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Israel, Syria renew battle, protests

United Press International
Fresh Israeli-Syrian fighting broke out today amid growing protests against Israel's invasion of Lebanon and the United States ordered a rescue ship to Lebanon to begin evacuating Americans from the embattled area.

The State Department announced the dosing of the U.S. Embassy in besieged west Beirut and the White House said a U.S. ship would arrive today at the Christian port of Tyre, 10 miles north of Beirut.

White House aides said the ship will take those Americans wishing to leave to Cyprus.

Despite the efforts of special U.S. envoy Philip Habib, a peaceful settlement appeared no closer than before as Israel and Syria renewed their battle east of the Lebanese capital today and new explosions ripped through devastated west Beirut Wednesday.

Fears grew of an Israeli assault on the city, where 6,000 Palestinian guerrillas are trapped with thousands of civilians. Former Lebanese Prime Minister Saeb Salam said Israel seemed "determined to do what we fear, as catastrophic as that may be."

In Washington, Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., denounced the Israeli invasion and urged President Reagan

to call for international sanctions, a freeze on planned military aid and a reassessment on future assistance if Israel refuses to end all hostilities in Lebanon.

"We can make no bargain with armed aggressors, friend or foe," Hatfield, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said in a Senate speech.

"Can Israeli children live in peace only if Lebanese children die in war?" he asked. "I will not countenance that bargain, and I do not believe this nation can afford to be a silent partner to it."

In Israel, opposition Labor Party

leader Shimon Peres Wednesday hoped the government would not attack Beirut, describing it as "folly that will bring Israel no gains."

But Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, a visceral foe of the Palestine Liberation Organization, showed no indication of relenting in Israel's two-week siege of the city.

Fierce new clashes broke out between Israeli and Syrian forces in the mountains east of Beirut beginning Wednesday and resuming today after an overnight lull.

The Israeli military command reported day-long heavy artillery and tank duels Wednesday between

Israeli and Syrian forces at several points along and south of the Damascus-Beirut highway. It said Israeli jets twice attacked Syrian targets.

The fighting ceased overnight, the army said, but recommenced at dawn today when Syrian artillery opened fire on Israeli forces.

Morale in Beirut was further sapped Wednesday night by a tremendous explosion along the once-elegant seafront that killed at least 25 people and wounded 100 others.

The Voice of Lebanon, a radio run by Israel's rightist Christian militia allies, blamed the explosion on a rocket attack by an Israeli F-16. It said the

1,665-pound rocket destroyed six buildings and made a crater 50 feet deep.

VOL said the explosion blasted several bodies into the sea and that wounded people buried in the debris of the blast still cried for help six hours after the explosion.

The radio said Israeli planes also bombed the town of Jamhour, 7 miles east of Beirut, hitting a church and a monastery.

Habib met with Christian rightist leader Bachir Gemayel Wednesday before shuttling to Israel, where he was expected by today.

Argentine parties want democracy

United Press International
BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Representatives of Argentina's five largest political parties, meeting today with the nation's new military president, are demanding an "immediate" restoration of constitutional government.

In a surprise decision following a two-hour closed-door meeting Wednesday, the leaders of the nation's five largest parties said they agreed to meet with President Reynaldo Bignone, a renegade general appointed this week in a decision widely regarded as an army coup.

Warning of a "slide into catastrophe," the coalition released its plans for a "Program of Reconstruction" calling for the lifting of the military "state of siege," release of an untold number of political prisoners and restoration of the Argentine constitution.

Immediately after the coalition spokesman, Carlos Contin, made the announcement at a press conference, about 10 members of his own moderate Radical Party denounced the

meeting with Bignone as a "sell-out."

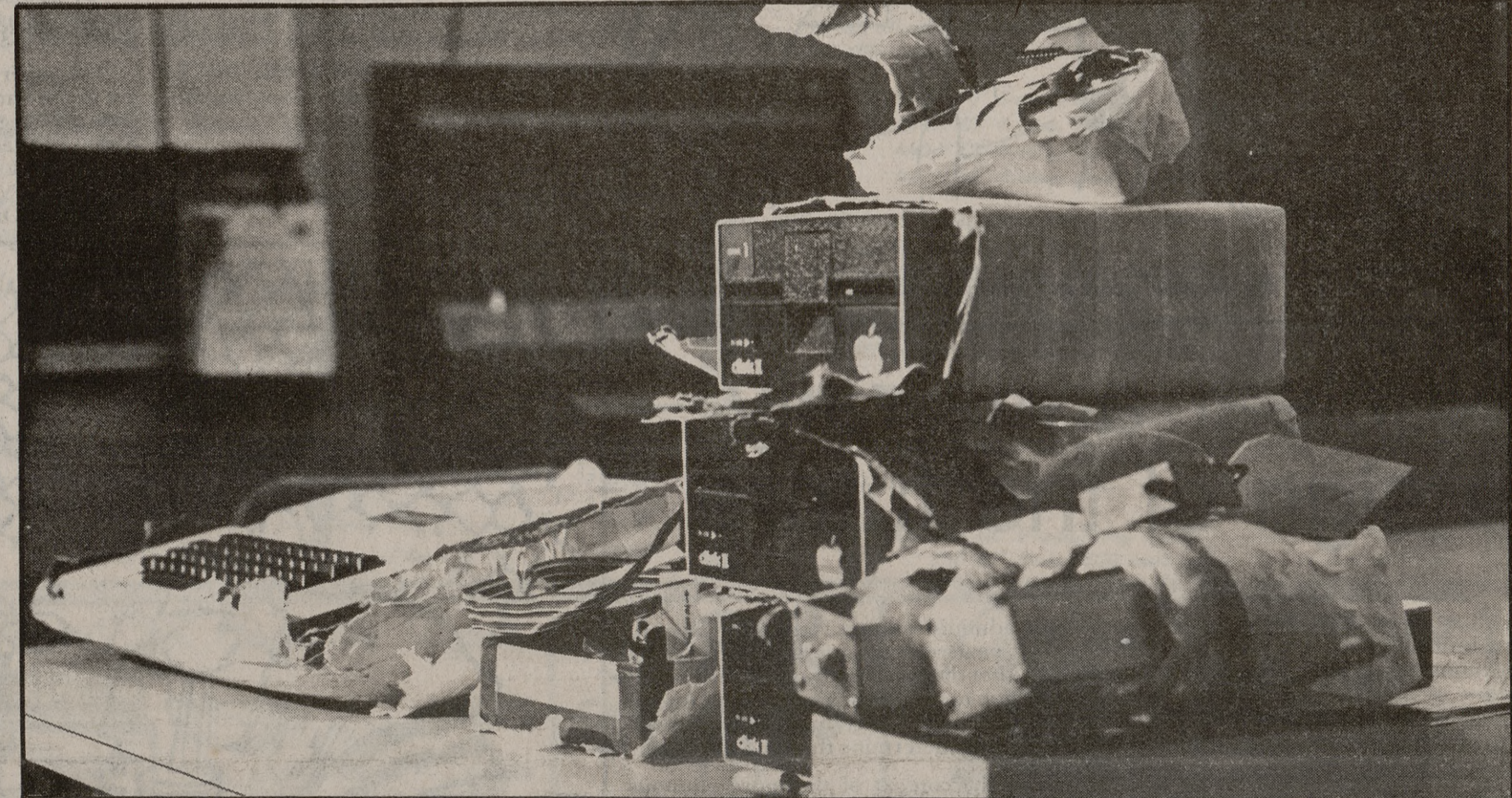
"Without passing judgment on the events that have occurred in the country, we have accepted the invitation of Gen. Bignone," Contin said, careful to avoid referring to Bignone, 54, as "president."

In the meeting, the parties "will demand the immediate institutional normalization and the rectification of the socio-economic program in effect since April 1976," Contin said.

In effect, the parties were demanding the army, which has controlled Argentine politics since a military coup in 1976, allow the nation to return to democratic rule under the constitution of 1853 and that the nation move to correct the deterioration of the economy.

The army has said Bignone will take office July 1 to succeed Leopoldo Galtieri, who resigned in disgrace following Argentina's defeat by Britain in the Falkland Islands war.

He was appointed over the objections of the navy and the air force, which resigned from the military junta Tuesday.



This Apple II computer keyboard and three disc drive units were stolen from the Sterling C. Evans Library and the Microcomputer Club. The estimated \$4,700 of equipment was recovered Wednesday morning.

Zimbabwe leader's home attacked

United Press International
SALISBURY, Zimbabwe — Suspected army deserters, firing automatic weapons and a bazooka, attacked the homes of Zimbabwe's Prime Minister Robert Mugabe and a top minister early today, government sources said.

A government spokesman said neither Mugabe nor National Supplies Minister Enos Nkala were hurt in the predawn attacks in the capital. It was not immediately known if either were in their homes at the time of the gunbattles.

An assailant wearing a national army uniform was killed, sources said.

Witnesses said the assailants struck first at the prime minister's home "Zimbabwe" on Chancellor Avenue before dawn, firing on Mugabe's guards from a stolen army truck.

The assailants then drove to Nkalas house in the northern Browdale suburb, and fought a fierce gunbattle

with guards that left one of the assailants dead, government sources said.

The sources said the assailants used automatic weapons and a bazooka in the attacks.

The attack came only hours after a truck, FN rifles and an RPG-7 rocket-launcher were stolen from the nearby King George VI barracks.

Witnesses said an unexploded RPG-7 launcher was found near Mugabe's home after the attacks and a small arms cache, apparently abandoned by the assailants, was found in a garden near Nkala's house.

The assailants were believed to have been army deserters.

About 500 former guerrilla followers of opposition leader Joshua Nkomo and dissidents from the national army have been responsible for a spate of robberies and killings in the past few weeks although their activities have largely been confined to the southern province of Matabeleland.

Suspect in computer theft arrested

by Rebeca Zimmermann
Battalion Staff
An 18-year-old College Station resident was arrested Wednesday morning and charged with two counts of felony theft in connection with the recent theft of computer components from the Texas A&M campus.

Yee-Hon Lee of 1203 Frances was arrested at his home at 9:50 a.m. Wednesday, said University Police Detective John Phillips, who headed the investigation.

The components, an Apple com-

puter keyboard and four disc drive units, were stolen June 16 from the sixth floor of Sterling C. Evans Library and from the Microcomputer Club's MSC location, Phillips said.

Phillips said the suspect removed one computer part from the library during operating hours.

The equipment is worth about \$4,700 to \$5,000, Phillips said. The suspect told Phillips he intended to set up a home computer system.

The computer keyboard is the main component in a home computer system and the disc drive units store

and release information to the computer.

Phillips said the computer components were traced through a repair shop. The wires on one of the disc drive units were cut, so police knew repairs would be necessary.

"The repair shop was the big break for us," Phillips said. The repair shop located the computer keyboard and one disc drive after police notified the shop of the theft.

Phillips said police planned to follow the suspect after he picked up the equipment on Tuesday. However,

the suspect retrieved the equipment Monday, he said, so police were unable to get his positive location.

He said police obtained an arrest warrant for Lee on Tuesday and waited until Wednesday morning to make the arrest.

"Lee was very cooperative," University Police Lt. Josie Hoelscher said. She said he voluntarily turned over the equipment to police.

Lee was taken to Brazos County Jail and was released later Wednesday on a \$300 bond.

High anxiety students have individual needs, problems

by Cyndy Davis
Battalion Staff
Teachers should realize highly anxious students have special needs, the director of the University of Michigan Center for Research on Learning and Teaching said Wednesday.

Dr. Wilbert J. McKeachie, a distinguished lecturer at the American Society for Engineering Education convention, spent nearly three decades researching student anxiety in learning situations.

High anxiety students are very grade-oriented, he said. They are more concerned with memorizing material to do well on tests than with learning the material. And because

of this test anxiety, they don't usually become interested in the subject matter.

The highly anxious student is dependent on his professors and wants to know exactly what is expected of him, McKeachie said. He is uncomfortable with classes that mainly involve discussion and would rather learn through recitation and drill, he said.

Because of this, he does better on multiple choice exams than on essay and short-answer exams.

High anxiety students reported that their parents set standards for them which they were unable to meet. Most had lower Scholastic Aptitude Test scores when com-

pared to the less anxious students. This was probably because of the pressure they felt from their parents' expectations, he said.

Anxious students tend to use ineffective study methods like reading and re-reading instead of trying to grasp the concept of the material, he said.

McKeachie said highly anxious students are hard to help because the more anxious they get, the less they are willing to try new study techniques or test-taking methods.

Teachers should attempt to get to know the student personally and build his confidence by assigning independent projects, McKeachie said.

Budget plan okayed; fights ahead

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Congress finally approved a 1983 budget plan — following five months of squabbling — but it must now implement spending cuts and tax increases while also convincing Wall Street it means business.

The tasks will be tough.

Congressional Democrats vow to fight reductions in social programs, fights are certain over how to raise taxes and there are doubts in the financial community about whether the budget plan will lead to economic recovery.

By a vote of 54-45 Wednesday, the Senate gave final approval to the \$770 billion budget resolution that squeaked through the House the day before, 210-208.

It proposes a \$12 billion cut in domestic programs, a \$21 billion increase in taxes and a \$7 billion reduction in President Reagan's proposed program to strengthen the nation's military might.

The Senate Finance Committee planned to begin work today on the program cuts and taxes under its jurisdiction. Other panels will begin their efforts in coming weeks.

Reagan, whose initial budget plan was rejected by Congress last spring, Wednesday congratulated backers of

the compromise measure that was drafted by House and Senate Republicans.

The president called passage of the plan "a victory for the common sense and quiet courage of America's finest legislators ... who refused to take the low road and return to the discredited, quick-fix policies of the past."

Budget resolutions, which serve as guidelines rather than legal limits for spending, do not require the president's signature.

Republican authors estimate the budget plan would produce a deficit of \$103.9 billion, but the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office projected it at \$116.4 billion — double last year's deficit.

While proponents of the plan expressed hope it would lead to reduced interest rates and economic recovery, many economic analysts voiced grave doubts.

John M. Albertine, economist and president of the American Business Conference, a coalition of middle-sized companies, called the budget resolution "a baby first step" toward bringing federal deficits under control.

Unless changes are made, he said, the budget will bring rising deficits, leading to continued high interest rates which will restrict both consumers and business and thereby keep economic growth slow.

Academic Council will decide course changes

by Rebeca Zimmermann
Battalion Staff
Proposed changes in the discipline code, disciplinary actions and policies of repeated and incomplete course work will be among the main topics of discussion at today's meeting of the Texas A&M University Academic Council.

Dr. Thomas W. Adair III, Academic Council secretary and physics professor, said the council will vote on changes in the University rules and regulations and also will decide on new courses to be offered, withdrawal of courses and changes in course titles.

The new courses to be voted on

include psychology, English and ocean engineering courses.

Changes in the curricula for agricultural economics and ocean engineering also will be considered. These changes have been recommended by the council's curriculum committee and the Academic Programs Council.

The council also will propose the academic calendar for 1983-84, Adair said, and the council's nominating committee will recommend new appointments to Academic Council committees.

The meeting will be held at 1:30 in 601 Rudder.

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forecast

Today's Forecast: Partly cloudy. High today of 95. Low tonight of 72. 20 percent chance of thunder-showers today. Highs and lows continuing the same through Friday. Slight chance of showers and thundershowers continuing.