

Begin accepts U.S. help to reconvene peace talks

By United Press International
Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, taking a conciliatory tone, said Monday that Israel welcomed renewed U.S. mediation efforts to reconvene the stalled Middle East peace talks with Egypt.
In Rome, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat discussed the future of Jerusalem with Pope Paul before returning home "satisfied" from an eight-nation tour designed to win world-wide support in his dispute with Israel.
But in Washington, White House Press Secretary Jody Powell defended Secretary of State Cyrus Vance from Israeli criticism, and said Vance accurately reflected President Carter's views that Israeli settlements in the occupied Sinai should not exist.
In a strong statement Sunday, the Israeli cabinet accused Vance of taking Egypt's side on the issue and suggested Vance had contradicted Carter.

discuss Soviet repayment of the cost of recovering the debris.
Canadian U.N. Ambassador William H. Barton indicated the cost might be considerable. "The search by air and on the ground will be continued through the coming weeks and is expected to be extended after the spring thaw," he said.
The satellite plunged to a fiery death in the atmosphere Jan. 24, and radioactive debris landed in the Northwest Territories, one of the most lightly populated regions of the world.



Menachem Begin

news briefs

"Stocking strangler"

COLUMBUS, Ga. — The "stocking strangler", who has killed six elderly women and attacked a seventh in a quiet neighborhood, may be getting reckless and overconfident, Police Chief Curtis McClung said Monday.

McClung and Coroner Donald Kilgore said the killer apparently struck twice within a few hours Saturday morning, killing

Mildred Borom, 78, and attempting to kill Mrs. Ruth Schwob, 74.

The two attacks came almost seven weeks after the murder of a fifth woman and in the midst of an intensive hunt for the slayer by local and state authorities. It revived fears among those living in the area, many of them retired.

A front page editorial in the *Columbia Enquirer* called for use of National Guard troops is necessary to patrol the community. Rewards totaling \$22,000 have been posted for the killer.

Canada bills Moscow

UNITED NATIONS — Canada formally told the United Nations Monday the crash of a Soviet nuclear-powered spy satellite on its territory was a "serious incident" and that it had contacted Moscow to

Cross' new album blends accessibility, country flavor

In *Born in the Country*, Chapel Hill folk legend Mike Cross presents us with an excellent mixture of the folk-country flavor and the commercialization which musicians need to survive. From a technical standpoint, Cross' second effort is a drastic improvement over *Child Prodigy*. But in achieving that quality recording, Cross moves perilously close to an over-orchestrated sound. For die-hard Cross fans who flock to his every live appearance, the album may seem disappointing. But for those who realize that Cross' stage presence cannot be reproduced on a vinyl disc, the album is very enjoyable.

"Blue Skies and Teardrops" gets the album off to a pleasant start. Although the simplicity, so prevalent in live performances of the song, is camouflaged by backup string work, the song remains one of Cross' best.

A jazzed up "Big City Woman" makes the story within the song more effective. His tale of a woman undercover cop posing as a prostitute is one of the lighter moments on the album.

"Drowsy Maggie Cooley's Reel" displays the versatility of Mike Cross, the musician. Cross is renowned for his lyrical wit, but this instrumental segue exemplifies his prowess on the fiddle. The relatively short piece (3:57) stays bouncy throughout.

Cross' only single to date, "Wisdom Or A Drink," closes out Side 1. Like "Blue Skies And

Teardrops," "Wisdom Or A Drink" relies heavily upon simplicity for its appeal. In order to aid radio airplay, some of that simplicity has been buried under heavy arrangement. Still, the song is a Cross classic — sensitive lyrics matched perfectly with the appropriate melody.

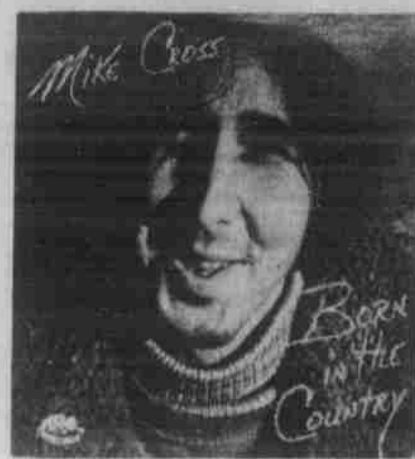
records

By EVAN APPEL

Born In The Country
Mike Cross

To the uninitiated few music fans unfamiliar with Leon Redbone, "Nobby" would seem a radical departure in style for Cross. Upon the encouragement of a friend, Cross penned the song in the inimitable Redbone style. Hearing Cross do the tune live is an experience in itself; listening to it on the album will have your foot tapping. The backup work here is not distracting; rather it adds a fuller dimension to the song.

The album finale, "Born In The Country/Devil's Dream," is a throwback to *Child Prodigy* in its simplicity. The soft Cross vocals blended by nice guitar work remind Cross followers of cold winter nights in dimly lit area nightclubs sipping their favorite beverage.



On *Born In The Country* Mike Cross displays the incredible versatility that has long made him a favorite in this area. From the Redbonesque "Nobby" and the breezy "Blue Skies And Teardrops" to the simple "Born In The Country," Mike Cross has succeeded once again in providing musical entertainment of the highest degree.

NCCU

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"Some administrators" at NCCU, the statement said, "express doubt that the University of North Carolina would act in full good faith to enhance the traditionally black institutions," as required by the HEW criteria.

"North Carolina wants to say they will do all this out of free hearts," the NCCU official said. "They haven't. They are instead making tracks, spinning wheels."

"HEW wouldn't be bothering anyone if North Carolina was doing what it should be for the past 23 years."

If the programs were moved to NCCU and the other four traditionally black institutions, the officials question whether enough money to support the programs also would be transferred.

The NCCU statement also said officials there were concerned that program transfers might cause a reduction in the number of black student officials or faculty members or downgrade positions held by the black officials.

For example, the statement said, a black dean of a small college could be promoted to associate dean of a larger school. But, the statement said, "The result would be make the black administrator essentially invisible."

Some agreement exists among the administrators that transferring programs would cause students and professors to move to schools not affected by the HEW rulings. These schools would be private schools, such as Duke or Wake Forest or in states not under HEW desegregation orders.

Southern Bell pleads guilty to political contributions

By JERRY MITCHELL
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CHARLOTTE — Southern Bell Telephone Co. pleaded guilty to one count of falsification of records and misapplication of funds for political purposes Monday — and the state agreed to drop two dozen other charges — just before the utility's trial began.

James E. "Bill" Walker, one of the company's chief defense attorneys, said the guilty plea stated, in effect, that some Southern Bell employees falsified expense vouchers and some of the funds from the vouchers were used for political purposes.

District Attorney Peter S. Gilchrist III said attorneys for Southern Bell approached him about a negotiated plea Monday morning as the trial was ready to begin in Mecklenburg County Superior Court.

After several hours of negotiations, Gilchrist announced in court that the company had entered

the guilty plea. A hearing will be held Wednesday for the state to present factual evidence to Judge Laev E. Thornburg.

Gilchrist said the two sides reached no agreement about sentencing, but the state agreed not to seek further indictments of Southern Bell employees.

Although Gilchrist said the sentence is at the discretion of the judge, defense attorneys said they expect the only penalty to be a fine against the corporation.

Thornburg said he plans to pronounce sentence shortly after the hearing Wednesday.

Similar charges were dropped against former Southern Bell executive John J. Ryan, Southern Bell President L. E. Rast and three other executives in December because they had to give depositions under a law that granted them immunity from prosecution.

However, Ryan still faces trial on a separate 16-count indictment charging him with embezzlement of \$17,000.

O'Koren

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DeWalt also said the seriousness of O'Koren's injury would not be known until Wednesday. A cast on the ankle will be removed then, and doctors will examine the injury more closely.

O'Koren suffered torn ligaments on the inside and outside of his ankle after he twisted it during a fall late in Carolina's game with Providence Sunday. If recovery has been sufficient when the cast is removed Wednesday, rehabilitation will start.

"He'll have to have a full range of motion and strength in the ankle before we'll let him play," DeWalt said.

O'Koren rolled over on the side of his foot while fighting for a rebound Sunday.

"I heard something go pop," he said after the game.

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