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## Troop withdrawal plan announced

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WASHINGTON — President Reagan received a final plan for withdrawing most of the U.S. Marines from Lebanon within 30 days Tuesday, and a senior White House official said the first troop movements could come within 48 hours.

The report, prepared by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, is designed to implement a pivotal decision set into motion by Reagan more than two weeks earlier. Reagan will give his formal approval later today, the official said.

Although the timetable remained somewhat ill-defined, the official said the pullout will take place "in a stable and orderly fashion" and completion

within 30 days "remains the president's expectation."

"I'm very confident that we will be able to complete this redeployment in the projected timetable," the official said.

The official disclosed the process was accelerated after a major push by Moslem militiamen last weekend in order to remove a major point of contention between the government and its sectarian opponents.

The official said about 200 of the 1,100 Marines now surrounded by Druze militiamen in their position at the Beirut airport will remain ashore to provide security to the U.S. Embassy and the residence of U.S. Ambassador Reginald Bartholomew.

All told, the official said, about 500 American military personnel will re-

main in Beirut, including an expanded contingent of Army advisers and security and support units.

The official said the Marines moved offshore will continue to function as a peace-keeping force, despite unresolved questions over their precise role and mission while stationed off the Lebanese coast on ships of the 6th Fleet.

The proximity of the fleet to the coast is a factor in discussions on replacing the dwindling multinational force in Beirut with a U.N. peace-keeping force. However, the official indicated the United States will not accept restrictions on the movement of the fleet, as advocated, for example, by the Soviets.

"We are interested in a U.N. force

— under terms that ensure its effective function there," the official said.

The Weinberger report was sent to Reagan only after a final round of consultations with the Lebanese government and the other members of the multinational force.

Vice President George Bush conducted the consultations over the last week in London, Rome and Paris, and returned to Washington early Thursday. Britain, Italy and France all contributed troops to the multinational force established in September 1982.

All three have announced similar plans to reduce their military presence on the ground in Lebanon. In

announcing a pullout of Italian troops Thursday, Defense Minister Giovanni Spadolini said, "There are no winners in Lebanon, only losers."

But the Reagan administration sought to put the best face on what top officials insisted on calling a "phased redeployment," rather than a retreat.

The official who briefed reporters at the White House denied the move reflects a failure of U.S. policy in Lebanon. "There certainly have been setbacks — bad ones — but there also have been gains," the official said.

In the former category, the United States has lost 264 servicemen in Lebanon. In the latter category, the offi-

cial said, the multinational force helped hasten a departure of Palestinian troops and efforts "to establish a government reflective of the demography of the country."

However, the official also intimated the U.S. role — once that of a mediator and active participant — has changed, and that the fate of Lebanon is now in the hands of Saudi Arabia and, to a large extent, Syria.

Several hours earlier, White House spokesman Larry Speakes indicated Reagan would give his final approval to the plan by the end of the day. But the official at the White House Thursday said the details were discussed on the assumption Reagan would do so Friday.

## Miller, panel discuss rights

By ROBIN BLACK  
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The right to know vs. the right to let alone: two fundamental rights that are inevitably going to cross, Harvard law professor Arthur Miller said.

Miller mediated a panel discussion on media and privacy after an address Thursday as part of the Student Conference on National Affairs on "Media: Behind the Headlines."

"One of the most interesting and repeat things about being an American citizen," Miller said, "is our rights."

"The United States has more rights than anywhere else on the face of the earth. But whenever you give a lot of rights, there will always be a lot of them somewhere that cross, bump heads in the night, especially the right to privacy and free press/free speech."

Miller illustrated this conflict of "bumping rights" to the panel in three hypothetical situations.

Pacing back and forth across the stage, Miller supplied the panel members with the facts of each situation, then challenged them to publish those facts or keep the information confidential.

The fictitious cases he presented ranged from a former government official who is now a womanizing, mentally-ill, drug-abusing, alcoholic bank official to a factory owner who is a nazi death camp officer to a right-to-lifer who had an abortion 25 years ago.

Miller told the panelists that they had obtained the facts about those individuals, all verifiable but not previously known, from an anonymous source.

He then questioned them on the issue of whether it was fair for the public to be made aware of those facts or fair for the individual involved to maintain his privacy.

When he got an answer from a panelist, he became the devil's advocate, countering the answers with the opposing stand.

As a result, most of the panel members became increasingly confused, changing their answers and struggling with the conflict of the rights that Miller called "two of the basic rights Americans consider most important."

When one panelist used the First Amendment to defend his decision to publish the facts, Miller said "I love it when you guys wrap yourselves in the flag."

Miller, who said he advocates the individual's right to privacy, concluded the debate with the possibility that the public prefers to take a hands-off stance in deciding what should be kept private and what should be published.

He said most people are aware of the moral difficulty in making that distinction, and therefore embrace the attitude of "let them decide."

From the present trend, he pointed out, the press seems to be "deciding" with more regularity.

"We're living in a period of post-Watergate euphoria," Miller said, where the press is becoming more aggressive and intrusive, resulting in a kind of Woodward-and-Bernstein complex.

He said free press is "uniquely American," and the media are the only business institutions in the United States that "own a constitutional amendment."

Miller argued that privacy rights are endangered by this.

"Privacy doesn't have its own press agency or corps of journalists out touting its virtues," he said.

With modern technology making the media's intrusive abilities that much easier, Miller said that a private citizen pulled into the public arena by chance is "informationally raped."



Photo by JOHN MAKELY

Harvard law professor Arthur Miller mediates a SCONA panel discussion

## 'Journalists do lie,' SCONA speaker says

By ROBIN BLACK  
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Journalists do lie, Reed Irvine, founder and chairman of the board of Accuracy in Media, said Thursday.

Irvine cited the American media as a "transmission belt for disinformation" in his address on domestic news reporting for the Student Conference on National Affairs.

Inaccuracy and deception are running rampant in the press, and it has

emerged as a serious problem in society, Irvine said.

"You're always hearing people quote Jefferson as a young man when he said 'If I had to choose between government without newspapers or newspapers without government, I would choose the latter,'" he said.

"What you don't hear a lot of people quoting is what he said after he gained the experience of the presidency. 'I am indifferent now as to whether I ever see another newspaper.'"

Irvine defined three areas of "misrepresentation of the truth:" total and flagrant fabrication, refusal to check out questionable sources and slanted reporting, or "not telling both sides of a story."

Irvine said that the reporter usually "takes the rap," when the editor who decides the fate of the story should take the blame as well.

Is there a cure? He said that what America needs most is a press that supports the government and its actions.

## A not-so-common experience

## SCONA delegates 'impressed'

By MICHELLE POWE  
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It seemed like a typical college party. There was a dim roar of people yelling over loud music and each other. Visibility was minimized by the dimmed lights and smoke-filled air.

College and high school students danced, drank and were merry.

But though the evening's activities were like those of any college party, the conversations were probably a little more varied and intellectual.

Students from several universities and several countries were at the party. They discussed, among other things, the speeches they have heard in the past two days.

They are among the 145 delegates of Texas A&M's Student Conference on National Affairs going on this week.



The students represent universities located from New York to California, Canada to Honduras. There are students from universities in El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala and Mexico, and students from Bangladesh and Kenya who are

going to school in Canada and the United States.

Besides hearing speeches in the past two days by numerous experts in communications, the delegates also have gotten a chance to see some of Texas A&M.

Wednesday they went to the Dixie Chicken. Thursday evening, the delegates went to a review of the Corps of Cadets and ate dinner with the Corps in Duncan Dining Hall. Some checked out the local bars.

Tonight they are being treated to a barbeque dinner and a square dance. And what trip to Texas would be complete without barbeque?

All of the delegates seem impressed by the hospitality of their

Texas A&M hosts and by the friendliness of the student body.

For some, the number of "howdy's" they have gotten walking across campus has been surprising. For all, it has been an experience.

One delegate said the people and the weather in Texas are marvelous. "I love it here," he said. "I'd love to live here."

Another said Texas A&M students are "very friendly and patriotic."

The delegates to SCONA have had the opportunity, in a couple of days, to meet new people and make new friends. They have had the not-so-common opportunity of learning about people from different societies and cultures.

## Jury gives Jones 99 years

United Press International

GEORGETOWN — A jury Thursday rejected defense pleas for mercy and probation for Genevieve Jones and sentenced the nurse to 99 years in prison for the drug injection death of a baby girl.

Prosecutors contended the thrill-seeking nurse killed 15-month-old Chelsea McClellan — as well as several other children who survived similar drug injections — to show a need for a special unit for critically ill children at a small hospital in Kerrville.

Although some jurors cried as defense lawyers begged for mercy for Jones, it took the jury little more than an hour to assess the maximum punishment.

"Essentially the facts were so overwhelming we could not ignore them," said jury foreman Edwin Edwards of Georgetown.

He said the fact the crime involved a child "was tough. We all have children or grandchildren or would like to have children."

The former vocational nurse was convicted Wednesday of killing Chelsea with the powerful paralyzing drug succinylcholine at a Kerrville pediatric clinic on Sept. 17, 1982.

Edwards said jurors agreed from the start of their deliberations on both the conviction and the 99-year sentence.

Jones, a 33-year-old mother of two, must serve at least 20 years before becoming eligible for parole.

Defense attorneys said they would appeal the conviction on grounds it was improper to allow testimony about other children allegedly injured by Jones. They said the appeal also would be based on the "circus atmosphere" created by the intense media coverage of the trial.

Jones, red-eyed and visibly upset, stared stunned at the jury as the sentence was read. She sobbed violently Wednesday when her conviction was announced.

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- The former bubble boy David's condition has worsened and doctors are not sure of the prognosis. See story page 4.