

# Haig calls Egypt friend in Mideast

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CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. said yesterday that Egypt is America's "foremost friend" in the Middle East and predicted a reconciliation soon between Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

He also said the United States would become more involved in the Mideast as a result of President Anwar Sadat's assassination, "demonstrating that it is not fatal to be an ally of the United States."

"We're going to have to show our presence here from time to time," Haig said in Moscow.

The Soviet government issued a statement early today accusing the United States of exerting "gross pressure" on Egypt and interfering with Egypt's "internal affairs."

The statement, carried by the official news agency Tass, said, "What is happening around Egypt cannot but affect the interests of the Soviet Union's security and it will attentively follow the development of events."

After Sadat's assassination, the United States put some of its military forces in the Mediterranean on alert and warned other countries not to take advantage of the situation in Egypt.

Haig talked with Egyptian President-designate Hosni Mubarak for nearly an hour yesterday in their second meeting since the secretary arrived Friday at the head of the U.S. delegation to Sadat's funeral.

"The United States intends to work

actively with our friends in the region, and foremost among those is the government of Egypt and the people of Egypt, for whom our friendship and respect have been deepened by this tragedy," Haig said.

Israel generally is considered America's best friend in the Mideast, with Egypt at the top of the list among Arab nations.

"We look forward to more strong relations with the United States," said Mubarak, who is Sadat's hand-picked successor and the only nominee on the ballot in tomorrow's referendum to name a new president.

Haig and Mubarak appeared jointly before reporters following their meeting at Oronah Palace.

"We would welcome" a closer relationship between Egypt and Saudi Arabia, Haig said. "I do not expect this will be difficult in the weeks ahead."

"I see a very strong possibility because of the convergence of strategic outlook and mutuality of interests between the two regimes."

After the news conference, Haig left for an afternoon flight back to Washington.

Saudi Arabia conservative government and most other Arab regimes severed diplomatic ties with Egypt because of the Egyptian-Israeli peace pact.

Haig said he had not talked with Mubarak about Egypt's relations with other Arab countries. "It's an Arab matter. It's not a matter for the United States to impose itself," he said.



U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. and Egyptian Vice President Hosni Mubarak meet with reporters yesterday after agreeing to continue close U.S.-Egypt relations despite Anwar Sadat's assassination.

# Egyptian police report attack

By TOM BALDWIN  
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CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Egyptian police sources said yesterday that gunmen in two cars sprayed machine-gun fire at the home of Interior Minister Nabawy Ismail, killing some of his bodyguards. Ismail said the report was "completely a lie."

The police sources said the attack occurred several hours after the funeral of slain President Anwar Sadat on Saturday. They also said there were attacks on at least two police stations in Cairo and a shootout between police and Muslim fundamentalists barricaded inside a Cairo mosque.

Security sources, meanwhile, said authorities were looking for two more suspects in connection with Sadat's assassination Tuesday during a military parade.

The government has insisted that only four men — three civilians in army uniforms and an artillery lieutenant — participated in the attack against Sadat.

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But a security officer told The Associated Press that Egyptian television accounts had supported television film taken during the assassination that seemed to show there were six

to eight people involved.

"The security force is looking for two more men . . . Obviously, we think there must have been more than four people on the ground. Indications are there were," the source, who asked not to be identified, told the AP.

Reporters outside the home of President-designate Hosni Mubarak saw security guards distributing mimeographed photos of two men. A source said they were "connected" with the assassination. The names and pictures were not released to the press or public.

The purported attack on the interior minister's home was reported by a reliable police source who told the AP: "There has been shooting. Minister Ismail's house has been shot at. Some of his security guards are dead." Another police source said that account was accurate.

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# Teachers defy court order

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The president of the striking Philadelphia Federation of Teachers advised his members yesterday to defy a back-to-work order and continue their strike.

John Murray, after meeting with more than 300 teachers, said he would remain on the picket lines, ignoring an order to return to work today. He said Friday that teachers would not return to work until their contract is reinstated in full.

# Junkyard nun receives publicity

WINONA, Minn. (AP) — The story of a former Franciscan nun living in a car in a downtown Winona junkyard has triggered telephone calls, letters, hundreds of dollars in contributions and offers to make her the subject of a movie.

"I'm not one for a lot of money," Lillian Kral said. "I'll give it to the pope."

The former Sister Elzear has been living in a Plymouth Durand sedan surrounded by makeshift plywood and aluminum walls since March 1980, when she was evicted from the convent on grounds of insubordination.



Lillian Kral

# Super Chicken crosses U.S.

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — A helium balloon bearing the unlikely name of Super Chicken II breezed across the United States and landed off the Georgia coast yesterday in the first non-stop balloon flight from one end of the country to the other.

"The champagne is flowing, we're celebrating a World Series of our own," said Chris Van Elk, who monitored the flight of the two-man craft from the flight operations center in Scottsdale, Ariz.

He said pilot John Shoecraft and copilot Fred Gorrell, both businessmen from Phoenix, Ariz., plan to "celebrate a little and get some rest."

"They were in the air 55 hours, 25 minutes and they traveled 2,615 miles," said Van Elk.

Earlier versions of the Super Chicken laid eggs in two previous attempts to fly across the country.

The 10-story-high Super Chicken, so dubbed for its egg-shaped gondola, touched down at 11:07 a.m. EDT.

The two past presidents also agreed the United States eventually will have to recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization as part of a formula for lasting peace in the Middle East.

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## Carter, Ford discuss Mideast problems

By MICHAEL PUTZEL  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald R. Ford said in an unprecedented joint interview en route home from the funeral of Anwar Sadat that many moderate Arab leaders have told them privately that they support the Camp David peace process but cannot admit that to their own countrymen.

"When I would meet with Arab leaders . . . the Saudis, in particular, they were hoping that the peace process would succeed," Carter said. "But it's almost impossible for an Arab to step forward because of a threat of assassination or violence within their own fragile government."

Either because they are weak or their hold on power is fragile, Carter said, the leaders of Jordan, Syria and Saudi Arabia "don't have the courage of Sadat" or the popular support he had in Egypt.

Ford agreed that moderate Arab leaders support the peace process. "Especially when you talk to leaders privately," they will tell you how hopeful they are that the peace process continue, Ford said. "They cannot — or they have decided not to — support Camp David in a public way, but they do totally subscribe to a continuation of the process . . . They are as anxious as Sadat was for peace."

"For various internal reasons or reasons within the Arab family of nations, they can't publicly come out and say what they tell me or tell President Carter or tell others."

Most Arab leaders conspicuously stayed away from yesterday's funeral for the murdered Egyptian president, who was denounced as a traitor to the Arab world for making a separate peace with Israel. In several Arab capitals, people took to the streets to celebrate his assassination, and Libya declared yesterday a national holiday in celebration of Sadat's death.

The former presidents share a mutual enmity toward Libyan leader Col. Muammar Khadafi, whom Carter called "subhuman" and Ford labeled "a bully" and "a cancer on that part of the globe."

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Former Presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford discuss solutions to the Mideast crisis during their return trip to Washington after attending Anwar Sadat's funeral Saturday.

# Egyptians visit site of tragedy

By TOM BALDWIN  
Associated Press Writer  
CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Barred from the funeral of Anwar Sadat to ensure the security of foreign dignitaries, Egyptians were allowed for the first time yesterday to visit the place where their president died and was laid to rest.

Children poked curious fingers into the bullet holes and their fathers shook their heads and asked how it could have happened. A few women wore black and someone had a tape-recording of the fatal gunfire.

It was the first time authorities allowed the everyday citizens to inspect the bullet-scarred reviewing stand where Sadat was cut down last Tuesday by assassins identified by the government as a renegade army officer and three men masquerading as soldiers in the annual military parade.

Authorities say the killers are linked to a cell of Islamic

extremists and security sources told The Associated Press yesterday that at least two more suspects were being sought.

Fathers lifted toddlers into their arms and allowed them to push their fingers into the holes the bullets left in the marble face of the parade stand.

"I'm trying to measure off the distances and re-examine the timing. I want to know how there could have been no security. Where were his guards?" asked Nsari Badir, a zoology professor at Cairo University.

One step at a time, the visitors paced off the 35 yards to the place where the truck had stopped. One man, Slaim al Labad, even had a tape recording of the gunfire, copied, he said, from a broadcast by the British Broadcasting Corp.

Considering the distance the assassins had to charge and the more than 30 seconds of gunfire, al Labad said, "How did they get so close?"

# Solidarity to study food crisis

By THOMAS W. NETTET  
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WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Bowing to a demand by Solidarity's congress, the Communist government offered yesterday to include representatives of the independent union on a commission to solve the country's food crisis.

However, the government announced at the same time that more price hikes will be necessary by next month.

The conciliatory gesture came as Polish consumers threatened another round of strikes to protest food shortages, and amid reports of panic-buying of gasoline in Warsaw.

Following a Saturday night meeting of the presidium, the government said improvement in the food situation "depends primarily on the achievement of order and stability, as a Poland shaken by conflicts ceases to be a credible partner in trade and cooperation," the official news agency PAP reported.

Poland's economy has a foreign debt estimated at \$25 billion to \$27 billion, chronic shortages, a fall in coal exports and rationing on most goods.

The presidium, according to PAP, said the political situation in Poland was "even more disquieting" after Solidarity's congress ended last week in Gdansk.

But instead of its usual challenge to the independent union, the presidium offered a compromise. It authorized the Council of Ministers' Committee for Trade Unions to "urgently" put forth a proposal for . . . a standing mixed commission composed of representatives of the government and trade union federations," the news agency said.

PAP quoted the presidium statement that the commission would "permanently" discuss and arrange matters related to market deliveries, the rationing of commodities and price changes.

The move reflects a generally low-key reaction by the official press to Solidarity's 18-day, two-part congress. It also represented a partial capitulation to the congress, which threatened Wednesday to call a national warning strike if the government did not seek union approval for new price hikes and economic reforms.

Solidarity, reacting to the doubling of the price of cigarettes last Monday, also demanded a freeze on all prices, but the government said yesterday that increases on fuel, power, heat, gas, sugar, milk and meat will be imposed by mid-November.

Zdzislaw Krasinski, state price commission chairman, said the price hikes may be instituted gradually, but he did not say what the increases would be.

Past government attempts to bring the price of goods more in line with the cost of production have sparked strikes and violent protests.



British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher talks with an unidentified soldier yesterday, who was one of the 38 injured when a bomb exploded near Chelsea Barracks, London on Saturday.

# Thatcher denies IRA political status

By ROBERT GLASS  
Associated Press Writer  
LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher yesterday took flowers to the soldiers and civilians wounded by the IRA's bomb attack on a busload of Irish Guards and condemned the bombing as a "cold, callous, brutal and sub-human thing."

"I shall never, never give them political status — never," Thatcher said of the outlawed Irish Republican Army, which claimed responsibility for Saturday's deadly bombing.

Scotland Yard said the attack, which came exactly one week after the collapse of the IRA's 7-month-long hunger strike in Northern Ireland's Maze Prison, could signal the start of a new terror campaign in the British Isles.

Guerrillas using a command wire attached to a van set off the explosion as a bus carrying 23 Irish Guards back

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Aikido Course for Beginners, 6:30 p.m., IM Wrestling Room.  
OTIS meeting, 7:45 p.m., Room 307 HUB.  
ABLED meeting, 7 p.m., Room 319 HUB.  
College Consumer Party meeting, 7 p.m., Room 219 Willard.  
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