

# Begin supports attack on Iraqi plant

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TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin, brushing off worldwide condemnation yesterday, called the daring and devastating Israeli attack on Iraq's nuclear center an act of "supreme and legitimate self-defense."

In a stern warning against future attempts by Israel's enemies to develop a nuclear-weapons capability, Begin declared, "There won't be another holocaust. Never again."

His political rivals stepped up their criticism of the raid's timing, claiming the prime minister used it to try to win votes in the June 30 elections.

Israeli generals, appearing at a news conference with Begin, confirmed that American-made F-15 and F-16 warplanes were used in Sunday's raid, said "several tons" of bombs were dropped on the French-built Iraqi reactor, and disclosed that as many as three people were killed in the attack.

Previously only one victim, a French technician, had been listed. The two other possible casualties were not identified.

In Washington, D.C. Pentagon spokesman Henry Catto said the Reagan administration was studying whether the raid violated U.S. prohibitions on use of American-supplied planes for any but defensive purposes.

He said it had not been decided whether to go ahead with the scheduled delivery of four new F-16

fighters to Israel this week.

Begin denied Israel had misused the jets. "They were given to us for purposes of self-defense," he said, and the attack was "an act of supreme and legitimate self-defense." The Israelis say Iraq was planning to use the reactor in the manufacture of atomic bombs to be aimed at Israel.

Aides to Begin also said he privately criticized the United States for condemning the bombing even before President Reagan received a written explanation from Begin.

The Israeli leader reviled Iraqi President Saddam Hussein as a "tyrant," a "bloodthirsty enemy."

Internationally, the sharp denunciations of Israel continued to mount. The United Nations Security Council was expected to meet Friday to hear Iraq's complaint that Israel committed a "grave act of aggression."

The Arab League scheduled an emergency meeting of foreign ministers for tomorrow in Baghdad to discuss a united response to the Israeli attack. The Iraqi News Agency said at least 13 of 21 League members would be represented.

The Palestine Liberation Organization has called for political and economic sanctions against Israel's supporters, particularly the United States. But there was no advance indication what action the Arab League might take.

Some in the Arab world blamed the United States — directly or indirectly — for the Baghdad raid,

although the Reagan administration denies it had prior knowledge of it. U.S. officials expressed fears the Arab reaction could hamper U.S. diplomat Philip C. Habib's efforts to defuse the Israeli-Syrian showdown over Lebanon.

"Israel obtained a go-ahead signal from Washington before mounting the attack," the United Arab Emirates newspaper Al-Bayan claimed in a commentary typical of others in the Arab world.

Habib, nevertheless, began new talks in Lebanon yesterday. U.S., Israeli and Egyptian officials also opened further discussions on the stationing of a multinational buffer force in the Sinai after next spring's Israeli withdrawal from the Egyptian peninsula.

In Israel, the air attack seemed to win broad public support. Both of the Jewish state's chief rabbis congratulated Begin in a cable that said, "You have sanctified the name of Israel throughout the world."

But many in the opposition Labor Party said the bold action was timed to boost the chances of Begin's Likud bloc in Israel's general elections, just three weeks away.

On national television, Labor Party campaign chief Chaim Herzog accused the Begin government of "brushing aside all judgment in a cynical attempt to influence the elections." He claimed there was no reason not to delay the attack until after the national vote.

Another Laborite, former chief of staff Lt. Gen.

Mordechai Gur, said Begin's visions of nuclear attack were "frightening the people of Israel with the specter of holocaust."

Begin told the news conference the Iraqis had been pressing the 150 French experts at the nuclear complex outside Baghdad "even in the last few days" to hurry the reactor construction so it could be operational in July.

"If this had happened, we couldn't have done anything to prevent the Iraqis developing at least in the near future three to five Hiroshima-type bombs of 20 kilotons," the Israeli leader said.

Maj. Gen. David Ivri, the air force commander, told reporters "a number of types of planes" were used in the attack, and he specifically mentioned the American-supplied F-15 and F-16 warplanes.

The debriefing of the pilots after the attack, Ivri said, "was relatively dull because everything went by the plan."

The head of military intelligence, Maj. Gen. Yehoshua Saguy, was asked whether the casualties were caused because the Israelis underestimated the number of foreign experts that would be at the site on a Sunday.

"The fact that a number of planes dropped a number of tons of bombs on a very specific target, and caused a maximum of three deaths in the target — that doesn't exactly point to a failure," Saguy said.

In Washington, Catto said eight F-16 fighter-bombers struck the nuclear reactor with 2,000-pound

"dumb" bombs — conventional high-explosive bombs, as distinguished from precision-type weapons called "smart" bombs.

Six F-15s provided protective cover for the Israeli strike planes against possible Iraqi air counterattacks, Catto said. He said the Pentagon's information came from the Israelis.

Lt. Gen. Raphael Eytan, the Israeli chief of staff, said the planes may have been detected as they crossed the border into Arab territory, and "apparently there was some ill-directed, sporadic anti-aircraft fire near the target, but no missiles."

He said in an Israeli Radio interview the attack took only two minutes.

U.S. intelligence sources say the planes flew over northern Saudi Arabia to reach Baghdad, 620 miles east of Israel. Pentagon officials said the pilots spoke in Arabic in plane-to-plane radio conversations in an attempt to deceive Arab defenders.

Eytan indicated Israel was watching for Iraqi retaliation. He said that "theoretically" Iraq had the capacity to retaliate, "and Israel will consider how to prepare itself when we learn what option they might choose."

Earlier yesterday, Begin briefed the Israeli Parliament's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee on the raid, using a videotape of the bombing made from one of the attacking planes. A Begin spokesman said the classified videotape would probably not be shown publicly.

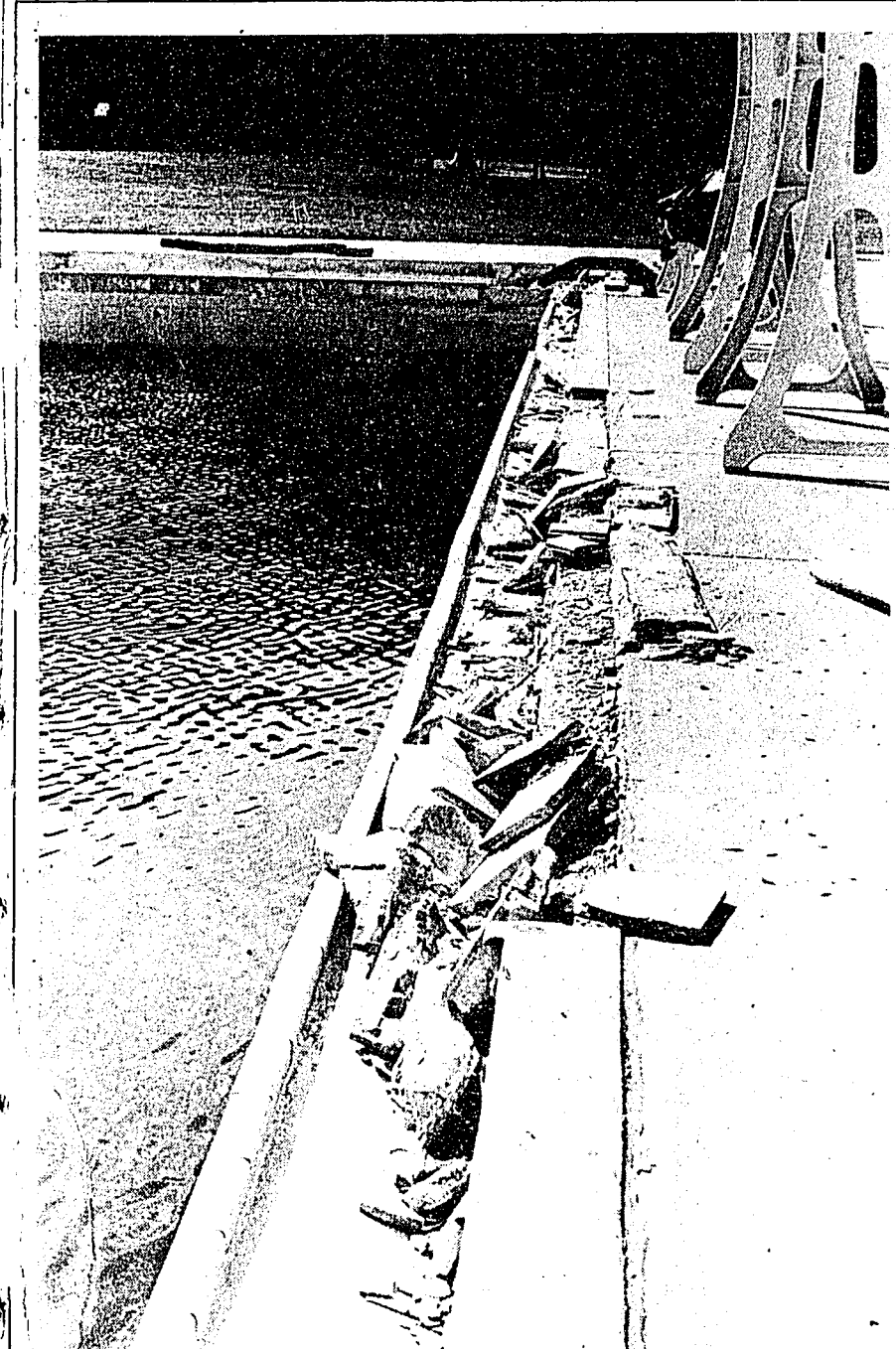


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Because of cracks in the concrete above the water line, the University's outdoor swimming pool will be closed until Labor Day for repairs. The damages are caused by the freeze-thaw cycle.

## University pool closed for repair

By SCOTT FRITSCHÉ  
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A \$150,000 renovation of the Penn State outdoor swimming pool on Bigler Road will mean that the pool will be closed until Labor Day, University President John W. Oswald said last week.

University officials had been considering temporary patch work on the pool which would have enabled it to open at the end of June, but George Lovette, assistant vice president for business, said a complete renovation was decided on for reasons of "safety and economy."

John Miller, the University's physical plant planning and development director, said the concrete just above the water line and deck area is deteriorating because of exposure to the freeze-thaw cycle, after being saturated with water.

Water, trapped in air spaces, expands and contracts and eventually causes the concrete to deteriorate and crack, Miller said.

"Structural defects related to freezing and thawing typically begin to show up after about six or seven years in the North," University Aquatics Director Louis D. MacNeill said earlier this spring.

Summer hours at the McCoy Natatorium have not yet been posted, but classes and sports camps will

dominate the hours available for open swimming.

Sunbathers will still be able to use the area around the pool, Joseph Bennett, director of the News Bureau of Public Information said, as long as they do not mind the sound of cement mixers and other construction machinery.

Students who want to swim outdoors can use State College facilities at the Welsh Pool on Westery Parkway or at the Park Forest Pool until the construction is completed.

Both the Welsh pool and the Park Forest Pool will be open from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. daily and weekends from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. When State College Area schools close for summer vacation next Thursday, the pools will be open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

The municipal pools have a \$65 family membership and a \$25 individual membership and have daily prices of \$1.25 for adults and \$1 for children.

Penn State's outdoor pool was constructed in 1969 with temporary repairs costing between \$12,000 and \$17,000 annually since 1974, when the pool first started showing signs of deterioration.

The funding for this summer's renovation will be provided by alumni and friends of the University, Oswald said.

## Trustees approve new dean Smith to replace Beattie as head of Agriculture

By VICKI FONG  
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The University Board of Trustees approved Samuel H. Smith, head of the University's department of plant pathology, as the new dean of the College of Agriculture, effective July 1, to replace retiring Dean James Beattie.

"He is one of the most highly respected plant pathologists in the United States at this time," University Provost Edward D. Eddy said at a recent board meeting. "His high standards are shown by his choice of faculty in his own department and tenure and promotional decisions."

Smith will also be the director of the Agricultural Experiment Station and director of the Cooperative Extension Service.

A 15-member search committee, including an agriculture student and agriculture faculty and administrators, recommended Smith out of a group of four final candidates, University President John W. Oswald said. Two of the candidates were from the University and two were from other institutions, he said.

The University was seeking an administrator who has courage in decision making and enjoys healthy competition for resources and ideas, Eddy said.

"We think that Samuel Smith is a good competitor and a good advocate for the College of Agriculture," he said.

Smith, 41, started at the University as an associate professor of plant pathology in 1969 in the Fruit Research Laboratory at Arendtsville.

In 1971 he moved to University Park and was promoted to full professor in 1974. Smith has been head of the department of plant pathology since 1976, and since 1978, he also has served as a U.S. Department of Agriculture plant pathologist.

As the new dean, Smith said, "Our greatest challenge is to see that our teaching, research and extension programs are meeting the needs of the University and the Commonwealth."

"There was a dramatic growth in the late '70s and in 1980 in student enrollment," he said. "This has leveled off and decreased a bit. Now we're interested in recruiting students for specific majors where we see good opportunities for students."

Another major challenge will come in the increased competition for government and private funds among the universities, he said.

With his experience in working with government

agencies and private institutions, Smith said, "I'm optimistic we can increase external funds. We need external grants and contracts to carry on programs we think are important."

"We're going to see an increase in the emphasis on agriculture. We're expecting an increase in agricultural funding nationally."

"Overall, the agriculture in Pennsylvania has tremendous opportunity to grow," Smith said. "We're into a situation where agriculture has great prospects to develop further in Pennsylvania."

Smith also said the University's plan to change to a semester system will be better for students.

"Frankly, I prefer the semester system because I think it's a better educational system. You have enough time for students to think about what's presented," he said. "The semester change is an opportunity for us to look at our course offerings and programs to see how to decide how to best use our resources."

Although questions have been brought up about the problems of transition and class sizes, Smith said, "With intelligent use of space and funds, we can meet the increased need."

Now the University has only one dean position to fill — the College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Eddy said. Robert Scannell stepped down as dean earlier this year and became director of the Commonwealth campuses and the office of Continuing Education.

Karl G. Stoedefalke has been acting dean of the college.

In other business, the board approved an interim maintenance and operating budget of \$449.8 million for the fiscal year, beginning July 1.

Because the state appropriation is still pending, Oswald said trustees should not act now on changes in tuition, salaries and wages, staff benefits or other increases.

"A final budget will be submitted when the state appropriation is clarified," he said. Final approval of the budget is scheduled for the July meeting of the board.

The \$449.8 million interim budget is similar to the 1980-81 operating budget. The University is waiting for final action on Gov. Dick Thornburgh's budget proposal that would increase the University's appropriation by 5.3 percent, from \$127 million to \$133 million.

Provost Eddy also told the board that Fall Term

enrollment at University Park has surpassed the maximum goal of 33,500 and is anticipated to be 33,675 students. Last year's Fall Term enrollment was 32,704 students.

"We have closed all admissions to University Park, and we also have closed transfers missions," Eddy said. "For the first time, we have closed down on further admission to the Educational Opportunity Program."

The Educational Opportunity Program is a special admissions program for students who have academic potential but are not eligible under normal college standards because of limited finances or low grades.

Also, enrollment at Hazleton Campus and associate degree enrollment for Ogontz Campus are full, he said.

In a news conference after the meeting, Oswald said finding enough housing for the additional students will be a problem, but he said the University can accommodate the students through the use of study lounges and adding more students to rooms. The normal attrition rate of students who fail to show up for registration will cut down the crowding, too, he said.

A new board member, Cecile M. Springer, was welcomed to the Board of Trustees as an appointee of Gov. Dick Thornburgh. Springer is the director of contributions and community affairs at Westinghouse Electric Co., Pittsburgh, and succeeds Joseph Rhodes Jr., a state representative from Pittsburgh.

Also, the trustees were informed that two new members will join five re-elected incumbents on the board.

University alumni elected Joel N. Myers of State College, president of Accu-Weather Inc., and re-elected H. Jesse Arnelle, a trial attorney in the San Francisco firm of Arnelle and Alldredge; and Helen D. Wise, executive director of the Delaware State Education Association and a former state representative from State College.

Industrial society delegates chose Howard O. Beaver Jr. of Reading, chairman of the board of Carpenter Technology Corp.; and Samuel A. Breene of Oil City, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Brookville Glove Manufacturing Co. Inc.

Agricultural societies elected Charles E. Wismer, mayor of Trappe; and re-elected Burton L. Hetherington, a partner in H-4 Farms in Ringtown.



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### A moving moment

Steve Snead (13th-computer science and management) and his parents begin unloading a term's worth of clothing, books and other things that make a room in Mifflin Hall home for the summer.

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## weather

Showers and possibly a thunderstorm will usher in the Summer Term. The showers will be around throughout most of today with a high of 77. Skies should clear throughout the night with a low of 56. Tomorrow will be sunny with a high in the mid to upper 70s. Skies will remain clear tomorrow night with temperatures dropping into the low 50s. The outlook for Friday is for continued sunny skies and a high near 80.