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Schultz condemns terrorism

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SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Secretary of State George Shultz arrived in El Salvador Tuesday where he condemned terrorism by both rightists and leftists and warned that further U.S. aid is jeopardized by human rights abuses.

"The tactics of terror, whether totalitarianism or death squad terror, have no place in a democracy and we oppose terror in all its forms," Shultz said upon arrival from Washington.

Shultz was scheduled to go to Caracas later Tuesday to attend the inauguration of Venezuela's new president, Jaime Lusinchi, Wednesday and will later visit Brazil, Grenada and Barbados during his Latin American trip.

Shultz hosted a luncheon for political leaders that included Roberto D'Aubuisson, a right-wing presidential candidate allegedly linked to rightist death squads. D'Aubuisson did not attend a dinner during a December visit by Vice President George Bush.

On the flight to El Salvador, the secretary of state told reporters U.S. aid to El Salvador for its war against leftist guerrillas is jeopardized by political assassinations and human rights abuses.

But Shultz also praised the government for making progress in curtailing political violence and for acting on the cases of military personnel and civilians the United States would like to see removed or brought to justice. "I will want to encourage that and insist on that for their benefit most of all," he said. "Who wants to live in a country where murder takes place on such a scale and nothing is done about it?"

Shultz was met by Salvadoran Foreign Minister Fidel Chavez Mena and U.S. Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering. He later met with interim President Alvaro Magana and Defense Minister Carlos Eugenio Vides Casanova.

In his arrival remarks, Shultz was careful to condemn both right-wing and left-wing terrorism and stress that the United States favors peace and democracy to bolster the beleaguered government. "Our adversaries are weak because they depend on forces from outside this hemisphere, because they offer totalitarianism, because they depend upon fear and intimidation and nothing else," Shultz said.

"We are strong because what we have to offer are values that people seek, that are good for humanity and that offer the opportunity for economic progress, and we will defend these values," he said.

The administration is preparing to ask Congress for major increases in the \$260.2 annual military and economic aid for El Salvador, but faces resistance because of the thousands of murders blamed on rightist death squads.



Just Passing Time

Photo by JOHN MAKELY

Bundled together in the wire dome aviary on top of Nagle Hall, these five pigeons await use as teaching aids

or research aids in the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences.

Reading machine response not as great as anticipated

By REBECCA DIMEO
Reporter

A reading machine that turns printed and typed material into spoken English is drawing a smaller response than expected, a Sterling C. Evans Library official says.

Hal Hall, head of special formats for the library, says a lack of publicity may be part of the reason people are not using the Kurzweil Reading Machine. He emphasizes that the KRM is not limited to student use, anyone with a library card may use the machine.

Current and former students can obtain a library card free, regardless of where they live, while Bryan-College Station residents and those from out of town pay a small annual fee for one.

The University acquired the KRM

last spring for \$29,000, when the Texas Legislature passed a bill placing one at Texas A&M and five other major universities in the state.

Up to now, only 20 to 25 demonstrations of the KRM have been given. Three students currently use the reading machine regularly.

Hall says the low response problem may stem from the effort involved in learning to use the KRM.

"It's not a machine you walk into and use in five minutes," he says. "To get proficient on the machine takes work."

The KRM contains three parts: a reading unit, a computer, and a keyboard. The reading unit scans a printed page storing the information in the computer memory. The computer then searches its dictionary of 1,000 grammar rules and 1,500 exceptions before reading the material aloud in what the manufacturer de-

scribes as a "vaguely east European voice."

The keyboard is small enough to be held in the user's lap. It has 30 push-buttons and eight other controls used to spell out a word or control the volume or tone, for example.

"Nothing on the control pad is labeled; the blind don't need labels," Hall says.

Instead, two charts are provided, one for each of the KRM's computer modes. In addition to its reading functions, the machine can be used as a talking calculator performing logarithmic, trigonometric and exponential functions in addition to ordinary computations.

The KRM is located in the Learning Resources Department, 604 Sterling C. Evans Library. It is available

during the department's regular operating hours, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Users must make an appointment and plan to spend about 10 hours learning to operate the KRM.

Charles Powell, coordinator of handicapped and veterans services, estimates that about seven Texas A&M students are blind and need the type of service the KRM provides. However, others with reading disabilities could benefit from the machine, he says.

Those students currently are using others to read to them or are ordering audiocassette tapes, which can take up to six weeks, as compared to the immediacy of the KRM, Powell says.

"The machine is a long term thing. It's not how many people you have now, but how many you're going to have," he says.

Moreno trial continues

United Press International

RICHMOND — A Waller County investigator testified Tuesday he searched the car allegedly owned by Eliseo Moreno, who is accused of capital murder, and found several weapons and a key that fit the door of slain Department of Public Safety Trooper Russell Lynn Boyd.

Moreno, 25, a former lawnmower repairman, has been charged with capital murder for the October death of Boyd near Hempstead.

Moreno, whose trial was moved to Richmond because of the publicity in Waller County, also has been charged with killing his sister-in-law Esther Garza, 31, and her husband Juan, 30, in College Station on Oct. 11. He also is charged with murder in the deaths of Ann Bennett, 70, and her brother James, 71, and their neighbor Allie Wilkins, 79, all of Hempstead.

Investigators said the shootings, which took place over a 130-mile rampage in one night, were the result of a domestic problem Moreno was having with his estranged wife Blanca.

Waller County investigator Raymond Cook said that when he searched Moreno's car, he also found five spent .357-caliber shells and a bank receipt with Moreno's name on it.

A second witness Tuesday said a man, who he identified as Moreno, pulled a gun on him and his family at a restaurant in Hempstead and then took his car.

Through an interpreter, Jenaro Civran said Moreno warned him not to resist the car theft or he would pay with his life.

The third witness in the capital murder trial Tuesday was Billy Shirley, who said he and his wife and three children were threatened near Hempstead by Moreno, who was carrying a large caliber gun.

Shirley said Moreno kidnapped his family and told Shirley that the gun he had was taken from a DPS trooper.

Shirley drove Moreno to Pasadena. Moreno gave the family his last \$6 so they could drive the 70 miles back home.

Senior fee deadline set

Students planning to graduate this May must file for graduation and pay their diploma fee by Friday.

Students who paid the \$15 diploma fee during registration must take their fee slip to the Degree Check window in 105 Heaton to file. Those who did not pay with their regular fees must pay at the Coke Building before going to Heaton. Those students must present their receipt at Heaton to file.

Lebanese violence flares up, U.S. Marine base stays quiet

United Press International

BEIRUT — Syrian-backed Druze Moslem militiamen exchanged mortar and rocket fire with Lebanese army units at the edge of the Marine base at Beirut Airport Tuesday, but U.S. forces were not drawn into the conflict.

The sporadic fighting engulfed army positions in the coastal town of Khalde, on the southern fringe of Marine positions, as well as on the first mountain ridge to the east, a Lebanese army spokesman said.

Maj. Dennis Brooks, the Marine spokesman, said no rounds landed inside the U.S. perimeter during the day although the Marines were aware of the anti-government bombardment to their south.

The Pentagon identified the Marine killed in fighting Monday as Lance Cpl. George L. Dramis of Cape May, N.J. Brooks said a Marine seriously wounded Monday was in stable condition aboard the USS

Guam offshore. Two other Marines were wounded less seriously.

Dramis' death brings to 263 the number of U.S. servicemen killed in Lebanon since the arrival of the Marine contingent to the multinational force Sept. 29, 1982, including four military men who died in the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut April 18.

It was not known if the fire that killed Dramis came from the Druze or Shiite Moslem rebels. Shiites in the southern suburbs said Druze they fired at the Marines in self-defense, but Marine fire had been directed at Druze positions in the Shouf mountains.

U.S. Middle East envoy Donald Rumsfeld flew to Jerusalem for meetings with Foreign ministry officials after spending Monday in Beirut and Damascus in continuing efforts to break a deadlock on a security plan for Lebanon.

U.S. negotiator Richard Murphy, assistant secretary of state for near eastern affairs, met in Damascus with Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khaddam.

State-run Beirut radio, which reported the meeting, provided no details but a Western diplomatic source in Beirut said there was some progress but "no concrete" results.

At least one Lebanese soldier was wounded by shrapnel during a mortar barrage on army units at Souk el Gharb, in the Shouf mountains 8 miles southeast of Beirut, the state National News Agency said.

Druze rebels also fired rockets at the nearby army stronghold in Aramoun and on Khalde, the army spokesman said.

A report by the Druze-operated Voice of the Mountain radio accused the army of shelling the Shouf village

of Baisour, 4 miles south of Souk el Gharb on the same ridge.

Although the clashes were less serious than Monday, they spread south to the Kharroub region with Christian militiamen and Sunni Moslem fighters clashing around the villages of Majdaloun and Mighiriyeh 20 miles from Beirut.

The state news agency said anti-aircraft flak was fired during the battle, but did not say by which side.

Lebanon's Christian religious leaders met in the town of Bkerke and called for the "liberation of Lebanon from all occupation forces" and pledged equality for Lebanese.

The statement, which was endorsed by Pierre Gemayel, leader of the Phalange Party and father of President Amin Gemayel, came as the group prepared for a Christian-Moslem conference aimed at ending the Lebanese political crisis.

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