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Rabin: Egyptian peace not the solution

By Brenda Moskovits

Former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Thursday there is no question that a bilateral peace agreement between Israel and Egypt will be reached, but lasting peace in the Middle East depends on negotiations with other Arab leaders.

Rabin spoke to capacity crowd of more than 900 in the Nebraska Union Centennial Room in a speech sponsored by the University Program Council Talks and Topics Committee.

The only way to solve anything, he said, is for "the parties of the conflict to sit around the negotiations table and try to find a solution to their differences.

"It is illogical," Rabin said, "to assume that in such a complicated conflict that you can have yesterday a war and tomorrow a peace."

Egypt lead other Arab nations into war during every Arab-Israeli war, he said.

"Egypt has realized that 30 years of war has led nowhere," he said, adding that Israel and Egypt have no disagreements regarding a bilateral agreement.

Peace by April

In a press conference earlier, he said an Egyptian, Israeli peace agreement will be reached by April.

But, "Sadat has not been empowered by the other Arab leaders," Rabin said and Middle East peace depends on agreements with them and a solution to establishing a Palestinian state.

Rabin's speech was interrupted several times by Arab students, shouting "That's

not true," and arguing with him aloud.

Rabin asked the students to "Be quiet. Be patient" until the question-and-answer period following his prepared remarks.

Schwartzkopf 'disappointed'

Others attending the speech shouted back at the demonstrators, asking them to listen. Dr. Adnan Ammouri, a Lincolnite who is originally from Syria stood up and asked the protesters to please listen and wait to ask questions. Ammouri later traded questions and remarks back and forth with Rabin.

At one point, NU Regent Ed Schwartzkopf of Lincoln, who sat in a reserved front row seat, interrupted the hecklers when Rabin had stopped for the noise to subside.

He told the crowd "I'm real disappointed in all of you . . . let's hear what he has to say." Schwartzkopf received a mixed response of clapping and booing.

During questioning, Rabin was frequently interrupted by students wishing to disagree.

Demonstration

About 60 Arab students, members of

the Organization of Arab Students and the Iranian Student Association, marched in front of the south steps of the Nebraska Union for an hour before the speech.

The students carried signs with slogans including Victory For Palestine, Zionism is Racism, Judaism Yes, Zionism No and Stop Arming Israel.

"Down with Begin," they chanted. "Down with Sadat. Down with Camp David, Long Live PLO."

Rabin precluded his speech by saying his remarks represent the main stream of Israeli thought.

"I recognize that without a solution to the Palestinian issue there can be no durable peace."

He said Israelis agree with the three basic agreements laid out in September's Camp David accords: the first bilateral agreement should be reached with Egypt, then after five years of normal relations to negotiate with other nations, and last to establish an autonomous Palestinian nation on the West Bank.

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Former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin

SUN becomes SON and SINK joins in

By Shelley Smith

For the first time in ASUN election history, five parties have officially entered the senate race.

In 1974 and 1975, four parties ran against each other. This year at 4 p.m. Thursday all filings were due and the fifth party, SINK, declared its candidacy.

Presidential candidate Henry Winkler (Robert Winkler) with the SINK party said party candidates have not decided on a party name to fit the acronym.

"It's the major problem with our party," he said.

Winkler's first vice presidential candidate is Robert E. Lee (Thomas J. Lee), and second vice presidential candidate Kelly Krutz (Benjamin Charles Krutz). They are the only members of the SINK party.

The different first names are being used because they are "electable names", according to Winkler who said he doesn't really expect to win the election.

'Meaningful campaign'

"There are a lot of things on campus bothering us that we want to bring to the public's view through our advertising," he said.

However, Krutz said his party is serious and he expects to be elected if his party's strategy works.

"This election is crying for someone to put on a meaningful campaign," Krutz explained.

Winkler and the SINK party join Scott Brittenham with the Students Advocating Innovative Leadership (SAIL) party, Bud Cuca with the Students of the University of Nebraska (SON) party, Joe Nigro with the Students Organized for Active Representation (SOAR) party and Denny Wurtz with the Organized Students for Independents (OSI) party.

Bud Cuca was originally listed with the SUN party. Cuca announced Tuesday night that he will file suit against the ASUN Electoral Commission for refusing to let his party use SUN '79 as an acronym.

SUN becomes SON

A clause in the Electoral Commission regulations states that "any party using the name or acronym of a previous years party is required to get approval signatures from the majority of that party's members who are still eligible to vote in ASUN elections."

Cuca re-confirmed his intentions to file suit in the Student Court Thursday afternoon, but in order to meet the filing deadline, changed his party's acronym to SON.

Although the Electoral Commission hasn't officially approved the acronym, Cuca said he expects they will.

The suit against the Commission has changed slightly, according to Cuca. He said he will challenge the logic of and appli-

cation of the clause as well as the Commission's ruling.

Absurd

"It's absurd," he said. "Especially when the election rules were ratified only a week before the filing date."

The election regulations proposal was presented to the senate February 24 with the clause reading "previous year's" parties. Electoral Commissioner Susan Ugai said it was printed this way in previous years.

However, at the ASUN meeting that night the senate, on a motion from Sen. and presidential candidate Joe Nigro, agreed to move the apostrophe out of the word, making the clause include all parties and acronyms ever used before.

Largest filing

Other filings include five first vice presidential candidates, five second vice presidential candidates, eight candidates for the Council on Fees Allocations, 45 Advisory Board candidates, and 93 senatorial candidates.

The number of people filing is the largest since 1976, according to ASUN President Ken Marienau.

Marienau attributed the increase to student awareness of the problems within the university.

"Students are recognizing that their student government can challenge and act for students," he said.

"And, they are becoming frustrated with repeated actions that make them 'second class' citizens," he said.

SOAR has 28 senatorial candidates running, SAIL has 21, OSI has 18, SON has 15, and there are eight senatorial candidates running independently.

Marienau said he was surprised that only eight students applied for the six positions on the Council on Fees Allocation.

Also, he said he was disappointed that only three students applied for the six graduate student senatorial positions.

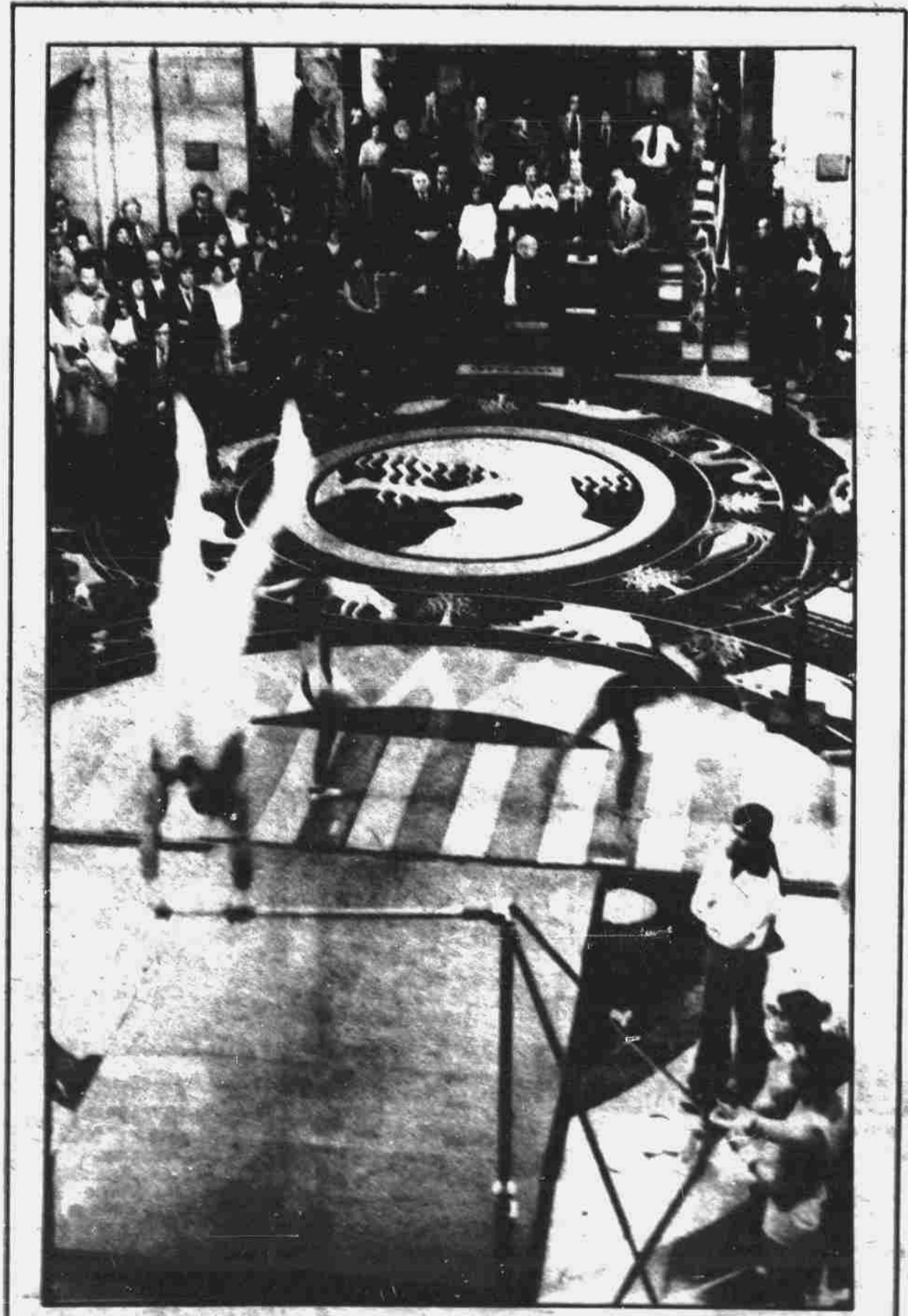


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Gymnastic performances were one of highlights of Nebraska's 112th birthday party held in the Capitol Rotunda Thursday. For a related story, see page 4.

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