

Libya warned to leave Egypt alone

U.S. will view with concern any interference, Haig says

By R. GREGORY NORES

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration warned Libya and other radical Arab nations yesterday that it would view with great concern "any attempt to seize upon President Anwar Sadat's assassination to meddle with Egypt or otherwise fan instability in the Mideast."

Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. declared also that America remains a full partner in the peace process initiated by Sadat, "his gigantic personality," and is committed to "pursue his work toward a comprehensive Middle East settlement."

Haig pledged full support to the Egyptian government now headed by Hosni Mubarak, Sadat's hand-picked heir. Meanwhile, the Defense Department continued its order of late Tuesday, call-

ing for boosted readiness of the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force and American warships in the Mediterranean.

The secretary of state also affirmed the administration's determination to sell AWACS radar planes and other military gear to Saudi Arabia, saying the \$8.5-billion package is now "more important than ever." As he spoke, President Reagan met with virtually the entire Republican majority of the Senate in an attempt to reverse a congressional move against the sale.

In a midday news conference, Haig declared the United States "would view with great concern at this juncture any efforts by external powers to manipulate the tragic events of the last 24 hours."

Of the Libyans, he said he had "no evidence of their involvement" in Sadat's slaying, even though the level and character of "their rhetoric would give

evidence of external involvement in the assassination.

At about the same time in Cairo, Defense Minister Abdel Halim Abu Ghazala was telling reporters: "There is no coup. It is an individual group and they are not even related to any group or country."

Haig said the administration has been "greatly heartened" to learn from Vice President Mubarak that the Egyptian government "shares our views about the importance of continuing the work begun by President Sadat" in pursuit of a lasting Middle East peace under the Camp David accords.

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Members of the Egyptian Parliament cast their votes last night during a special session, where Vice President Hosni Mubarak was overwhelmingly nominated to succeed the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.



Egyptian women in Sadat's home village of Mih Abul Kom wall and scream in anguish over the assassination of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

Soviets react to Sadat's death

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union sent a terse message to Egypt yesterday, expressing condolences over the assassination of President Anwar Sadat.

The message from the president of the Soviet Parliament, which is headed by President Leonid I. Brezhnev, was addressed to Sufi Abu Taleb, leader of Egypt's interim government. It was carried by the official Tass news agency.

"Accept our condolences in connection with the death of the president of the Arab republic of Egypt, A. Sadat. We express sympathy to the family and relatives of the deceased," the message said.

Meanwhile, Tass charged in a report yesterday that the United States is continuing its "crude pressure" in the Middle East by stepping up military readiness following Sadat's shooting at a military parade Tuesday in Cairo.

"As is known, the interventionist (U.S.) Rapid Deployment Force is designed to put down national liberation movements throughout the world and particularly in the countries of the Near and Middle East," Tass said.

Soviet news agencies avoided comment on the assassination itself or future Egyptian policies, but quoted Arab figures as calling on Sadat's successors to take a tougher line toward Israel.

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Arab states appear hopeful of reconciliation with Egyptian gov't

By NICOLAS B. TATRO

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Arab states appear hopeful that the assassination of President Anwar Sadat will eventually pave the way for Egypt's return to the Arab fold. But any reconciliation is likely to be a long, slow process at best.

A number of state-controlled newspapers in the Arab world suggested that the time was right to work back the most populous Arab nation and others joyously proclaimed the Camp David accords a dead letter.

"The fall of Sadat heralds the inevitable end of Egypt to 'fold that page with Israel and start anew with your Arab brethren,'" the PLO

opposed Sadat's go-it-alone peacemaking with Israel.

Radicals took to the streets in Libya, Syria and Lebanon, firing guns in the air and dancing in the streets, to celebrate what they hoped would be the end of an era. But in the conservative, oil-rich Persian Gulf region, there was a more measured reaction.

"It is time we tried to win Egypt back to the Arab camp," urged the daily Al Itihad in the United Arab Emirates. In the island nation of Bahrain, where policy is closely linked to Saudi Arabia, the Akhbar al Khaleej newspaper urged Egypt to "fold that page with Israel and start anew with your Arab brethren."

A prominent Arab journalist in Beirut, who declined to be identified, suggested that Egypt might be invited to attend the Arab summit in Morocco next month.

"Sadat himself had become an obstacle and there never could have been a reconciliation as long as he was alive. But the obstacle has been removed," he said.

But a high-ranking Palestine Liberation Organization official, who also declined to be named, predicted there could be no patching-up of differences with Egypt as long as the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty remained in force.

"The reason Sadat was an outcast in the Arab world was because of the peace treaty," the PLO

official said. "As long as the peace treaty exists, there is no way for Egypt to come back to the fold."

Saudi Arabia and a number of other Arab states remained officially silent, apparently adopting a wait-and-see attitude until many of the unresolved questions were answered.

At the top of the list was whether the picked successor, Sadat's protégé and vice president Hosni Mubarak, would be able to take firm control of the government and whether he would be opposed from within the army or by the growing Muslim brotherhood in the streets.

"The biggest of the Arab countries is now on the brink of a period of turmoil," said the English-language Arab Times in Kuwait. "It is not clear now who is going to emerge as the real strong man. As to what his policies are going to be, there are those who think that no matter who appears, he will steer Egypt back to the Arab camp and break from the Camp David treaty. It is too early to say."

The first test of the new leadership will likely come at the funeral of Sadat on Saturday. Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin has announced he will attend along with the other architect of Camp David, former President Carter. That virtually precluded any symbolic reconciliation with the Arabs.

Camp David Accords crumbling, Arafat says

By PEKING (AP)

PEKING (AP) — PLO leader Yasser Arafat said yesterday the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty was beginning to crumble "with the fall of one of its symbols" — slain Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

A well-placed source in the Palestinian Liberation Organization delegation visiting China told reporters later. "It is a good thing that Sadat has gone to the other world."

He said the PLO had no advanced knowledge of the attack on Sadat at a Cairo military parade on Tuesday.

Although it still denounces Israel, China has made clear it favors peace in the Middle East and was hopeful Sadat's peace initiative with Israel would succeed.

witnessing the beginning of the failure of the Camp David agreement with the fall of one of its symbols. We have believed in that before... We also have been convinced the night of Egypt will not last long."

"We are sure the Egyptian people are committed to the national cause of which Palestine is the heart," Sadat said. "The Egyptian people are great people and the heroic Egyptian army will never capitulate and will never give up Jerusalem," he said.

The city, holy to both Muslims and Jews, is claimed by Israel as its eternal capital.

Speaking later with reporters at his government guest house, Arafat denounced both Israel and the United States. "We face the huge, barbaric American and Israeli powers... But we are with the current of history."

Asked by reporters if the assassination of Sadat would further the cause of peace, Arafat said: "Peace cannot be achieved by bypassing Palestinian rights, the Palestinian issue, the Palestinian problem... Here we are, deadlocked and moving in a vacuum."



Yasser Arafat, right, Palestinian Liberation Organization leader, is greeted at Peking's airport yesterday by Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua, center.

Efforts launched to end strike

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — New legal and legislative efforts were launched yesterday to end the 30-day teachers strike that has closed Philadelphia public schools to more than 200,000 pupils.

In Common Pleas Court, the school board asked President Judge Edward Bradley to issue an injunction ordering the teachers back to their classrooms by Tuesday.

The board claimed that failure to provide a 180-day school year, as required by law to qualify the district for state subsidies, would cause "irreparable harm" and "a clear and present danger to the health, safety and welfare of the public."

Bradley promised a quick decision.

In Harrisburg, a Republican state senator introduced a bill to bar teachers strikes in Pennsylvania's biggest city for the next five years.

Also, a Democratic city councilman offered an ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to allow the school board to operate with deficit budgets through fiscal 1985.

Decision on MX awaits study

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Department assertions that 36 MX missiles will be deployed in existing Titan missile silos were only "examples" and final decisions will have to await an Air Force study, a top official said yesterday.

Marvin Atkins, the Defense Department's director of offensive and space systems, said the study will define costs and benefits for placing the MX in Titan and Minuteman silos.

He said the study will not start after Oct. 23 and may take a year to complete.

"There has been no decision whether to put them in Minuteman or Titan silos, or both, or how many missiles will be in place," Atkins said.

The figures given by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and others last week "were simply examples," he said.

"We need to find out how much additional protection, how much hardness against Soviet attack you can buy for a given amount of money," he said.

Israel observes Yom Kippur

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Silence fell on Israel at sundown yesterday as the Jewish state effectively ground to a halt to observe Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement.

The holiest day in the Jewish religious year, Yom Kippur marks the end of a 10-day period of penance and introspection that began with Rosh Hashanah.

Although only some 20 to 25 percent of Israelis are observant Jews, Yom Kippur is nearly universally observed.

Israel Radio and Television went off the air, traffic stopped except for emergency vehicles, Ben-Gurion International Airport was closed, and many Israelis began a fast that will end an hour after sundown today.

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The army, as usual on Yom Kippur, announced that Palestinian Arabs from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip were forbidden to enter Israel.

Union calls for price freeze, threatens to strike in Poland

By THOMAS W. NEYSTER

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GDANSK, Poland (AP) — Solidarity's congress called for a freeze on prices yesterday and threatened to stage a 60-day nationwide strike if the Communist government does not comply.

The resolution, in response to Monday's sudden doubling of cigarette prices, was adopted after the congress passed a 34-point social and economic program aimed at giving workers more say in the operation of state-run enterprises.

Delegates also voted to hold a "people's" tribunal of former government officials blamed for Poland's "downfall," if Communist authorities do not prosecute them this year.

The 18-day, two-part congress was today to end late last night or early today in this Baltic port city where the independent union was formed during crippling strikes last year. Union officials said many delegates were exhausted and suffering from the flu.

In its resolution on price freezes, the congress said the union's "struggle" for its own concept of economic reforms had met continued government opposition and that it "cannot tolerate this policy any more."

It said prices should be frozen until the government and Solidarity agree to any raises, and demanded the government guarantee improved food supplies.

Also, it appealed to all workers not to strike unless ordered to do so by Solidarity leaders.

The new economic program, which challenges total government control of the economy, will also provide Solidarity leader's with guidelines for future actions. It advocates greater private ownership of service and trade businesses, and self-management for factory workers in state-run industries.

Union officials said the unprecedented tribunal would possibly involve former Communist Party leader Edward Gierek, ex-Premier Piotr Jaroszewicz and other former leaders. They were stripped of their party membership, awards and other honors by the Polish Communist Party Congress last July in an attempt to appease public anger.

Those leaders and other officials have

been blamed publicly for policies that led Poland into its current economic decline and a staggering foreign debt to Western creditors estimated at \$27 billion.

Although the tribunal could not "sentence" the defendants, it clearly goes beyond the role of Poland's courts, and represents another bold challenge to the Communist government from the first independent union in the Soviet bloc.

Bronislaw Geremek, a union adviser, said that the tribunal would resemble public hearings held in the past decade to condemn the United States for alleged atrocities during the Vietnam War.

"Unless the investigation on these cases is begun by the end of the year, the national commission (national leadership) will set up a social tribunal; which, following a public investigation, will judge and censure the guilty," the resolution said.

Solidarity chief Lech Walesa will also face an apparently more radical national commission — a sort of legislative committee made up of regional representatives — when he goes down to union business in the coming months.

Former premier speaks against Iranian execution

By FERESHTEH EMAMI

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — The man who served as Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's first premier spoke in Parliament yesterday against the mass executions of anti-government activists, but Khomeini loyalists shouted him down, then walked out and later called for his death, reports from Tehran said.

Following the Parliament speech by former Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan, merchants in Tehran staged a demonstration demanding that Bazargan and other "liberals" be thrown out of the parliament, the Majlis, state-controlled Tehran Radio said.

Bazargan called for an end to the firing squad executions of Mujahedeen Khalq guerrillas, arguing they were not "the lackeys of the United States."

Most deputies from the ruling Islamic Republican Party walked out on the ex-prime minister's speech, forcing Parliament Speaker Ali-Akbar Rafsanjani to call a recess, Tehran Radio said.

Hossein Sabaghan, a former member of Bazargan's Cabinet, said in a telephone interview from Iran that the

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angry deputies asked their supporters to surround the building and chant "death to Bazargan." But by that time, Bazargan — who resigned as prime minister late in 1979 — had left and the debate was over, Sabaghan said.

It was the first known public defense of the Mujahedeen, an Islamic-Marxist guerrilla group blamed in the deaths of more than 300 Khomeini loyalists since the June 22 ousting of President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr. During that same period, Khomeini's fundamentalist Moslem regime had announced the executions of more than 1,000 people, many of them Mujahedeen.

The merchant, carrying posters of Khomeini, marched to the Majlis building and declared that the "liberals who insult the people of this country, and the revolutionary organizations, should be purged from the Islamic Majlis," Tehran Radio said.

"These liberals are like tarantulas. They sting the prey and then they wait for it to die," Hojatoleslam Rezvani was quoted as saying by Tehran Radio, which did not give the clergyman's first name.

Sabaghan quoted Bazargan as telling the Majlis: "The young boys and girls involved in the street clashes have not been bred in the bosoms of American families, so they cannot rightfully be called mercenaries."

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