

Strike leads to Israeli bloodshed

Associated Press
TEL AVIV, Israel — Israeli police patrolled in force in tense but quiet Arab villages in Galilee today as villagers in northern Israel prepared to bury six Arabs killed by police and army gunfire.

There were fears that the funerals would ignite new rioting. But Police Minister Shlomo Hillel ordered security forces not to shoot unless lives were threatened and lifted a curfew imposed on villages north of Nazareth.

Police reported that Arab youths stoned police in four villages during the night but said there was no serious violence.

Five of the Arabs were killed Tuesday during riots that accompanied a 24-hour strike by Arab citizens of Israel which the Israeli Communist party called to protest government purchase of some 1,600 acres of arid Arab land for housing and development projects. Another Arab was killed in a prestrike riot Monday night.

Authorities reported that 31 Israeli Arabs and about 50 police and soldiers were injured during the riots and that at least 285 persons

were rounded up for investigation. The semiofficial Israeli state radio said fewer than 20 per cent of the Israeli Arabs joined in the strike and that it was generally regarded as a failure. But in a dozen Arab villages, most of them in Galilee, rioters battled police, throwing stones and flaming kerosene bombs, and even firing guns in the village of Taibya.

Tewfik Zayad, the Communist

mayor of Nazareth and the leader of the strike, charged the clashes came only "when police provoked the people." He claimed police "ran after people and shot at them."

Zayad is also a member of the Knesset, the Israeli parliament. The Communist party, introduced a motion of no confidence accusing Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's government of aggression

against Israel's 500,000 Arab citizens.

The fighting was the first between Israeli troops and Arab citizens of the Jewish state since Israel became a state in 1948.

Tension among Israeli Arabs has been heightened by unrest in the occupied West Bank territory taken from Jordan in the 1967 war. Three Arabs were killed there in recent

weeks in clashes with security forces. Some shopkeepers in the West Bank and the occupied Gaza Strip joined in the strike Tuesday, but Israeli troops forced them to reopen.

"Palestinian Arabs of the West Bank are fed up with the occupation," said the mayor of Bethlehem, Elias Freij. "We are brothers and sisters of the Arabs of Israel, and we support them."

Candidates to speak

All candidates for the College Station City Council and A&M Consolidated School Board have been invited to participate in an 8 p.m. Political Forum program in Room 701 of the Rudder Tower on April 1.

"Each candidate will give a short speech, and then field questions," Lynn Gibson, Forum chairman, said.

Political Forum plans a similar

program Monday, April 5, at the Rudder Tower. Admission is free.

Gibson announced that State Sen. Julian Bond will appear in an April 9 appearance at the Rudder Tower. Bond is scheduled to reschedule his appearance to Monday, April 12.

Argentina junta vows stability

Associated Press
BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — President Jorge Videla, in an outline of his new military government's goals, gave first priority to a war on terrorism to achieve the stability necessary for reconstruction of the Argentine economy.

"We will use that force as many times as necessary to ensure the full observance of social peace. Toward this goal we will combat, without truce, subversive delinquency in any of its manifestations until it is totally annihilated," the 50-year-old general said in a radio-television address.

Videla did not mention Mrs. Peron and gave no indication if his three-man military junta plans to bring her to trial. She is under house arrest at a mountain resort in southern Argentina.

Videla said in his speech that the government would retain control of "vital areas" of the economy but will welcome and encourage foreign investment. There has been no foreign investment in Argentina since the Peronists returned to power in 1973, because of restrictive laws and political terrorism. Before that, foreign investment totaled about \$2.5 billion, 90 per cent from the United States.

U.S. Navy standing by

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said today the United States is not currently planning an evacuation of Americans from war-ravaged Lebanon but that the Navy is ready if evacuation becomes necessary.

A special U.S. envoy, L. Dean Brown, who coordinated the task force that oversaw the U.S. evacuation of Americans and refugees from Saigon, is en route to Lebanon to seek a truce and settlement in the volatile Lebanese civil war.

Rumsfeld was asked on the CBS-TV "Morning News" whether the United States is planning to remove the 1,450 Americans presently in Lebanon. He replied with a crisp: "No, indeed."

"We are hopeful that will not be required," Rumsfeld said. "The goal is to achieve a ceasefire."

A U.S. Navy task group of seven ships headed by the helicopter carrier Guadalcanal is standing about 24 hours steaming time from the Lebanese coast in what officials have called a "holding pattern."

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