



Egyptian-Israeli agreement

U.S. may help fund canal opening

Two Israeli newspapers said Tuesday the United States has offered to help pay the cost of clearing the Suez Canal if Egypt and Israel reach agreement on reopening the waterway, closed since the 1967 war.

Such an accord was the major purpose of U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers' mission to the Middle East last week. Washington was said to believe an interim agreement on reopening the canal lead to an over-all Arab-Israeli peace settlement.

Israeli spokesmen reported three Arab guerrillas were killed and a fourth

captured by Israeli troops in a clash Sunday night in the occupied Golan Heights of Syria. They said one Israeli soldier was wounded. A comparative lull in guerrilla activity also was broken in the occupied Gaza strip where an Israeli soldier and an Arab woman were wounded in hand grenade attacks during the past 24 hours.

The Israeli newspapers Ma'ariv and Yedioth Aharonoth said Rogers was reported to have told Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in Cairo that the United States would help finance clearing operations in the canal.

In Israel Defense Minister Moshe Dayan came under editorial attack from Yedioth Aharonoth for allegedly opening the way for "concessions" on the Suez Canal issue. The attack followed reports in many Israeli newspapers that Dayan set the scene for a more flexible Israeli stand during private talks last Friday with Joseph P. Sisco, assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs, who accompanied Rogers on his tour.

According to the press reports, Dayan told Sisco Israel would be willing to accept an Egyptian "presence" on the occupied east bank provided Egypt would

agree to end the state of belligerency between the two countries.

Dayan was reported to have agreed such an Egyptian "presence" could include Army engineers engaged in cleaning the canal and paramilitary police forces. Israel had insisted that no Egyptian troops shall cross the canal.

The newspapers also said Dayan told Sisco that if the United States could get Egypt to agree to a permanent ceasefire, Israel might reconsider its decision to withdraw only 10 miles from the east bank under an interim settlement.

Apollo 15 moves to pad before longest moonflight

CAPE KENNEDY—The Apollo 15 rocket was moved to its launch pad Tuesday, keeping preparations for the July 26 moonflight on schedule, but the space agency delayed the launch of a second Mariner to Mars by at least two days. Moving of the towering Apollo

15 rocket-spacecraft combination from its assembly building to the ocean-side launch site marked a key step toward the start of what its pilots said will be the most scientifically rewarding moonflight ever.

The unmanned Mariner Mars mission was delayed from May 18 to May 20 at the earliest because engineers had not yet determined the precise cause of the control failure that doomed the first Mariner launch last Saturday.

Apollo 15 astronauts David R. Scott, Alfred M. Worden and James B. Irwin watched the start of the 3½ mile rocket move. Scott and Irwin then donned spacesuits for a dress rehearsal moonwalk, which was marred by a series of problems with training equipment.

The earth training version of the astronauts' battery powered moon buggy ran out of electricity midway through the exercise and had to be pushed across the mock moonbase. A drill later got stuck in the sand and the astronauts had difficulty with training models of their backpack breathing units.

Abortion bill wins first vote

RALEIGH—By a vote of 25-18, the Senate Tuesday gave tentative approval to a bill which would establish a 30-day residency requirement for abortion in North Carolina and would require only one doctor's certification that the abortion is legally needed.

Under Rhyne's measure, the doctor would still have to agree that at least one of three conditions existed—that the pregnancy would endanger the mother's health, that it might result in a seriously deformed child, or that it resulted from rape or incest.

Dollar makes slight advances

BONN—The U.S. dollar gained strength slightly on European markets Tuesday and for the first time in a week dealers showed some interest in buying dollars back.

The West German mark, which was freed from a set exchange rate Monday and allowed to "float" to find a new level against the dollar, reached a level of 3.5535 marks to the dollar, at noon on Frankfurt's main money market.

The noon quotation is the only one fixed by the Frankfurt money market, but in subsequent commercial trading between banks and dealers the dollar

strengthened still further and closed at a median of 3.5650.

This compared with Monday's median price of 3.5250 marks and the official rate of 3.66 before speculative selling of billions of dollars forced West Germany to close its money markets last Wednesday for five days.

"For the first time there was a slight demand for dollars" a Frankfurt dealer said Tuesday, while stressing that the market was still cautious.

West German Economic Minister Karl Schiller described the floating of the mark and Dutch guilder and the revaluing of the Swiss franc and Austrian schilling

Talks to decide fate of SALT

VIENNA—Talks going on now at the White House level in Washington will determine the immediate future of the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) with the Soviet Union, diplomatic sources said Tuesday.

Gerard C. Smith, leader of the U.S. delegation to SALT, returned to Washington Monday for talks with President Nixon and other leaders. The sources said the Vienna round of SALT

will end late this month unless Smith brings back a new American initiative.

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however, because he is currently conducting a court-martial at Huntsville, Ala., which may run longer than expected, the Army said.

Medina commanded Charlie Company in a sweep through My Lai on March 16, 1968. One of his platoon commanders, Lt. William L. Calley Jr., was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Soviets protest over collision

MOSCOW—The Soviet Foreign Ministry protested to the U.S. Embassy Tuesday over the May 6 collision of a U.S. warship and a Soviet vessel in the Korea Strait, the official Tass news agency said.

Tass said the protest note cited "illegal actions by a U.S. warship in the Korea Strait on May 6, as a result of which the warship collided with a Soviet vessel and damaged it considerably."

The note said the Foreign Ministry stressed "such actions by a U.S. naval ship, endangering the safety of navigation on the high seas, are at variance with the generally recognized standards of international law."

It demanded the U.S. government "take effective steps to prevent any such incidents in the future" and said the Soviet Union "reserves the right to demand compensation for the damage caused to the Soviet vessel."

Nixon pledges to fight cancer

WASHINGTON—President Nixon announced "an unprecedented attack" on cancer and said he would personally take a hand in its over-all direction.

Nixon's announcement came as Congress appeared ready to approve \$100 million the President requested in his State of the Union message toward finding a cure for the disease.

The president told newsmen he was confident the money would be appropriated, and if that proved insufficient, he would request more funds.

"It will not fail because of lack of money," he told newsmen during a visit to the White House press room. "If \$100 million is not enough, we will provide more money."

Nixon said he believed "direct presidential interest and presidential guidance" might help conquer cancer and that he was therefore announcing a "presidential program for cancer cure."

The President sent to congress legislation designed to create a "cancer cure program" within the National Institutes of Health. He said the program would be "independently budgeted and is directly responsible to the president of the United States."

Medina to face pretrial hearing

FT. McPHERSON, Ga.—A pretrial hearing for Capt. Ernest L. Medina, charged with overall responsibility for the My Lai massacre, was postponed one week Tuesday by the military judge.

Medina, 34, had been ordered to face a life-or-death court martial and his pretrial hearing was set for May 24.

Col. Kenneth A. Howard, who will preside, had the hearing reset for June 1,

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