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Reagan defends military actions

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WASHINGTON — President Reagan, seeking to justify his use of military force abroad, said Thursday he ordered an invasion of Grenada out of a belief that "the nightmare of hostages in Iran must never be repeated."
 Reagan, in one of the most important speeches of his presidency, linked the invasion of the tiny Caribbean island and the presence of 1,600 U.S. troops in Lebanon, insisting each reflects his determination to deter Soviet adventurism.
 "The events in Lebanon and Grenada, though oceans apart, are closely related," Reagan said. "Not only has the world assisted and encouraged the violence in both countries, but it is providing direct support through a network of surrogates and terrorists."
 Reagan mourned the deaths of more than 225 American servicemen killed Sunday in a terrorist bombing in Beirut, as well as at least eight

others who died in Grenada, but said this "tragic price to pay" must not weaken U.S. resolve.
 "We cannot and will not dishonor them now and the sacrifices they have made by failing to remain as faithful to the cause of freedom and the pursuit of peace as they have been," he said in a speech from the Oval Office.
 The calamity in Beirut and invasion of Grenada, both without parallel since the Vietnam War, brought Reagan under heavy pressure to defend his foreign policy in the midst of anxiety at home and outright opposition abroad.
 Reagan reiterated that U.S. Marines will remain in Lebanon as part of a multinational peace-keeping force, whose other members — France, Italy and Great Britain — all leveled criticism at his invasion of Grenada.
 While he acknowledged many Americans are questioning this commitment of troops in light of Sunday's

bombing, Reagan said the peace-keeping force has brought a degree of stability to an area "vital to us and to world peace."
 "Indeed, without the peacekeepers from the U.S., France, Italy and Britain," he said, "the efforts to find a peaceful solution in Lebanon would collapse."
 Reagan announced no new initiatives. He said the United States would step up its efforts on the diplomatic front, but did not name a new special envoy to replace Robert McFarlane, his new national security adviser.
 Reagan also said "we are doing our best" to provide greater safety for the Marines in Beirut. He again cited "circumstantial evidence" suggesting a breakaway group of Iranian-backed Islamic extremists was to blame and vowed: "Those who directed this atrocity must be dealt justice. They will be."

Salute to Marines in Lebanon

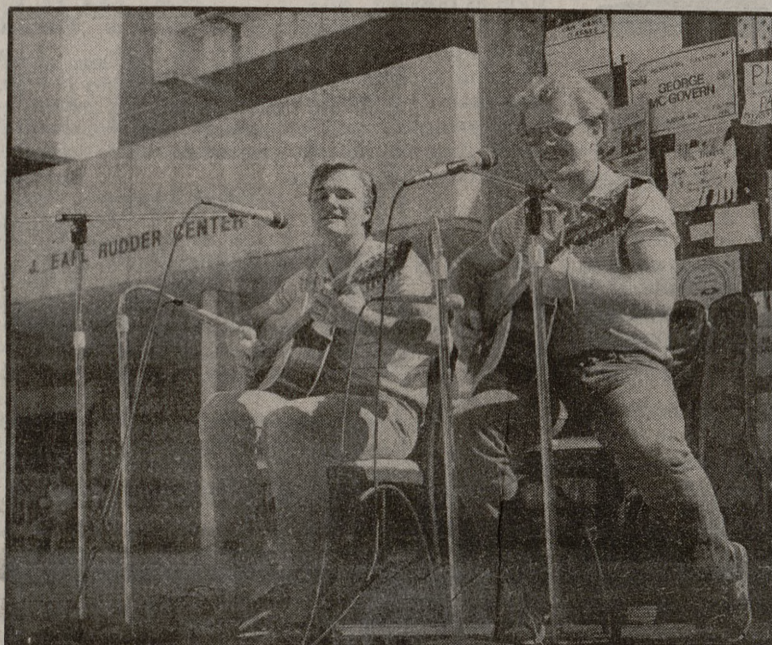
(Editor's note: Emile Tayar is a member of the Lebanese Student Association at Texas A&M. This article reflects his opinions on the situation in Lebanon. Opinions expressed in this article are not necessarily those of The Battalion.)

by Emile Tayar
 Nothing in the world can comfort a soul that has been grieved by the death of a beloved one, especially if the dead are young marines performing a noble peacekeeping duty thousands of miles away from home and family. As members of the Lebanese club at Texas A&M University, and speaking on behalf of every true Lebanese, we wish to express our deepest sorrow and to extend our heartfelt condolences to the families of the Marines killed in Lebanon.
 Heroes are those who defend their countries, but those helping others defend theirs should be honored as super-heroes. The Marines in Lebanon are standing up for what America and Lebanon believe in — peace and freedom.

Lebanon has always been the only democracy in the Arab world. Lebanon has always been an advocate of free enterprise and a member of the free world community. Lebanon has always spoken for human rights and against terrorism, repression and totalitarianism. Lebanon has always been a haven for the western tourist and businessman as well as a shelter for the oppressed and persecuted Middle Eastern.
 Now, Lebanon's very existence is threatened by the anti-freedom forces of Syria, Libya and Iran in the north and east as well as by Israel's ambitions in the south. With Russian blessings and help, Syria is bent on dominating Lebanon and on crushing the freedom-loving spirit of the Lebanese people. Had it not been for the Marines and for others in the multi-national forces, Lebanon would have been chewed and swallowed by Syria and then delivered as a playground to the Russians. Lebanon, America and the free world must fight to preserve the mutual interest and the common values they all share.
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Purchase request discussed

by Ronnie Crocker
Battalion Staff
 The request by Texas A&M to purchase a .38-acre section of land will be considered today by the state Coordinating Board during its regular quarterly meeting in Austin.
 The board's Committee on Campus Planning and Physical Facilities unanimously approved the transaction Thursday.
 The land is on University Drive adjacent to the College of Veterinary Medicine, W. C. Freeman, executive chancellor for administration, and consists of two lots with a total area of .38 acres.



Cindi Tackitt, Battalion staff

And they were singing

Johnny Blalock, left, a senior agricultural economics major from New Braunfels, and Ted Trimble a junior electrical engineering major from New Braunfels perform Thursday afternoon in front of Rudder Tower.

Hydrogen specialist to lecture on energy

by Robin Black
Battalion Staff
 Dr. T. Nejat Veziroglu, director of the Clean Air Institute at the University of Miami, will discuss hydrogen energy systems at 3 p.m. today in room 231 of the Chemistry Building.
 Veziroglu, who was invited by the Dr. John O. Bockris, head of the Texas A&M Hydrogen Research Center, will compare hydrogen energy systems and systems involving fossil fuels.
 Veziroglu will be on campus just one year after the hydrogen fuel breakthrough was made by Bockris and the hydrogen energy research team.

Bockris and Veziroglu have been close for a number of years, and worked together on the hydrogen project, Debbi Smith, a chemistry staff assistant said.
 "Veziroglu is involved in basically the same kind of research as Dr. Bockris, and is very well-known in the field," she said.
 Bockris invited Veziroglu to compare the two fuel systems for the benefit of the research here and because of interest in the community on that type of research, Smith said.
 "The fact that Veziroglu will be speaking here on the anniversary of the hydrogen project and during national

Energy Awareness Week is entirely coincidental," she said.
 Veziroglu, a native of Turkey, has received degrees from the City and Guilds College and the University of London in mechanical engineering, advanced studies in engineering and heat transfer.
 He joined the engineering faculty at the University of Miami in 1962, and two years later initiated the first Ph.D. program in the engineering and architecture school.
 He also has been an invited lecturer in countries ranging from the U.S.S.R. to the Philippines.

Record home crowd anticipated Saturday

The largest home crowd of the year is expected Saturday when Texas A&M hosts the SMU Mustangs at 2 p.m. Saturday in Kyle Field in what is probably the Aggies' most important game of the year.
 More than 60,000 fans are expected as the Texas A&M team will

try to improve its record to 4-3-1 for the season and 3-1-1 in conference play.
 No live national or regional television coverage is planned, but the game will be shown on cable systems in Dallas and Houston on a delayed basis. Last year, the Mustangs whip-

ped Texas A&M 47-9 before a CBS television audience.
 Saturday's game will mark the first time in three weeks the Aggies' Twelfth Man Kickoff Team will step into action.
 For more on the Texas A&M-SMU game, see page 17.

No solution in sight, on or off campus

Parking continues to be a headache

by Jamie Hataway
Battalion Reporter
 Illegal parking creates a major congestion problem in the Northgate area, and efforts are being made to flush the illegal vehicles out, the director of College Station city planning, says.
 Texas A&M students and employees capitalizing on the free and convenient parking in business, church and empty lots should look for new places to park because recommendations are being acted on to clean up the area, director Al Mayo said.
 Some areas in Northgate are creating hazardous conditions, he said.

Mayo recently counted 300 to 400 cars crammed in an empty undeveloped lot.
 "If one of these cars caught on fire out in the middle, there would be no way for emergency vehicles to reach it," he said.
 Mayo has been trying to contact the property owner of the big lot behind Skaggs, which has become a catch-all for many student vehicles, but efforts have failed so far.
 "All he'll (the lot owner) probably do is run a cable around it to keep them off," Mayo said. He said it won't do anything to help the need for more parking areas.
 The city will post more signs dis-

tinguishing one hour parking and no parking areas. But many already are posted and people park there anyway.
 "The signs won't work unless you put the fear of the law into people," Mayo said. A uniformed police officer needs to be hired to patrol the area for best results, he said.
 But an estimated budget of \$60,000 for that recommendation probably will postpone action for at least another year, Mayo said.
 In the meantime, businesses and churches have been asked to issue parking permits to their employees who should be the only ones parking in the off-street lots. This will make it

easier to determine who isn't supposed to be there, Mayo said.
 But Dan MacGilvry, former chairman of the now defunct Northgate Committee, said the recommended actions will only aggravate the parking problem in the short-run.
 The Northgate Committee was organized in October 1982 to determine needed improvements for the area. The final recommendations were accepted recently by the College Station City Council, and now the moves are being made to clean up Northgate, especially problems concerning cars.
 MacGilvry, assistant dean of the College of Architecture and Environ-

mental Design, said solving the problem will require cooperation of city and University officials.
 "There's been a traditional battle between the University and the city," he said.
 Mayo agrees. He said there is a see-saw effect in play between Texas A&M and the city. As soon as the city gets the illegal parkers back on campus, Mayo said, the University raises fees, and sends them running back out into the streets.
 "The University unfortunately has the idea that parking has to pay for itself," Mayo said. But there's no way this is feasibly possible, he said.

Seniors may lose their exemption privileges

by Karen Wallace
Battalion Staff
 The Faculty Senate is looking into the possible abolishment of the senior exemption policy, Jon R. Bond, Faculty Senate member, said Wednesday.
 A special committee of the Faculty Senate was formed in August to examine the senior exemption policy, Bond, an associate professor of political science, said.
 The committee will examine the regulation requiring the exemption of degree candidates from regular finals, dead week and any problems that may be associated with it, and the possible need to establish reading days between the last day of school and final exams, Bond said.
 The first issue the committee has begun work on is senior exemptions from finals, Bond said.
 The committee is collecting faculty and student opinion to determine the advantages and disadvantages of the

policy, and to see what universities comparable to Texas A&M are doing, he said.
 Questionnaires were sent to faculty members, and weekly meetings are held with representatives from student organizations such as the Student Senate, the Graduate Student Council and the Corps of Cadets.
 Nicole Williams, director of external affairs for the Residence Hall Association, was one of the students who met with the committee.
 "They asked questions about the senior exemption policy and I told them my opinion," Williams said. "I also told them I thought perhaps the way they were getting opinions from the students was incomplete."
 Williams said student leaders are not representative of the student body because they are required to have at least a 2.5 grade-point ratio, and thus are not in danger of not graduating.
 However, Bond said the committee was not looking for a true repre-

sentation of the student body.
 "We invited the leaders of Student Government on the assumption that they are the most articulate and could provide the strongest arguments," Bond said.
 "Once we have finished collecting the information, we will use that information to come to some conclusion whether or not the policy will be abolished," he said. "Then we will make a recommendation to the Senate based on the information."
 "If the proposal is accepted, or if it is even proposed, the earliest seniors affected would be those graduating in 1985, possibly 1986."
 Bond said he hopes to have a report ready for the December Senate meeting.
 The committee then will look at problems with dead week, Bond said. It is possible no classes will be held during dead week in the future, he said.

Expansion is key to research future

(Editor's note: This is the last in a five-part series on research at Texas A&M.)
by Stephanie M. Ross
Battalion Staff
 Expansion will be the key to the future of research at Texas A&M, says Feenan D. Jennings, director of the Office of University Research.
 Even though the undergraduate programs within the University System might be leveling off now, the research and graduate programs still are expanding, Jennings said. An increase in research will cause expansion of qualified faculty and research funds.
 Although all areas of research will expand, three areas will be extended highly. Those areas are genetic engineering, which currently is being done by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, high energy physics by the physics department and an ocean drilling project to be headed by Texas A&M. Some of the research will be done in conjunction with other universities.

Almost all other areas of research will be extended, and some expansion will occur in colleges where research currently is not prominent such as in the College of Liberal Arts.
 As part of the Target 2000 program, a committee is studying the research situation, and will make recommendations on where research should be expanded, Jennings said.
 The expansion will have many effects on the University other than on research itself. The recruitment of new faculty is one of the major effects.
 Jennings said that with increased research, the University will be more appealing to highly qualified faculty, and the qualified faculty will attract other researchers of equally high caliber.
 This "snowballing effect" already is in process at Texas A&M, as is evident by the current qualified faculty, he said.
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Sunny and mild, with cool mornings and highs reaching 80 in the afternoons.