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Saudi, Syria sign second cease-fire

BEIRUT — The guns fell silent around Beirut today as a cease-fire worked out by the United States and Saudi Arabia halted Lebanon's three-week-old civil war.

The roar of artillery, rockets and mortars that shook the Lebanese capital throughout the night stopped at 6 a.m. (midnight Sunday EDT), the deadline set for the cease-fire.

Agreement on the cease-fire was announced late Sunday by Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam and Saudi mediator Prince Bandar Bin Sultan in Damascus, and by Lebanese Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan in Beirut. These officials did not disclose details of the agreement, which calls for the warring factions to participate in a national reconciliation conference.

The announcement came a few hours after a renewed attack near U.S. Marine positions at Beirut airport. Four Marines were wounded Sunday.

Khaddam, at a news conference in Damascus, said, "An agreement has been reached for a cease-fire in Lebanon, ending the war and starting a national dialogue. What was achieved is great."

"We appeal to all our Lebanese brothers to go beyond the bloodshed and the hatred in order to start the building of Lebanon," he said.

Earlier Sunday evening, Christian neighborhoods in East Beirut came under heavy shelling.

Army rehearses mass burials

FRANKFURT — The U.S. Army's rehearsal of mass burials of battlefield dead has fed fears of nuclear holocaust and drawn angry responses in the news media.

Not since Pres. Reagan said the United States was prepared to fight a limited nuclear war have West German commentators reacted with such sharp blasts at U.S. military policy.

West German newsman Martin Schulze condemned the grave-digging exercise as showing "total lack of sensitivity." Photos of a mass grave dug by an Army bulldozer near Hanau recalled the Third Reich's slaughter of European Jews in World War II, Schulze declared.

The rehearsal was conducted last Tuesday by 50 soldiers from the 26th Supply and Service Com-

pany in Hanau who are being trained as graves registration personnel, the Army said.

Lt. Col. Jim Lawson, an Army spokesman, acknowledged that the "job of burying people, a lot of people" is something the public doesn't want to think about.

"That's what makes it necessary to go through the exercise so that people will know what to do — God forbid — should it happen again as it has in the past," Lawson said.

Enroll this kid

PORTLAND — A Wilson High School senior designed and wrote a computer program that took the tedium and hassle out of class registration for his 1,800 classmates and their counselors and teachers.

The "School Scheduling System" devised by Brian McGill, 17, helps students enroll in their choice of almost 200 classes, requesting specific class times and minimizing conflicts.

McGill tackled the project as a sophomore in his first year of computer class. He says he immersed himself in the concept for months before actually beginning to write the program.

Wilson administrators said the program performed without a hitch when it was first used this fall.

"There weren't the long lines and frustration levels" that usually accompany registration, said Donald Muno, Wilson's vice principal of curriculum.

Under the old system, students had to go from station to station, trying to fill their schedules with classes and class times from an ever-changing and dwindling list of alternatives.

McGill said he is still fine-tuning the program for possible commercial marketing. He said similar programs can sell for \$1,500.

Muno said the program would probably sell. They said secondary schools throughout the United States are in the Stone Age when it comes to scheduling.

Senate debates Watt resignation

WASHINGTON — Oregon Republican Senator Bob Packwood predicted James Watt will not last another week as Secretary of the Interior. Another leading Senate Republican declared Watt to be a "God-fearing man" and not a bigot, promising Sunday to block a Senate resolution calling for his resignation.

Assistant Majority Leader Ted

Stevens, R-Alaska, said Watt made a mistake last week in referring to five advisers as "a black... a woman, two Jews and a cripple." But Stevens said Watt shouldn't be driven from office for the blunder.

"He's not a bigot. Jim Watt is a God-fearing man who is really quite a Christian gentleman," Stevens told reporters after an appearance on CBS-TV's "Face the Nation," where he defended Watt.

The Senate is scheduled to take up debate Wednesday of a Democratic-sponsored resolution calling for Watt's resignation for conduct "totally unbecoming a Packwood said party leaders are concerned that without heavy lobbying from the White House the vote would be "very decisive" against Watt. Packwood is one of eight GOP senators who have called on Watt to resign. Three others — Robert Dole and Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas and Pete V. Domenici of New Mexico — have stopped just short of calling for Watt's resignation.

The highly unusual resolution would have no legal impact on Watt's position but would prove embarrassing to the administration if it showed large-scale Republican opposition to a member of the president's Cabinet.

Packwood called Watt a "clear liability" to the administration and the GOP.

"We don't see the rest of the Cabinet going around making demeaning statements that do us no good," Packwood said.

Reagan, who accepted a written apology from Watt on Thursday, remained mum Sunday about whether he would keep him on. Presidential spokesman Larry Speakes told reporters, "I know of no change in the Watt situation. Situation stable."

Detroit man 'one-man blood bank'

LAUDERHILL — At age 75, Leo Polk has brought his lifetime blood donation total to 40 gallons, giving his 320th pint a day ahead of schedule to avoid a possible increase in blood pressure from all the public interest.

All told, Polk, a retiree from Detroit who is referred to as a "one-man blood bank," has donated enough blood to provide complete transfusions for 32 adults.

Matt Romano, spokesman for the Broward Community Blood Center, said Polk is the nation's top blood donor.



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