World

Hostage debate resumed — Meeting behind closed doors, the Iranian Mujlis, or parliament, resumed debate yesterday on its terms to the US for the release of the American hostages. The 52 Americans are now in their 359th day of captivity. Carter administration officials warned the public against "undue optimism," as one Iranian Mujlis deputy contacted by the Associated Press estimated that the debate over the hostages' fates might last from "a week to 10 days."

Nation

Latest poll gives Reagan slight lead — The latest nationwide Harris poll, conducted last Wednesday to Saturday, gives Ronald Reagan a lead among voters of 45 percent over Jimmy Carter's support of 42 percent and 10 percent for John Anderson. Reagan is cited as leading Carter in three of the nation's four regions, falling behind only in the East.

Local

Harvard looking for DNA company — A plan to give Harvard University a role in founding a genetic engineering company, which would enable the university to profit from DNA research, has been pushed by Harvard President Derek Bok. Such a corporation would help pay for medical research, using biological patents. MIT has potentially lucrative patents in the sands field and is being pushed by Harvard President Derek Bok. Such a corporation would be forced to set priorities and cut waste, yielding better government.

Sports

Hockey to manage Sox — The Boston Red Sox officially announced yesterday that former New Yorker manager Ralph Houk will head the team next year. The 61-year-old Houk, signed to a two-year pact, replaces Don Zimmer, who had served as manager for the last four and one-half years.

Weather

Today should bring showers, dwindling by tonight and ending around noon tomorrow. The high today will be in the upper 50's, with tonight's low around 40. Winds should be light today, from the southwest.

50% of rent may be deductible

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fire protection.

A deduction of 50 percent of rent payments from state income taxes will aid renters, but the LWW argues that the tax break would not aid people who pay high rent and high taxes. Most people residing apartments in Massachusetts, they say, do not full into this category. According to the LWW, the $3 million the state will lose in taxes will not be justified by the renter's tax break.

Faulkner argued that renters paying $3000 per year ($250 per month) would deduct $1500 off their state income tax, saving the taxpayer about $900 to $100 each year. Although this is only approximately 5 percent per week, the net savings in increased property taxes would allow apartment owners to pass this savings on to renters.

According to Julie Perkins, Program Vice-President of LWW, without binding arbitration, police officers and firefighters would be allowed to strike. The Employers Commission, headed by John Dunlap of Harvard University, presently intervenes in disputes between city management and firefighters and police officers before they go to binding arbitration.

Faulkner said that binding arbitration killed "home rule." Outsiders, he said, should not decide the fate of a town or city.

As for school board autonomy, Perkins said that this is a "take it or leave it." Most school boards and city governments work together on an equitable school budget, she said.

CLF argues that school board autonomy, which does not exist in most states, does not allow the people who raise money to spend the money.

CLF argues that 73.6 percent of property taxes are residential. Homeowners, they argue, therefore will benefit most from Proposition 2 1/2. By limiting taxes, CLF believes officials will be forced to set priorities and cut waste, yielding better government.

The LWW argues that this bill does nothing to ensure or even encourage greater efficiency in state government. It will, they say, as special interests continue to control the legislature. Also, according to the LWW, no alternative method is presently available to make up for state revenue that would be lost.

Perkins stated that Proposition 2 1/2 is "irresponsible, unworkable, and directed at the wrong target."

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