

# Congressman fears for Beirut Marines

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WASHINGTON — The Marines in Lebanon will be vulnerable to another major terrorist attack and daily bursts of sniper gunfire until the United States takes steps to better protect them, Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., said Monday.

Skelton, one of 11 House members who this weekend toured Beirut and the West German hospital where wounded American Marines are recuperating from the Oct. 23 attack that killed 229 of their comrades, said he was impressed by the high morale but feared for

the safety of the Marines.

"If the administration insists upon keeping Marines in Beirut, which I oppose, there must be some changes," Skelton told a news conference.

"First, we need better intelligence, particularly about terrorist groups. Second, we must allow the Marines to defend themselves and to be in a better position, that is to take the high ground."

"And we're going to have to change the rules of engagement and allow them to defend themselves better, keep their clips in their guns and fire under certain conditions," he said.

Skelton, who has opposed the presence of U.S. Marines in Lebanon, was one of 11 members of the Veterans Affairs and House Armed Services committees in the delegation led by Rep. Sonny Montgomery, D-Miss.

"In the long term, we're going to have to change our operations there," said Skelton, a member of the House Armed Services Committee. "We could have another major disaster similar to this one or an attrition by snipers on a daily basis."

Skelton said military officials told the delegation they had believed the Marines were safe in a

large, strong building near the Beirut airport, and none of the guards had ammunition in their guns when a "suicide-bent terrorist" drove a bomb-laden truck into the building just before dawn Oct. 23. The building collapsed, leaving a 40-foot-wide hole, Skelton said.

"In my opinion, the threat assessment was not adequate," said Skelton. "However, it's very difficult at best to anticipate someone bent on suicide, a Kamikaze type person."

Skelton said he believed the recent tragedy bolstered his claim that U.S. Marines are no longer in Lebanon as part of a peace-keeping force but now are in a defensive position.

"The role of the Marines has changed," he said. "They went there as peace-keepers as an American presence. All of this is now a thing of the past. As the (military officials) told us, a new crowd in town came in August—terrorists, snipers—and now we are in a defensive and enclosed shell."

He said he had the opportunity to visit with several Missouri residents among the Marines in Lebanon and the wounded in west Germany.



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You must call the Co-op Office at 845-7725 or come by Room 107, Harrington Tower for an orientation to co-op and complete your application prior to your interview with the Stehlin Foundation.

NOTE: In the past, the Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research has employed summer students from other universities and co-op students from Texas A&M University. All students who worked for them and desired to go on to medical school have been accepted to medical school.



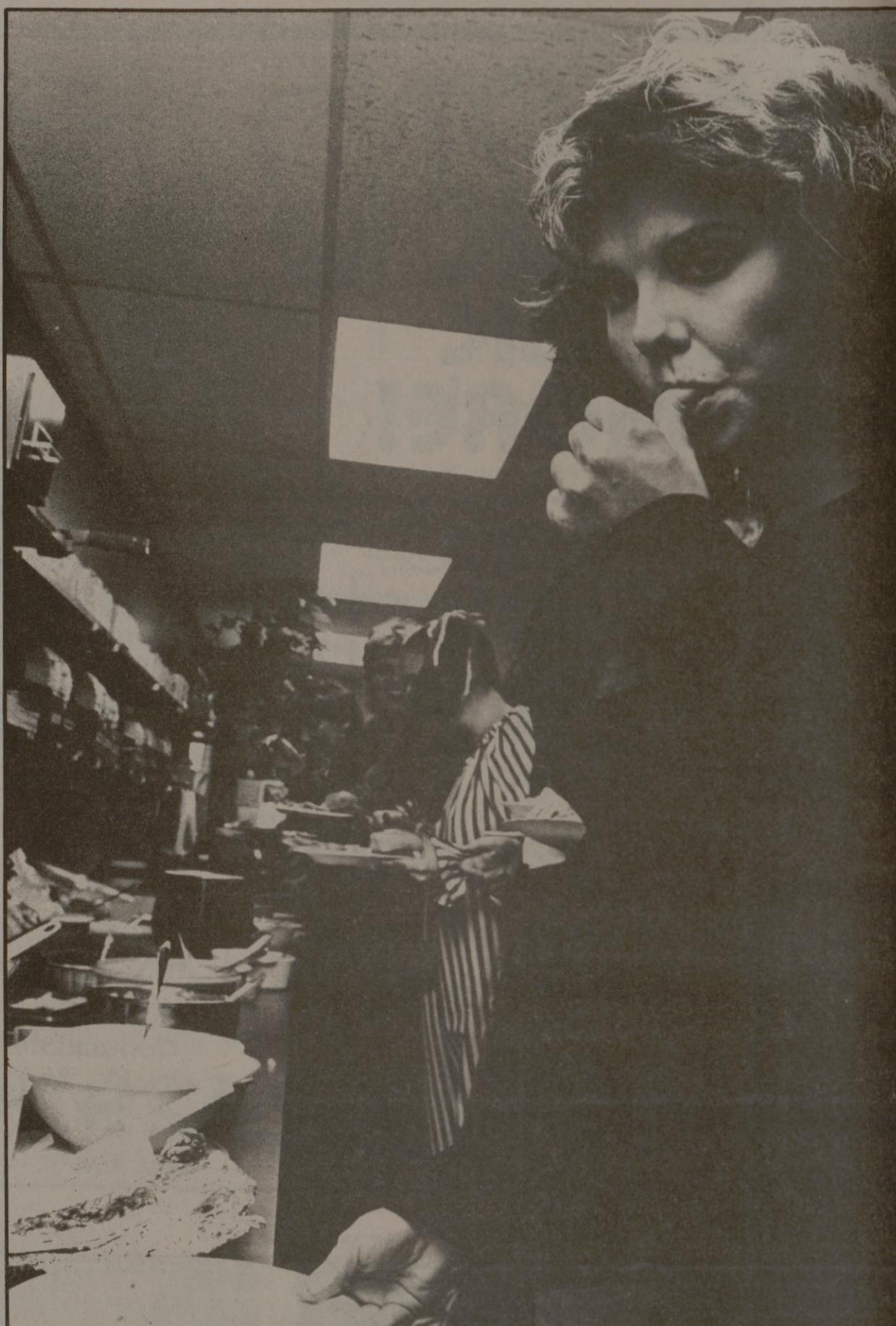
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rivalries.

In California, it's San Francisco and Los Angeles at odds. In Texas, Dallas and Houston resi-

dents share mutual contempt. And in New Mexico, the competition is between Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

Newspaper columnist Keith Raether has examined the curious penchant for residents in 7,000-foot-high Santa Fe to look down on Albuquerqueans — and for denizens of the state's largest city to speak disdainfully of their lofty neighbors in "The City Different."

"In the past few weeks, I've heard the following said in bars and restaurants of each city, before and after cordials were poured," Raether wrote in Monday's Albuquerque Tribune.

"Everyone in Santa Fe eats Brie and drives a new Volvo." He disputed the statement at once.

"Not everyone drives a new Volvo either. There are a lot of faded Mercedes and BMWs in town. A friend of mine swears to

having seen an old jaguar with dual exhausts of state plates hobbling to Fe's Canyon Road.

"Question: How can you leave Santa Fe? When you see a car with Mexico license plates."

Raether notes that there are a lot of New Mexico license plates on cars in the city. It's just that they're all reserved lots around the Capitol.

He also addressed the conception that even Santa Fe is radical-chic.

"First of all, you're getting 'chic' wrong. You're thinking of the jeans thing in Santa Fe simple."

As for Albuquerque, it is simply wrong to think that no one would set up a city if it weren't for the

"There will always be a depot, with shuttle service and from Amarillo," "And Route 66, where rents discovered White stations and you stretch of mobile homes longer than the drive to Oklahoma."

"Question: How can an Albuquerquean from Fean in the lift line?" Answer: The Albuquerque, the one with spurs on boots."

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