

# Major components of Israel-Arab treaty worked out

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A tired but elated President Carter returned from his dramatic six-day Middle East peace journey early Wednesday, saying it had a "happy result" and "God has answered our prayers."

Several hundred leaders, members of Congress and well-wishers turned out to welcome the president when Air Force One touched down at Andrews Air Force Base.

"We have now defined all the major components of a peace treaty between the largest and most powerful Arab nation, Egypt, and her neighbor and former enemy, Israel," Carter told the happy flag-waving gathering.

He said the United States peace proposals had been accepted by Egypt and all but two of these issues had been resolved with Prime Minister Menachem Begin and the Israeli cabinet.

Less than three hours from now, he said, Begin will present the remaining proposals to the Israeli cabinet for consideration.

Carter said he had left instructions to be awakened if the news from Jerusalem "is good" and added, "I believe it will be."

The president, who had laid his political prestige on the line with his personal involvement in the drawn-out, uncertain peace negotiations between Egypt and Israel, said he went to the Middle East without any guarantee of success in advance.

"There were risks involved and they were pointed out by many people — political risks to me as president and therefore, perhaps, to the prestige of the United States.

"Fortunately, our work has had a happy result," he said. "But I want to stress that the effort would have been worth making regardless of the outcome."

Carter's peace mission appeared to be on the verge of failure when the breakthrough came yesterday morning after Carter and Begin had a final 2½ hour breakfast session. At that time, sources said Begin brought in a revised version of the Israeli package to break the deadlock and said it was his final offer.

No details have been disclosed on the final wording of the controversial proposals. But the two remaining issues apparently involve the first steps toward Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip

and a guaranteed supply of oil for Israel after it turns over the Sinai Peninsula oil fields to Egypt within nine months after a treaty is signed.

Carter stressed he believes the new treaty emerging between Egypt and Israel "can be the cornerstone of a comprehensive settlement" between Israel and all of her Arab neighbors.

He said he has sent private messages, some of them from Air Force One on his flight home, urging other world leaders "to support what Egypt and Israel have done ... for it offers hope to all that love peace, everywhere in the world."

Carter got on the plane in Cairo and went around shaking hands with all of his top advisers. All appeared confident the last hurdle — a decision by the Israeli cabinet — would have a happy outcome.

In Jerusalem, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin called his Cabinet into special session today and said the first peace treaty between Israel and an Arab state could be signed at the end of next week or the week after if parliament approved it. He said he would resign if parliament failed to do so.

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Egyptian President Anwar Sadat gestures to U.S. President Jimmy Carter as he talks on the phone to Israeli

Premier Menachem Begin prior to his return to Washington.

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## Student voter registrations lost, communication break blamed

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Almost 200 completed voter registration forms were accidentally thrown out when the Undergraduate Student Government Department of Political Affairs failed to pick up the forms at the Intramural Building after last Wednesday's registration for classes.

Department head Jim Morrison said political affairs was sharing the responsibility for the registration drive with the Homophiles of Penn State. Former HOPS president Josh Rubinstein was to watch over the operation during last Tuesday's registration and Morrison was to oversee Wednesday's drive.

Morrison said his car broke down in Harrisburg late Tuesday night on his way back to the University. He said he

called a USG senator Wednesday morning to insure the forms would be picked up.

"I gave someone the responsibility to get those forms picked up and I was assured that it would be done," Morrison said.

The senator, whose name was not released, was then incorrectly informed that someone from political affairs would be at the IM building to pick up the forms. Class registration ended and the forms were left on the table and eventually thrown away by a janitor, Morrison said.

"It was a simple communication breakdown which resulted in a bad situation, he said. "It is very difficult to blame anyone for a specific failure, but obviously more forethought and caution on the part of a couple of people would have prevented the situations."

The forms were from both Tuesday's and Wednesday's registration. Morrison said he did not know why the forms were left in the IM building overnight. Rubinstein did not return calls from the Collegian and was unable to be reached for comment.

Morrison said students who registered to vote last week must now go to the USG office to register again before April 15 or they will not be able to vote in the May primaries.

Morrison said some of the students would probably not register again either because they will not be informed of the accident or will not bother to go to the USG office.

The political affairs department is planning more voter registration drives on the ground floor of the HUB, Morrison said.

## ASA funding guidelines changed

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The Associated Student Activities Budgetary Committee will begin using a new method of allocating funds this term, in hopes of being able to fund more student organizations, Chairman Mark Bell said.

Bell said the committee "changed the eligibility guidelines" determining which student organizations can request funds from ASA. In the past, Bell said, many groups were excluded for arbitrary reasons. Departmental clubs, which were ineligible to receive funds under the old system, are now eligible, he said.

Under the revised method of allocating funds, the committee will allocate within broad categories, rather than marking funds for specific items. There will be some restrictions — specifically on telephone expenses and

employee wages — to safeguard against abuse of funds.

Bell said the primary reason for reorganization was that the committee had "failed to change with the times." He said the committee plans to "look at the whole University picture" to determine funding in the future. Bell said the amount of money ASA receives from the University probably will not increase, and with more student organizations competing for funds, some of the groups regularly funded by ASA may experience a "minor cut" in their allocation.

Organizations which ASA will not fund under the new system include political and religious groups, honor fraternities, social fraternities and sororities and groups which restrict membership.

The procedure for requesting funds from ASA will remain the same, Bell said. Organizations will be required to

submit a detailed budget for consideration by the committee. Bell said the procedure will not be changed because the committee wants to make sure organization officers are familiar with a budgeting process. However, the committee will "allocate by category to allow flexibility," he said.

Each organization will be notified of a request ceiling for their Spring budget, Bell said. Groups will not be allowed to request more than the ceiling figure, which Bell said would be determined from the group's previous allocations and enrollment. The ceiling on requests is an attempt to equalize funding among student organizations and to eliminate the problem of groups padding their budgets by requesting twice as much as they need, he said.

A workshop to orient student leaders to the new system will be held early next week.

## Hanoi reports torture

BANGKOK, Thailand (UPI) — Vietnamese troops fired on retreating Chinese soldiers yesterday and Hanoi issued a formal charge that the Chinese invaders had tortured schoolchildren and slashed 100 to death in a mass blood-bath.

Despite Chinese claims that its troops are withdrawing from Vietnam, the Vietnamese Foreign Ministry issued a statement saying: "The Chinese aggressors were still reluctant to withdraw from Vietnam. In many areas they continued shelling, laying mines and poisoning wells."

The statement said Vietnamese forces were lighting off attacks in a number of areas, inflicting heavy casualties in skirmishes as late as Monday.

The Foreign Ministry statement charged Chinese troops in Vietnam with a long series of crimes, including the rape and murder of a school teacher, abduction of several

women to China, and the chopping to death of seven children.

In its most gruesome accusation so far, Radio Hanoi claimed Chinese troops slaughtered 100 Vietnamese children in Bat Xat village 190 miles northwest of Hanoi.

"Chinese troops ransacked 80 houses along the main road, looted property and gathered all remaining children at the marketplace," the broadcast said.

"Then Chinese criminal agents swooped on the children, slashing at their heads and necks with sabers. The screams were heard half a mile away."

The radio quoted one villager saying he saw the body of a little girl "disembowled and hung outside the Bassac Restaurant" in the village.

China painted a different picture of its troops' activities in Vietnam.

## Republicans propose tax hikes

HARRISBURG (AP) — Republicans pushed an income tax hike through the House Finance Committee yesterday, but some said later they don't expect it to survive on the House floor.

In another sign of resistance to Governor Dick Thornburgh's budget proposals, the tax bill was moved to the full House by a 12-7 margin with Republicans supplying all the yes votes. Without the bill, the 2.2 percent personal income tax would automatically revert to 2 percent on Dec. 31. Also, the corporate income tax would drop from 10.5 percent to 9.5 percent.

"By no stretch of the imagination can this be considered to be an increase," said committee chairman Frank Lynch, one of scores of Republicans who opposed the same tax increases in 1977. "It's a continuation of the present tax."

However, Senate Democratic Leader Edward Zemprelli offered a different view.

"We don't consider an extension anything other than a tax increase. If taxes are extended, it is in fact a tax increase," said Zemprelli, who added that Democrats won't take any position

on the budget or the tax issues until full budget hearings are held in April.

Maintaining the income taxes is a keystone of Thornburgh's Republican budget. However, even Republican House members are queasy about dealing with a tax hike.

"Really, the proper way to go is to cut back those taxes," said Rep. George Pott, R-Allegheny, who wants to reduce the personal tax to 2.1 percent and business tax to 10 percent in January 1980 and to 2 percent and 9.5 percent by January 1983.

"Obviously, it's difficult to roll back to 2 percent and 9.5 percent in one swoop, because the government is committed to paying certain bills," he said.

Like Pott, Rep. Lee Taddonio, R-Westmoreland, voted to release the tax bill from committee. But he added:

"Right now, I think that thing is in a lot of trouble. Once it gets to the floor, I don't think it will survive."

Taddonio said he voted for the bill "just to get it out of committee and get it resolved on the floor. I'd like to see this issue dealt with quickly."

Taddonio and Democrats at the committee meeting protested having to vote for taxes before they see what kind of state budget the Legislature will approve.

"In the process of reducing or spending taxes, we don't even know what the spending will be," said Taddonio.

"If I put all my money on the table, my wife will spend all of it," said Rep. Amos Hutchinson, D-Westmoreland. "How can you pass the taxes before you have an appropriations bill? We might not like your (Republican) spending priorities."

### Battle of seasons

We're caught in the battle of the seasons and winter will return today as temperatures fall through the 40's this morning into the 30's this afternoon to a low of 20 tonight. Today will be windy with morning showers, possibly some thunder, and some flurries this afternoon and tonight. We'll have some partial clearing late this afternoon and tonight and tomorrow will become mostly sunny with a breezy high of 32.



Photo by Dan Querry

## Board accepts petition against Ferguson mall; other land uses seen

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The Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors voted unanimously last night to accept the petition of Ferguson township residents opposed to the proposed Ferguson shopping mall.

The decision was greeted with applause by more than 90 people who attended the meeting.

Board chairman Ernest L. Bergman said the citizens' alternative rezoning plans, studies and petition would be submitted to the Ferguson Township Planning Commission for review and comments. The plans also will be sent to the Centre Regional Planning Commission.

Addressing the supervisors before their decision, Bergman said the petition should be either accepted or rejected. "I'll have none of that," he said, in reference to the third option of "taking no action."

"So far the planning commission has been allowed to look at only one use for the land," Park Hill Association attorney

Benjamin Novak said.

"This is the last major piece of land available for residential use within walking distance of the University. Since there is a need for residential development, let it occur on this logical site," he said.

Ferguson residents were denied petition forms last October and were told that "initiative" and "group petition" procedures under the township's home rule charter were irrelevant to zoning matters. The residents circulated petitions regardless of the ruling and amassed over 800 signatures.

In a presentation illustrated by contour maps, hydrologist Gert Aron said managing the storm water drainage from a large mall would entail construction of a dam 25 feet high at the bottom of the large parking lot.

"People try to get rid of storm water drainage as fast as they can and let those living downstream worry about it," he said.

Another hearing on the mall issue will be held May 1st.

Park Hill Association attorney Benjamin Novak delivering a presentation last night to the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors which accepted a

petition from a citizen's group opposed to construction of the proposed Ferguson Mall.