

# News Digest

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## Last Americans flee Moslem West Beirut

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WASHINGTON — The exodus of most of the remaining Americans from West Beirut on Tuesday completes a victory for terrorists in a nation once declared "avital interest" by President Reagan — even as he challenges terrorists in another place, Libya.

In a very real sense, the U.S. bombing of Libya occurred because of what happened in Lebanon where hundreds of Americans were killed in terrorist attacks, including 241 servicemen in the suicide-truck bombing on the U.S. Marine headquarters in 1983.

"Definitely it is a victory for terrorism," Abdullah Bouhabib, the Lebanese ambassador to the United States, said Tuesday of the departure of Americans. Bouhabib has said previously he felt the United States should have stuck it out.

Ten Americans who had stayed in West Beirut despite the threat of kidnapping by Islamic extremists fled the city's Moslem sector under heavy guard. They went to East Beirut, a safer locale, from which most are expected to leave Lebanon altogether.

A State Department official, Michael Austrian, said "only a handful" will remain in Lebanon out of the thousands

who used to live and work in the prosperous Western-oriented nation. He said all Americans who aren't there on official duty have been urged to leave.

A small embassy staff, headed by Ambassador Reginald Bartholomew, remains.

Five kidnapped Americans remain hostages, unable to leave. It was the murder of a sixth American hostage, Peter Kilburn, and two British hostages in the aftermath of the bombing of Libya that led to Tuesday's exodus. A large group of British citizens also left on Tuesday.

While the U.S. defeat in Lebanon marked a low point in the struggle

against terrorism, it served to galvanize some administration officials to devise a strategy for fighting terrorism that included preemptive and retaliatory strikes against countries that allegedly sponsor terrorism.

Secretary of State George P. Shultz, who opposed the pullout from Lebanon, argued long and hard for the new strategy. Three countries were prime targets — Syria, Iran and Libya. Last week, the attack came, with Libya the target.

Shultz had insisted for two years that using force against terrorism would entail risks — the killing of innocent people, the loss of American service-

men, even the threat of more terrorism. But he said not fighting back at terrorism amounted to surrender.

Lebanon was his example of the consequences.

Others, however, find another lesson in Lebanon. They recall that Israel mounted its 1982 invasion in an effort to destroy Palestinian-based terrorists.

William Quandt, a former Carter administration Middle East specialist now at the Brookings Institution, had predicted one result of the invasion would be to disperse Palestinian guerrillas throughout the Middle East and provoke more terrorism from an even more desperate people.

## U.S. praises allies; says it won't expel Libyans

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration praised European allies Tuesday for taking steps to rein in Libyan diplomatic personnel while revealing it has decided against expelling Libyans from the United States.

Noting the arrest of 21 Libyans in Britain and moves by other European countries to curb trade with Libya and restrict the movements of its diplomatic personnel, White House spokesman Larry Speakes said, "These are the kind of steps, this is the kind of cooperation that is essential if we're going to combat terrorism on an international basis."

But Speakes also said, "Quite frankly, though,

more needs to be done."

President Reagan's chief spokesman declined to spell out what he meant by that. However, Speakes did say, "we will take up these kinds of issues at the economic summit in Tokyo" from May 4-7.

While saying it was heartened by the arrest of the Libyans in Britain and the move by a dozen European nations to restrict the size and activities of Libyan missions known as "People's Bureaus," the administration disclosed it had weighed ordering the estimated 2,000 to 3,000 Libyans out of this country.

"We have considered whether to send them

home and have decided not to," John Whitehead, deputy secretary of state, said in an appearance before a pair of House Foreign Affairs subcommittees.

But in response to questions, Whitehead also said FBI surveillance of Libyans in the United States was being stepped up after last week's raid on Libya.

The United States did not expel the Libyans, he said, because "there will be a Libya after Khadafy" and it may help the U.S. position in a post-Khadafy Libya if some Libyans have been closely exposed to the United States.

There were other developments:

● Matthew Scocozza, assistant secretary of Transportation for international affairs, said the United States has a list of 17 foreign airports that are considered "high risk" for terrorist incidents. The list is classified, he said, but Scocozza also said there is no reason yet to warn Americans not to travel through those airports.

● The Washington Post quoted U.S. officials as saying that within minutes of an April 5 explosion that blew up a West Berlin discotheque and killed an American serviceman, the East Berlin Libyan "People's Bureau" sent a message to headquarters in Tripoli saying an operation was "happening now."

## Kids against AIDS go to alternative school

RUSSIAVILLE, Ind. — Twenty-one youngsters whose parents don't want them in class with AIDS victim Ryan White began attending an alternative school Tuesday in a former American Legion Hall.

"The presence of Ryan makes me very nervous," said Chad Gabbard, 12, a seventh-grader who said he had two classes with Ryan at Western Middle School.

Charles Ryers said Dean Leicht established the Russiaville Home Study School for sixth- and seventh-grade pupils after a judge dissolved an injunction on April 10 and allowed Ryan to return to the seventh grade.

Ryan, who contracted acquired immune deficiency syndrome through blood products used to treat his hemophilia, is from Kokomo but is assigned to Western Middle School in rural Russiaville.

Health officials have said repeatedly that AIDS cannot be transmitted through casual contact, but some parents believe there is no guarantee against that.

Also Tuesday, attorney David Rosset, who represents parents opposed to Ryan's presence in the classroom, filed a notice of appeal asking Clinton Circuit Judge Jack R. O'Neill to stay the order returning Ryan to class.

## Britain to expel 21 Libyans

LONDON — Britain rounded up 21 Libyans Tuesday and said it would expel them for "revolutionary activity." Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said her government is considering further actions against Libya, but not economic sanctions.

The only detainee whose name was announced was Adel Masaoud, 23, an airline pilot trainee who threatened to form an anti-U.S. suicide squad a month ago during the U.S.-Libyan confrontation in the Mediterranean.

The 21, all university students except for Masaoud, were among 7,500 Libyans living in Britain and were picked up in early morning raids around the country, the Home Office said. They were to be deported soon.

The swift British action is based on a Common Market decision announced Monday to restrict Libyan activities around Europe.

No immediate reaction came from Libya. But in Moscow, the official Soviet news agency Tass said London had joined a "vicious anti-Libyan campaign" which Tass said was launched by Washington. Tass said accusations of Libyan involvement in revolutionary activity were a pretext for the arrests and deportations.

Thatcher told the House of Commons she would have liked the Common Market to take more sweeping measures against Libya and she revealed that Britain has opposed selling European food surpluses to Libya at cut prices.



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