

Marines headed for gunfight in Lebanon, says columnist

By Shirlee Iden
staff writer

Investigative reporter Jack Anderson told 500 Israel Bond investors in Southfield Wednesday that "Ronald Reagan wants to drive the Israelis out of Lebanon, meaning we have to stay there."

"When the leftist Muslims realize this, they'll start to shoot at U.S. Marines and we'll be in trouble," he predicted.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist charged that when our intelligence determined Israel would go into Lebanon "we began to finance the Lebanese Christian militiamen in March 1981. We bought them."

"That's why Lebanese President Amr Gemayel came to Washington and not to Jerusalem. The Israelis have angered Reagan, and he doesn't like Begin who has a genius for being harsh."

Anderson said competition in Lebanon is between the Israelis and the U.S.

Speaking at an Israel Bond Tribute Dinner honoring Southfield residents Irving and Florence Hermelin, Anderson said that while the Israelis didn't plan or want the massacre of civilians in Beirut, they are responsible because they were there.

THE ISRAELIS agreed not to go into Beirut, Anderson said. But the PLO, after agreeing to leave, instead hid out and snatched their weapons, he said.

"The whole story hasn't been told." Charging that the press was "superficial" in reporting the Lebanese war, Anderson said there was "a great lack of depth. The TV cameras tend to see the pain and suffering but not the cause."

"I saw what happened when I went to Beirut and was bombed and shelled," he said. "I visited with Bashir Gemayel before his assassination, with Arif Sharon and in shirt-sleeves with Begin and I have access to secret reports."

"What the press showed is not exactly what happened. You see the suffering, the bombing causes and that's all you begin to see. Lots of correspondents lost sight of the full true story."

Anderson suggested "putting the shoe on the other foot" and imagining a terrorist organization encamped in Mexico shelling American cities up for eight years.

"We'd get tired of it and send an expeditionary force to clean them out," he said. "We almost invaded Cuba and they didn't even fire on Miami. We just didn't like Castro and his beard."

"Well, that's just what the Israelis did."

Born in California, Anderson has been a civilian war correspondent, a Mormon missionary and a reporter for "Stars and Stripes." In 1969 he took over Drew Pearson's syndicated column after the elder journalist's death. His daily column appears in 1,000 newspapers. He broadcasts both on radio and television and is the creator of "Capitol Hill," a comic strip which shows the funny side of Washington.

Ivan Block, co-chairman of the dinner, in introducing Anderson, quoted former White House Press Secretary Ron Nessen, saying: "He's a reporter who exposes the bad guys and does the

stories other reporters don't have the guts, contacts or determination to do."

Commenting on the recent elections, Anderson said he finds "only disarray. I read no meaning. There's no pattern."

"The Republican candidate for governor here in Michigan lost not because of Reaganomics but because he's a jerk."

"Thanksgiving is in front of us, the election's behind us — let us give thanks for the turkeys we have received," he quipped.

CONTINUING his jibes at politicians, Anderson said they suffer myo-

ple vision and can't see beyond the next election.

"This nation is so rich and powerful we've been able to absorb the mistakes of politicians. I'm not sure we can continue."

Anderson, an observer and critic of presidents for 37 years, said Reagan is determined to stay the course. "Of presidents I have known, he is, more than any other, one who says what he means. He's deep, but simplistic."

"Jimmy Carter dealt with trivialities and Ronald Reagan stays on the bridge. With Carter there was no one at the helm and the ship went in circles."

Reagan is a captain at the helm but the ship is going in the wrong direction.

"Reagan's solutions might very well have worked 50 years ago. The economy is complex and he wants to turn it to a free market. He'd abolish the tax system if he could and pass the collection plate."

Anderson said that while many government programs should be trashed, they are a part of our system and cannot be abruptly ended.

"I bought my grandchildren a puppy last Christmas and called it 'Reaganomics' because it was programmed to trickle down," he said, grinning.

Competition open to area artists

Oakland County artists are invited to participate in Oakland Community College's first annual Helen L. DeRoy Purchase Prize Art Competition.

The competition has been made possible as a result of a \$5,000 donation made last year by the DeRoy Testamentary Foundation. Unlike other monetary gifts received by the college, the \$5,000 is considered an endowment fund with the annual income to be used as a purchase prize to buy art for the Orchard Ridge Campus.

The \$500 purchase prize will be awarded to the winning artist on Dec. 16.

The winning entry, selected by a jury of OOC Fine Arts faculty, will be displayed on campus and identified with a small plaque designating it as part of the permanent Helen L. DeRoy Purchase Prize Art collection.

Sculptures, watercolors, oils, acrylics, weavings, drawings, etchings, prints, ceramics and mixed media are acceptable.

Artists are asked to submit their en-

tries prior to Dec. 14. The title of the artwork, the artist's name, address and phone number should be listed on the back of each entry.

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For more information about the Helen L. DeRoy Purchase Prize Art Competition or submission details, call Ted Striewski or June Holik, Orchard Ridge Music and Fine Arts Department, 471-7500.

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The Farmington area YMCA provides a variety of services for youth and adults in the community. Further information may be obtained by calling 553-4020 between 9 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. daily.

YOUTH FLOOR HOCKEY — Registration now through Nov. 20 at the Farmington YMCA. Practices are held once a week at area schools. Games begin Dec. 4. Separate leagues for all grades.

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