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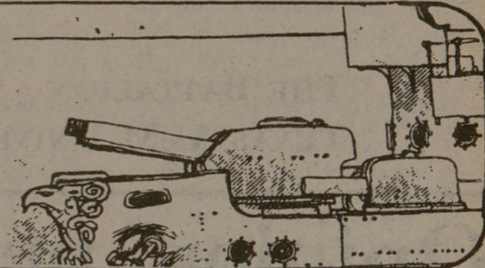
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## Lebanon fighting stops as Begin, Carter talk

United Press International  
Major fighting in southern Lebanon ended today and Iranian soldiers crossed the region as part of a U.N. force to force a cease-fire between Israeli forces and Palestinian guerrillas.

In Washington, President Carter and Prime Minister Menachem Begin called a final showdown meeting to iron out their sharp differences on Israel's delay in invasion of Lebanon and other Middle East issues.

Israeli gunboats, jets and artillery hammered pockets of Palestinian resistance in northern Lebanon Tuesday and then abruptly halted. Defense Minister Ezer Weizman said Israel began observing a cease-fire at 6 p.m., 11 a.m. EST.

Israeli military sources said the Palestinians appeared to be reciprocating, although the guerrilla force vowed to continue hit-and-run attacks until Israel withdraws from Lebanese soil. Early today, there were no reports of major fighting.

In Beirut, right-wing radio reports said 200 Iranian soldiers, the first contingent of a 4,000-man U.N. peace-keeping force, arrived in southern Lebanon today.

The Phalangist Voice of Lebanon station said the troops arrived in the south Lebanon village of Kleia — a rightist stronghold — and were moving north toward the Litani River.

Israel now occupies nearly all of Lebanon south of the Litani River, with the exception of the port city of Tyre. The Litani is the only barrier between Israeli

forces and 30,000 Syrian troops in Lebanon.

In Beirut, a spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organization said Israel should pull out of south Lebanon before calling for a cease-fire.

"Our reaction to Israel's unilateral call for a cease-fire is the call for the immediate withdrawal of Israeli troops without pre-set conditions," spokesman Mahmoud Labady said.

"The Middle East crisis did not start with the Israeli invasion of south Lebanon nor will it end with the Israeli withdrawal from south Lebanon," he said.

The cease-fire came almost seven days to the hour since the start of the massive Israeli incursion, which brought more than 700 square miles of Lebanese territory under Israeli occupation.

There was no indication, however, when an Israeli pullback would be ordered.

Israeli forces now have effectively sealed off Tyre and the neighboring Rashidiyeh refugee camp, and Israeli gunners control the remaining bridges across the Litani River.

In the hours leading up to Israel's cease-fire announcement Tuesday, Israeli artillery hammered Palestinian positions from Tyre in the west to the Arqoub in the east, near the western slopes of Mount Hermon.

Tyre residents said the Rashidiyeh and Al Bass camps near Tyre were heavily bombed, as well as the city proper and ruins of ancient Tyre — one of the greatest archaeological treasures of the Middle East.

## White supremacy ends in Rhodesia

United Press International  
SALISBURY, Rhodesia — The passing of white supremacy in Rhodesia came quietly to Rhodesia, except for the boom of artillery that marked military training exercises across the street.

Black bishop of the Anglican church administered an oath to three black leaders in a ceremony creating a multiracial transitional government and ending 30 years of white supremacy.

Bishop Abel Muzorewa, probably Rhodesia's most popular black nationalist, felt a bit uncomfortable about administering the oath to the illegitimate government of Rhodesia but was doing it for "the best good."

Prime Minister Ian Smith appeared reluctant about presiding over the end of white domination. "We live in a changing world," he said.

Reporters, photographers and cameramen were barred from the swearing-in ceremony in Smith's official residence, Independence.

Later in the day, Smith, Muzorewa and other two blacks — the Rev. Allan Hanekom and tribal chief Mphahlele Chirau — held their first meeting as co-equals of the interim government's executive council.

They decided the second tier of the interim government that will prepare Rhodesia for a full transfer to black rule on June 31, a ministerial council, would have four portfolios, each to be shared by a white and a black.

To conform with the law, the three blacks had to be sworn in as ministers without portfolio in Smith's cabinet. They had to swear allegiance to Rhodesia — Zimbabwe as blacks call it — under the terms of the 1969 constitution. Technically it was illegal since Smith's unilateral declaration of independence from Britain was an act of treason under international law.

As the Rt. Rev. Patrick Mureinzi, Anglican bishop of Rhodesia's Mashonaland province, administered the oath, officers across the street trained on anti-aircraft pieces at the King George VI barracks.

Later, Muzorewa was asked how he felt about swearing allegiance to "Rhodesia." "A bit uneasy," he said, "except that it is

something that we have to do to reach our goal."

Sithole said he didn't mind because "we will swear allegiance to Zimbabwe on Dec. 31, 1978."

In Washington, the State Department said the swearing in of the interim government was "another stage in the process of political change in Rhodesia" but falls short of a genuine transfer of power to the black majority.

## Farmers vow to plow under half of crop

United Press International  
Striking farmers in America's grain belt are welcoming spring by plowing under part of their winter wheat crop.

As part of its continuing demand for a break-even price, American Agriculture called for half the winter wheat crop to be plowed under, starting Tuesday. Farmers in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Texas responded by plowing through some of their fields of young wheat.

"We're going to be going a lot stronger than 50 percent," said Ray Morgan of Hugoton, Kan. "We're going to be plowing up about 50 acres and pasturing off 130 of a total 280 acres. That leaves us with about 100 acres."

"We just decided to go with it all. If you're going to support this, you might as well go all the way."

Turning the winter wheat acreage over to grazing is an alternative because it prevents wind erosion, said Keith Thomas of Springfield, Colo.

The crop is planted in the fall, lies dormant during the winter and usually is harvested in June and July.

"The winter wheat crop is the finest wheat in the world and goes mostly for bread and human consumption," Thomas said. "It will take a while, but people will feel what we are doing this week."

Thomas said at least 100,000 of Baca county's 290,000-acre winter wheat crop would be plowed under or leased for grazing. He said farmers would plow under an average of 2,000 acres a day.

Farmers in Hereford, Texas signed pledges on the amount of land they would plow under. Roddy Allred of American Agriculture there said the activity was unorganized and no figure was available on the number of farmers taking part.

In Montana and Oklahoma, American Agriculture spokesmen said the starting date was postponed because the cold winter had slowed the sprouting process, but widespread participation was expected.

J.C. Lewis, a farmer from Guymon, Okla., said American Agriculture members in his area wanted to wait until the wheat crop was visible and the public wouldn't claim the plowing occurred because "the wheat wasn't any good anyway."

In Georgia, Ohio, Iowa and other eastern farm states, the planting season has not begun, but spokesmen for American Agriculture said smaller than normal crops were planned.

Dean Simeral of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation said some farmers have promised to limit production to no more than half the normal crop.



The Easter Bunny came early this year for children of Texas A&M faculty and students. Lee Greenfield sicks one egg and anxiously looks for another.  
Battalion photo by Dennis Billingsley

## MSC egg hunt excites all, frustrates some

"I found a blue one," screams a four-year-old as he snatches an Easter egg from a patch of tall grass, and skips off to find another.

The Memorial Student Center Hospitality Committee hosted the first annual MSC Easter Egg Hunt and Party Tuesday for children of faculty and students, two through eight years of age.

Thirteen dozen hard-boiled and candy eggs were hidden in the MSC park beside Kyle Field, only to be frantically scooped into baskets and sacks by thirty-six smiling children.

Despite laughter from the excited hunters, two and three-year-olds found the hunt a bit aggravating. The Easter eggs were too big for their small delicate hands, and many fell to the ground, cracked, and were left for the birds.

The children were also entertained with refreshments, Easter stories, and an animated movie and a craft shop. Crafts included making rabbits and "magic" pictures.

Jennifer Brock, chairman of the MSC Hospitality Committee said the group is planning to entertain children again this summer with a Fourth of July party and free boat twirling lessons.

Christmas and Easter parties will be annual events for the Committee. The Christmas parties have been given for the children the past two years. The 1977 party attracted about 150 youngsters.

## Bryan-College Station officials okay preparedness program

By TIM RAVEN

April became Severe Weather and Tornado Preparedness Month for Brazos County Tuesday. The mayors of Bryan and College Station added their signatures to a proclamation provided by County Judge William Vance at a meeting on the Texas A&M University campus. Vance had signed the proclamation earlier.

The meeting was attended by about 40 local civil defense workers and members of the news media. Jake Canglose, director of the Brazos County Civil Defense unit directed the meeting.

Vance Moyer, professor of meteorology at Texas A&M, warned the gathering that tornado season begins in the spring and is fully developed in April. He pointed out that a tornado hasn't hit Bryan or College Station since April 1956, when a tornado roared through Bryan, destroying homes and businesses.

"We've been lucky," Canglose said. "I think our odds are getting short."

A radio station carrying up-to-date weather information 24 hours a day will be in operation in College Station in about two weeks, Doyle Casey of the National Weather Service's Waco base said. The NWS will provide constant weather information to the station from its base in Waco.

The station, funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, will operate at 162.55 mhz FM and be receivable within a 40 to 50 mile radius of College Station.

In case of severe weather in Brazos County, one of Brazos County's 300 to 400 "spotters" would call the station, report the type of danger (tornado, hail, high winds) and its exact location, Canglose said. Casey said the information would be broadcast within a minute of the spotter's report to the station.

Also at the meeting, local television sta-

tions were asked to broadcast a W in the upper right hand corner of the screen when severe weather watches and warnings are in effect. Radio stations were asked to broadcast a special tone every three minutes.

Canglose said that in the case of extremely dangerous weather "we'll blow the hell out of anything that makes noise (horns) in the city."

Fire trucks and police cars will patrol the streets with their sirens blasting, he said, and horns and bells at local government buildings will sound. The civil

defense unit has the cooperation of both cities and the department of public safety for the effort, he added.

Canglose asked the news media to undertake a campaign to educate the people of Brazos County on what to do in case of severe weather. He asked that the campaign be held in April.

The civil defense unit and the National Weather Service have a severe weather emergency program for the county.

"I just hope we never have to use it," Moyer said.

## Miners' wives nag UMW

United Press International

Miners' wives, urging rejection in Friday's ratification vote of the soft coal operators' latest contract offer, vowed to picket UMW headquarters in Washington today, the 107th day of the strike.

In West Virginia, coal operators said they were ready to deliver at least 1.5 million tons of coal to public utilities and industries within 24 hours of a contract ratification.

In the coal fields, union leaders lobbied for approval of the pact in Friday's vote and few observers would book odds on the election much beyond a range of 50-50.

Coal operators warned the contract now under consideration will raise production costs and consumer utility bills, and growing ranks of the miners who must accept or reject it clamored for removal of Arnold Miller, the man they elected union president last year.

The man who lost that election saw the long and bitter walkout as vindication of his campaign.

"Arnold Miller has proved beyond a doubt to the coal miners of this country that he can't negotiate a contract," said Lee Roy Patterson in Madisonville, Ky. Patterson gave the present contract proposal — the third negotiated so far — a 50-50 chance in Friday's ratification vote.

"I no longer have to preach about Miller as being stupid. He's put it down on paper with this contract."

Wives of Pennsylvania miners agreed, and about 100 of them said Tuesday they will picket the union's Washington headquarters today — both against ratification and against Miller.

"We don't feel Miller can do his job," said organizer Nora Waltman of Johnstown, Pa. "I cannot see my husband or any miner returning to work for less than what they had Dec. 6."

"We've been in this strike 106 days now. We're so far in debt now it's not going to hurt us to go a little farther."



## Honoring Olsen

Tuesday's dedication of the new Texas A&M University baseball complex, C. E. (Pat) Olsen Field, included the unveiling of a plaque honoring the 1923 graduate. Left to right are Olsen,

Chairman of the Board of Regents Clyde Wells, Olsen's wife Elsie, and University President Jarvis Miller. See game story, page 12.

Battalion photo by Pat O'Malley