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Israeli forces tighten grip on PLO

United Press International
Israeli forces moved at least 200 tanks to the edge of west Beirut and warned civilian residents to "flee before it is too late," but an angry President Reagan demanded an end to the violence in the war-torn city.

Trying to avert a bloody assault on west Beirut, U.S. envoy Philip Habib presented a new plan Monday for evacuation of the 6,000 Palestine Liberation Organization guerrillas trapped by a tightening circle of Israeli troops.

The tension around Beirut, where

an edgy cease-fire was maintained today, stretched to the White House in Washington, where a U.S. official reported Monday "open, deeply felt irritation with Israel."

Israel refused to allow U.N. observers into Beirut Monday, and said it needed more time to decide whether the United Nations should be permitted to monitor the cease-fire — the ninth in nearly two months of war.

A grim Reagan, who, U.S. officials said, was angered by a devastating 14-hour attack on Beirut Sunday that killed 165 people, met Monday in

Washington with Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Though Shamir described his talks with Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz as "friendly," Israeli reporters called the encounters "tough."

"He (Reagan) was firm in saying his opinion in very clear terms," an Israeli official said. "He believes the exchanges of fire there (in Beirut) have to stop."

Witnesses said at least 200 Israeli tanks, some pulling field cannons, took up positions Monday on the east-

ern side of the demarcation line between PLO-controlled Moslem west and Christian east Beirut.

Beirut Radio heightened the fears of a new attack, reporting Israeli commander Amir Drori warned west Beirut residents to flee "before it is too late. We can do nothing for those who remain."

The center of Beirut was relatively quiet Monday although Israeli troops and Palestinian fighters fought sporadic artillery duels by Beirut International Airport on the southern edge of Bourj Barajneh refugee camp.

Administration officials said Habib's mediation efforts with PLO leader Yasser Arafat had reached an "intricate stage" in which Israel's "indiscriminate shelling" of Beirut was harming the chances for success.

A Lebanese political source said Habib gave Lebanese Prime Minister Chefik Wazzan a proposal calling for a first group of guerrillas to leave Lebanon, without a stopover in the Bekaa Valley as sought by the PLO, before a multinational force arrives in Beirut.

The PLO has demanded the force arrive before it moves its fighters, and that the Israelis pull out of Lebanon simultaneously.

The U.N. Security Council, which voted unanimously Sunday to call for a cease-fire monitored by U.N. observers, pressed Israel for a quick decision on the matter.

The Lebanese government and the PLO announced their agreement within hours, but Israel indicated the decision must be made by the Cabinet, which will not meet until later this week.

Iran trying to push out radical leaders

United Press International
The president of Tehran's Supreme Court reportedly quit in a purge of religious extremists meant to ease fears of Islamic expansionism, as Iranian forces kept up an intense bombardment of Iraqi cities in the Persian Gulf war.

The Supreme Court head reportedly quit in the beginnings of a power struggle to push out radical members of the Islamic government, and Iranian gunboats bombarded Iraqi cities from the disputed Shatt Arab waterway.

Despite attacks Monday from land, sea and air, neither side appeared to have budged from positions held over the past three weeks, with Iranian invasion forces perched on a beachhead east inside Iraqi territory.

In Tehran, political sources reported major shuffles were underway to ease out radical members of the fundamentalist Islamic regime and tone down its religious radicalism that has sent shock waves through the Persian Gulf.

Supreme Court President Ayatollah Abolkarim Mahdavi Kani resigned in one of the first moves of the shakeup apparently designed to reduce fears of Iranian expansionism, particularly feared by oil-rich Saudi Arabia, they said.

Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini will dispatch a team shortly to reassure Arab states the Gulf War against Iraq is not aimed at the overthrow of their regimes, the sources said.

Iran invaded neighboring Iraq two weeks ago in a dramatic turn of the 18-month-old Persian Gulf War, vow-

ing to topple Baghdad's secular President Saddam Hussein.

Underlying the conflict is the rivalry between Iran's dominant Shiite sect, pitted against Iraq's Sunni Moslems. About half of Iraq's largely Moslem population is Shiite, and Iran has openly urged them to oust Hussein.

The bombing Sunday of Iraq's Planning Ministry, in which the Greek ambassador and two Greek Embassy staffers were seriously wounded along with a number of Iraqis, may have been linked to Iran's efforts to topple Hussein.

No group publicly claimed responsibility for the explosion but Iran is suspected by its Persian Gulf neighbors of training Moslem terrorists for action against other regimes in the region.

"Brave personnel of the Iranian navy opened heavy artillery fire on enemy positions on the other side of Arvandrud (Iran's name for the disputed Shatt al-Arab waterway)," a Tehran communique said.

"Combatants of Islam are now defending their positions effectively," said the communique.

Iranian artillery attacks killed four civilians and wounded eight others in Basra, Khaneqain and Panjvin, an Iraqi military communique issued in Baghdad said.

The Baghdad communique said Iraqi helicopter gunships retaliated by attacking Iran's front-line positions just east of Basra, a vital oil port and Iraq's second largest city, "scoring direct and effective hits."

The Iranian attacks originated from the disputed Shatt al-Arab waterway, recently captured by Iranian forces.



photo by Craig Murphy

Ten cent shower

A water main behind the old Chemistry Building burst Saturday offering a free drink or a cool pit stop to anybody who might pass by. The water spewed for 30 minutes before Physical Plant workers Raymond Schultz and Arthur Saenz shut it off. The pipe was dug up an hour later and is being replaced.

France mourns over bus crash

United Press International
CREPEY-EN-VALOIS, France — A shocked nation urged immediate government action to cut highway deaths and help ensure no repetition of the funeral today for 44 young victims of France's worst traffic accident.

President Francois Mitterrand, cutting short a vacation in the small village of Latche in southwestern France, was attending the burial service in a demonstration of his resolve to fight France's staggering highway death toll.

The mass funeral ceremony for the children — who left their small farming village north of Paris Friday

in two buses for a vacation in the Savoy Alps — was to be held in their hometown basketball gymnasium today. The victims ranged in age from 6 to 15.

Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy also will attend the funeral. Saturday's 10-vehicle road accident, the worst in French history, took 53 lives, including seven adults and two other children in a passenger car.

After the service the 44 little oak coffins are to be buried in 14 tombs in the nearby cemetery of Compeigne. Only six of the caskets bear the name of a child. The rest of the bodies were charred beyond recognition.

CSISD petitions appraisal review

by Hope E. Paasch
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College Station school board trustees voted Monday night to petition for a review of property appraisals made by the Brazos County Appraisal District.

The petition states that the Appraisal District erroneously appraised the value of certain property and charges that property was not assessed at market value.

"I am appalled at this totally inequitable tax policy," trustee Joe Templeton said.

During discussion over whether or not the school district was legally bound to file a petition, trustee Bill Wasson said:

"We have a moral, if not a legal obligation, to appeal to the Appraisal Review Board."

Board members voted unanimously to file the petition.

Wasson said he had received a letter on Monday which incorrectly stated the amount of taxes owed on a piece of property he manages. In re-

searching, the appraiser had apparently gone back to two years ago, when the lot was vacant.

Also during the special session, board members voted to authorize their attorney to pursue preparation of litigation concerning faulty construction at A&M Consolidated High School.

Don Henslee, representing the Austin law firm, asked the board to allow him to hire consultants to help in the preparation. The board approved his request.

The consultants will also review all school district buildings to determine if they are within city fire safety and building codes.

In other action Monday night, the board appointed community education director Danny Stribling as principal at Oakwood Middle School. Charles C. Harter, an assistant principal at Stephen F. Austin Junior High in Bryan, and Thomas Stolt, a former assistant principal from Arkansas, were appointed as assistant principals at the high school.

Report outlines his situation

Hinckley should stay confined

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Presidential attacker John W. Hinckley should be confined in a mental hospital because he is dangerous — especially to Jodie Foster, the actress with whom he has been infatuated for years, doctors concluded.

In a report submitted Monday by St. Elizabeth's Hospital to U.S. District Judge Barrington Parker, who presided at Hinckley's trial, the doctors said Hinckley suffers from major depression and schizotypal personality disorder, marked by bizarre fantasies and social isolation.

They found Hinckley also shows characteristics of other disorders including narcissism, commonly described as a grandiose sense of self-importance and a constant desire for attention, the Washington Post reported in Tuesday's editions.

Hinckley poses a particular threat to Miss Foster, the St. Elizabeth doctors said.

The psychiatric report, sealed from public view by Parker's order, will be weighed at a release hearing scheduled for next Monday.

Hinckley was found innocent by reason of insanity June 21 of shooting

President Reagan, White House press secretary James Brady, a Secret Service agent and a District of Columbia policeman in March 1981.

The verdict by a seven-woman, five-man jury in Parker's courtroom sparked cries of outrage in some quarters and immediate steps in Congress to change the insanity plea.

Hinckley was ordered confined to St. Elizabeth's, where he underwent a battery of tests and interviews by medical experts to determine his mental status.

His family and his lawyer said at the time of the verdict they would not

seek his immediate release. Hinckley indicated later in a newspaper interview, however, he wanted to leave the institution.

Under the law, St. Elizabeth's was required to file a report with Parker within 50 days — by Monday.

The release hearing set for next Monday could reverse strategy by both the defense, which had argued Hinckley's insanity at his trial, and the government attorneys, who had argued his sanity. Now that the government wants Hinckley to remain in custody, it will be required to prove he is insane.

Department division will be considered

The Texas A&M University Academic Council will consider today a proposal to split the Department of Sociology and Anthropology into separate departments of anthropology and sociology.

The division of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology has been recommended by the council's curriculum committee and academic programs council.

Approval of candidates for graduate and undergraduate degrees and

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees to be conferred August 13 and 14 also will be considered. This approval is necessary for a student to receive a degree.

Changes in the curricula for bachelor of science degrees in radiological protection engineering and nuclear engineering also will be discussed.

The council will meet at 2:30 p.m. in the Rudder Forum.

Hospital plans rejected; official upset

by Rebeca Zimmermann
Battalion Staff
A Bryan Hospital administrator and a member of the Central Texas Health System Board expressed dissatisfaction Tuesday in a press conference with the denial of Bryan Hospital's plan for expansion. A hearing officer for the Texas Health Facilities Commission rejected the proposed \$11.9 million expansion.

"We're convinced a mistake has been made," said Bob Morgan, a Bryan Hospital administrator.

The proposed expansion includes plans for an obstetrical unit and a trauma service. St. Joseph's Hospital now has the only obstetrical and trauma units in the area.

The commission hearing officer, J. Kay Trostle, recommended

approval of \$8.4 million expansion for St. Joseph's and a \$1.9 million Surgi-Center to provide an outpatient surgery facility for the area which is disassociated from the area hospitals. The proposed facility is a joint venture among Dr. Stephen Stephenson and six other investors.

Trostle said expansions were not needed in both facilities.

Morgan said St. Joseph's opposition to the Bryan Hospital project "couldn't help but play a part" in the expansion's denial.

"We're just as convinced that the project is good as we were days and weeks ago," Morgan said.

The commission, which must approve hospital expansions or else licenses to operate a hospital will be denied, will consider the project in

its meeting Friday.

Morgan said he hopes the commission will look at the area's population growth and increase in practicing physicians when it considers the expansion.

For example, five physicians will begin practicing in the community within the next six months, he said.

Morgan said the hearing officer's recommendation to deny Bryan Hospital's request was based on population estimates which were too low.

Morgan said he believed a shortage of hospital beds could occur in the future as a result of the expansion's denial.

Irma Benivides, a representative to the Central Texas Health System Board for the Bryan/College Station

area, said she thinks the hearing officer's recommendations have a chance to be overturned by the commission.

Usually the board on which Benivides serves also makes recommendations on proposed projects. But, a quorum was not present when the board was to consider the Bryan Hospital project.

Benivides said if the project had been considered at the board meeting she would have made a strong plea for the proposed Bryan Hospital expansion.

"I think this decision is entirely unwarranted," she said.

She said the hospital expansion was needed to give women and doctors a choice on where a woman has a baby. Currently, if a woman wants

to be sterilized after the birth of a baby, she must be taken by ambulance from St. Joseph's Hospital to Bryan Hospital for the procedure; St. Joseph's doesn't usually perform sterilization procedures.

The proposed expansion of Bryan Hospital would have included a trauma service. All accident victims are now taken to St. Joseph's, but Benivides said if a victim was conscious, a choice should be available.

"I think we need a choice," she said.

Morgan said community members should use their right to express their opinions on the subject and call the commission's office in Austin. The number is 512-475-6940.

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forecast

Partly cloudy with highs near 100; low in the upper-70s. Wednesday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and high temperatures again.