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Peacekeeping troops arrive again in Beirut

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BEIRUT, Lebanon — French and Italian peacekeeping troops, welcomed by smiling Palestinian children and women offering tea, moved into the Sabra and Chatilla refugee camps yesterday, scene of the Beirut massacre.

But 1,200 U.S. Marines, the third component of a new peacekeeping force,

remained offshore, awaiting the complete withdrawal of Israeli forces from this bloodied capital.

"Tonight we will sleep in our house because the French are here," said Amal Alaa Adein, a 17-year-old girl whose father, grandfather and grandmother were murdered in the Sept. 16-18 massacre, which was carried out by Lebanese Christian militiamen.

She and her mother and sister have been

staying at a school outside the camps because they were afraid the killers would return. "Now we are not afraid," she said.

Lebanese authorities have thus far reported about 600 people confirmed killed in the bloodbath. Earlier yesterday, hundreds of women from the camps gathered tearfully at a mass grave in Chatilla to pray for the victims.

In Israel, all members of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's Cabinet, bowing to

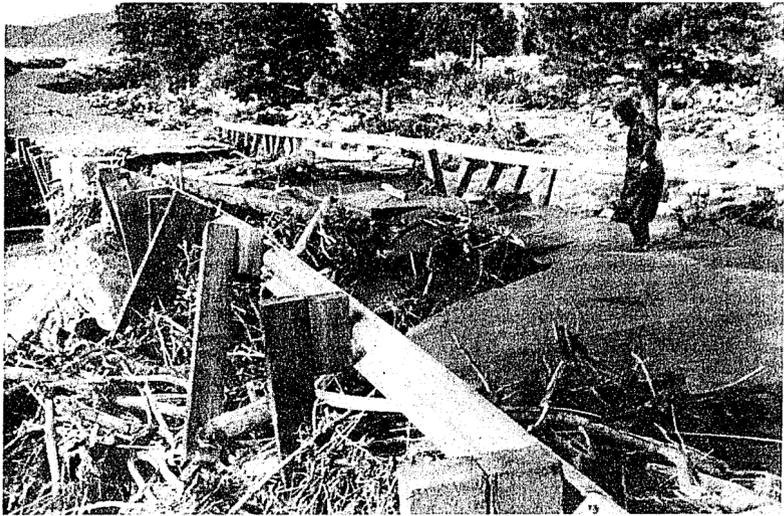
intense public pressure, are ready to support a full judicial inquiry into Israeli conduct during the camp killings, Israel Television reported. The Cabinet meets today.

Begin had proposed that Israel's chief justice conduct an investigation, but without subpoena power and other attributes of a full inquiry.

Israeli Justice Minister Moshe Nissim was quoted in the Israeli press as saying a

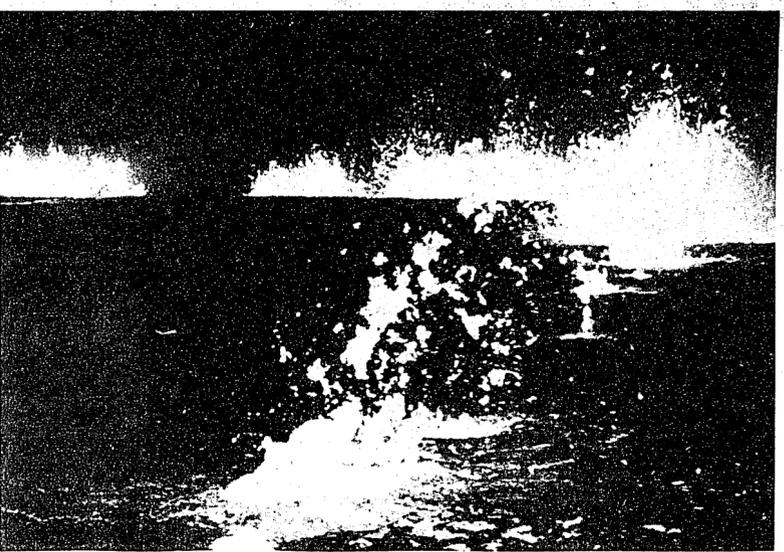
formal inquiry "now seems inevitable."

Israeli troops had the two Beirut camps surrounded during the massacre, and Defense Minister Ariel Sharon has acknowledged that the assault on the camps by Christian Phalangist militiamen was mounted with Israeli planning and support in an effort to root out PLO fighters reported in the camps. But he maintains that the Israelis intervened after learning that civilians were being slaughtered.



Bridge to nowhere

Debris clings to the remains of a bridge destroyed by flood waters in Big Pine, Calif., yesterday. Heavy rains in the area washed out roads and destroyed or damaged numerous homes and businesses. Please see TORRENTIAL, Page 12.



Light my fire

Fountains of lava spewing up to 100 feet in the air light up the night sky yesterday at Kilauea Volcano near Honolulu after an eruption Saturday. In the foreground, a fountain sends up splatters of lava that continue to glow after hitting the ground.

Reagan's civil rights claims disputed by reports

By MICHAEL PUTZEL
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WASHINGTON — Internal records of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and a lawyers' study of Justice Department operations contradict President Reagan's claim that his administration has enforced civil rights laws more actively than its predecessors.

An EEOC document obtained by The Associated Press showed that, contrary to Reagan's recent claim to a black audience, the number of job discrimination suits approved by the commission has dropped sharply.

And the independent Washington Council of Lawyers concluded in a recent report that "the administration has retreated from well-established, bipartisan civil rights policies" in several areas. Enforcement of school desegregation and fair housing laws has all but halted, according to the 138-page study.

Only in prosecuting police brutality and similar violent denials of individuals' civil rights has the Justice Department excelled, the report said.

A Reagan spokesman, Peter Roussel, said there would be no immediate comment from the White House.

Reagan told a dinner for black Republicans on Sept. 15 that he usually tries to ignore personal attacks, "but one charge I will have to admit strikes at my heart every time I hear it. That's the suggestion that we Republicans are taking a less active approach to protecting the civil rights of all Americans."

"No matter how you slice it, that's just plain baloney. Look at the record," Reagan suggested. "The level of activity of this administration in investigating and prosecuting those who would attempt to deny blacks their civil liberties by violence and intimidation has exceeded the level of every past administration."

The lawyers council, which bills itself as a bipartisan association of attorneys from private firms, government and public interest groups, said in its study published the same day Reagan made his speech, that the administration's record in that area is at least equal to those of the two previous administrations.

But Reagan went on to say, "The Justice Department has filed nine new anti-discrimination cases against public employers and has reviewed more than 9,000 electoral changes to determine compliance with the Voting Rights Act. And that, too, is a higher level of activity than in any prior administration."

The council study found these statistics, used earlier by a Justice Department official, "highly misleading."

The swim test isn't required, but many students think it is

By DINA DEFABO
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Although the physical education department announced last spring that the University's swim test is not required for graduation, many students are still confused about the logistics of the test, several orientation leaders said.

"We definitely received a lot of questions asking, 'Do we have to take it? Some people tell me I don't have to go and some say I'll get in trouble if I don't,'" said Jane Morris, an orientation leader in South Halls.

"We told them if you really want to take it, take it, and if not, go home. But we weren't even sure if we were telling them the right thing," she said.

Although West Halls Area Chairman Jim Green said most students in his area knew the test was optional, Sandi Jackson, an orientation leader in North Halls, said many new students she worked with were confused about the test.

"I told them that the test was not mandatory but that the University really likes people to take it," she said. "I've heard that drowning is one of the biggest causes of death, and the University likes people to know how to swim before they get out."

Most of the confusion among new students and the OLS resulted because revised information defining the swimming requirements did not appear in this fall's orientation tabloid, the OLS said.

James G. Thompson, associate professor of physical education and director of the Basic Instruction Program of the College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, said he personally took correct information about the test to William Farnsworth, assistant director of new student programs, who is in charge of printing the tabloid.

Thompson said the Basic Instruction Program maintains a policy that students who fail the

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director of the Basic Instruction Program

optional and were able to answer questions that the students had."

Even though some OLS knew the test was not required, others thought it was mandatory and still others didn't know what to believe.

"Some suggested that the students should go and said it was a good idea, but no one ever said not to go; I suggested that they didn't," said Maura Harling, North Halls area chairwoman.

The OLS who thought the test was mandatory followed information in the tabloid while the OLS who thought the test was optional went by the stories printed in The Daily Collegian last spring, she said, noting that information in the tabloid was not very clear.

Darryl Daisey, an Undergraduate Student Government senator, said the OLS and Resident Assistants in East Halls did a "super job" in giving students correct information about the test.

Concerned that many students were confused about the test, Daisey met with Thompson and the Basic Instruction Program Advisory Committee last spring to make them aware of the confusion.

"Apparently a lot of students and professors did not know that it is not a requirement for graduation," Thompson said in the Feb. 12 issue of the Collegian.

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Thompson said, the department might consider trying to make swimming proficiency a graduation requirement.

He stressed, however, that no action has been taken and the idea is "just something to kick around."

Daisey said he does not believe the test should be a requirement and would fight against it.

"I think (swimming proficiency) is important, but I don't think it should be required," he said. "It's an athletic, not an academic, thing."

"I think it's a super swimming program; Penn State has super instructors. But I think it should be optional all the time."

Thompson noted that following the announcement last spring that the test and beginning swimming were not required, the physical education department took on a new approach concerning the test.

"The old program had been adhered to as something that was done," he said, noting that the policy is outlined in a 1972 document. "The new approach has been taken in trying to point out to the students who were non-swimmers the value of being able to take advantage of the activity of beginning swimming before they leave the University."

"We encourage the students, and it is simply an encouraging word from us, not mandatory, that all incoming freshmen take this test so they can assess, and we can assess for them, their swim competency."

Thompson said if students have an extreme fear of the water, arrangements can be made for swimming classes on a one-to-one basis.

After orientation lectures this fall, students who could not swim had the opportunity to meet with representatives from the physical education department to talk about learning how to swim.

However, Thompson said he was disappointed in the small number of non-swimming students who expressed interest in learning how to swim.

"Quite frankly, I'm disappointed in the results but we have not had really an opportunity to mount the proper approach or campaign to talk to these students."

Thompson said he hopes to work with RAs to plan residence hall functions where physical education representatives can "make our pitch to the students — 'Hey we have this for you and we want you to take advantage of it.'"

Although the department has taken a new approach to the test, Thompson said the basic philosophy of the importance of swimming proficiency has not changed.

"The difference now is we are depending on the students to make a judgment themselves to say, 'On my priority of things, learning how to swim is important.'"

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But Farnsworth said he does not know if the information he received was revised and why that new information did not appear in the tabloid.

"If (Thompson) said it was revised information, well I'm not going to call him a liar," Farnsworth said. "But I don't have a copy of what he gave me. It's all a mystery to me."

Thompson said correct information concerning the test will appear in the Winter Term tabloid.

Although the revised information was not in the fall tabloid, Thompson said, students were told the test was optional at orientation lectures and before the swim tests. Also, Farnsworth said he told the OLS the test was optional.

"We let them know the test was optional but I didn't receive many questions back," he said. "I feel pretty good that our OLS in the areas were aware that the test was

swim test are encouraged to take a swimming course and learn the skills.

The haziness surrounding the test evolved because students confused the departmental policy with the three credits of physical education required by the University.

"Students took the beginning swimming policy of our department as a requirement for graduation — which it was not and never had been," he said.

Thompson said the department maintains the policy because it feels strongly about the importance of swimming proficiency.

"We, as a basic instruction program and department, are committed to this feeling that swimming is a survival skill and we want to give people who don't know how to swim a chance to learn how."

Depending on how students respond to the optional test,

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weather

Partly to mostly sunny today, with a high of 65. Fair and cool tonight, with patchy fog forming toward morning, low of 50. Partly cloudy tomorrow, high near 70.
—by Craig Wagner

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