

Military action threatened

Syrian president accuses Lebanon of prolonging civil war

Associated Press
 BEIRUT, Lebanon — Syria today threatened military intervention in Lebanon's civil war unless the leftist forces led by Kamal Junblatt agreed to a cease-fire.

Junblatt, who has been accused of prolonging the civil war of a "conspiracy against Lebanon and the Arab world," said in a statement that he will exert "every possible effort" to bring the fighting to a halt.

There was no immediate reaction from Junblatt, who had said repeatedly that he would not halt his advancing forces unless right-wing Christian foes agreed to Moslem dominance instead of the 50-50 power sharing which Syria has been sponsoring.

The leftist chieftain reported on Tuesday that the Syrians were trying to pressure him into a cease-fire by blocking shipment of 4,000 weapons, 7 million rounds of ammunition and scores of artillery pieces to his forces for three weeks. He said 18,000 Syrian troops were stationed along the border to keep his men from getting help.

Although Assad heads a leftist regime and has been the chief supplier of the Lebanese Moslems and their Palestinian allies, he has intensified his efforts to get a cease-fire since Junblatt seized the initiative from Premier Rashid Karami and other moderate Moslems and stepped up military operations to support his political demands.

Junblatt's program calls for leftist Moslem control of the government to be followed by a shift to socialism of the capitalist economy which the Christians ran before the civil war began last April.

Assad may maintain Lebanese capitalism as a channel for Western knowhow and investments needed by the Middle East.

Israel has repeatedly threatened to move its forces into southern Lebanon to protect northern Israel if Syria intervenes militarily in the war. Egypt, Iraq and the United States also have warned Syria to keep its troops at home.

But King Hussein of Jordan, who is visiting Washington, was reported trying to persuade the Ford administration to support Syrian military intervention as the best hope for restoring peace, and an informed source said the king's proposal was being considered.



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Black Awareness schedules week of art

Food Services by BAC, will feature barbecued spare ribs, black-eyed peas, greens, cornbread and watermelon.

Tuesday, a TSU art exhibit will go up in the Memorial Student Center art gallery and will remain on display through April. At 12:30 p.m., the Pilgrim Wanderers Gospel Choir will perform in the MSC Lounge.

At 8 p.m., Dr. August Meier, Kent State University professor, will speak on blacks' feelings for the Declaration of Independence and Constitution in 701 Rudder Tower.

The Charles Gilpin Players from Prairie View A&M will perform "Ceremonies in Dark Old Men" Wednesday night at 8 in the Rudder Forum.

TSU's Community Dance Troupe, directed by Marjorie Stuart, will perform in the MSC Lounge 12:30 p.m. Thursday.

The Afro Ball on Saturday, April 10, concludes the week's activities. The dance is from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in rooms 225 and 226, MSC.

League to formally present medical school documents

Olin E. Teague, on Saturday formally presented documents authorizing Texas A&M University to receive the first funds of \$17 million medical education from the Veterans Administration.

The presentation will be made at a luncheon at the Memorial Student Center luncheon. Representatives of Baylor College of Medicine, Scott and White Memorial Hospital and Clinic, VA hospitals in Temple, Marlin and Waco, and key university personnel and several individuals who provided valuable support for the new medical program will attend.

Texas A&M will develop its new medical education program in cooperation with the Houston-based medical school, the private Temple hospital and three VA hospitals.

Teague co-authored the bill, the Veterans Administration Medical School Assistance and Health Manpower Training Act of 1972, which authorizes the VA to provide medical school financial assistance.

JFK probe stays closed

WASHINGTON — The House Committee refused Wednesday to send to the House floor a resolution asking for a new investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The committee, which schedules most legislation for House action, voted to delay indefinitely a proposal that would have set up a special committee to reopen the Kennedy assassination investigation.

The same resolution would also have reopened investigations of the assassinations of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., as well as the attempt on Alabama Gov. George Wallace's life.

Most opponents of a new probe argued it would serve no purpose.

Reps. Henry Gonzalez, D-Texas, and Thomas Downing, D-Va., sponsors of the resolution, contended the American people had a right to know the truth about the death of Kennedy, his brother and King and the attempt on Gov. Wallace. They said that there was sufficient new evidence to warrant reopening all of the investigations. A motion to put off a decision on their proposal was approved 9 to 6.

Texas in danger of losing adequate water supply

1980, Texas will be water deficient unless the people and the government cooperate to solve problems, Texas Representative Bill Bonner told a group of delegates to a two-day Water for Texas Conference March 25. The conference was sponsored by the Texas Water Resources Institute at Texas A&M.

A banquet beginning the conference, he said that people should be concerned about the lack of cooperation between the public and state and federal governments.

Bonner said that he is confident Texas would benefit from a new water development program.

The Texas State Legislature is already working on water legislation for the 1977 session, he said.

Any program that will improve water resources is good and Clayton stressed agriculture's reliance on water. Water on the High Plains of Texas means life, he said.

Other conference speakers were Dr. Jarvis E. Miller, director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station; Jack K. Williams, president of the Texas A&M University system; and Dr. H.O. Kunkel, dean of agriculture and acting director of the Texas Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

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