

Anti-Sadat Arabs gather for 'resistance summit'

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Hardline Arab leaders assembled here Thursday for a Libyan-sponsored "summit of resistance" to break the momentum of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's bold new peace overtures to Israel. "No negotiations, no settlement, no recognition," read fresh signs along the palm-lined streets of this seaside capital, reflecting the intransigence of Libyan leader Moammar Khadafy. Other banners said: "Welcome, heroes

of steadfastness, to the land of steadfastness." About 1,000 demonstrators shouting "It is we who are right" massed outside the People's Palace, the elegant white stucco headquarters of King Idris, deposed by Khadafy in 1969. A formal opening session of the two-day anti-Sadat conference was scheduled to begin inside the palace Thursday night but was postponed until

Friday. The Arab leaders met privately among themselves into the night. It was the first of several competing conferences spawned by Sadat's Jan. 19-21 trip to Jerusalem. Still to come are another "rejectionist" conference called by Iraq for Baghdad next week, Sadat's pre-Geneva meeting in Cairo in mid-December and another preparatory conference called by U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim. Only Israel, the United States and the

United Nations are expected to join Egypt at the Cairo talks. Waldheim's invitation drew a negative reaction from Israel while among the Arabs only Jordan indicated it was accepting. Khadafy beamed behind dark glasses as he greeted guests flying in for the speechmaking and strategy sessions designed to counter Sadat's initiative. The assemblage of Arab leaders in Tripoli, particularly President Hafez Assad of Syria, was a symbolic victory

for Khadafy's oil-financed Arab revolutionary brand of leadership opposed to any concessions to Israel. But Assad, distinctly more moderate than his mercurial host in his approach to Middle East peace prospects, showed reluctance to get involved in any extremist outbursts. "It is natural that when a nation faces a danger, the faithful sons call to meet and work to prevent the catastrophe

which is about to take place," he said on arrival. Though he reaffirmed Syria's refusal to attend peace talks with Israel in Cairo, Assad avoided any mention of Sadat or the bitter Arab criticism Egypt has faced since the Jerusalem journey. President Houari Boumediene of Algeria was the first to land at the former Wheelus U.S. Air Base, now Khadafy's military airport for Tripoli.

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Alpha fireman Brent Peters inspects his equipment while answering a call at Park Hill Apartments, where a man died Thursday.

Man dies in apt. mishap

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State College police are investigating the death Thursday night of an unidentified man at the Park Hill Apartments, 341 E. Beaver Ave. Police said they received a call from a first floor resident of Park Hill at 6:05 p.m., who said smoke was coming from the apartments' heating system. Officers arriving at the scene found the body of an unidentified man near a leaking acetylene torch the man was using. Police said the man, an employee of A. W. and Sons Enterprise, State College, was repairing the heating

system of another first floor apartment when he died. The smoke apparently smoldering insulation in police spokesman said. All residents of the building evacuated while Alpha firefighters exhausted the fumes. Coroner Robert W. Neff said an autopsy Friday to cause of death, a spokesman at the Centre Community Hospital said. Acetylene gas is highly flammable and official at the police station, Pittsburgh said. But the gas of more than 100 degrees cause asphyxiation, Neff said.

Compromise may be reached House sends taxes to committee

HARRISBURG (AP) — The House voted Thursday to send the income tax fight to a six-man legislative conference committee, where a compromise will be worked out to fund the state-aided universities. The committee will consist of two Democrats and a Republican from both the House and Senate. A similar committee set up last summer worked over a month on a compromise state budget. But in the end, its recommendations were ignored by the Senate. House Speaker K. Leroy Irvis told the House he hoped the committee would develop a tax compromise over the weekend, so the House could vote on it by Monday afternoon. A Senate spokesman said he did not know how soon the three senators would be ready to negotiate with the three House members. The House set the stage for the conference committee by voting 77-112 to reject a Senate proposal to raise the

personal income tax from 2 percent to 2.1 percent and the corporate income tax from 9.5 percent to 11 percent. It was the fourth time in 11 days that the House decisively defeated an income tax hike. However, on the third tax vote, three Republicans and a couple of Democrats who were strong anti-tax voters changed their minds and voted for a tax hike. "I think it (the conference committee) is being done to soothe some feelings here and in the Senate," said a House Democrat, who asked not to be identified. "There were people in the House who didn't want the Senate telling them what taxes to vote on, and there were senators who didn't want the House telling them what to do." Republicans suggested the House vote on a bill that would cut about \$80 million from the state budget and use the savings to partially fund the schools.

But the Democrats refused, saying the budget-cutting bill would not be voted on until the House votes on the tax increases. Together, the increases and budget cuts would provide \$300 million for the universities and other state-aided institutions. "There is a report that the major universities are borrowing another \$77 million," said Rep. Matthew Ryan, the assistant Republican floor leader. "What we're doing is keeping \$85 million or \$82 million in the state coffers while the schools are out borrowing \$77 million at interest." Democratic leader James Manderino again told the Republicans to either come up with specific budget cuts that would replace the income tax hike or vote for the taxes. "As long as you don't face up to the problem, we will be here," Manderino said.

PSU may close if loans stop, official says

By COLLEEN GALLAGHER
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The University will close down rather than cut its budget further if banks refuse to continue loaning the University money to operate without state aid, according to Stanley O. Ikenberry, senior vice president for University development and relations. "Obviously there's a limit beyond which the banks will not go," Ikenberry said. "We have not been advised of what that limit is or when it will come," he said. Temple University, which had its loans discontinued last month due to its poor credit rating, plans to pay its employees in cash. Ikenberry said Penn State is in less of a financial crisis because it has state funds available for its operations.

berry said, because "we cannot make internal cuts sufficient to account for a \$109 million deficit — the amount of state funds the University has not received." About \$24 million was cut from the University's budget this summer when the state legislature was deadlocked over how to finance state programs. "We said from the outset that the University can't conceivably continue to

operate without a state appropriation," which makes up about half the University's budget, Ikenberry said. Therefore, if the banks close their doors to the University, then the University will close its doors to the students, Ikenberry indicated. The University could not operate as it does now if further cuts in services were made, Ikenberry said. Nor could the money be made up through increased tuition, he said. "If we had to attempt to compensate through tuition hikes alone, then half the student body would be shut out of an education overnight, and that income would be lost, too," he said. "The problem is one of getting the University's appropriation through the legislature so that the borrowing can cease and the escalating interest costs can be stopped," he said. Thursday the University began paying \$5,000 a month in interest charges

term breaks and tenant changes. Previously cleaning was done on a three week schedule. Mueller said retiring employees and those leaving for other reasons are not being replaced due to the budget situation within the Housing and Food Services department. An increase in room and board rates was alleviated by the rate change, Mueller said.

Regular room cleanings not to be 'maid' anymore

Dirtier dorm rooms will be another effect of the current budget crisis the University is experiencing. Because of the increasing cost of labor, the frequency of maid service in student rooms has been reduced beginning this term. Otto Mueller, assistant vice president for housing and food service, said scheduled maid service has been reduced by one cleaning per term. Rooms are cleaned only during

term breaks and tenant changes. Previously cleaning was done on a three week schedule. Mueller said retiring employees and those leaving for other reasons are not being replaced due to the budget situation within the Housing and Food Services department. An increase in room and board rates was alleviated by the rate change, Mueller said.

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But whose knee does he sit on?

The "jolly old Saint Nicholas" housed in the cottage at the end of the mall isn't even old enough to drive a car, let alone a sleigh with eight reindeer. Tom Neff, 14, was hired by the State College Area Chamber of Commerce to provide a lap and take Christmas orders for kids from age one to 92. Karen Neff, secretary to the Chamber of Commerce and Tom's sister, said he was hired as the last resort because it was difficult to get a Santa Claus this year. The Chamber of Commerce put ads for the job at the employment services in town and on campus but got only two responses and neither consented to work the hours required for the pay — \$2.30 per hour. When not in costume, Tom doesn't quite fit the bill of a fat, white bearded old gentleman in a red suit, but he said he feels his age doesn't hamper him in his duties. "I can handle it," Neff said. Neff said he's gotten the most requests for "Stretch Armstrong" dolls from both boys and girls. Barbie dolls are still a popular item for girls, he added. Neff's got a line prepared in case any doubting youngster asks why there are so many Santas around. "I just tell them I can change from place to place pretty fast," he said. College students come in to see

Santa, too. Neff let the older kids sit on his lap. "The most embarrassing moment was riding down the fire truck on Thanksgiving." One little girl she had been named after she had been named OK," Neff said. "and be good." What is that toyland?

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Back by popular demand is the Eco-Action newspaper recycling program. Each week, all of the big blue recycling dorm area will be weighed before being recycled. The dorm ratio of paper-poured student will be next week's "In Edition". In addition to mention, the dorm retains the best recycling month will have a their name to the sylvania Conservancy of \$20 per ton of paper. Recycle your College one way or another.