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Reagan says troops stay

WASHINGTON — Pres. Ronald Reagan expressed grief and determination Sunday after the bombing-deaths of 147 Marines and sailors in Beirut. He scorned the "bestial nature" of the assassins, vowed they would not "drive us out," and moved to provide greater protection for U.S. forces.

Grim but resolute, Reagan said, "We must be more determined than ever that they cannot take over that vital and strategic area of the earth or, for that matter, any other part of the earth."

The president's spokesman said Reagan had ordered Marine Commandant Gen. Paul Kelley to fly to Beirut to determine how American forces there could be protected from future attacks.

In a statement that followed an extraordinarily long session of the National Security Council, spokesman Larry Speakes said those "who would weaken our determination and disrupt our efforts" to bolster the government of Lebanon would not succeed.

There were calls from the Senate to withdraw the U.S. peacekeeping forces from Lebanon, but Speakes spoke only of resolve and determination to stay.

Replacement Marine troops with morale said to be at a "feverpitch high" boarded helicopters Sunday and left Camp Lejeune for Lebanon.

Officials declined to give the numbers of troops or aircraft, saying the information could jeopardize the Marines already in Lebanon. However, one account put the number at 400.

The president cut short a golfing vacation in Georgia and returned to the White House to meet with his advisers. Once in the morning and again in the afternoon they explored an American response and what Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger called "circumstantial evidence" implicating Iran.

The death toll marked the greatest loss of life suffered by American military forces since the Vietnam War, eclipsing the 41 servicemen lost in the rescue of the merchant ship Mayaguez seized by the Cambodians in 1975.

Congressional leaders reacted with undisguised frustration.

"The role of our Marines has not been clearly defined. At present our people are just sitting ducks," said Senate Democratic Leader, Robert Byrd.

A number of senators, from both parties, did in fact urge withdrawal and an aide to Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker revealed that Baker had previously written Reagan urging him to withdraw the Marines from Beirut.

Thousands protest nukes

Nearly a half-million demonstrators poured through the streets of Brussels, Madrid and Paris on Sunday in the second day of Western European protests against deployment of new U.S. nuclear missiles.

Anti-missile campaigners hailed the weekend turnout of more than one and a half million people as a clear sign of widespread opposition to the impending deployment of 572 Pershing 2 and cruise missiles.

There were no reports of arrests or violence Sunday. On Saturday, when more than a million Western Europeans sat-in, formed human chains and marched, West German police arrested 450 protesters.

In Brussels, marchers "converged in three columns on the city center in the biggest anti-missile protest ever in Belgium. There was no official count, but police said the crowd was much larger than the turnout of 200,000 in an October 1981 demonstration. Organizers estimated the number Sunday at 300,000.

The rally took place about five miles from the headquarters of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, where it was decided four years ago to deploy the medium-range U.S. missiles to counter 243 Soviet SS-20 missiles targeted on Europe. The deployment begins in less than 10 weeks unless a U.S.-Soviet arms control accord is first reached.

Under the NATO plan, West Germany will take 108 Pershing 2 missiles and 96 cruise missiles. Belgium will deploy 48 cruise missiles, the Netherlands 48, Britain 160 and Italy 112.

In Paris, the demonstration was against both the Soviet and NATO missiles, in contrast to a Saturday protest march aimed solely at the NATO deployment.

About 10,000 protesters linked arms from the U.S. Embassy just off the Place de la Concorde, across two Seine bridges to the Soviet Embassy on Boulevard Lannes – a distance of three miles. They chanted "No! No! Nyet! Nyet! Neither Pershing nor SS-20."

Western governments continued to insist that the marches won't stop the scheduled deployment.

"There is no change," said a spokesman at the office of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in London.

AIDS victim mistreated

SAN FRANCISCO — Officials are investigating a University of Florida teaching hospital that allegedly treated an AIDS victim as "a medical outcast" by "dumping" him in San Francisco for outpatient treatment about two weeks before his death.

Florida Gov. Bob Graham is looking into the actions of Shands Hospital in Gainesville which sent 27-year-old Morgan MacDonald away 16 days ago because it said he no longer needed hospital care for the immune system disorder. MacDonald died Thursday.

San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein and Dr. Mervyn Silverman, the city's director of health, said they were outraged over Shands' treatment of MacDonald.

Shands, which said it had treated MacDonald for over 2 months and concluded he was ready for outpatient care, chartered a jet and sent a physician and social worker to accompany him to San Francisco.

He was taken immediately to San Francisco General Hospital's special care unit for AIDS patients, the first of its kind in the nation.

Acquired immune deficiency syndrome is a disease that strips the body of its ability to fight infections. It is frequently fatal and is most likely to strike homosexuals, Haitians, abusers of injectable drugs and hemophiliacs. Of 2,416 reported AIDS cases in the United States, 287 are in San Francisco, according to Dr. Tim Piland of the city Health Department.

MacDonald was listed in poor condition when he arrived in San Francisco and steadily deteriorated.

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