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Four U.S. Marines check out buildings near the U.S. Embassy compound in Beirut Saturday after a woman waiting to be evacuated was shot in the head by a sniper.

Syria warns against U.S. shellfire

Fighting tapers; Beirut death toll hits lowest point in 11-day flareup

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BEIRUT, Lebanon — Syria yesterday warned against further U.S. Naval bombardment of territory it controls in Lebanon. Fighting around the capital eased and badly needed medicine and food were trucked into west Beirut.

Lebanese army troops and Moslem militiamen traded sporadic gun and mortar fire across the "green line" dividing mostly Moslem west Beirut from Christian-controlled east Beirut. Police said one army soldier was killed and nine civilians were wounded — by far the lowest single-day casualty toll in the 11-day-old civil war flareup that has claimed more than 450 lives.

The state radio said U.S. Navy jets staged several reconnaissance runs over Beirut and the hills overlooking the U.S. Marine base at Beirut's airport. The planes drew no ground fire.

President Amin Gemayel, appearing unexpectedly at a briefing for reporters by other Lebanese officials, said he expected the multinational peacekeeping force to remain in Lebanon, but the "military option" was not the best answer to the country's problems.

He said President Reagan's decision last week to remove some 1,400 Marines from their positions at the airport two warships stationed off the coast was a "detail."

"I'm sure President Reagan is fully committed. I think the multinational force is here to stay," he added.

Britain removed its 115-member contingent of the peacekeeping force from Beirut last week after Reagan announced the "redeployment" of U.S. Marines, and Italy, which has 1,400 soldiers in Beirut, said it would begin a phased withdrawal.

France, the fourth nation contributing to the multinational force, has 1,200 troops in Beirut, and President Francois Mitterand said in a television interview in Paris yesterday that he "remains ready" to withdraw them. He said no withdrawal decision has been made, but "I will not expose the lives of our soldiers any longer than necessary."

"The replacement of the multinational force by the United Nations is a necessity if we want to avoid massacres," he added.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Farouk al-Sharaa sounded Syria's warning at a news conference in Damascus, the Syrian capital.

"Syria has been exercising self-restraint toward shelling attacks by the U.S. 6th Fleet, particularly the (battleship) New Jersey," al-Sharaa said. "This cannot go on forever, and our self-restraint has limits."

He refused to specify how Syria would retaliate for further shelling, and he denied reports of

Syrian military casualties from the bombardment. "All the dead and wounded were Lebanese civilians," he said.

On Wednesday and Thursday the New Jersey and two destroyers engaged in the massive shelling of Druse gun positions in the Syrian-controlled central mountains. U.S. officials had blamed the mountain gunners for the shelling of Beirut's Christian sector and the area around U.S. Ambassador Reginald Bartholomew's residence.

Al-Sharaa said a dialogue between the United States and Syria, the Soviet Union's strongest ally in the Middle East, "is still on, but without progress."

He also said the Syrian government was "talking" with the administration of Lebanese President Amin Gemayel and denied it was supporting efforts to force Gemayel from office.

"Syria is committed to the establishment of peace, security and national unity in Lebanon," the minister said. "It is not concerned with internal issues such as the President's resignation or the formation of a new government."

Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan and the entire Cabinet resigned a week ago, and Syria and its Moslem allies have been pressuring Gemayel to resign, as well.

Reagan to study feasibility of U.N. peacekeeping force

By MAUREEN SANTINI
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WASHINGTON — President Reagan returned to the White House yesterday to begin a new round of Middle East diplomacy that his spokesman says could include consideration of a United Nations peacekeeping force for Lebanon.

Deputy White House press secretary Larry Speakes told reporters that a U.N. force "might be worth looking into" and that the administration has "had some consultations with the U.N.'s secretary general on that."

Speakes said a U.N. force is "worth exploring, but we'd have to make our decision based on the situation (in Lebanon) at the time. . . . We'd make a decision as it developed. . . . The idea is not that fleshed out yet."

He made the comments as Reagan flew back to Washington following a

five-day vacation at his secluded California ranch.

The president will meet today with Jordan's King Hussein, followed by a separate meeting tomorrow with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt. There also was a joint session among all three leaders planned for tomorrow. Hussein and Mubarak were planning a meeting together last night after the Jordanian ruler arrived in Washington, a spokesman for the Egyptian Embassy said.

Speaking to reporters aboard Air Force One, Speakes said the administration would not make a decision about supporting the concept of a U.N. force in Beirut until it was further developed.

"There have been public statements to suggest that Syria and the Soviets would be more amenable to a peacekeeping force than in the past," he said.

The presidential spokesman said the United States has had consulta-

tions on the idea with the Secretary General of the United Nations. "We would have to look at it in the context of the situation as it exists in Lebanon. It's worth exploring," he said.

On a related matter, Speakes said the United States was "just simply an observer" in the dispute about whether Lebanon should cancel its security pact with Israel, as Syria wishes.

In addition, Speakes said the president was likely to announce his timetable for the withdrawal of U.S. Marines from Beirut around mid-week.

Six days ago Reagan said he would withdraw the Marines in phases to U.S. ships off the coast of Lebanon. Although he hasn't announced his timetable, a senior administration official said the troops would be out within a month, except for perhaps 200 who would guard the U.S. Embassy.

In the middle of the week, Reagan will turn his attention to politics. He plans to attend a GOP fund-raiser in honor of suffragist Susan B. Anthony on Wednesday.

On Friday, in a continuing effort to boost his popularity with women, Reagan will hold the third in a series of White House luncheons with elected women from around the country.

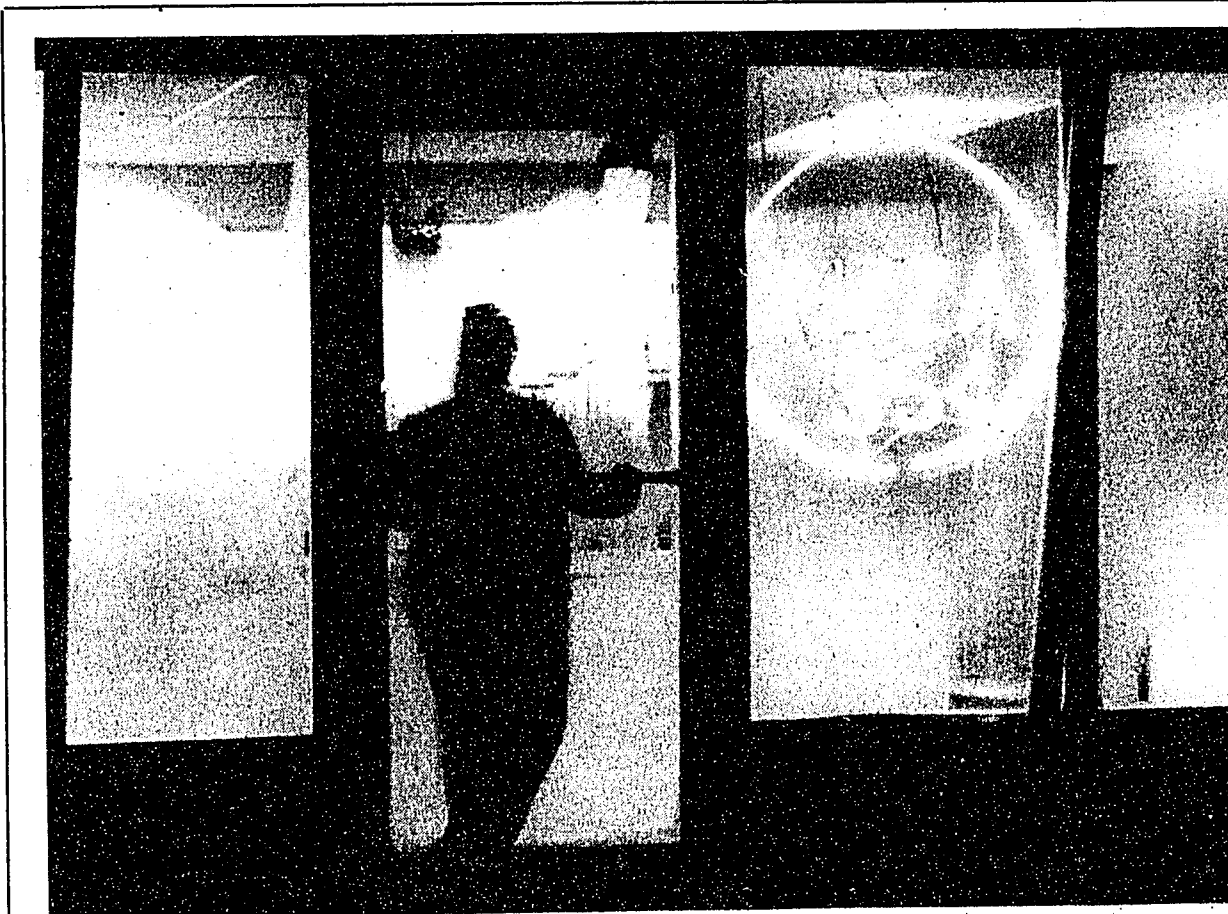
The president left Washington a week ago to celebrate his 73rd birthday in his boyhood home of Dixon, Ill., and at his alma mater, Eureka College.

After stopping in Las Vegas, Nev. for a couple of speeches, the president arrived at his ranch in the Santa Ynez Mountains on Tuesday.

While Reagan vacationed, his administration was forced to deal with a deteriorating situation in Lebanon and uncertainty over relations with the Soviet Union following the death of Soviet President Yuri Andropov.



President Reagan



Hold the anchovies
Karen Miltenberger studies the cool Johnston night from behind the steamy windows of her pizza parlor on Saturday as she waits for some customers to stop by and put in their order.

Sexual pressure among students' list of dating woes

By JOHN FLEISHER
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RALEIGH, N.C. — Pressure for sex was the most common complaint among women responding to a survey of university students, while most men said their biggest problem was communicating with their dates.

Despite the drastic social changes in the past 20 years, male and female college students still have problems relating to each other, say two East Carolina University researchers, David Knox and Kenneth Wilson.

Results of their survey of 334 ECU stu-

dents were reported in the fall 1983 issue of College Student Journal, issued in late January.

"Our feeling is that these are standard problems that have existed for some time and will . . . stay this way forever," Knox, a professor of sociology, said in a telephone interview from Greenville. "Women have always been the gatekeepers and will continue to be. Men have always been more sexually aggressive and will continue to be."

Knox and Wilson distributed 555 questionnaires in 29 randomly selected classes. Sixty percent of the questionnaires were re-

turned, 227 by women and 107 by men, Knox said.

Participants were asked to describe the two most common problems they experienced on dates. The responses were categorized, coded and assessed in terms of their frequency of occurrence.

Almost one-fourth of the women — 23 percent — said that men wanted to become sexually involved too quickly, before the relationship had developed sufficiently.

"I can't get physical with a guy unless I care about him and I know he cares about me," wrote one woman. "It just doesn't feel right to do sex with a guy I'm not involved with."

Many women complaining of sexual pressure said they constantly wondered how to resist a man's advances while keeping him interested enough to continue the relationship.

A related problem mentioned by 13 percent of the women was sexual misunderstandings, or the problem of inadvertently leading a man to believe his date wants to become intimate.

The problem of communication was listed by 35 percent of the male respondents. They wrote that they didn't know what to say and felt pressure to keep an interesting conversation going or risk being considered a bore.

"After awhile you run out of small talk

about the weather and your classes," one male student wrote. "When the dialogue dies, it's awful."

Communication was also a problem for women, 20 percent of whom listed it.

Twenty-three percent of the men and 22 percent of the women included a lack of places to go among their two biggest dating problems. While most relationships began with dinner dates, both males and females said there wasn't much to do afterward.

Knox acknowledged that society's attitudes toward sex and the roles of men and women have changed radically. But biological factors have a far more powerful influence on male-female relationships, he said.

state news briefs

Calories abound at Hershey festival

HERSHEY, Pa. (AP) — An estimated half-ton of chocolate, featured in such things as salads and cocktails as well as desserts, was on the menu in the "Great American Chocolate Festival" that began yesterday.

The five-day festival was designed to "educate and entertain people who love chocolate" and to promote the products of Hershey Food Corp., said company spokeswoman Deborah Ryerson.

The second annual festival, which is put together by the company and the Hotel Hershey, is full of opportunities to taste sweet culinary creations.

Highlights include tonight's "fashion show," in which models will display chocolate desserts prepared by area chefs.

After the judging, the audience will be allowed to sample the chocolate wine cream slices, chocolate almond cake, chocolate pecan croquette and poached apples in chocolate.

The "Great American Chocolate Festival Bake-Off and Country Fair" on Thursday will include ravioli with chocolate and chestnuts and chocolate-crusted pistachio cream pie.

Nigerian accused of embezzlement

BRYN MAWR, Pa. (AP) — A Nigerian who returned to his home country after working in Bryn Mawr College's accounting department for four years is a suspect in the embezzlement of \$718,000 from the college, according to a published report.

The Philadelphia Inquirer, in Saturday's edition, quoted a moving company official as saying Adebayo Olanjuwo paid \$18,000 to have two automobiles, numerous appliances, furniture and other items shipped to Nigeria when he left the United States in late 1982.

The FBI subpoenaed records of Quaker Moving and Storage Co., which showed that Olanjuwo had also bought a generator to operate the appliances, according to the company official, who asked not to be identified.

Mary Patterson McPherson, president of the liberal arts college in Montgomery County near Philadelphia, confirmed that about \$718,000 had been embezzled from the school.

Paul Miller, an FBI spokesman in Philadelphia, said, "All we can say now is that we are presently conducting an active investigation on the alleged theft of funds from Bryn Mawr College."

nation news briefs

Tornadoes, storms hit parts of U.S.

The first tornadoes of the season battered parts of Texas, Kansas and Louisiana and waves of strong thunderstorms dumped up to a half-foot of rain on the lower Mississippi Valley yesterday, while an unusual mid-winter warm spell melted snow as far north as Upper Michigan.

Dense fog covered the Eastern Seaboard and parts of the Midwest, with Maryland draped by a layer 1,000 feet deep. Since the middle of last week, fog has contributed to at least six deaths.

In more seasonal weather, heavy snow from a storm on Saturday still blocked some highways in eastern Colorado.

The National Weather Service reported numerous tornado sightings and high wind yesterday around Louisiana, causing scattered damage to rural buildings and downed trees, and the agency issued a series of tornado watches and warnings throughout the afternoon for various sections of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

Duncan Hines cake mix recalled

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — A Duncan Hines cake mix is being recalled nationwide by the manufacturer after tests in New Jersey showed EDB levels more than three times above the federal standard, company and state officials said yesterday.

Procter & Gamble Co., the product's manufacturer, said a national recall of Duncan Hines Deluxe Devil's Food Cake Mix bearing lot number 31162CA would start today, but Gov. Thomas H. Kean ordered the product pulled from New Jersey grocery shelves yesterday.

Tests conducted on a sample of the mix with that lot number, obtained from a supermarket in the Trenton area, found levels of the pesticide up to 470 parts per billion, said Carl Golden, the governor's spokesman.

According to standards issued earlier this month by the federal Environmental Protection Agency, 150 parts per billion is the acceptable level for foods which need to be cooked, such as flour, hot cereals, and cake mixes.

Other states also have recalls under way of products suspected of containing high levels of EDB. Maine has ordered groceries to yank 18 suspect food items off their shelves, and New York ordered the recall of 105,000 pounds of possibly tainted rice.

Shuttle in top shape for next flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Challenger came back to Earth after its historic Florida-to-Florida trip as the cleanest shuttle yet, and it should be back in orbit in a record 53 days for a daring satellite rescue mission, NASA officials said yesterday.

"The orbiter is very clean, in better shape than any of the others," Ken Coffey, shuttle mechanical systems officer, told reporters yesterday, a day after Challenger returned from space to the first shuttle landing at its launch site.

The only problems, he said, were a failed brake, 31 damaged thermal tiles, two hazy windows and tires scraped where they hit the concrete runway.

Commander Vance Brand had such perfect control of the ship that he hit the runway just one-half inch off the center line, Coffey said.

Coffey said he foresaw no problem preparing Challenger for its next launch date on April 4. That means it would be back in space in 53 days, a turnaround time nine days shorter than for any previous shuttle flight.

world news briefs

Iran, Iraq caught in bombardment

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iran shelled seven Iraqi cities and towns yesterday, killing 14 people and injuring 59 others, and Iraq retaliated by attacking four Iranian areas, Iraqi officials announced.

Both Iran and Iraq had warned each other of the attacks, in some cases naming the specific city or town and warning residents to evacuate — an apparent new policy, which an Iranian official said "should be accepted by world public opinion."

The Iraqi armed forces attacked the Iranian port of Bandar Khomeini and the petrochemicals complex in the city as well as "specific targets" in the cities of Abadan, Gullan Gharb and Sar-e Pole Zahab, according to a communique released by the general command of the Iraqi armed forces.

The official Iranian news agency, Islamic Republic News Agency, or IRNA, said the Iraqi attacks killed at least 15 and wounded more than 120 people.

Students barred from union offices

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — About 30 students and policemen were injured in clashes yesterday after the government banned student unions in Sindh province because of "growing lawlessness" and sealed off the student union offices.

None of the injuries were serious, police said.

Dow Medical College students broke open the seals on the student union office on their campus yesterday morning and union officials declared that their union would function despite the ban issued Saturday night.

Martial law authorities have already banned student unions and all similar student organizations in Punjab and Northwest Frontier provinces and the federal capital of Islamabad, citing "growing lawlessness" among students and bloody clashes among rival student groups with different political affiliations.

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