

## Keillor draws anger

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Folksy humorist Garrison Keillor so incensed some



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Americans in Denmark with comments about the Persian Gulf War that the American Club canceled him as a speaker.

Keillor was told in a letter that the club's board and membership are "so

resentful" they "find it impossible" to have him as a luncheon speaker Aug. 27.

In a speech at a large July Fourth picnic called the Rebild Hills Festival in western Denmark, Keillor said thousands of Iraqi lives might have been spared during the war if Americans knew more about Islamic culture.

The remark incensed the U.S. ambassador in Denmark, Keith L. Brown, who denounced Keillor in the local press. Brown called Keillor's remark an "absurdity."

In response, Keillor said Brown "should never have been issued a passport, let alone been appointed as a diplomat."

Keillor married a Dane, Ulla Skaerved. He lives in New York City most of the year, but maintains a residence in Copenhagen.