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## Israel invasion of Lebanon raises fears of fifth war

**United Press International**  
Israeli invasion troops controlled most of southern Lebanon, crushing the last Palestinian resistance and fighting air and tank battles with Syrians that raised fears today the conflict could escalate into a fifth Middle East War.  
Rumbling north across Lebanon at nearly twice their expected pace, an estimated 25,000 Israeli troops backed by tanks and warplanes pushed to the Mediterranean coast city of Tyre, only 12 miles south of Beirut.  
At the United Nations Security Council, the United States Tuesday vetoed a resolution condemning Israel for ignoring a cease-fire call. The vote was 14-1, with only Washington opposed.  
The Palestinian Liberation Organization sought Soviet and Arab help, and Iran said it was prepared to send

troops. Cuban President Fidel Castro called on members of the Non-Aligned Movement to "mobilize all its forces" to aid.  
Israel today held 50 miles of coast south of Beirut and appeared to control nearly half the country, which is only 130 miles long and smaller than Connecticut. Israeli forces today were mopping up resistance from the PLO army, estimated to number at least 6,000.  
Israeli military radio reports said Tuesday their forces appear to have advanced north to about the east-west DamurZahle and Damascus-Beirut highways that cut the nation roughly in half. Severing the road to Damascus would isolate Syrian troops in Beirut.  
The Israeli army said by early today their total casualties were 32 dead, 144 wounded, seven missing and one captured. The total Palesti-

nian losses were not known, but were far higher.  
A military spokesman in Tel Aviv said Israeli forces Tuesday captured the port of Sidon, Lebanon's third largest city 23 miles south of Beirut, and were clamping control on the area between Sidon and Jezzine, 13 miles to the east.  
The spokesman said 50 to 60 rebels died in Sidon, while sources said hundreds of Palestinian rebels and an unspecified number of Syrian soldiers were captured in that fighting.  
Launched Sunday and called "Operation Peace in Galilee," the invasion is designed to crush forever the PLO's ability to bombard northern Israel from Lebanon.  
Israeli forces also fought tank battles with Syrian troops Tuesday and shot down six Syrian MiG fighters. Syria has 25,000 troops in Lebanon, some of them only 7 miles from the

Israeli forces.  
Two of the Soviet-built MiGs were shot down over the Galilee Panhandle — the first time Syrian jets have been downed over Israel since the 1973 Arab-Israeli war, the military command said.  
The escalating combat raised fears of another all-out Middle East War. PLO leader Yasser Arafat, his forces left in disarray, urged Moscow and Arab nations to come to their aid. Iran, offering to mobilize its "political, military and economic resources" against Israel, was given permission to use Syria as a staging point.  
Secretary of State Alexander Haig said Arafat's call was viewed with "grave concern." He said U.S. military supplies to Israel will continue pending a decision on whether the Begin government violated U.S. law by using U.S. arms.

## Security Council tries to condemn Israel

## U.S. vetoes U.N. resolution

**United Press International**  
UNITED NATIONS — The United States vetoed a Security Council resolution that condemned Israel for ignoring two cease-fire calls in Lebanon, and Arab leaders immediately sought an emergency debate today in the General Assembly.  
The vote on the resolution late

Tuesday night was 14-1, but the sole negative vote by the United States automatically killed it under U.N. rules that give major powers the right to overrule the majority.  
"This resolution ... is not sufficiently balanced to accomplish the objective of ending the cycle of violence

and establishing the conditions for a just and lasting peace," U.S. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick told the council after the vote.  
Apparently referring to U.S. envoy Philip Habib's current talks in Israel, she said: "my government is currently engaged in every possible effort to bring the violence to an end. We shall continue to do so."  
Arab League Ambassador Clovis Maksoud immediately said the Arab states would meet today to call the U.N. General Assembly into an emergency special session to debate the war.  
Vice President George Bush, head of the administration's special situation group, officially was to make "just a courtesy call" today on Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar and General Assembly President Ismat Kittani, but he was expected to discuss Lebanon.

After attempting in private to draft an acceptable resolution throughout the day, the Security Council went into a late-night public meeting and Spain's Ambassador Jaime de Pinies immediately submitted the resolution.  
It condemned Israel for ignoring the council's two cease-fire calls adopted unanimously over the weekend, demanded all hostilities in Lebanon stop within six hours and reiterated its demand Israel withdraw from Lebanon.  
After the vote, Zehdi Labib Terzi, representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization, said again "the United States has chosen to be a minority of one in its support for mass murder, a campaign of genocide, and the annihilation of a people."  
Terzi accused Washington of being "a party to the aggression against Lebanon."

## Balcony collapses; inspection follows

**by Hope E. Paasch**  
**Battalion Staff**  
After a water-soaked balcony collapsed late in May, university officials reexamined the structural condition of the remaining College Avenue student apartments.  
The balcony fell while four men were standing on it, and although no one was seriously injured, two sustained severely bruised elbows and one pulled a muscle in his leg.  
The apartments, which house 1,000 students, have been a problem since they were constructed about 10 years ago, Maintenance Foreman Kenneth Melson said.  
"The roofs don't have any over-lying and rain water just runs down the side of the building. We've always had a problem with those apartments taking when it rains," Melson said.  
He also pointed out that using untreated yellow pine to construct the balconies was a mistake to begin with.  
"If we replace all the balconies, we'll use treated wood and possibly metal," Melson said.  
Greg Powell, one of those who had been on the balcony, said: "It could have been a lot worse than it was. I'm only concerned that it doesn't happen again." Powell lives in the apartment where the balcony fell from.  
"We had never noticed any problems with the balcony before, not even any creaking or shifting," he said.  
Apartment Manager Frank K. Nicolas issued a letter to all residents with similar balconies warning them not to go out on their balconies.  
Powell said he thought the notices should have been distributed before the accident, since Nicolas told him the weak balcony supports had been

known about for two years.  
The problem has existed for several years, Nicolas said. Since last August, he has been working with the Physical Plant to come up with possible solutions.  
Before the incident, Nicolas said, some of the balconies had been reinforced with angle iron or 4x4 posts. Powell's apartment was not one of those.  
The extent of the damage is not yet known, Associate Director of Business Services Gerald Smith said.  
"We inspected every balcony," Smith said. "I haven't seen the official report, but I understand that we may take all the balconies down. We would have to remove some of the siding to make a more thorough investigation."  
Physical Plant Director Joe Estill said:  
"We'll have to actually vacate and strip down one of the units to determine how serious the problem is."  
Possible solutions to the problem may include extending all the roofs, installing gutters, replacing all the balconies or any combination of those, Nicolas said.  
Ed Kozlowski, associate director for maintenance and modification at the Physical Plant, recommended that all the balconies be removed. Financing any major renovation of the apartments could be difficult, since they are not state-supported. Most repairs and maintenance are paid for by rent, but rent income may not be large enough to handle a major modification.  
Sources for raising the necessary funds might include private contributions, issuing bonds or raising the rent at the apartments.

## British, Argentine forces renew battle

**United Press International**  
Britain said it was in firm control today of two more coastal settlements near the Falklands capital of Stanley following a day of deadly air and sea battles. Argentina damaged three British ships.  
Instead of the expected attack on the island capital, the clear skies Tuesday brought a British assault on the communities of Fitzroy and Bluff Cove on Fitzroy Bay, an inlet 15 miles southwest of Stanley.  
"There is no obstacle in the way of Argentine withdrawal except the Argentines," Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told Parliament. "We shall now have to take by force what the Argentines would not give up."  
At the same time, the first major air and sea battle in the Falkland Islands in eight days erupted, but Britain refused to say if the Argentine air attack was aimed at a seaborne invasion of the small towns.  
Britain's Ministry of Defense said the frigate Plymouth and two landing ships unloading supplies were damaged in the Tuesday evening air strike. But Britain said today it had downed six Argentine jets, including at least four Mirages, and damaged

four others that were unidentified.  
Argentina said its troops smashed a British attempt to form a new beachhead in the Fitzroy area, causing heavy casualties and destroying most of the supplies landed. The Joint Chiefs of Staff said a British frigate and two landing ships were sunk and a fourth ship was disabled.  
"We can say that this moment is a decisive one," Gen. Oswaldo Garcia of Argentina's South Atlantic theater said.  
But British Defense Ministry spokesman Ian McDonald said late Tuesday elements of Britain's recently landed 5th Infantry Brigade of 3,000 men "are now firmly established at Fitzroy settlement and Bluff Cove."  
McDonald said five wounded servicemen from the Plymouth, which carries 235 men, were transferred to another ship and were undergoing medical treatment. He said the landing ships Sir Tristram and Sir Galahad also suffered some damage.  
The break in the lull in major fighting came shortly after the navy said Britain has landed nearly 9,000 troops on the islands, building for the final battle for Stanley.



staff photo by David Fisher

### The only way to travel

Myron and Norma Wiles, from La Crescent, Calif., are touring the country for five weeks on their motorcycle. If they get tired, all they have to do is pull over and climb into the tent they pull behind them. They stopped at Texas A&M to help graduate student Billy Cornelius, from Wichita Falls, demonstrate interviewing to his English 104 students.

## Reagan campaigns against Marxists

**United Press International**  
WINDSOR, England — President Reagan is urging the West to join a "crusade for freedom" in a struggle against the Marxist world, but admits "we must be cautious about forcing the pace of change."  
Reagan made his appeal for a "global campaign" to sell democracy in a historic address to the British Parliament at Westminster Tuesday, described as a "triumph" by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.  
The president was meeting Thatcher over breakfast at her No. 10 Downing Street residence today to

conclude his three-day pageantry-filled visit to Britain, which included a royal banquet at Windsor Castle Tuesday night.  
In Britain, Reagan became the first American president to address the House of Commons and the House of Lords, and the first to be a guest at Queen Elizabeth II's 900-year-old Windsor Castle outside London.  
Reagan was scheduled to fly to Bonn where in a speech later today to the German parliament he proposes a mutual reduction of NATO and Warsaw Pact troops to 700,000 on each side.

## Regents to discuss planning, building

Items for discussion with the Planning and Building Committee are expected to highlight this month's Texas A&M System Board of Regents meeting beginning today.  
Appropriations to be considered include \$65,000 to supplement an earlier appropriation of \$15,000 for a detailed design of the system chancellor's residence at the University.  
Members of the Planning and Building Committee will also consider construction requests for modifications of the Veterinary Medical Complex and a new chemistry building on

the Texas A&M campus as well as several requests for other branches of the system.  
Regents are also expected to consider a feasibility study for the expansion of Easterwood Airport at the meeting.  
Committees scheduled to meet today are the Campus Hotel Committee, the Committee for Service Units, the Committee on Mineral Leases and the Planning and Building Committee.  
The combined board will convene on Thursday and Friday.

## Post Oak Mall competes with area businesses

**By Terry Duran**  
**Battalion Staff**  
Despite the increase in competition from stores in the relatively new Post Oak Mall, Bryan-College Station merchants aren't about to throw in the towel.  
In fact a large number feel that the loss of business they've experienced is temporary and the eventual result of the mall will be added prosperity for the entire area, including many non-Post Oak stores.  
Post Oak Mall, at the East Bypass and Highway 30, is the latest effort by entrepreneurs to keep area residents from fleeing the area to shop for retail goods. As the third major multi-store conglomeration with more than a handful of facilities, it is by far the largest: Post Oak's 90 businesses under one roof more than double Culepper Plaza's 40 stores on Texas

Avenue in College Station and Manor East's 36 at Texas and Villa Maria in Bryan.  
Post Oak's Feb. 17 grand opening included about 700,000 square feet divided among 82 businesses, including four department stores — Beall's, Wilson's, Sears and Dillard's. Recent openings have increased the number to 90.  
Although the new mall has increased competition for many businesses in the area, those affected say the damage isn't terminal by any means.  
Susan Daly is the marketing director for Culepper Properties, which owns Manor East, Culepper Plaza, University Center (including Skaggs and Plitt Theaters) and Sulmar Center, a smaller complex in Bryan.  
"Of course it affected us (when Post Oak opened)," she said

"It affected all retail in this area. When you drop a million square feet into a market, it's got to do something."  
"It's affecting our Saturday sales more than anything, though," she said, "which is kind of understandable. If you have four or five hours to shop, you'll go to the mall because it's nice and new and because of the atmosphere. On weekdays we (Culepper and Manor East) are closer, more convenient."  
The clothing stores have been hurt the worst, she said, because of the abundance of clothing stores in Post Oak: 26 of Post Oak's 90 stores sell mainly apparel.  
Jewelry stores have also been hurt: the new mall added eight new shops to the B-CS area, which already had 15 such businesses.  
For instance, both the Manor East and Post Oak malls have Zale's stores.

Manor East Zale's manager Robert Dale said sales at his store have dropped 20 to 25 percent since the opening of the new Post Oak Zale's — but he said he thinks the worst is over, no place to go but back up.  
"We'll have to reevaluate our merchandise," he said, "reevaluate our customers, and get back to the basics, which are services to the customer."  
"Sales for other businesses here in the mall (Manor East) have been hurt, too. I don't think it will ever be the same again — not for a while — at least a year or two."  
Managers of most other stores in Manor East declined to comment on their sales figures. Most agreed they had been hurt, but not irreparably by any means.  
Manor East Mall manager Paul Zuelky said as a whole, the new mall had not been a problem. A few stores

have even experienced increased sales, he said.  
"Our sales are going to increase again," Dale said. Stores which did a large volume of business previously have found that people don't always want to go out to Post Oak, "especially the ones that live closer to Manor East," he added.  
Beall's also has a store in Manor East and the manager there, Bob Binford, tells a familiar story:  
"We were hurt pretty bad at first (in February), but we started coming back in March. We had pretty much turned around within 30 to 45 days, and now we're not off very much from our sales at this time last year."  
Both Beall's stores offer basically the same merchandise at the same prices, in accordance with  
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### forecast

Today's Forecast: Sunny and hot today, high of 95. Low of 72. Same through Thursday. 20 percent chance of rain through Thursday.