

# News Digest

By The Associated Press

## Israeli minister Sharon fired

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Shimon Peres, angered by attacks on his peace overtures to Jordan, rejected a partial apology from Cabinet Minister Ariel Sharon on Wednesday and handed him a letter of dismissal, a Labor Party official said.

Peres convened his Cabinet to discuss the firing of Sharon, who had accused Peres of making a secret agreement with Jordan's King Hussein and of being "weak and spineless."

Rafi Edry, head of Peres' Labor Party faction in parliament, said on Israel radio that a compromise formula had been agreed to by Peres. But he said Sharon had refused to include in his apology an expression of confidence in the prime minister and his policies.

The Cabinet continued to meet and it was uncertain if a compromise could be worked out. It would take 48 hours for the dismissal to go into effect and

there was a possibility Peres could retract his letter.

Earlier, Sharon, minister of trade and industry, apologized for any personal attacks on Peres, but stood by his criticism of Peres' overtures to Jordan, including acceptance of an international forum for peace talks.

"If things I said were understood as a personal slight to the prime minister, Shimon Peres, I hereby express my apology to him," Sharon said on Israel radio.

But Sharon went on to say that he stood by his criticism of Peres' policies, and Israel radio quoted Peres as telling the Cabinet that he could not accept an apology on such terms.

In an earlier meeting Wednesday with Likud bloc leader Yitzhak Shamir, Peres accused Sharon of breaching a law requiring Cabinet ministers to accept collective responsibility for government

policy, the aide said.

He asked Shamir to agree to the dismissal, but the foreign minister objected, the aide said.

Sharon's dismissal without Shamir's approval could prompt Likud to pull out of the government and end the joint-rule agreement under which the two ideologically opposing parties have governed Israel for the last 14 months.

Sharon, the former defense minister and architect of Israel's 1982 Lebanon invasion, kept up a stream of criticism even as the hour-long meeting was being held and accused Peres of holding secret talks with Jordan King Hussein.

"We see the terrible pictures of Israelis lying with knives in their backs and we continue to conduct secret negotiations with Hussein in whose capital the killers' command posts operates," Sharon said on Israel Radio.

## Study finds job-family conflict source of employee depression

BOSTON — Nearly half of the employees interviewed in a study say the main reason they get depressed at work is the strain of holding a job and raising a family at the same time.

The Boston University study, released Wednesday and considered the first of its kind in the country, also found that one-third of working parents spend part of the day worrying a great deal about their kids.

"The world isn't set up to have two parents at work," said Bradley Googins, an assistant professor of community organization, management and planning at Boston University's School of Social Work. "It is a struggle. From our data, it's something that does impact most families."

The researchers also concluded that individual employees have done everything they can to improve the strain of holding a job and raising a family, and said it was now up to corporations to

help solve the problem.

Googins and Dianne Burden, an assistant professor of social policy and research, followed the lives of 651 employees at all levels of a large Boston-based corporation for one year, interviewing them about work and family matters.

The researchers would not identify the corporation, but said it was typical of many American firms — only 20 percent of the workforce had a traditional family set-up, with a working husband and unemployed wife caring for children at home.

Googins said similar studies have been conducted with government employees, but none has lasted as long as a year and examined private-sector workers.

The Boston University study found that working mothers, especially if they are married, bear the brunt of juggling career and family.

The average female married parent at the company, according to Googins and Burden, spent 85 hours a week on her job, homemaking and child care, compared to the 75 hours spent by a single female parent, 66 by a married male parent, 65 by a single male parent and 55 by a non-parent.

"Married mothers are the ones who have moved into new roles at home and at work," said Googins. "Culturally, they still hang onto their roles at home... while they love what they do at work. It manifests itself in conflict."

The Boston University study also found that 43 percent of the employees interviewed, both male and female, said the strain of managing family responsibilities was the main reason they got depressed at work. Googins said one-third of the respondents said they worried a significant amount about their kids during the day, "which has got to be a large part of this stress-strain depression."

## Laser communication advance reported

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department, in an experiment with significant implications for war-fighting strategy, has successfully transmitted messages via laser light from a high-flying airplane to a submarine cruising at "operational depths."

The experiment, confirmed by Rear Adm. Thomas K. Mattingly and other Navy officials, was conducted more than a year ago off the coast of San Clemente, Calif., under the code name "SLCAIR 84," pronounced Slickair.

A small jet carrying an experimental green-light laser was able to establish contact and transmit messages "error free" to a submerged submarine.

Although precise details are classified, the airplane was flying at altitudes between 20,000 feet and 30,000 feet at the time of the transmissions, one source said. Another source said the term "operational depth" meant the submarine was more than 100 feet below the surface.

The successful test has paved the

way for additional research and convinced some officials a more advanced laser system can be constructed. During the next two years, the Navy will take control of the research from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, or DARPA.

Although Navy officials caution the service is still years away from building any operational system, the experiment offers one promising avenue for attacking a problem that has long dogged nuclear planners — how to communicate reliably with ballistic missile submarines without requiring the sub to rise near the surface and risk disclosing its position.

Moreover, a laser communications system is viewed as having tremendous implications for tactical warfare because it could allow surface ships to protect the whereabouts of U.S. attack submarines, while still directing them toward enemy submarines.

The existence of the DARPA research program involving so-called blue-green lasers has long been public knowledge.

The research has been cited in the past by such concerned lawmakers as Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., and Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., who see it as offering an alternative to the ELF (extreme low frequency) submarine communications system now being built in Wisconsin and upper Michigan.

Recently, however, Mattingly provided the first public acknowledgement the research had moved to the point of a successful transmission of data. A former astronaut who now directs space programs within the Space and Naval Warfare Command, Mattingly referred briefly to the test in an article he wrote for "Proceedings" magazine, published by the U.S. Naval Institute.

In an interview, Mattingly stressed the Navy and DARPA were still engaged in basic research "and not development of an operational system."

Another Navy official, who spoke on condition he not be identified, said earlier experiments had established it was possible for a submerged submarine to be reached by laser light.

## In Brief

### Legislators study extremist groups

LINCOLN — National news reporters have taken an interest in a legislative investigation into the activities of extremist groups in the state.

Representatives from Nightline, the Washington Post and the Courier News Service have contacted Omaha Sen. Jerry Chizek's office asking for information on extremist groups in Nebraska and the legislative hearings scheduled for early December, said Jim Crouse, legislative aide to Chizek.

Chizek is sponsor of LRI 12, a legislative resolution that calls for a study of the scope of extremist group activities in Nebraska. It also suggests an investigation into suspected proliferation of automatic weapons and seeks recommendations for law changes relating to extremist groups.

The hearings could lead to legislative proposals outlawing paramilitary training camps in the state. Legislative proposals will depend on what is presented at the hearings, Crouse said.

Although the alleged murders at a farm near Rulo led to the national interest in the legislative hearings, the resolution was introduced before the Rulo arrests, Crouse said.

### Law: Parents liable for kids' kids

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin has adopted a pioneering law that holds parents financially responsible if their minor children have babies.

Under the measure, signed Tuesday by Gov. Anthony Earl, a welfare agency could take the parents of both the mother and father to court to make them pay for the expenses of raising the child.

The law also allocates \$1 million for pregnancy counseling, requires a girl's consent before a hospital or clinic can notify her parents of her abortion, and repeals restrictions on the advertising and sale of contraceptives.

State Rep. Marlin Schneider, who said no other state has such a law, said it was intended to reduce teen-age pregnancies by increasing discussion between parents and teen-agers regarding sex.

By making parents financially responsible, "they may at least talk about the subject" before there is an unwanted pregnancy, he said.

### Plan to ban kids from rock concerts

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — After trying unsuccessfully to tame the lyrics of heavy metal rock music at concerts, the City Council here is considering prohibiting children under 13 from attending rock shows that depict violence and illicit sex.

Mayor Henry Cisneros says a proposed ordinance, the first of its kind in the nation, reflects "common sense," but opponents call it misguided and argue that "parents ought to decide and not the government."

At issue are performances at the Convention Center Arena, owned by San Antonio, the nation's 10th largest city.

The ordinance, which comes up for debate Thursday, would bar anyone younger than 13 from concerts at which sadistic or masochistic sex, rape, incest, bestiality and exhibitionism are depicted on stage.

Earlier this year, the council considered ways of banning objectionable lyrics at rock concerts. When City Attorney Lowell Denton determined any such action would be unconstitutional, council members took aim at concert theatrics.

The council ordered the ordinance prepared after a city-hired child psychiatrist conducted a \$2,000 study on the effects of rock music on youngsters.

### Gooden unanimous Cy Young winner

NEW YORK — Soft-spoken but hard-throwing Dwight Gooden of the New York Mets became the youngest player ever to win the Cy Young award, receiving unanimous acclaim Wednesday as the best pitcher in the National League last season.

Gooden, who turns 21 on Saturday, also became the first pitcher to win Rookie of the Year and Cy Young awards in successive seasons. The right-hander had a record of 24-4 and led the National League in earned run average, strikeouts, complete games and innings pitched.

Gooden received 120 points, including all 24 of the first-place votes cast by the Baseball Writers' Association of America, becoming the seventh pitcher to receive the award unanimously.

John Tudor of St. Louis, 21-8 during the season, was second with 65 points, followed by Orel Hershiser of Los Angeles with 17, Joaquin Andujar of St. Louis with 6, Fernando Valenzuela of Los Angeles with 4, Tom Browning of Cincinnati with 3 and Jeff Reardon of Montreal with 1.

"I'm honored to have my name listed with the other Cy Young winners," said Gooden. "So much has happened to me in such a short period of time — Rookie of the Year last year and now this. Still, I would gladly trade both of these awards for one World Series ring. That's what I will be shooting for next year."

### Philadelphia commissioner resigns

PHILADELPHIA — The city's police commissioner announced his resignation Wednesday, exactly six months after directing his department's disastrous attempt to evict members of the radical MOVE cult from their fortified row house.

Commissioner Gregore J. Sambor, 57, told more than 200 officers at a meeting that he had sent a letter to Mayor W. Wilson Goode saying he would relinquish his duties Nov. 30. He made no reference to the MOVE confrontation.

"There will be many who will second-guess this decision, and many who will deny that it is mine, but the simple truth of the matter is that it is time," Sambor told the officers, who gave him a standing ovation when he arrived at the Police Academy.

Sambor, who said two months ago he had no intention of quitting, was contradicted by Goode in testimony before a special commission investigating the May 13 MOVE tragedy, in which 11 members of the cult were killed and 61 houses were destroyed by a fire started by a police bomb, dropped to break up a rooftop bunker.

Goode testified that he had been misled and disobeyed by his subordinates. The mayor's representative on the scene, then Managing Director Leo Brooks, resigned this summer, citing personal reasons.

Sambor's 23 months as commissioner were tainted by two widely criticized police operations.

## Newsmakers

### A roundup of the day's happenings

**State Treasurer Kay Orr, 46, plans to announce her candidacy for the Republican nomination for governor next Thursday, sources say. Confirmation from several sources within the GOP came after it was learned that Orr had approved formation of an "Orr for Governor" fund-raising committee.**

**Poland's new premier named his government and, as expected, Foreign Minister Stefan Olszowski was dropped. He was removed from the policy-making Politburo Tuesday. Zbigniew Messner, who became premier when Communist Party chief Wojciech Jaruzelski gave up the job last week, named three new deputy premiers and nine new ministers in a major rearrangement of the government.**

**Evangelist Billy Graham, 66, has been admitted to a Minnesota hospital for cardiac tests after Mayo Clinic doctors gave him a stress test.**

**Twelve enlisted men at F. E. Warren Air Force Base**

**in Wyoming face administrative discharge because they are homosexuals, base officials said. Air Force officials began an investigation in August after receiving information that homosexual activity was occurring on the base. The discharges were ordered because it's against military regulations to be homosexual, a statement said.**

**Artificial heart patient William Schroeder, 53, was more alert and moving better as he continued recuperating from a third stroke, which he suffered Sunday.**

**A federal court, is deciding whether "Star Wars" belongs to the ages or to George Lucas. "Star Wars," the name of a blockbuster, also is a term everyone uses to describe President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative. Reagan insists he's sorry anybody ever called it that. Meanwhile, director Lucas' firm, Lucas Film Ltd. now is suing to stop use of "Star Wars" as a euphemism for SDI in commercials. Reagan spokesman Larry Speakes suggest "Star Shield" be used as a substitute.**