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One of the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo reaches up to embrace Robert Cox when he risked a return to Argentina after President Raul Alfonsin was elected.

Had been provided for

Missing children safe and sound

By Robert J. Cox

THE missing of a Uruguayan couple murdered by a Brazilian "death squad" appeared safe and sound yesterday and were reunited with their distraught great-aunt.

The children — a boy, Maximiliano, of two months, Victoria, aged 18 months, and Gabriela, who is four years old — were kidnapped along with their mother, Rosario Barrios, and the father of the two youngest, William Klotz, in Buenos Aires April 11 from their home at Plaza Marston 18, in the Buenos Aires neighborhood of Flores.

Neighbors pleaded with the kidnappers, who remained in the house, desisting everything that could be required, to leave the children in their care. The father, who arrived in two cars with indistinguishable number plates and in a small truck, which was used to carry away their bodies, perished.

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The couple was found murdered alongside the bodies of two prominent Uruguayan politicians, Estanislao Muela and Hector Ruiz Gutierrez — who had been kidnapped on May 17 in a car "terror" near the junction of the Plaza Marston and the General Paz.

There was no sign, or word, of the children until yesterday, when the chief of the Buenos Aires second section police station put a call through in the late evening to a telephone number left by the children's grandfather to announce that the children had been found.

The police officer said that the children had been left at the entrance of a clinic in Flores.

Shortly after midnight, the clinic had apparently been notified and arrangements had been made for the children to spend the night where they were found on the morning.

When the children's great father, Dr. Juan Klotz, brother of their mother, a leading Uruguayan lawyer, arrived at the police station he found the children happily playing with the policeman here. The smiling boy, who had also been taken away, was not retained.

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The four-year-old, "Gabriela" — who was not said anything about what happened, said she had been in a hospital for her mother who was looking after her mother, who was not retained.

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Their release followed an appeal by Dr. Schroeder publicly published in Argentina to help him save the children. It was published by radio, but not all Buenos Aires newspapers after the Herald had shown attention to the missing children, in an exclusive story on Thursday.

Rosario Barrios was married to Dr. Schroeder's assistant, a member of the Tupamaros guerrillas who was killed four years ago. Their daughter was born a few days after his death. Dr. Schroeder was accused of all terrorist charges and left Uruguay, eventually coming to Argentina, by way of Chile, where she has lived with William Klotz since his escape.

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Lebanon near another outbreak

CHRISTIAN and Muslim armies clash pacted Lebanon to the brink of renewed full-scale war yesterday. The Christian leader, who accused the Muslim forces of "killing Lebanese at once."

Security in the coastal village and during a day of fierce fighting in Beirut and in the north, claiming nearly 100 dead and 100 wounded over the past 20 hours, according to roughly 50 figures released by both sides.

Parliamentary speaker who met president when Elias Haddad yesterday described his as pessimistic and fearful of the new military escalation may wreck his efforts to arrange peace talks.

"It is now definite that the peace conference will be held and not held until a week or two at best," said Haddad in a statement.

Parliamentary speaker said Christian militias pushed a renewed outbreak of fighting in Beirut's southern districts.

fighters, killing at least 20 persons slaying for the body count and wounding of about 20 more.

The heaviest fighting was in the northern Akkar region near the Syrian border where night raids and two Christian teams were under a "general" artillery attack. The Christian and Muslim forces had completely surrounded the two towns, but all roads and provincial Christian wounded from being taken to hospitals.

The Christians countered by opening the Ba'albek and Deir Marwan suburbs of southern Beirut.

Rightist forces defending the towns of Kefraya and Aklab, southwest of Tripoli, apparently Syrian President Haddad found for urgent and decisive action to give us from being massacred.

Christian Patriotic Party leader Pierre Gemayel accused the United States of "killing Lebanese in its name" by withdrawing from Israel invading the country last January to impose peace by force. (AP)



From the Herald's front page on Friday, May 28

Nadine returned home?

By Matthew T. Kirov

THE FAMILY of the kidnapped daughter of the Belgian ambassador professed a "happy ending" to the abduction yesterday and another communist kidnapping agency to accept them from their original ransom demand.

"There will be a happy ending," a family spokesman said of the kidnapping of 19-year-old Nadine Chevrel, daughter of ambassador Pierre Chevrel, last February.

The spokesman indicated her associates managed their friends at the last moment and accepted into them the 300,000 dollar ransom. Have been demanding ransom that is half the original ransom they got the full ransom. The full payment was estimated to be possibly that to be 150,000 dollars.

There were dissent but agreed reports that the girl may have been returned late in Friday night.

They were triggered by the aerial search for four midnight at a company car on the driveway of the house in the embassy residence.

Witnesses, said a kidnapping "circle" with the physical characteristics of Nadine, walked into the house with two of her persons as a Federal police agent blocked the driveway.

Family spokesman Pierre Chevrel said that they had an agreement with the separatist El Comandante Llanero, which claimed the kidnapping agent and negotiated with the family, the other had accepted the Chevrel family statement that they could not raise the 300,000 dollar ransom and decided to take what was available — said to be 150,000 dollars. (AP)

Yamani: No change

But, Indonesia SAUDI Arabian oil producer Ahmed Yamani produced the price of oil would remain frozen at its current, 11.61 dollars per barrel until the end of 1976.

Yamani, who led the Saudi Arabian oil price increases at the two-day conference of OPEC members, told an apparent news conference that Saudi Arabia had the support of three other OPEC nations in its fight against oil price increases until the end of 1976.

"We are not increasing without Saudi Arabia."

"It is the Saudi Arabian attitude that OPEC wants to preserve and it doesn't mean they have the right to increase it without our consent," Yamani said.

The OPEC oil ministers agreed over the price issue late into the night on Friday before finally deciding to conclude the meeting without any action at all.

"We just said 'no because we believe this is in the interest of OPEC as well as in the interest of the whole world,'" Yamani said.

The current oil price increase had been scheduled to expire July 1 and several members of the 13 nation organization had sought increases, ranging between five and 10 percent.

Yamani said the next ministers meeting was scheduled for December in Doha, Qatar, and he has no reason for any special meeting before then. (AP)

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Stories on the missing children published in the Buenos Aires Herald.



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Bob Cox hammers out an editorial in his apartment, days before he leaves for exile.