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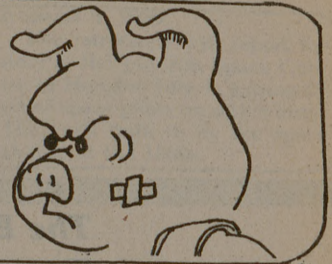
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Israel, Egypt to begin new round of peace talks

United Press International
JERUSALEM — Egypt and Israel today began a new round of peace talks with the United States standing as mediator between them on the tough issues of a Palestinian homeland and Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territory.

agreement only can be achieved by concessions and compromises.

"If 30 years of hostility in the Middle East has any lesson for us," he said, "it is only that the longer we delay the peace settlement the graver and more complex the problems become and all the harder to resolve."

Dayan, Kamel and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance recessed the session in the basement ballroom of the tightly guarded Hilton Hotel and met privately for 15 minutes an hour later to begin what U.S.

officials describe as a long, hard bargaining process.

Egypt and Israel exchanged what official both sides said were draft documents on the declaration of principles governing an overall Middle East peace settlement — the first item on the agenda of the talks.

They agreed to recess until mid-afternoon Wednesday to allow themselves time to digest the documents, but the officials said the parties will meet privately and informally during the recess.

Dayan spoke first at the opening session and called for a separate peace between

Israel and Egypt. Kamel replied that "we have not come to seek a separate peace" or an interim solution.

Vance said any solution must recognize the "legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and enable the Palestinians to participate in the determination of their own future."

Kamel said in his three-minute speech that "there will be no real peace in Palestine for the house of Israel unless there will be an equal house there for the Palestinian people."

service almost the way he wanted

Humphrey's funeral joyful

United Press International
PAUL, Minn. — The nation has said goodbye to its beloved Hubert H. Humphrey. His final tributes were almost the way he wanted — with a celebration of joy.

President Carter and Vice President Walter Mondale led Monday's series of funeral eulogies to the "Happy Warrior" of American politics, a senator of almost 28 years, former vice president and presidential nominee.

Today, the enthusiastic man who loved life so much lay in a grave beneath two oak trees in snow-covered Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis. But as Mondale said in the two-hour service attended by 2,500 people at House of Hope Presbyterian

Church: "Hubert, your memory lifts our spirits just as your presence did."

Humphrey, 66 whose long battle against cancer touched the nation's heart, asked a week before his death that he have a simple funeral "in the spirit of a celebration" with no eulogies. His friends tried to follow his wishes, but they couldn't keep from praising him.

Carter recalled a recent visit with Humphrey by a fireside at Camp David. He said Humphrey had a yearning for peace and fought for the hungry, the poor, the minorities. "He was the expression of the good and decent and peaceful attributes of our nation."

Carter recalled visiting the memorial of Mohandas Gandhi in India and reading Gandhi's list of the seven greatest sins, including "politics without principle." "According to Gandhi's definitions," he said, "Hubert Humphrey was without sin."

Mondale called his former mentor and colleague in the Senate "a special man in a special place." He referred to Humphrey's "torrents of enthusiasm" and "immense humanity."

Opera singer Robert Merrill sang "Ave Maria" and "The Lord's Prayer," and pianist Eugene Istomin and violinist Isaac Stern played, as Humphrey had requested.

The congregation sang out "America The Beautiful" and a choir sang the "Hallelujah" chorus from the Messiah.

Then, suddenly, two men rolled the polished wooden casket down the aisle for the trip to the cemetery, and the truth came home — the "Happy Warrior" was gone.

Pastor Didier walked down the aisle, softly reciting the 23rd Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He leadeth me beside the still waters...

A black hearse carried Humphrey's body to the cemetery. About 1,000 persons stood quietly in zero weather as the coffin was placed over the grave.

A military guard fired a rifle salute. A bugler sounded taps.

A little girl, one of the senator's 10 grandchildren placed a basket of flowers beside his coffin.

Humphrey's friends slowly left the cemetery. And the senator was alone.

University stimulates local economy with \$171 million

Texas A&M's economic impact on the community continues to increase at a \$10 million dollar rate, totaling a record \$171 million for 1977.

Jarvis E. Miller, Texas A&M president, said an in-house study shows that university-generated funds pumped into the local economy rose by \$13.7 million during the past calendar year.

President Miller said the 1977 gain is attributed to the university's enrollment

increases and expanded research activities. Texas A&M's 1,376-student increase for the 1977 fall semester pushed total resident enrollment to 28,508. (The university's official fall enrollment was 29,414, but that figure includes Moody College at Galveston and off-campus registration.) The university's volume of research also continued to rise, totaling \$51.8 million for fiscal year 1976-77 and currently running about \$4.8 million

ahead of last year's pace.

Texas A&M's 1977 economic impact figures include for the first time a payroll of more than \$100 million. The payroll is up \$3.6 million from last year, now totaling \$101.2 million for the more than 7,021 permanent Texas A&M University System employees residing in College Station, Bryan and the surrounding area.

Some 175 additional staff, research and support personnel joined the institution during 1977, for a payroll equivalent of the addition of at least two medium-size industrial firms for the community.

Students contributed over \$52 million to the local economy, up more than \$5 million. Food and housing account for the major expenditures, along with clothing, school supplies and recreation.

The university spent about \$10.3 million locally for utilities, services and supplies. Expenditures in this category rose about \$2.3 million.

Visitors attending athletic events, conferences and short courses at the university accounted for approximately \$7.7 million, an increase of about \$1 million. Most expenditures in this category were for food, lodging and entertainment.

The university paid about \$24 million to contractors for construction on the campus. These payments also impact upon the local economy because of contractor purchases and employment of area residents, Dr. Miller noted.

President Miller, V.P. Prescott

Move offices to Coke Building

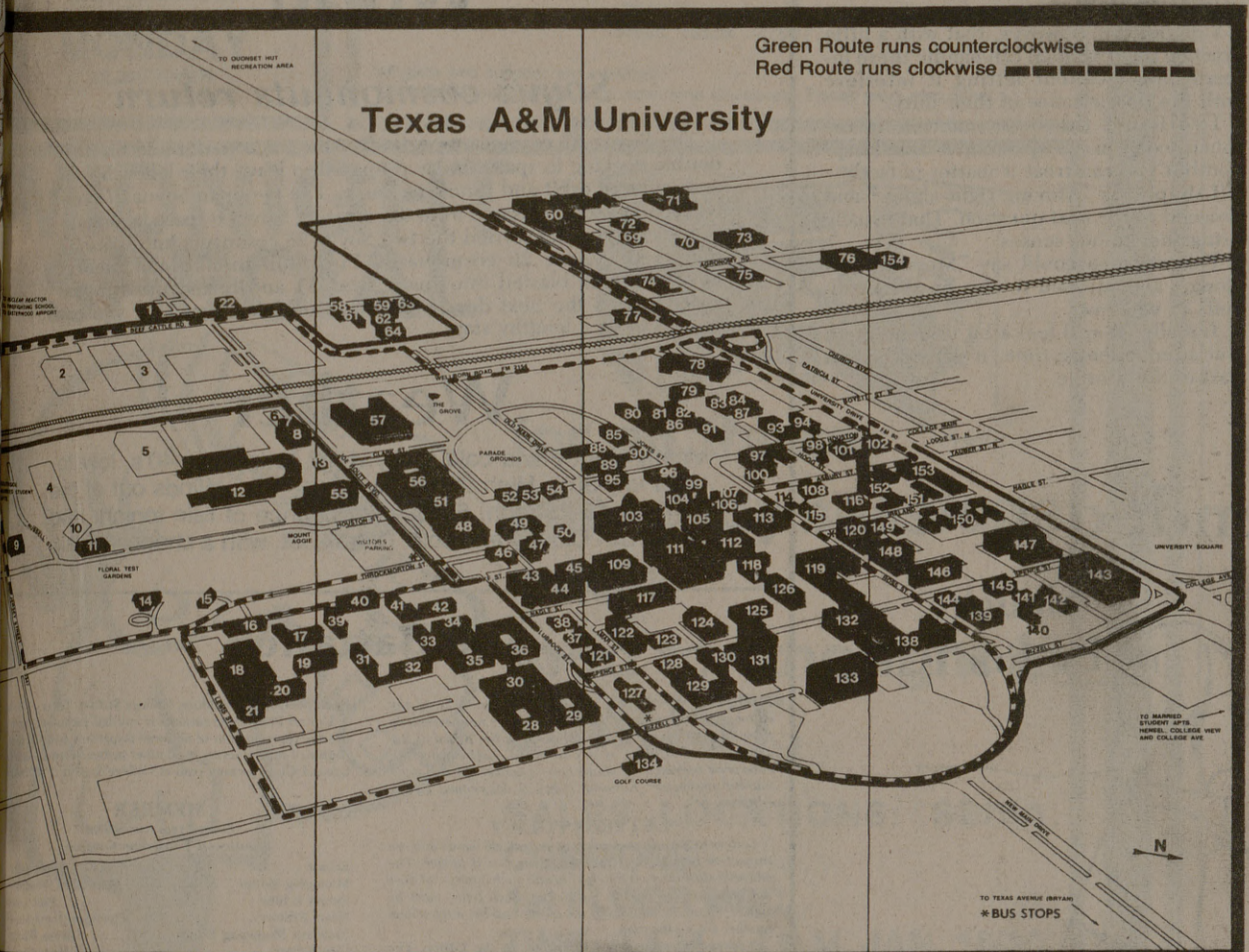
Texas A&M University President Jarvis E. Miller, Vice President for Academic Affairs M. Prescott and their staffs are moving to their new Coke Building of

also has moved and is now in the process of testing its new facility, Heaton Hall. The staff is working its first registration there as students return for the spring semester.

"We're going strong," says Dr. Billy G. Lay, director of admissions and records, "and the employees enjoy the new surroundings."

Heaton Hall, named for the late H.L. Heaton, longtime registrar and first dean of admissions and records, was renovated over the past four months. The building was formerly registration headquarters and previously housed the old Exchange Store.

Telephone numbers for all of the offices involved in the move are unchanged.



Spring shuttle routes

Students using the new intra-campus shuttle bus should find getting to distant classes easier. Two routes being tested this semester, Red and Green, encircle the campus as shown. Buses begin the routes each regular class and exam day at 7 a.m. from the corner of Lubbock and Bizzell streets.

The routes flow in opposite directions. Officials say six buses will be used, and buses should come to each stop about every 10 minutes. The service, free to students, faculty and staff, ends daily at 5 p.m.



Battalion photo by Ken Herrera

Rainy days and Mondays

Riding a bike to class is usually a good idea — but Monday's rainy weather had most Texas A&M students crossing the campus on foot. This man, however, decided that moving quickly was the best transportation method.

Ruling not to be retroactive

IRS halts oil tax credit

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The government has halted a major tax advantage which saved American oil companies billions of dollars in taxes on their foreign earnings over the years.

The Internal Revenue Service Monday revoked rulings that allowed the oil firms to credit payments made to Saudi Arabia and Libya against their American income taxes. This amounted to \$600 million in 1976, Treasury Department officials said.

Officials said there was a possibility the decision could result in slightly higher gasoline prices, but probably less than one-tenth of a cent per gallon.

The revocations, officials said, will take effect June 30 and are not retroactive to past tax years.

There had been speculation that retroactivity would be imposed. But, the IRS said it would not do that "because taxpayers are entitled to rely on an IRS ruling until the IRS concludes that the ruling is no longer valid."

The IRS has been under pressure from congressional oil critics to reverse the tax rulings which, in the case of Saudi Arabia, date back to 1955.

A spokesman for Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal, D-N.Y., chairman of a House subcommittee that has been probing the oil firm tax breaks, expressed anger at the ruling. He said the lack of retroactivity to the spring of 1976 amounted to a \$2 billion windfall for the companies.

The issue centers around the effects of credits and deductions in regard to taxes. Credits can be directly subtracted

dollar-for-dollar from U.S. taxes owed for certain payments the companies make to the oil-producing nations. Tax deductions are subtracted from gross income and result in higher taxes than are collected through the other method.

Critics have contended the payments were actually royalties and should be

treated as deductions rather than credits. The Treasury said while it does not know if the decision will mean any tax increases for the oil companies, "if there were such an increase, it could be absorbed by the oil companies or by the producing countries or passed on in the form of higher product prices."

Court rules state can hire teachers on basis of tests

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The Justice Department lost its fight on behalf of South Carolina's black teachers. It does not see the result as a stepping stone to permit similar discrimination elsewhere.

The Supreme Court ruled 5 to 2 Monday that the state could hire and pay teachers on the basis of National Teachers Examination scores (a series of standardized exams prepared by a non-profit corporation in Princeton, N.J.) even though the result is loss of jobs by black applicants and lower pay for those now working.

"The trend has been away from those tests for educational reasons," said a department lawyer.

He said only about 100,000 tests were sold by the Educational Testing Service in

1976. They went to North and South Carolina, Mississippi and a few local school districts and to West Virginia state university for use in a monitoring program.

The department sued South Carolina in 1975 charging the state with improperly denying teaching certificates to candidates for employment and fixing unduly low pay levels for those already employed — all due to use of NTE scores.

The complaint said the scheme eventually will result in replacement of most black teachers by white ones in the state.

But the three-judge federal panel in Columbia, whose order was affirmed by the justices without opinion, said the practice was "rationally related" to educational goals.