news roundup

World
Vance accuses Israel's possible arms violation — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance said yesterday that Israeli forces were acting in self-defense when they used US arms in their invasion of Lebanon, but that they may have violated arms export laws by using excessive force. He considers the matter closed, he noted, because Israel has promised to withdraw from occupied Lebanon.

Administration urges arms for Turkey — The arms embargo against Turkey should be lifted in order to strengthen NATO in the eastern Mediterranean, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Secretary of Defense Harold Brown testified before Congress yesterday. They said that the ban had served its purpose, but many Congressmen have said they oppose its continuation. The embargo was imposed after Turkey's 1975 invasion of Cyprus using US arms; it was put into effect until Turkey withdrew from Cyprus, which they have not yet done.

Nation
Carter postpones neutron bomb — White House officials said yesterday that President Carter has decided to halt development of the neutron bomb, but that he plans to retain the option of reviving the program later. Future action would depend on self-restraint by the Soviet Union in developing new weapons, the officials added. Carter has received pressure from West Germany and Congress to reverse his early plan to cancel the project permanently.

APO work underway for Open House
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Robert Holden of the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs, with funding for organization and publicity, Joanne Miller of the News Office with publicity, and Hank Leonard of physical plant. The other members of the Open House '78 Committee include Rob Schlinger '78, operations chairman; Eric Sklar '81, logistics, physical plant, and scheduling chairman; Tom Davidson '77, publicity chairman; Debbie Freeman '80, treasurer; and Steve Szymanski '81, exhibits chairman.

Each department has a student liaison to aid them in the development of an exhibit. The department head is in charge of finding a student or staff member to work with APO and coordinate the department's effort. Szymanski said he hoped that all departments and labs would have a number of exhibits this year.

Open House has been an Institute event since the 1930's, and the responsibility of APO for most of its history. The last Open House attracted over 20,000 students, alumni, staff, and residents of the Cambridge community and as many are expected to attend this year.

MIT will also be hosting the Massachusetts State Science Fair for Massachusetts high school students on April 28 and 29.

Although the deadline for returning the exhibit forms was last Wednesday, the committee will still accept them. Students interested in helping should call the Open House '78 Committee at x3-2600 or stop by Room 415 of the Student Center.

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