

Pvt traders import over 8 lakh maunds of Indian rice

Some 8,11,174 maunds of rice were imported from India through private traders in last two months, according to an official handout issued on Thursday, says UNB.

Oli urges engineers Formulate plans conforming to future needs

Communications Minister Col (Retd) Oli Ahmed has called upon engineers to formulate perspective plan in consideration of future needs of the people, reports BSS.

Ishaque, the function was also addressed by Chief Engineer of the Department Fazul Karim and General Secretary of the Association Nurul Huda.

ment of their performances through discussions at the convention. He suggested identification of problems in their professional duties with suggestions for their remedies and circulation of the same among themselves.

Karma-Sahayak Foundation engaged in 46 districts

The Bangladesh Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation is engaged in 46 districts of the country in the task of poverty alleviation, foundation's Chairman Nazrul Islam has said, reports BSS.

House Budget Panel okays Republican spending cuts

WASHINGTON, Mar 17: Majority Republicans pushed 17 billion dollars in spending cuts through the House and 100 billion dollars more through its budget committee Thursday as furious Democrats accused them of renegeing on a deal and using phony, double-counted savings, says AP.

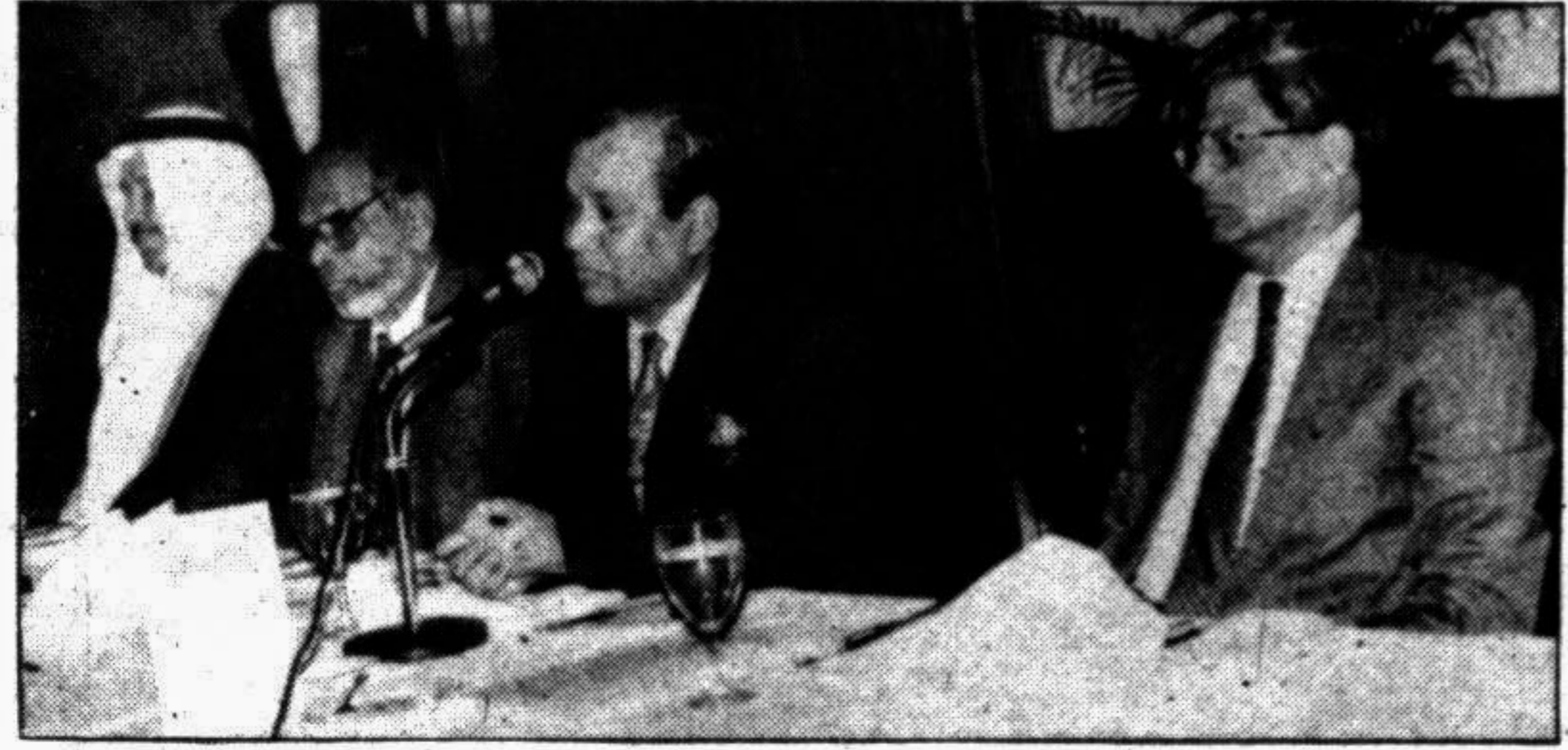
There is no question that if the bill is in its present form, the president would veto it, said President Clinton's chief of staff, Leon Panetta. He called the reductions "irresponsible and mean spirited."

for the Republican tax-cut package. The vote was 24-11, and like the House roll call, it was nearly party-line.

Japanese grant worth \$1.54 lakh for 3 projects

Japanese government will extend financial assistance worth over 1.54 lakh US dollars for purchasing necessary equipment for three social welfare projects in Bangladesh, reports UNB.

Japanese Charge de Affaires Yoshihisa Kuroda signed the grant contracts under Small-Scale Grant Assistance programme of Japanese government with three Non-Governmental Organisations here on Thursday.



Mohammad Nasiruddin, Bangladesh ambassador designate to Saudi Arabia, delivering speech at a reception organised in his honour by Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited at a city hotel recently.

SEBL will open principal branch by June 30

The South East Bank Ltd (SEBL) has decided to open its principal branch by June 30 this year, says a press release.

ECO should become vehicle for global economic integration

ISLAMABAD, Mar 17: Facing political and ethnic turbulence in several member states, leaders of 10 Muslim countries in Asia concluded a two-day summit Wednesday by saying peace was necessary for the region's development, says AFP.

Declaration issued by the group said that normality and prosperity in the ECO region would foster "greater solidarity and co-operation" among its 300 million people.

Formalities for implementing the ECO protocol on preferential tariff arrangements were also completed, while a regional treaty on the protection and promotion of investment is under consideration by member countries, said the declaration.

Chinese cuisine flourishes in Mexican border town

MEXICALI, Mexico, Mar 17: When you think of "Mexico" and "food" together, tacos, salsa and tortilla chips are likely to come to mind, reports AP.

Strollers looking for a place to eat are beckoned by signs proclaiming "Comida China," as some restaurants in Mexicali call Chinese food.

2,000 pure Chinese and 1,500 mixed Chinese out of a population of about 1 million.

Wolfensohn to head WB

WASHINGTON, Mar 17: Representatives of the 178 countries that owe the World Bank the world's biggest source of loans to the Third World, confirmed private investment banker James D. Wolfensohn as the bank's president Thursday, reports AP.

Nikes quarterly profits up 51 pc

BEAVERTON, Oregon, Mar 17: Nike Inc. reported a 51 per cent increase in profits for the fiscal third-quarter, citing soaring global sales of its athletic footwear and apparel, reports AP.

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Indian inflation may fall

NEW DELHI, Mar 17: The double-digit inflation that has made many Indians oppose the country's free-market reforms will soon fall sharply, the government said Thursday, reports AP.

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Supporters of the increase said it would hurt now but would ultimately benefit the economy by providing government funds to combat a crisis touched off by the peso's steep devaluation.

of powerful executives normally allied with the ruling party.

Scores of members of El Barzon, a national group demanding relief from debt and high interest rates, protested Thursday outside the central bank in downtown Mexico City.