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Push for Gemayel's ouster grows

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Syrian-supported Druse and Muslim militias stepped up military and political pressure yesterday to oust President Amin Gemayel, who turned to Saudi Arabia to salvage his crumbling position.

Druse militiamen pushed the Lebanese army out of the Chouf Mountains and rolled down the coastal hills to link up with Shiite Muslim allies controlling West Beirut.

Gemayel has agreed to scrap Lebanon's U.S.-brokered troop withdrawal pact with Israel, Beirut radio reported, in an effort to save his disintegrating army and government.

The state radio said Gemayel agreed to an eight-point Saudi peace initiative that includes renouncing the May 17, 1983, agreement between Lebanon and Israel. It

*** The United States is starting to distance itself from the Mideast, letting the Lebanese worry about the crisis there. Page 2A.**

added that Foreign Minister Elias Salem had commended the decision to Saudi officials in Riyadh.

At their camps in the capital, U.S. Marines and Italian troops were packing their equipment and preparing to pull out.

A senior White House official said the Marines would begin withdrawing to Navy ships off the Lebanese coast in two or three days. The official, who spoke on the condition he not be identified, said the redeployment of about 1,200 Marines should be completed within 30 days from today.

*** Christians are accused of a massacre in a Lebanese village. Shamir says Israel won't renounce its pact with Lebanon. Page 19A.**

He said 500 personnel — Marines, Army trainers and others — would stay in Beirut to guard the U.S. Embassy and perform other functions.

Druse opposition leader Walid Jumblatt said in an interview that he would veto the Saudi-mediated plan. He called it "too little, too late."

"There will never be a compromise with us and Gemayel," Jumblatt said in the telephone interview from Damascus, Syria, which was broadcast by Independent Television News in London. "Gemayel is to be

judged for crimes against the Lebanese people. There is no way to have a deal with Gemayel."

Beirut radio said Gemayel received two telephone calls yesterday, one from his foreign minister, Salem, in Saudi Arabia, the other from Saudi mediator Rafik Hariri, telling him Saudi Arabia had received Lebanon's go-ahead.

It said Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal would fly to Damascus today to obtain Syria's approval to the bipartisan agreement.

The radio report said Gemayel informed the parties to the national reconciliation conference of the details of the Saudi initiative and sent a written message about his decision to former President Salim Frangieh, a member of the cabinet.

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U.S. has golden day at Sarajevo

SARAJEVO, Yugoslavia (AP) — Americans Bill Johnson and Scott Hamilton each won gold medals at the XIV Winter Olympics yesterday. Johnson, as he had promised, beat all comers in men's downhill skiing, while Hamilton apologized for not being better in the trials of men's figure skating.

"This is both America's medal and mine," said Johnson, the 23-year-old Californian who became the first American man to win a gold medal in Olympic Alpine skiing.

"Now America has it."

What does the gold medal mean to Johnson?

"Millions," he said, with a laugh and then a hint of a blush.

Hamilton, dressed in red, white and blue, waved a huge American flag on his victory skate around the Zetra rink. He was the first American to win the men's figure skate. David Jenkins in 1960, and he was despite finishing second to Brian Orser of Canada in the freestyle program.

Johnson and Hamilton raised the U.S. medal total to three gold and five overall — good for fifth place in the overall standings.

The Soviet Union's Games-leading total of 20 medals included three gold, nine silver and eight bronze. East Germany followed with 19, Finland with 10 and Norway with seven. Details in Sports section.



Solid gold — Scott Hamilton of Denver, left, performs in the free-skating finals en route to a gold medal at the Winter Games. Above, Bill Johnson of Van Nuys, Calif., celebrates his gold-medal run in the men's downhill race.

Trainers' misgivings unreported

U.S. officials misled about Lebanese army

By Joel Brinkley

Last The New York Times

WASHINGTON — During the 14 months that the U.S. Army trained the Lebanese armed forces, American officers continually sent optimistic reports on the program's progress back to Washington, according to senior Pentagon and administration officials.

The reports stressed that recruiting had exceeded expectations and that the recruits were intelligent and eager, the officials said.

Most of the progress reports failed to discuss in any detail the doubts and uncertainties many of the American officers involved with the training had about the army's ability to fight, the officials said.

In an interview last month, for example, one senior Pentagon officer who was directly involved in the training program said, "I can't say yes, and I can't say no" on the question of whether the Lebanese army would hold up in battle.

He added, "If there is no national reconciliation of the factional forces, the army may never be ready."

Pentagon and administration officials said the failure to include candid assessments such as that in the periodic progress reports may explain why the army was not

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Excess of ACCESS problems sends lawmakers scurrying for options

By Howard Fischer
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PHOENIX — Has the Arizona experiment failed?

Lawmakers are scurrying to salvage the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, launched a year ago as the state's bold alternative to the scandal-ridden and high-cost Medicaid program.

When ACCESS was begun, state GOP legislative leaders even managed to get the Reagan administration to kick in some Medicaid funds while exempting the state from a variety of the normal program requirements. Their selling point was that Arizona could be a model program, leading the way to a new way to provide health care for indigents.

The administration's consent had

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signed around a prepaid plan where doctors are paid a flat fee to provide whatever health services are necessary.

The thought of the government cutting off aid under the state enters the Medicaid program, which covers the other 49 states, is enough to make Republican legislators flinch. By contrast, it would be politically impossible to return to the pre-October 1982 system in which counties packed up the entire bill.

There is a third option: The federal government will recognize that despite its problems, there is some value in a prepaid alternative to Medicaid and give Arizona a few more years to work the bugs out of the program.

Some of the choices for that happen to hinge on this year's presidential election.

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Solo climber is sighted after McKinley conquest

TALKEETNA, Alaska (AP) — Japanese adventurer Naomichi Kamura — last heard from on Monday — was spotted yesterday at the 17,000-foot level of Mount McKinley, on his way down from the first successful solo winter ascent of the continent's highest peak.

The pilot who saw him said Kamura was "OK" and waved to him.

Jim Pennington of K 2 Aviation in Talkeetna said the climber was "still about two days out of base camp."

Pennington said Kamura was spotted by Talkeetna Air Taxi pilot Doug Geering as climbers began assembling their equipment for a possible rescue mission. Kamura was overcast by

2 truckers die in fiery I-10 crash

CASA GRANDE — Two Arizona truckers died in a pre-dawn collision yesterday after a tractor-trailer crossed a highway median and smashed head-on into a double-truck loaded with gasoline and diesel fuel.

The flaming wreckage exploded and then burned for about three hours on Interstate 10, scattering about 100 feet of masonry, authorities said.

The collision occurred at 4:40 a.m. about 10 miles north of here next to the Satoran rest area, though which eastbound traffic was detoured for most of the day as Department of Transportation workers repaired the damage.

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Weather

Keep a sweater handy. Today is expected to be partly cloudy, windy and cooler. A high of 61 and a low of 34 are expected, with the temperature sliding into the upper 20s in the cooler valley areas.

Yesterday's high and low were 73 and 39.

Temperature extremes in the lower 48 states were 17 below zero at Gunnison, Colo., and 68 at McAleer, Texas. Details on Page 2A.

News

Garcia damages. South Tucson files a plan for the city to issue tax-exempt bonds to raise the \$4.5 million owed to ex-policeman Roy Garcia. Page 18A.

LaGrand trial. Defense attorneys question a psychologist in an attempt to cast doubt on a bank teller's testimony by discussing the impairing effects terror has on the ability to remember. Page 1B.

Tell me a story. The Tucson community comes out for TUSD's "Love of Reading Week," and elementary schoolchildren put on a parade of their storybook favorites. Page 1B.

Four more wells. Pima County Health Department officials find four more wells that have concentrations of toxic chemicals above federal limits. Page 1B.

Stone quits, Richard B. Stone, the envoy to Central America, is resigning over differences with an administration official, the Washington Post reports. Page 18A.

Democratic charges. John Glenn, finding himself in a second-place tie with Jesse Jackson in the latest Gallup Poll, continues to attack Democratic front-runner Walter F. Mondale. Page 1A.

Hazards from pets. The Journal of the American Medical Association warns that pets may be hazardous to human health "if not maintained and handled properly." Page 1A.

No more Olympics. ABC won't share its events footage with NBC for the rest of the Games after the latter network showed an award ceremony during a feature on an American skier. Page 7A.



Second spot — Mikhail Gorbachev, a 52-year-old agricultural specialist, is thought to have become the No. 2 man in the Kremlin. Page 3A.

Iranian offensive

Iran claims a major offensive that leaves 1,200 Iraqis dead or wounded, but Iraq says the move was crushed by a counterattack. Page 1A.

On the record. Cochise County Sheriff Jimmy Judd says in a sworn statement that his deputies were "ambushed" after Miracle Valley church members were "tipped off." Page 13A.

Sports

Seating plan. Star columnist Greg Hansen talks to a UA football fan who is angry over being charged retroactively for priority seating last season. Page 1F.

Lifestyle

Short stay. A British hair-stylist says males already are abandoning short hair and are on their way back to longer cuts. Page 1E.

Entertainment

Terms of nomination. As expected, "Terms of Endearment" leads the pack in Oscar nominations with 11, including four for acting and one as best picture. Page 1C.

A goody from Woody. "Broadway Danny Rose," Woody Allen's latest effort, is a first-rate film about show business second-rate, says Star critic Jaqy Teag. Page 3C.

Money

Good news. Housing construction takes a five-year, 15 percent leap, reports say in a "red-letter day" for the economy. Page 1B.

High-tech school. Miller Technology & Communications Corp. of Phoenix plans to build a school in Tucson to train high-tech workers. Page 1B.