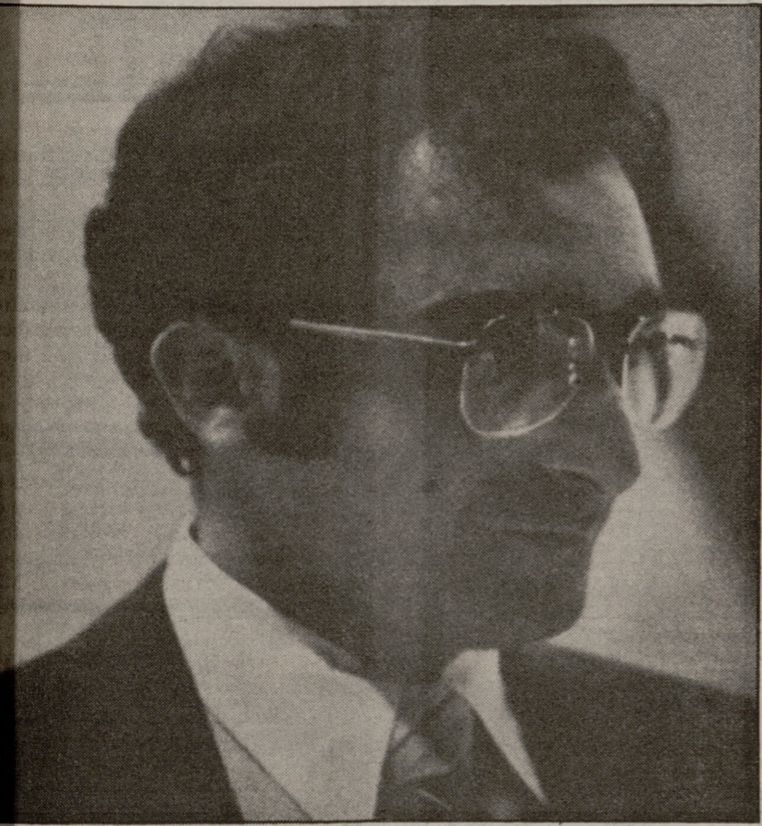


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Mideast accords a result of 'courageous acts', says Israeli diplomat

Peace progress beyond Israel's expectation



Tzion Evrony

Staff photo by Jeff Kerber

By JANE G. BRUST
Battalion Reporter

The unbelievable is now happening in the Middle East, Israeli diplomat Tzion Evrony said Wednesday night.

Evrony told 35 people gathered in the Hillel Foundation student center on Jersey Street that the peace process in the Middle East has succeeded beyond Israel's expectations.

Evrony, 31, has been Vice-Consul in the Consulate General of Israel to the Southwest, based in Houston, for two years. He has also served as Assistant for United Nations Affairs in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

"What was just a piece of paper is now real peace," he said. "There's an open border and exchanges of goods, students, scientists and tourists."

Evrony said the sale of Israeli beer

and newspapers in Cairo is one sign of peace progress.

He said the success of the Camp David peace agreement is due to great sacrifices. "Israel's most painful sacrifice was handing over the rich Alma oil fields."

Those oil fields supplied 25 percent of Israel's oil consumption and had the potential to provide 100 percent, he said. "Now Israel will buy oil from Egypt for \$2.2 billion this year."

Evrony said Egypt's sacrifice was President Anwar Sadat's "courageous act" to end 30 years of hostility by visiting Israel and agreeing to begin negotiations.

"It's good news that Israel and Egypt stand today as islands of stability continuing their peace negotiations," he said. Those negotiations

resumed in Washington on Tuesday.

Evrony said the concessions suggested by Israel this week regarding the deployment of Israeli military forces on the West Bank and a process of allowing settlers there to determine their own fate, are surprising.

He said, however, that while Israel is willing to make concessions for peace, that nation has no intention of committing national suicide.

The United States needs to support Israel, he said, in order to protect vital interests in the Middle East.

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Chamber Picks chief

The Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce has elected Switzer Deason president in 1981.

Deason, 39, moved to Bryan in June 1976 and bought Central Texas Hardware. Prior to the move to Bryan, he had served as chief financial officer for a manufacturing company in Ohio.

He is currently serving on the Bryan civil service commission, the traffic commission, the hospital board and is a member of the Rotary International.

Drill team 'fish' for spring honors

By MARCY BOYCE

If there ever was any truth to the saying "practice makes perfect," the Texas A&M University Freshman Drill Team is already well on their way.

Donning fatigues, helmet liners and combat boots, the 72 freshmen on this year's team drill Monday through Thursday afternoons on a vacant parking lot behind Kyle Field. The hour-and-a-half practice session entails drill under the direction of 10 upperclassmen advisors, all who were members of their freshman year.

The sweat which beads the cadets' brows may merely confirm an observer's belief that this is some kind of strange self-inflicted punishment.

But obviously, the 72 freshmen disagree since they voluntarily chose to be a part of the FDT which is open to any cadet regardless of prior drill experience -- or lack of it.

Perhaps one clue to what drives these freshmen, whom junior adviser Terry Duran calls "highly motivated individuals," lies in the drill team's history of success.

Established in 1947 by Maj. Calvin Reese, the drill team was originally created to provide an activity for freshmen since they had been relegated to the university annex at the old Bryan Army Air Base to avoid upperclassmen's hazing. The freshman soon proved themselves to be championship material in a long run of trophy gathering, culminating in a five-year string of national championships from 1968 to 1972. The Washington D.C. competition was ended in 1974.

Winning the championship is quite an accomplishment, Duran said, considering freshman drill teams are rare.

"Usually our team is up against upperclassmen. There are very few freshmen on any of the other teams. The only other major freshman drill team is the Air Force Academy," Duran said.

After capturing the national championship five consecutive years, the drill team continued to be a winner, by being declared the Texas state champion in six of the last eight years with 1979 being the most recent year.

A meet at Tulane University in New Orleans during the spring Mardi Gras festivities will kick off competition for the FDT this year. Drill teams nationwide will be competing there as well as at a meet in Anaheim, Calif.

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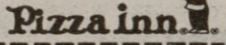
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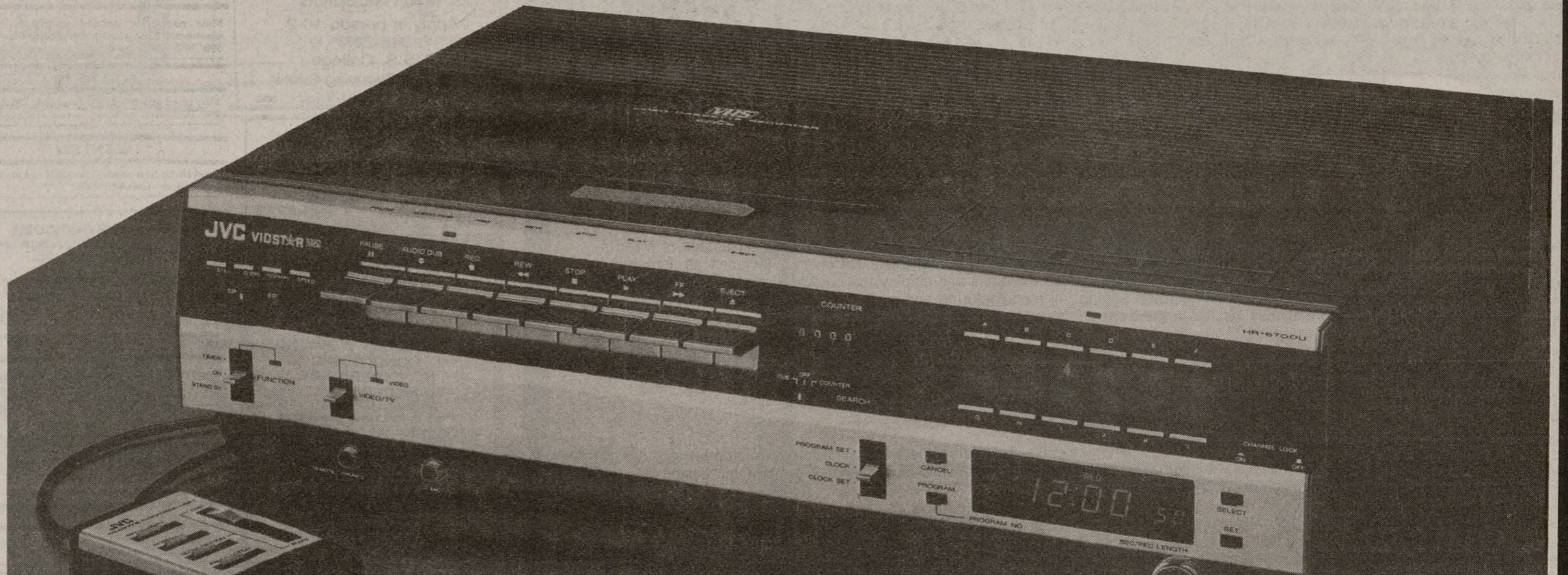
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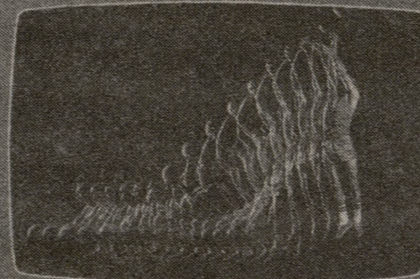
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