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Israel to rejoin Mideast peace talks

United Press International
TEL AVIV, Israel — The Israeli Cabinet Sunday to resume direct negotiations with Egypt, capping two weeks of intensive behind-the-scenes diplomatic activity by intermediaries.

The decision to send a delegation to the peace talks in Cairo, probably sometime next week, was made despite personal attacks on Prime Minister Menachem Begin in the Cairo press, Cabinet secretary Aryeh Eldor told reporters in Jerusalem.

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, who will fly to Washington next weekend for talks with President Carter, Sunday called on American Jews to support his peace efforts. The appeal was in a letter published in the Miami Herald.

Hardline Arab opponents of Sadat's peace moves were dealt a blow Sunday when radical Iraq — expected to be a key in any wide anti-Sadat alliance — rejected an invitation to a planned Arab summit Feb. 2 in Algeria.

The official Iraqi News Agency, monitored in Beirut, said the decision was the logical follow-up to Iraq's walkout at a December anti-Sadat summit in Libya. Iraq charged the Syrian-dominated meeting had not gone far enough in opposing Sadat and Israel.

However, later Sunday the government-owned Algerian Press Service reported Iraq had proposed an Arab summit in Baghdad. It was not clear if it was meant to rival the Algiers meeting.

The Israeli decision to resume the military talks came after two weeks of indirect contacts with Egypt through U.S. ambassadors in Jerusalem and Cairo as well as the shuttle efforts of Undersecretary of State Alfred Atherton, President Carter's special Middle East envoy.

Atherton returned to Jerusalem Sunday from a trip to Amman, where he met with King Hussein in an effort to bring Jordan into the peace talks. U. S. sources said Atherton would leave shortly for Cairo.

Begin said last week — when Israel decided to postpone its participation in the military talks — that the Jewish state could not send a delegation to Cairo in light of what he called insulting references in the Egyptian press.

Naor told reporters following the Cabinet decision: "The prime minister asked the Cabinet minister . . . to draw a distinction between personal attacks and attacks on the Jewish people and the state of Israel.

"Personal attacks are a professional risk," he said when asked about continuing denunciations of the Israeli prime minister — the latest a reference to him as a terrorist in Saturday's issue of the Egyptian magazine October.

The Cabinet also named Maj. Gen. Rafael Eytan, a much-wounded paratroop officer who trained with the U.S. Marines at Quantico, Va., to be the next chief of the general staff, the highest post in the Israeli armed forces.

Negotiations stop between miners

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Negotiations between the striking United Mine Workers and the soft coal operators collapsed again Sunday despite concern over dwindling supplies, federal mediators said.

The negotiations "were recessed indefinitely," spokesmen for the mediators said.

The breakdown occurred, said Secretary James Schlesinger was warning that industries in the Midwest will suffer power shortages unless the strike ends by the severe winter weather eases. The union has been on strike since Dec. 1, with about 160,000 workers, and some

coal users are beginning to complain that stockpiles are running low.

A spokesman for chief federal mediator Wayne Horvitz said the negotiations "were recessed indefinitely" about 3 a.m. Sunday after three days of intensive efforts to bring the two sides together.

Sources said the two sides were severely divided over wages and other economic issues. Previously, the talks had been hung up on the issue of wildcat strikes.

Shortly before the breakdown, sources said, the Bituminous Coal Operators Association made a new offer, the union responded with a counter offer, and the industry failed to reply.

Daniel advocates openness

By KAY WALLACE
Former Texas House Speaker Price Daniel, Jr. says he will stand firm in his commitment to openness in government as he bids for state attorney general.

As an advocate of openness in government and intend to fight for it," Daniel said Friday.

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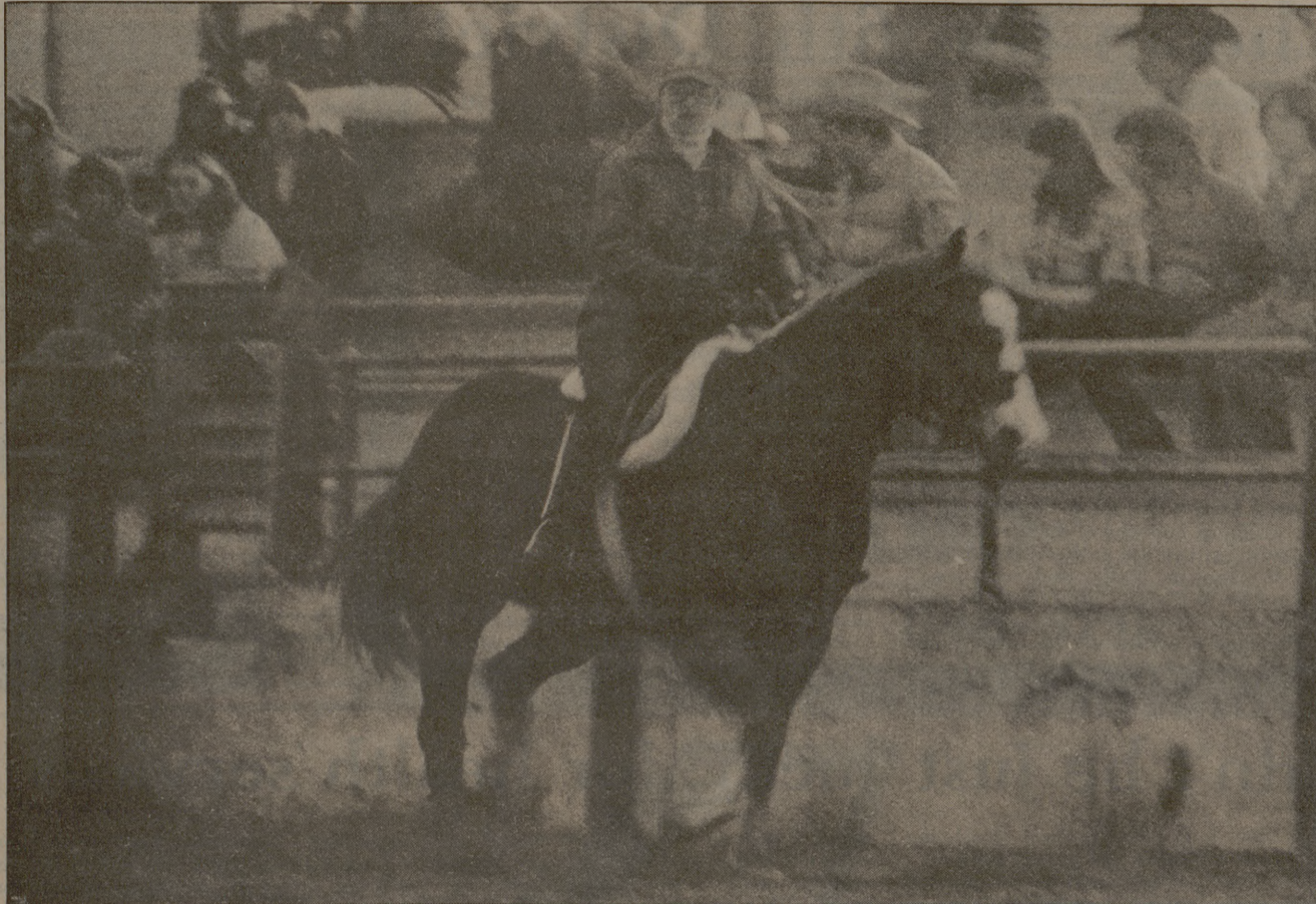
Daniel was elected Speaker of the House in 1972. He ran for the office on a "one-term-only" platform and lived up to it.

As Speaker, Daniel advocated the passage of reform legislation to prevent future misuse of public office.

Legislation such as the Ethics and Public Financial Disclosure Act, the Open Meetings Act, the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, the Open Records Act, and the Lobby Registration and Control Act was passed during Daniel's term.

Daniel has practiced law in Liberty, Tex., and served as associate professor of law at South Texas College of Law, Texas Southern, and the University of Houston since his term as speaker expired.

Daniel stressed his experience as student, practitioner, legislator and instructor in law as determinants in his qualification for attorney general.



Hey, judge!

Leslie Alexander rides her horse during last weekend's Intramural Horse Judging contest sponsored by the Texas A&M Horseman's Association. Kim Dorrah, a junior animal science major, won

overall champion and halter class and Russ Taylor, a freshman management major, was the reserve champion.

Battalion photo by Liz Bailey.

Gromets host 4th annual wargames convention

By KAYCE GLASSE
The Battle of Jutland is 1916, and the Battle of Jutland is fought on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center. The event that took place Saturday was the fourth annual Warcon, or Wargames Convention, sponsored by a Texas A&M organization called the Gromets.

Some of this year's conventioners came from San Antonio to play wargames; others

were students from A&M. The Gromets are a sub-committee of the MSC Recreation Committee.

Wargaming is a sport that takes place on a playing board, or on the floor if the game in question is big enough. It involves a love of history, adventure, and a spirit of imagination.

Two physical categories of wargaming are "casting" and "non-casting." The cast-

ing wargames use rule books and metal miniatures in the forms of horses, men, ships, planes, or anything representing power. Non-casting wargames are played on a board with "counters," small cardboard markers representing the horses and men.

There are three main types of wargames, said Becky Matthews, secretary of the Gromets. One is fantasy role playing, in which she said, "you are the character."

"You can roll for strength, intelligence, dexterity, and charisma," said Matthews. "What your character does on the board is what you are doing."

An example of a fantasy role playing game is the Empire of the Petal Throne, which is based on a myth of Oriental and Arabic tradition.

"Two other divisions are what I call hard and soft wargames," Matthews said. Hard wargames may take hours or days to play. One "hard" wargame Saturday was played on the floor with about 30 players, each representing two to four ships. This is

where the Battle of Jutland ensued.

Soft wargames are played with no elaborate calculations or conditions. All the games are played like chess, with moves, strategies and theories abounding.

Dr. Roger A. Beaumont, associate Professor of History at Texas A&M gave a seminar on military history in conjunction with wargaming. He cited H. G. Wells' "The Little Wars," which sermonized, "if wargaming was perfected to a sport, we could better understand the problems of war."

Wargaming has been used as a tool in training officers in military institutions since the 1880s. However, three things missing from the wargames lessons in moving troops, supplies, and wounded are the stress, reality and fatigue of battle.

Capt. Joseph McNabb of the United States Army gave a talk on the military use of simulated wargames.

Another event at the Warcon was staged fights by the Society for Creative Anachronism. SCA members demonstrated

melee fighting and foil fencing before a crowd of about 150 in front of the Rudder Fountain. Melee fighting, using wooden rattan swords and shields, consisted of heavy blows to each well-protected opponent. Foil fencing is a sport which evolved from dueling.

The SCA is a national organization which practices the culture of the Medieval and Renaissance periods. They have meetings

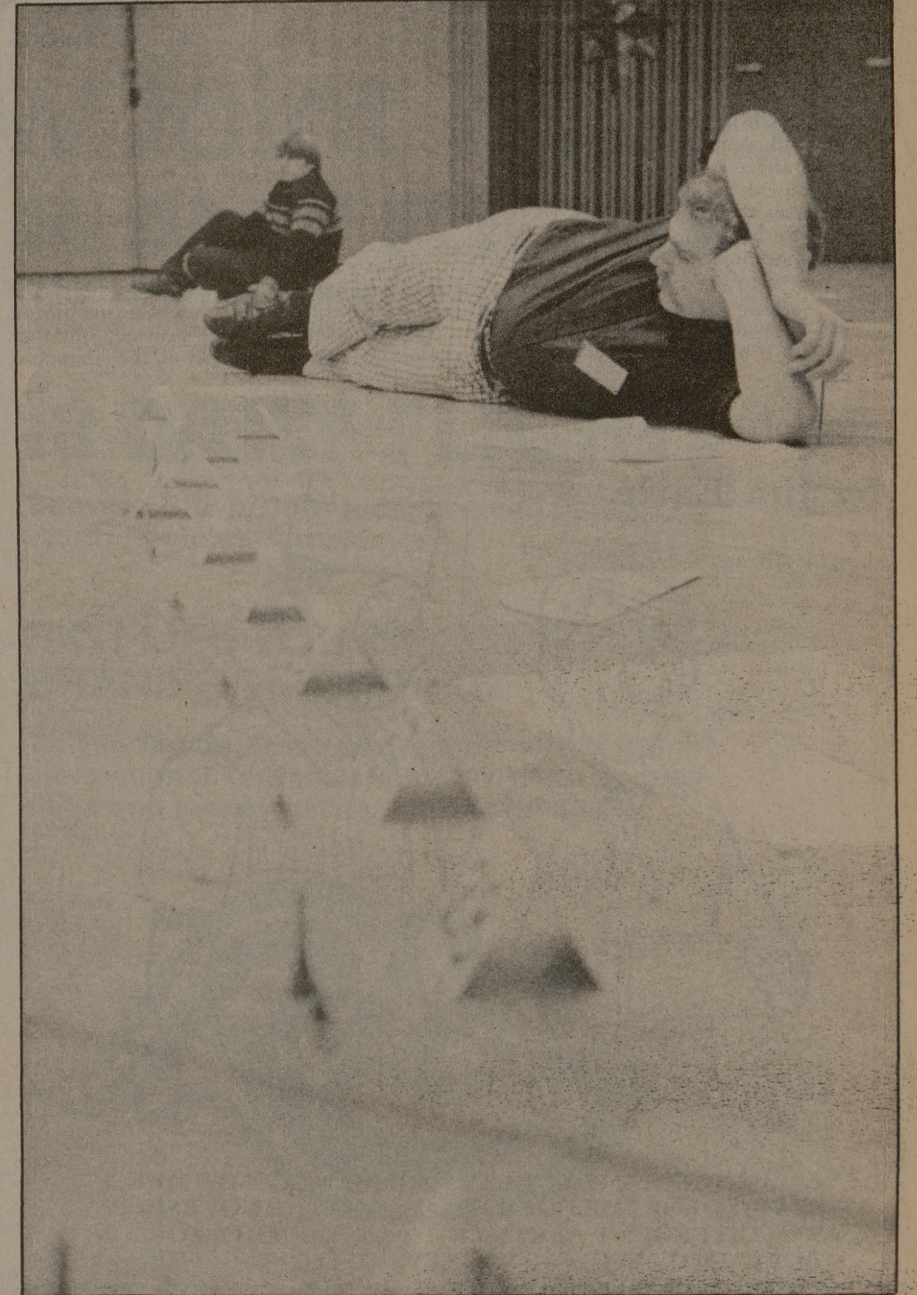
and tournaments at noon on Sundays at Hensel Park and at the Grove on Wednesdays at 4:00.

The Gromets, who meet every Sunday at noon in room 224 of the MSC, spend their meetings pursuing dragons, bombing ships, and using tactical skills. The word "Gromets" is an acronym standing for "Games Replications Or Military Economic and Tactical Situations."



The fourth annual Wargames Convention, or Warcon, was fought at Texas A&M in the MSC last weekend. Becky Matthews, (left) examines some of the handpainted lead castings for sale. The castings are used in reenactment games of famous battles. Two members of the Society for Creative Anachronisms (center) demonstrate Melee fighting by the Rudder Fountain. The demonstration also included fencing bouts. Jerry Cantrell (right) watches the retreat of the German fleet during the miniature re-enactment of the Battle of Jutland. The cards are used to identify the individual ships from across the room. The game involved 30 players and had to be played on the floor.

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