South African student protest — Over 1,200 black university students were arrested yesterday after the youths refused to leave a memorial service for a young black leader who died in detention following a hunger strike to protest white minority rule in South Africa.

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Lance testifies at Senate hearing — OMB Director Bert Lance appeared yesterday in front of a Senate hearing to answer allegations that he acted improperly as president of a bank in Georgia. Lance termed the allegations "false charges, half-truths, misrepresentations, innuendo and the like." He asserted that allowing courts to withdraw their accounts without interest was a longstanding policy of the Culhoun National Bank.

Carter on Lebanon — President Carter told reporters yesterday via a telephone hookup to San Francisco that he is keeping an open mind on the Lebanon situation, and is eager to hear the budget director's reservations about huge demands on the defense budget. Carter added that he was awaiting the end of this week's Senate hearings before "passing" the charges against Lance.

FBB contamination suspected — The State of Michigan has begun tests on infants born on farms with toxic chemical - contaminated livestock, but effects on humans have not been fatal. Teenage minimum wage rejected — The US House of Representatives yesterday, 211-210, defeated a bill that would have set the minimum wage for teenagers lower than the regular minimum wage. The decision was costly by Speaker Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill, Jr. (D-Mass.), for a result that was considered a victory for organized labor.

Episcopal divided — More than 2,000 disaffected conservative Episcopalians and laymen have been meeting in St. Louis this week to formulate a split within the church over changes adopted one year ago, including the ordination of women as priests.

Sixties campus radical surrenders — Mark Rudd, a fugitive from justice for seven years for his part in the 1968 student riots at Columbia, turned himself in at Manhattan Criminal Court yesterday to face misdemeanor charges still outstanding.

State

Abortion bill veto overridden — By three votes more than needed, the Massachusetts House of Representatives yesterday overruled Governor Michael Dukakis' veto of the Doyle-Jelks bill which would have made it illegal to use funds for abortions, but the mother's life is not endangered. The veto is expected to be upheld in the Senate, however.

MBTA approves 1978 budget — The MBTA Board of Directors Wednesday approved a proposed 1978 budget of $256.5 million. Budget Director Troy Murray said that the severest burden over this year's spending "marks the second consecutive year in which the MBTA budget has not exceeded the rate of inflation."

10-250 ready at last minute

By Steve Kirch

Huntington Hall, better known to most students as Room 10-250, reopened last month after closing six months for extensive renovation. Construction crews worked throughout the night to have the room ready for the start of classes. Although the carpeting and the audio-visual equipment installation were incomplete, hardware had not arrived for the doors, and a strange piece of twisted copper tubing protruded from one of the walls, the room was quite usable as a lecture hall.

"There was no question in my mind that it wouldn't be ready," commented Campus Architect Harry Portney. He indicated that the room would be complete by the end of the month.

The layout of the room has been changed so that the blackboard is visible from all seats. In order to accomplish this, aisles were moved and the ceiling was decreased from 120 feet to 450. The projection booth was enlarged, one rear screen was converted to a storage area, and a TV control room was added at the front of the room.

The new projection booth would house two new $17,000 projectors capable of projecting both 16 and 35mm movies, a $5,000 slide projector, audio mixers and amplifiers, and a cable for projecting closed-circuit TV images over a large 7' x 11' screen located in the front of the room.

Brighter lights that can be dimmed or brightness added. Additional lighting has been added to the front of the room to allow color TV and filming. Axle lights have also been added.

The acoustic design of the room was done by Robert Nemser — the Northeast of Bolt, Branch and Nemser. Portney said that the wall-to-wall carpeting and the wooden and fabric and the shape of the room result in impressive acoustics. Audio amplifiers, which he said were actually not essential, do exist however, and there are 25 one, two, and four watt four-inch full-range loudspeakers.