel does not retaliate," Tavakoli-Riza said. He said he thinks Israelis have enough trust in the United States to let them take care of it. "I hope United States will take care of it."

He said if Israel does retaliate, it will threaten the world

alliance and Israel's existence depends on the United States.

Tavakoli-Riza also said Israel has gained its power because of the United States, and added that Palestinians resent Americans because the U.S. supports Israel.

"Iraq may soon be finished but the bigger problem in the Middle East is the conflict between Palestinians and Israelis," Tavakoli-Riza said.

"There is no question in my mind that United States will prevail and come out a winner," Tavakoli-Riza said. He said everyone should support the United States. "I don't see anyone supporting Saddam."

Taclan Romey, an American Marshall student who lived in Turkey for several years, said he believes the attack on Israel is "just one way to destroy the Arab alliance."

"I am scared that Israel will retaliate and destroy the alliance," Romey said, "I am praying that the United States will succeed."

Romey has cousins in the United States military who he believes are fighting in Saudi Arabia. He said Operation Desert Storm scares him not only because it is a war, but also because of the young people fighting there. He said, "it is very emotional for people my own age down there when they could be here worrying about taking tests or going out with their friends."

Romey said he realizes the importance of the soldiers being there but, "it saddens me that they can't be here."

If Israel retaliates, the breakup of the alliance will depend on how successful Secretary of State James A. Baker III is in persuading the countries to stay together, Romey said.

"The waiting (to see what Israel will do) is the most awful thing," Romey said. "I was not for war but now that it's started, I want the United States to win."

Military supporters still back U.S. actions

By Ella Elaine Bandy
Staff Writer

Marshall students who support military action in the Persian Gulf say they still back President Bush, even though the conflict has escalated into Israel and Saudi Arabia.

"I'm just as positive about the decision to go to war against Iraq as I was yesterday," Matt Laster, Huntington sophomore, said. "This war has got to be fought."

Rod L. Smith, Huntington junior and naval reserve member, said although his unit has not been sent to Saudi Arabia, he thinks he should be there.

"I think they've got enough troops now, but I wouldn't mind being called up," Smith said.

Although some of his friends are concerned about being drafted, Laster said he gladly would fight if called, even if there was the possibility of Iraq using chemical warfare against the troops.

Smith and Laster were among more than 20 military action supporters who countered anti-war activists Wednesday across from the Federal Building in Huntington.

"When I drove by and saw all the anti-war protesters, I got angry," Smith said. "Protesting just causes hostility. It's not going to stop the war."

Laster said, "I just can't walk away when I hear someone protesting. They shouldn't be saying stuff like that. I hate war, violence and death too, but there's no choice."



Photo by John Baldwin

Operation Desert Storm supporters rally on MSC plaza Thursday.

Closer to home...

Iraq's attack gives some students an occasion for second thoughts

By the Associated Press

College students across West Virginia and surrounding states were forced to examine their beliefs about the Middle East conflict in the wake of massive U.S. attacks and Iraq's response late Thursday.

At Ohio University, in Athens, Ohio, 103 people were arrested during demonstrations and confrontations between those supporting the U.S. decision to attack and those protesting it.

In West Virginia, military developments caused similar conflict.

Dave Wolinski, 43, a Leesburg, Va. resident who is studying secondary education at Shepherd College in Shepherdstown — and who has relatives in Israel — has second thoughts about the U.S. attack. "I would have been happier if we had stayed in a defensive role," he said Thursday. "I think unleashing the most powerful military force in the world is going to cause more harm than good in the long run."

Some students at West Virginia University took news of the war in stride.

"It is difficult to think we have to go on with homework, study and keep up with the academic regimen. To a lot of students, I'm sure these things will seem insignificant," said Sam Sutton, of Newton, Pa., WVU student administration president and a fifth-year senior.

"Most people think this is going to be really neat and we're going to go over there and kick some butts, but I really think it is going to get messy," said Bill Cook, a second year medical student.

Meanwhile, state education officials are trying to help younger students understand and cope with war, an official in Charleston said.

"Our responsibility is to make them feel safe," said Therese Wilson, director of the state office of educational support services.

Many schools let students discuss war in class while trying to have a routine day.

"It's interesting how many students wanted to talk about it," said Leonard Allen, a Kanawha county school principal. "Many had indicated they had stayed up late watching TV."

Latest developments in Persian Gulf

• Missiles struck Israel early today causing undetermined damage, but no casualties, Israel Radio said. Israelis were initially warned to seek shelter and dawn gas masks, but reports of chemical warfare were not confirmed.

• Israel had said it would retaliate if attacked, but officials are only saying they "reserve the right" to protect their country in self-defense.

• The U.S. stock market soared to its second-biggest gain in history and oil prices crashed Thursday.

• U.S. and allied warplanes continued to pound Iraq in a daylong assault which some U.S. Air Force officers said were frustrated by bad weather and intense enemy aircraft fire.

• President Saddam Hussein declared defiantly, after wave upon wave of aerial bombardment Thursday, that Iraq would defeat "the Satan in the White House."

• Allied officials said four of their planes had been downed: one American, one Kuwaiti and two British. U.S. officials confirmed it's first American casualty.

• The U.S. declared it was too late for Iraq to simply withdraw from Kuwait to achieve peace, but said the country must surrender.

• In the first Iraqi report of casualties, a military spokesman said 23 civilians were killed and 66 wounded in air attacks.

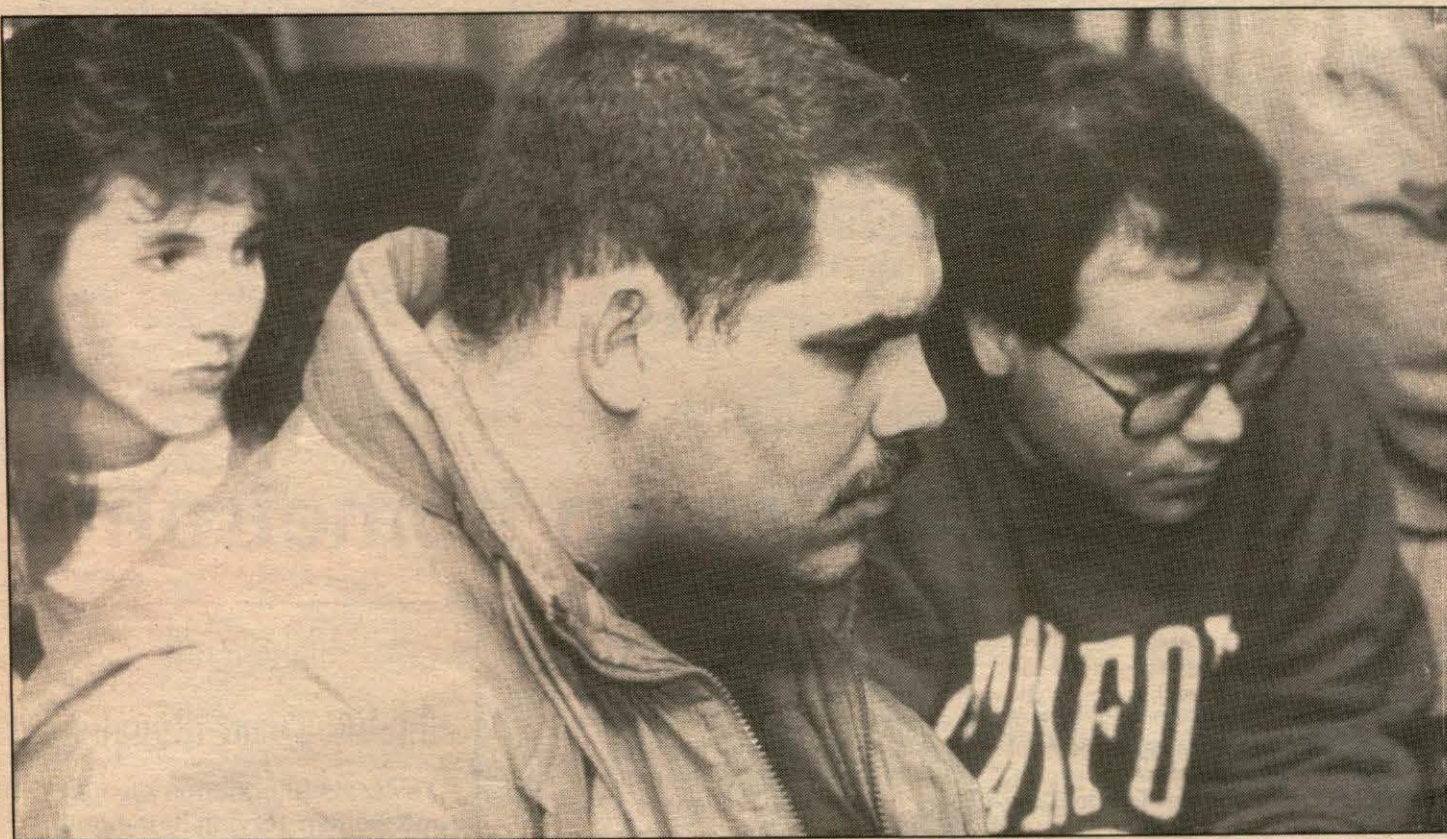


Photo by John Baldwin

Olen Jordan, Webster County senior and Bart Thompson, Huntington senior, watch developments in the Persian Gulf at the Campus Christian Center

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pride."

Wirts also wondered about the information the American people are receiving after hearing conflicting U.S. and Iraqi reports. "Who knows which side is telling the truth? It wouldn't surprise me if they lied (about the number of U.S. casualties) to win people like me over," he said.

Edward S. Loomis is a captain in the U.S.

Army from Edina, Minn., and a graduate student at Marshall. "I haven't heard any damage reports yet, but I think Iraq made a mistake (by attacking Israel).

"The Israelis have shown no hesitation in protecting their people through retaliation. Their equipment is as sophisticated as ours because it is ours," he said.

Loomis is also unsure about what the future holds.

"I don't know what to expect (after the attack on Israel). I'm watching this from 8,000 miles away like everyone else is," he said.

Pentagon names first fatality

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon has identified the first American casualty of the Persian Gulf war as Lt. Cmd. Michael S. Speicher, 33, stationed at Mayport, Fla.

Speicher was listed as missing in action because his body was not recovered after he was shot down in his F-A-18 based on the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga, which has its home port in Mayport.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, however, had said the pilot was killed.

A Pentagon spokesman said no other information about the victim would be released.

Anti-war protesters dispute charges of disorderly conduct

By Kevin D. Melrose
Managing Editor

Four protesters arrested during Wednesday night's anti-war demonstration plan to fight disorderly conduct charges, one of the activists said Thursday.

"The manner in which some of the arrests were made was questionable," Jason A. Morris, Richmond, Va., sophomore, said. "They arrested me for blocking traffic when, in fact, at the time of the arrest, I was standing on the sidewalk."

Others pleading not guilty Thursday were associate professor of journalism Janet Dooley, a Marshall Action for Peaceful Solutions adviser; Jason E. Huber, Parkersburg junior; and David K. McGee, Huntington graduate student.

Kristen J. Keating, Charleston junior; and Gideon T. Paulovic, Huntington sophomore, pleaded guilty, Morris said.

All of those arrested are associated with MAPS.

The six were among more than 20 anti-war activists who demonstrated at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Eighth Street across from the Federal Building in response to the U.S. attack on Iraq.

Demonstrators carried peace signs and chanted "No blood for oil" as they crossed the avenue between changing traffic signals.

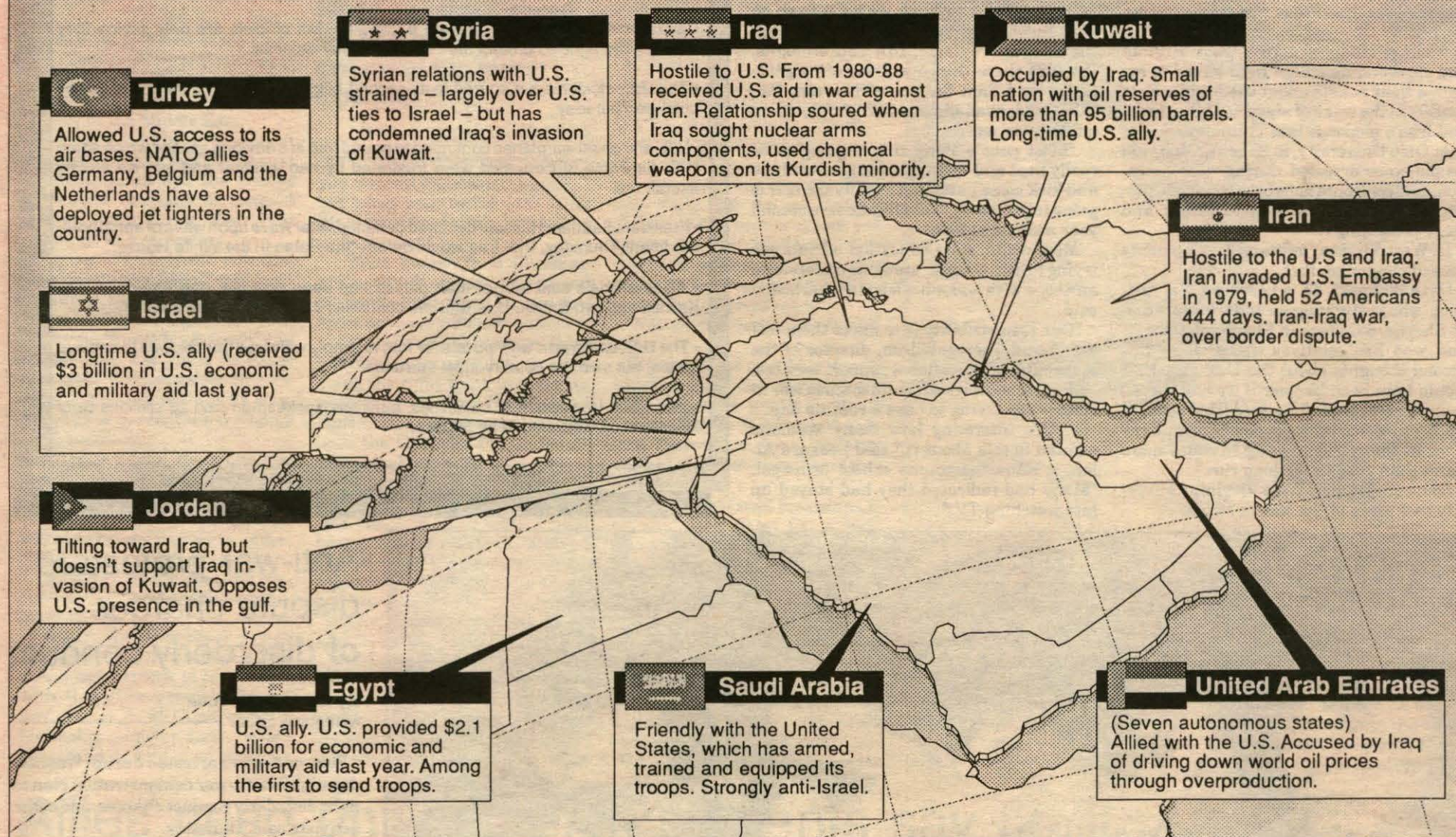
Huntington Police Department officers repeatedly asked protesters to move off the street before the six were arrested.

The four who pleaded not guilty are seeking an attorney to represent the group, Morris said.

A court date has been set for March 13.

How Iraq's neighbors line up

Most of the nations in the Middle East line up against Iraq following its occupation of Kuwait. A capsule look at the troubled region:



War sparks emotional battles on homefront

By Mary MacVean
Associated Press Writer

For many Americans, realization that the country was, finally, at war, brought a strange sense of release and a willingness to dig in despite likely sacrifices.

The nation, however, was far from united Thursday, and reports of the first American death in combat fueled mounting fear and frustration.

"I don't know where my boys are," said Carol Thompson of Friend, Neb., who has three sons stationed in the Persian Gulf. "I'm just worried to death. It's got to be hard for everybody who has children over there."

Schools formed crisis teams to help children and teens cope with the war, and the principal of Jacksonville Elementary School in Arkansas asked teachers to keep televisions off.

"I'm going to encourage teachers to discuss it now, get it out of the way and talk about science and math," Principal Doug Ask said. "I've already seen a few teary eyes coming in this morning."

Children in music classes at Joyner Elementary School in Tupelo, Miss., sang patriotic songs, and teachers at several schools

held impromptu discussions or watched television news with students.

In Pennsylvania, officials suspended 150 students for leaving classes in anger the previous day because they felt Hempfield Area High School administrators had not devoted enough attention to the crisis.

Principal George Vollrath said more class time will be devoted to the crisis. The suspended students won't be readmitted until their parents meet with administrators.

Lona Smith said she had no business at her store, Harrigan's Video in Helena, Mont., because so many people were monitoring developments on television.

In Cheyenne, Wyo., the Vietnam Vet Center reported being swamped with scores of veterans seeking help in dealing with stress and anger, regardless of whether they supported the attack on Iraq. "Things they've had build up for years and are breaking loose," volunteer Rick Scott said.

Legislators streamed off the floor of the Georgia House on Thursday after Rep. Cynthia McKinney declared "George Bush ought to be ashamed of himself" and called the attack against Iraq "naked aggression." The incident ended quickly after other legislators rose to defend American policy.

In San Francisco, protesters blocked intersections, broke windows and spray-painted slogans around the blockaded Federal Building in the third day of noisy, occasionally violent anti-war demonstrations. The crowd had grown to about 3,000 people by midmorning. Chief of Police Willis Casey said about 150 people had been "detained."

Police arrested 12 demonstrators in Des Moines, Iowa, after protesters took over a U.S. Army office, vowing to stop recruiting efforts. The six men and six women chanted "Support the troops. Bring them home" as they walked to waiting police cars.

Early Thursday, about 100 people walked down an Ohio State University campus street in Columbus showing support for the attack. They shouted "Mess with the best; die like the rest" and "Liberate Kuwait."

Cindy Church, whose husband was sent to Saudi Arabia five months ago from Fort Campbell, Ky., said her children, 7 and 8, would go to school Thursday. "We're trying to do as many normal, routine things as possible," she said.

"It's not exactly right to say it was a relief," Church said of the attack, "but in

Need information?

To obtain information on men and women serving in the gulf, call the following numbers:

- ARMY: 703-614-0739
- AIR FORCE: 800-253-9276
- NAVY: 800-255-3808
- MARINES: 800-523-2694
- COAST GUARD: 800-283-8724

some way it spares you from the anticipation that just went on and on."

"Sometimes the waiting is worse than the real thing," said E. Jackson Kunkel of Amherst, N.H., the father of 22-year-old Marine Cpl. Jackson Kunkel.

"Once it starts, it's scary as hell, but at least you know what's going on," the elder Kunkel said. "Certainly, no one wants to go to war. He's not some Rambo, but he said he was prepared."