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## War continues in Lebanon

**United Press International**  
BEIRUT, Lebanon — Druze Moslem gunners halted deadly artillery rocket attacks on the multinational peace-keeping troops in Beirut today, but reports from the mountains of the militiamen were advancing on the embattled capital.

In Syria, U.S. envoy Robert McFarlane pressed for a total ceasefire in the fighting east of Beirut, where heavy fighting entered its fifth day today.

"It is very quiet around here," a Marine spokesman said today from the headquarters base at Beirut International Airport. He said the Marines had their first night of sleep after several nights of bombardments.

The Druze agreement to stop shelling the 4,800-member multinational peace-keeping force coincided with talks in Damascus late Wednesday between McFarlane and Druze leader Walid Jumblatt, a Druze statement issued in Damascus said.

The agreement came a few hours after U.S. F-14 Tomcat fighters and French Super Etendards buzzed the Beirut area Wednesday in a stern warning to the Moslem gunners who shelled the French Embassy compound, killing a French soldier.

McFarlane also held two hours of talks with President Hafez Assad on a total ceasefire in the Christian-Druze fighting in the Shouf mountains overlooking Beirut, Western diplomatic

sources said. More talks may take place today, they said.

Reports from the mountain war fronts said the Druze pressed on two fronts today — down the Beirut-Damascus highway toward Beirut and down the coast just south of the city.

Syria, along with Palestinian guerrillas, backs the Druze militiamen in their war against the Lebanese army and the progovernment Phalange-dominated Christian militia for control of the Shouf mountains east of Beirut.

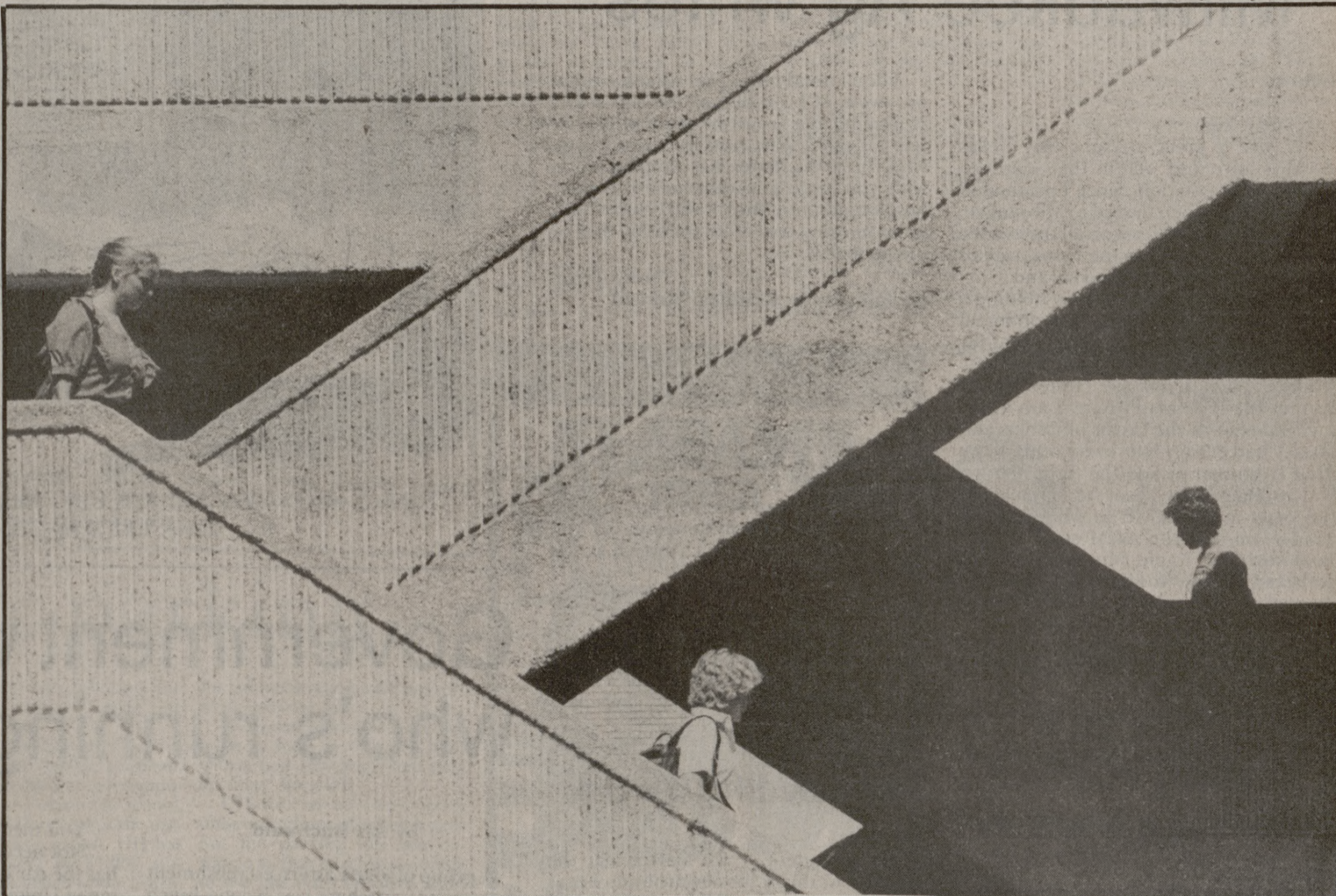
There was no let up in the fighting Wednesday, which erupted Sunday after Israeli forces swiftly vacated the Shouf hills ending a 15-month occupation, state-run Beirut Radio said.

Four Marines have been killed and a total of 25 wounded in 10 days of fighting around Beirut.

Persistent bombardments of multinational forces by Druze gunners, who apparently were often aiming at Lebanese army targets, threatened deeper involvement for the United States, France, Italy and Britain.

In Washington, Lebanese and U.S. officials discussed the possibility of "a more active role" for American forces in the area.

In Paris, Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson, reacting to the deaths of two French soldiers following a rocket attack Wednesday, said French soldiers would fire back "without the slightest doubt" if attacked.



Why didn't I take the elevator?

staff photo by John Makely

Any Texas A&M freshman might easily become confused by this stairway maze at Harrington Classroom Building.

However, these students Wednesday seem to know where they're going.

## Supply exceeds demand in local market

# Housing glut makes life easier for renters

by Tricia Parker

Battalion Reporter

Students looking for an apartment this year will find that the search has become easier, thanks to a housing glut in the Bryan-College Station area.

The area is overbuilt, a research economist for the Texas Real Estate Research Department says. Approximately 24,000 apartments and condominiums are available for lease, but there is only a demand for 19,000, Dr. Arthur Wright said.

Wright said the surplus was caused by two

factors. A slowdown in the oil industry in the fall of 1982 caused many workers to leave the area while, at the same time, new complexes were being built at record rates.

The private sector will have to fill the 13,000 vacancies created by the glut, Wright said, because University enrollment is not expected to increase significantly. However, that could take up to three years, he said.

The current housing oversupply has put economic power in the hands of renters who can now shop around for the best deals. Previously, renters had to take what they could get, but now stiff competition to attract resi-

dents has lowered prices and increased services and benefits for renters.

Louanne Schulze, coordinator of the Off-Campus Center, said the number of apartment complexes has increased from 85 in the fall of 1982 to 120 in the fall of 1983.

"In the past, we had a really tight housing market," Schulze said. "Now there is an excess. A few years ago, most of the apartments were booked up by mid-July. Right now we have 100 empty units on file."

Schulze said prospective renters are so scarce that apartment complexes are trying gimmicks to attract them. Free microwave

ovens and shuttle bus passes to health club memberships and a vacation trip to Hawaii, she said.

But the biggest advantage for price-conscious students is that complexes are being forced to reduce rates to attract renters or keep the ones they have, Schulze said.

In the fall of 1982, the average rent for an unfurnished, 2-bedroom, 2-bath apartment was \$425 per month, the center reported. This fall, however, the rent for the same apartment would be \$383, a decrease of 9.9 percent. Schulze said that on the average, rent has declined 8 percent in the past year.

However, effects of the glut have not all

been positive.

In the past, the Off-Campus Center was able to match up students who needed roommates with those who needed housing, by using the center's card file.

Now, she said, since so many apartments are available, fewer students have been checking the file for available housing. Instead, they rent an apartment alone, hoping to find a roommate later on, only to find that roommates are in as much demand as an empty apartment was a few years ago.

Because of this scarcity, Schulze advises students who want a roommate to be sure they have one before they sign a lease.

## Shultz arrives in Madrid for first meeting with Soviets since tragedy

United Press International

Secretary of State George Shultz arrived in Madrid Wednesday for a human rights conference warning Moscow his chief topic will be the downing of a Korean airliner.

In South Korea, more than 100,000 people turned a memorial service into an angry anti-Soviet protest.

The request for the victims in Seoul was the largest ever in the South Korean capital and came a day after the Kremlin finally admitted its warplanes shot down the Korean Air Lines jumbo jet with 269 people aboard last Thursday.

Thousands of people also demonstrated across Japan, but the Japanese government, concerned about rela-

tions with Moscow, delayed taking action to protest the shooting down of the jetliner over the northern Sea of Japan.

The State Department moved into the fray Tuesday by demanding the Soviets make an "unequivocal apology," provide a full account of what happened and make restitution to families of the 269 victims.

Shultz was in Madrid today to attend the European Security Conference along with 34 other foreign ministers, who will approve a follow-up East-West agreement to the 1975 Helsinki accords on security and human rights in Europe.

Also among the ministers is Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, who will encounter Shultz in the first

face-to-face meeting of top American and Soviet officials since the jetliner crisis erupted.

Shultz and Gromyko plan a one-hour meeting Thursday arranged long before the jumbo jet went down — but which will now focus on the tragedy.

In Seoul, more than 100,000 people, including grief-stricken relatives of the victims, gathered at a municipal stadium for a solemn one-hour memorial service. A priest, a minister and three monks offered prayers.

Many wept openly as a daughter of Kim Hee-chul, the doomed plane's flight engineer, read a condolence letter to his father in a tearful voice and said: "My happiness was shattered by the Soviet missiles."

But the requiem swiftly turned into a mass protest denouncing Soviet "barbarism," with demonstrators wearing black ribbons and carrying hundreds of placards, some of which read "Stop Killing, Russians. Get Retribution."

In Tokyo, Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone called a Cabinet task force meeting to consider retaliatory moves. The group met for 40 minutes but broke without a decision.

Some 2,500 demonstrators, mostly South Koreans living in Japan, marched near the Soviet Embassy in Tokyo to denounce the "massacre." In western Osaka, about 8,000 South Koreans also rallied and protests were reported in other Japanese cities.

## Research park director named

by Ronnie Crocker

Battalion Staff

The search for a director of the Texas A&M System's new high-technology research park has ended. Dr. Mark L. Money has been named to the position and will start on Oct. 15.

Chancellor Emeritus Frank Hubert, chairman of the Texas A&M System's Industrial Park Development Committee, headed the search that brought Money here.

He said Money is qualified for the director's job because he has spent many years at another successful university research park and knows about the "academic as well as the real estate aspects" of the plan.

Money has headed the University of Utah Research Park for the past 12 years. That park expanded under his leadership and currently consists of 30 research-related companies housed in 17 buildings.

Research and development of the first artificial heart, which was used successfully in an operation in Salt Lake City, took place at the Utah park under Money's direction.

Money's official title will be vice chancellor for research park and corporate relations. Valerie Nelson will be Money's administrative assistant.

Money said he is looking forward to leading the development of the research facility here.

"I welcome the opportunity to use my experience in the development of a university-related park in the exciting environment of Texas A&M," Money said.

Hubert said Money will be here for the whole project, which includes the planning and procurement of companies as well as the operation once everything is underway.

A research park is similar to an industrial park in that several companies are located in a central area. All the companies in a research park are connected with research



Dr. Mark L. Money

and technology, but there are none of the big trucks or heavy equipment moving through the area as there is in an industrial park.

Hubert said the plan for the University park is to "seek out research organizations from business and industry whose research goals are compatible with those of the University."

He also said the companies' presence will provide additional University research and additional jobs for Texas A&M graduates and graduate students.

Money received his doctorate from the University of Utah in 1970 with his dissertation, "A Model for a University-Related Research Park within a Framework of Selected Management Principles."

He has an MBA degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration and an undergraduate degree from Brigham Young University.

Money is a colonel in the Army Reserve, and is married with four children.

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### forecast



Skies will be partly cloudy today as the mercury climbs to the upper 80s over the upper coast and 90s elsewhere.

## Weinberger's tour arrives in U.S.-backed El Salvador

United Press International

PANAMA CITY, Panama — Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger's visit to El Salvador Wednesday came under wartime conditions and included a review of American training and his first close-up look at installations staffed by U.S. advisers.

Weinberger's itinerary in El Salvador featured San Vicente, showcase province of a U.S.-designed pacification program, and lunch with Defense Minister Carlos Eugenio Vides Casanova aboard the battleship USS New Jersey.

He also met with U.S. advisers training 350-man "hunter" units in San Vicente, with members of a 25-man U.S. medical adviser team and with troops of the U.S.-trained Ramon Bellosa "immediate reaction" battalion.

Weinberger's whirlwind tour of Panama, El Salvador and Honduras, which began Tuesday, marks the first trip by a U.S. defense chief to the war-ravaged region that President Reagan has called strategically important to American interests.

Although Weinberger said he has no specific mission in his three days of meetings with leaders of the three nations, he will make a point of visiting U.S. troops stationed in the region.

He denied his trip to Central America was designed to plug the administration's request for additional military and economic aid to El Salvador, pending before Congress.

In fiscal 1983, El Salvador's government is receiving \$110 million in U.S. military aid to fight leftist rebels who have waged nearly four years of war.

Weinberger said he did not see a need for increasing the number of U.S. advisers in El Salvador beyond the administration's self-imposed limit of 55 as long as training of Salvadoran troops can continue in neighboring Honduras.

He earlier cited the deaths of two more Marines in Lebanon "a source of great sadness," but said he saw no reason for the administration to ask Congress for permission to keep the Marines in Lebanon.

Weinberger spent most of his first