

by Paul Dirmeyer

Families dread knock

Marines' fates told

United Press International
Scores of American families awaited the dreaded knock Tuesday of a notification team telling them their son or loved one was among the more than 200 U.S. servicemen killed in the bomb attack on a Marine headquarters in Beirut.

The teams, usually a chaplain and an officer, encountered tears, bitterness and pride. "My son died in vain," said John Price, of Attalla, Ala., referring to Lance Cpl. James C. Price, who was among those buried in the rubble when a Moslem terrorist drove a truck filled with explosives into a headquarters and barracks compound early Sunday.

"I feel my son was sacrificed. I don't see any reason for those boys being there," said Price. But Guillermo San Pedro of Hialeah, Fla., whose son also was

killed, said President Reagan was "doing what he has to do" in stationing Marines in the Mideast.

"I will always be proud of him," San Pedro said. "I am proud he died for his country." James J. Langon Sr., of Lakehurst, N.J., also lost a son. He learned of the tragedy when he saw a television bulletin at 2 a.m. Sunday.

"I hoped for the best and held on to what slim hopes were available to me," he said. But he was notified Monday that James Jr. had died in the attack. Langon, red-eyed but calm, complained that our Marines, although in a peace-keeping role, should be allowed to protect themselves.

"It's the not knowing that is so hard," said Elizabeth Worsman of Nashua, N.H. "They say no news is good news, but still every

time the phone rings, my heart just leaps up."

Kathleen Kirkpatrick, who is living on the Marine base at Camp Lejeune, N.C., while her husband serves in the Mideast, said she was sure he was dead when she saw a notification team of two officers at her front door at 3 a.m. Tuesday.

Instead, she was told Kirkpatrick had been wounded in the chest and left eye and was in a hospital in Cyprus and soon would be coming home.

"I'm so relieved," said Kirkpatrick, 19, who is expecting the couple's second child.

For James and Shirley Skeen, of Tallahassee, Fla., the hours of agonized waiting ended — happily — when their son, Lance Cpl. Jimmy Skeen, 21, phoned them from Beirut late Monday to say he was alive and well.

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Teachers return to work

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CHICAGO — Nearly 27,000 teachers went back to their classrooms Tuesday, some of them bitter about the fruits of their record three-week strike and others satisfied that a 5 percent pay raise was the best they could get.

"There's an awful lot of bitterness right now," said Bill Maloney, a teacher at Brian Piccolo Middle School on the near North Side. "Morale is very bad."

Teachers in the nation's third-largest school district approved the \$81 million contract by a vote of 73 percent to 27 percent Monday. Since the 5 percent pay raise does not take effect until January, the increase for the year will total only 2.9 percent.

"The 2.9 percent effective pay increase is chicken feed," Maloney said.

The five-member Chicago School Finance Authority, created by the Illinois Legislature in 1980 after the bankrupt school system shut down because of lack of money, still has to approve the pact.

Authority attorney Wayne McCoy said that before approval is granted the school board must submit a revised revenue estimate, budget and financial plan. There was no word on when the authority would rule.

Even though many of the teachers were bitter, most said the 5 percent increase was the best they could hope for from the financially strapped Board of Education.

"If we held out for 10 percent, we would still be out in January," said Carolyn Saunders of the Bryn Mawr Elementary School on the South Side.

Many of the 435,000 students returning to classes also had mixed feelings.

"I don't know if I'll like to get back to the classroom but I like going back to school," said fifth-grader Jason Bever, 10. "We'll probably get piled on with tests because we have to make up these days."

Schools Superintendent Ruth Love said the pact will not upset the board's budget, although projected deficits were

what first led the board to deny a raise and trigger the walkout Oct. 3.

It has been estimated the con-

tract will raise the deficit by up to \$17 million, raising the projected 1984-85 deficit to about \$100 million.

Lawyer off murder case

United Press International
GEORGETOWN — District Judge John Carter Tuesday granted a San Antonio lawyer's request to be removed as defense attorney for Kerrville nurse Genevieve Jones, who was scheduled to go on trial Jan. 9 for the slaying of a 15-month-old girl.

Carter granted William Chenault's request that he be excused from the case and said Taylor attorney Burt Carnes would take Chenault's place.

Chenault asked to be excused because of the expense and distance involved in traveling from San Antonio. Jones also is being defended by Georgetown attorney Jim Brookshire.

She is charged with murder in the death of Chelsea Ann McClellan of Kerrville, who prosecutors say was given an injection of a muscle relaxant during a visit to a pediatrician.

She also has been named by Bexar County officials as a suspect in their investigation of the mysterious deaths of several babies at Medical Center Hospital in San Antonio, where Jones once was employed.

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Oct. 24-28 at Yearbook Associates office

Oct. 31-Nov. 4 at the Pavilion on campus.

All pictures will be taken 8:30 to 4:30. No appointment necessary. Yearbook Associates is located at 1700 S. Kyle behind Culpepper Plaza. For more information, call Yearbook Associates at 693-6756.

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Around town

Committee sponsors Halloween party

The MSC Hospitality Committee will sponsor its annual Halloween party for the children of faculty and staff members tonight. Children ages 3 to 12 are encouraged to dress in costumes and enjoy the games and refreshments. Committee members will be present to take care of the children. The party will begin at 7 p.m. in 201 Memorial Student Center.

Free U registration continues today

Registration for the second session of the fall MSC Free U classes will be open until 6 p.m. today in 212 MSC. Brochures listing the classes are available in the MSC, at Sbisa, Duncan and the Commons Dining Halls, the Blocker Building and Zachary Engineering Center. Applications for teachers for the spring semester are available in 216 MSC.

Energy awareness week observation

In observance of American Energy Awareness Week, which continues through Saturday, the Texas Energy Extension Service at Texas A&M is sponsoring a two-day booth at Manor East Mall to educate the public on major home energy conservation concerns.

Representatives from the Energy Extension Service will be on hand today and Thursday from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. to show a 10-minute film on home energy conservation, to hand out helpful information and answer questions.

Cycling team in Houston, wins again

The Texas A&M Cycling Team took the field in a 20 mile race in Houston Saturday. Placing were: Rick Sandburg, first; Frank Scurlock, second; Scott Hill, fifth; and Nic Maffei, sixth.

Maffei says the race was won by teamwork — the two strongest riders, Sandburg and Scurlock, broke off the front early in the race and the rest of the team remained in the pack to slow the pace until the two leaders had lapped the pack.

Team member Mike Saunders placed third in another category race also held in Houston. The team's next race will be in Oklahoma on Nov. 12.

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