

CIA Accused of Arming

Beirut

Palestinian and Lebanese leftist political leaders have accused the U.S. Central Intelligence agency of providing arms, munitions and directives to the right-wing Phalangist party during the current political crisis.

Kemal Jumblatt, a Socialist leader who is close to the Soviet embassy here, charged publicly in a news conference that the Lebanese operation forms part of

a vast plot, revealed in part by statements of American Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Among Palestinian guerrilla leaders and their Lebanese supporters it is widely believed that arms and munitions for the Phalangist militia have been flown and shipped here, secretly through a Lebanese military air base and the small port of Jounieh.

"From our intelligence, it

appears that the Phalangists are in rapport with the Israelis and have received directives, arms and ammunition through the C.I.A.," Jumblatt said.

Although no proof has been put forward to support these charges, they are widely believed among the Palestinians and leftists.

Much has been made in the left-wing press here of a statement by "a senior American diplomatic offi-

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cial," who is said to have been Kissinger, that the Lebanese situation is developing along the lines of Jordan in 1970 when King Hussein's army drove the Palestinian guerrillas out of that country.

The conflict, which began April 13 with clashes between phalangist militiamen and Palestinian guerrillas, has left more than 300 dead and many more wounded.

There were some new cas-

Jordan Arrival

Amman, Jordan

President Hafez Assad of Syria is expected to arrive here Sunday.

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ualties in an outbreak of heavy mortar, rocket and machine gun fire early yesterday in the Chia neighborhood here. Sporadic gunfire continued most of the day.

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