

On basis of U.S. working paper

Israel agrees to Geneva talks

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JERUSALEM — Israel agreed Tuesday to go to a renewed Middle East peace conference at Geneva on the basis of a "working paper" it hammered out with the United States.

Prime Minister Menahem Begin, 64, presided over a cabinet session that reached the decision only a few hours after his release from a Tel Aviv hospital where he spent 11 days undergoing treatment for a heart ailment.

"The government approved the working paper on suggestions for the resumption of the Geneva peace conference as agreed upon between the President of the United States and the secretary of state and the minister of foreign affairs of Israel on Oct. 5, 1977," cabinet secretary Arie Naor said.

Naor said the cabinet resolution attached no conditions to acceptance of the document worked out between Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and President Carter.

He said Israel's decision to go to Geneva was communicated to Washington as soon as it was made. But he added the working paper itself will not be published because "nonpublication may advance prospects for a Geneva conference."

Nobels — chemistry, physics

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Two Americans — a professor and his pupil — and a Briton Tuesday shared the Nobel Physics Prize for work to make solar energy cheaper. A Russian-born chemist from the University of Texas won the chemistry prize for a theory showing the origin of life "was not coincidental."

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The Royal Academy of Sciences announced that the 1977 physics prize will be shared equally by Dr. Philip W. Anderson of the Bell Telephone Laboratories in Murray Hill, N.J.; Prof. John H. Van Vleck at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.; and Sir Nevill F. Mott, professor emeritus at Cambridge University in Cambridge, England.

The chemistry winner is Prof. Ilya Prigogine, Director of the Center for Statistical Mechanics and Thermodynamics at the University of Texas and who also teaches at the Universite Libre de Bruxelles in Belgium.

U.S. accuses U.S.S.R.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — The United States accused the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia Tuesday of tampering with the mails in an attack that for the first time named specific countries as violators of the Helsinki accords.

Speaking on behalf of the U.S. delegation at the conference, Prof. Joyce Hughes, a civil rights leader, accused the Soviet Union of interfering with delivery of everything from personal letters to the World Almanac.

Bomb explodes in N.Y.C.

NEW YORK — A bomb exploded Tuesday on the crowded steps of the famous New York Public Library building on Fifth Avenue, causing minor damage but injuring no one.

The explosion occurred shortly before 4 p.m., hours after a dynamite bomb was dismantled outside the General Motors Building and a letter believed written by the Puerto Rican terrorist group FALN was found in a west side telephone booth.

"We the members of the FALN are today engaged in a war of nerves," the letter said in part.

Carter hails Obasanjo

WASHINGTON — President Carter and Nigerian leader Lt. Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo agreed Tuesday a failure of efforts to establish black majority rule in Rhodesia would "lead inevitably to steadily increased bloodshed," a White House spokesperson said.

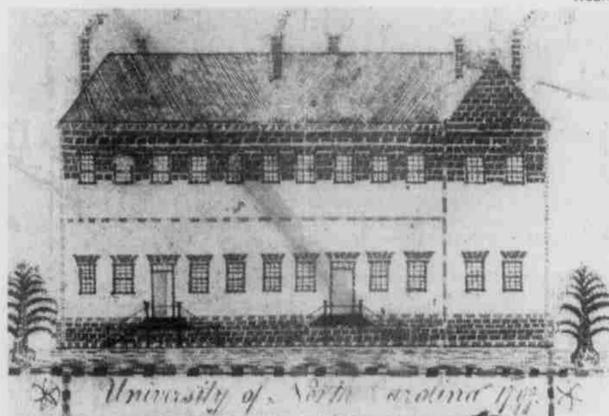
The Nigerian chief of state, hailed by Carter as a "freedom fighter," had warned a welcoming White House audience "the racist repression" of white minority governments in southern Africa "is a crime that not only Africa, but all mankind must fight."

HEW-Labor funds

WASHINGTON — HEW Secretary Joseph Califano and Labor Secretary Ray Marshall Tuesday warned Congress failure to enact an HEW-Labor appropriations bill this week will cause suffering for millions — including the unemployed.

A \$60.1 billion appropriations bill for the Labor and HEW departments has been stalled since July 13 while the House and Senate try to reconcile language over federal subsidies for abortions. HEW's total budget is \$161 billion, the rest coming from other legislation and trust funds such as Social Security.

"Thousands of ... individuals will not receive benefits to which they are entitled if the Congress does not act this week," Califano said in a letter to Senate Democratic Leader Robert Byrd.



Old East, drawn in 1797 by John Pettigrew, had in its cornerstone a metal plate which disappeared for 45 years but which, through a coincidence, reappeared in 1916. Photo courtesy of the North Carolina Collection in Wilson Library.

Wilson library to showcase Old East plate

Plaque commemorates laying of cornerstone

A significant day in the life of the University is described on a small bronze plate which has its own interesting history.

The 5-by-8-inch plate was enclosed in the cornerstone of Old East, the nation's first state university building, on Oct. 12, 1793, by the "Father of the University," Gen. William R. Davie. A description of the cornerstone laying is inscribed on the plate, now on display in the North Carolina Collection in Wilson Library.

The plate mysteriously disappeared during the Civil War and was lost for more than 45 years. A curious mixture of circumstance and coincidence led to the return of the plate 61 years ago on University Day, Oct. 12, 1916.

Sometime between 1865 and 1875, when the campus fell vacant during the Civil War, the Old East cornerstone was broken and the bronze plate vanished. Who the vandal was and what he did with the plate never has been discovered. But, strangely enough, in 1916 the plate fell into the hands of a Carolina alumnus in Clarksville, Tenn.

Thomas B. Foust, class of 1903 and owner of the Clarksville Foundry and Machine Works, was handed the bronze plate by a shop foreman who had noticed the inscription and thought the old piece of metal might be worth more than the other pieces of scrap brass.

Davie's name caught Foust's eye. After looking at the plate more closely and scrubbing away some of the grime and tarnish of the years, he realized that in some way it must be connected with the University. He had the plate cleaned and notified University President Edward Kidder Graham.

"The plate came into my possession along with a lot of scrap brass which was intended for melting into various brass castings," Foust wrote to Graham.

After the plate was identified definitely, plans were made to have it returned to the University on University Day, Oct. 12, 1916. Boyd Andrew Jr., an 1893 Carolina graduate and grand master of the Masons of North Carolina, made the presentation. The plate then was placed among other University artifacts in what was called the North Carolina room in the Hill Hall library.

Currently included in the Wilson Library display along with the Old East cornerstone plate are several pieces of silver from the family of William Richardson Davie; various examples of money printed in North Carolina between 1785 and 1866; a pen which William S. Pettigrew used to sign the Secession Ordinance on May 20, 1861, in the Commons Chamber in Raleigh; a rifle slug embedded in the wall of a house near Bentonville, site of the last major engagement between Union and Confederate forces in North Carolina.

Low prof attendance causes criticism of University Day

To many UNC students, University Day offers a chance to catch up on much-needed sleep or homework.

But to some professors, University Day seems like a waste of time and money. Attendance was so spotty that the Faculty Advisory Committee last year proposed a resolution urging at least one-third of the faculty in each department to attend the ceremonies.

"Faculty participation has dwindled," E. Maynard Adams, faculty chairperson said Tuesday.

Some professors, Adams said, fail to see the significance of the ceremony and academic procession. And, he said, many professors cannot afford the academic regalia (caps, gowns and collars), which can cost as much as \$150.

"I think we'll have a decent showing this year," Adams said. "Last year we had about 300 attend. We should have more turn out since the faculty has had time to obtain caps and gowns."

Departmental chairpersons have urged their faculty to attend the ceremonies by circulating memos and attendance sheets.

"I publicized the event," said William C. Sell, dean of the School of Education. "I don't see any problems of having at least one-third of the department there."

"The younger professors don't want to buy or rent gowns, so they get this detached, superior-than-thou attitude, saying 'I'm not going to the stupid thing,'" said Richard Koepe, geography department chairperson. "But we should have at least one third of the faculty there."

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That decision will be strictly up to Marshall, a black who was chief counsel for the NAACP during racial litigation of the 1960s.

The Congressional Black Caucus released the brief it filed in the case, which says in part, "Any vacillation or hesitation by this court in reaffirming the fundamental principles at stake in this case may well sound the death knell of the progress made since this court's 1954 school desegregation decision in Brown vs. Board of Education."

In a related development, the U.S. Civil Rights Commission Tuesday urged the use of numerical goals for minority admissions to professional schools and deplored the "semantic"

discussion of quotas aroused by the Bakke case.

In a 12-page statement defending "affirmative action" programs on the eve of the Supreme Court arguments in the Bakke case, the commission said the goals and achievements timetables used in private sector affirmative action programs also should be adopted in the admission programs of medical and law schools.

Arthur Flemming, commission chairperson, said the Justice Department's brief in the case, defending the principle of affirmative action without resorting to rigid quotas, was "consistent" with the commission's position.

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