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Two Bandits He Finds
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By United Press
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According to the dominion bureau
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Garden of Eden Bathed in Blood of Massacre and Revolt

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMIS
Scripps-Howard Foreign Editor

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home of Adam and Eve and the
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booked for a seat in the Imperial
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land to escape the grief coming
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Hundreds of Christian Assyrians
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Times Special Writer

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