Israel invasion of Lebanon aises fears of fifth war

state invasion troops controlled tof southern Lebanon, crushing last Palestinian resistance and ing air and tank battles with Sys that raised fears today the concould escalate into a fifth Middle

lumbling north across Lebanon at rly twice their expected pace, an nated 25,000 Israeli troops backy tanks and warplanes pushed to Mediterranean coast city of mour, only 12 miles south of

At the United Nations Security ncil, the United States Tuesday med a resolution condemning and for ignoring a cease-fire call. the vote was 14-1, with only hington opposed.

rek III.

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 con-trol 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

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 Damas-cus would isolate Syrian troops in Beirut.

The Israeli army said by early to-The Palestinian Liberation Orga-dion sought Soviet and Arab help, dran said it was prepared to send day their total casualties were 32 dead, 144 wounded, seven missing and one captured. The total Palesti-

troops. Cuban President Fidel Castro 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 in-

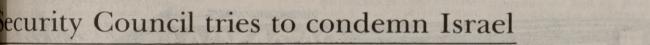
vasion is designed to crush forever the PLO's ability to bombard north-ern Israel from Lebanon.

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

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 com-

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.



U.S. vetoes U.N. resolution

United Press International
UNITED NATIONS — The UnStates vetoed a Security Council ution that condemned Israel for ing two cease-fire calls in Lebaand Arab leaders immediately ght an emergency debate today in

by Hope E. Paasch

ried student apartments.

neth Melson said.

tal," Melson said.

Battalion Staff er a water-soaked balcony col-

ed late in May, university officials investigating the structural condi-

of the remaining College Avenue

The balcony fell while four men

standing on it, and although no was seriously injured, two sus-

severely bruised elbows and

pulled a muscle in his leg. The apartments, which house

ried students, have been a prob-

since they were constructed about

ears ago, Maintenance Foreman

"The roofs don't have any over-

g and rain water just runs down

side of the building. We've always

a problem with those apartments

ng when it rains," Melson said.

ated yellow pine to construct the conies was a mistake to begin with.

'If we replace all the balconies,

'll use treated wood and possibly

Greg Powell, one of those who had

n on the balcony, said: "It could

e been a lot worse than it was. I'm concerned that it doesn't happen

"Powell lives in the apartment

"We had never noticed any prob-

ns with the balcony before, not en any creaking or shifting," he

Apartment Manager Frank K.

olas issued a letter to all residents

h similar balconies warning them

well said he thought the notices

ould have been distributed before

accident, since Nicolas told him

weak balcony supports had been

to go out on their balconies.

ere the balcony fell from.

He also pointed out that using un-

Balcony collapses;

nspection follows

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 suffi-General Assembly.

The vote on the resolution late ciently balanced to accomplish the objective of ending the cycle of violence

known about for two years.

The problem has existed for sever-

Before the incident, Nicolas said,

some of the balconies had been rein-

forced with angle iron or 4x4 posts.

Powell's apartment was not one of

known, Associate Director of Busi-

ness Services Gerald Smith said.

mine how serious the problem is.

those, Nicolas said.

ification.

at the apartments.

may include extending all the roofs,

installing gutters, replacing all the

balconies or any combination of

for maintenance and modification at

the Physical Plant, recommended that

all the balconies be removed. Financ-

ing any major renovation of the

apartments could be difficult, since

they are not state-supported. Most re-

pairs and maintenance are paid for by

rent, but rent income may not be

large enough to handle a major mod-

funds might include private contribu-

tions, issuing bonds or raising the rent

Sources for raising the necessary

Ed Kozlowski, associate director

The extent of the damage is not yet

al years, Nicolas said. Since last August, he has been working with the Physical Plant to come up with possi-

and establishing the conditions for a just and lasting peace," U.S. Ambassa-dor Jeane Kirkpatrick told the council after the vote

Apparently referring to U.S. en-y 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 resolu-

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

British, Argentine forces renew battle

United Press International
Britain said it was in firm control

"We inspected every balcony," Smith said. "I haven't seen the official report, but I understand that we may today of two more coastal settlements near the Falklands capital of Stanley take all the balconies down. We would following a day of deadly air and sea have to remove some of the siding to Argentina damaged three make a more thorough investiga-British ships. Physical Plant Director Joe Estill

Instead of the expected attack on the island capital, the clear skies Tuesday brought a British assault on the "We'll have to actually vacate and strip down one of the units to detercommunities of Fitzroy and Bluff Cove on Fitzroy Bay, an inlet 15 miles Possible solutions to the problem 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

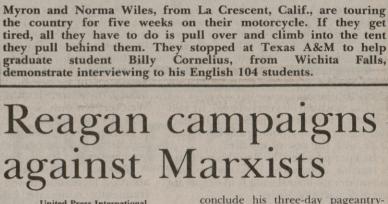
four others that were unidentified. Argentina said its troops smashed a British attempt to form a new beachhead in the Fitzroy area, causing heavy casualties and destroying most of the supplies landed. The Joint Chiefs of Staff said a British frigate and two landing ships were sunk and a fourth ship was disabled.

'We can say that this moment is a decisive one," Gen. Oswaldo Garcia of Argentina's South Atlantic theater

But British Defense Ministry spokesman Ian McDonald said late Tuesday elements of Britain's recentlanded 5th Infantry Brigade of 3,000 men "are now firmly established at Fitzroy settlement and Bluff

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.



The only way to travel

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 Westminister 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 side.

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

Regents to discuss planning, building

ning 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

Items for discussion with the Plan-ning and Building Committee are ex-several requests for other branches of

Regents are also expected to consider a feasibility study for the expansion of Easterwood Airport at the

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 Com-

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 n stores in the relatively new Post ak Mall, Bryan-College Station merants aren't about to throw in the

In fact a large number feel that the s of business they've experienced is inporary and the eventual result of email will be added prosperity for entire area, including many non-

st Oak stores Post Oak Mall, at the East Bypass d Highway 30, is the latest effort by repreneurs to keep area residents m fleeing the area to shop for regoods. As the third major multire conglomeration with more than ta handful of facilities, it is by far e largest: Post Oak's 90 businesses nder one roof more than double ulpepper Plaza's 40 stores on Texas Avenue in College Station and Manor East's 36 at Texas and Villa Maria in

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

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 Culpepper Properties, which owns Manor East, Culpepper Plaza, University Center (including Skaggs and Plitt Theaters) and Sulmar Center, a smaller complex in Bryan.

"Of course it affected us (when Oak opened)," she sai

"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 (Culpepper 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. 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

"We'll have to reevaluate our mer-chandise," 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 asa whole, the new mall had not been a problem. A few stores

Manor East Zale's manager Robert 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 stores 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

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