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Israel

Mintz says the Arab countries did not establish a Palestinian homeland because they still were dreaming of conquering Israel and getting Israel back.

Egypt and Jordan lost land to Israel in 1967 after the Six-Day War.

The Israeli Labor Party offered to give back the land in exchange for peace, but only Egypt took advantage of the offer.

The Gaza Strip, which includes the Sinai Desert, tourist attractions and oil, was returned following the Camp David Accord of 1977.

Egyptian President Anwar Saddat was assassinated by members of the Egyptian military because of this deal.

Mintz says more Israelis now think Israel needs the West Bank to

have warning time to mobilize forces if attacked by Iraqi Scuds or armored vehicles and tanks coming through Jordan.

In fact, Iraqi and Syrian military threats concern Israeli citizens more than the Palestinians, he added. Palestine is not a security threat to Israel's existence, but powerful Arab nations are, Mintz says.

"No Arab country, except Egypt, has signed a peace treaty with Israel," Mintz says. "No Arab country has recognized the state of Israel."

By doing all it could to keep Israel out of the conflict, including the shipment of Patriot missiles to Israel, the Bush administration actually has gained considerable credibility among many Israelis, Mintz says.

The American action was perceived as not trying to keep them out of the coalition but as defending the Jewish state.

"More Israelis now believe the United States will sincerely try to assure their security," Mintz says.

"There is more trust by Israelis in the intentions of the Bush administration than there was before the war."

"For any solution to be accepted by all sides of the conflict — the Arab countries, Palestinians and Israelis — the solution should focus on more than just the Palestinian issue, but also on the Arab-Israeli conflict," Mintz says.

Israelis and Arabs have lived and still live in Israel on good terms, Mintz says.

There are Arab members of the

Israeli Parliament and Arabs are mayors in some Israeli cities.

The Bush administration might have enough leverage with Israel and moderate Arabs in the coalition to forge an agreeable compromise for the Arab-Israeli problem, Mintz says.

"The present Israeli government is the most right-wing government Israel has ever had, yet it is probably the only government that could have decided not to retaliate and absorb civilian casualties," Mintz says.

"Any other Israel government would have been criticized by the right wing opposition as sacrificing the security of the Jewish state," he says.

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president," Cheney said.

"Do not go forward with this escalation," implored Rep. Ron Dellums, D-Calif. "Every single feeling I have in my body is frightening, ominous and foreboding. That to go forward with escalation may very well mean a cost in human terms that stagger the imagination."

Rep. Larry Hopkins, R-Ky., said "patience has been a great reward for us up until now," and he urged Cheney "not to ask America's children to walk across the sand."

Cheney said, "We did everything we could to avoid war," giving Saddam five months to withdraw from Kuwait.

"We believe that it's far better and in the end it will be far less costly for the United States and our allies to deal with the threat that Saddam Hussein represents now than to wait five or six or 10 years when he had nuclear weapons, weapons of mass destruction," Cheney said.

"We are well aware of the responsibility we bear for the conduct of the conflict," the secretary added. "I know that it weighs very heavily on the mind of the president, certainly on General Powell and myself."

In Saudi Arabia, the commander of British forces in the gulf, Lt. Gen. Peter de la Billiere, said, "I believe the land war is inevitable." But Marine Brig. Gen. Richard Neal, a U.S. command spokesman, said, "I don't think I would attach the word 'inevitable' to it."

In Paris, French President Francois Mitterrand said a ground war "promises to take place in coming days, in any case sometime this month."

Bush called Syrian President Hafez Assad on Wednesday and Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke on Thursday to discuss the war.

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teachers' salaries, he said.

"We want every school in the state to provide the best education it can," he said.

Hobby said that not only would constituents not approve of cutting education funds, they would equally disapprove of cuts in human services, transportation and criminal justice.

No one wants to shut down hospitals, stop highway maintenance or let criminals go free to increase revenue, he said.

Hobby said he does not agree with establishing a state lottery instead of an income tax.

"I don't understand why it is good public policy to have a monopoly on something that is now a felony," he said.

Hobby said he hopes that with a state income tax, there will be a reduction in the sales tax, which he says already is high.

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economies.

"NATO is an instrument, not a policy goal," Cooney said. "It is only half of the solution. The other half is the economic stability of European nations."

Cooney, who spent several years living in the United Kingdom and has worked closely with the EC for about two years, said the EC '92 is a good policy and the United States should not oppose it.

In respect to the military and political side of the issue, the EC's ability to deal with economic problems has played a large part in the peaceful rollback of communism in Eastern Europe, he said.

Cooney said this is due to a trend where forces and events shaping European economies have led to the overcome of political and military stalemate.

Cooney said the United States needs a successful EC as much as Europe, largely because the 12 nations that comprise the economic union are America's largest market.

"The economic union has paid off for the U.S. so far," Cooney said. "It has encouraged heavy new industrial investment, which should continue through 1993."

Cooney said this success is due in part to EC directives already enacted, a fact many people unfamiliar with the economic union overlook.

"The date 1992 was mainly in-

COMA from page 1

mitttee On Multicultural Awareness (COMA) says the student group is planning activities for every Wednesday in February.

COMA's 10 members are resident directors, resident advisers and deskworkers.

"Our primary purpose is to create cultural awareness among resident hall students and A&M as a whole," says Pam Osby, a committee member.

Osei says the group's activities are open to all A&M students but are focused toward resident hall students.

"We are targeting resident hall students, to get them out, and to expose them to other cultures," she says.

Voices of Praise began the month's events by performing Wednesday in the Commons lobby.

Other activities planned for February include:

- Free showing of the movie "Gloria" at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 13 in Rudder Auditorium.
- Step Show, a dance presentation by sorority and fraternity members, at 7 p.m. Feb. 20 in the Commons lobby.
- "A Celebration of Black History ... Remembering Our Roots," COMA's main program, at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27 in 201 MSC.

Other presentations for Black History Month include performances by C.P. Time Players, Voices of Praise and Classic Dance Ensemble of Prairie View.

Dr. Julius Becton, Prairie View A&M University president, also will speak during Black History Month.

Osei says all programs are open to the public.

"We are inviting students to come, as well as University members and Bryan-College Station residents," she says.

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A&M's System is organized and well-planned.

"We had a goal for growth of the System," McKenzie said. "I don't think any of the schools should be taken out, but I agree it's large enough now and would resist expanding it."

During McKenzie's term as chairman, Corpus Christi State University, Texas A&I University and Laredo State University also joined the A&M System.

But McKenzie might not have the chairmanship much longer. The Houston Post reported earlier this week that Gov. Ann Richards wanted Regent Ross Margraves to succeed McKenzie as chairman when his term runs out in two years.

Margraves confirmed Wednesday that he wanted the position.

Dr. Edward Hiler, A&M's interim chancellor, said recent acquisitions, some predominantly Hispanic, only strengthen the A&M System.

The A&M System is in line for minority scholarships and funds to create new doctoral programs because of its involvement with South Texas schools, Hiler said.

Roger Elliott, assistant commissioner of the Higher Education Coordinating Board, said the Legislature will handle any growth regulation of the A&M System.

The Coordinating Board only makes recommendations to the Legislature, he said.

One recommendation concerns the eventual merging of all Texas universities into one of the two major systems, Elliott said.

Hiler said he doubts the Legislature will take action on the Coordinating Board's proposals.

"I do not think there will be a continuous expansion, but not for their reasons," Hiler said.

"I'm not saying the system of higher education in the state is the best it can be, but I don't think we'll start over from scratch," he said.

Jenkins maintained something must be done to prevent small universities not in a major system from panicking over loss of state funds.

"If we don't do something, everyone will be stampeding to the gate to be part of the system, and what then?" Jenkins asked.

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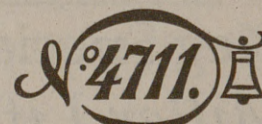
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