

Israel given 3 months to withdraw Sadat says

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Egyptian President Anwar Sadat Thursday gave Israel three months to make further withdrawals from occupied Egyptian, Syrian and Jordanian territory. Otherwise he said the Arabs, including the Palestinians, would "explode everything" when the Geneva Middle East peace conference resumes.

Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, in Washington for talks with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, said Sadat's statement was not too good but that he hoped it was not the Egyptian leader's last word.

Kissinger, who has been trying to negotiate a second stage Israeli withdrawal from Egypt's Sinai as part of his unilateral step-by-step approach to peace, opposed early resumption of the Geneva conference at which the Soviet Union would play a major role.

Sadat's warning came in an interview with the Beirut newspaper An Nahar as:

Sen. Charles H. Percy, R-Ill., ending a four-day visit to Cairo, warned of a devastating fifth Middle East war unless there is a breakthrough in peace negotiations soon. Percy told a new conference that in Cairo "as in the other Middle Eastern capitals that I've visited these past two weeks, there is almost a unanimous feeling that time is running out."

Israeli troops battled Lebanese artillery and Palestinian guerrillas in southeast Lebanon for the fifth day. The Israeli military command said four guerrillas were killed at Kfar Chouba, a village one mile inside Lebanon which has been a major target for the Israeli attacks this week, while two Israeli soldiers were wounded. Lebanese military spokesmen said the Israelis suffered heavy casualties when Lebanese gunners shelled an armored column and the border settlement of Metulla.

Sadat said in the interview he has not received any new peace proposals from Israel via the United States.

"I will accept nothing less than an Israeli move on three fronts—and within three months," Sadat said. "This is a conclusive year because next year, 1976, is an election year in America."

"If nothing is accomplished soon, and very soon, we would then go to Geneva, all of us, including the Palestinians and explode everything there."

"We ourselves will explode the situation at the time of our own choosing. We Arabs will be one rank, and when the Geneva peace conference materializes, it will be final and conclusive, not merely to discuss a few kilometers under disengagement arrangements" Sadat said.



Senate Appropriations Committee chairman John McClellan, D-Ark., left, whose intelligence subcommittee is investigating CIA activities, talks with reporters after the hearings.

Former head defends CIA record

by Nicholas Daniloff
United Press International

WASHINGTON—Former CIA Director Richard Helms said Thursday his agents had to spy upon American radicals because some of them had links with foreign subversives, and he defended the CIA's record without regrets, without qualms, without apology. Helms lashed back at the CIA's critics in prepared testimony at a special Senate

hearing, describing himself as indignant at the irresponsible attacks against the agency and warning they could seriously damage U.S. interests if suffered to pass unchallenged.

Helms, now ambassador to Iran, was CIA director from 1966 to 1973 and deputy director before that, when most of the domestic intelligence activities outlined Wednesday by the current director, William E. Colby, took place.

"I was and remain proud of my work there, culminating in my 6½ years as director," Helms said in a four-page statement presented to the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"I believed in the importance to the nation of the function that the agency served. I still do, without regrets, without qualms, without apology."

Helms and Colby appeared before an expanded panel of the Armed Services

intelligence subcommittee, which began in-depth hearings into allegations the CIA violated its charter by spying upon American anti-war dissidents and other domestic radical groups in the 1960s and early 70s.

Unlike Colby's testimony Wednesday before a Senate appropriations subcommittee, Thursday's hearings were conducted behind closed doors in order to preserve what was described as a need for intelligence secrecy.

"Of necessity, intelligence must be protected by secrecy which, in turn, necessitates public confidence and trust," Sen. John C. Stennis, the committee chairman, said.

Committee sources said Colby merely re-read the report on CIA domestic activities he had made public Wednesday. It included admissions the agency kept files on some 10,000 American dissidents, infiltrated the anti-war movement in the 1960s, staged three break-ins to safeguard CIA secrets, tapped the phones of 21 U.S. citizens to check security leaks and opened mail sent to two unidentified Communist countries by U.S. citizens.

Helms, making his first extensive public statement on the issue, in effect delivered an uncompromising justification for the activities Colby had disclosed.

"In normal times, he said, few Americans would ever come within the purview of our foreign intelligence operations."

Recession worst since WW II

by Gene Carlson
United Press International

WASHINGTON—The United States is in the midst of the worst recession of the post-World War II era, according to government statistics released Thursday.

A Commerce Department report on the nation's Gross National Product showed that output of the economy, adjusted for the effects of inflation, dropped at a startling 9.1 per cent annual rate between October and December.

Inflation, meanwhile, spurted at a 13.7 per cent pace, the quickest since the department began collecting quarterly statistics in 1947.

It was the fourth consecutive quarterly decline in real, or non-inflated, GNP and James L. Pate, the department's chief economist, said the end is not in sight.

"I don't think we're at the trough recession bottom yet," said Pate, predicting that the growth rate would take another substantial loss in the current January-March quarter.

"The current economic situation is very

bad," he said grimly. "These are the facts. They speak for themselves. Everything is bad."

From November, 1973, when the constantly fluctuating business cycle reached its latest peak, through December, 1974, the latest date for which figures are available, the GNP fell 5 per cent. That is a much bigger drop than in any of the five recessions since the end of World War II.

There was a huge business contraction in 1945-46 as the economy underwent the readjustment from war to peace, but economists consider this a special case that should not be compared with the usual recession.

Not since 1930s, when the economy took two separate nose dives in the wake of the Great Depression, has there been an economic slump as big as the one now under way.

Drops in consumer spending, home construction, and a huge backlog of unsold goods such as automobiles, contributed to the sharp downturn in the Gross National

Product—the nation's output of goods and services.

The figures showed that the recession is real, and was intensifying at year's end. For the first time since 1960-61, output now has declined for four consecutive quarters.

James L. Pate, the Commerce Department's chief economist, saw no immediate relief for the situation, telling reporters:

"The breadth of the decline, the substantial increase in inventory accumulation in the fourth quarter and other evidence suggest that further adjustments are now under way and that real output may decline again in the current quarter."

This could mean one of the longest-term and most severe periods of recession since the period just after World War II.

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Interviews scheduled for Union Chairpersons

Interviews for members of the 1975-76 Carolina Union Activities Board will begin Monday, January 20.

This year, interviews will be held over a 5-week period. On January 20, interviews will begin for Operation Input, Forum Committee and Performing Arts; on February 3, interviews will begin for Film, Gallery, Videotape and Special Projects; interviews will begin February 24 for Social, Current Affairs and Recreation. Any regularly enrolled, fulltime student at UNC is eligible to apply. Appointments to the Board will be made by Lynn Mercer, Union President, by February 28, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Operation Input was established in 1974 to increase communications in the area of popular entertainment between members of the student body and the Carolina Union. In addition, the group is charged with the task of researching the entertainment market with a focus on attempting to improve the quality of popular entertainment on the UNC campus. Members of Operation Input are appointed by heads of student organizations which represent campus housing areas and units, thereby giving each student constituency a representative for input and a source of information when questions arise.

The Forum Committee is responsible for selecting the program of major speakers which visit the UNC campus under the sponsorship of the Union. In addition, they plan and carry out dinners, receptions, press conferences and

classroom appearances for the individual speakers. The early selection this year will provide more time for the committee to be organized, develop a list of tentative speakers and begin making contacts for the coming year. The Forum strives to present speakers of national and international prominence that represent a cross section of interests. This includes the arts as well as politics.

The Performing Arts Committee has been established this year by Mercer to plan and coordinate programs in the areas of dance, drama and music. The committee will be charged with planning a balanced program in those areas working with agencies to determine what is available, seeking suggestions from the student body and working with the entertainers in the actual productions here on campus. In the past, this area has been handled by the entire Activities Board. The development of this committee will allow more time to be spent in these areas and allow the other committees to spend more time developing programs in their individual areas. Past programs which would be included in the Performing Arts program would be Preservation Hall Jazz, Carlos Montoya, National Shakespeare, New York Touring Company, Louis Falco Dance Company and Claude Kipnis Mime. Mercer stressed that persons applying for this position should have a broad interest in the performing arts and the administration of such a program rather than having expertise in one or all of the areas.

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