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## Arms talks continue despite Soviet chill

United Press International GENEVA — American and

Soviet negotiators, meeting under a threat from the Kremlin o break off nuclear arms control talks with Washington, conferred for almost three hours Wednesday on limiting medium-range atomic missiles

in Europe. Chief U.S. negotiator Paul H. Germany Nitze and his Soviet counter-

'We don't want to participate

Rumors of Soviet threats to pull out of the arms talks surfaced in Geneva Tuesday and were confirmed Wednesday by Soviet Central Committee memthe year. Nikolai Chervov, a Soviet misber Leonid M. Zamyatin during meeting in Hamburg, West

sile expert, asked a West Ger-man-Soviet symposium, "What West German spokesman Pe

stationed in Europe," Zamyatin and Pershing-2 nuclear missiles scheduled to be deployed in Western Europe by the end of the were Tuesday

West German spokesman Pe-

part, Yuli A. Kvitsinsky, sche-duled a new round of talks for next week. in negotiations leading to a situation in which powerful new missiles and warheads will be the West German peace movement, which opens a campaign against missile deployment Thursday. break off the talks extended to Strategic Arms Reduction Talks

The two-hour, 55-minute meeting in Geneva between Nitze and Kvitsinsky was the 95th negotiating session on intermediate-range nuclear missiles since the talks began two

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White House spokesman Lar-ry Speakes said Soviet threats to

on intercontinental nuclear weapons as well as the Interme-

diate-range Nuclear Force talks.

Speakes told reporters Tues-day the United States will re-

said this meant the Soviets would have to break off the talks unilaterally

Western officials said the Soviets want to combine the strategic and intermediate-range missile talks into one negotiating forum because the U.S. Cruise and Pershing-2 mis-siles represent a "back-door ex-tension" of Washington's intermain at the negotiating table. Western diplomats in Geneva

## **Factional fighting** in Lebanon kil

**Jnited Press Internationa** 

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Rival ilitias armed with rockets and machine guns fought day-long battles Wednesday in northern Lebanon, killing 47 people, and Syrian-backed gunners pound-ed army positions south of Beirut.

The attack on the army clouded efforts by President Amin Gemayel to consolidate he 16-day-old cease-fire and chedule peace talks between ebanon's warring factions.

The president called a prepa-ratory meeting Thursday and set an Oct. 20 date for formal peace talks, but was unable to name a site because of Syrian and opposition objections.

Rocket and machine-gun bat-les broke out in Tripoli in the morning and raged throughout the day despite efforts to arrange a cease-fire between a Sunni Moslem militia group and pro-Syrian Communist Party ghters.

Security sources said the Sunni Moslem Tawheed group seized control of the port of Tripoli, 42 miles north of Beirut, and then came under heavy attack by the Communist Party. Police said 47 people were killed in the fighting. The sources said the Ta-

wheed group apparently was trying to seize the port to facilitate the entry of supplies for Palestine Liberation Organiza-tion chief Yasser Arafat, whose guerrillas in the Tripoli area face Syrian attempts to oust

them. In Souk el Gharb, 8 miles southeast of the capital, six gov-ernment soldiers were wounded in an hour-long artillery battle with Syrian-backed gunners, state-run Beirut Radio said.

The Lebanese army declined further comment on the clashes in the Shouf mountain village considered crucial to the defense of Beirut.

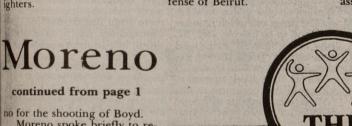
partially deteriorated between Souk el Gharb and (the Druze stronghold of) Aley," the radio said. "The Lebanese army is defending itself against repeated attacks

The security situation has

The peace talks were aimed at preventing a new civil war be-tween majority Moslems and the ruling minority Christians. The 1975-76 civil war killed 40,000 people.

A preparatory committee was scheduled to meet Thursday at a Lebanese Health Ministry building on the so-called green line dividing Christian east Beirut from the Moslem west.

Italian troops in the peacekeeping force in Beirut will guard the meeting, and Beirut radio said there would be adequate security against any assassination threats.



no for the shooting of Boyd. Moreno spoke briefly to reporters on his way from jail to court for arraignment on an aggravated kidnapping charge.

"All I'm guilty of is buying a gun," he said. Chief Wharton County Sher-

iff's Deputy Otis Hilderbrand said Moreno had not given police a statement.

College Station Police Capt. John Kennedy said the initial argument apparently was re-lated to Moreno's separation from his wife.

Glen Lucas of Donna, a retired Hidalgo County constable who employed Moreno for seven years at a lawnmower shop, said the man was a valued

employee. "He didn't drink," Lucas said. He didn't smoke. He was quiet and easy going. He just had one failing and that was women."

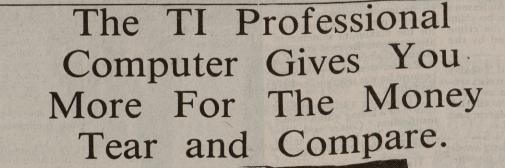
Miller said Garza called Col-

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