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Egypt seeks Arab oil ministers' meeting

CAIRO—Egypt Sunday formally asked for a meeting of Arab oil ministers in Tripoli, Libya, next Sunday, the semi-official Egyptian Middle East News Agency said.

The agency did not say what topics are to be discussed but earlier Arab press reports said the oil embargo against the United States would top the agenda.

Egypt is reported to be so pleased with Middle East peace progress worked out by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger that it is prepared to propose easing the oil boycott against the United States.

Viet Cong fire on POW helicopter

SAIGON—Viet Cong soldiers fired at and hit an American-operated helicopter on its way to pick up released war prisoners deep in the Mekong Delta, sources close to the POW exchange said Sunday.

No one was injured in the incident Saturday, but the helicopter was forced to return to base at Ca Mau, 145 miles southwest of Saigon, the sources said.

It was the second time in four days that Communist ground-fire hit a helicopter involved in the POW exchange.

California elections seen as test

Two special Congressional elections will be held Tuesday in traditional Republican strongholds in California and Ohio that candidates see as a fresh test of the Watergate-tinged Nixon Administration.

The Republicans are pitting veteran GOP state Sen. Robert J. Lagomarsino against seven Democrats in the fight for California's Ventura and Santa Barbara counties seat that was held for almost two decades by late Republican Rep. Charles Teague.

In Ohio's First Congressional District, Democrat Tom Luken and Willis Gradison of the GOP will battle to represent the longtime GOP region.

Arab guerrillas to be tried

CAIRO—Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has pledged to put on trial five Arab guerrillas who carried out the Dec. 17 Rome airport massacre, the newspaper *Al Akhbar* said Sunday.

The newspaper quoted Arafat as saying the trial will be staged in secret by a Palestinian revolutionary court under a "special law" of the Palestinian resistance movement. He did not say where the trial will be held.

The trial will be the first against Arab guerrillas who sought refuge in an Arab capital after a foreign operation.

Possible mistrial in Mitchell, Stans case

NEW YORK—Former Nixon Cabinet officers John N. Mitchell and Maurice H. Stans go back to federal court Monday to learn whether the judge in their alleged influence-peddling case will declare a mistrial before even a shred of evidence has been put to the jury.

The decision will be made by U.S. District Court Judge Lee Gagliardi when court resumes at 10:30 a.m. Monday. He has spent the weekend weighing the case and considering submissions made by

government and defense lawyers on the issue.

The course of the present trial hinges on a remark made by the prosecution in its opening statement to the court Friday. It was the same day that Mitchell was indicted by the Watergate grand jury in Washington.

Defense attorneys asked the judge to declare a mistrial when federal prosecutor James W. Rayhill told the jury that as they heard the evidence they should put themselves "in the place of the grand jurors...citizens like yourselves," who

indicted Mitchell and Stans on the influence-peddling charges last May.

The judge explained to the eight men and four women jurors who had been carefully selected over the previous nine days that an indictment is only an accusation and the defendants are to be presumed innocent unless proven otherwise at their trial on 10 counts of conspiracy, obstruction of justice and perjury. If convicted on all charges, Mitchell and Stans could be jailed for 50 years each.

Saying he was "gravely concerned over the

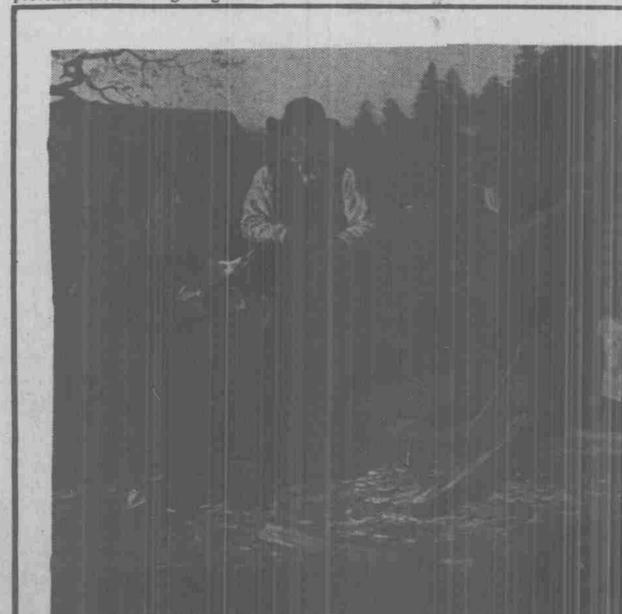
after seizing control. No one was hurt.

The gunmen took over the airliner shortly after it left Beirut, the plane's only stopover on a flight from Bombay to London. The airline spokesman said 25 persons boarded the craft at the Lebanese capital.

The spokesman said the hijackers at first ordered the pilot to fly over Greece and then on to Amsterdam.

Officials at Schiphol at first refused landing permission but changed their mind after the pilot informed the control tower that he had fuel for only 15 minutes more.

Communications monitors at Zaventem airport outside Brussels said they had overheard the hijackers, in broken English, say they wanted to blow up the aircraft over the North Sea. But the fuel shortage prevented them from getting there.



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Peace talks in jeopardy

Meir gives her resignation.



Golda Meir

JERUSALEM—Prime Minister Golda Meir announced Sunday night she was giving up on her efforts to form a new government. The statement amounted to a resignation and created doubts about Israel's immediate ability to talk peace with the Arabs.

Meir, 75, walked out of a Labor party meeting after telling its members that she encountered too much fractionalism and bitterness in trying to form a new government.

Meir, prime minister since 1969, will retain power only so long as her caretaker government continues in office. Her party voted unanimously to ask her to change her mind.

She told her party meeting in the Knesset

parliament she would tell President Ephraim Katzir she was not able to form a new government and therefore would return the mandate that authorized her a month ago to set up a government. That would amount to her resignation if she followed through.

One reason for the current government crisis is a split between Meir and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan who was angered by Labor party criticism of his conduct of the October War and charges that he had left Israel unprepared for the Yom Kippur outbreak.

The split was deepened by Dayan's insistence that Meir bring the extreme rightwing Likud bloc into a new government. The Likud had criticized Dayan too, but he approved their diehard stand against returning any captured Arab territory.

Meir rejected this demand on grounds it would be a "government of paralysis" unable to negotiate with the Arabs. As head of a caretaker government Meir successfully negotiated the troop disengagement agreement with Egypt.

Meir apparently made the sudden move

Sunday in adamant opposition to increasing demands that she form national unity government that would include the Likud hardliners and other hawkish elements in the government.

The move created doubts about the next negotiating step. Israeli and Syrian diplomats are to go to Washington this month for indirect negotiations through Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger on a disengagement agreement for the Golan Heights. How this could be done now was not immediately clear.

Hearst makes appeal for break of silence

SAN FRANCISCO—The parents of kidnaped Patricia Hearst, in a dramatic television plea, asked her terrorist abductors Sunday to break 10 days of silence by allowing her to send a note or tape saying she is "okay."

In a television and radio plea, Randolph A. Hearst told the Symbionese Liberation Army that his 20-year-old daughter had the right to correspond with her family if she was being held as a prisoner of war.

"I'm sure she's all right," Hearst said in his first appearance in more than a week before the reporters and TV cameras outside his suburban Hillsborough home.

His wife, Catherine, told their daughter to "keep up your courage."

"You've never harmed anybody and I know that pretty soon God will touch their hearts and they'll send you home again," she said.

Hearst said he believed the SLA was a "political movement" and that Patricia was being held under the POW rules of the Geneva Convention.

The University of California coed was kidnaped from her Berkeley apartment Feb. 4 by the tiny terrorist sect, which had demanded a \$6 million food giveaway as a preliminary ransom. The family has put up \$2 million and pledged to provide the rest following her release.

"We might ask that people that are holding you if you could be allowed to send us a letter or get in touch with us by tape," said Hearst, son of the late publishing magnate William Randolph Hearst.

Hughes wants study

WASHINGTON—Sen. Harold Hughes, D-Iowa, blocked promotions of two senior aides of the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff last week hoping to force the Senate Arms Services Committee into a full scale investigation of military spying on the White House, his staff said Sunday.

Navy Capt. Arthur Knozen was to be promoted to rear admiral and Air Force Col. Bennie Davis was to be elevated to general. They were among six promotions Hughes temporarily has blocked or has vowed to oppose.

Navy stenographer Charles Radford has testified that both Knozen and Davis knew that he had purloined White House policy papers and passed them to Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The four other officers whose promotions were blocked were involved in secret bombings in Southeast Asia or other activities. But aides said that while Hughes opposes promoting men involved in the secret bombings, the Pentagon has now turned over its records on those incidents, removing any reason to formally block the nominations.

Hughes, a liberal, has been pressing for open hearings on the spying affair over stiff opposition from committee conservatives. He wants an airing of allegations the military sought the information so it could try to affect decisions on Vietnam and renewed relations with China. The military denies this. Hughes feels both the spying and secret bombing episodes raise questions about civilian control of the military.

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