

## Egypt, Israel, U.S. hold Palestinian autonomy talks

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CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Egyptian, Israeli and U.S. negotiators discussed self-rule for Palestinians in Israeli-occupied lands yesterday against a backdrop of differences over the future of Middle East peace talks.

"There has not been a breakthrough so far, or a breakdown," an Israeli official said after a two-hour meeting.

Egyptian officials said the Israelis requested a meeting, scheduled for this morning, with President Hosni Mubarak. The Israeli official said his delegation planned to depart this evening.

Other well-informed Egyptian sources said Egypt had suggested the meeting because Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin had met with Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Aly during Aly's trip to Israel last month.

The Egyptian officials said a statement on the points agreed upon would be issued after a second meeting this afternoon, but they indicated only procedural matters had been decided so far.

They also said Israel presented no specific proposals when the negotiators met "informally" in a small room at the Mena House Hotel near the Great Pyramids.

The Egyptian officials said Egypt again called on Israel to halt the proliferation of Jewish settlements on occupied lands and take other measures to induce the Palestinians to join the Camp David peace process.

The Israeli official said his delegation had suggested the negotiators forego speeches and get straight to the point — the "framework of an autonomous council."

He said neither side presented specific proposals and that the Egyptians did not raise the explosive issue of the Israeli annexation of East Jerusalem.

He described the talks as "friendly" and the Egyptians as "very good," but added, "there is much to be done."

Earlier, Aly greeted the Israeli delegation at Cairo airport, saying he hoped for as "much progress as possible."

Israeli Interior Minister Yosef Burg replied that his delegation was making "a serious visit to move forward towards success."

But neither side offered new ideas, and an Israeli official said privately that Israel would not make any more concessions in the deadlocked negotiations.

Egypt and Israel are trying to agree on the jurisdiction and structure of an autonomous council to govern Gaza and the West Bank of the Jordan River.

## Residence halls open for athletes over break

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Although all University classroom and residence hall buildings are scheduled to close at 3 p.m. next Saturday — during the Notre Dame football game, some members of the University's intercollegiate athletic teams will be staying in the dormitories during term break.

William Mulberger, manager of the Assignment Office for Campus Residences, said the athletic department has requested housing accommodations during term break for football players living in the residence halls because they practice during term break.

Some members of other teams, including the men's and women's basketball teams, the men's soccer team and women's volleyball team, will also stay, he said.

Housing the football players during breaks "is traditionally done every year because (football coach Joe) Paterno won't let them go home," Mulberger said.

And Donald T. Arndt, director of housing services, said: "We have had the football team stay (in the residence halls during) holidays and between terms before. It's nothing new."

However, James I. Tarman, associate director of the athletic department, said the number of students involved is relatively small because some of the athletes live in apartments.

Tarman said the athletic department will pay a \$4.25 charge per student each night.

"There is money in the (athletic department's) budget to handle those charges — money generated by football," he said.

Mulberger said the athletic department must also pay for any damages to the buildings as well as fees for losing late-entry keys. The Office of Housing and Food Service Operations also requires the athletic department to provide security for the buildings, he said.

Housing tries to consolidate the athletic teams into the fewest buildings, so the football players will probably stay in Hamilton Hall, Beaver Hall and one hall in Pollock Halls, Mulberger said.

Female athletes will probably stay in Thompson Hall, he said. However, the decision of exactly which buildings will house the athletes has not been finalized.

The athletes will be issued late-entry keys to the buildings, he said.

They will stay in their own rooms, and athletes who live in residence halls which will not be open will stay with other players, he said.

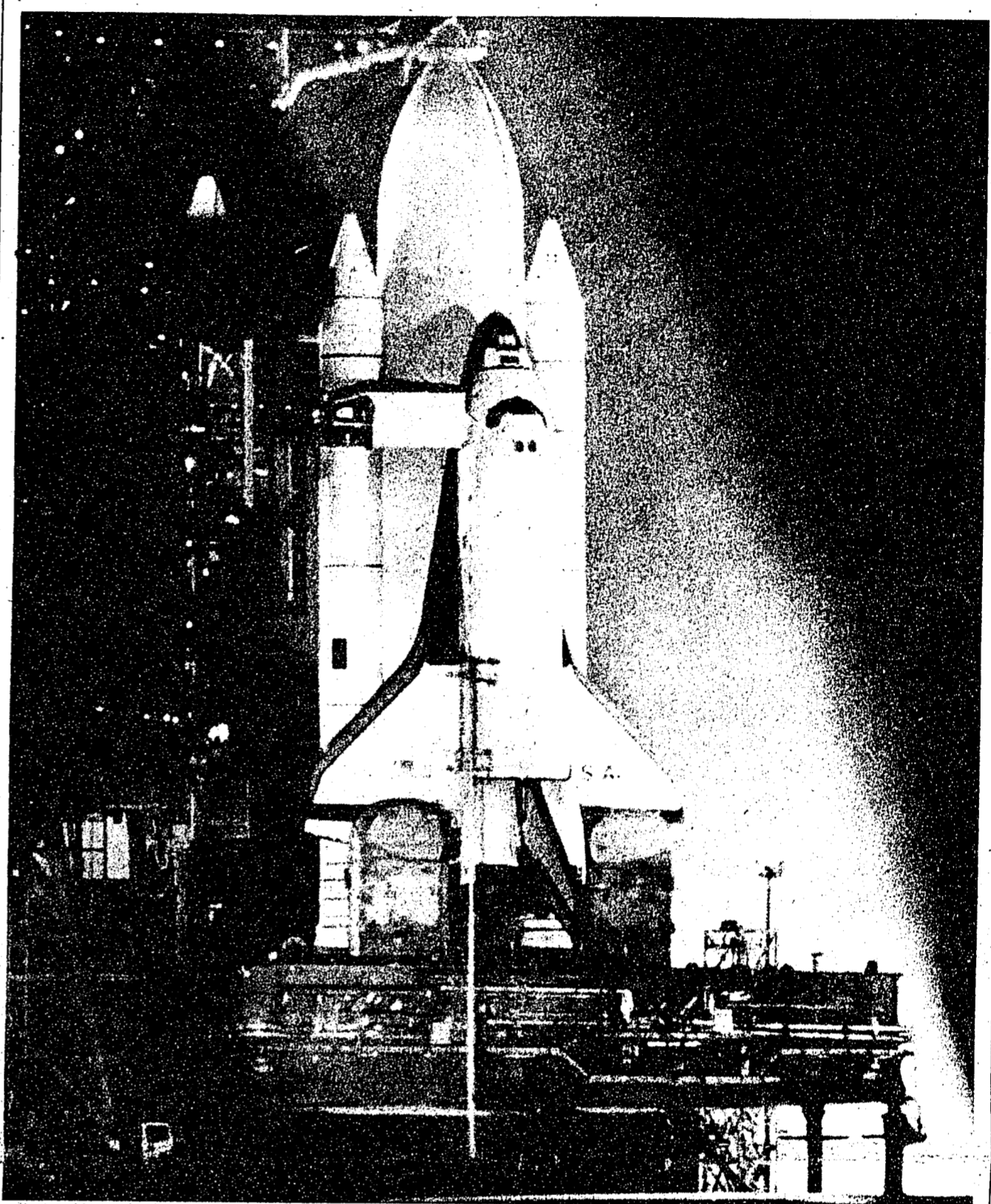
William H. McKinnon, assistant vice president for housing and food services, said: "I'm not sure how long the players will stay — I presume they'll stay until they go to Pittsburgh (Nov. 28)."

Tarman said members of teams that are in season, such as the men's and women's basketball teams, will probably stay throughout term break. But teams that may be participating in playoffs, such as the men's soccer and women's volleyball teams, probably will stay only until they leave the University for competition, he said.

"It varies for each team, depending on their success in their playoffs," he said.

During term break, food service will be offered to the athletes, possibly in the Pollock Union Building, Tarman said. The athletic department also pays for these team members' meals, he said.

Because the athletic department will cover all expenses for housing the teams, this special housing will not affect a recent suit over residence hall opening and closing dates, Arndt said. Students who lived in the residence halls during Spring Term 1978 have filed suit against the University for additional refunds since that term was shortened by three days because of fuel shortages.



Space shuttle Columbia

AP Laserphoto

## NASA rushes to ready Columbia for 2nd flight

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Liftoff of the space shuttle Columbia, bedeviled by technological growing pains, was delayed until at least midmorning today as launch eve work crews grappled last night to repair an errant data relay system.

NASA officials changed the launch target time to 10 a.m. EST after determining that a sunrise liftoff would not be possible.

There remained a strong possibility of a second scrubbed launch in as many weeks. At nightfall, space center spokesman Hugh Harris said: "They're working on a fairly tight schedule — but they think it's doable."

Countdown to liftoff was likely to be cliffhanger; Columbia underwent a series of launch pad repairs last night and a replacement part being flown to Kennedy Space Center had to be tested with blastoff just hours away.

The part was taken from Challenger, a second shuttle now being built in California. NASA set up a dramatic relay — from the West Coast to the launch pad.

After hours of conferences between the various space centers and industry experts, a team of NASA officials headed by acting associate administrator L. Michael Weeks "determined a course of action which could result" in the 10 a.m. liftoff, Harris said.

All this because of a bad "multiplexer-demultiplexer." Columbia's crew was ready, but at dusk a NASA official said, "The problems are not resolved."

The final countdown, due to begin at 10:10 p.m., was put back several hours.

Astronauts Joe Engle and Richard Truly stayed up a little past their 5 p.m. bedtime to monitor the problem and went to bed not knowing if they would fly today.

"They roll with the punch pretty good," said their trainer, Bill Jones. "They're waiting and ready — it's not their decision."

Launch could come anytime before noon — the final moment in Columbia's "launch window."

The replacement parts arrived at



Astronauts Richard Truly, left, and Joe Engle, right, arrive at in Florida before boarding the space shuttle Columbia for its second launch, scheduled for this morning.

AP Laserphoto

Kennedy Space Center at 9 p.m. yesterday. They had to be installed and tested before a decision could be made on whether to attempt a liftoff today.

Experts here and at the Johnson Space Center in Houston were summoned to study the problem.

"They have a number of decisions they have to make and they have not made them," said NASA's Dick Young.

One possibility was to put a spare part aboard Columbia for the astronauts to swap in flight.

Last week, when a hydraulic system problem forced scrub with 31 seconds on the countdown clock, weather was a concern right up to the last minute. This time, launch weather seemed largely irrelevant.

The forecast was for near-perfect conditions.

Anticipation was building along the Florida Space Coast for Columbia's fiery sendoff into the history books. Never before has a spaceship attempted a second visit to space. The shuttle, which made a spectacular debut last April, is designed for 99 more roundtrips.

Pre-launch work for Columbia's second test flight was shaky.

Less than 24 hours before today's scheduled launch, technicians found and fixed a leak in the shuttle's huge external tank. Then the data relay system, needed to funnel flight data to mission control, failed.

Technicians at first thought the data problem was with a unit called the Pulse Code Modulator.



Photo by Renee Jacobs

### Roll Tide

Alabama fans who rolled into Happy Valley for this Saturday's football game apparently thought it appropriate to leave their mark on the University's Lion Shrine.

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