

AP NewScope

Egypt, USSR friendlier

BEIRUT — The rift between Egypt and the Soviet Union, following 10 weeks of strained relations and a war of words, appears on the surface to be closing.

Knowledgeable sources here said Soviet Communist party leader Leonid I. Brezhnev will have a summit meeting in Damascus with President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and President Hafez al-Assad of Syria sometime this month.

Assad made a secret two-day visit to Moscow on Thursday and Friday and held talks with Kremlin leaders. He flew from Moscow straight to Cairo and immediately went into a series of secret meetings with Sadat and his top aides.

A Beirut newspaper said it is likely that Soviet President Nikolai V. Podgorny or Premier Alexei N. Kosygin will go to Cairo after Sikdy's visit to Moscow. But the newspaper Al Anwar, which has strong connections with Cairo, said a tripartite summit meeting in Damascus of Brezhnev, Sadat and Assad is more likely.

Denmark votes on Market

COPENHAGEN — Denmark is going to decide at the ballot box today whether it wants to join the European Common Market — a week after its Norwegian neighbor voted no.

The Norwegian rejection brought unexpected suspense to the Danish referendum in which about 3 million eligible voters are being asked to approve or reject their government's decision to take Denmark into the Market on Jan. 1, along with Britain and Ireland.

The government has told the voters that a "no" vote in Denmark would mean devaluation of their currency, the Krone, and austerity.

Industrialists say a negative vote would mean mass unemployment.

The latest public opinion polls showed a majority — 53-36 per cent — of "yes" votes, but no one, after Norway, is sure now.

Polish telephone rates rise

WARSAW (AP) — The average Polish worker will have to pay nearly a month's wages starting Monday to have a telephone installed, double what it cost before.

According to the official news agency PAP about 450,000 Poles are waiting to have telephones put in their homes. But the government claims that by increasing the rate for installation and pay booth calls it will be able to streamline the nation's communications networks and cut the waiting time for a house telephone — now eight years.

It will now cost a Pole the equivalent in Zlotys of \$99 to have a telephone installed. The average pole earns about \$113 a month.

In addition, the cost of making a telephone call from a booth will go up from five cents to eight cents, at the official exchange rate. But that's much less at black market rates.

Boyle continues campaign

HARLAN, Ky. — W. A. Tony Boyle, president of the United Mine Workers Union, carried his campaign for re-election into

Engineering course set

State College High School juniors and seniors will be given the opportunity to participate in an engineering course at the University and receive college credit for their work.

Under the College of Engineering and Continuing Education at the University, a course in Engineering 5 designed for first year engineering students will be available to high school students beginning Oct. 9, and continuing each Monday for 10 weeks. The class will be held from 2:30 to 4:45 p.m. in 312 Hammond.

Designed to enable students to work with a variety of equipment and instruments and to learn methods of measuring and assessing experimental data, the course

is organized into a series of experiments which introduce generalized measurement systems and basic experimental concepts.

Each experiment introduces engineering concepts and applications through collecting and analyzing data and applying the experimental results to an engineering problem. The experiments cover such areas as mechanical, electrical, thermal, nuclear, and fluid measurements as well as characteristics and methods of processing materials.

Opportunity will be provided to discuss the experiments, raise questions, and relate the experimental experience to real-world applications in the various fields of engineering.

Eastern Kentucky yesterday where he lashed out against "outsiders" he said wanted to wrest control of the union.

Between 600 and 700 vocal supporters turned out for Boyle at the James A. Camwood High School, a stark contrast to the 50 or so who showed up at a rally for Boyle's opponent in nearby Cumberland last weekend.

Boyle is being challenged for the presidency of the 190,000-member union by Arnold Miller, a 49-year-old disabled miner from Ohley, W. Va.

A U.S. district judge in Washington ordered the election, set for December, after irregularities were found in the last union contest in 1969.

Gartley describes prison life

NEW YORK — Navy Lt. Mark Gartley, who returned to the United States last week after four years in North Vietnamese prisoner of war camps, said yesterday he has to make a "re-evaluation" about the war. He also said he has not decided on whether he will stay in the Navy.

"When I was shot down I was not politically aware," he told a news conference, "but since that time I have learned a lot. I have to make a re-evaluation."

Gartley, 28, had been asked if he had been brainwashed.

"I'd have to know what you mean by your definition of the word," he said. "We were exposed to information of an anti-war nature."

Gartley said there were no conditions attached to his release, but, he said, the anti-war activists who escorted him and Navy Lt. j.g. Norris Charles and Air Force Maj. Edward K. Elias home had been given a mandate by the North Vietnamese "to return us to our families in the United States."

McGovern backed, attacked

Sen. George McGovern's wife said he will soon spell out specific plans for ending the Indochina war, and Welfare Secretary Elliot L. Richardson said McGovern has lost credibility because of indecision and contradictions.

Yesterday was a day of campaigning by spokesmen as the presidential contenders rested, President Nixon at his Camp David retreat in Maryland and McGovern in Washington.

Eleanor McGovern, appearing on the NBC program "Meet the Press," said the Democratic candidate's proposal "will not be a secret plan but a very public one."

She declined to give details and set no exact date, but said: "It will come very soon, in a few days."

Richardson, in a speech prepared for a Republican club in Rehoboth, Mass., said McGovern has contradicted himself and shown hesitation and indecision on such issues as welfare, the Vietnam war, the Middle East and the economy.

Blue Shield decision held

PHILADELPHIA — State Insurance Commissioner Herbert S. Denenberg said over the weekend he is withholding his decision on Pennsylvania Blue Shield's request for an annual \$18.3 million rate increase.

Denenberg's statement came after week-long hearings here into the Blue Shield request.

Denenberg said he will not make any decision on the matter until the organization:

- "Responds to and shows progress on" the 45 guidelines for reform Denenberg has proposed.
- Resolves what Denenberg says are conflict of interest problems among policy-making members of its board of directors.
- Makes certain records of the Medicare program — in which Blue Shield makes payments to doctors as an agent of the government — available to him for inspection.

No-fault to pass, Shapp predicts

HARRISBURG (AP) — Despite earlier schedules that fell through, the Shapp administration says this is the week no-fault car insurance will pass the legislature.

A compromise version that appears to have everybody's support was worked out last week in meetings between the trial lawyers, the insurance industry, the administration and legislative leaders.

The plan is to attach the compromise version to the now-dead, no-fault bill on the Senate calendar today, have the Senate pass it tomorrow, and have the House give it final approval Wednesday.

There appeared little, if any, objection to the compromise no-fault bill, re-written to satisfy the complaints of the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association.

The no-fault bill would require insurance companies to reduce liability insurance premiums by 10 per cent. Shapp's bill had been amended to mandate a 15 per cent premium cut.

The compromise also makes it easier for an accident victim to go to court to sue for pain and suffering — the major concession to the trial lawyers.

Because of the chance of more lawsuits which mean higher settlements, total benefits were dropped in the compromise bill from \$69,225 to \$10,000.

Benefits, for medical expenses and loss of earnings, would be paid automatically to an accident victim by his own insurance company regardless of who caused the accident. Property damage is not included.

The Shapp administration was confident two weeks ago that its no-fault bill would pass, but it ran into two unwanted amendments.

What transpired over the past week to force the administration to the bargaining table was a fear that its promise of a good no-fault bill was fading away. The administration felt it might get no-fault through the Senate and the House, but, on the other hand, as one source close to the scene put it, "Why take the chance of losing everything?"

"It would have been a real knock-down political bloodbath and nobody wants this if it can be avoided. The odds were 6-to-5 we could push it through the House, but you don't know how long it can be dragged out," he said.

"There were threats to put it in committee — that would take 10 days. There are all kinds of parliamentary tricks that could have been used to delay the bill until election."

If action on the bill could be postponed until after election no-fault as Shapp wanted it was dead, most observers agreed.

"Guys were for the bill only because the people back home wanted it. They had tremendous pressures to oppose it on the Capitol but couldn't go with those because they are running for election," he said.

The serious negotiations began Wednesday night after Senate opponents pushed through on a 27-22 vote an amendment extending no-fault type coverage to collision insurance. The administration said the provision was unworkable.

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