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Iran approves forming civilian-run government

TEHRAN (UPI) — Parliament yesterday approved formation of a civilian government headed by Shahpour Bakhtiar in hopes of ending months of violence as thousands of Iranians, Americans and other foreigners fled the country from the newly reopened airport.

Premier-designate Bakhtiar promised gradually to end martial law, free political prisoners, abolish the political arm of the SAVAK secret police — blamed for 21 years of oppression and torture — and end oil sales to Israel and South Africa.

"I hope my mission will succeed. If I fail, I cannot imagine what the consequence will be for my country," he said.

Bakhtiar also said, "The shah wants to take a rest and a vacation. Those are his plans. I think the shah is going out (of the country) for a few months. I don't know for how many months."

Observers said the shah's departure could ease the violent situation in Iran. Some diplomatic sources said such a "vacation" could well turn out to be permanent, meaning the end of the shah's 38-year reign.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said the United States would welcome the shah if he left Iran, and added, "We would do all



Shahpour Bakhtiar

we can to assure his safety." But Carter also noted, "It is not the policy of the U.S. government to ask the shah to leave the country."

In his references to the shah, Bakhtiar said a regency council would be constitutionally necessary if the shah was out of the country more than three months.

His statement appeared to suggest he

believed the monarchy would continue in some form in Iran.

"In our constitution there is a place for a monarchy," Bakhtiar said.

Military authorities reopened Tehran airport, closed Tuesday by a strike by civilian air traffic controllers, and flights began carrying out thousands of Iranians as well as Americans and Europeans jamming the air terminal.

The Pentagon in Washington said fewer than 200 dependents of U.S. government officials remained, though thousands of Americans working for private companies were still in the country.

Demonstrations against the shah and Bakhtiar continued, though with less fury, and the Moslem leadership and civilian opposition vowed to withhold cooperation from the new administration.

Sporadic shooting was reported in 14 towns across the country yesterday and the National Front opposition claimed soldiers backed by tanks demolished homes and shops of opponents of the regime Monday and Tuesday, killing hundreds of people in the western Iranian town of Chazhin.

Bakhtiar, 63, a French-educated lawyer, met the press after parliament voted 110-80 to permit him to present his cabinet to the shah.

Viets attack on eight fronts

Cambodia border areas captured

BANGKOK, Thailand (UPI) — Vietnamese troops and warplanes, attacking up to 100 miles into Cambodia, have captured a quarter of the country and attacked on eight separate battlefronts, official reports said today.

Radio Phnom Penh praised resistance by Cambodian troops, but said a delegation would fly to the United Nations next week to seek international aid to halt what appears to be a Vietnamese juggernaut.

The Vietnamese forces have secured the entire northeast of the country and launched heavy attacks along highways and rivers south of Phnom Penh, reports from Hanoi and Cambodian media said.

Radio Phnom Penh, in broadcasts monitored in Bangkok today, said Vietnamese warplanes were flying in front of the ground forces, hitting Cambodian towns and cities in an apparent effort to soften up resistance.

The official Cambodian radio said eight separate battlefronts had been set up by the invasion force, ranging along the entire Vietnam-Cambodian frontier.

Phnom Penh claimed 14,100 Vietnamese were killed on the fronts between Christmas and New Year's Day. This was considered an exaggeration by most observers.

Reports from Hanoi tended to confirm speculation by intelligence sources that Vietnam is supporting Cambodian rebels trying to surround Phnom Penh and strangle it.

During the last few days, the Vietnamese and their Cambodian rebel allies have broadcast a series of victory statements while the central Cambodian government has been exhorting its populace to fight to the death.

There was no independent confirmation of the latest battle reports. But

piecing together by both sides, the situation appeared thus:

— The Vietnamese control the entire upper Mekong, having pushed to the northernmost Stung Treng province capital on the river, 100 miles from the Vietnamese frontier where it started Christmas Day;

— under heavy air cover, Vietnamese have moved across the Mekong River at Kampong Cham, a key province capital 45 miles northeast of Phnom Penh;

— Vietnamese were moving up highways 1, 2 and 3 from the border toward Phnom Penh from bases west of Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, and the Mekong Delta province of Chau Doc;

— a major Vietnamese force had formed in extreme southwestern Vietnam, pushed across Cambodia's only southern railway to Phnom Penh and was moving to cut Route 4.

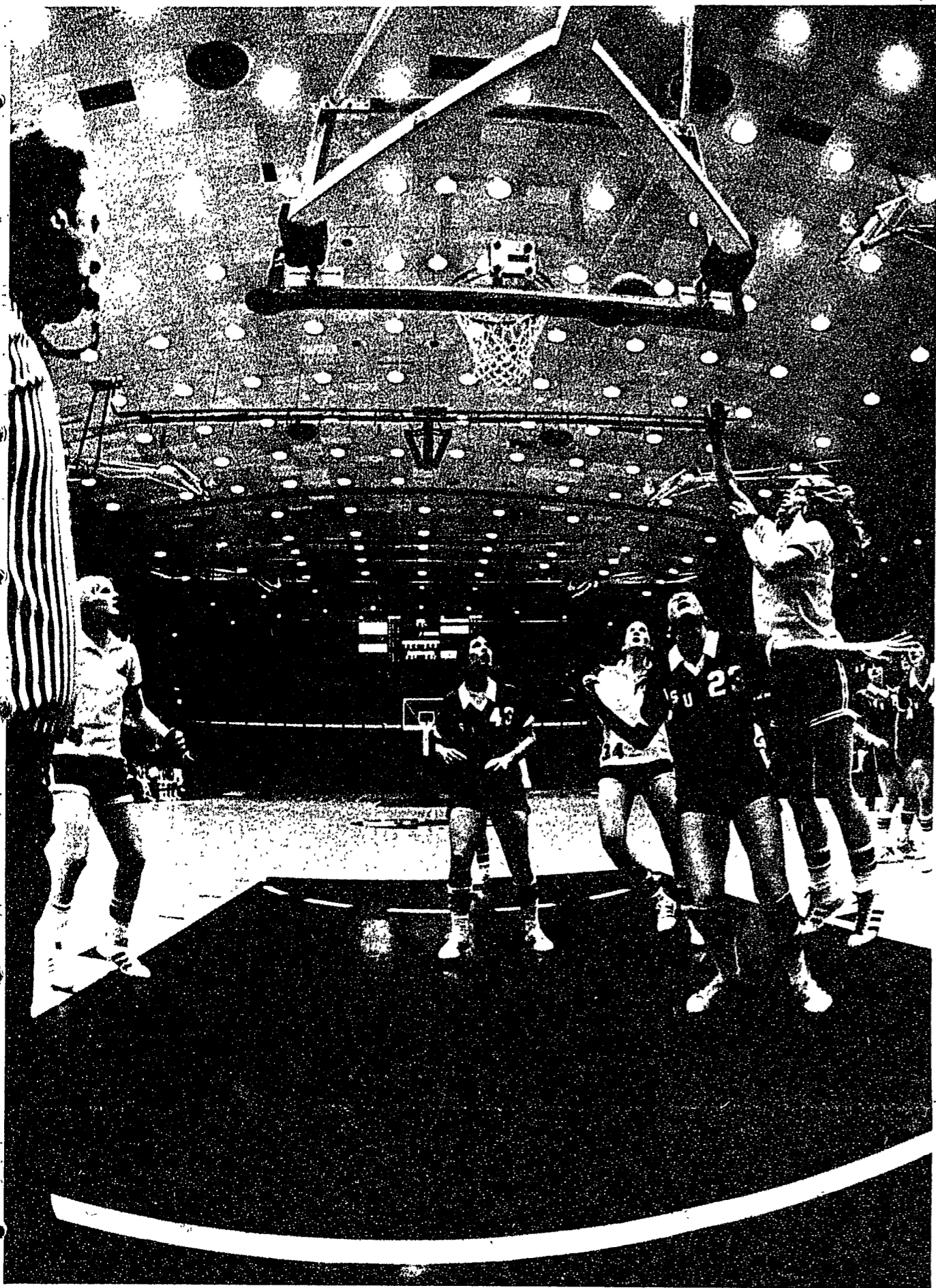


Photo by Lynn Dudinsky

Anticipation

Lady Lion Lisa Adams takes a shot as Illinois State players and teammates Janet Gabriel, left, and Betty McGuire look on. See the related story on page 4 about Penn State's 74-46 win last night in Rec Hall.

Hickton says gun incident report falls short

By COLLEEN GALLAGHER
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Student trustee Dave Hickton said yesterday he has no plans to seek further action on the Oct. 5 gun incident, although he feels the University's report on the incident falls short of the proof he and other student leaders had called for.

"It's not what I asked for, but it's good enough," Hickton said of the report released Dec. 18 by University Provost, Edward D. Eddy.

"I was for the most part satisfied," he

said. "It seems to be a good faith investigation, and the new board that was formed seems to solve some of the problems involved."

In his report, Eddy announced that an advisory review board made up of students, faculty and administrators will be established to give advice on University safety.

Hickton had called for a public disclosure of the gun incident Dec. 16 and said at the time that Director of University Safety David E. Stormer's

failure to report the accident could threaten the foundation of good faith upon which the University's gun policy is based.

Hickton said yesterday, however, that according to Eddy's report, Stormer's action was due to poor judgement and did not indicate a breach of good faith.

"The policy is no longer in jeopardy," Hickton said.

The gun policy, adopted Nov. 6 when Eddy decided to arm 33 campus police, would require any future incident to be

promptly and fully reported.

Hickton said although he accepts Eddy's report, he feels students should not have been given the results of the University's investigation "after the fact."

He said the student leaders on Executive Council had asked that an investigating committee be formed and that a student be included.

Eddy had said after releasing his report that he considered the students' requests moot.

Peace talks expected to resume this month

By United Press International

A senior Israeli diplomat predicted in Washington yesterday that direct peace negotiations with Egypt will resume in mid-January. Officials in Cairo said arrangements are not yet that far along and left it to the United States to make the next move on reviving the stalled talks.

The Israeli diplomat, who asked not to be identified, conceded that the date and specific details of the renewed peace talks still were being worked out. But he said Israel has agreed to return its negotiators to Washington at any time proposed by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

In Cairo, Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil said Egypt

has not changed its position on the negotiations — stalled since November over two key issues — but is prepared to resume efforts toward a peace treaty.

Khalil said direct Egyptian-Israeli negotiations could resume "at a later stage." He suggested a more immediate possibility was a meeting between himself and Vance.

The Egyptian official said he "will leave it up to (Vance) to decide the method of re-establishing contact."

In Washington, State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said, "It is not true that anything has been fixed." Carter said the United States would welcome the resumption of talks at an early date, and he said

Vance's schedule is clear of any travel plans for most of January.

Khalil spoke to reporters at the end of a six-hour cabinet session that debated Egypt's position in the deadlocked peace talks. A cabinet statement affirmed the Egyptian call for a timetable linking the proposed treaty to the establishment of Arab autonomy in the occupied Jordan West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The Egyptian cabinet also insisted the treaty should not supersede Egypt's defense obligations to other Arab states.

The statement made no mention of the Egyptian demand that autonomy must be established by the end of 1979.

Haig resigns as NATO forces commander

CASTEAU, Belgium (UPI) — Gen. Alexander M. Haig yesterday announced his resignation as commander of NATO military forces. Despite speculation that he hoped to run for president, he denied any political ambitions.

In a valedictory message from his vantage point at the head of all U.S. and NATO forces in Europe, the four-star general said the threat of Soviet expansionism is real.

Deep freeze

Today will be partly sunny, breezy, and very cold with a snow flurry possible and a high of 15. Tonight will be frigid with mostly clear skies and diminishing winds and a low of 3. After some morning sunshine we'll have increasing cloudiness tomorrow with a high of 20.

Haig's resignation takes effect June 30. At the same time he will retire as commander in chief of U.S. forces in Europe, a command he held along with his NATO post of Supreme Allied Commander, Europe.

The 54-year-old officer, who stood loyal guard over the White House in the last dark days of the Nixon presidency, disclaimed any political ambitions and denied rumors that he might seek the 1980 Republican nomination.

"I have no political plans at this moment and I don't foresee any within the next six months," he said, adding he was returning to "retired status."

But pressed on this point, he added: "I don't exclude anything."

Assessing Soviet military might after four years as NATO commander, Haig warned against the "myth" that Moscow's intervention in other countries

was inspired by "paranoia about encirclement."

"As I look back over history I find it very difficult to justify that assessment. If you sit down and do the arithmetic as some have, you'll find that on an average basis over the last 100 years, the Soviet Union has acquired the equivalent of a Netherlands each year," he said.

"I would suggest that the alliance has a great task ahead to begin to recognize more clearly the inter-relationship of these activities with the health and the vitality of the alliance itself," he said.

But he said he was not calling for NATO military involvement in new parts of the world.

"I have never been a proponent for expanding the boundaries of NATO to include the Third World or the Middle East or some other area and I do not propose this today," he said.



Gen. Alexander Haig

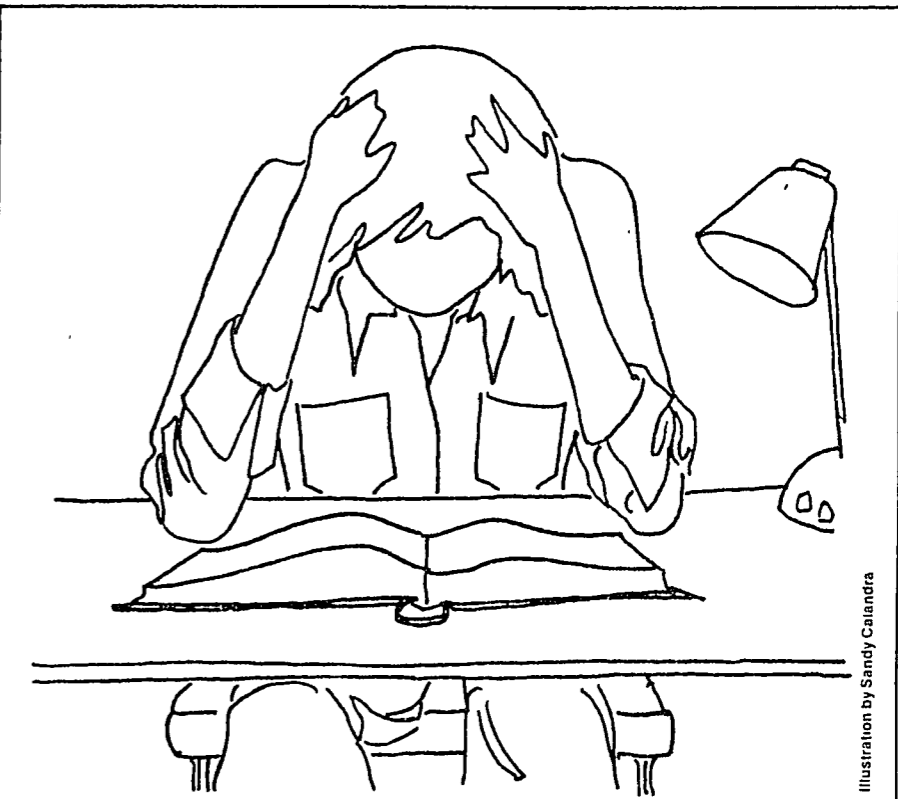


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Program to try to cure 'test anxiety'

By PETE LIEBER
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A free training program to help students suffering from "test anxiety" is being offered this term by the University Mental Health Center.

The center defines test anxiety as a student's concern over how well he will do on the test and this concern distracts him from concentrating on the material.

Program Coordinator Diane Arnkoff, a counselor at the center, said, "Because they are focusing more on their fear and worry than on the test, these students do not do as well on the test as they could."

The program, which will meet in four weekly sessions is aimed at capable and hard working students who could perform better on tests.

To qualify, students must have a grade-point average of 2.3 or higher and must study an average of 10

hours a week. Arnkoff said up to 48 students will be allowed to enroll in the program.

"The training offered will be directed at changing the thought patterns which are the problem in test anxiety," Arnkoff said. "Students who volunteer will also be given practice in using what they have learned to keep their attention focused on the test."

Arnkoff also said past programs of this kind have been very successful, according to both test scores and students. The program is to help students and also to help her gather information for her dissertation, she said.

Interested students should contact the Mental Health Center and ask about the Test Anxiety Program. Arnkoff said she hopes to have the program started by Jan. 15.