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Israel hit by more air strikes

United Press International
TEL AVIV, Israel — Palestinian guerrillas retaliated against an Israeli air strike by pounding northern Israel with 169 Soviet-made rockets in the heaviest shelling against the Jewish state since the 1973 Middle East War. Three civilians were killed and 27 injured.

The guerrilla artillery and rocket barrage Wednesday hit a 30-mile arc of Israeli towns and settlements, Israel's military command said today. It said three people were killed and 27 injured. Palestinian gunners rained 169 Soviet-made 122mm Katyusha rockets or by 50 artillery shells on Israeli towns and settlements south of the Lebanese frontier, the military command said.

The state-run television called it the worst shelling since the 1973 Middle East War.

Worst hit were the coastal Mediterranean resort town of Nahariya and the predominantly immigrant town of Kiryat Shmona, 30 miles inland, the military command said.

In Nahariya, two motorists and a tractor driver were killed. In Kiryat Shmona, a rocket smashed into an apartment building, injuring 10 people, the television reported. It was not immediately known where the other 4 people were injured.

"A Katyusha crashed into my home," said one Kiryat Shmona woman as her daughter was treated for injuries at the local first aid station. "We didn't know how to get out. The girl was in the children's room. Everything caved in. There was smoke. I finally took her and hid in the bathroom."

Begin, who accepted a presidential nomination to form a new coalition government, said, "Israel will continue attacking the Palestinians so that people of Kiryat Shmona won't leave that front position. This is our goal and we will not abandon it. We are doing everything we can so there won't be any Katyushas."

The Palestinian rocket attack came after a heavy Israeli air strike Tuesday against guerrilla bases south of Beirut in which a Syrian MiG-21 was shot down. Official sources said a tiny guerrilla platoon headed by Ahmed Jibril hit the heaviest hit by the air raid and was believed to have unleashed the rocket attack in reprisal.

IRA refuses Red Cross prison visit

United Press International
BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Britain invited the International Red Cross to inspect Maze Prison today and talk with hunger strikers, but the IRA immediately objected to a visit unless it forced British concessions.

Britain's Northern Ireland Office announced Wednesday night it was accepting a long-pending Red Cross offer to send a team from Geneva today to inspect the facilities.

Prisoners in the Maze, including eight IRA convicts on hunger strike, were informed of the visit Wednesday night — just hours after the funeral for the sixth Irish Republican Army hunger striker to die in an effort to attain political prisoner status.

While Martin Hurson's funeral took place in the village of Galbally, one person was injured in an IRA bomb explosion at the Wellington Park Hotel in Belfast. In Londonderry, where about 1,000 people turned out to mourn, a youth was struck in the leg by a plastic bullet during skirmishes with police.

Northern Ireland Secretary Humphrey Atkins, who described the Maze as "the most humanitarian prison in the world," agreed to the inspection after the protesters said last week the changes should apply to all Maze inmates, not just IRA members.

"The government deeply regrets the hunger strikes are continuing and has naturally been considering further what steps it can properly take to persuade those concerned to end their action," Atkins said.

Atkins urged the Red Cross to publish its normally confidential findings.

But Jerry Adams, vice president of the IRA's political voice, Sinn Fein, said the visit showed "the British government is once again trying to abuse an international organization for its own ends."

"If the Red Cross puts pressure on the British government to concede to these just demands, Sinn Fein would welcome their intervention," he said. "Otherwise we see no useful purpose being served by their visit."

Mediation efforts earlier this month by a Catholic group from Dublin, the Irish Commission for Justice and Peace, broke down with its members accusing Britain of backing away from promised changes.

Library association speaks for employees

Some ideas like notepads help workers

By KATHY O'CONNELL

Battalion Staff
Members of the Texas A&M Library Staff Association have found a way to lessen expenses in the Sterling C. Evans Library.

Acting Chairman Carol Jones said association members came up with the idea to use sheets of scratch paper to make them into note pads.

Jones said she collects the paper from the various sections of the library, then she takes it to the printing center in the library basement. There, Kayvan Jahedkar, a student worker, cuts, glues and packages the paper into scratch pads.

The project has been in operation about a week, she said, and response from the library staff has been good. Jones said the main reason the project was initiated was that "it seemed an awful waste to use the pretty pads when the paper is going to be thrown away. I think a lot of people feel they same way I do."

Jones stressed that the scratch pad project is in-house. "I wouldn't want to give the impression that we're taking orders, but we aren't the only ones on campus who have this kind of project. I think some of the departments do the same thing."

In addition to this project, Jones said the association also arranges social functions for the library staff, such as the annual Christmas party.

She said they also "act as a sounding board for staff members in the library." For instance, when students were parking their bikes on the library concourse, the association brought the problem to the library administration.

She said they contacted the University Police and asked if there was some way to ticket the bikes and let



Staff photo by Greg Gammon

The Texas A&M Library Staff Association has come up with a way to turn old paper into notepads. The house project is one of the ways the

association works within the library. Other functions include social functions for the staff, such as the annual Christmas party.

students know that the concourse is for pedestrians and handicapped people. She said the association was

also responsible for posting the signs that prohibited bikes on the concourse.

All library employees, including student workers, are allowed to join the association, Jones said.

The library has approximately 40 faculty, or professional librarians and 120 classified employees.

Strip-mined land may not need special care

Strip mine owners may be spending thousands of unnecessary dollars in the process of reclaiming some depleted mine sites, says a Texas A&M University landscape architect.

Dr. Harlow Landphair, associate professor of landscape architecture, said under the right conditions many strip mined sites will revegetate with a minimum of help from man.

Predictions are that a million acres of Texas land will be stripped in the next 40 or 50 years for the lignite coal deposits that lie beneath the surface.

Landphair said the natural revegetation process should be considered only for land that is not good for farming like the Claypan region.

In the study of old unreclaimed strip mines in this country and in Europe, Landphair discovered that sites receiving sufficient rainfall had begun to support a substantial amount of vegetation. Unlike sites that are replanted only in grass, the unreclaimed sites showed a natural diversification of plant life, he said. Several varieties of grass including Johnson and Big Blue Stem were among the plants Landphair found along with

trees like cedar elm and live and post oak.

There are several problems with landscaping a mine area and replanting it in solid grass, Landphair said, including the expense — about \$2,000 to \$3,000 an acre for coastal Bermuda grass — and the thwarting of Mother Nature. He has estimated that the natural process of revegetation would cost about \$400 to \$500 an acre.

Public reaction to strip mines replanted in grass is good because of their appearance.

"People like that; it's pretty," he said. "To my way of thinking, it's a false solution. Mother Nature doesn't do it that way."

"It would tend to generate a landscape somewhat reminiscent of the land you would see in the Cross Timbers area of the state," he said.

"Scientists will tell you that you can't put it back the way it was. You're starting all over from day one from the ecological standpoint. The idea of trying to put it back to original contour is wrong." He said the new shape of the land is

different, "but different isn't necessarily worse."

Landphair already has received funding for his research from the University and intends to apply for additional money from the National Science Foundation and the Office of Surface Mining.

"They (the government) have come up with the answer (mining laws) before they've asked the right question," he said. "If we could learn how to give Mother Nature a hand, wouldn't that system be more stable and cost us a lot less in the long run?"

Advance planning makes it easy

Breakfast can be tasty and quick

Skipping breakfast these days? Don't.

That's the advice of Dr. Dymple Cooksey, a foods and nutrition specialist on the home economics staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, a branch of the Texas A&M System.

"Breakfast is important to properly equip us for the day's activities," she said.

"And when people don't eat breakfast, they're more likely to resort to skimpy, high-calorie, low-nutrition snacks by mid-morning," she said.

A better idea is to try "Time-Saving Breakfast Breakthroughs," she said. "Breakfast Breakthroughs" are Cooksey's answer to the "no-time, no-morning appetite" syndrome, she said.

"One main thought behind them (the breakthroughs) is that with a little imagination and advance planning, ho-hum breakfasts can turn into extraordinary," she said.

The main key is to prepare part of your breakfast menu the night before, as in these menu suggestions.

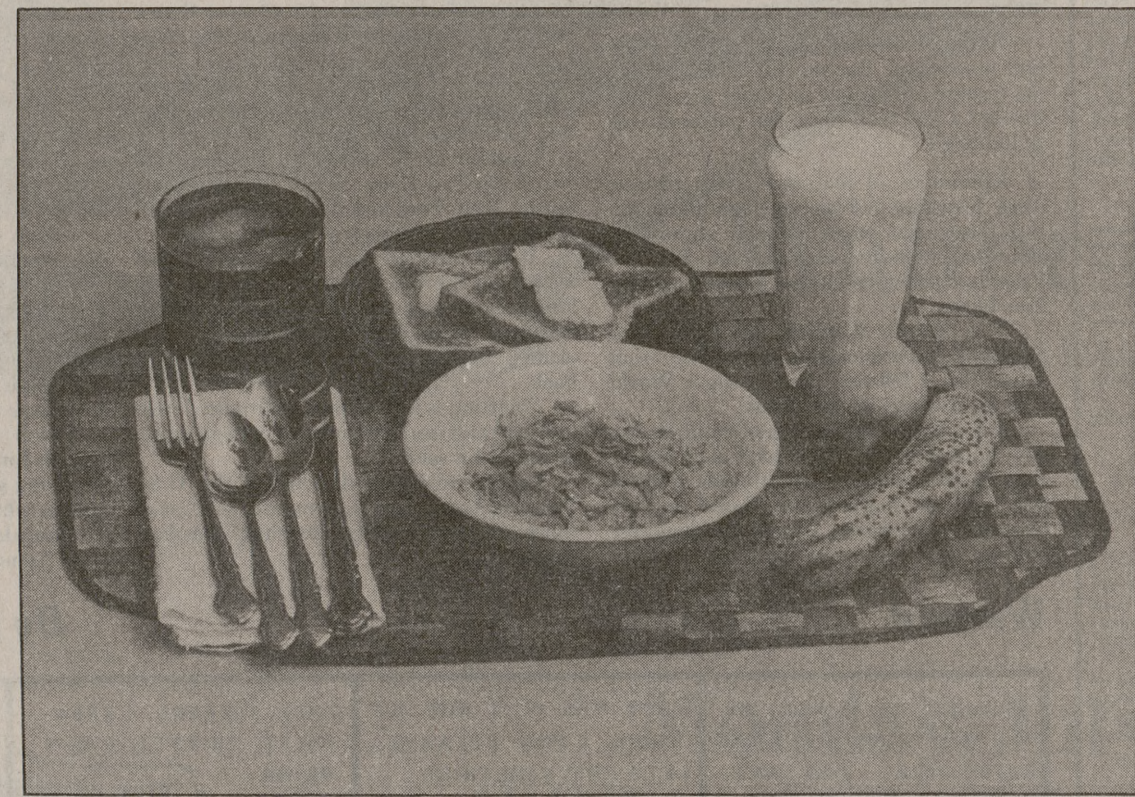
— Beat and refrigerate eggs for scrambling the next morning.

— Assemble ingredients for pancakes and waffles, measure them and set them aside.

— Wash, peel and cut up fresh fruit or melons the night before. Combine these in your blender jar and blend, then refrigerate. In the morning you'll have a cool vitality drink for a very different breakfast treat.

— If you're getting back to basics with grain, make whole-grain muffins and breads ahead of time. Divide them into meal-size portions and freeze. On the mornings you want these "Breakfast Breakthroughs," just heat them.

— If you're one of those people who must be coaxed out of bed by the aroma of fresh coffee, then fill your coffee mak-



Staff photo by Greg Gammon

er with water and grounds, plug it into a timer the night before and your cup of enthusiasm will be ready when you are in the morning.

— Chop up cooked meats, fish, poultry or ham the night before and add it to your omelet for breakfast the next morning.

If you're a peanut butter fan, crumble cooked bacon and mix it with peanut butter for a spread on toast the next morning.

— Grate up some of your favorite cheese the night before and top English muffins with it — or some other favorite topping. Muffins can be put under the

broiler with the fresh topping and served in minutes.

"With these 'Breakfast Breakthroughs' as a start — and depending on how imaginative you are," she said, "breakfast can be a great time to wake up your taste buds and prepare yourself for a better day every day."

Engineers to assemble at University

Improved productivity through engineering will be the theme of a national conference expected to bring about 3,000 visitors to Texas A&M University in 1982.

The American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) has announced it will hold its June conference on the campus of the largest engineering college in the nation.

Dr. Robert H. Page, Texas A&M dean of engineering, said the session is designed to bring industry, government and education together to stimulate fresh ideas related to research in the critical areas of productivity.

"The lack of productivity has resulted in a spiraling inflation and the loss of America's competitive edge in many industrial areas that at one time were totally dominated by our nation," Page said. "Engineers will bear much of the responsibility for devising ways to increase America's productivity."

Page and others from the College of Engineering, including Dr. James Earle, coordinator of next year's gathering, attended the 89th annual ASEE conference held earlier this summer at the University of Southern California at Los Angeles.

Earle said engineering educators and industry representatives will be at Texas A&M for five days, holding meetings on a variety of engineering-related topics and hearing 100 presentations.

Assisting Earle in preparing for what is expected to be the largest conference ever held on the campus for this length of time are Drs. Ed Red, William Ledbetter, Tim Coppinger and Robert Parent.