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## Crisis averted

### Veto encourages Israeli, U.S. negotiations

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TEL AVIV — Israeli Foreign Minister Allon said today the American veto of a Security Council resolution criticizing Israeli occupation of Arab territories averted "a far-reaching" crisis between Jerusalem and Washington.

Without the veto it certainly would have been a big crisis, a far-reaching crisis," Allon told reporters after meeting with U.S. Ambassador Malcolm Toon. "But thanks to the veto I think the . . . situation has been restored for the better."

In Damascus the Syrian government newspaper Al-Thaoura, reacted angrily to the U.S. veto, saying "the U.S. government wants to torpedo all attempts by the international community to restore peace and justice in the Middle East."

The Syrian Foreign Ministry spokesman based in Washington of "protecting and

even encouraging Israel to continue its occupation of the Arab territories."

In vetoing the U.N. resolution Thursday, the United States said it would impede American attempts to get Arab-Israeli negotiations going again.

"We are engaged . . . at this moment in an effort to regain momentum in the negotiating process that has brought some unusual progress," America's U.N. Ambassador, William W. Scranton told the other 14 council members, all of whom voted for the resolution.

In another development, a Palestine Liberation Organization official in Vienna pledged the PLO would fight against splinter groups that carry out terror attacks, asserting "we ourselves are no terrorists."

But the official, Rahiem Abou Jayyab, director of the PLO bureau in Budapest,

qualified this by adding the PLO would take such action "as far as this is possible," indicating that some terror groups were beyond the PLO's reach.

Scranton, who on Tuesday called the settlements Israel has been establishing in the occupied territories an "obstacle to peace," voiced objection to only one of the charges in the resolution — that "Israel is persisting in a policy aimed at changing the religious character of the city of Jerusalem."

"We believe, my government and I, that this conclusion is incorrect," Scranton said.

But Scranton in his speech Tuesday rejected one of the cardinal points of Israeli policy: that East Jerusalem, the Arab part of the city which Israel took from Jordan in 1967, will not be relinquished. Scranton said the annexation of East Jerusalem "cannot be considered other than interim and provisional."

The resolution deplored Israel's efforts to change the status of Jerusalem and its policy of settling Israelis in the occupied territories. It was the product of long discussions by Arab and nonaligned delegates trying to find a formula that the United States would not veto.

Zehdi Labib Terzi of the Palestine Liberation Organization charged that the United States had used "the tyranny of the veto" against a resolution that could not have been more moderate.

The council debate began Monday at the request of Pakistan and Libya for an inquiry into Arab rioting in the occupied West Bank territory in which two Arabs have been killed. The rioting was touched off by an Israeli court decision, later overruled by the Supreme Court, which permitted Jews to pray in the vicinity of Moslem shrines in East Jerusalem.

## Rezoning request tabled by Council

By JERRY NEEDHAM  
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A controversial request to rezone a 12-acre tract of land to an apartment district was tabled by the College Station City Council yesterday after a three-to-three vote deadlock on a motion to deny the request.

The request was brought to the council by Edsel Jones, general partner of Mohawk Ltd. The land, now zoned single family residential, is located west of Wellborn Road and north of Luther Street.

Jones said he initially wants to build 106 apartment units on three acres of the tract. "What we are trying to do is to provide housing for the West Campus of the University," Jones said. He said this is the closest site to the campus on which to build.

Councilman Jim Gardner pointed out that the zoning request does not conform to the Master Development Plan for the city, which calls for this area to be an industrial zone.

Jones said he doesn't think the area will attract industry and noted that even the Bryan Industrial Park is having trouble attracting industry.

The motion to table the request included the stipulation that the city attorney check on using the old Missouri Pacific Railroad right-of-way as additional access to the area.

The right-of-way (ROW) was given to the surrounding landowners when the railroad company abandoned it.

The only access to the area now is Luther Street. Jones said he planned to use the old railroad ROW for additional access to the area.

Councilman Jim Dozier said he was skeptical that Jones would be able to obtain the old railroad ROW. He said the city has been trying to get the ROW for over five years to build a road, but the owners are not willing to sign it over to the city.

Gardner moved that approval of the request be denied until the road situation involving the railroad ROW is resolved.

The College Station Planning and Zoning Commission had unanimously recommended the rezoning request to the council at the commission's March 1 meeting. The question of improved access to the site was also raised at that meeting.

Jones said that if construction cannot be started by May 1, the developers may postpone the project for a year.

Councilman Bob Bell said that according to Texas A&M President Jack Williams, A&M Director of Admissions Billy Lay, and certain newspaper accounts, the chief factor limiting enrollment at A&M is the inadequate housing situation. He asked whether the council's actions were helping to limit enrollment at A&M.

"I personally have to weigh whether a bad street or a shortage of housing is the worst problem," Bell said.

Councilmen Gardner, Dozier and Larry Bravenec voted to deny the request while Mayor O. M. Holt and Councilmen Bell

and Homer Adams voted against denial. Bell then made a motion to approve the request. Adams seconded the motion and then made a motion to table the request. The motion to table passed.

A second request by Brentwood, Inc. asking that 50 acres zoned single family residential be rezoned to duplex residential was approved.

The land is located approximately 800 feet northeast of the intersection of S. Texas Avenue and Southwest Parkway.

The council also raised the rates to be charged for water connections, sanitary sewer connections and temporary electric services.

Under the old rates, the city was losing money on every connection it made, said Director of Public Works George R. Ford.

A permit to operate a bus service in College Station was granted by the council.

Roy Ellis, 804 Muckleroy St. in Bryan, received permission to operate a 48-passenger school bus in College Station.

The council granted a permit two weeks ago to Tom Bass of Cameron to operate a bus service in College Station. Both men have also received permission from the Bryan City Council to operate in Bryan.

Neither man has announced starting dates or prices for the services.

Low bids for the construction of four tennis courts and surrounding fences were accepted by the council. The courts are to be constructed at Bee Creek Park in south College Station.

## CPR requirement lowered by Senate

People with a 2.25 over-all grade point average may file for class officer positions after a decision last night by the A&M Student Senate.

Bob Spiller, senator from the college of engineering, sponsored the bill. A request for such a bill came from Kelly DeWitt, senator from the old 2.5 G.P.R. requirement. DeWitt has been class president for the past two years and had filed for the position earlier in the week.

The senate waited 45 minutes for the person membership quorum to show up upon insistence of members present. A number of the senators left the meeting in

search of additional people.

About 30 minutes of debate was held on the resolution. The general argument for changing the requirement was class executive positions were not as time consuming as Student Government executive positions. The argument against acceptance was a lowering of the G.P.R. requirement would put an executive in danger of more easily dropping below a 2.0 G.P.R.

The measure was passed on voice vote.

The other measure was on first reading. It concerned the placement of a student on the educational television-radio board. Presently the nine-member board is manned by faculty/staff personnel.

## Craft shop usage slight during day

By DEBBIE KILLOUGH  
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Although the whirring and buzzing of machines can be heard at night, few students use the MSC Arts and Crafts Shop during the day.

Karen Zantow, assistant programs coordinator, said while many students use the equipment in the shop in the evening, the day time and weekends are very slow.

Zantow said the craft shop is there for the students and she would like to see students use it to its full capacity.

The shop opened in February and its hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

"The shop gives students an opportunity to express themselves creatively," Zantow said. "Therefore, our function is to provide facility with the proper equipment and instruction."

Equipment in the shop includes a lapidary for cutting and polishing semi-precious stones and equipment for the fabrication of jewelry and copper enameling.

The woodshop draws the most students, with its bench saw, jointer, radial arm saw, mill press, band saw, lathe, disc-belt sander and many hand tools.

Only students, faculty, and staff are allowed to use the equipment and all of it is free except for the woodshop equipment which costs \$2.50 each semester. No reservations for using the equipment are necessary.

Besides providing equipment, the shop also provides various workshops and classes for students in many different areas. Depending on the particular class, they meet anywhere from 2 to 12 weeks, and anywhere from 1 to 3 hours.

There is a small fee, depending on the class, for instruction and supplies. However, the arts and crafts shop is not a money-making function. Instructors of classes are paid mainly out of the registration fees collected from every student at the beginning of the semester.

Some of the classes offered are: macramé, tatting (a form of embroidering) shaping, pottery, painting, illustrating, replacing the canes on chairs, making kites, weaving, water coloring, making quilting, sand terrariums, and leading glass.

A student can receive information about the workshop schedules by calling the shop at 845-1631. Zantow said the pottery and woodshop classes usually fill up first.

A gallery is connected to the craft shop where students and faculty are allowed to sell their handicrafts. The shop collects 10 per cent of the profits from a student, 15 per cent from a faculty or staff member, and 20 per cent from someone in the Bryan-College Station area.

## Candidate filing closes Monday at 5

Filing for the April 7-8 Student Government election closes Monday at 5 p.m. Candidates must file in the Student Programs Office, Room 216E of the MSC, to be on the election ballot.

Candidates have not filed for 45 of the 105 positions to be filled this year. Each candidate must submit an election petition when filing. Rules and regulations governing elections are available in the SPO office.

Polling places will be at the first floor of the MSC and Zachry Engineering Center, the Commons, the Guard Room and outside Sbis Dining Hall. Students must present an activity card and student ID card when voting.

Students will be electing yell-leaders, RHA officers, Student Government executives and senators and Graduate Student Council members. The general election will also include referendums on Student Government constitutional revisions and the football ticket distribution system.

The football ticket referendum will allow students to choose between first-come, first-serve and random distribution systems.

Political Forum will present a student candidate forum at 7 p.m. April 5 in Room 601 of Rudder Tower.

The runoff election for any undecided races will be April 15.

About 6000 students voted in last year's general election. Student Government officers say they hope for 10-15,000 voters this year.

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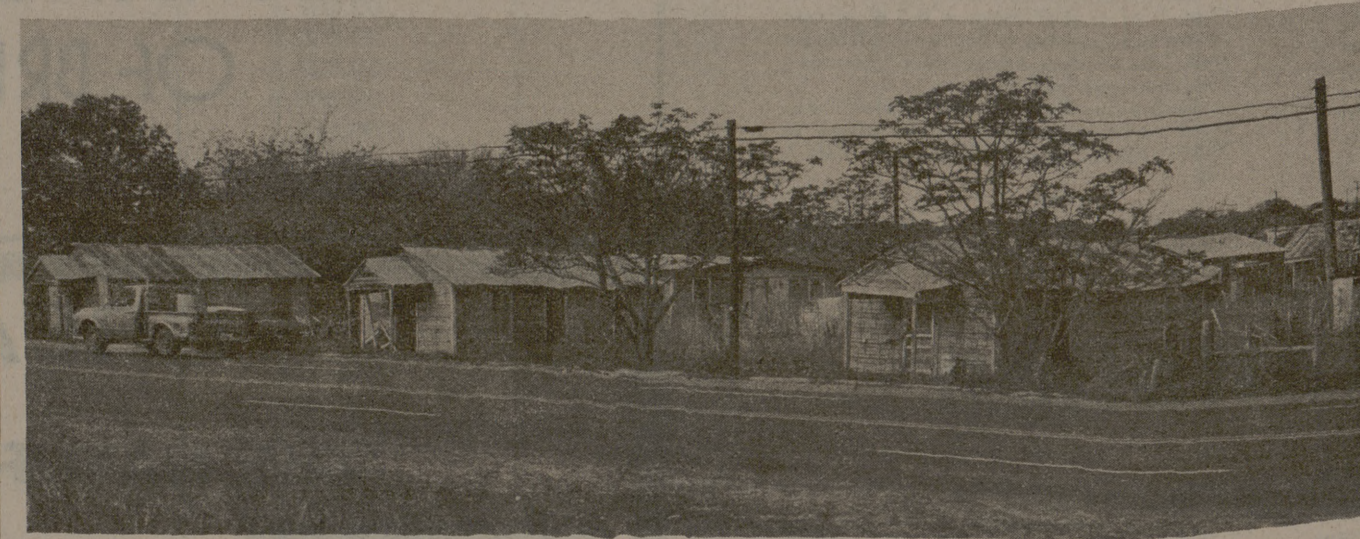
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## Weather

THE FORECAST for Friday is mostly cloudy, warm and humid with 20 per cent chance of showers. Decreasing cloudiness and cooler Saturday. High today 85; low tonight 53; high Saturday 73.



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THE HOUSING SITUATION IS BAD  
Vacancies disappear quickly

## Hunt early to obtain housing

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When Texas A&M students return to College Station this fall, most will settle happily into their houses, apartments and dorms.

Some will not. They will probably spend a week or so in a motel or with friends waiting to find a place to live.

The housing situation is bad and it will be awfully before it gets better.

The student demand for housing exceeds the supply provided by the university and the local community.

A&M officials have said that there will be no future construction of university-owned housing.

Ironically, that seems to be part of the solution for the present housing shortage.

Last of a four-part series dealing with the housing situation for students in Bryan-College Station.

Texas A&M does not have to pay taxes and high interest on loans, so it can keep room rents lower than the average apartment rent.

The most inexpensive room on campus costs \$33 per month. An inexpensive one bedroom-one bath apartment can cost around \$150 per month. There are garage apartments renting for \$80 a month.

The A&M decision to stop dorm construction reduces the university's strength as competitor against the private housing industry in College Station and Bryan.

Builders are glad—and it shows.

In 1975, 201 new homes were built, compared to 132 in 1974. 352 apartment units were constructed in 1975, while 282 went up in 1974. Including duplexes and triplexes, a total of 667 living units were built in 1975. Only 414 living units were built in 1974.

Generally, the closer an apartment or home is to campus, the more expensive it is. Vacancies quickly disappear, however. Most of these closer apartment complexes have the advantage of being on a shuttle bus route.

Maps of the bus routes are free and can be obtained at the University Police Department in the basement of the YMCA building.

Other apartment complexes and many trailer parks are less expensive but usually require a car for transportation to and from campus. Houses in Bryan and surrounding rural areas are also less expensive to rent, but share the transportation problem.

Apartment managers and realtors plan according to the A&M calendar. They will accept a deposit in the spring for a lease that begins the next fall. Signing a lease early gives a tenant greater choice of apartments and allows him to rent at the older, less expensive rates.

Houses for rent are rarely on the market (See housing, page 2)