

## World and Nation

# Lebanese general calls for U.S. aid

**From Associated Press reports**  
BEIRUT, Lebanon — Gen. Michel Aoun said Thursday that U.S. foreign policy is "biased and shortsighted," then asked American help in what the Christian leader calls the war of liberation against Syrian troops in Lebanon. Aoun said the U.S. withdrawal of its last diplomats Wednesday was based on "rumors, false suppositions and unconvincing reasons."  
He likened the 6-month-old battle between his 20,000 Christian soldiers and a Moslem alliance led by the 40,000 Syrians to what Americans' "forefathers did ... 200 years ago" in the Revolutionary War.  
Syrians and Christians exchanged artillery fire for five hours before dawn Thursday and police reported two dead

and seven wounded.  
At least 830 people have been killed and 2,462 wounded since the artillery war began March 8. Nearly all the victims have been civilians.  
The U.S.-trained general said he would welcome the return of Ambassador John McCarthy and other American diplomats to Lebanon only if Washington recognized his Christian cabinet as the legitimate government.  
His government competes for power with a Moslem Cabinet led by acting Premier Salim Hoss. McCarthy, who had been in Lebanon since the rival regimes were created a year ago, avoided taking sides by not presenting his credentials to either.  
U.S. military helicopters evacuated the 30 remaining Americans from the

U.S. Embassy compound in east Beirut on Wednesday morning.  
"It is pitiful that American-Lebanese relations should deteriorate to that point due to the stubbornness of the American Embassy ... backed by a biased and shortsighted foreign policy," Aoun said.  
He was clearly angered by the State Department's declaration Wednesday that it evacuated the U.S. diplomats because Aoun threatened to expose them to a "good dose of Christian terrorism."  
Speaking to reporters in his bunker under the shattered presidential palace in Baabda, east of Beirut, the 54-year-old Maronite Catholic general urged the "American people and their elected representatives to ignore their State

Department's policy."  
Americans should "support all the Lebanese, Moslems and Christians, in our war of liberation" against the Syrians, he said.  
Syrian soldiers are in Lebanon under a peacekeeping mandate the Arab League issued in 1976, the year after the sectarian civil war began. At least 150,000 Lebanese have been killed in the war.  
State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said Wednesday that a leader of Christian youths who massed outside the embassy before the evacuation told diplomats they could move in and out of the compound only "at their own risk." Aoun said her remarks were "a calculated but crude personal attack on me."

# Vote favors banning smoking on all domestic airline flights

**From Associated Press reports**  
WASHINGTON — A Senate subcommittee voted today to permanently forbid smoking on all domestic airline routes, expanding the current ban covering flights lasting only two hours or less.  
On a unanimous voice vote, the Senate Appropriations transportation subcommittee adopted an \$11.9 billion spending bill for transportation programs for fiscal 1990 that includes the strengthened smoking prohibition. The 1990 fiscal year begins Oct. 1.  
There was no debate on the smoking provision.  
The full Appropriations Committee planned to vote on the bill later in the day. Subcommittee Chairman Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., who sponsored the proposal, said he expected to prevail there but to face a tough fight from tobacco-state senators when the legislation reaches the Senate floor next week.  
"We hear rumblings in the woods that the war drums are being beaten and we expect a full-dress battle in the future," he said.  
On Aug. 3, the House adopted legislation that would permanently extend the current ban on cigarette smoking on flights of two hours or less. The existing restriction, enacted two years ago, will otherwise expire next April.  
House sponsor Richard Durbin, D-Ill., was blocked from offering an amendment that would have applied the prohibition to all domestic flights.

### News in Brief

immigrants from 17 nations showed that 81 percent of the naturalized immigrants are registered to vote, compared with 70 percent of the general U.S. voting age population, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials said.  
Forty-nine percent of those interviewed, all of whom were either naturalized citizens or legal permanent residents of the United States, said they had "no preference" between the major U.S. political parties.  
"This is a large population that is almost up for grabs," said Rep. Edward Roybal, D-Calif., president of the association's educational fund, which conducted the survey.  
"Republicans and Democrats have an open field to go out into the Latin community and convince them that their party and platform is the best," said Roybal, a Hispanic from a Los Angeles district with the heaviest concentration of Hispanics in his state.

**Accident kills African workers**  
JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — A truck filled with laborers and children veered off a bridge and plunged into a rain-swollen river Thursday, killing at least 40 people, officials said.  
More than 50 people were believed to be in the truck when it crashed through a bridge rail and fell 50 feet into the Olifants River, 150 miles north of Cape Town, police said.  
The passengers were black women farmworkers and about 10 children who were being transported from a farm to their home.  
Ten people survived by swimming to shore or clinging to branches until they were rescued, police said.

# Iraqis to vie in solving ancient mystery

**From Associated Press reports**  
BAGHDAD, Iraq — President Saddam Hussein has offered \$1.5 million to any Iraqi who can solve a 3,000-year-old puzzle — how King Nebuchadnezzar managed to water the fabled Hanging Gardens of Babylon.  
Archaeologists are divided over whether the gardens, said to have graced terraces hundreds of feet above the palm-fringed Euphrates, existed. They reportedly were built by Nebuchadnezzar in the 6th century B.C. to enchant his homesick queen, the Median princess Amytis.  
The ancient Greeks considered the gardens one of the Seven Wonders of the World, but Nebuchadnezzar made no mention of them in his detailed writings, and no conclusive evidence they existed has been uncovered.  
But the Iraqi government, which is rebuilding the city where Nebuchadnezzar ruled ancient Mesopotamia from 604 B.C. to 562 B.C., believes they did exist, based on findings by German archaeologists who first excavated Babylon more than 75 years ago.  
Hussein, who is known as Saddam throughout Iraq and the Arab world, announced a \$1.5 million prize for whoever comes up with the most plausible watering system, and \$750,000 to the runner-up.

The winning system likely will be used if the Iraqis decide to go ahead and reconstruct the hanging gardens as part of their effort to restore the crumbled city in what is now central Iraq.  
No modern technology can be employed in the watering system, only the primitive tools available in 6th century B.C. Mesopotamia.  
Hussein said the contest is for Iraqis only and will be judged by Iraqi archaeologists, but Iraqi embassies around the world reportedly have been flooded with telephone calls, cables and letters from foreigners eager to participate.  
Archaeologists have been excavating Babylon for decades but have never been able to figure out how the Mesopotamians, without modern pumping systems, watered the gardens that reportedly were on terraces high above the Euphrates River.  
Legend says the terraced gardens had seven levels, and the most likely method of watering them was a type of system that hauled buckets up from the Euphrates.  
Some scientists believe the gardens may have been as high as 365 feet above the ground.  
Officials said scores of Iraqi engineers and architects have ideas on how the Babylonians did it, but they refuse to give details.

The Soviet news agency Tass reported last month that Leonid Khasenevich, an engineer from Minsk, claimed to have solved the mystery and wanted to take part in the Baghdad contest.  
"A hitherto unstudied hydraulics phenomenon, which I discovered in 1982, helped me solve this puzzle," he was quoted as saying.  
Khasenevich, a hydrologist for 30 years, said that after experimenting with models, "I came to the conclusion that parts of the construction may be unearthed on the Hill of Babel" near the

biblical tower where God punished the presumptuous children of Abraham by making them speak in different tongues.  
He refused to give details of his findings, but noted: "I believe the technology of water inlets was primitive and did not require large mechanisms, which would have spoiled the beauty of the famous gardens."  
Robert Koldewey and Walter Andrae, the German archaeologists who excavated Babylon before World War I, believed that underground chambers beneath what were once the towering walls of Nebuchadnezzar's palace were the foundations of the hanging gardens.

## Congress

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tire amount that organization requested, Elliott said.  
The executive branch of student government requested \$4,700 to donate to Project Uplift, Elliott said. This is an addition to the \$2,000 that Project Uplift was allotted last year when its original budget was reduced from \$6,700 because the congress lacked information concerning the group.  
"We found out more information about it, enough to decide it was a good program," Elliott said. Project Uplift has been funded in the past, and the total amount allotted the group makes up only 10 percent of its budget, he said.  
Subsequent appropriations amounting to more than \$11,000 were requested for a desktop publication system to be used by the Phoenix, the Cellar Door and other small student publications,

**Recommended Finance Committee Allotments**

BSM	\$22,380
Carolina Quarterly	\$3,000
NCSL	\$1,953
Executive Branch	\$4,700
SAFE Escort	\$650

Elliott said.  
Donnie Esposito, finance committee chairman, said he expected the congress to raise questions concerning the system. "It's a very large appropriation. I would foresee a lot more scrutiny of the equipment they need."  
Congress has about \$75,000, Esposito said. If the finance committee's recommendations are approved, about \$30,000 will be left, he said.

## Reaction

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education and treatment.  
Only one in seven addicts who need treatment receives it, said Rep. David Price, D-N.C.  
Most addicts can't afford drug rehabilitation treatment, which is often not covered by insurance policies, said Tammy Beck, a nurse at Care Unit Hospital in Salisbury. The president's plan does not allow for increased treatment funds.

The plan also doesn't place enough emphasis on drug education for parents, Yates said.  
Others commend the plan's purpose, but are skeptical about whether the plan will be put into action. "Putting a plan like this into place is going to be the major episode," Yates said.  
Funding the plan is also a concern. Funding for last fall's drug bill fell short of the requested amount, and funding could also be insufficient for this year's plan, sources said.

# Hungarian Communists pledge to share power

**From Associated Press reports**  
BUDAPEST, Hungary — The Communist Party will turn over millions of dollars to the government and open its books for inspection as it prepares to share power, the state newspaper said today.  
Imre Pozsgay, a reformist member of the four-man Communist leadership, made the pledge Wednesday to opposition groups discussing the political shape of Hungary as the country gears up for free elections next year, the paper said.  
The talks, focusing on preparations for the first free elections since the 1948 Communist takeover, frequently have been bogged down.  
But the newspaper, Magyar Hirlap, reported some progress after the Wednesday session agreed to increase the number of seats in Parliament from 350 to 374. Other issues remained in dispute, it said.

MTI, the state news agency, said Pozsgay was defeated in an election Wednesday of delegates to the Oct. 6 Communist Party congress where reformists are expected to battle orthodox Marxists over the Communist Party's future.  
He will have a vote at the session anyway because he is a member of the 113-member Communist Party Central Committee, but his defeat was seen as a victory for those in the party who oppose the rapid pace of reforms.  
Leading Communist reformist Zoltan Szabo told reporters the Communist Party's oligarchy was becoming active, now that it has realized it may be in danger of losing control of the party.  
The Communist leadership decided in February to permit multiparty elections by June 1990. The decision was part of the reforms that have kept Hungary in the forefront of change within the Soviet bloc.

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**How To Get Your Tickets:**  
Present your picture I.D., registration card and athletic pass at the Smith Center Box Office between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Students may also purchase guest tickets at \$5.00 in addition to their complimentary student tickets. Student groups of 50 or more are welcome to send a representative to the Ticket Office with the group's athletic passes for block seating.

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