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He said nothing about making war on Syria, but he did.

He got the Phalange to go terrorist-hunting in the Palestinian camps of Shatila and Sabra. The outcome in which the innocent were slaughtered sickened the world.

Not him! Sharon shouts. Not his fault, he insists. And so he has sued Time magazine, charging it lied when it reported he had egged on the Phalangists. He seeks the usual several million dollars, but what he really wants is a verdict of retroactive virginity, a finding that, after all the killing between Christian and Moslem, he could not have anticipated that the Phalangists would slaughter the

innocent. Even for Sharon this is gall, but as with Lebanon, he has not thought things through. To win, he must be adjudicated an incompetent who learned nothing and forgot everything.

So in two different courtrooms two very different generals battle for two different reasons. Westmoreland soldiers on, but he is an old man and his war is behind him. Not so Sharon. He is an Israeli Cabinet member, a political force, a politician who might some day be prime minister.

Westmoreland sues to reclaim the past, Sharon to claim the future. That makes all the difference. One man will fight no more. The other can hardly wait.

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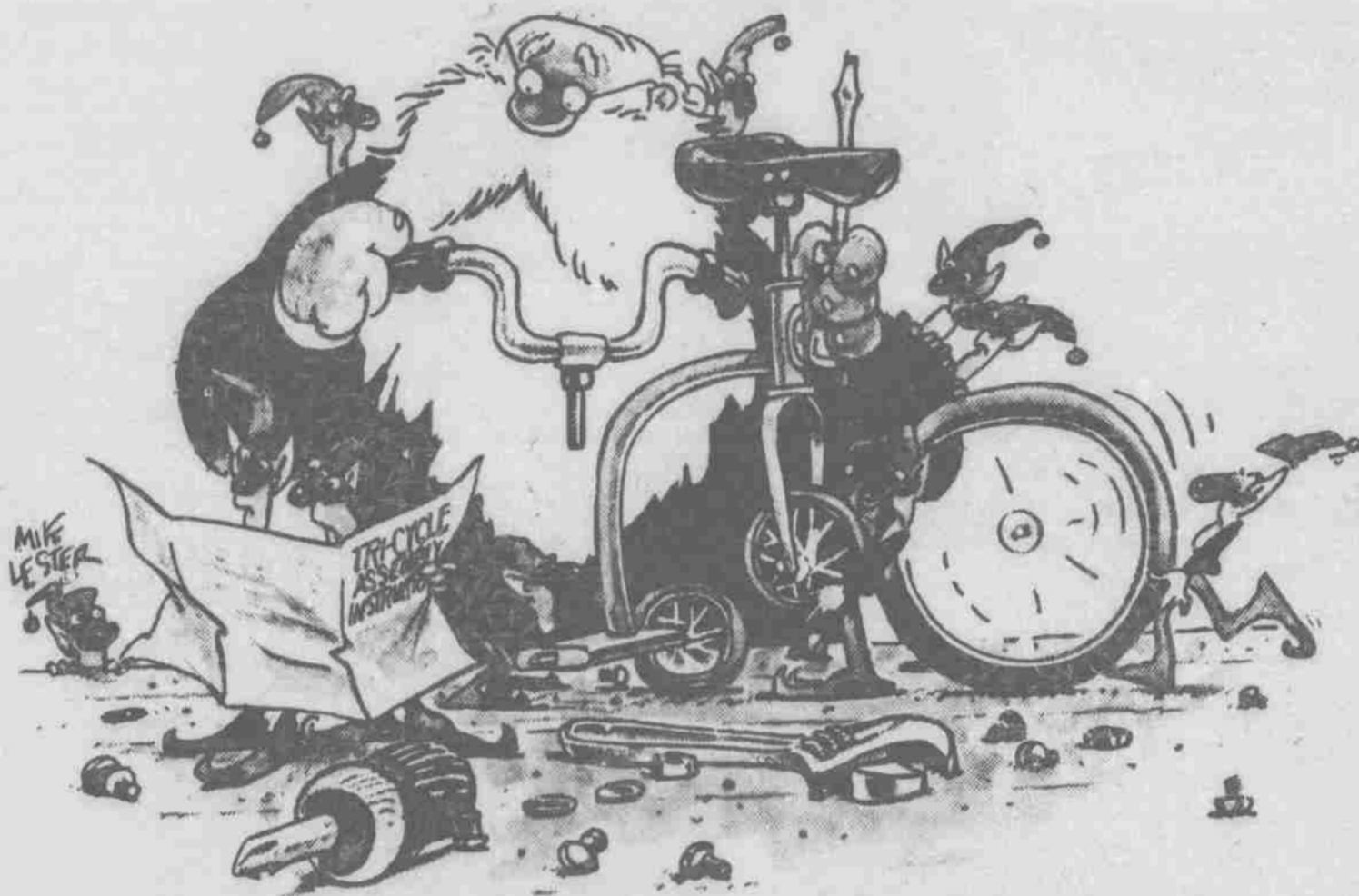
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