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Speaker says not to question Iran cease-fire

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iranian Parliament speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani said Thursday he wept while listening to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's statement reluctantly accepting a cease-fire in the war with Iraq, official Tehran radio reported.

Rafsanjani, also commander-in-chief of Iran's armed forces, was quoted as saying Iranians should not ask too many questions about the decision.

"We should not ask why and how, not create more problems for our society," Rafsanjani was quoted as saying.

In Baghdad, an Iraqi official criticized Iran's rejection of face-to-face negotiations. Diplomats said Iraq feared U.N. mediating efforts would fall short of peace.

First Deputy Foreign Minister Wissam al-Zahawi told the official Iraqi News Agency that Iran's refusal to hold direct talks was "tantamount to rejection" of the U.N. cease-fire resolution.

Iran on Wednesday rejected a call by Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz for direct U.N.-sponsored talks on

ending the 8-year-old Persian Gulf conflict.

A team of U.N. observers was being assembled Thursday to hold consultations in Iran and Iraq on military aspects of the truce.

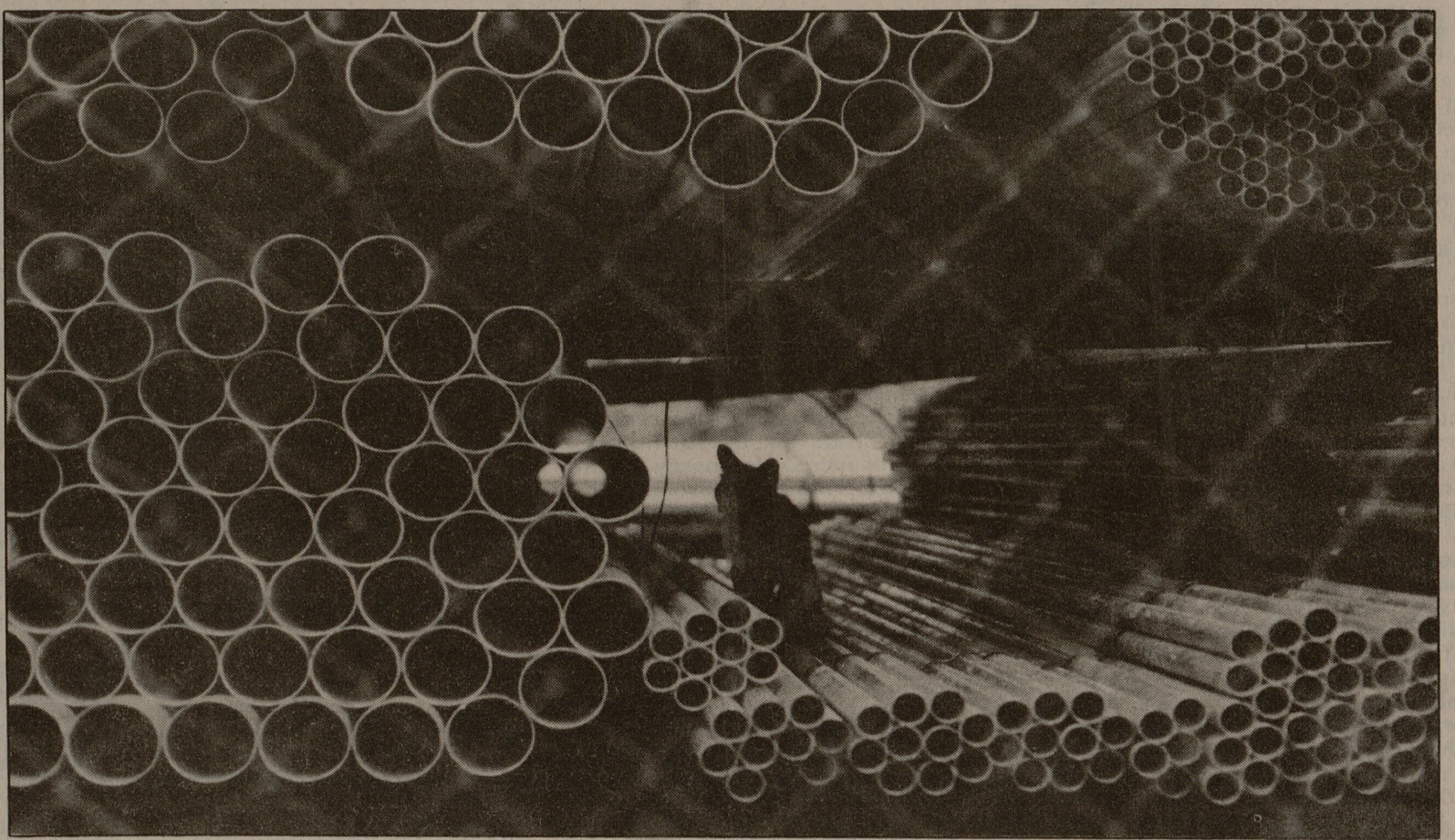
Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency reported one civilian died and two were injured Thursday morning by Iraqi shells falling on the village of Sardasht in northwestern Iran.

Rafsanjani was quoted as saying Iranians would come to accept Khomeini's change of heart in accepting the U.N. cease-fire resolution.

Until this week, Khomeini was adamantly opposed to ending the war with Iraq until Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was driven from power.

The war, which has killed and wounded an estimated 1 million people, began in September 1980 when Iraq invaded Iran after several border skirmishes.

In a statement Wednesday, the 87-year-old Khomeini stressed how difficult it was for him to accept the cease-fire resolution.



Pole-cat

A kitten at one of the construction sites on campus makes its way through some pipes to be used in the building. The photo, one of two

best-of-shows, was taken by Stacy Clifton, a high school student who attended the Taylor Publishing Company workshop this week.

Photo by Stacy Clifton

Clements still affected after stroke

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements will remain hospitalized until at least Saturday after suffering a slight stroke that continues to affect some of the vision in his right eye, doctors treating him said Thursday.

Drs. David Morris and Jerry Tindel said a slight irregularity in Clements' heart rhythm may have been the cause of a small blood clot which moved from the heart to the brain Monday night.

Clements remained in good condition, and the doctors said the likelihood of his suffering another stroke was small.

"The situation now is not serious. In fact, he's doing quite well," Tindel, a neurologist, said. "I don't think it's going to affect his future functioning at all."

Morris, a heart specialist, said tests conducted at Seton Medical Center indicated that Clements is suffering from a slight irregularity in his heartbeat, which could have caused the tiny clot to form in his heart.

Tindel said the clot apparently broke free and traveled through the governor's bloodstream until reaching his brain and an artery which was too small for the clot to pass. "The clot probably dissolved at that time," he said.

"This particular rhythm disturbance is one of the most common we deal with" in people of the 71-year-old governor's age, Morris added.

Tindel said Clements continued Thursday to have a small vision problem with his right eye.

"He now has only a very slight area of lost vision in the upper right field. Otherwise, neurologically, he's intact," Tindel said. "We would expect that when he leaves the hospital in a short while, he'll be able to resume his normal life, duties, etc."

Dukakis vows 'new era of greatness'

ATLANTA (AP) — Michael Dukakis launched his drive for the White House on Thursday, accepting his nomination from the Democratic National Convention with a vow that he and running mate Lloyd Bentsen would "forge a new era of greatness for America."

"We're going to win because we are the party that believes in the American dream," the 54-year-old son of Greek immigrants said in remarks prepared for the closing session of the most peaceable Democratic convention in a dozen years. "I know because I am a product of that dream."

Dukakis issued his call after delegates embraced his selection of Bentsen as vice presidential running mate.

"Of course we have differences of opinion," said the Southern moderate brought onto the ticket to provide balance for the fall campaign. "But on the basic issues of justice and opportunity we stand united. Democrats agree that a good job at a fair wage is the passport to opportunity in America."

The Dukakis-Bentsen ticket is set for a three-day cross-country campaign swing when the two men depart the convention city on Friday. They embark with a modest lead in most polls over the Republicans.

Party officials worked to script the traditional unity tableau for the closing moments of the convention.

The plan called for Dukakis and Bentsen and their wives to be joined at the podium in prime time first by Jesse Jackson, and later by most of the candidates who earlier fell by the primary campaign wayside.

Campaign chairman Willie Brown said shortly before the delegates convened for the final convention session that "Jackson's people and Dukakis' people are one and the same."

Jackson met with party chairman Paul Kirk to discuss party affairs, and said he didn't feel let down about the end of his campaign. "Our work continues... this quest for jobs and peace and justice and fairness, expansion and inclusion, that cam-

paign isn't over with," said the man who earned 7 million votes during the primary campaign.

Delegates were well-advised to be in their seats early. Gates were locked on Wednesday night for the second night in a row because of overcrowding, and some delegates didn't make it to the floor in time to vote on Dukakis' nomination.

Bush campaigned in North Carolina, where he predicted the Democratic unity drive of convention week would fade and "we will remember Gone with the Wind."

"There's a lot of bubbling discontent on their side," he said, although he termed Dukakis a "very good man" and arranged to watch the speech on television.

In his prepared remarks, Dukakis portrayed himself as a believer in the American dream, "so powerful that no distance of ground, no expanse of ocean, no barrier of language, no distinction of race or creed or color can weaken its hold on the human heart."

He said, "Maintaining the status quo — running in place — standing still — isn't good enough for America. Opportunity for some isn't good enough for America. My friends, we're going to forge a new era of greatness for America."

Bentsen roughed up the Republicans in his prepared text. "The Reagan-Bush administration likes to talk about prosperity," he said. "But the farmers in Iowa don't hear them. The oil field workers in Texas and Oklahoma and Louisiana don't hear them. The factory workers in John Glenn's Ohio don't hear them."

Bentsen was Dukakis' pick to join him on the ticket, a bid to reassure skeptical Southern conservative voters about his candidacy — and not coincidentally to lure Bush's adopted home state of Texas into the Democratic column in the fall.

Dukakis confidant Paul Broutas said the governor would use his acceptance speech to introduce himself and "tell the American people who he is, where he came from, what he has done and what his vision of the future is."

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Texans prepared for Bentsen nomination

ATLANTA (AP) — Texans planned Thursday to unfurl a giant Lone Star flag and cast the ballots that would give Sen. Lloyd Bentsen the Democratic vice presidential nomination.

The balloting was set for Thursday night at the closing session of the Democratic National Convention. The floor plan called for other states to pass as necessary in order to make sure Texas cast the deciding votes, according to party officials.

Another option was to allow the Texas delegation to move for unanimous approval of Bentsen and not have a roll call vote.

Many Texas Democrats believe putting Bentsen on the ticket gave Dukakis a needed boost in the crucial battle for the state's 29 electoral votes.

Republican presidential nominee-to-be George Bush is a former Houston congressman with strong ties to Texas.

"Bentsen is someone who those independents and independent-leaning Republicans can vote for," said Ken

Molberg, a Democratic delegate from Dallas who predicted a close race in Texas, even with Bentsen on the ticket.

Delegate Al DiRienzo of Kingwood called Bentsen the "deciding edge" in the Texas race.

Bill Hollars, a delegate from Plainview, said there is "no way" Dukakis could carry Texas without Bentsen.

Even with Bentsen, the Democrats' chances are "real slim," Hollars said.

Bentsen backers also tried to drum up enthusiasm among Texans for Jesse Jackson.

State Rep. Wilhelmina Delco of Austin told fellow Jackson backers that she has "no problem" with Bentsen but realized some Jackson delegates did.

Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price, a Jackson floor leader, has complained about Bentsen's civil rights record.

Price said he might not be enthusiastic about the Dukakis-Bentsen ticket, even if Jackson is.

Bentsen known for successes during 40-year political career

ATLANTA (AP) — While Vice President George Bush has been the target of many speakers' criticism at the Democratic National Committee, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen said he would not make personal attacks against Bush in his vice presidential race.

Like Bush, Bentsen claims Houston as his hometown. Bentsen vowed Wednesday to avoid a bitter personal campaign against his friend.

"Mine will not be a personal attack," said Bentsen. "He's a friend of mine, and our wives are friends. We're talking about differences on issues and differences on results. That's the basis of the campaign."

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"I know there are those who would take perhaps the political ver-

sion of a St. Ignatius approach, saying that they want pure ideology," he says. "And if you practice that to the ultimate, you finally have yourself a party of one, and you sure don't win any elections."

The Democrats' vice presidential choice is the son of a wealthy landowner in the Rio Grande Valley, Lloyd Millard Bentsen Jr.

Bentsen was a 24-year-old World War II veteran when he won his first office, Hidalgo County Judge.

In 1948, he won a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, making him the youngest congressman at the time. During his first term, he cast a vote against the poll tax, which was being used to keep blacks from voting. He was one of just two Southern congressmen to vote that way, and he frequently now points to

that as an example of his strong commitment to civil rights.

People were beginning to talk about Bentsen as a governor or senator, but in 1954, he dropped out of politics after only three terms in the House.

With his wife Beryl Ann, a former fashion model whom he married while in the service, Bentsen moved back to Texas to raise two sons and one daughter. Over the next 16 years, Bentsen built a successful insurance and investment business that left him a millionaire.

He entered the Democratic primary and upset incumbent Sen. Ralph Yarborough. In the general election, he defeated Republican Rep. George Bush, a feat he's now trying to repeat in the national arena.

Texas schools miss deadline for minority enrollment goals

By Ashley A. Bailey
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Five years after Texas promised to boost minority enrollment in public colleges and universities the figure has risen by only one percent, according to an Associated Press article released earlier this month.

According to the report, when Texas submitted its desegregation plan in 1983, minorities made up 27 percent of the enrollment in Texas colleges and universities.

Five years and thousands of dollars later, the figure is 28 percent and the number of black students has actually decreased 3.6 percent — from 29,703 in 1983 to 28,622 in 1987.

This summer was the state's deadline to attain the minority enrollment goals and state government and higher educational officials said budget shortfalls were at least par-

tially responsible for the failure of the plan.

They also said there must be a change or the resulting greater gap between minorities and whites in educational attainment and income could mean serious consequences for the state.

In that same five-year period, minority enrollment at Texas A&M has increased from about 5.5 percent to about 9 percent.

The state's figures do not necessarily reflect individual universities' participation and success, said Edwin Cooper, director of the A&M office of school relations.

Cooper said Texas A&M has been actively involved in minority recruitment since 1979 and has made great progress.

"I don't want to get in a bragging situation because I know that increased enrollment has been the result of a total University effort and

not just one office, but we have given leadership to recruiting bodies and we've spent a lot of time and money doing it," Cooper said.

Black and Hispanic enrollment has increased at A&M from 1.4 percent in 1978 to the about 9 percent to date, he said.

And, in the past five years alone, the black and Hispanic enrollment has increased about 400 percent from what it was, he said.

Cooper said A&M has about 3,400 minority students currently enrolled and, based on figures from the office of admissions, it looks like A&M will have a sizable class of freshman minority students this fall.

A&M uses a rifle approach to recruiting, rather than a shotgun approach, Cooper said.

"We identify prospective minority students through various detailed lists that come from college boards and organizations and then we con-

tact them by mail and/or by telephone," he said.

"We start seeking these students out as early as their junior year and try to help them understand the advantages of attending A&M and how very much a degree from here means at the time they enter the job market."

Cooper said word-of-mouth recruiting is one of the best types of recruiting.

"The best recruiting is done by the students who are currently enrolled at A&M," he said.

"If they're having a good experience here in their classrooms, social life and extra-curricular activities then they'll go home and brag about it to prospective new students. They're actually more effective than a faculty or staff member who's doing it on purpose."

A&M has a lot of plus factors and if recruiting can get them to come

here and see what is offered, then A&M is that much closer to success, he said.

Although standard recruiting has been and will continue to be rewarding, A&M has begun a new recruiting program with hopes of even greater success, Cooper said.

In June of 1987, A&M, in conjunction with the University of Texas and the University of Houston, developed a recruitment task force called the Minority Outreach Program, Cooper said.

A&M has established offices in San Antonio, McAllen, Houston and Dallas where a permanently positioned staff will work with teenagers in seventh and eighth grade, he said.

"The staff will help school counselors to persuade the students to think seriously about college," Cooper said. "They also will be there to talk to the teenagers' parents about financial aid and to help them un-

derstand that it is possible to get them through college.

"They (parents) need to understand how important it is for someone in the family to go to college. Part of the staff's job also will be to set up campus visits when they are juniors."

Cooper said working with the students at such a young age should help with minority enrollment in Texas universities.

"We think that working with seventh and eighth grade students will help to really get them excited about college, so by the time they're seniors the question won't be whether they're going to college or not — it'll be where they're going to college," he said.

Recruiting is very important as an initial endeavor, Cooper said, but re-

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