

# Nasser's Death Dims Mideast Peace Hopes

CAIRO—The Arab world mourned Gamel Abdel Nasser Tuesday with an outpouring of near hysterical grief in an atmosphere of crisis over the absence of a strong leader to replace him as president of Egypt. His death made Arab-Israeli peace even more remote.

In Cairo and other Arab capitals from Beirut to Amman women tore their hair and scratched their faces in wailing lament for the 52-year-old former army colonel whose body lay in state at the Kubbeh presidential palace.

Even in death there was dissension in the Arab camp Nasser devoted his life to unifying. Palestinian guerrillas blamed King Hussein of Jordan for Nasser's death and Iraq waited hours before announcing Nasser's passing in the form of an unsigned cable of condolence.

White House officials traveling with President Nixon in the Mediterranean said the death of Nasser is expected to shelve the United States Middle East peace initiative indefinitely.

The American officials said a new leader in Egypt will first have to emerge from a period of collective administration in Cairo and that the new chief, after consolidating his power, will not be able to begin his regime by making peace with Israel. The thinking is that the new president may have to take a harder line toward Israel in the first months of his term.

President Nixon announced that the United States was sending a high-level delegation to Cairo for Nasser's funeral Thursday. It will be headed by Health Education and Welfare Secretary Elliot L. Richardson. The United States does not have diplomatic relations with Egypt. They were broken by Cairo during the June, 1967, war with Israel.

Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin was one of the first to arrive Tuesday for the funeral, and he wept as he stepped from the plane at Cairo airport at 8 p.m. His

arrival followed by a few hours an official Kremlin statement pledging continued Soviet military and economic aid in "this difficult time."

Vice President Anwar El-Sadat became president immediately after Nasser's death of a heart attack Monday but the national assembly will meet by law within the next 60 days to select a permanent successor.

Those in the running besides Sadat are Aly Sabry, the pro-Soviet secretary general of Egypt's only political party, and Mohammed Hassanein Heikal, Nasser's closest adviser and editor of the government newspaper Al Ahrar.

Hundreds of thousands of Egyptian peasants streamed into Cairo all day Tuesday and began a vigil outside the presidential palace where strong police cordons held them back. Radio Cairo broadcast appeals for "self control in the face of this national calamity."

The government announced that Nasser would be buried in Manchiat El-Bakry mosque, the neighborhood temple he sponsored near his home in the Cairo suburbs.

In Beirut, thousands of Arabs marched through the streets of the Lebanese capital waving garlands of flowers and pictures of Nasser. There and here in Cairo the crowds chanted "Nasser is beloved by Allah. Gamal, apple of our eyes, why are you leaving us?"

Others shouted: "Nasser! With blood and spirit we redeem you!"

In Beirut, nearly 100 posters were plastered over the headquarters office of Al Fatah, the guerrilla organization whose troops battled King Hussein's army in a bloody nine-day Civil War which Nasser helped end.

"All of our calamities are because of you, Hussein," the posters said.

This was a reference to the longstanding guerrilla bitterness toward

Hussein. The Palestinians say he has been weak in the Arab campaign to drive Israeli forces from what had been Palestine.

A crowd of about 5,000 persons demonstrated outside the Egyptian embassy in Beirut, shouting slogans against Hussein and saying Jordan's crisis with the Palestinian guerrillas was responsible for Nasser's death.

Nasser himself berated Hussein only last week for allegedly "massacring" guerrillas but their differences were at least partially mended last Sunday at a summit conference in Cairo during which a 14-point peace agreement for Jordan was signed.

## 'Pablum For Permissivists'

# Agnew Denounces Campus Report

SIoux FALLS, S.D.—Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, calling it "pablum for permissivists," delivered a scathing administration denunciation of the Scranton Commission's report on campus unrest Tuesday. He said it tried to make President Nixon a scapegoat while making excuses for rioters.

At a Republican luncheon here, the vice president said the report failed to condemn the "intellectual elite" for responsibility in triggering campus violence, but unfairly insinuated that Nixon failed to exercise his "moral leadership" in preventing student disorder.

Agnew was the first administration official to publicly condemn the report, although 61 House members, including GOP leader Gerald R. Ford, wrote Nixon Tuesday that the commission "blatantly disregards" his efforts to quell student turmoil. Their letter implied that the panel sought "to pacify the radicals who seek to destroy our society."

Campaigning for GOP votes in the Dakotas, Agnew also denounced Sen. George S. McGovern, D-S.D., as a leader of the Senate's "liberal radicals" and called for defeat in the November elections of Sen. Quentin N. Burdick, D-N.D.

News accounts of the report released over the weekend have led Americans "to believe that the primary need for restoration of order on the American campus is for the President of the United

States to exercise greater moral leadership," Agnew said.

This, he added, "is an unfair, outrageous and unacceptable charge to make against the President who has time and again spoken out in defense of dissent—time and again spoken out in unequivocal condemnation of violence and disorder whenever it occurs."

The commission "tells us that many students believe ours is a corrupt repressive society engaged in an immoral war," Agnew added, "but the commission could not muster the moral courage to declare the utter falsehood of that charge."

## Fire Fighters Winning Battle To Control California Blazes

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—California's largest brush fire in history was reported 50 per cent contained Tuesday along its 75-mile perimeter as desert winds weakened and humidity increased.

Fire fighters concentrated on hot spots at Flinn Springs, San Miguel Mountain and Hauser Canyon. Another blaze raged out of control in Boulder Canyon and had charred 11,500 acres by midday.

The massive Laguna blaze raged across 185,000 acres in San Diego county near the Mexican border after it was touched

off Saturday by a downed power line. At least 250 structures were destroyed and 50,000 persons evacuated.

Nearly 60 brush fires have blackened more than 400,000 acres in California since last Friday, when dry, Santa Ana winds from the inland deserts offset the normal marine breeze from the Pacific.

In Los Angeles County, authorities announced that the destructive Malibu blaze in the mountains northwest of Los Angeles was completely encircled by fire lines. The product of four lesser blazes

which merged Saturday, the Malibu fire destroyed 184 structures and a total of 31,000 acres of brushland.

A spate of smaller blazes broke out in Southern California during the day Tuesday, but the more favorable weather conditions allowed firemen to knock most of them down quickly.

Eight persons were killed in fire-related incidents, including a helicopter pilot and four U.S. Forest Service fire fighters in a crash en route to a blaze.

In Northern California, 600 men battled a 32,500-acre blaze southeast of Bakersfield and started backfires and set up lines along all but two miles of the 45-mile perimeter.

A stand of California redwoods was endangered by a 12,000 acre blaze in the Los Padres National Forest where 1,500 men were on the lines.

The Insurance Information Institute said fire insurance will still be available in high risk brushland areas despite the estimated \$154 million damage to private property.

The institute said the Pacific fire rating bureau uses a five year average of losses to set rates, so that the fires of the autumn 1970 season will not immediately effect premiums.

## Guerrillas Release Remaining Hostages

The International Red Cross announced Tuesday night that Arab guerrillas have freed the six remaining air hijack hostages and all are now safe in Red Cross hands. The turnover came amid new Middle East tension following the death of Egyptian President Abdel Tamal Nasser.

In Washington, the House of Representatives, reflecting its "grave concern" with Russia's growing involvement in the Arab world, approved blank check authority for President Nixon to supply Israel whatever arms it may need short of nuclear weapons.

The House members endorsed a finding that the Soviet role in the Middle East presented a "clear and present danger to world peace" and approved sales to Israel of planes, missiles, tanks, howitzers, armored carriers or other ground weapons.

Red Cross officials said all six hostages were safe and being cared for by the delegation in Amman. They said arrangements would be made for them to leave Jordan as soon as possible.

All had been passengers on a TWA Boeing 707 jetliner hijacked Sept. 6 while enroute from Tel Aviv to New York.

The guerrillas had demanded the freeing and return of seven Arab commands jailed in West Germany, Switzerland and Britain in exchange for the airline hostages.

The Red Cross said it had no information concerning the release of the seven guerrillas.

Red Cross sources said privately, however, the seven prisoners may be flown to Amman within a short time although the Red Cross had no information regarding the three governments' plans.

## Including Duke Mitchell Plans Campus Tour

WASHINGTON—Attorney General John N. Mitchell announced Tuesday that top Justice Department officials, including himself, will make visits to college campuses from Maine to California for face-to-face discussions with students.

Mitchell said the session, to be scheduled in October and November, are intended to improve communications

between his department and college students.

A Justice Department spokesman said Mitchell hopes to participate in some of the discussions.

The list includes schools in 32 states and the District of Columbia, four of them predominantly Negro.

Conspicuously absent from the list is the University of California's strife-torn

Berkeley campus and Columbia University in New York and the University of Wisconsin at Madison, scene of a recent fatal bombing.

The list includes: Florida: Miami-Dade Junior College, Florida State University; Georgia: Emory University, Atlanta University; North Carolina: Duke University; Tennessee: Vanderbilt University; Virginia: University of Virginia.

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