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United Press International WASHINGTON — The na-tion's economy is in the midst of its best quarter since at least the beginning of 1981 and may be establishing an even stronger performance, private analysts

say. The experts base their predictions on expectations of the Commerce Department's "flash" projection of the rate of growth of gross national pro-duct in the current April-June quarter

The projection is based on incomplete data and is designed to be used only as an internal departmental yardstick. Yet it is the first fairly reliable indication of the dimensions of the recoverv

Until recent weeks the economic improvement under way since December was generally viewed as a modest turnaround

that was not up to the 7 percent burst of speed that is the average for other post-World War II recoveries.

Economist Michael Evans, head of a forecasting firm in Washington, thinks the GNP now is actually doing better than the recovery average.

he pre-"Eight percent," he pre-dicted. "It's unbelievable, a complete shock relative to what people were thinking."

Commerce Department chief economist Robert Ortner generally agrees, although saying the pace could be quite a bit better than 6 percent.

The department also is revising its first-quarter measure which last set the GNP pace at a 2.5 percent annual growth rate from January through March. The GNP acts as a speedometer for economic progress or retreat with a certain speed, between 3

percent and 5 percent, neces-sary to reverse the growth of unemployment, most economists

The strong statistics for narrow sectors of the economy, especially housing and factory production, suggest the economic recovery is hitting the high side of its potential right now, with analysts looking for a rate of growth of around 7 percent. The latest strong statistic was

Monday's 1.2 percent growth in personal income in May, the best income report since July 1981.

Personal spending was up 1.4 percent. Only two of the last five quarters have shown any positive growth. The previous surge of any size was the 7.9 percent growth rate in the first quarter of 1981, a recovery from the 1980 recession that died before it could make up for that period's economic damage.

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## Texan resigns law post

WASHINGTON — Assistant Attorney General Carol Dinkins, one of the highest ranking

women in the Justice Department, is resigning as head of the division that enforces the nation's environmental laws. Dinkins, 37, a native Texan,

commuted between has Washington and Houston, where her family lives, for the last 21/2 years. Dinkins said Monday she is leaving because she has "completed the job I came to

She said she is particularly proud of the division's record in criminal enforcement. So far this year, she said, more indictments have been brought against more people than in any

United Press International Seven Syrian soldiers were kil-

led in an ambush on a military

convoy near Tripoli, sparking a

new round of street fighting

Tuesday in Lebanon's second

largest city between rival Mos-

lem militiamen. Syrian troops sealed off Tripoli, a port city 42 miles north of Beirut, after the

Monday ambush by closing

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#### the expansion of the law and seeing some real progress," Dinkins said.

She said her July 1 departure had nothing to do with the recent Environmental Protection Agency controversy involving former EPA administrator Anne Burford.

Dinkins was immersed in the dispute over Burford's refusal, on grounds of executive privilege, to turn subpoenaed documents over to a House subcommittee investigating the EPA's management of the Su-

perfund program. Dinkins and lawyers on her staff were involved in screening which EPA enforcement files would be turned over to Congress. She also was involved in working out a settlement with

the House subcommittee on allegations of political making the material available. Dinkins and her staff also

were responsible for filing one from the beginning of the biggest hazardous waste enforcement cases ever, seeking millions of dollars to finance the she said. "This is an cleanup of the Stringfellow Acid Pits in California.

Stringfellow, one of the nation's worst toxic waste dumps, has been at the center of charges that the administration manipulated cleanup financing to influence last fall's Senate election campaign in California.

The decision by the former EPA administrator last year to put off announcing a cleanup grant for the site led to allegations the fund was being used for political purposes.

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U.S. officials said Lebanese President Amin Gemayel would down a bloody visit Washington next month to meet with President Reagan,

Israeli troops in his country. Five days later, Reagan is expected to see Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin in fa said.

State Department officials also said U.S. Middle East envoy Philip Habib was considering leaving his post, but White House spokesman Larry Speakes said the president "knows of no plans for him to leave. The president would like for him to remain as a Mideast negotiator. He has the utmost negotiator. He has the utmost confidence in him." In Damascus, Yasser Arafat met Tuesday with top Palesti-ation Palesti-in Labanon

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### Ambush sparks Syrian violence<sup>Ma</sup>

tion for the massacre of 16 peo-ple in Tripoli last week by Alawite militiamen. Police said seven Syrian soldiers were killed but security sources said as many as 20 soldiers may have died in

soldiers were wounded when machine-gun fire raked their ammunition truck. The ambush was the latest incident in growing militia violence in Tripoli, Lebanon's second largest city

with a population of 400,000. In Washington, U.S. officials were pressing Syria to withdraw its troops from Lebanon before Israel takes action that could jeopardize the negotiations to rid Lebanon of all foreign forces. Syria has refused to leave Lebanon and denounced the Lebanese-Israeli troop with-

presumably to discuss the continued presence of Syrian and

the attack. Earlier Monday, three Syrian Washington.

roads leading to the city. The violence, pitting pro-Syrian Alawite Moslem militiamen against anti-Syrian Sunni Moslem gunmen, broke out Monday evening and gained intensity through the night into early Tuesday. The rightist Phalangist Radio said "columns of smoke rise in the city while mortar shells, rockets and machine-

The Syrian convoy came under attack 8 miles south of

