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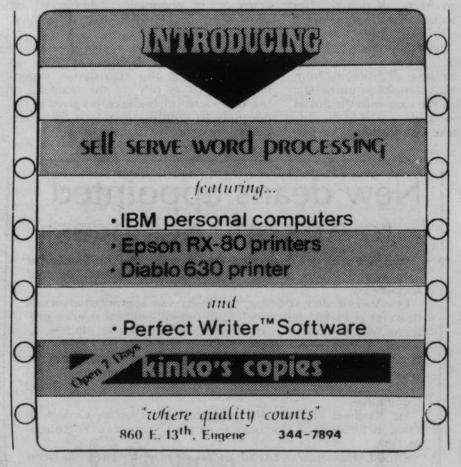
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### Cease-fire breaks down

BEIRUT — Christian and Druse militiamen fought an artillery duel southeast of Beirut Tuesday and the Lebanese army exchanged fire with Moslem gunmen in the capital despite a cease-fire in the civil war.

An Italian member of the international force was wounded and the army claimed rival militias were taking advantage of the truce to rearm.

State-run Beirut radio said Druse gunners pounded the Christian-held village of Baasir, 20 miles southeast of Beirut, on Tuesday night. The Christians returned fire.

#### Pres. calms Congress

WASHINGTON — Members of Congress received President Reagan's written assurance Tuesday that he would seek their approval before deciding to keep 1,600 U.S. Marines in Lebanon longer than 18 months.

Reagan's letter was designed to allay the fears of congressional leaders concerned over whether the administration would honor a compromise measure implementing the War Powers Act. The president also promised to seek congressional approval of any substantial expansion in the Marines' role.

Secretary of State George P. Shultz aroused those fears by refusing to tell a congressional committee what would be done with the troops after the 18 months.

While trying to soothe Congress on Lebanon, Reagan said its failure to approve \$8.5 billion more for the International Monetary Fund would produce "an economic nightmare that could plague generations to come."

Speaking to the opening meeting of the IMF and the World Bank, Reagan asked critics to abandon "harsh rhetoric and unreasonable demands" and adopt the measure to help resolve

the world debt crisis. Opponents of the IMF measure contend it is intended to bail out banks that made bad loans to developing countries.

#### Airline may be grounded

MIAMI — Eastern Airlines will be forced to either close down or file for protection under federal bankruptcy laws if its entire work force does not accept 15 percent wage cuts, Chairman Frank Borman said Monday.

A union official responded that "threats" by the airline would not solve its current labor problems.

In a videotaped message distributed Monday to the company's 37,500 employees, Borman said the Miami-based carrier's dim financial picture required drastic and immediate action.

"He told them we have three choices," said Richard McGraw, Eastern's senior vice prsident for corporate communications. "One is to shut the airline down, one is to file a Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition and try to operate like Continental Airlines, and the only really viable option is to approve a 15 percent wage cut."

On Saturday, financially troubled Continental Airlines announced the airline had filed for reorganization under protection of federal bankruptcy regulatons and temporarily suspended domestic flights after posting losses of \$471.9 million since January 1979.

However, Continental Airlines resumed some of its flights at discount rates Tuesday three days after going to bankruptcy court.

### **Proposition** defines ban

SALEM — A proposed ballot measure to reinstate capital punishment in Oregon must make it clear that the death penalty would be exempt from the state constitution's ban on cruel and unusual punishment, the Oregon Supreme Court said today.

The court's decision came as it wrote titles for two ballot

measures that would ask voters to approve execution by lethal injection for aggravated murder.

One of the measures would revise state statutes to legalize the death penalty while the other is a proposed constitutional amendment that would allow capital punishment in Oregon.

Supporters of the measures turned in petitions earlier this year in hopes of putting the two proposals on the November 1984 ballot

## State nixes import vodka

MILWAUKIE — The state Liquor Control Commission voted today to ban further purchases of Russian vodka for sale in state liquor stores.

The vote was 3-1, a commission spokeswoman said.

Gov. Vic Atiyeh requested the ban after the Soviets shot down a Korean airliner, killing all 269 people on board.

Oregon liquor stores are apparently not being asked to pull bottles of Russian vodka already on the shelves, but it will not be re-stocked.

Stolichnaya is the only Russian vodka on the market in Oregon. It represented 1.4 percent of the total vodka sales in Oregon during the past year, the commission

### Had to be a freshman

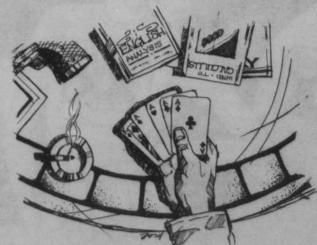
STILLWATER, Okla. — A student who raided a computer that operates a university message board and threatened to make it display "anything we please" was lured into a trap with the promise of more computer codes, authorities say.

An electrical engineering major from Oklahoma City, freshman Sean K. Riddle, 18, was arrested in the lobby of his dormitory Sept. 20, the day after school officials noticed the cryptic messages on their computer screens.

"My mom was sort of upset," Riddle said in an interview Tuesday, admitting he "really shouldn't have done all that."

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