

# Subic's ordeal nears finale

By BILL CASPER

Joseph Subic Jr. has joined the growing number of his fellow former hostages in relating tales of mistreatment by their Iranian captors during their 14 1/2 months as captives.

And indications are that he'll have more to say when he gets home. That return may be sometime this week. His parents, Joseph Sr. and Helen Subic of Redford Township flew to Washington D.C. over the weekend for the planned reunion with their son.

Subic, an army staff sergeant, told reporters from a hospital in Wiesbaden, W. Germany, that he was among other hostages who at one point during their captivity were kept in room with covered windows and didn't "see daylight for eight months."

Frank Gaal, a government public affairs officer who has been the press contact for the Subic family in light of their public status since early in the hostage crisis, said the parents are not commenting on their son's ordeal.

"They (the parents) have talked to their son a number of times (since his arrival at Freedom Hospital in Wiesbaden Tuesday), and they have discussed his condition and his experiences while held captive in Iran," said Gaal. "But they have declined comment on those discussions because their son told them he wants to make those comments himself."

Subic will get his opportunity to reveal his experiences during a press conference tentatively scheduled for the day after his return to Redford.

The Subics asked me how I thought a meeting with the press should be han-



Joseph Subic Jr. met the press in Algiers.

ded and I suggested mid-morning press conference the day after his return home from Washington to take place at the Detroit Press Club," Gaal said.

"That plan for a press conference is tentative," he reiterated. "I expect he may have a few words to say upon his arrival at Metropolitan Airport, but it is my hope that the press would be considerate in respecting his wishes if he prefers not to field all the anticipated question regarding his experiences."

However, Gaal did release some of the things Subic discussed during at least five telephone conversations he had with his parents Wednesday and Thursday.

"He told his parents that he obtained three cigars in Algeria, one for his father, one for his uncle Tony and one for himself, even though his father was forced to quit smoking a few years ago and Joe Jr. does not smoke," said Gaal.

"HE TOLD his parents that when he returns home, he wants to sit down with his father and his "uncle Tony and smoke the cigars together," Gaal said. "I guess you could call them celebration cigars," he added.

"Joe Jr. also told his parents that he had a dental check-up and had his teeth cleaned and that he felt better after that. He also said he got a haircut and he felt better after that," said Gaal.

He said he understands that Subic and the other former hostages are being kept busy in U.S. Air Force Hospital with a number of activities such

as medical examinations, briefings to bring them up to date on events which have occurred while they were gone, reacquainting themselves with one another and engaging in light-hearted conversations with hospital personnel.

Meanwhile, plans continue to be firmed up for a local welcome home

celebration for Subic. No one seems to know Subic's reaction to the welcoming home plans, but a neighbor of the Subic family, Maryann Capman, said his mother has approved the plans.

"I TALKED to her today (Friday) after a meeting of the welcoming home committee and told her of the plans and she said OK," said Mrs. Capman. "I assume she has told her son of the plans, but I didn't ask her what her son thought of them. She (Mrs. Subic) did say that Joe is looking forward to coming home."

Welcome home committee members said they are not certain when the Subics will arrive back after their reunion in Washington D.C.

Township Supervisor James Kelly, who has participated in the welcome home plans and will be among the officials greeting Subic at the airport, said the celebration plans tentatively have been set.

He said he has commissioned a Redford Police Department honor guard and escort to lead a motorcade in which it is hoped Subic and members of his family will ride from the airport to

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a gala party at the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) Hall, Post 345.

LOCAL BUSINESSMEN have donated three limosines, one to transport the Subic family, and two others for township, VFW, Chamber of Commerce and other participating officials, said Kelly.

He noted that officials of several area communities have volunteered to help in the celebration. The Redford Union and Thurston high school bands also will be at the airport to perform in honor of Subic's return home, according to Kelly.

Mrs. Capman outlined the tentative homecoming plans as follows:

- A brief welcoming celebration at the airport at an area to be announced at a later date.
- A motorcade form the airport to the VFW hall, located at 26941 Plymouth Road at Sioux, east of Inkster

Road. The planned route from the airport is north on Middlebelt to Joy, east on Joy to Beech Daly, north on Beech Daly to Five Mile, west on Five Mile to Inkster, south on Inkster to Plymouth and east on Plymouth to the VFW hall.

• A public open house welcoming at the hall immediately following the Subics' arrival at the airport.

Mrs. Capman said the welcoming committee also has suggested the township residents leave their porch lights burning for 24 hours following Subic's arrival at the airport. And if anyone has a flag, now would be an appropriate time to fly it, she added.

Mrs. Capman said that due to the many calls from persons offering to donate money to the celebration, the committee decided that monetary donations could be sent in care of George Grate, Manufacturer's National Bank, 24255 Plymouth, Redford 48239.

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