World

Israel approves Palestinian involvement in talks - The Israeli Cabinet approved on Sunday a plan calling for a unified Arab delegation to appear at the first meeting of proposed Geneva peace talks. This delegation would include Palestinians, although the Israelis still object to members of the Palestinian Liberation Organization being present. The acceptance of the American proposal improved chances that talks can be conducted, but the fate of the Palestinian delegations after the opening session is still disputed.

Soviet pledges to obey arms pact - The Soviet Union said yesterday that they would obey provisions of the 1972 Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty after its expiration on Oct. 3. Negotiations are now underway on a new pact.

Pennsylvania Kiwanis at Biko funeral - Two policemen were stoned to death when they clashed with mourners returning from the funeral of South African leader Steve Biko on Sunday. The actual cause of Biko's death while under police detention has not been determined.

Nation

Federal court rules against quotas — The Federal Appeals Court in San Francisco refused yesterday to overturn a lower court decision granting admission to a white applicant to the University of California at Davis Medical School. The lower court ruled that the applicant was a victim of unconstitutional discrimination under the school's quota system for minority applicants. The Supreme Court will soon hear the University's appeal of the Federal District Court decision granting admission to a white applicant to the University of California at Davis Medical School.

Local

White cuts more jobs — Boston Mayor Kevin White announced Sunday that he planned to cut 800 more workers from the city's payroll of about 14,000.

Campus

New DormCon head named — Richard Dykstra '78 was elected chairman of the Dormitory Council at a meeting held last night.

Rush mediation smoother

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party Saturday and to distribute fortunes cookies containing invita-

tions on Friday. Burton House residents agreed, advertising on Friday was unfair and turned the Baker party into a "large" party. According to Jerry Cole '78, IFC Judcomm Chairman, a few fraternities were also insecure about Baker handling the party, especially during the Freshman Picnic.

Kayan Altman '78, Baker vice president in charge of R/O, dis-

agreed with the downplay of Saturday night parties, pointing out that dormitories like to present their image to other people who want to live in Baker to ap-

ply. She protested that DormCon, the Dormitory governing body, had not been able to review and vote on the Mediation rules, and that it was unfair to allow fra-

ternities to advertise after the picnic if dormitories could not.

Phil Kesten '78, the DormCon R/O Chairman, said, "Person-

ally, I don't think a Baker House party next Saturday will af-

fect the fraternity rush positively or negatively." He noted that some allowances for the fra-

ternities should be made because their sources of entertainment, unlike the dormitories, does depend on getting enough people to fill their houses.

A decision was reached to al-

low the party but to restrict advertising to Saturday only. Kesten deemed this rule "equiv-

ocal." She noted that it did not rule out the mediation "successful."

In an effort to make rush run even more smoothly next year, Kesten hopes to work with DormCon to formulate a set of dormitory rush rules similar to those in which the IFC regulates fraternity rush. At pre-

sent, all dormitory guidelines have been set by MedComm.

The fraternity rush this year was very successful, with the target of 400 pledges filling only net of 6 short, compared to almost 402 short last year. Only 110 freshmen out of 1037 failed to visit any of the fraternities. Chairman Pete noted that "with all the activities going on around the student area, the fraternity system dur-

ing rush wouldn't allow the people who want to live in Baker to en-

joy the fraternity environment."

Fraternity members were generally impres-

sed with this year's class. Milton Roye '78, IFC Rush Chairman, said, "There were more people some fraternity would have liked to extend bids to but couldn't because of space and other considerations."

Cross-rushing between the fraternities was very intense this summer, spreading unfavorable reports about other living groups, had been heard. Roye said that dormitory vs. fraternity rivalry this year was virtually nonexistent. Dorms were very cooperative and helped the fraternities a great deal by keep-

ing signing-in desks and encouraging freshmen to visit the fraternities.

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