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Military mortuary prepares for bodies of slain Marines

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DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. — Preparations to honor more than 200 Americans killed in Beirut were made Thursday as the Dover AFB military mortuary braced for its largest influx of bodies since the mass suicide in Jonestown.

The death toll continued to grow in Sunday's bombing of a Marine headquarters at the Beirut airport. The Marine Corps said 221 Americans,

mostly Marines, were confirmed dead on Thursday.

Air Force Lt. Jim Sahli, a Dover public affairs officer, said the bodies were being taken from Beirut to Frankfurt, West Germany, and from there would be flown to Dover.

"I don't know when they will arrive, what type of aircraft they will arrive in, or how many bodies will come in at once," he said, adding that the base would get about eight hours advance

notice when the planes leave Frankfurt.

Marine escorts will accompany each fallen comrade to his hometown after ceremonies at Dover AFB.

Dover maintains the largest military mortuary in the coun-

try. The one-story concrete structure, opened in 1968, can handle up to 1,000 bodies.

A 20-member Marine liaison team is in Dover to help coordinate ceremonies to honor the dead Marines and to answer questions from family members calling for information about sons and husbands in Beirut.

Sahli said that Marine honor and color guards, the Marine Band and a Navy chaplain will preside over the ceremonies,

which will be held in a tent before the bodies are taken to the military mortuary.

He said Marine escorts accompany each fallen comrade to his hometown for burial.

This will be the largest number of bodies at the mortuary since the 1978 mass suicide in Jonestown, Guyana, said Sahli.

"We handled 911 bodies then," he said. "One thing about this number, you don't know it."

Embryo transfer tested in monkeys

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CHICAGO — A technique has been developed to permit in-

fertile women without ovaries to receive a donor embryo, carry, deliver and even breastfeed the

baby, a government researcher announced Thursday.

Surrogate embryo transfer is now performed only on women with functioning ovaries. But the new technique, combined with hormonal therapy, would help an estimated 100,000 to 200,000 women without functioning ovaries, said Gary D. Hodgen, chief of the National Institutes of Health pregnancy research branch.

This technique is for the woman who has no way of having a baby and has no other options, Hodgen said in an interview.

"This is a whole new opportunity never before presented to these couples — that's significant," he said. "This may be the new hope and the only hope they have of actually experiencing the pregnancy and giving birth to a child."

In the Journal of the American Medical Association, Hodgen reported an experiment in which 11 of 17 monkey embryos were successfully transferred to rhesus monkeys whose ovaries have been surgically removed. Four recipients became pregnant and gave birth.

"There is nothing biologically that is a barrier to attempting it immediately" in humans, Hodgen said. But he cautioned that ethical and legal issues first must be considered.

Potential candidates would

have a "competent" uterus but would lack eggs for fertilization and hormones normally produced by ovaries — estrogen and progesterone.

The egg from the donor would be collected from her reproductive tract, fertilized with sperm of the recipient's husband, and then transferred to the recipient's womb.

In the experiment, Hodgen implanted a tiny plastic tube

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under the monkey's skin that slowly released estrogen for two weeks to develop the lining of the womb — then progesterone to allow the fertilized egg to attach to the womb.

"The primate results suggest that this will probably be effective for the treatment of human infertility," he said. "Ethically, we must decide as a society if we are willing to apply this form of infertility treatment."

With the new procedure, parents would be able to experience the psychological preparation for the birth of their child before it is born, Hodgen said. "What they're really adopting an embryo, not adopting a child," he said. "The woman would be the mother biologically, but genetically, he added, the father would be the father."

"It's attached to her," Hodgen said. It is the mother who carries the fetus, goes through the labor and pain, hears the baby's first gasp, and then breastfeeds the baby, he said. "I think it very much like her baby," he said.

The couple also can face a third fetus develops under while the surrogate mother, they need for certain whether she is drinking or taking medication.

The mother can allow her to lactate.

Candidates for this include women who have entered menopause at an age, had ovaries removed, had cancer, chemotherapy or radiation which destroyed eggs, women over 40 who may have good quality eggs.

Infertile women could give birth

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Fire kills three young children

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FRESNO — Three children died Thursday in a second apartment fire in a building that may have been started by a 3-year-old boy with a cigarette lighter.

Maria Elena Lopez, Pablo Lopez, 1, and Lopez, 1 month, were dead in the apartment. Their mother, Maria Lopez, 3-year-old son escaped with help of neighbors.

"She had the kid in her arms and a couple of guys backed a van up and got it and got the 3-year-old from her," Fort Bend Sheriff Ervin Hurr said. "He jumped off a kind of..."

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