

Israeli jets draw Beirut fire

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli jets thundered over Beirut Sunday and drew anti-aircraft fire over Sidon from Palestinian guerrillas on alert for a possible Israeli invasion of southern Lebanon.

The Lebanese government said Israel had massed 40,000 troops at the border it shares with Lebanon, and the Reagan administration appealed for restraint. U.S. Ambassador Robert Dillon said after meeting with Lebanese officials in Beirut that the situation was dangerous.

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin assured U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis during a three-hour meeting Sunday in Jerusalem that Israel had not decided whether to attack southern Lebanon, U.S. Embassy spokesman Jeff Dietrich said. Begin's spokesman Uri Porat refused to comment on the embassy report.

Israel regularly makes reconnaissance flights over Lebanon, but sources in the southern port city of Sidon told The Associated Press they were more frequent Sunday.

The sources, who asked anonymity for fear of

reprisal, also said the Israeli-backed Christian militias of Maj. Saad Haadad had moved tanks into the village of Barachit, slightly north of the enclave they control by the Israeli border and about 25 miles south of Sidon.

Begin and Lewis met in Jerusalem after the prime minister's Cabinet held a six-hour session amid growing tension between Israel and the Palestinians.

In Tel Aviv, the Israeli military command announced Sunday that two Palestinian guerrillas were captured two days earlier after infiltrating the occupied West Bank from Jordan carrying weapons, grenades and explosives.

Israel regards any Palestinian infiltration as violations of the cease-fire the United States arranged last July, ending two weeks of heavy shelling across the Israel-Lebanon border.

Begin's government claims the PLO has used the eight-month truce to stockpile arms and ammunition. The United Nations peacekeeping command in southern Lebanon says it has no evidence to support that claim.

Tenth ranked debate team 'optimistic'

Winning the respect of the Eastern debaters left the University team that qualified for the national tournament feeling "quietly optimistic" about their 2-6 record.

Senior Chris Miller and freshman Mark Tone qualified in late March to go to the national tournament held April 3-4 in Tallahassee, Fla. They were the first team from Oregon to qualify in eight years. The topic was whether or not the United States should curtail the power of labor unions.

"We were hoping to just win one round," says Tone.

The Oregon team had a "definite disadvantage" debating against Eastern schools with more experience and exposure, according to Tone.

"The Eastern teams debate every weekend regionally and in all the national tournaments," says Ron Tucker, University director of debate. "We are very good but we don't compare with the Northeast." The entire University debate team ranks in the top 10 nationally.

Tucker explains, for example, Harvard debates two teams and



Mark Tone and Chris Miller

Photo by Bob Baker

has 20 to 30 people doing all the research. In contrast, the University's five teams do their own research and must live within a limited budget for tournaments.

"The Eastern schools are almost clique-ish," says Miller. "They don't think the West can be taken seriously and can compete on their level. It's very political."

"We were at a handicap as far as research went," continues Miller. She and Tone spent most of Spring break doing additional research to add to what they had done all year.

Regardless of the tremendous amount of work it took to get there, the debaters felt it was worth it.

"I felt like a baby duck though," laughs Tone. "I felt intimidated by some of the other debaters and very proud to be there."

Tone compares the experience to an athletic event. "A lot of people think debaters are eggheads that spend all their time in the law library," he says. "But actually we just feel the need to achieve excellence and compete. We are a very competitive group."

Lesbianism story mislabelled

In last Friday's *Emerald*, an article entitled "Class explores Lesbianism" was incorrectly attributed to writer Debbie Howlett. The byline should have read Diane Winocur, of the *Emerald*.

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