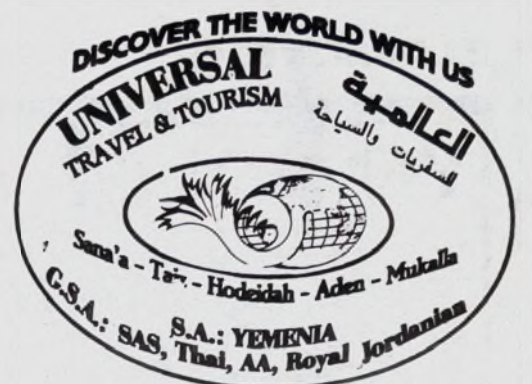




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SEPTEMBER
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**عيد سعيد
واهلاً يا سبتمبر
ويا أكتوبر**

OUR VIEWPOINT

GLOBE TROTTERS

The irony of the situation is aggravated by the irresponsible behavior of our senior officials. Yemen suffers from an acute shortage of foreign exchange, to the extent that it limits our ability to import basic need commodities, spare parts, and capital goods. Yet, our senior officials, under various pretexts, fly around the world and thus use up whatever we have of the foreign exchange supply. Every week, there are some half a dozen Yemeni delegations visiting some country. Some of this is, of course, legitimate, and most of it is redundant. The per diem, travel costs, gifts, and reception expenses amount, on average, around forty thousand US dollars per delegation. This adds up very fast and to an impressive sum.

Let me share with you this week's crop.

The Minister of Tourism and Culture, at the head of a large delegation is on a two-week trip to Argentina. Buenos Aires is a lovely city. The Speaker of the House headed another delegation to Chile. Again, Santiago is not bad. The Foreign Minister is, of course, in New York. The Minister of Housing and Urban Planning has flown off to Turkey. His destination - Istanbul. A crowd of 130 persons representing the popular forces has left for Iraq. The Minister of Telecommunications has left for Geneva; he was recently in Canada. By the way, the delegation to Jordan headed by Prime Minister Haider Abubakar Al-Attas, was composed of fifty two persons.

What I am trying to say is that the government had promised to cut back on such travels. I wonder if it still remembers that promise. Most of these trips are ridiculous for a country badly strained in foreign exchange.

To make things worse, the delegates come back with a flimsy report which states that they have seen this or that guy. So What! It is in the interest of the country, and it is very practical to tell senior officials to stay put. Some will tell you it is important for Yemen "to be there". I wonder what being there means. One hears of strange stories in which some live their fantasies at government expense!

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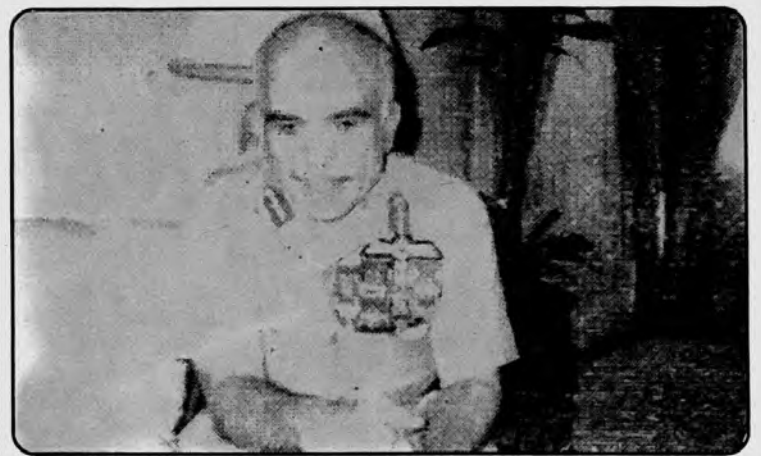
THE PRIME MINISTER VIOLATES CABINET DECISIONS!

The Council of Ministers had decided three months that one of the steps to be taken to alleviate the chronic foreign exchange shortage was to cut back on our diplomatic personnel abroad and to call back diplomats who have spent more than three years in the same office. One field affected was the cultural attaches. Lot and behold, however, Prime Minister Haider Abubakar Al-Attas gave orders violating the very regulations he and his government have issued. Last week, he issued a letter to the Minister of Higher Education instructing him to extend the duration of the Cultural Attache in Jordan who has been in that post for eight years. Most students testify the man is corrupt. How did this happen. It happened because during the PM's visit to Amman, the guy was very "useful".

King Hussein:

'Relations with Yemen are special'.

In an exclusive interview with the Yemen Times, His Majesty King Hussein of Jordan declared that he is committed to the democratic path of Jordan in spite of any diffi-



culties that may arise in the process. "That is the only path that will allow our society to evolve in a meaningful way," he said. Looking into the future of the American sponsored peace conference in the region, the King said that Jordan is preparing for such an event. Commenting on relations with Yemen, His Majesty said that such relations are special, and that they will continue to grow.

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PERSONAL VIEW

EXPORTING
FORMALITIES
ARE A HURDLE!

Mohammed H. Eamran,
Businessman

Yemen's exports (excluding oil and labor) are about 1% of its imports, and yet it is really ridiculous to find out that to obtain an export licence is more difficult than obtaining an import licence. This shows that the export department in the Ministry of Supply and Trade does a good job in hindering exports. If you go to the export department, the staff is usually busy reading newspapers and chain-smoking cigarettes. They will tell you that you have to abide by the regulations without explaining what those regulations are. From my experience let me tell you what would happen to you if you approached them for an export licence.

I went there to finalize the formalities to export coffee. The man who is in charge of the export licence asked me if I had previously obtained an export licence. "Yes. In fact, I have recently obtained a licence to export coffee," I said. He then asked me if I had exported the coffee according to the license. I answered, "Not yet". As soon as he heard that, he instructed me to first export the first lot of coffee and then come back for another shipment's license; i.e. we can't export to two parties at the same time. Then he said that we have to bring a certificate from the bank which states that the importer has already opened a Letter of Credit in our favor. When I heard all that I thought he was joking. Unfortunately, the man was serious. I was shocked and thus I left for home telling myself that the next day might be better.

The second morning I approached the same man and tried to explain, but he wouldn't listen. To make things worse, the guy added to the regulations of the day before- this time he asked me if I have a certificate that states that the importer has transferred 50% of the value of the licence. Of course my reply was negative. He then advised me to go and see the general manager. But I saw no point.

From the above, you can see that if you seek an export licence for a new client, you have to sit idle until you complete exports to the first client. In the meanwhile you can't deal with other companies.

Do you think that such a regulation promotes exports? Secondly which company do you think will simply open a letter of credit and transfer 50% of the value of the goods without getting confirmation and most probably a guarantee from us for the transferred value of the goods. No exporter in Yemen can or will provide that knowing the difficulties of obtaining an export licence.

Lastly, I argue all officials to make export procedures as simple as possible. The opportunities are already slim, but the ridiculous regulations make them non-existent.

LOCAL BRIEFS, LOCAL BRIEFS, LOCAL BRIEFS,

FIRST MEXICAN TOURISTS
IN YEMEN

A Viajes Costa Mexico group, twelve persons have arrived in Sanaa on Saturday, October 5/10/1991, on a tourist visit to Yemen. The local tour operator organizing the trip, Universal Travel and Tourism, is excited about the visit, and hopes it will open a new market for Yemeni tourism. "This is the first time we receive Mexican tourists, and we hope it will be the beginning of a new cooperation," said Universal's Marco Livadiotti.

FISHING ACCORD BETWEEN
YEMEN AND THE U.S.S.R.

The Republic of Yemen and the USSR signed an accord to promote cooperation between the two countries in the field of fishing and processing. The agreement, which comes following an official visit by a Soviet delegation, was signed by the Vice Minister of Fisheries, Dr. Ahmed Al-Bishari, for the Yemeni side, and by the Vice Minister for Fishing Industries for the Soviet side.

PRIME MINISTER
INAUGURATES THE
FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE

Prime Minister Haider Abubakar Al-Attas, accompanied by a large crowd of senior officials and specialists, inaugurated on Sunday, October 6th, the complex (buildings and facilities) of the Agriculture Faculty at Sanaa University. On the occasion, the Prime Minister described the event as a symbol of institution building in the country that comes within the framework of the celebrations of the September and October Revolutions. Finally, he said he expected the Faculty of Agriculture to play a visible role in the development of agriculture.

An EEC Delegation in Sanaa

A three-man EEC team headed by Ambassador Christian Falkowski, Head of the EEC Mission in Jordan and Yemen, arrived in Sanaa on an official visit to Yemen. Mr. Falkowski told the Yemen Times that the purpose of the trip is to "finalize the implementation procedures for the Fishery 4 project. The EEC is a co-financier of the project by an amount of ECU 13.5 million, the other co-financiers being the World Bank and the IFAD. The EEC team will visit several fish harbors during its present three-day visit. Mr. Falkowski also suggested to the Yemeni government to enter into a formal fish agreement with the EEC, according to which EEC members will be authorized to catch and process fish in Yemen for export to Europe, which suffers from a shortage of fish products.

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS
DISCUSSED IN TAIZ

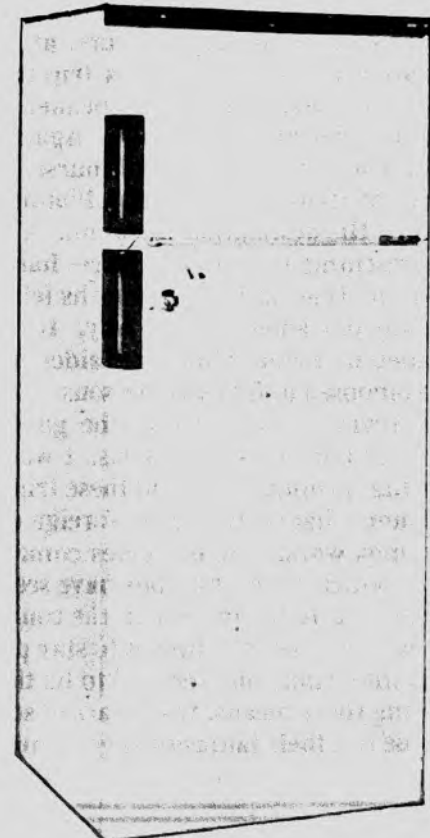
The first session of a three-day seminar on the "Rights of the Child in the Family and Society" was inaugurated at the Faculty of Education in Taiz on Saturday, October 5th. The seminar addresses many vital issues such as child-care, child-parent relations, minimum age for work, support for working mothers through various programs, etc. The social, psychological, cultural and legal aspects of the rights of children are also discussed. Participating in this seminar are fifty field researchers, local development cooperative councils, and many officials from the various Yemeni cities and international donor organisations. The seminar is expected to raise questions that will help guide the government and volunteer programs oriented towards serving the Yemeni child.

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الذكرى ٢٨ لثورة
(١٤) أكتوبر



King Hussein speaks to the Yemen Times

H.M. King Hussein of Jordan gave an exclusive interview to the Editor-in-Chief of the Yemen Times, Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf on Tuesday, October 6th, in his office in the Jordanian capital Amman. The King answered questions about Jordan's unique democratic experiment, the prospects of peace in the Middle East, relations with Yemen and the future of the region. Following is the full text of the interview

Q: How do you evaluate the Jordanian democratic experience so far?

A: In spite of the difficult conditions, we are fully committed to the democratic process. Our democratic process actually began thirty years ago. There has been a long interruption, and we are now back on track in our democracy. We have done quite a bit of soul searching through the National Charter, and now the National Conference, I think there are many positive aspects to our democracy, and we intend to make it a success and a model for the other Arab countries. If there is any remark to be made, I would like to urge the media not to copy blindly from our enemies and carry their versions of the stories and thus do their job. I think the basic line is that we have to give a lot of thought to what we do in a rational and objective way. I think our experience will succeed.

Q: Jordan has faced many challenges since its inception. What are the difficult issues at hand and what are your priorities?

A: On Thursday, October 10th, I will address all Jordanians about our internal affairs. We have to re-structure our priorities,

and we have to re-address the issues in a more open and clear manner. This is a recurrent phenomenon in Jordan; that the leadership and the people openly

came back more than 300,000 persons back, and more than one million persons have passed through. Yet, no significant foreign assistance has been received.

Q: What are the latest developments regarding the upcoming Middle East Peace Conference?

A: First of all let me indicate that the peace we

case, we are preparing to play a constructive role, but one that safeguards the rights of all the parties. We seek a peace among equals not one in which one party is weak.

Q: Your Majesty, the USA has restored its aid program to Jordan. Does that signal a better understanding of Jordan's position on the Gulf Crisis on the part of the United States?

A: I hope so. Our relations with the USA are getting back on course, although we are still at the beginning. We hope that things will be clearer from here and on.

Q: What role do you see for our part of the world in the New International System or World Order?

A: I think that we have to play a constructive role in the world. I have a lot of confidence in the Arab individual. We have to assist in creating the climate in which we, as Arabs will play a visible and positive role in the world community. I am confident we can do that, and we must do that. Recently, I addressed the European parliament in Strasbourg. I hope during my lifetime, I can address a similar Arab parliament.

Q: The Yemen people are celebrating the September and October revolutions. Do you have any statement on the occasion?

A: I would like to send my love and respect for the Yemeni people. I am proud of the Yemeni Democratic experience, and I am sure it is going to bear good fruits for the people of Yemen. Your country is bound to play a more dynamic and important role in the region, and that covers the interests of the Arab Nation as a whole.



exchange views and deep thoughts about all matters pertaining to our lives. You will note that our economic conditions are difficult, and we must find solutions to them.

Let me indicate that the founding of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has saved this part of the Arab World from being occupied. Since its founding, the HKJ has been influenced by all the problems that were faced by the Palestinian people, and the Arab people at large. I am worried that the concept of Arab nationhood has been pushed to the background, and in its place a sense of parochialism of mini-states has come into existence.

As a result, the country that has the longest borderline with Israel, is left to cope on its own. Jordan cannot shoulder all these burdens by itself. Israel, as result of the immigration of 300,000 Jews, is asking for US\$ 10 billion, an amount that is more than the total Jordanian foreign debt. At the same time, Jordan has wel-

Q: Your Majesty, how did you see Yemeni-Jordan relations?

A: Relations between Yemen and Jordan are special, lasting and growing. Our cooperation promises to bear good fruits for all sides. Contacts and exchange of visits continue between our two countries at the official and people's levels. We intend to consolidate and broaden cooperation with Yemen.

Q: How long do you think it will take to mend Jordan's relations with the Gulf States?

A: I hope relations will return to their normal level as soon as possible. I am really working for that goal. I think as soon as our brothers in the Gulf discover all the facts regarding our position on the Gulf Crisis, they will realize how much we were concerned for the general interests of the Arab World, and the Arab individual. I hope we can rationalize together for the welfare of all Arabs.

seek is a lasting peace - peace based on justice to all parties, and one that the coming generations can live with. Until this very moment, I am not sure whether the conference will take place, where and when? But we are working on the assumption that it will, and soon. Thus we are preparing our side to participate positively. We are working to restore Palestinian rights, and the rights of the other Arab countries in the region. That can be achieved through the return of the Arab lands occupied in 1967.

An umbrella is worked out in which the Jordanian and Palestinian delegations are brought together. Each side chooses its own team, and they are then combined into a joint delegation. The opening session of the conference is under the patronage of the USA, USSR and Europe, with the UN attending as observer. In the second phase, bilateral talks with Israel are undertaken under the patronage of the UN. In any

THE PRICE OF INTEGRITY AMONG CORRUPT LITERARY WRITERS

We don't descend from noble ancestry and we have no blue blood. We don't have any power or tribe to depend on, but we depend on prose and poetry - we are the independent writers of Yemen.

We are the group of the wind. We are the group of the dust... We are not like those who seek the warmth of the flock. We are not like the rats who live in the protection of the pipes. We are the ones left out there in the cold. We decided to stand out. It feels so cold, it is so insecure; yet it is so free.

We have failed to join the massive heap of hypocrisy around us. We cannot be one with the barren landscape of an upside-down world. Yet, we have not mustered enough courage to go and rebel... We shiver at the prospects that we see ahead of us. This place is infected with too many things - chairs, shops, offices, cars, police, leaders, barrels, ministers (current and former), junk and garbage, pre-structured political parties, ideologues, dust, the qat tree, bleeding

hands freshly cut-off and left hanging in the public.

We are the group of the dust wind. We are the writers who are horrified and depressed of the future. We declare our communique of depression, the communique of horror.

Out of love for this nation, we condemn all those who conspire against the culture and the future. After all, a nation without writers and creative minds, is a nation without future, without conscience or morals.

We are the group of the wind. We are the group of the dust. We are unable to employ our pens to please the authorities. That will be treason to our pens and to our creative minds. We hereby declare the independence of writers.

We do not pretend we are more informed. We are not eagles, but we refuse to be crows. We refuse to be a catch in the net of fishermen called politicians or party-bosses. Some of us have already bought a seat somewhere in the hierarchy of authority by using the power of the pen. With time, such writers have

been transformed into a strong wall of hypocrisy and deceit on which the politicians stand and which they use to justify their wrong-doing.

We are not against anyone. We are against our own littleness. We do not pretend we are qualified or able to change the present conditions. And this is not our job. But we can write, we can expose the deceit and the smallness. We will deliver our testimony and proceed on quietly - maybe more sad and more frightened than ever.

Writing is a documentation of the meaninglessness of our times. A society that is poisoned by power, parties, tribes, sectarianism,...

The writer who is not yet poisoned can provide testimony to the times, but only the one not yet poisoned. We are the group of the wind and dust. We are the writers inflicted by frustrations, anxiety and doubts. We are accused of asking too many questions. We understand freedom to mean belonging to the whole, not to just a part of it. We belong to the soul

of the nation, and not to any transient party or power. As innovative writers put themselves at the service of only one line of thinking or ideology they become slaves. They are no more free.

We accuse no one, for we are not innocent. But we are overwhelmed by a strong pain as we see our colleagues compete to win a smile from this or that politician. They line up in front of the doors of political parties. "They tell us, you don't belong to any party, that means you are nothing." They have become predators, and we have become the prey. We are the bewildered preys, much depressed. We don't believe in inspirations or genius. We only believe in writing honestly, and to write as others have not dared to write.

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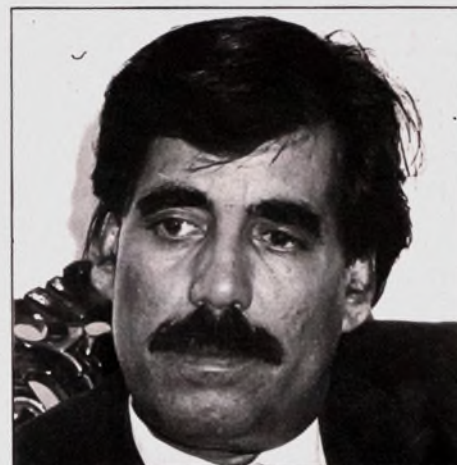
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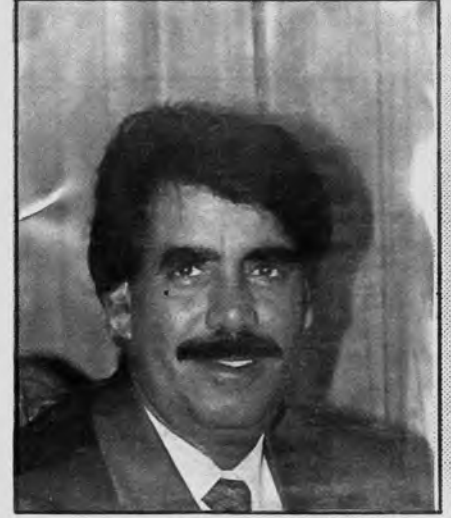
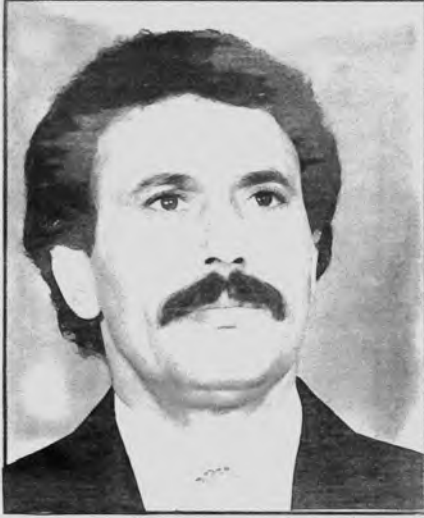


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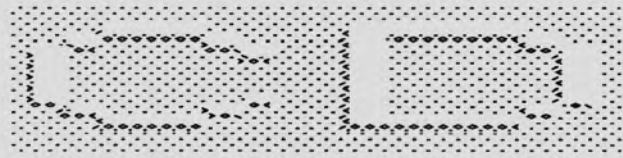
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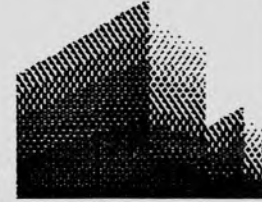
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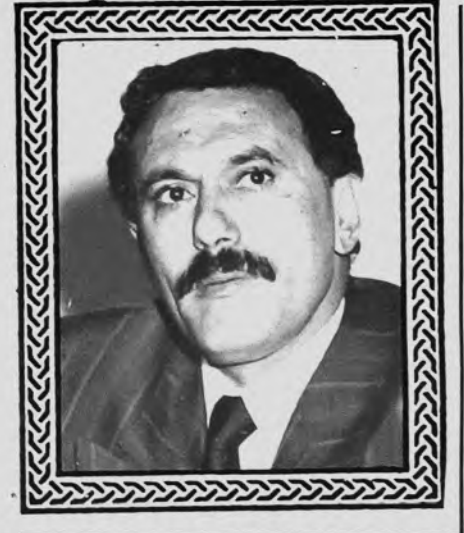
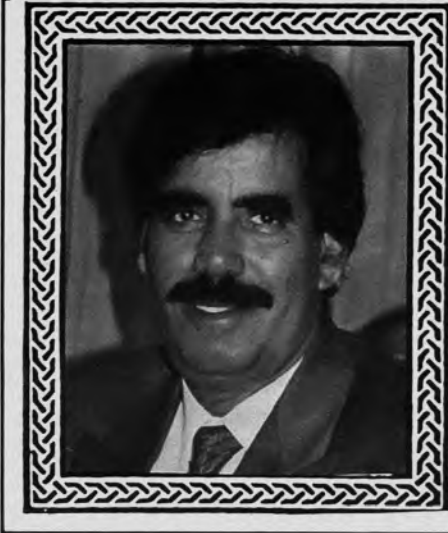
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ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ECONOMIC THINK-TANK

Between 1-3/10/1991, 892 economists met in Sana'a to establish the Yemeni Economists' Society. In a very intensely politicized atmosphere, the meetings proceeded with a lot of discussion on the role of economists in a country suffering from economic difficulties. The economists concluded their meeting with a vow to make the government listen to their thoughts and ideas and use them in its decisions. "We should make the politicians and bureaucrats listen to professional advice and make them internalize the specialists' (economists) advice in economic matters" it was agreed. The vehicle through which this would be achieved is the establishment of the Yemeni Economists' Society, which is envisaged as a "think tank" and "forum for professionals". Following end of three days of deliberations, 85 candidates competed for the 27 seats in the Central Board of the YES. Out of these, a 9-person executive office

was elected as the following table indicates:

the Environmentalist Society both of which are con-

Member's Name	Position	Political Affiliation
Prof Nasser Aulaqi	Chairman	PGC
Prof Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf	Secretary General/CEO	None
Dr. Abdulhadi Al-Hamdani	External Relations	PGC
Mr. Fadhle Al-Haladi	Internal Relations	Islamic Bloc
Mr. Ameen Shaibani	Branch Affairs	PGC
Mr. Abdul Jabbar Hayel	Literature/Library	None
Mr. Faisal Saeed Fara	Cultural/Information	YSP
Mr. Ahmed Al-Bishari	Scientific Affairs	PGC
Mr. Ali Saif Hassan	Financial/Adminstrative	Nasserite
Others		
Mrs. Aziza A. Nomman	Rapporteur	None
Mr. Abdul-Qader Al-Qairi	Reserve Member	Islamic Bloc

The political competition for the YES comes following the heated struggle among political parties for control over the unions and professional associations in the country. The PGC

trolled today by the YSP (Yemen Socialist Party) and in the results of the Yemeni Women's Association (presently controlled by the Islamic Bloc). Thus the PGC made a special ef-

The YES will play an important role in assisting government officials in policy making in economic matters:

(People General Congress) was short-changed in the results of the elections for the Journalists Union and

fort to ensure its people will take charge of the Yemeni Economists Society, considered by many ob-

servers as one of the key associations in the country. The PGC did win a substantial, if not majority, representation in the YES. The elections of the YES served as a test for the ability of the PGC people to organize themselves and mobilize support. "In a sense we looked at this election as a fore-runner for the big elections and tried to gauge the way our organisational structure withstood the pressure of elections and to see how our junior cadres per-

formed. I am happy that they delivered nicely and came out beautifully," a senior PGC official told the Yemen Times. The YES Executive Office is expected to hold important talks with the President, Prime Minister, and relevant Ministers regarding economic policies and the role of the YES in the decision making process. It is worth mentioning that the total membership base of the YES is estimated at over 3000 persons.

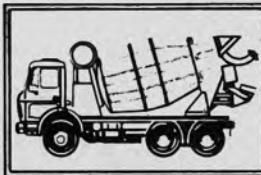


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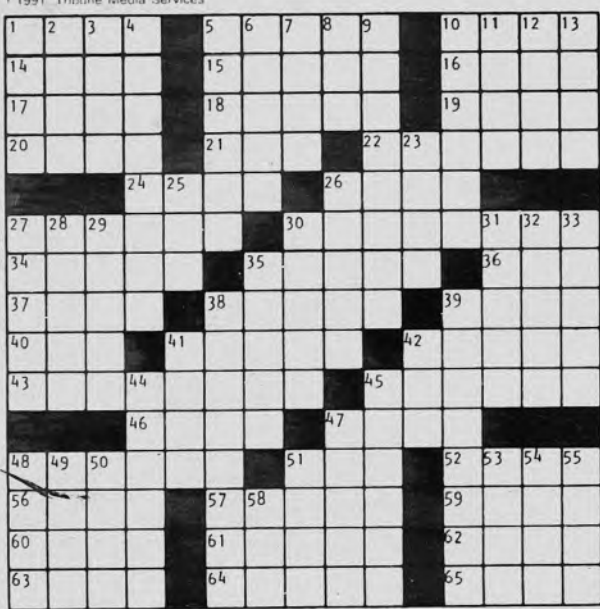


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★ CROSSWORD PUZZLE ★

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| ACROSS | 40 Husbands | 2 Dies — | 32 Fixed relation |
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| 27 Participant | 62 Hoover dam lake | 27 Vertical | 54 O'Flaherty |
| 30 Gym shoes | 63 Hog fat | 28 — beam | 55 Whirlpool |
| 34 Household spirits | 64 Fisherman | 29 Boxer's milieu | 58 Golf item |
| 35 Steep declivity | 65 Defense outfit | 30 Burn with liquid | |
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MAGICWORD

HOW TO PLAY: Read the list of words. Look at the puzzle. You'll find these words in all directions — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, backwards. Draw a circle around each letter of a word found in the puzzle, then strike it off the list. Circling it will show a letter has been used but will leave it visible should it also form part of another word. Find the big words first. When letters of all listed words are circled, you'll have the given number of letters left over. They'll spell out your MAGICWORD.

ON THE RADIO (Sol.: 9 letters)

A-Audience; B-Band, Business; C-Celebrity; D-Dial, Director, Disc jockey; E-Engineer, Event; H-Hear, Hits, Hour; I-Information, Interview; L-Listen, Live; M-Microphone, Music; N-News, Number; O-Oldies, On the air; P-Program; R-Report, Request; S-Schedule, Shift, Show, Signal, Songs, Special, Sports, Stereo; T-Talk, Tape, Tell, Time, Tone, Transmit, Tune; U-Update; W-Watts; Y-Yawp

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Unscramble these four words, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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 SHORUC
 MILDIP

Answer:



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

ANSWERS ON PAGE TWELVE
 GOOD LUCK!

WOULD YOU BELIEVE

One plane crash killed 520 people when a Japanese 747 slammed into a mountain in 1985. * * *

Historians say Christopher Columbus never realized he had discovered a new continent. * * *

Authorities in China had to shut down about 100 noodle shops and food stalls after discovering that the food was laced with opium. Police say the shop owners were trying to get their customers addicted to their food. * * *

A woman in England reportedly drilled a hole in her head to stimulate mental activity and is advocating the same for others. An interview with her was published recently in the Fortean Times, which chronicles strange or unexplained activities.

SLAPSTIX

DIAMOND: A CHUNK OF COAL THAT MADE GOOD UNDER PRESSURE

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WORDS OF WISDOM

A church that will not reach out will fade away. * * *

We may respect knowledge, but no one commands more disrespect than a know-it-all. * * *

Do as your neighbors do — or move to a new neighborhood. * * *

The boss may not always be right, but the boss controls your salary. * * *

Failure just gives you a chance to begin again, more wisely than before. * * *

Sometimes it's smartest to ask the question even when you know the answer. * * *

A whole falsehood is often made of half-truths. © 1991, Tribune Media Services

THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

By Joyce Jillson

Weekly Tip: Stay home with a good book, have a picnic with the group, and rest.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Romantic overtones color entire week. Social activities are less important.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Family is interfering with love life. Fine day for vacation trip Monday or Tuesday.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) You get busier. Most of your friends are on vacation, but relatives are coming to visit.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Money is up front from now through month ahead; find conservative ways to stash the cash.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Power cycle begins. Apply for jobs, ask for raise. Help a friend.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Enjoy the favorable attention from those above as well as co-workers.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A step up the social ladder comes now. An ex may return, and it's clear there's still a spark.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) More career action; you're expected to entertain the out of town visitors. Enlightened leadership.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A delightful chance to travel, grow and have new experiences. A promotion comes.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Giving away the plot will spoil the mystery; keep plans to yourself. Financial moves.

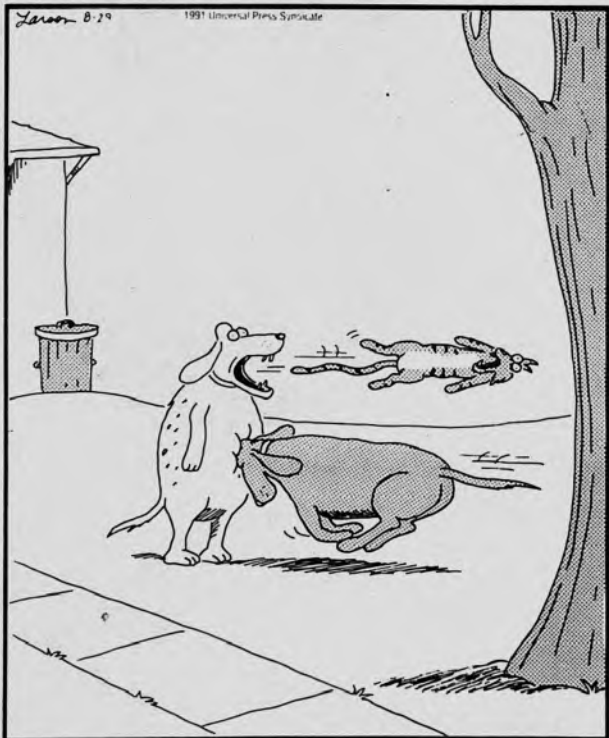
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Find out what you need to know when legal or financial advice is right on track. Passions run high this week.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Being true to ideals is more important than being perfect. A Virgo is your best pal.

If You Were Born This Week

Start figuring a sensible way to manage boost in income. Important purchases are made in October, so study the market. In November, unexpected family needs bring you all closer together. Romance is strong in December.

THE FAR SIDE By GARY LARSON



Fortunately for Sparky, Zeke knew the famous "Rex maneuver."

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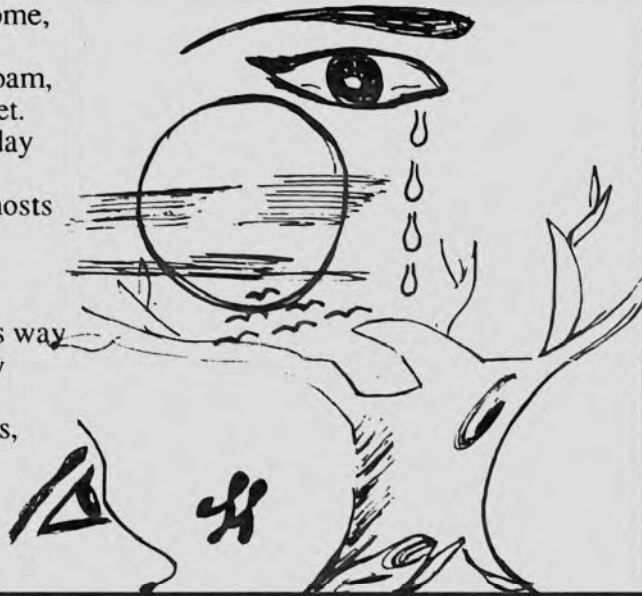
"Looks like another hot one, Pa."

The Cycles of Life - The Seed Was Lost!

The seed was lost,
The guest of a far place,
The victim and the host,
The lost seed was in a haste.
He felt tiredness and sorrow,
The land was queer and strange,
Life turned boring and hollow
The place, the people, all in change.
Life was hard for chasing nightmares
Most of all was his loneliness,
His mind filled of home memories,
He tried to cope with the emptiness.
The lost seed suffered,
The environment hard to welcome,
After sometime the agony passed,
He started to live and feel at home.
He began to consider everywhere as home,
Pretention and imitation a scape-goat,
The mountains, the valleys he would roam,
That tortured him and was hard to forget.
The darkness of night and the light of day
Mingled all to make a colorless bay,
In the cruel depth of nightmares and ghosts
Sank the lost seed in a boat.
Marriage broke the endless thoughts,
Love replaced the sufferings of life,
With new company merriness came his way
Feeling bored and sorry had gone away
The seed was sown in foreign lands,
It grew and blossomed with many fruits,
The seeds prospered and increased,
But then, it happened once more,
The lost seed bred home new seeds,
Oh! my Lord! we have a new chore,

sufferings pass from fathers to sons,
Is that what the fate has writ?
Who is to be blamed for this curse,
God do not bless the escapers boats.
The lost seed was forced to leave,
The Imam took their meagre food,
It was hard in Yemen to live,
The Imam was a despot of bad mood
Far behind the seas and oceans,
Immigrants shout "freedom and justice",
"Long live the Yemeni Revolutions",
Down with the despot & colonial malice

By
Yacin Mohamed Abdella.



BEWARE!

We have to be very careful with the future generation, our kids, who seem to be business minded. The fact that they are business-oriented is not bad; in fact, we have to be proud of their industriousness. But is it necessary for them to be out on the road selling bottled water and cigarettes instead of staying in schools or at home studying? After all, we can find the things they're selling in every corner as there are plenty of shops and groceries.

Although these children may help their parents by whatever little they earn now, how is it going to be after ten years? Their own demands will grow, but their abilities to support themselves will not have grown. We have to think about whether they will be satisfied by the little they earn this way. They will have to move into businesses that will allow higher earnings. That's the point. Without proper education they will have to use illegal tricks that will involve bribery, robbery, theft, etc.

All these can be avoided, though not completely. But we have to do our job in helping them, and this can be done only by insisting on the education to our children. It is not their time yet for business, their time will come, and when it comes they should be well prepared educationally for the tasks. In addition, they should be brought up with a lot of self-esteem and dignity, which the present street-jobs do not allow.

There is another group beside the kids who do business. There are those who beg at traffic lights and intersections. That is a bad habit (getting easy money), and it is a pain in the neck to the drivers. Many times times, one sees babies exploited to extract the sympathy of the drivers. This situation really reduces the dignity of humans, specially if it is true that those babies do not belong to the "mothers" carrying them.

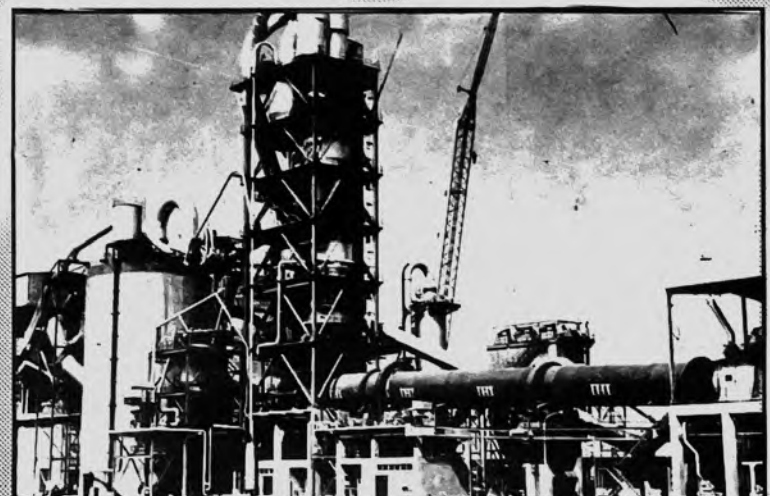
A good foundation starts with proper education for our children and the nation's future.

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يرفون أسمى التهاني إلى قيادة وشعب الجمهورية اليمنية
بمناسبة ذكرى ثورة (١٤) أكتوبر الجيده

POLITICS AND RACE IN U.S. SENATE

There is no better illustration of the way politics and race are intertwined in the United States than the "civilized and cynical" drama periodically-staged in Washington's Capitol Hill beneath the crystal chandeliers and gilded ceiling of the Senate Caucus Room. Clarence Thomas, President George Bush's nominee to fill the August position of Justice of the Supreme Court, seems unruffled as he listens to witnesses testifying for and against his suitability. The 14 members of the Senate Judiciary Committee - **all male, all white, and four of them millionaires** - have already heard Judge Thomas tell movingly of his upbringing in poor Southern homes.

A lone figure at a central table, Thomas is a chunky, bespectacled black man of 43, who has a sunny smile and wears a neatly tailored suit and white button-down shirt. He has a deferential attitude to questions from the committee's Democrat members, who are an eight-strong majority and his natural opponents. His un-

ing politeness confounds the questioners and there is frustration and tension in the air.

Thomas did not come alone to the testing, but with a powerful back-up team that included a former White House chief of staff. The team coached the judge for the confirmation hearings and was part of a massive drive to ensure that he passed scrutiny and ascended to the most powerful body in the US legal system. But there are those who were deeply troubled by that possibility since Thomas's nomination began in controversy. Last year, Bush successfully nominated another conservative, Judge David Souter, to the Court. Now he wants yet another conservative to replace the ailing Justice Thurgood Marshall, a renowned 83-year-old liberal and the only black Supreme Court justice ever appointed.

As always, someone nominated for such a vital post stands immediately in a public searchlight. The press and television have

raked over Thomas's life and career, his speeches and writings, and much has been made of his apparent antipathy to abortion, to government-aided advancement of minorities, and his support of natural law - a supposedly God-given set of morals which some would put above the constitution.

Liberals are in no doubt that Thomas is the latest player in the Republican game plan to roll back the great tide of liberal case law established since the Civil Rights Bill of 1973. Confound his questioners as he might, Thomas did little to dispel the doubters' fears. Questioned about his controversial views, he simply denied that they existed - or insisted that, where possibly they had once existed, they could never affect the impartiality of his judicial decisions. On abortion, considered a litmus test by liberal Americans, he refused to be drawn. Never, he professed, in all the years since the 1973 Roe versus Wade decision, which gave

women the right to abortion, did he hold an opinion on the matter. Seventy questions on abortion over five days failed to budge the man from his chosen line. His inquisitors finally fell back defeated, fearful that their television audience (which means voters) might find any heavier attack inappropriate upon a black man - particularly one who, from the lowliest beginnings, had won a place at Yale law school, had become an assistant attorney-general in the state of Missouri and, later, head of the nation's Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. In short, despite the 30,000 pages of evidence gathered, much of which could have been employed potentially against the nominee, they were reluctant to hunt him down to a kill.

How could they, with impunity, slay such a prime embodiment of the American dream, a dream that recession had made, for most citizens, infinitely remote?

As it was, Thomas defeated his opponents simply by

describing his rise from poor-boy origins in Pin Point, Georgia, catching "minnows in the creek and fiddler crabs in the marshes," then his move to Savannah, to one room in a tenement with a communal kitchen and, in the backyard, a bathroom that was "unworkable, unusable."

The intensity of the nation's focus on these lengthy shenanigans cannot be explained solely by the belief that Thomas will further strengthen the Supreme Court's base in the conservative territory it has already occupied. It is more a product of the nation's political malaise.

The American individual, within him/herself, is trying to work out a neat combination of balances between political thoughts, abilities, and other factors such as color, sex, and religious backgrounds. None of the men in the Senate Judiciary Committee would tell you straight that all these factors come into play, but they do. It is part of a soul-searching process that started over 200 years ago.

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Instructions to the Government to Give Back Property Confiscated under the PDRY

The Presidential Council, in its session on 12/9/1991, approved the broad guidelines to be followed in returning property confiscated in the former PDRY to their (landlords) legal owners. In a letter on this regard, Lt-General Ali Abdullah Saleh instructed the government to follow a fixed set of guidelines and to return all confiscated property within six months (maximum deadline was stipulated at 31/3/1992).

The stipulated guidelines were the following:

A. Returning Property:

1. Non-Residential Real Estate:

All property which is not for residential purposes (commercial, industrial, and other use) must be returned to the landlords (legal owner), but the following considerations must be observed:

- The current occupant (tenant) has the right to continue using the premises for a maximum of two years from the date of issuance of the law returning the property to the landlord. Such tenant will continue to pay the rent.
- The current tenant may not sub-let the premises during this period. If he/she does so, he/she forfeits his/her right to

remain in the premises for the said period, and the property is immediately returned to the landlord.

c) Any dispute between the two parties is referred to the courts. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning will take charge of the premises while the case is with the courts.

d) The landlord has the right to receive the rent for the premises starting from the date of issuance of the law returning the premises.

e) The tenant has the right to compensation for implementing any major repairs and/or additions to the premises during the period preceding the issuance of the law returning the property to the landlord.

The tenant may not make repairs or additions except with the agreement of the landlord.

Such compensation is to be estimated by a technical committee set up by the Minister of Housing and Urban Planning and representing the landlord and tenant. The committee's decision is final.

f) The landlord and the tenant may reach any other arrangement between them that is acceptable to both of them, and that may be contrary to the above mentioned framework provided it entails no burden

on the Ministry. Such arrangement may be communicated to the Ministry.

g) Any rents received by the government during the period since the issuance of law number 32 of 1972 and upto the date of returning the property to the landlord, is not refundable.

h) Priority to any land for commercial use is for the tenants who have relinquished property to landlord according to this directive.

2. Premises for Commercial and Administrative Use:

Premises under commercial and administrative use must be returned to their Yemeni landlords, with due consideration to:

a) Government offices and corporations occupying such premises may remain in them for a maximum of two years provided they pay the currently paid rent to the landlord starting from the date of the law ordering the return of the property.

b) The landlord is required to compensate the government or corporation for any major repairs and/or additions to the building. Such compensation is to be determined by a technical committee appointed by the Minister and representing the landlord and tenant. The

committee's decision is final.

c) If there is no clear rent amount, the Ministry will determine a fair rent based on the going levels of rent.

3. Premises Used for Residential and Other Uses by Embassies, Consulates, and Public Figures:

Such premises are returned to their Yemeni landlords who prove their legal ownership, and based on the following considerations:

a) The current occupant of the premise may remain until the current lease contracted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning expires.

b) The tenant may terminate the contract period by notifying the Ministry and the landlord accordingly.

c) The rent amount, starting from the date of the issuance of the law returning the property, is paid to the landlord.

d) The landlord and the tenant may renew the lease contract on different terms as agreed between them.

B. Compensation:

Compensation to landlords who prove legal ownership to premises is executed in either of two ways:

- To grant the landlord a piece of land commensurate

to the value of the property.

2) To make payment in ten-year government bonds.

3) The value of the property is to be based on the prices which prevailed before August 5th, 1972, excluding the cost of the land.

C. General Provisions:

a) No property is returned to the landlord until he/she has paid all claims prior to the issuance of law 32 of 1972, against the property to the government, banks, corporations, and any other creditor.

b) All subsidies and grants provided to the landlord due to the confiscation of the property are terminated immediately upon the return of the property.

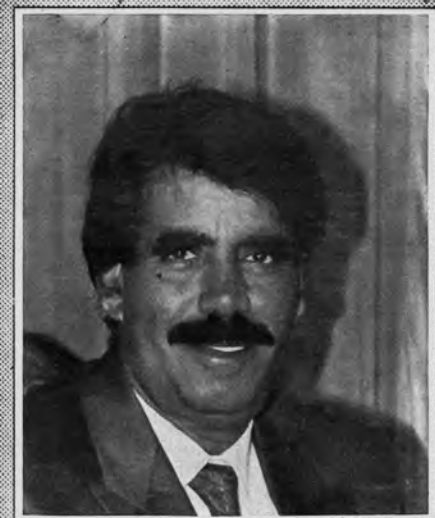
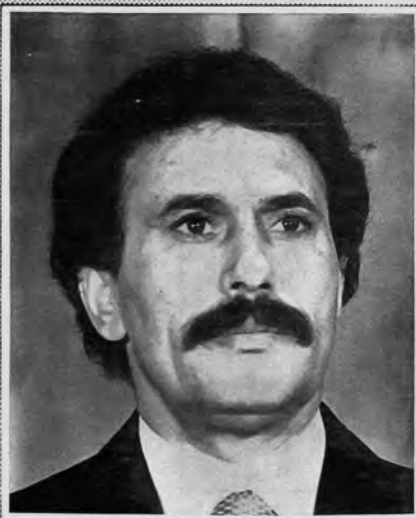
c) Landlords whose property for commercial/administrative use have been transformed for residential purposes and the Ministry has signed contracts accordingly are compensated as above. However, if such property is re-transformed into commercial/administrative use, the property is returned to the landlord.

d) The repairs and additions to buildings are considered fundamental if their costs are most than 50% of the value of the property.

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THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE REPLIES TO THE YEMEN TIMES!

The Yemen Times, in its issue No. 27 of 4th September, 1991, published under the column "Personal View" a piece written by Dr. Abdulla Maktari and entitled "Give Back Our Property". The writer shares and supports the demand of those Yemeni nationals who are affected by Law No. 32 of 1972 and Law No. 18 of 1990 - a demand calling for the annulment of these laws since they are in contradiction with the new constitution of the Republic. Of course, every person has the right to express his/her view on the different issues and problems facing the country, given that we live in an atmosphere of freedom of expression and democracy. However, in expressing our opinions and views, one should be guided by logic, objectivity and correct judgement; we should not neglect the political realities as well as the political agreements reached in the process of achieving Yemeni unity. It is our belief that these agreements and their implementation provide stability during the current transitional period. Thus, it will be an irresponsible attitude to deform the existing realities in seek-

ing solutions for those horn problems facing the Yemeni government. It is unfortunate that Dr. Maktari in referring to those whom he calls as beneficiaries of the confiscated property, states they are "mostly party cadres". This view does not match with the realities. It is our belief that not a single Yemeni individual or family would share Dr. Maktari's view that this law was passed in the interest of party cadres. From the outset, we do not plan to provide any sort of justification, but we want to define the facts objectively. In the former PDRY, a number of laws were passed in the social, economic, and political domains, and they were oriented towards the service of the broad masses. These laws are still valid, and they are guaranteed by the constitution. However, we cannot ignore the changes that have taken place that are different from the realities of the past when the country was divided. Therefore, the political leadership is exerting great efforts to scrutinize the entire set of laws. This process aims to review and rectify the entire legal structure, whether it is

the laws promulgated in the former North or former South Yemen.

The other point to be raised in this regard is Maktari's attempts at linking the resolution of the above-mentioned domestic problem with the question of investment in the Republic, particularly in the Aden Free Zone. Everybody knows the two matters are not connected.

It is a well-established fact that Investment Law 22 of 1991 gives a lot of incentive to investors and provides broad-ranging guarantees to local and foreign investors. In fact, even bureaucratic hurdles have been kept to a minimum so that investors can attend to their projects. This is because all the investors' needs and dealings are handled by one sole government body.

Thus, it would be wise to seek a correct approach to regain the "lost property" instead of misleading investors and jeopardizing the investment climate of the country.

by:
Dr. Saleem Al-Tamimi,
Director-General of
External Relations,
Prime Minister's Office

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Instructions to the Government...

e) In all cases, the full set of documents and deeds must be presented and duly notarized.

f) In cases where an amicable settlement is reached between the the landlord and the tenant, the agreement is to be notarized, and a copy to be delivered to the Ministry.

g) The landlord whose property has been confiscated, and who has been

given a new residence may choose to be exempted from the value of the new residence in return for relinquishing ownership of the confiscated property.

h) The landlord who retrieves his/her confiscated residence may not hold on to any residence awarded by the state to him/her.

i) All these settlements and arrangements nullify any former demands.



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الأولى في خدمة اليمن



**OMANIZATION
ACCELERATED**

The Sultanate of Oman decided to accelerate the Omanization process of its bureaucracy and labor force. In a major push in this direction, the Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training decided to pay, as from the 1st of October, the salaries of all Omanis employed by the private sector during their training period. The period during which compensation is payable varies according to the level of training of the employee and the sector of the economy in which he/she is employed. Basically it starts with an 80% compensation, and falls to 50% by the end of the period, usually ranging from eighteen months to two years.

It is worth mentioning that Sultan Qaboos Bin Saeed had urged to strongly pursue an Omanization drive in the economy. This was translated into a wide-ranging educational and vocational sector. Oman has put 1995 as the target year for full Omanization in several sectors of the economy.

GCC, Customs Union by 1993

The six states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (the GCC) aim at unifying GCC customs tariffs for non-member countries in eighteen months (by March 1993), according to Mr. Abdullah Al-Quwaiz, GCC Assistant Secretary General for Economic Affairs. Explaining the statement circulated by the GCC Secretariat General, Al-Quwaiz indicated that technical studies on unifying customs tariffs with the outside world had been completed.

"When the GCC states agreed to unify their tariffs, they would move from the stage of inter-Gulf free trade into the creation of the more advanced stage of customs union". In a round-table gathering in at the Arab Monetary Fund in Abu Dhabi, Mr. Al-Quwaiz explained that already 3000 Gulf families had benefited from the decisions allowing GCC citizens to carry out economic activities in other Gulf states and in treating them as citizens of that country.

Quwaiz said the GCC Finance and Economy Ministers would meet in Kuwait on November 23 to discuss procedures for the implementation of the 1983 GCC unified economic agreement to boost trade and economic cooperation among member states.

The GCC Ministers will also agree on the final draft for a proposed multi-billion-dollar fund to aid Arab states harmed by the Gulf crisis, he said.

The fund, with a proposed capital of 10 to 15 billion dollars, was endorsed by GCC leaders at their summit conference in Doha, Qatar last year.

The GCC, grouping the Sultanate of Oman, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates, was founded in 1981 in order to coordinate economic and defence policies of the six states. The Council has, so far, withstood many internal and regional problems as its member states seek and continue to work towards closer ties.

**MID-EAST PEACE
MOMENTUM IS ON!**

HM King Husain discussed in a substantive manner the approach and parameters according to which the joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation to the Middle East Peace Conference will work. According to reports from Amman, the two sides have drafted the blueprint for the basic document governing the participation of the joint delegation.

At another level, both Presidents Yasser Arafat and George Bush have confirmed that the final date of the conference has not been set, although speculations persist that it will be before the end of current October. "We cannot attend the said conference unless the status of Al-Qudse (Jerusalem) is on the agenda," said Mr. Arafat. On his part, Mr. Bush said that much will depend on what happens in the next two weeks.

The peace momentum continues to proceed obstinately in spite of significant Israeli hurdles in its way. There seems to be a real chance for peace, at last.

**Kuwait's Defense
Agreements**

Despite the assurances of Crown Prince and Prime Minister Saad Al-Abdullah rumours persist in Kuwait regarding annexes to Kuwait's defense agreement with the USA. Nudged by the leadership and specially by the Foreign Minister, the Kuwaiti Parliament approved the agreement according to which Kuwait will provide facilities to American forces, and will pay for their keep. The parliamentarians voted overwhelmingly in favor (only seven abstentions, and one opposed). "The treaty explicitly states that the Americans may not interfere in the internal affairs of Kuwait, and it underlines Kuwait's affiliation to the Arab family." Following the ten year period, the agreement will be renewed on an annual basis. Similarly, Kuwait has reached agreement with France according to which France may station troops and store arms in Kuwait. Kuwait's needs for foreign protection comes following Iraq's doomed efforts at annexing Kuwait.

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JAPAN AS A SOURCE OF TECHNOLOGY

Japan's technology transfer to South Korea amounted to \$270 million in fiscal 1989, more than double the amount given to other Asian countries, according to a government white paper released last week.

The 1991 white paper on science and technology released by Japan's Science and Technology Agency said the country's technology transfer to Seoul surged by more than four-fold in the five years to the year to March 1990.

Chinese imports of Japanese technology, which outranked other countries in fiscal 1984 at \$170 million, tapered off to \$60 million in the year under review. Imports of other Asian countries have remained below \$130 million since fiscal 1980.

Thailand was the second largest importer of Japanese technology in fiscal 1989 at \$130 million, followed by Taiwan and Singapore at \$120 million. Indonesian imports totalled \$70 million, while Malaysian purchases amounted to \$50 million.

The annual white paper also noted a survey conducted by the agency which forecast that in the near future, Japan would outstrip the United States in 12 areas of high technology, including biotechnology and superconductors. The paper, however, noted that Japan would face "a chronic shortage of researchers" by the year 2000, reflecting a sharp drop in the number of births.

The assertion follows the release of a survey last month by the Institute for Future Technology which said Japan would lack an estimated 480,000 researchers in 2005, with only 500,000 posts filled out of the 980,000 needed. There will be an estimated shortage of 300,000 researchers in engineering, 130,000 in science and 40,000 in the medicine and pharmacy, the institute said.

It is worth mentioning that Japanese allocation for research as a percent of GNP, specially in the hard sciences, has more than tripled over the last two decades.

**IT IS TIME FOR
MOBUTU TO GO!**

Foreigners continue to evacuate Zaire as President Mobutu Sese Seko, the ruthless and corrupt dictator of the country for 26 years, began to lose control of the situation. Disturbances over the last two weeks have claimed more than eighty lives already.

The problems started when soldiers who had not been paid for the last several months, rebelled against their commanders and went out on a looting and rioting spree. More than 1,000 French and Belgian paratroopers have been flown into Zaire in order to "protect their nationals and other nationals". Yet, the mutinous soldiers continue to pose a threat to the embassies and other foreigners.

Mobutu accepted a multiparty democracy to ease the tension, and further agreed to let the main opposition leader form the new government. Yet, disagreement continues as to who will choose the ministers.

Many opposition figures say that Mobutu has incited the troops to mutiny in order to provoke foreign intervention. Twice in the 1970s, Western troops intervened to keep Mobutu in power against a perceived Marxist-led opposition. However, with the change in international relations, Mobutu may have shot himself in the head by playing the same old trick, once again.

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THE BRITISH EMBASSY ANNOUNCES

Following the unification of the Yemen, and the resulting improvement in communications between north and south, Her Majesty's Government have decided that with effect from 31st October, visa and passport operations in the Republic of Yemen will be concentrated at the Consular Section of the British Embassy, Sana'a.

From that date the Consulate-General at Aden will cease to receive visa and passport applications; the Consulate-General will in future concentrate on commercial work, but will continue to provide emergency consular protection services. Under these revised arrangements, a full and effective service will be provided to all Governorates in the Republic.

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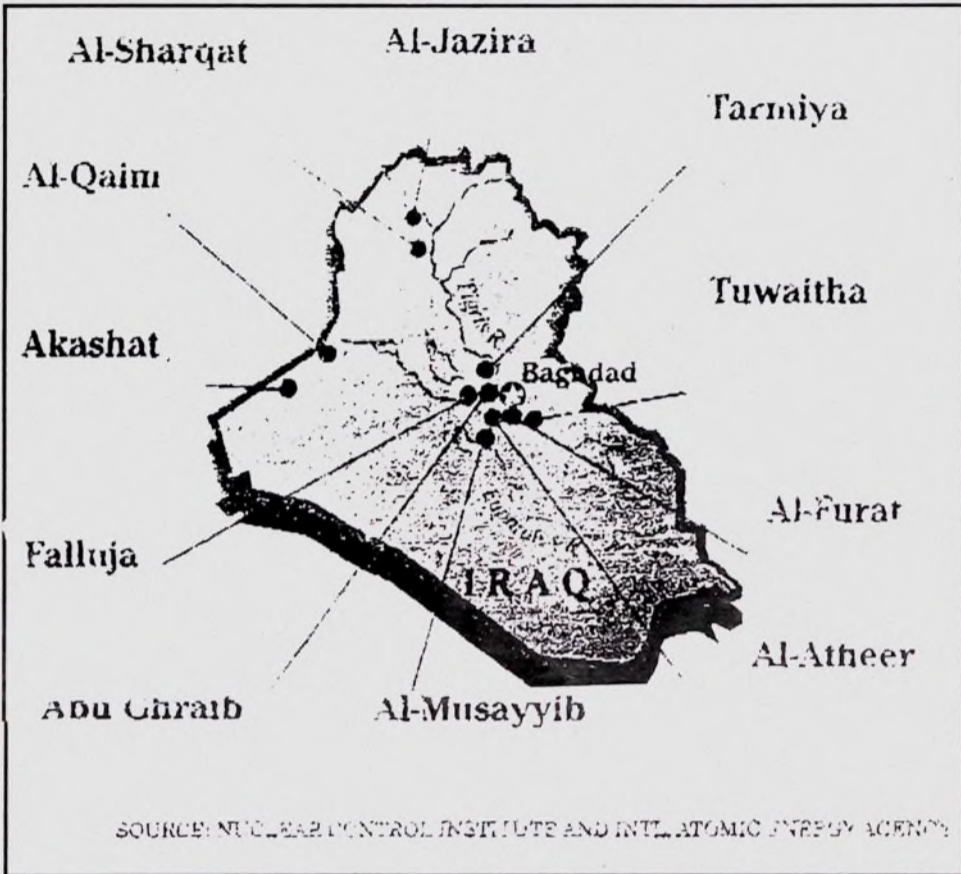
IRAQI WEAPONS DESTROYED

"It made a nice big fire!" With those words, Douglas Enlund greeted the journalists. One ton of gunpowder-

5. meters barrel and a range of over 200 kms., the supergun was dismantled. Four other superguns,

ter shells for 200 kms. Several United Nations teams have been shuttling back and forth into Iraq

over the last few months. During these trips, the teams search, identify, and document Iraq's military capabilities, specially the ballistic weapons. Last month they "stumbled" over a document wich details Iraq's nuclear programs, the names of the persons in-



that would have been used to fire shells from Iraq's 'superguns' went up in smoke on Monday October 7th, under the supervision of the UN team charged with destroying Iraq's military installations. The UN team leader, Mr. Englund, indicated that his team also destroyed the only supergun that has already been assembled by Iraq. On October 8th, at the Jabal Hamrayn site, 200,kms. north of Baghdad, the 350 mm. gun with a 52.

which were not yet assembled were also destroyed at the Iskandriyah site, some 50 kms. south of Baghdad. "The tubes have been cut at each end so that they can never be bolted together again," Englund told the reporters. The five guns vary from 30 to 150 metres in length, three of them with a caliber of 350 mm, and two (the so-called doomsday guns) with a 1000mm. calibre. In initial testing, the assembled gun fired one-meter diame-

involved, and the location of the sites. This document is perceived as an important tool in the hands of the UN team in executing its objectives. Under the terms of UN Security Council resolutions which brought about the ceasefire, Iraq is supposed to enable the UN to destroy its military arsenal. The searching, identification, and documentation phase may be over, the destroying part has just began.

DR. ASBAHI IS OKAY.

The Yemen Times talked to Dr. Ahmed Al-Asbahi, Rapporteur of the People's General Congress, who has been receiving medical treatment in Amman, Jordan following his assassination attempt in Sanaa, two months ago, Dr. Al-Asbahi has fully recovered to the extent that he has headed the Yemeni delegation to the "Conference of Popular Forces" which is being held in Baghdad during 8 - 11 of current October. Dr. Asbahi expected to be back in Yemen for the 14th of October Revolution's anniversary. It will be noted that the assassination attempt was said to have been instigated by personal reasons. The person who attempted to kill Dr. Asbahi is still in jail, and the investigation authorities say "He suffers from a mental disorder". Many persons still doubt that conclusion.



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