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Islamic group threatens U.S.

United Press International

BEIRUT — A threat attributed to the group blamed for last week's attack at the U.S. Embassy annex said Monday another "large operation" soon would be launched against American interests.

A U.S. Embassy spokeswoman said the threat was being taken seriously.

The statement published in the As Safir newspaper and quoting a caller claiming to represent Islamic Jihad (Islamic holy war) said the new strike would avenge 13 villagers slain by Israeli-backed militiamen in South Lebanon Thursday.

In South Lebanon, Israeli occupation authorities Monday closed the port of Sidon to all shipping amid a crackdown that apparently was launched in retaliation for an escalation in anti-Israeli attacks.

A military spokesman in Tel Aviv said an Israeli soldier and an officer of the undercover, anti-guerrilla General Security Services were killed in south Lebanon late Sunday when their car was ambushed in Mechki, 24 miles southeast of Beirut.

He said a soldier was wounded in the attack, the fourth against the Israelis in south Lebanon on Sunday. Apparently referring to the same incident, official Beirut radio said guerrillas firing machine-guns and rocket-propelled grenades killed three Israelis early Monday.

In Damascus, Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy met Syrian President Assad and discussed "the situation in Lebanon, particularly

the proposed withdrawal of the Israeli forces," Damascus radio said.

Murphy then flew to Israel for talks with Israeli leaders, including Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Director-General David Kimche of the Foreign Ministry, and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Murphy's visit to Damascus came a day after Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said he would ask the United States to act as a go-between with Syria to arrange an Israeli withdrawal from southern Lebanon.

Shamir said Israel no longer insists on a simultaneous withdrawal of Syria's 40,000 troops from Lebanon as a condition for removing its estimated 10,000 troops, who invaded Lebanon in June 1982.

Murphy flew to the Middle East in the aftermath of the Embassy annex bombing Thursday in East Beirut to lead an investigation into the attack. His mission later was expanded.

"We blew up the U.S. embassy," said the man who telephoned As Safir, adding that "a large operation will be carried out against American interests soon."

Without identifying the next target, he said the attack would be "in revenge for the martyrs of Sohmor," where members of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army killed 13 villagers and wounded 30 others Thursday.

The caller did not spell out why the United States was being blamed for the Sohmor slaying, although he implicitly blamed the United States for Israel's two-year occupation.

Generic drugs

Reagan signs law projected to save consumers money

United Press International

WASHINGTON — President Reagan Monday signed into a law a measure intended to save sick people hundreds of millions of dollars by making available cheaper generic versions of brand-name medicines.

During a signing ceremony in a sunny White House Rose Garden, Reagan included himself among those who will benefit most by the new law.

"Senior citizens require more medication than any other segment of our society," he said.

"I speak with some authority," he added, provoking chuckles among the audience of 80 executives from drug companies and the Department of Health and Human Services.

"We use about 25 percent of all the drugs sold," Reagan said.

The Drug Price Competition and Patent Term Restoration Act of 1984 speeds up the lengthy federal approval process for medicines that are merely copies of already approved formulations sold under brand names.

It also gives the pharmaceutical industry up to an extra five years of patent protection on new drugs, to make up for time lost in the approval process before sales can begin.

"It's estimated that consumers will save more than a billion dollars over 10 years," Reagan said.

The federal government, the larg-

est single customer of the drug companies with \$2.4 billion spent in 1983 through Medicaid and veterans programs, will be able save money as well, he said.

Under the law, a drug manufacturer must only demonstrate that a new generic product is equivalent to a brand name product that has already been approved for sale instead of duplicating a lengthier review and testing procedure.

The bill was sponsored by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., who looked on as Reagan signed the legislation.

The law also includes an unre-

lated regulation fought for by the domestic textile industry that requires clothing to be labeled with its country of origin, and even requires mail order catalogs to specify which articles were made in America.

The president appeared in the Rose Garden just 35 minutes after arriving by helicopter on the South Lawn from a United Nations speech in New York.

Reagan was applauded as he referred to his U.N. speech. "I'm certain you share my hope that the initiatives that were presented to the General Assembly will lead to a new beginning in the search for a safe and a proud future," he said.

Regents dedicate animal pavilion

By DAINAH BULLARD

Staff Writer

A new animal science pavilion was named in honor of Louis M. Pearce Jr. on Monday during a dedication ceremony conducted by the Texas A&M System Board of Regents.

Pearce was present at the ceremony which honored him for his strong support of animal science programs at A&M.

Regent Clyde Wells, who presided over the ceremony, said the naming of the pavilion is a tribute to the friendship between Pearce and A&M.

Regent Chairman H.R. "Bum" Bright, University President Frank E. Vandiver and President of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Joseph T. Ainsworth also spoke in honor of Pearce.

After the dedication speeches, Pearce responded to the honor.

"I'm proud of what part I may have had in the education of the young people at A&M," Pearce said. "They'll accept anybody if they'll accept a teasipper and name a building after him."

The regents met for regular business prior to the dedication ceremony, and reconvened after the ceremony.

The regents heard a presentation concerning the progress of the Research Park, a project planned for West Campus. Among the topics dis-

cussed was a \$7,000 magazine advertisement designed to reach 32,500 executives and attract attention to the project.

The regents were told that the construction of two buildings in the Research Park area — the new Systems Administration Building and the Ocean Drilling Project Building — would encourage interested businesses to invest in the park.

After hearing a report from Regent Joe C. Richardson about recommendations from the planning and building committee, the regents approved 13 construction-related proposals. The proposals include plans for the A&M campus, the Prairie View A&M University campus and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

The regents granted the title of "Baseball Coach Emeritus" to Tom Chandler, and the title of Professor Emeritus to Professor Morris Bloodworth.

The regents approved 17 additional items during the meeting.

Among the approved items are:

- The appropriation of \$37,000 from the Available University Fund for the purchase of .1722 acres of land, including the dwelling on the lot and the lot's mineral rights.

- The naming of the Eli L. Whiteley Medal of Honor Park, a small park south of FM 60 and west of the railroad underpass, to be ded-



Photo courtesy of Texas Agricultural Extension Service

University President Frank Vandiver presents a dedication plaque to Louis Pearce during ceremonies Monday.

icated Armistice Day, Nov. 11.

- A supplemental appropriation \$10 million from the Available University Fund to match private grants to A&M under the endowed faculty scholars program.

- The appropriation of \$450,000 from the Available University Fund to supply initial basic support to young, new faculty members.

Also, the regents acknowledged the first official meeting of the Chancellors' Student Advisory Board, a board composed of student

representatives from each campus of the Texas A&M University System. The representatives will meet to discuss concerns of students, such as the increase of in-state tuition.

Dr. George W. Kunze, dean of the Graduate College and professor of agronomy, was honored by the regents for his service to the University. Kunze retired from his position Aug. 31. A copy of the resolution to honor Kunze will be presented to the Archives, as well as to Kunze.

Oceanography prof dies, services Sept. 30

By KARI FLUEGEL

Staff Writer

Associate Professor of Oceanography David McGrail, 40, died of cancer early Monday morning in a local hospital.

Memorial services will be Sept. 30 at the First Presbyterian Church in Bryan following cremation.

McGrail began working for Texas A&M as an assistant professor in 1976. He was named as an associate professor in 1981 and as director of technical services in 1983.

While at A&M, he was voted Outstanding Faculty Member by the Oceanography Graduate Council in 1978-79 and was presented with the Association of Former Students of Texas A&M University's Distinguished Teaching Award in 1983.

Born in Florida on April 30, 1944, McGrail attended the College of Wooster and received his bachelor's degree in 1967. He received his master's in 1972 and his doctorate in 1976, both from the University of Rhode Island.

McGrail was a member of the Society of Sigma Xi, the American Geophysical Union and the American Meteorological Society. He also was a member of the Shelf and Nearshore Dynamics and Sedimentation Society and served as secretary/treasurer for the group from 1980 to 1982.



David McGrail

A member of the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists, McGrail served as chairman during 1979-80 and co-chairman during 1978-79 and chairman during 1979-80 of the SEPM Research Group on Turbidites and Deep Marine Sedimentation. McGrail is survived by his wife, Susan; one son, Harlan Shannon McGrail of College Station; and his mother, Rosaleen McGrail of Titusville, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be sent to the David W. McGrail Memorial Scholarship Fund which will be established in the near future.

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