

## Neither side budge in Mideast confrontation

MADRID, Spain — Arab delegates spurned an invitation Thursday from Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to go to Israel to negotiate.

In their first exchanges on the floor of the historic conference, Arab and Israeli leaders traded recriminations and clung to familiar positions. The Arabs demanded all the land they lost in the 1967 war. Israel demanded recognition before it would even consider yielding territory.

The atmosphere was more confrontational than in Wednesday's

opening session. Shamir called it a "garden of thorns."

The Arabs argued that peace was conditional on Israeli willingness to give up the captured territories. "Every inch," insisted Syria's foreign minister, Farouk al-Sharaa.

Shamir said "The issue is not territory but our existence."

"We appeal to you to renounce the jihad (holy war) against Israel," he said.

"Blessed are the peacemakers," said Jordanian Foreign Minister Kamel Abu-Jaber. "We are willing to live

side by side on the land," said Haidar Abdul-Shafi, representing the Palestinians. Shamir began his speech with a simple "Shalom."

Although the Arab and Israeli delegation heads did not applaud each other's speeches, Thursday's session was a milestone. It marked the first time Palestinians and Israelis have addressed each other in a formal negotiating format.

While the conference itself kept to the format scripted by its architect, Secretary of State James Baker, questions arose over how it will develop

when the ceremonies end and the real face-to-face bargaining begins.

"There is no better way to make peace than to talk in each other's home. Avoiding such talks is a denial of the purpose of the negotiations," Shamir said.

The Arabs want to talk on neutral ground, at least until Israel proves willing to consider their demand for territorial concessions, Palestinian rights and an end to building Jewish settlements in the occupied territories.

"The momentum in Madrid is good,

the spirit in Madrid is good, why don't we keep it here?" said Jordan's foreign minister, Kamel Abu Jaber. He said an argument over venue posed a "danger of disrupting the whole momentum of the conference."

The first round of face-to-face negotiations is to begin Sunday in Madrid, Israeli officials said. It will deal only with procedural matters. Still in question is where the substantive bilateral talks will take place.

Shamir saw Israel as the victim of sustained Arab "boycott, blockade, terrorism and outright war."

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## Convoy brings food, medicine to Dubrovnik

DUBROVNIK, Yugoslavia — A flotilla bringing badly needed food and medicine sailed through a federal navy blockade into this ancient port Thursday, as Serbian-led federal forces attacked elsewhere in Croatia.

Thousands of people jammed Dubrovnik's dock to greet the Slavija ferry and 28 other boats carrying 850 people, including Croatian leaders, delayed by gunfire and a search by federal authorities.

Crowds, waving olive branches and Croatian flags, cheered as Stipe Mesic, the Croat who heads Yugoslavia's virtually defunct federal presidency, walked down the Slavija gangplank, miles from the federal army's hilltop positions overlooking Dubrovnik's stone walls.

Roaring "Stipe!" the emotional mass waved banners bearing slogans such as "Welcome to our Croatian Dubrovnik." They sang Croatia's anthem and wept.

Dubrovnik became a symbolic prize in Croatia's war after federal troops and gunboats laid siege a month ago.



Mesic's success in negotiating safe passage with the military through the Navy blockade was a morale booster for Croats in their four-month-old war with Serb insurgents and the Serb-led military that flared after Croatia declared independence.

## New districts to ensure most minority seats ever

The U.S. Congress elected in 1992 will include far more black and Hispanic members than any Congress in history. That is being ensured now, in one of the most significant rounds of redistricting ever.

New rules issued in an updated Voting Rights Act have added a new dimension to this old political blood sport — the once-a-decade exercise of redrawing the lines that divide one political district from the next.

The racial mandate isn't the only change since 1981. Computers have added a high-tech spin to this year's redistricting, and a new political balance has made it more contentious than ever.

The minority gains, however, are the most potentially significant change. Under a 1982 revision to the 1964 Voting Rights Act, states must ensure that minority communities are given intact political districts, rather than splintering their voters into majority-white districts.

As a result, Rep. Martin Frost, who chairs the Democrats' redistricting organization, Impac 2000, estimates that there will be about 20 more minority-group lawmakers in the next Congress.

What, if anything, that will mean for the nation's political balance is difficult to say, even though Democrats and Republicans say virtually all the new minority seats will be Democratic.

In one of those Machiavellian twists of democracy, some Democrats worry that Republicans will pack so many Democratic voters into black and Hispanic districts that surrounding districts, purged of Democrats, will fall to the Republicans.

"It's a factor in redistricting which sometimes accrues to the benefit of the Republicans," acknowledged a Republican strategist, Tom Hofeller, redistricting director for the National Republican Congressional Committee.

He added, however, that the process will often work to the Democrats' advantage.

Frost noted that Republicans stand to make significant gains in new suburban districts that are created as a result of urban sprawl.

"This thing could wind up being a virtual wash nationwide — that they gain in suburban seats, we gain in minority seats, and nobody gains any advantage," he said.

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## Unusual storms haunt East Coast, Midwest

### President Bush's vacation home hit

An intense extra-tropical Atlantic storm dubbed E.T. built surging tides that hurled 20-foot waves into low-lying East Coast areas Thursday, ravaging houses, boats, sea defenses and beaches from Maine to Florida.

More than 100 beachfront homes in Maine, including President Bush's vacation home at Kennebunkport, were damaged. The stone pier where Bush docks his speedboat Fidelity outside his house was ripped with a 15- to 20-foot hole.

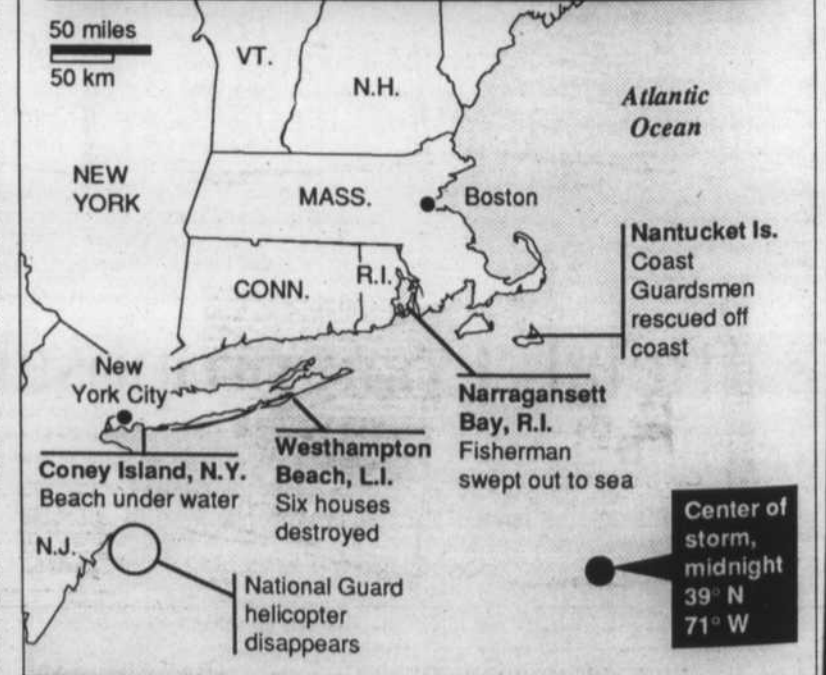
A separate storm dumped heavy snow on much of the nation's midsection, from the Rockies to Texas. At least six mayors in Nebraska appealed for a postponement of Halloween trick-or-treating because of snow.

At least one death was blamed on the Atlantic storm. Two people were reported missing, a fisherman who was swept from a rocky point at Narragansett, R.I., on Tuesday night, and an Air National Guardsman whose four crewmates were rescued from a life raft early Thursday after their helicopter went down.

The 200-mile-wide Atlantic storm formed earlier this week off Canada and is called "extra-tropical" because it didn't originate in the tropics as hurricanes do.

Meteorologists said it followed a southward course Thursday and appeared to be weakening as it stalled

### Northeast storm takes its toll



Source: 300 miles east of Virginia.

At high tide Thursday morning, waves up to 20 feet crashed against Boston Light, a lighthouse in Boston Harbor.

A huge cold front lingered over the northern Plains, parts of the Midwest and Southwest.

A foot or more of snow covered parts of Arizona and up to 2 feet fell

in Colorado. Snow also fell on Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico and Nebraska.

As much as 5 inches covered Nebraska, where at least six mayors rescheduled official trick-or-treating for the weekend or later. Omaha Mayor P.J. Morgan declared Sunday afternoon "Trick or Treat Day" in the state's largest city.