

Diplomats miss memorial mass

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BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — The handful of U.S. diplomats left in Beirut stayed at home Tuesday amid threats of new attacks, foregoing a memorial mass on the first anniversary of the suicide bombings that killed 241 U.S. servicemen and 58 French troops.

The service was held in a heavily guarded sandstone church in Christian east Beirut and was attended by about 150 people, including the French ambassador and members of his staff.

"No Americans from the embassy attended because it was not convenient to do so," said U.S. Embassy spokesman Jon Stewart, underscoring the threat felt by an estimated 10 to 15 American diplomats still in Beirut.

Forty-five embassy staffers had been in the city until the State Depart-

ment ordered a staff reduction following the Sept. 20 truck bombing of their mission that killed two Americans and at least 23 Lebanese. The reduction also came amid reports new attacks were being planned before the presidential election Nov. 6.

Twenty-six staffers left during the weekend and a Beirut newspaper reported that nine others flew Monday to the Mediterranean island of Cyprus.

The remaining diplomats have been ordered to take strict security precautions and are no longer allowed to travel freely in the city or dine in restaurants. Most work from the residence of U.S. Ambassador Reginald Bartholomew.

"We appreciate all those who died for the Lebanese cause," Father Jean Tabet, a Roman Catholic priest, said during the 40-minute mass for the

French and American servicemen killed last Oct. 23.

"We, too, have had many martyrs," he told the congregation at the Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in the city's Ashrafieh neighborhood.

Pistol-packing bodyguards were interspersed in the congregation and Christian militia sharpshooters were stationed on nearby rooftops and side streets. The service was neither attended nor endorsed by Lebanese government officials.

French Ambassador Fernand Wibaux led the French delegation that arrived under heavy guard.

"Oh, God, why did you take them so young?" Tabet said in French as he mourned the 241 American servicemen and 58 French paratroopers who died when suicide bombers rammed explosive-laden trucks into their headquarters as they slept.

The servicemen were members of a four-nation peace-keeping force that entered Beirut after massacres at Palestinian refugee camps in September 1982. The bombings led to the withdrawal of the taskforce.

The Americans were believed to have been targeted because of U.S. support for the Christian-led government in its war against opposition Moslem militias last fall and U.S. backing of Israel, which has occupied predominantly Shiite southern Lebanon for more than two years.

The French apparently came under attack for supporting Iraq in its 4-year war against Iran.

The strikes were claimed by a group called Islamic Jihad, or Holy War, a name Western security officials believe is a code word for the pro-Iranian Lebanese Shiite group, Hezbollah, or Party of God.

Son tried for killing tycoon

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LOS ANGELES — Jury selection entered its second day Tuesday in the murder trial of the son of a Texas movie and real estate tycoon, charged with killing his father because he feared being cut out of the multimillionaire's will.

Selection of 12 jurors plus four alternates to decide the guilt or innocence of Ricky Kyle before Superior Court Judge Robert Devich is expected to take up to two weeks.

Kyle, 22 next month, is accused of shooting his father, Henry Harrison Kyle, in the back, July 22, 1983 in the elder Kyle's Bel-Air mansion.

The trial, expected to last two months, will feature Ricky's sister, Jackie Phillips, 29, as a key prosecution witness.

Ricky Kyle, dressed in a gray blazer, tie and a white shirt, sat next to his battery of high powered Dallas attorneys led by Michael Gibson and

Steve Sumner, taking notes as dozens of prospective jurors were led into the packed courtroom.

Kyle, showing no emotion, was asked at one point by Devich to stand up and face the prospective panelists to see if any of them knew him. In unison, they answered no.

Deputy District Attorney Lew Watnick then read aloud a list of prospective witnesses — including Phillips — to see if any of the jurors recognized any of the names. Again, they answered no.

The elder Kyle's empire included an 11,000-square-foot Dallas mansion, apartment buildings, restaurants, dairy farms, coal mines and a bank. By the time of his death, Kyle was worth as much as \$100 million, according to Los Angeles court records.

Prosecutors and investigators contend Ricky Kyle shot his father because he feared being cut out of

Henry Kyle's will. The will gives most of the Kyle estate to his sons, Ricky and Scott, 20, with small awards to two daughters, Phillips and Paula Holtzclaw.

At a preliminary hearing in January, Phillips and her then-fiance, Henry Miller of Dallas, testified that Ricky Kyle confessed to his father's murder in a conversation a few hours after Henry Kyle's funeral.

Defense attorneys, however, have indicated they would focus on Phillips, Miller's and Ricky Kyle's use of alcohol and free-based cocaine the night of the alleged confession.

Phillips and Miller "were so intoxicated as to be incompetent" as witnesses, the defense has argued.

Ricky Kyle's attorneys also are expected to bring up as part of their defense Henry Kyle's alleged abuse of his children.

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during his debate Sunday with Democrat Walter Mondale that he would fire anyone responsible for the document, and that it apparently had been prepared by a CIA contract employee.

Reagan also said, "Some way or other there were 12 of the original copies that got out down there" without being reviewed by CIA officials in Central America and Washington.

The New York Times, however, quoted unnamed White House officials Tuesday as saying Reagan had meant 12 copies of the uncensored manual had been sent to Washington.

Asked about the report, White House spokesman Larry Speakes said, "We'll wait until our investigation is complete" before commenting further on the issue.

Speakes, on a western campaign swing with Reagan, also was questioned about Reagan's executive order prohibiting U.S. participation in assassination but never defining it.

"Assassination is not the way we do business," Speakes said.

In the interview, Callejas strongly disputed statements by another FDN director, Edgar Chamorro, who has been reported as saying the rebel group sometimes assassinates Sandinista officials in small towns.

Chamorro has said he translated the book into Spanish from the notes of a CIA veteran identified by rebel and U.S. officials as John Kirkpatrick, said to be a CIA veteran of the Vietnam and Korean wars.

Callejas said Kirkpatrick paid for the manual's publication.

Callejas, who said he never met Kirkpatrick, said he picked up copies of the book in the FDN directorate's office in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, in November 1983.

Other rebel leaders had approved its publication and it had been distributed to rebel instructors, he said.

The edited manual advocated that Nicaraguan officials be "neutralized," but Callejas said in "classical Spanish" the word means "to counterbalance, not to assassinate."

La. governor declares emergency state

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NEW IBERIA, La. — Gov. Edwin Edwards Tuesday declared a state of emergency in four flood-ravaged south Louisiana parishes drenched by nearly a foot of rain, and said a federal disaster declaration will be sought.

Fierce thunderstorms lashed the area early Tuesday, sweeping cars off rural highways and forcing the evacuation of hundreds of people from neighborhoods, hospitals and nursing homes.

The rain subsided Tuesday afternoon, but forecasters said more thunderstorms were expected and additional flooding of streets, canals, bayous and rivers was possible.

Authorities in St. Martin Parish searched for a man whose car was among two washed off Louisiana 182 into a swollen drainage canal. Two other people were rescued by crews who rushed to the scene.

Officials said it was impossible to pinpoint the number of evacuees and too soon to estimate the extent of damage. They said numerous

schools and highways were closed, and shelters were set up for the homeless.

As many as 300 people were forced to seek shelter in the tiny town of Erath, and the Civil Defense reported hundreds of calls requesting evacuation.

Edwards sent representatives of the Louisiana National Guard and the Office of Emergency Preparedness to Iberia, Vermilion, St. Martin and Lafayette parishes, which are covered by his emergency declaration.

Officials did not have figures for either the number of evacuees or the extent of damage in the area, parts of which received more than 11 inches of rain overnight. But they said federal disaster declarations were expected.

County agents said 75 percent of Vermilion Parish's soybean crop probably is a total loss. They said only a fourth of the crop has been harvested, and more than 50 percent of the fields are flooded.

Edwards said he planned to sur-

vey the flooded areas by helicopter as soon as the weather cleared.

The storms struck nearly a dozen parishes that lie at or below sea level, quickly gathering flood waters up to 5 feet deep.

"I've never seen the water this high in the city before," said New Iberia Police Chief Steve Davis, a lifelong resident of the area. "We've got water everywhere. Every street is flooded. The city public works department is giving out the last of the sandbags."

Added dispatcher Lorna Lovas said: "We're operating the police department out of dump trucks. People are getting water over their knees."

"We're just having problems one after another," Civil Defense Director Joe Valenti said in New Iberia. "We've evacuated about 60 families so far. Gosh, I tell you what, I have a high riding jeep, and I was driving through water up over the windshield."

Solid Facts . . .

State Representative Neeley C. Lewis of College Station has been the State Representative for Brazos County and TAMU for **eight months** now. During that time he **has gone to battle for the students of TAMU** and students all over Texas by seeing that the tuition increase, which had been hidden in the recent tax bill, was removed. **He has spoken** at length and effectively for **Proposition 2**, which will be on the ballot on November 6, and would be very beneficial to Texas A&M. Representative Lewis has worked all summer and fall with the Administration, the Regents, TAMU Legislative Study Group and the Student Senate and **has developed a firm foundation upon which to very effectively see that Texas A&M continues to receive the attention from State Government** which it deserves as a great university.

Representative Lewis is an "Aggie" in the most profound sense of the word, as a man and as a legislator. He grew up in an "Aggie" family in the shadow of Kyle Field and he still resides less than one-half block from the campus on Lee Street. There can be no question about his loyalty to Texas A&M (he is a member of the Aggie Club, the Century Club, Past President of the Aggie Quarterback Club . . .). Just as there can be no question about Ruth Hunt . . . "The Fish Lady"; Sul Ross, Past President of TAMU and former Governor of Texas; Colonel Richard Dunn, who wrote the music for "Spirit of Aggieland"; and all of the Aggie Mothers all over Texas (none of whom attended Texas A&M). **Being an Aggie is more than being a former student, it is a state of mind. Neeley Lewis is without question, an Aggie!!**

To be an effective representative for Texas A&M and Brazos County, one must understand that "politics" is a real issue and that political party affiliation in the Texas House of Representatives is a very relevant matter. One's political talent and philosophy notwithstanding (both candidates in this race are fiscal conservatives), **membership in the majority party affects:**

- **Quality of committee appointments** - State Representative Neeley Lewis is already a member of several powerful committees which directly affect Texas A&M; Committee on Business & Commerce, Committee on Agriculture & Livestock, Sub-Committee on High-Tech Industries, Sub-Committee on Budget and Oversight of Agriculture
- **Effective working relationships within the House** - State Representative Neeley Lewis has earned the support of the great majority of his fellow Representatives, as well as the respect and support of our elected state officials. These are the very people with whom our state representative must work in order to effectively represent our district.
- **Overall influence with the Speaker of the House, who is the most powerful legislative leader in Texas** - in endorsing State Representative Neeley Lewis, Speaker of the House Gib Lewis said, "I have never in my life seen a freshman member perform with the amount of ability that Neeley Lewis did in the past legislative session."

The majority party in the Texas House of Representatives is presently the Democratic Party by a 4 to 1 margin; and it will remain so. Given the solid facts, **common sense dictates that State Representative Neeley Lewis, a tight-fisted Texas Conservative Democrat, will have much more clout and carry a bigger stick for TAMU than his opponent** who has already burned his bridges with the Speaker, who has insulted the majority of the House members with whom he would have to work, and who would only have the ear of a small minority of the House membership.

Texas A&M has always had a powerful voice in the Texas House of Representatives and we can continue to have strong influence by re-electing State Representative Neeley Lewis to the Legislature. **Consider the solid facts; with State Representative Neeley Lewis, a tight-fisted Texas Democrat, we can stay strong, with his opponent we can start over . . . and start way, way behind.**



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