Reports conflict on Waite's status

While early reports focused on whether Jerry Waite was a captive, it now has changed to fear for his life. A report is circulating that Waite was seriously wounded by the Moslem gunmen who had been holding him hostage in Beirut. A man said to be one of the Moslem kidnappers said video tape shows Waite shot as he tried to escape. Excerpts from the report, to appear in today's editions, contain few details and can't be independently confirmed.

However, hours later, that report was followed by a re- report from another Lebanon who says they saw Waite walking in a Beirut suburb today accompanied by gunmen and some Moslem soldiers. He appeared unhurt. Like the Bild report, the eyewitness accounts from Lebanon cannot be confirmed.

Waite has been missing since Jan. 20, when he went to meet with Shiite terrorists holding US hostages. (AP)

Soviets to resume nuclear testing

The Soviet Union now feels free to end its bilateral test ban on testing nuclear weapons, according to Soviet govern- ment spokesmen. But they won't say when the tests will resume. The announcement comes after the United States this week set off a nuclear test on Thursday, the first such test since the ban took effect.

During the Soviet ban, the United States continued its nuclear tests in the Pacific, said a State Department spokesman. The tests were necessary for the nation's defense. (AP)

Aquino threatens force

The Philippine government of President Corazon Aquino said it will urge military force against communist rebels unless they agree to stop guerrilla warfare. A cease-fire between two sides this weekend, and the Philip- pinese military is preparing to use all its military assets. The rebels accept "substantial negotiations." (AP)

Liberal dies

Quint memorial services are planned in Palm Springs and Las Vegas for Liberman. The speaker said the flakies plans will be enunciated in Hollywood alongside his mother and brother, but wouldn't say when. Liberman died Wednesday at age 67. (AP)

Americans pessimistic about future

A new survey says most folks believe the "American Dream" is up in the air. But they say, future generations may find their image of the future will be more like a mirage. More than 40 percent of those surveyed in the Roper Organization poll felt the American Dream was alive or somewhat alive. However, more than half the sample said the dream will be much harder for their children to realize. (AP)

Lawman kills rubber snake

A new story indicates one of the world's top concert halls has made an appearance in a US courtroom. Carlos Lehder Rivas went before a federal court in Tampa, Florida, yesterday morning. He faces extradition to Colombia. The Colombian authorities say Lehder has threatened those who might try to bring him to justice. Colombia has been under pressure to send smuggling suspects to the United States as a way to ease drug Abuse abroad solved when the craft exploded. (AP)

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Manning was convicted last month in the shooting death of a New Jersey state trooper. Jurors failed to reach a verdict in Williams' case, which could be tried at a later date.

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NH Panel rejects official language

The New Hampshire Senate Committee today voted unanimously to reject a bill backing up the House bill calling for an English the official language of the United States. The committee voted 12-1 to recommend that the House kill the measure asking Congress to enact a national law making English the official language. The vote is in favor came from the head of the committee, Hampton Republican Endnapier Purt. Purt said he voted for it because nearly 100 percent of the people who plowed her supported the resolution. He was hearing charges, opponents of the resolution called it modern racism. Supporters said the language spoken by the majority should be the official language. (AP)

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Weather

More snow and cold expected

We are in a very fast-moving weather pattern. The jet stream is currently stretched from the northwest, and upper-level disturbances are bringing cold air all the way down from Canada. The net effect will be chilly weather and snow. (AP)

Friday: Cloudiness in the morning, becoming mostly sunny and cold in the afternoon. High of 33 °C.

Friday night: More cloud expected, with a chance of一家人 at 4 °C.

Saturday: Windy, with morning clouds giving way to sunshine. High of 34-38 °C.