

Successor to Meir chosen

TEL AVIV—Labor Minister Yitzhak Rabin, a former chief of staff and ambassador to the United States, Monday won the nomination of his ruling Labor Party to succeed Mrs. Golda Meir as prime minister of Israel.

But he said he expects problems in forming a new government coalition and may be forced to call new general elections.

A leading dove, Rabin indicated he would continue Mrs. Meir's efforts to reach further peace settlements with Egypt and a troop disengagement agreement with Syria.

Meanwhile, Israeli and Syrian warplanes went back into action over the disputed Golan Heights while ground forces under the cover of renewed artillery fire maneuvered for position on the slopes of strategic Mount Hermon.

Nixon considers subpoena reply

WASHINGTON—President Nixon, facing a Thursday deadline, spent much of his time Monday in consultation with his lawyers and aides to decide on a response to the unprecedented congressional subpoena for his Watergate tapes.

Meanwhile, the senior Republican member of the House Judiciary Committee, Rep. Edward Hutchinson of Michigan, disclosed the impeachment inquiry panel has prepared another request for White House material in addition to that already demanded in the subpoena.

Discussing Nixon's strategy session with his counsel, White House spokesmen said it was the second consecutive day of meetings in which Nixon had shared his thoughts but made no final decision about the subpoena.

Second 'Zebra' suit filed

SAN FRANCISCO—A second suit was filed here today by blacks protesting the Police Department's stop-and-search manhunt for the "Zebra" gunmen who have slain 12 persons.

The suit was filed by the American Civil Liberties Union, six black men and 13 lawyers including professor Anthony G. Amsterdam of Stanford University, architect of the successful fight to get the death penalty declared unconstitutional.

It asked for a declaration that indiscriminate stopping, searching, interrogating and detaining of blacks is illegal and unconstitutional.

Another suit was filed last Friday by the

The Israeli military command in Tel Aviv said two Syrian MIG21 jets penetrated Israeli-held territory but didn't attack anything and returned to Syria before Israeli planes could intercept them on the 42nd straight day of fighting in the area.

Syria made no mention of air action but a military communique in Damascus charged that Israel had tried to move up anti-aircraft

missile bases during the night. Syria said it shelled the bases but did not say where they were.

On the diplomatic front, expectation built up for U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's impending Middle East journey. Diplomatic sources in Cairo said Kissinger will meet Sunday in Geneva with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko.

Mitchell, Stans face jury

NEW YORK—Nine men and three women are expected to begin deliberating the fate of former Nixon cabinet officers John N. Mitchell and Maurice H. Stans Wednesday afternoon, the presiding judge in the historic trial said Monday.

Judge Lee P. Gagliardi made the prediction after both the prosecution and defense rested shortly after 3 p.m. after hearing a number of rebuttal witnesses including former White House counsel John W. Dean III, who flatly contradicted the testimony of former Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans.

Appearing as a prosecution rebuttal witness, Dean testified that he never told Stans there was no obligation to reveal to federal investigators a secret \$200,000 cash contribution to the 1972 Nixon re-election campaign.

It was Dean's third appearance at the trial, the first of former cabinet members since the Teapot Dome oil lease scandal of the 1920s.

The jurors must deliberate on charges of conspiracy, obstruction of justice and perjury against Stans and Mitchell.

Both defendants are accused of conspiring to block a Securities and Exchange Commission investigation of financier

Robert L. Vesco, now a fugitive from U.S. justice, in exchange for the \$200,000 campaign contribution and of lying to a grand jury about it. They had resigned their cabinet posts to run Nixon's campaign when the alleged wrongdoing occurred.

Monday was the 34th day the jury has actually heard testimony. Including the eight days of jury selection, however, it was the 42nd day of courtroom procedure.

Pandas tumble, but don't mate

WASHINGTON—After three days of rolling and tumbling Hsing-Hsing and Ling-Ling had still not mated Monday, frustrating hopes for the first successful panda birth outside of China.

Officials of the National Zoological Park put the two giant pandas together five times over the weekend and early Monday without success.

"They are chasing each other around, rolling and tumbling but Hsing-Hsing just hasn't zeroed in," said Billie Hamlet, the zoo's information officer. "They are trying but so far nothing has happened other than a lot of activity."

The two pandas, gifts to the United States by the People's Republic of China, were placed together for the first time Saturday morning but had to be separated when things got rough, Mrs. Hamlet said.

"Our problem is a lack of information about their breeding habits. We don't know if the violence is just a preliminary to sexual activity or whether someone will get hurt."



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Pan Am 707 crashes in Indonesia

DENPASAR, Bali—A Pan American World Airways 707 jetliner with 106 people aboard crashed in flames Monday on the Indonesian island of Bali, police on the island reported.

There was no immediate word from the remote jungle crash site concerning casualties.

The four-engine Boeing jet was Flight 812 from Hong Kong to Los Angeles via Bali, Sydney, Fiji and Honolulu. It carried 96 passengers and a crew of 10 and was approaching the airport here in the Balinese capital when it went down.

Gaullist seeks support against leftists

PARIS—Jacques Chaban-Delmas, official Gaullist candidate for the presidency of France, urged voters Monday to rally to his support against the Communist-backed Socialist contender Francois Mitterrand before it is too late.

Speaking in a nation-wide television address, the 59-year-old ex-premier said: "Mr. Mitterrand will certainly come out first after the first round of voting. I hope Frenchmen will rally behind my candidature before the second round. I hope that it would not be too late then."

Manhattan office building hit by blast

NEW YORK—An explosion blew away half of one side of a 25-story office building in mid-Manhattan Monday, setting off a fire and heavily damaging an 18-story apartment building one block from the United Nations.

Police said the building had been the subject of a bomb threat but discounted the possibility that the structure had actually been sabotaged.

Ninety-three persons, including 11 policemen, were hurt, eight seriously.

Senate leader wants tax cut

WASHINGTON—Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield Monday called for a tax cut as Congress returned from its Easter recess to grapple with the nation's economy and prepare to deal with President Nixon's possible impeachment.

"We are on the verge of a recession," Mansfield warned. "I think we better do something and do it soon."

Meanwhile, in another part of Washington, Federal Reserve Board Chairman Arthur Burns warned that the United States will be in "grave difficulty" unless it brings inflation under control. He indicated that a tax cut now would only make matters worse.

Burns also said the beleaguered housing industry, troubled with soaring interest rates, should look to the administration and Congress for help rather than to the nation's central bank.

Strike cuts off mail to Canada

WASHINGTON—The Postal Service announced Monday it is cutting off all mail service from the United States to Canada at the request of the Canadian government because of the postal strike in that country.

The total cutoff followed days of a spreading embargo on mail to sections of Canada at the request of the Canadian government since a walkout of Canadian postal workers began in the Montreal district April 12.

A spokesman said the Postal Service is returning to senders all air mail, first class mail and parcel post, and that second and third class mail is being sent to the post offices where it originated so senders can be contacted to arrange for its disposition.

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