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SIDON, Lebanon (AP) — About 15,000 angry Palestinians vowed revenge Sunday as they buried victims of Israel's deadliest air raid into Lebanon this year.

Police put the final casualty toll at 49 people killed and 60 people wounded in Saturday's air attack on Palestinian guerrilla bases on Sidon's outskirts.

Police also said eight bodies were recovered from the rubble overnight.

It was the highest toll of Israel's 22 air raids in Lebanon this year and Israel's deadliest attack on Palestinians since the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

"We shall avenge our martyrs!," the mourners chanted as the bodies of 40 victims were buried in a mass grave in Sidon's Palestinian refugee camp of Ein El-Hilweh.

Police said two Lebanese victims were buried separately in Sidon, provincial capital of south Lebanon 25 miles south of Beirut.

Officials were arranging the

burial of seven other Palestinian victims in the vast Rashidiyeh refugee camp at Lebanon's southern port city of Tyre, police said.

Police said the seven came from Rashidiyeh camp, which houses 30,000 people.

Two Israeli gunboats came under fire off Tyre on Sunday.

A Palestine Liberation Organization spokesman said the gunboats shelled the Rashidiyeh camp, but both Lebanese police and U.N. peace force sources in south Lebanon denied this.

A police spokesman, who cannot be identified under regulations, said Shiite Moslem militia positions fired on the gunboats with heavy machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades "when they came alarmingly close to Rashidiyeh."

All shutters were closed during the funeral procession in the teeming Ein El-Hilweh camp, the biggest in Lebanon with a population of 60,000.

Mourners waved Palestinian and

Lebanese flags as they marched ahead of a convoy of 17 ambulances carrying the bodies to the cemetery. They were led by representatives of Yasser Arafat's PLO, Syrian-backed guerrilla groups and the Abu Nujayeh faction.

Bases hit Saturday included those of Arafat's main Fatah guerrilla group, one of Georges Habbash's Marxist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and one of Nidal's Fatah-Revolutionary Guerrilla faction.

Police said most of the casualties were Palestinian guerrillas when Israeli jets carried out a strike while guerrillas were rescuing comrades from the rubble of buildings hit in the first raid.

In Jerusalem, an Israeli military analyst said the raid was preventive, not retaliatory.

Aaron Levan, the military analyst, said the death toll was unusually high because the guerrillas are not expected to observe the Jewish Sabbath.

Doctors express optimism about separation of twins

BALTIMORE (AP) — Physicians who participated in a 22-hour operation to separate 7-month-old West German Siamese twins said Sunday that they would consider the surgery a success when the infants leave the hospital.

"We will prefer to say that the operation was a success if the twins can return home healthy," said surgery coordinator Dr. Mark Rogers, director of pediatric intensive care at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Doctors declined to predict the chances of survival for Patrick and Benjamin Binder, who were joined at the back of the head before the operation that began at 7 a.m. Saturday and ended at 5:10 a.m. Sunday.

"We take tremendous amount of pride in giving the Binder twins the best chance they could have," Rogers said in a media briefing that included some of 70 specialists involved in the operation.

The twins' parents, Josef and Theresia Binder of Ulm, West Germany, were not at the news conference and were unavailable for interviews or photographs, said Lisa Hillman, spokesman for the hospital's Children's Center, where the operation was performed.

"Like any other parents, they were greatly relieved," Rogers said of the parents, adding that the twins were expected to remain at the hospital for several weeks.

The biggest risk after such an operation is the formation of a blood clot in the newly constructed blood vessels, as well as intracranial bleeding and heart complications, physicians said. The critical period is the first three to four days after the surgery, they said.

Earlier, Hillman said, "At the end of the 22-hour op-

eration, the twins — Patrick and Benjamin Binder — who are now two separate boys, were in critical but stable condition."

Doctors, using dolls and diagrams, demonstrated the complex techniques used in the delicate operation.

While Patrick and Benjamin had separate brains, they shared a common vein in the back of the head that doctors had to separate.

The biggest concern was preventing serious brain loss and brain damage during the time doctors stopped the twins' hearts while they separated them, constructed new sinuses and re-established the blood flow, Rogers said.

Dr. Ben Carson said, "We knew we were under pressure to accomplish all this in less than an hour since a longer would increase the risk of brain damage and other organ damage."

It was only the second attempted separation of Siamese twins in Hopkins' 98-year history. Five years ago, doctors successfully separated twin girls born to a Delaware couple.

Siamese twins occur in about 1 per 2 million to 1 million births and the survival rate of twins who have been separated are normally no greater than 50 percent, Carson said.

Information about the Binder twins and their parents has been difficult to obtain because a West German magazine, Bunte, paid the parents of the twins an undisclosed amount of money for exclusive rights to the story.

Security forces begin to prepare protection for pope's tour of U.S.

(AP) — Thousands of security officers, bullet-proof shields, dogs, metal detectors, helicopters — even the Mounties — will guard Pope John Paul II during his nine-city U.S. tour. The guardians can only hope, however, that the pontiff cooperates.

"One of the major problems is the Holy Father himself," said Deacon Norman Phillips, who is working on security arrangements for the San Francisco Archdiocese.

Monsignor Roger Morin, coordinator for the visit in New Orleans, said, "The pope wants to go out to the people and the people want to go to the pope."

The pope's second extended visit to the United States begins Thursday in Miami. In 10 days he will also visit San Antonio; Columbia, S.C.; New Orleans; Phoenix, Ariz.; Los Angeles; Monterey, Calif.; San Francisco and Detroit.

In Miami, security forces will have the additional responsibility of protecting President Reagan, who will meet with the pope on Thursday. In Los Angeles, first lady Nancy Rea-

gan will join the pope in visiting a school.

The Secret Service has a \$5.7 million appropriation for protecting the pope, and millions more will be expended by state and local police and sheriff's offices along the way.

The security challenge is commensurate with the popularity, and unpopularity, of the bishop of Rome. Tens of thousands of friendly people are anticipated along parade routes and at gigantic masses in each city and there will be smaller numbers aggrieved with church positions on women, abortion, birth control, homosexuality and other issues.

All landing areas will be swept for explosives. Manhole covers along all motorcade routes will be secured, and dogs will sniff for bombs at the sites of each day's events. Air traffic will be restricted overhead.

On his first U.S. tour in 1979, the pope traveled in an open jeep. Since he was shot and gravely wounded in Rome in 1981, however, he has appeared in parades in an enclosed, bullet-proof "popemobile."

Weekend claims 238 in accident

CHICAGO (AP) — Two hundred and thirty eight people were killed in traffic accidents Sunday afternoon, the second of three days in the Labor Day weekend.

The National Safety Council estimated that 420 to 520 people could die in traffic accidents during the United States during the three-day Labor Day weekend and urged motorists to wear seat belts and speed limits and wear safety belts.

California led the state-by-state toll with 29 traffic fatalities.

South Carolina reported 18 fatalities while Texas reported 14.

As of 5 p.m. CST, 238 people had died in traffic accidents during the United States.

The Chicago-based council also said 17,000 to 21,000 people could be seriously injured during the weekend.

The Labor Day weekend officially runs from 6 p.m. local time Friday to midnight Monday.

During last year's Labor Day weekend, 487 people died.

There were 20,000 people suffering disabling traffic-related injuries.

Reagan celebrates 100th birthday of Republicans' elder statesman

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — President Reagan on Sunday saluted Republican Party elder statesman Alf Landon as personifying the "quiet strength and simple decency" of Americans.

Reagan and his wife, Nancy, stopping in Topeka en route back to Washington, took part in an early birthday party for Landon, who turns 100 on Wednesday.

"I can't resist saying, 'You don't know what a joy it is for a fellow like

me to go to a birthday party for someone who in all honesty can call me kid,'" said Reagan, 76.

Landon told the first couple, "It's a great day in my life, and it's a great day in the life of all of us, just to have had the privilege we have had today, to meet the president of the United States and Mrs. Reagan."

Reagan said it seems right that Landon was born in 1887, the centennial year of the Constitution, and said that "no one is more the living

soul of Kansas, that means strength and simple decency of Americans."

On Landon's 95th birthday, Reagan promised the elder statesman a ride on Air Force One to Washington and a birthday party at the White House if he made 100 years, on his 99th birthday, Landon admitted he probably would not be making the trip, but said he expected to be around anyway.

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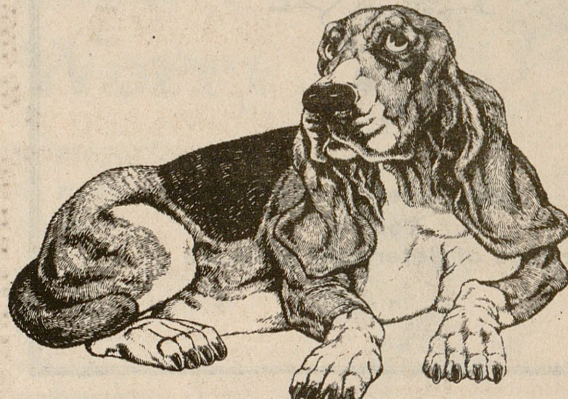
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