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Israel vows to take Beirut soon

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Israel dropped leaflets over Beirut today warning its forces that "in a short time" it will launch an assault to seize the besieged Lebanese capital where Palestinian guerrillas are making a desperate last stand.
Israel warned its invasion forces are far superior in men and weapons and will take Beirut "no matter what the price."
The warning that the Israelis had large numbers of infantry, naval and air forces allocated for the city of Beirut was directed to the commander of the Syrian brigade in Beirut—

apparently to avoid war with Syria—but it contained no advice for the terrified civilian population.
Israeli invasion forces had bombed Palestinian positions on the outskirts of Beirut earlier after overrunning their remaining strongholds outside the Lebanese capital.
Waves of Israeli bombers swooped down today to pound PLO positions south of Beirut International Airport, 4 miles south of the capital, and the nearby Bourj al Barajineh and coastal Ouzai Palestinian refugee camps.
In the fifth day of its massive air,

sea and land invasion, Israeli armor reportedly was at Khalde today, 2 miles from the airport and only 6 miles from Palestine Liberation Organization headquarters in the capital.
An estimated 25,000 Israeli troops controlled most of southern Lebanon and its air force won command on the skies from Syria Wednesday in the largest aerial battle since World War II.
Israel said it destroyed all Syrian surface-to-air missile batteries in eastern Lebanon and shot down 23 Syrian planes, sparking fears the Lebanon

invasion could lead to a fifth Middle East War.
Israeli forces moved on Beirut from the south and east to within a few miles of their Lebanese Christian allies north of the capital, raising Palestinian fears of a pincer to "annihilate" their forces.
As panicked residents of Beirut took cover in fear of a final Israeli assault, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat met Soviet Ambassador Alexander Soldatov for the second day Wednesday and pleaded for "all friendly, peace-loving and Moslem states" to aid the Palestinians.

Analysts said the Israeli invasion aimed not only to destroy the PLO but also to drive Syrian forces out of Lebanon and establish a new balance of power favorable to the Jewish state.
Syria accused Israel of bombing military installations outside its capital of Damascus, killing eight people and wounding 48 others. But Israel called it a "lie," and said "our planes never crossed the border."
Israeli television said warplanes knocked out all 15 of the Soviet-made SAM-6 mobile ground-to-air missile batteries deployed since April 1981 in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley.

But Syria reportedly sent new troops, SAMs and Katyusha rockets into the southern Bekaa region and around the strategic Damascus-Beirut road linking PLO rebels in Beirut to its allies in Damascus. Artillery duels were fought for control of the highway.
Israel said it downed at least 30 of Syria's Soviet-built MiG fighters since launching the invasion Sunday, 23 of them on Wednesday alone, in what Pentagon historians said was the biggest one-day air duel in 37 years.
Syria admitted losing 14 planes and said Israel lost 10.



staff photo by Diana Sultenfuss

Regent William A. McKenzie of Dallas, discusses the proposed study for expansion of one of the local airports at the meeting of the Planning and

Building Committee of the Texas A&M Board of Regents Wednesday. Chancellor-designate Arthur Hansen looks on.

Additional air service not feasible for B-CS

by Bernie Fette
Battalion Staff
Members of the Texas A&M Regents' Planning and Building Committee were told Wednesday that the relatively low demand for air transportation in Bryan-College Station would not support the increased airline service they believe is vital to the development of an industrial park in the area.
A feasibility study initiated by county and city officials revealed that for an airline the size of Southwest Airlines to commit service to the area would require a guarantee of at least 50,000 boardings a year. But only about 30,000 boardings could be expected in this area, said George Dresser, a Texas Transportation Institute employee reporting on the findings of the study.
Dresser said he studied situations in other Texas cities which were served by small commercial airlines

and has so far found the local demand to be insufficient. But the study was described as "very preliminary" by both Dresser and County Judge Dick Holmgren.
"We're really very disappointed in the way things look so far," Holmgren said.
Regent William McKenzie stressed the importance of expanded airline service and said there was little chance of success for the proposed industrial park without better airline service.
McKenzie then suggested the Board of Regents initiate their own feasibility study but later withdrew his motion when committee members agreed to work along with city and county officials on the existing study.
In other action, committee members reviewed progress on plans for the system chancellor's residence to

be located south of Jersey Avenue near Easterwood Airport.
Robert S. Boyce, chief architect for the System's facilities and planning division, told Regents the planned appropriation of \$500,000 for the project was not adequate to construct the type of residence needed by a university system chancellor.
Several regents said the residence is one that "ought to be first class" and agreed to raise the appropriation to \$1 million.
Members of the committee also heard preliminary plans for the renovation of the System Administration Building designed for improvements in three areas: appearance, moisture resistance and energy efficiency.
The entire board reconvenes today and Friday for further discussion and final action on agenda items.

No funds for improvement

Highway 30 may be hazardous to your health

by Charlotte Boyd
Battalion Reporter
Increased traffic generated by Post Oak Mall has made Highway 30 a bloodbath, the city traffic engineer says.
John Black said: "Highway 30 is bad news; definitely our number one problem. In the last year, 128 car accidents have occurred on Highway 30 causing 30 injuries and one death.
The statewide average of accidents in 1980 for urban areas was 352 wrecks for every 100 million miles traveled. The accident rate on Highway 30 between Texas Avenue and state Highway 6 is 2,095 accidents for

every 100 million miles traveled — almost six times more than the statewide average.
Another problem is caused by cars parked on the highway.
"At Tanglewood complex, people are parking on the highway — which is legal there." Scott Simpson, College Station patrol sergeant, said. "But it's a big problem because people cannot see around those cars."
Roy Kelly, a College Station planning and zoning commissioner, said one solution would be to prohibit parking all the way to the East Bypass.
The city possibly could get permis-

sion from the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation to make parking 10 feet to 15 feet from the highway illegal, he said.
Although the city recognizes the hazards of Highway 30 between Texas Avenue and Highway 6, the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation has not done much to help the problem.
The City of College Station Engineering Department is capable of installing signals on state right-of-way with State Department of Highways and Public Transportation approval. However, any improvement to the roadway itself must be funded at the

Britain suffers 'one of blackest days'

United Press International
Britain said it suffered one of its "blackest days" of the Falkland Islands war from an Argentine air attack but Buenos Aires admitted today British forces may have established a second beachhead despite the blow.
The British Ministry of Defense would say only that early reports from Tuesday's fierce fighting indicate a number of killed and injured, but defense sources said they understood casualties were substantial.
In what they termed "one of the blackest days for the task force" since Britain moved to retake the Argentine-occupied islands in the South Atlantic, 8,000 miles from home, the sources said the 4,470-ton supply ship Sir Galahad was believed sunk.

Officials declined to comment on an Independent Television News report in London that 39 of Sir Galahad's 68-man crew were missing.
However, the Defense Ministry said despite the attacks, British troops secured a major new beachhead at Fitz Roy, 17 miles southwest of Stanley's estimated 7,000-man Argentine garrison.
Argentina said it had driven off the landing attempt, but today said it was trying to determine if the British "may have succeeded in its attempt to disembark" to establish a beachhead at Argreeable Bay, next to Fitz Roy.
Britain insisted its 9,000 ground troops encircling Stanley were "ready to go forward" for the final assault on the Falklands capital.

Sir Galahad was one of four ships Argentina claimed to have hit in Tuesday's fighting. London news reports said it was bombed in a lightning raid British radar failed to detect.
In fierce low-level air assaults in three separate locations, Argentina's jet fighters also slightly damaged the supply ship Sir Tristram in Fitz Roy Bay, London newspapers said today.
The attacking jets also may have sunk a small landing craft in Choiseful Bay and apparently inflicted light damage on the frigate HMS Plymouth off Falkland Sound.
The defense ministry flatly denied Argentine claims it sank the 2,000-ton frigate Plymouth, saying it suffered only minor damage.

Hubert appreciation dinner tonight at 7

Dr. Haskell Monroe, president of the University of Texas at El Paso, will serve as master of ceremonies for the appreciation dinner tonight for Texas A&M University System Chancellor Frank W.R. Hubert.
Before accepting the UTEP presidency two years ago, Monroe was Texas A&M's dean of faculties and had taught here for 21 years. His association with Dr. Hubert, however, extends back to the mid-1940s when both men resided in Orange. At one

time, Monroe played in a school band directed by Hubert.
Other speakers include: H.R. "Bum" Bright, chairman of the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents; Dr. Kenneth Ashworth, commissioner of higher education for Texas; Dr. Billy Reagan, superintendent of the Houston Independent School District; and Dr. Alton O. Bowen, retired Texas Education Agency Commissioner.
Also: Bookman Peters, president

of First City National Bank of Bryan; Dr. Perry Adkisson, Texas A&M deputy chancellor for agriculture; Dr. Fred Benson, president of the Texas A&M Research Foundation; and W.C. Freeman, executive vice chancellor for administration.
Hubert announced his plans to retire effective August 31. He has previously planned to retire in 1979, the year that he assumed the chancellorship at the request of the Board of Regents.

'Drive Sober': local motto for bar owner's campaign

by Terry Duran
Battalion Staff
A local bar owner has joined county officials in a campaign to reduce drunken driving in Brazos County.
Don Ganter, owner of the Dixie Chicken and the Chicken Oil Company, displays bumper stickers on the doors of his establishments advising customers to "Drive Sober."
The Brazos County Adult Probation Department started printing the maroon-and-white stickers about a month ago, department chief Dan R. Beto said Tuesday. Beto and his staff are also gearing up for further efforts such as making speeches to service organizations in the fall.
"It's too soon to see any effects yet (from the bumper stickers)," Beto said. "It's a long-standing problem. A few bumper stickers aren't going to make that much difference initially."

Beto said the stickers are available at his office, The Press and Ganter's two establishments.
"The governor is trying to deal with the problem at the court level, but the problem's too far gone by that time — it's like trying to put a Band-Aid on a cancer," Beto said.
Gov. William P. Clements has supported several bills in the state Legislature that would increase penalties for drivers convicted of driving while intoxicated.
In 1981, 1,082 people were killed on Texas highways in 36,975 DWI-related accidents, and thousands more were injured; 258 of those accidents happened in Brazos County.
During that year, 719 motorists were arrested for DWI, by the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Bryan and College Station police de-

partments and the Brazos County Sheriff's Department.
More than 550 drivers convicted of driving while intoxicated are currently on probation in Brazos County, Beto said, making DWI the number one offense awarded probation in this county.
In addition to the normal terms of a misdemeanor or felony probation, Beto said, extra conditions may be placed on the offender: mandatory attendance of alcohol abuse classes, DWI classes, or prohibiting a person from buying, possessing or consuming alcohol and from entering establishments that serve alcoholic beverages for the period of their probation.

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forecast

Today's Forecast: Partly cloudy and hot today, high of 92. Low of 72 tonight. Same through Thursday.

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