

Tripoli leaders call for PLO/rebel cease-fire agreement

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TRIPOLI, Lebanon — PLO chairman Yasser Arafat said yesterday that "to avert a bloodbath" he will stop fighting Syrian-supported mutineers if the rebels halt their push into Tripoli, his last Middle East stronghold.

"I will fight only in self-defense," the Palestine Liberation Organization leader told reporters after meeting with Tripoli's political and religious figures. They appealed for a cease-fire between Arafat loyalists and those who want to topple him.

The right-wing Christian Phalange radio reported that Arafat had left Tripoli by plane, but reporters saw the PLO leader in his Tripoli office several hours after the broadcast.

"I have agreed with those attending the meeting to spare Tripoli from clashes," said Arafat, who earlier had vowed to fight to the death to defend his only remaining bastion of guerrilla support. "You have my word that I will do anything to avert a bloodbath in Tripoli."

The port city of 500,000 is 50 miles north of Beirut, the Lebanese capital. Despite Arafat's overtures, mutineers

pressed their artillery barrage, raining shells around the remains of his Baddawi refugee camp and on Tripoli itself. Loyalists fired back with rockets and mortars.

Police said the PLO war has left at least 1,000 dead and 3,000 wounded in and around Tripoli since fighting began Thursday.

Official sources in Tripoli who insisted on anonymity said Syrian President Hafez Assad, whose troops have been supporting the mutineers, has refused to meet with an Arab delegation pleading for a truce. But Tunisian government sources in Tunisia said Assad had agreed to see the ministers. The mutineers claim Arafat has

abandoned the PLO's struggle to reclaim a homeland from Israel. Arafat claims Syria is manipulating the mutiny and wants to dominate the PLO. Syria denies it.

Arafat said after meeting with a committee of city leaders calling for a cease-fire, "I am now in the protection of Tripoli, this ancient Islamic city. I will only fight in self-defense, and the decision on war or peace is theirs."

A source close to the committee said the dissidents' military commander Col. Saeed Mousa rejected calls for a truce until Arafat surrenders and submits to a "court-martial" or leaves the city.

Kuwait's parliament decided in a closed session yesterday to cut off \$265 million in annual financial support for Syria in protest of its support of PLO rebels, parliamentary sources said.

Some deputies also called on the leaders of the six member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council meeting in Doha, Qatar, to discontinue financial aid to Syria, the sources said. The GCC's total aid to Damascus is \$600 million a year.

The council is a regional economic integration and defense pact including Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Oman.

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'Goode' victory

Wilson Goode waves to supporters during a victory speech after winning the mayoral election in Philadelphia. Goode, the Democratic candidate, becomes Philadelphia's first black mayor.

Council race: Haas, Bartoo, Chaffee, Berner leading

By ANNE CONNERS
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With 14 of 19 precincts reporting, Mary Ann Haas, James Bartoo, Daniel Chaffee and R. Thomas Berner led the race for the State College Municipal Council in an apparent shift toward a more moderate council.

As of 3 a.m., Republican Mary Ann Haas led the pack of nine candidates with 1,884 votes; Republican James Bartoo was in second place with 1,795 votes; Democrat Daniel Chaffee was in

third with 1,333; and Republican challenger Berner was fourth with 1,300 votes.

In fifth place was Republican Council President Joseph Wakeley with 1,109 votes, followed by Democratic candidate Lynn DuBois with 869. Democratic candidate Ted Vallance followed with 741 votes, Democratic candidate Rick Hudock with 466 votes, and Consumer party candidate Jeff Goldsmith with 353.

Democratic incumbent Chaffee said he thinks the election could mean a more moderate council in January.

"We've gone through two years of bitter confrontation, which was unfortunate, but made necessary by some of the crazy things council tried to do," Chaffee said.

Chaffee said he thought Haas — who Wakeley replaced as council president two years ago — might be returned to that position on council. "Mary Ann is doing so well, she'd be my choice for president," he said.

Voting in student precincts was heavier than usual, with some polling places reporting as high as 40 percent voter turnout. Most student precincts followed

the endorsements of the Undergraduate Student Government Executives, the Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council by voting for Haas, Bartoo, Chaffee and DuBois.

If Haas, Bartoo, Chaffee and Berner win the election, the council will be dominated by Republicans. Haas, Bartoo and Berner will join incumbents John Dombroski and Gary Wisner to make up a 5-2 Republican majority.

If Chaffee wins, he will join Democrat Felicia Lewis in making up the council minority.

County commissioner race:

Bower, Saylor lead; Horn a close third

By K.L. KANE
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BELLEFONTE — The two incumbent candidates took the lead early this morning in the race for three Centre County commissioner seats.

With 52 percent of the districts reporting, Republican Jeffrey M. Bower and Democrat John T. Saylor were leading at 2:45 a.m.

Republican newcomer Martin L. Horn — who early last evening was ahead of second-place Saylor — was following closely behind the incumbents with 45 of the county's 85 precincts tallied.

Although the fourth candidate, Democrat

Susan F. Smith, fared well in the State College area, she trailed behind in many of the initial reporting districts.

Bower took six of the first nine reporting precincts in the county, followed by Horn with three.

Overall, Bower had taken 28 of the 45 districts as of 2:45 a.m. Saylor had won 11 districts, followed by Horn with the remaining five, including his home district of Snow Shoe. Bower and Saylor were tied in one district in Milesburg.

"I feel very confident that I've won, based on the results that have come in so far," Horn said after 25 districts were tallied. "I feel good about the election."

Bower said, "It looks like it will be a Republican board majority. This is good because we will be able to continue many of the programs initiated when I took office in 1980."

"People are showing through their votes that they are pleased with the way we have done things over the past four years," he added.

The highest percentages of voter turnout in the county were in the outlying areas, including 79 percent in a precinct in Curtin Township.

When the latest returns were tallied, Bower had 5,626 votes, with Saylor following at 4,763. Horn was holding third place with a total of 4,239. Smith, at 3,635, was trailing third-place Horn by about 600 votes.

Student voter turnout higher than in past

By HARRY R. WEISS
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BELLEFONTE — With 10 of 11 student dominated precincts reporting at 2 a.m., it appeared student turnout would be greater this year than in any other recent area election.

Student turnout by precincts was estimated to range from 10 percent in dormitory areas to 40 percent in one fraternity area.

Non-student areas were reporting about 60 percent turnout of those registered to vote.

Undergraduate Student Government President Emil Parvensky said early this morning that while student turnout was not as high as his organization had hoped, it was much better than previous elections in which overall student turnout ranged from 5 to 10 percent.

"It is most definite that students will have an influence in this year's election results," he said.

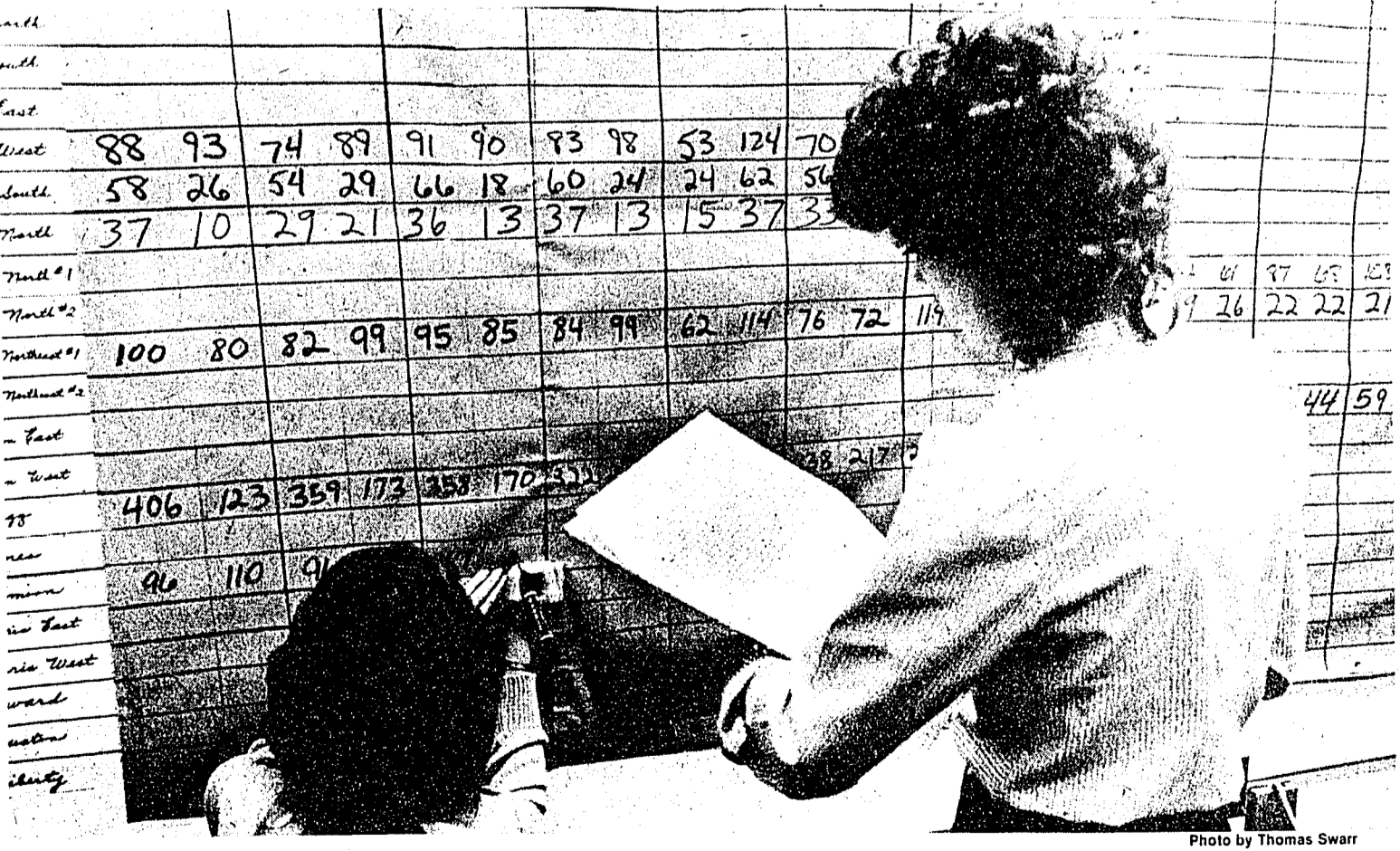
Interfraternity Council President Adam Levinson, who joined USG and the Organization for Town Independent Students in a drive to increase student turnout, said this morning that the preliminary indications were "fantastic."

"The highest percentage ever for students was never more than 10 to 15 percent," he said.

According to the early returns, precincts East Central 3, East Central 2 and East 3 — all located in fraternity districts — showed turnouts of 32, 22 and 40 percent, respectively. In addition, precincts in campus dormitories were reporting about 10 to 15 percent turnout.

Levinson and Parvensky also said they were happy with the early leaders, three of whom their organizations endorsed.

Those endorsed and leading at 2 a.m. in the race for State College Municipal Council were Republicans James Bartoo and Mary Ann



The returns continue to be tallied at Centre County Courthouse at 2 this morning, as Deb Immel (standing) reads off figures to Terre Rishel (kneeling). Throughout the night, figures are posted on a master board in the courthouse.

Haas and Democrat Daniel Chaffee. Lynn DuBois, the other candidate endorsed by the USG executives, OTIS, IFC and the Panhellenic Council, was running fifth.

Levinson said he believes the candidates endorsed by the student leaders would be sympathetic to students.

"These candidates, if they win, will hopefully consider the student viewpoint, as well as consider the students as a real part of their constituency," Levinson said.

Parvensky agreed with Levinson, saying that students might have more input on the new municipal council.

"It might make all the difference in the world for the next four years," he said.

Levinson said actual turnout percentages could be much higher because registration statistics are two years old and don't reflect students who have graduated and left State College.

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Partly to mostly sunny and warm today with a high of 62. Becoming cloudy tonight with a low of 42. Cloudy and turning cooler tomorrow with showers possible. High near 56.
.....by Glenn Ralph