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Israel, Syria Forces Near a Showdown

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — The threat of a showdown between Israeli and Syrian forces in eastern Lebanon's Bekaa Valley after repeated Israeli air strikes on Syrian and Palestinian targets there. The latest raids Monday killed 20 soldiers and guerrillas and left several military installations in flames, Lebanese radio stations said. Israel's military command said the raiders wrecked one of Syria's Soviet-made SAM missile batteries and returned home safely. The Syrian state radio said the Israelis killed two soldiers and damaged six heavy guns. It was the fourth time since Wednesday that Israeli attacked Syrian and Palestinian positions in central and eastern Lebanon to avenge what called violations of a July 23 ceasefire. The raid also came a day after Syria put its 250,000 armed forces on a maximum alert, claiming Israel is the true aggressor in the 13-week-old Lebanon war. Lebanese radio stations

Blast Rips Offices of President

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — An explosion here through President-elect Elias Gemayel's political headquarters today, but Gemayel escaped unharmed, private radio stations reported. The station said several people were injured in the explosion, which occurred in a building under construction. The cause of the explosion was not immediately known. The radio station said three floors of the building collapsed and that rescue workers were engaged in the rubble in search of a wounded man. An Associated Press employee in East Beirut said ambulances raced through the streets and that gunfire could be heard. Gemayel, a Christian, was elected Aug. 23 by Parliament to head this divided, Muslim-Christian nation. The president-elect has resigned a military commander of the rightist Christian Lebanese Forces militia.



Classroom Lined Up

Students at Rhodden Jackson College registered for fall classes Monday. Sitka Community College also began registration Monday, and classes were to begin at the two colleges this week. (Inset photo by Lawrence Strawn)

4 More Bodies Recovered From Wrecked Spanish Jet

MALAGA, Spain (AP) — Four more bodies were pulled from the wreckage of a DC10 jetliner today. All 27 passengers were still unaccounted for following a fiery crash that killed at least 100 people, including the pilot, on Monday. The Spanish office in New York on Monday said that 312 passengers had escaped the blazing wreckage and only two were missing. A spokesman today said he could not explain why the discrepancies in the figures. The charter red pilot plunged to earth moments after the 12:30 p.m. (4:30 a.m. EDT) takeoff, careened across a highway and burst into flames. Official figures released today said 312 people escaped the crash, but 100 were hospitalized and 27 who were hospitalized. Nine people are listed in many articles in the figures. The cause of the crash was still trying to get recovered.

Skipper Blamed In Death Of Cruise Ship Passenger

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — "They're going to look it over and make sure there are no disabilities," said Mr. Hulse. "It looks like it will be back in service in a couple of days." Exploration Cruise Lines, Explorer Cruise Lines, Explorer Cruise Lines and Alaska Tour and Marketing all occupy the same office building in Seattle. The skipper of the Majestic was identified as Capt. Gary Lee Robertson, of Le Mars, Calif. Jacoby said a sea-man board of inquiry in Ketchikan on Monday charged Robertson with a single count of negligence for allowing last Friday's grounding in Frederick Sound about 12 nautical miles southeast of Juneau. "We found that he failed to navigate in an area of charted shoals with due caution and he failed to ensure a safe and orderly abandonment of the vessel by passengers," Jacoby said. "They were on a wildlife expedition. They apparently wanted to see seals and whales and larger than 100 gross tons. The captain just got a little too close to East Brother Island." The charge will be heard Sept. 29 by a Coast Guard administrative law judge, Jacoby said. Robertson "could be subject to a whole range of penalties, ranging from a verbal warning to loss of his license," depending on what the judge decided. While 76 passengers and 22 crewmembers attempted to abandon the vessel, Frances Lawson, 72, of Bellevue, Wash., was killed and her husband, Harry Lawson, 71, was seriously injured when the cabinetry containing an unfastened life raft crashed down on the life boat in which they were waiting for the casualty. A third person, James Greenwood, 38, of Sitka, was injured slightly by the casualty. The decision to evacuate the ship was made after it began to list after the grounding. Philip Massey, a national representative of the Island Boatmen's Union of the Pacific, said the cruise line has made a practice of hiring inexperienced crewmembers, partly to fill an organization attempt by his union. "If the personnel involved would have been as experienced as the people that work on the Alaska ferries, the Puget Sound ferries, or the guy who works on the average tugboat, it would have been much less likely to occur," Massey said of the fatal accident. "We really haven't got a clue," he said.

Policy Manual For Sitka Police Gets Approval

By BERTY LONGENRICH Senior Staff Writer A new policy manual setting forth rules for Sitka Police Department was approved at Monday's regular meeting of the Police and Fire Commission. In addition, the commission discussed a promotional firing board and agreed to a city ordinance paying former police chief Jack Allen's salary, at least for the time being. The manual was compiled by new Police Chief Art LeFornum in about two weeks, he said following the start meeting. The bulk of the 112-page manual was written during LeFornum's last job as police chief in Oregon. That job included beginning a police department on a limited reservation from scratch. "I look most of it from what I've done before," LeFornum said, adding that he had used the former Sitka manual, as well as manuals from Juneau police and Alaska State Troopers for reference. "The new manual covers every aspect of police behavior from uniforms to drinking on duty to shooting LeFornum behavior of officers. In several places the manual states officers should remember that their behavior while off duty may still reflect on the police department. Officers may not drink eight hours before coming to duty, the manual states. "Members, while off duty, shall refrain from consuming intoxicating beverages to the extent that it results in an 'excitation, inebriation or offensive behavior' which discredits them as a member of the Department, discredits the Department or renders them unfit for the next regular tour of duty," one section reads. No off-duty officers or civilian employees may habitually frequent or enter any bar or liquor store other than a manual states. It continues: "All members are reminded that at any time, when in such liquor vending establishment, you may be called upon to perform some official act, or be recognized as a law enforcement person, subsequently, a moderate social drinking altitude is a must." An officers should never pull out a gun unless he intends to use it, the manual states in another section. "If he does use it, he will be automatically suspended during an investigation of the shooting. The only reason an officer should fire the gun will be to protect himself or a third person from deadly force, the manual states. No warning shots will be given and an officer may not shoot from a moving vehicle or while running and may not shoot at fleeing persons, the manual states. The manual will soon be available for

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under investigation, officials said. Military sources at the Malaga airport on Monday mentioned engine failure as a probable cause. The plane apparently didn't have enough power to take off. "They're going to look it over and make sure there are no disabilities," said Mr. Hulse. "It looks like it will be back in service in a couple of days." Exploration Cruise Lines, Explorer Cruise Lines, Explorer Cruise Lines and Alaska Tour and Marketing all occupy the same office building in Seattle. The skipper of the Majestic was identified as Capt. Gary Lee Robertson, of Le Mars, Calif. Jacoby said a sea-man board of inquiry in Ketchikan on Monday charged Robertson with a single count of negligence for allowing last Friday's grounding in Frederick Sound about 12 nautical miles southeast of Juneau. "We found that he failed to navigate in an area of charted shoals with due caution and he failed to ensure a safe and orderly abandonment of the vessel by passengers," Jacoby said. "They were on a wildlife expedition. They apparently wanted to see seals and whales and larger than 100 gross tons. The captain just got a little too close to East Brother Island." The charge will be heard Sept. 29 by a Coast Guard administrative law judge, Jacoby said. Robertson "could be subject to a whole range of penalties, ranging from a verbal warning to loss of his license," depending on what the judge decided. While 76 passengers and 22 crewmembers attempted to abandon the vessel, Frances Lawson, 72, of Bellevue, Wash., was killed and her husband, Harry Lawson, 71, was seriously injured when the cabinetry containing an unfastened life raft crashed down on the life boat in which they were waiting for the casualty. A third person, James Greenwood, 38, of Sitka, was injured slightly by the casualty. The decision to evacuate the ship was made after it began to list after the grounding. Philip Massey, a national representative of the Island Boatmen's Union of the Pacific, said the cruise line has made a practice of hiring inexperienced crewmembers, partly to fill an organization attempt by his union. "If the personnel involved would have been as experienced as the people that work on the Alaska ferries, the Puget Sound ferries, or the guy who works on the average tugboat, it would have been much less likely to occur," Massey said of the fatal accident. "We really haven't got a clue," he said.

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Weather Slows Search for Plane

ANCHORAGE (AP) — For the second day in a row, strong winds and low ceilings Tuesday prevented small aircraft from resuming the search for the missing Cosmos 90 with three people on board. Kim Seldin, mission coordinator for the Civil Air Patrol in Anchorage, said an Air Force C-130 was flying at high altitudes in the Lake Clark area to try to pick up signals from an emergency locator transmitter. The flat-equipped airplane was scheduled to return from Tetliena late Thursday, but has not been heard from since it left Lake Hood in Anchorage a week ago. The pilot is identified as Island Boat 21 of Anchorage. The other hunters reportedly on board are Tim and Ben Inverness. Seldin said searchers have retraced the plane's supposed route several times and have blanketed the area around Puget Sound ferries, or the guy who works on the average tugboat, it would have been much less likely to occur," Massey said of the fatal accident. "We really haven't got a clue," he said.

Fourth Victim Identified From Burned Fishing Boat

ANCHORAGE (AP) — State Troopers have identified a fourth victim whose body was pulled from the charred remains of a fishing boat near an abandoned fishing boat on Monday. The victim was identified as Michael Stewart, 19, of up to a dock nearby. Two of the victims identified earlier, boat-owners Mark Coulthart, his wife Irene, both 28 and of Bethel, had been seen from the charred remains of the fire broke out, troopers said. Also identified were the remains of his 13-year-old daughter, Kimberly. Pathologists could not determine if she had been shot. Also identified were the remains of a couple's 13-year-old son, John. Carol Stewart, of Lummi Island, Wash., said Monday authorities had identified her

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Forecast

Cloudy Wednesday, southwest winds to 15 mph. Temperature in the 50s. Outlook, rain developing.