

Israel denies troops evacuating Lebanon

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Lebanon state radio reported Sunday that Israeli troops began withdrawing from the central mountains so the Lebanese army could enter and prevent further fighting between Christian and Druse militiamen, but the Israeli command denied the report.

In Moslem west Beirut, the army suspended its slum clearing operation near the international airport after several days of violent clashes with Shiite Moslem refugees in which four people were killed.

The radio said the withdrawal of Israeli forces was expected to be completed later Sunday and

the Lebanese army units would move in soon afterwards. However, there was no confirmation of the report.

All that was known was Israeli troops were moving in the Shouf Mountain area; but they could have been taking up new positions, giving the appearance of withdrawing.

In Tel Aviv, an Israeli military command spokesman, who declined to be named, said its forces were not withdrawing from the area. He said there had been no change in Israeli policy about the presence of troops in the area to prevent further clashes.

Last week, Prime Minister Menachem Begin ordered the Israeli army to protect the Lebanese Druse villagers. Israel is torn between its loyalty to both the Lebanese Christian Phalangists and the Israeli Druse, who are loyal to Israel and unlike other Arabs serve in the Israeli army. The Druse are a sect of Islam.

Meanwhile, Lebanese Pres. Amin Gemayel presided over a meeting of Christian and Druse representatives in an attempt to work out an arrangement to allow the army to take control of the Druse villages where at least five people died in four days of fighting last week, the radio said.

Gemayel later flew to New York to address the United Nations.

In an announcement

following the meeting, Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan was quoted by the radio as announcing the committee had endorsed a government decision calling for withdrawing the militiamen from Kfarmatta, Dakroun, Abbey and Baaouerta.

Israeli troops moved in Friday to halt four days of fierce fighting between rightist Phalange militiamen and the leftist Druse gunmen of the Socialist Progressive party.

In Jerusalem Sunday, officials said the Israeli Cabinet was optimistic about the prospects of an early agreement on procedures for securing Israel's northern border, a key element of a wider accord on withdrawing foreign forces from Lebanon.

When Gemayel arrived in New York Sunday he asked the U.N. Security Council and Reagan for help in stabilizing and rebuilding his war-torn country.

Gemayel, 40, took office Sept. 23 after the assassination of his brother, President-elect Bashir Gemayel.

His stories are called 'unfacts,' but truth, Reagan speaks false

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a factory cafeteria on the outskirts of Columbus, Ohio, Pres. Ronald Reagan told a surprising story about Linda Brown, the little girl who lent her name to a lawsuit and became a symbol of American school desegregation.

The president's story made the kind of compelling anecdote that Reagan loves and helped justify the administration's recent announcement that it was prepared to join communities seeking to overturn local, court-ordered busing plans.

But the story wasn't true. A month ago, in his remarks to a group of editors of religious journals, Reagan used a figure on the survivability of premature babies to bolster his argument that abortion should be outlawed.

His figure wasn't correct. And in his last news conference Reagan said unemployment went up in the closing months of Jimmy Carter's presidency when it actually went down. He claimed the gross national product, used to measure recession and recovery, had grown for four quarters when he meant two.

For a time, published accounts of presidential misstatements of high-level searches for exculpatory evidence. Now, more and more,

officials simply shrug their shoulders when Reagan commits another *faux pas*.

The president's inability to get his facts straight, a longtime subject of derisive comment among the reporters who cover him, has become a matter of diminishing concern for the White House staff.

"I think it's basically gone away because it's no big deal," says communications chief David Gergen. "The things that people are concerned about are of a totally different nature."

"We try to get the press to focus on the big picture," said a Reagan aide who agreed to discuss the problem when promised anonymity. "In most cases the president knows the substance of the issue. And I think we've just come to the conclusion that people (within the White House) are not going to devote endless amounts of time chasing down figures."

Asked if he meant to say it doesn't matter if the president gets his facts wrong in public, the aide said, "Sure, but when he's out there talking all the time he's going to occasionally be off on one; it's not a federal case."

Reagan's stories generally are intended to make a point, and in Columbus, on Oct. 4, he was attempting to explain his move against school busing.

A worker at the AccuRay

plant asked the president if local communities could be permitted to decide whether to require school busing for desegregation.

The president repeated his oft-stated belief that "busing has failed in its purpose." Then he went on to tell a story about Linda Brown, whose name gave title to the 1954 Brown v. Board of Education case. By deciding in favor of Linda and her fellow black school children, the Supreme Court held school segregation inherently unequal and unconstitutional.

"Mrs. Brown took this all the way to the Supreme Court because of her own memories of her childhood when she had to go miles past a school near her home simply because of segregation," Reagan said. "And then she had a daughter of her own, and Mrs. Brown is opposed to busing in her own community because, she said, now her daughter is bused miles past the school near their home, and she said that wasn't what she had in mind."

As a girl, Linda Brown — now Linda Brown Smith — was bused miles past a white school near her home to attend a black school on the other side of Topeka, Kan., before the Supreme Court decision.

But her daughter wasn't.

As the world turns, fickle Andy jilts Koo for another

LONDON (AP) — Prince Andrew is due back on duty Monday with the Royal Navy after a Caribbean holiday with an American actress that became one of the hottest royal gossip items in recent weeks.

While the 22-year-old prince's military leave is over, the headlines aren't. The British tabloids are now reporting another woman was with the prince during his eight-day vacation on the island of Mustique, a woman said to be dearer to his heart.

Under the headline "Koo Loves Andy True" the weekly Sunday People quoted friends of the pair as saying actress Koo Stark is "deeply in love" with the prince.

The rival Sunday Mirror said Andrew, second-eldest son of Queen Elizabeth II and a Royal

Navy helicopter pilot, may have designs on another of the women who stayed with him at the island home of his aunt, Princess Margaret.

Gossip columnist Chris Hutchins said a Mustique friend who attended a party with the group reported that "the prince seemed more preoccupied with another female companion, and islanders formed a strong opinion that Stark was no more than a flamboyant decoy."

The other woman wasn't named.


Whatever the truth, several British papers said Sunday that free-lance reporter Elizabeth Salomon, who joined photographer Jocelyn Grey, publisher John Rickatson-Hatt and Stark, 25, on the island, was peddling

her account of the holiday in New York.

The U.S. weekly The Star and British tabloids were among the possible purchasers, and sums of up \$170,000 were being discussed, according to the accounts.

The Mustique holiday is not the first time Salomon, 27, has been seen on Andrew's arm. On his first date after returning from service in the Falklands, Andrew took her to see the London production of "Pirates of Penzance."

Salomon is said to have met the prince at the London apartment of Stark, daughter of American movie producer Wilbur Stark. In her teens, Stark made two soft-porn films — "Emily" and "Cruel Passion."




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