

# Israel cabinet still undecided on peace plan

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli Cabinet adjourned after a seven-hour session Tuesday without taking a decision on the draft of a peace treaty with Egypt.

President Carter has urged the Israelis to accept the document but some ministers expressed reservations.

Speaking to reporters after the lengthy session, Prime Minister Menachem Begin said, "I hope the Cabinet will end its discussion tomorrow, and that it will also take the decisions."

Former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, also a member of the powerful committee, said the draft left open "certain questions which require concrete answers."

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, Israel's chief negotiators at the talks, briefed Parliament's most powerful body, the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, after the Cabinet adjourned.

"Everybody is analyzing," said Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin. "I hope there will be a conclusion tomorrow."

Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich told Israel radio after the meeting he hoped the draft would be ratified Wednesday. But the radio quoted Energy Minister Yitzhak Modai as saying the draft "raises doubts whether this means real peace or just a tactical step which is not real peace."

Official sources confirmed press reports that Carter cabled Begin to urge Israel to accept the draft, saying the negotiators had produced a good agreement.

But after 11 hours of discussion Monday and Tuesday, the Cabinet had neither accepted the draft or issued new instructions to its negotiators.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia expressed a "better understanding" of the peace accords after a 24-hour visit to Saudi Arabia by President Anwar Sadat's special

envoy, a senior Egyptian presidential aide said in Cairo.

The official, who asked not to be named, said the special envoy, Sayed Marei, "explained in detail the agreements so far reached" during the treaty talks in Washington. The spokesman said, however, that it was "premature to say that Saudi Arabia has fully endorsed" the peace accords.

Sudan is so far the only Arab country that has publicly come out in favor of Egypt's peace overtures to Israel.

The Israeli Cabinet's deliberations were secret, but newspapers reported that Begin was satisfied with a bare mention of linkage in the text's preamble, though the newspaper Haaretz, in an unreported report, said Begin had reservations about the military arrangement for Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai Peninsula.

# Richard placed on year-long probation

TORONTO (UPI) — Keith Richard, the musical spirit of the Rolling Stones, Tuesday was given a one-year suspended sentence on conviction of heroin possession and ordered to give a benefit performance for the blind.

County Court Judge Lloyd Graburn placed Richard on a year's probation and ruled he must continue treatment for heroin addiction at a private New York psychiatric clinic.

Richard also was ordered to report twice a year to a probation officer and submit medical reports on his drug treatment.

The millionaire rock star, dressed in a three-piece beige suit, sat in the prisoner's dock listening attentively but did not show any outward emotion when sentence was passed.

The nearly 100 spectators in the packed courtroom broke into wild applause and Judge Graburn angrily ordered them to remain silent.

"I have no doubt that Mr. Richard is a truly creative artist," Judge Graburn said in his 40-minute sentence comments.

"Heroin addiction is a weakness —

a disease. This man did not sell drugs. He did not commit crimes."

The judge said that while he noted a number of Rolling Stones' records glorified the use of drugs he said Richard's decision to seek medical aid was a "salutary" example for young people.

"No other aspect of Keith Richard's behavior has been challenged," Graburn said. "Admittedly the amount of drugs was great (but) I would not incarcerate him for his tolerance to drugs."

Richard, 34, was arrested three days after he arrived in Toronto in February, 1977 when Royal Canadian Mounted Police seized 22 grams of heroin in the hotel suite he shared with actress Anita Pallenberg, 35, his common-law wife of 10 years and his eight-year-old son, Marlon.

The thin, ashen-faced musician testified during his trial that he has taken heroin since 1967. Evidence showed he was taking about 10 caps (one gram) of heroin a day and when arrested he had enough heroin to last about a month.

# Syria, Iraq heads unite against peace plans

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — Syrian President Hafez Assad visited Iraq for the first time in five years Tuesday, temporarily burying the two Arab neighbors' bitter political rift to unite in opposition to the Camp David accords.

Assad's visit to Baghdad was seen as a major step toward relaxing one of the Arab world's bitterest ideological disputes.

Assad arrived to a 21-gun salute, bouquets of flowers and a warm em-

brace from Iraqi counterpart Ahmed Hassan Al Bakr and later began talks with Bakr and other senior officials.

Assad's visit, a landmark event in the ever-shifting alliances of the Arab world, was preceded by the announcement Sunday of the reopening of borders, which had been closed for about a year, and the resumption of air traffic.

The trip, termed "a working visit" and expected to last two days, will be followed by another visit by Assad to

Baghdad for an Arab summit scheduled to begin Nov. 2.

Until recently, the Syrian regime and that of Iraqi President Ahmed Hassan al Bakr were set against one another in a relentless propaganda war and blamed each other for subversive activity and political assassinations.

The Syria-Iraq reconciliation, whether lasting or not, was seen by Arab analysts as a measure of the importance both

attach to closing Arab ranks in order to counter U.S.-backed Middle East peace moves since the Camp David summit.

The split between the Syrian and Iraqi Ba'ath Parties dates back to 1966, when the party's "military" wing in Damascus led by Gen. Salah Jedin rebelled against the pan-Arab political command, including Ba'ath party founder Michel Aflak, and drove them out of Syria.

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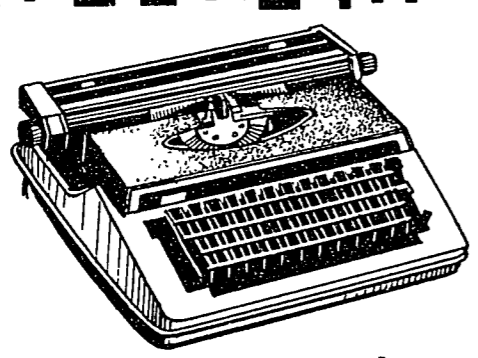
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