

Mideast intellectuals evaluated

A professor from the University of Tel Aviv last night said he sees "a ray of hope" by the actions of intellectuals in Iraq, Syria and Egypt.

Shimon Shamir, also an instructor at the University of Pennsylvania, outlined the history of intellectuals in the Middle East during his talk in the HUB Assembly Room sponsored by the Middle East Studies Committee.

Shamir said a lack of secular education before the 19th century caused intellectual stagnation. The priests were the intellectuals of this period, he said, and their role was one of "defending and not

questioning" the issues of the period.

Shamir said it was not until the 19th century that the modern intellectual appeared in the Middle East. He cited three periods of intellectualism: before, between and after the world wars.

There are three stages of a revolution, Shamir said. The first is preparation of ideas. The second, symbiosis, is after the revolution and involves the "interacting of intellectuals" and ideas with new officials. The third, alienation, develops when the powerful feel the "intellectuals have outlived their usefulness, and the military

leaders can make their own ideas," Shamir said. "This meant intellectuals had to change from being originators of ideas or be in conflict with the regime," he said.

According to Shamir, most intellectuals stayed and "elaborated on the ideas of military officials" and wrote textbooks and pamphlets in agreement with policy. "Intellectuals had to either adopt or leave," he said.

"Intellectuals now have a tradition of defending regimes and not challenging them," Shamir said.

He said the main goals of "liberation and social order" have not been achieved yet.



Simon Shamir Photo by Julie Cipolla

County commissioners to consider agreement

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Union and county negotiators Friday reached a tentative agreement ending the 25-day-old strike by Local 1731 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) at the Centre Crest Nursing Home in Bellefonte.

The two-year contract, agreed on after 3½ hours of negotiations presided over by mediator Elwood Tobias, is subject to ratification by the Centre County commissioners and the 74 striking employees.

The commissioners are expected to consider the matter at their regular weekly meeting today. Union spokesmen wouldn't say when they plan on polling their membership, but they are scheduled to meet on Wednesday.

The terms of the agreement were not revealed pending ratification. Norman Fischer, County Community Services director,

cited managerial prerogative as the reason for this.

Previous talks had stalled because of disagreements over the schedule for wage increases and the choice of insurance programs.

Friday's session was initiated at the request of union officials.

Shirley Gehret, president of Local 1731, said the agreement was the result of concessions made by both sides. She was optimistic about the chances of ratification by the members of the local.

Fischer, who has been working to maintain the usual standards of patient care at the home since the strike reduced the staff by half, said plans have been made to begin contacting striking workers about their availability for work as soon as the commissioners accept the new contract.

Subject to this approval, he said, employees will be asked to begin reporting to work tomorrow. Not all

workers will return the same day, however, because of the nature of work scheduling at the home.

The strike has brought forth angry accusations by both employees and officials concerning the conduct of each side. Shift changes at the nursing home have been marked by verbal and sometimes physical confrontations between strikers and those who sought to assure unimpeded access to the institution for volunteer workers and non-striking employees.

In light of the emotionally-charged atmosphere of the strike, the sheriff's department was called upon by Centre Crest management to provide officers during the shift changes.

Now that a return to work by striking employees seems likely, spokesmen for both sides have expressed the hope that the reintegration of employees will proceed without incident.

House panel seeks tougher ethics code

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A special reform panel, taking first steps toward a tougher House code of ethics, recommended yesterday that members be required to disclose all income, limit outside earnings to 15 per cent of official pay, and end "slush funds."

At the same time, it suggested a maximum penalty of one year in jail and a \$10,000 fine for "willful falsification" or failure to disclose. The panel said that would "help to ensure full compliance . . . and also serve to underscore the public interest" in the situation.

The bipartisan committee

on administrative review decided by voice vote to recommend a ban on "unofficial office accounts." This followed an angry exchange in which Rep. Bill Frenzel, (R-Minn.), charged some advocates of the move with trying to "bribe" House members by giving them an extra \$5,000 in official money in lieu of "slush funds."

Committee Chairman David Obey, (D-Wis.), accused Frenzel of using "inflammatory, demagogic" language to divert attention from what he called the most "insidious issue" at hand — the use of private or corporate money to conduct official

business.

Following the clash, House members and private citizens on the committee agreed in voice votes to abolish the unofficial accounts and recommend a \$5,000 increase — from \$2,000 to \$7,000 — in official allowances for expenses outside Washington, including trips, home and publishing newsletters.

Obey, hailing the move, said "if this price tag were five times this amount, it would be the most valuable item in this package" because members of Congress must have more money to meet their official responsibilities without looking to private sources.

Earlier, the committee voted after mild debate to recommend that a House

member's "outside earned income should not exceed 15 per cent" of the official salary, now \$44,600. Income from such sources as family farms and financial investments would not be covered if the member's "personal services" were not major factors.

The panel, created last year under public pressure for congressional reforms, recommended a \$750 limit on honoraria from a single public appearance and stringent regulations on reimbursement for related expenses.

More than 100 members have acknowledged having the special accounts, in one case ranging up to \$60,000.

The committee's first decision, taken without ob-

jection by any members, was to adopt a proposal requiring House members to publicly disclose all income and major gifts or financial holdings.

After the recommendations are reviewed by a regular House committee, they will go to the House floor for further debate — probably early next month.

Under current House rules, amounts of income and value of holdings are filed but kept confidential.

The committee voted to require House members and candidates to disclose:

— All income and sources in excess of \$100 from an individual source.

— The source and value of any "gifts" of transportation, lodging, food or entertainment totaling \$250 or more.

Carter trims excess

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Carter, setting an austere tone for his administration, yesterday urged Cabinet members to cut into their advisory boards and commissions "like a mower machine and cut them out."

The President also said that one or two commissions or advisory groups might be valid but not the "40 to 60" created by Cabinet members in some departments.

Carter also said he plans to cut out the "pomp and ceremony" that have marked the red-carpet South Lawn ceremonies for visiting heads of state in the past.

"During state visits . . . there will not be the same number of people greeting, or the same number of trumpets sounding that has been done in the past," Carter said.

Deputy Press Secretary Rex Granum disclosed at a news briefing some of the details of the two and a half hour Cabinet meeting, in which issues ranged from housekeeping to policy with the Soviet Union.

Carter speaks on drug abuse

GENEVA, Switzerland (UPI) — President Carter said yesterday drug addiction is a "major threat to mankind" and called for "compassion" for addicts and a worldwide crackdown on traffickers.


"Drug addiction is the cause of untold human suffering, afflicting both the rich and the poor," Carter said in a message to the opening of the 27th session of the U.N. Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

"Of particular concern to us, however, is the recent dramatic increase in addiction and its destructive effect on the limited

human and economic resources of many of the less affluent nations of the world," Carter said.

"Drug abuse is a major threat to mankind that respects no national boundaries," Carter said. "We must combine deep compassion for the victims of addiction with a vigorous attempt to eliminate the world supply of illicit drugs through international cooperation."

"Towards that end, I am making curtailment of drug abuse a high priority in my administration."



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