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Negotiation for Daniloff going slowly

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Secretary of State George P. Shultz held a third meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze Thursday after saying the two sides were finding it difficult to reach an agreement to free American reporter Nicholas Daniloff.

The unannounced 90-minute session was held at the U.S. mission to the United Nations. Shevardnadze drove off without making any statement and Shultz waved off reporters' questions when he left a few minutes later.

"We would like to get the case resolved on a satisfactory basis," Shultz told a news conference before the meeting with Shevardnadze. He said Shevardnadze also apparently "is trying to get it done" and there was "a genuine effort on both sides."

Shultz declined to discuss details of the negotiations and would not predict when Daniloff might be released.

House narrowly passes spending authority bill

Bill sets \$562 billion budget for agencies

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House on Thursday narrowly approved \$562 billion in spending authority for federal agencies in the new budget year, the largest sum ever crammed into a single money bill.

The measure was passed 201-200 and sent to the Senate despite the threat of a veto by President Reagan. Virtually every face of government spending for the new fiscal year starting Oct. 1 was wrapped into a single, giant package.

"We put all our eggs in this one basket," said Rep. Trent Lott of Mississippi, the House Republican whip. He called it the "Bloated Omnibus Money Bill — or BOMB for short, which is just what's going to happen to it when it gets to the White House."

Congress, with only a week to go before the current year runs out, has turned to a single, full-year package after failing to complete action on any of 13 regular appropriations

bill needed for government operations.

Without authority to spend their allotments of funds, federal agencies could be forced to close down Oct. 1, the first day of fiscal 1987.

Only one amendment, imposing a \$250,000-per-farmer limit on federal crop subsidy payments, was adopted during floor consideration.

But House passage of the bill only started a three-way struggle with the Republican-led Senate and with Reagan, who has threatened to veto the measure because he dislikes the priorities established on military versus social spending.

Staying within the total, and reaching the expected compromise on the companion deficit-reduction legislation already passed by the House and Senate, would help meet the Gramm-Rudman law's red-ink limit of \$154 billion.

Within the \$567 billion total, the measure known as the "continuing resolution" sets spending and policy

priorities for domestic and military programs — many of which the Reagan administration says it can't accept.

The House has included five major provisions it passed earlier in its defense bill, which would:

- Freeze spending on "Star Wars" research.
- Continue a ban on final-stage tests of anti-satellite weapons.
- Ban for one year, starting Jan. 1, almost all U.S. nuclear weapons tests, as long as the Soviets continue to observe their self-imposed test ban.
- Block production of chemical weapons, which is scheduled to start in fiscal 1987 for the first time since 1969.
- Require continued adherence to the SALT II nuclear treaty by banning spending on any weapons which would put the U.S. over the numerical sublimits of various types of weapons in the treaty.

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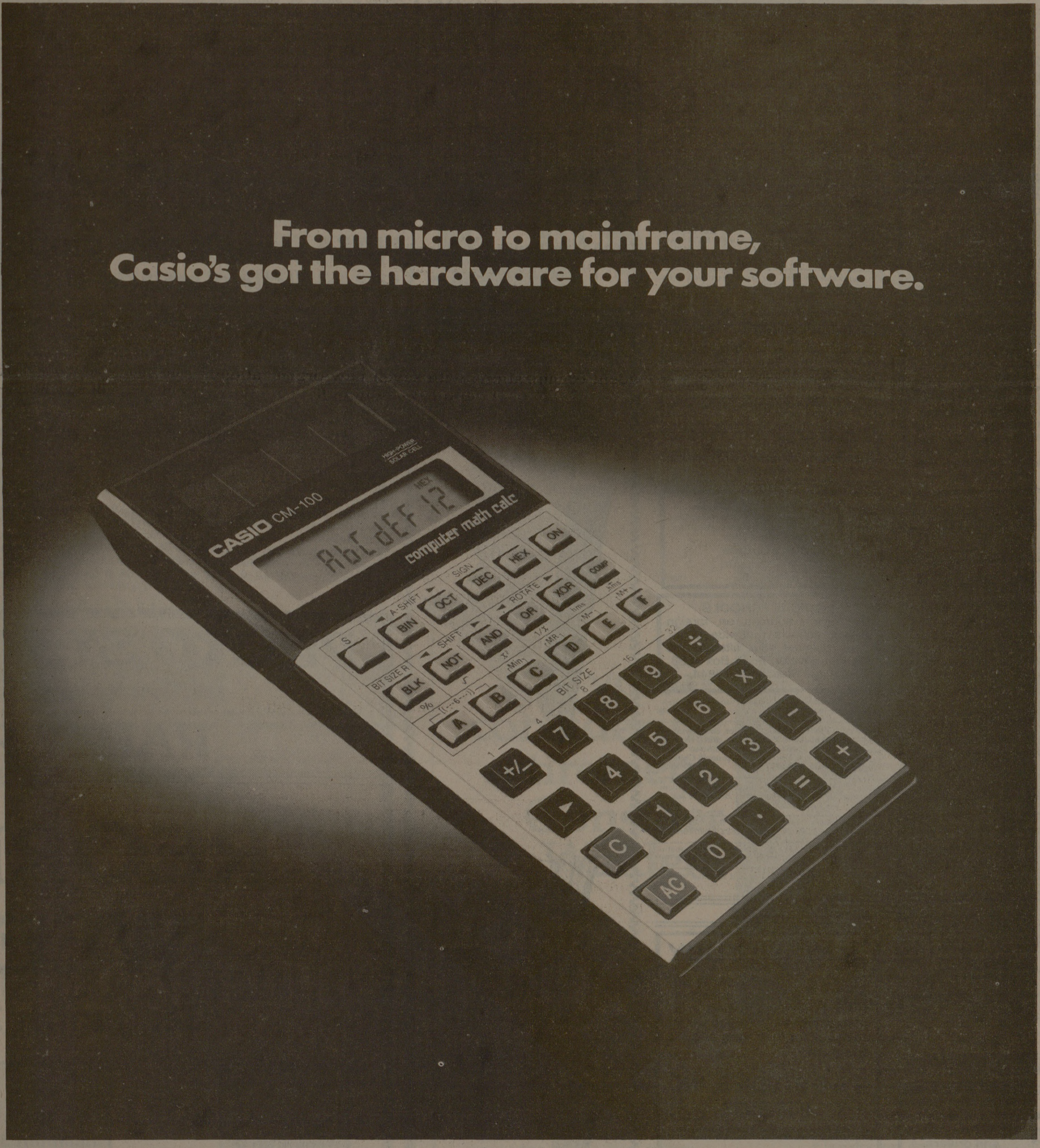
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