

World at a glance

From Associated Press Reports

Sadat asks for US weapons

WASHINGTON — Egypt's Pres. Anwar Sadat made a bid for American weapons to Pres. Carter on Tuesday, but a White House spokesman said "no commitments or decisions are anticipated."

At their windup session, the two leaders surveyed Soviet and Cuban intervention in Africa and joined in an appeal for peaceful settlement of conflicts and territorial integrity there.

Seeing Sadat to a waiting limousine, Carter said he was "perfectly satisfied" with their discussions.

Homemade N-bombs possible

WASHINGTON — A congressional study released Monday concluded that there is a "clear possibility" that individuals without access to government secrets or facilities could build a nuclear bomb.

"Given the weapons material and a fraction of a million dollars, a small group of people, none of whom have ever had access to the classified literature, could possibly design and build a crude nuclear device," the congressional Office of Technology Assessment said in a report submitted to a Senate subcommittee.

SALT rejection not setback

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance denied Tuesday that the Soviet rejection of U.S. arms limitation proposals in Moscow last week represented a setback.

Vance said he had contended all along negotiation of a new SALT agreement will be a "long and continuing process" and that the two sides will meet again in May and "take up where we left off."

Nantucket voters for secession

NANTUCKET, Mass. — Nantucket islanders made it known that they would rather not be a part of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts if they can't have their own seat in the legislature.

The residents of this tourist and fishing center voted overwhelmingly in a non-binding referendum to secede from Massachusetts.

With all but about 200 of approximately 2,200 votes cast counted, the unofficial margin was 4-1 in favor of secession.

'Status of blacks' in committee

SALEM—A bill to create a commission on the status of blacks in Oregon was approved by one legislative committee Tuesday and sent to another.

The measure, SB-850, would establish an 11-member commission, eight of whom would be blacks, to study and make recommendations concerning opportunities for Oregon's approximately 30,000 blacks.

'Windfall' profits charged

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., said Tuesday a six-day delay by the Agriculture Department in letting the public know about a surprise sale of soybeans to China may have meant "windfall profits" to the exporters.

The sale involved about 7.3 million bushels of soybeans China bought from an unidentified U.S. firm for delivery in the current season. An additional 7 million bushels was sold for delivery in 1977-78.

The sale was announced by the Agriculture Department on March 31, but had been reported by the exporter to the department on March 25.

"My concern is that the information of the sale was withheld

for six days," Dole said in a letter to Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland. "Consequently only the traders involved knew about this unexpected market demand and, thereby, had an advantage in the market while farmers had no way of knowing this privileged information."

Bergland had told reporters after the announcement the sale had been reported by the exporter six days earlier. Dole's letter, drafted Tuesday, was read to The Associated Press by an aide.

Dole, the Republican vice-presidential nominee last year, said during the six days in which USDA delayed announcing the sale, the futures price of soybeans on the Chicago Board of Trade climbed from \$8.65 a bushel to \$9.22½ a bushel.

Flood toll hits 28

(AP) — Rain-swollen rivers inundated towns in the hilly Appalachians Tuesday, cutting communications and forcing thousands to evacuate or wait for rescue. At least 28 persons had been killed by rain and wind storms in the region.

The worst flooding was in southern West Virginia and Kentucky, where the Cumberland, Big Sandy and Kentucky rivers topped flood-walls built to protect cities.

"This will be the highest flood ever recorded on the upper Cumberland," the National Weather Service said.

"I'd say it's the worst in 40 years," said Lou Bondurant, a Red Cross spokesman in Louisville. "Hundreds of people are being taken to shelters. Thousands of people are out of their homes."

The flooding Tug Fork, a tributary of the Big Sandy, forced the 500 residents of the town of Matewan, near Williamson on the Kentucky border, to flee their homes. Some were reported trapped Tuesday on upper floors of taller structures.

A reporter who reached Matewan Tuesday afternoon reported a few two-story houses

poking above the water but the rest of the town completely covered. Many houses had tipped over.

T.L. Varney, a former West Virginia legislator, said the flood meant the end of the town.

"I don't believe there'll be any fixing back. I believe this is finished," he said.

Wilson Cisco spent the night in a boat rescuing stranded Matewan residents. "They were screaming and hollering all over the place," he said.

The flooding killed at least four persons in Kentucky, two in West Virginia and two in Virginia; an additional five persons were reported missing in Virginia before communications were lost in flooded areas.

Patients at a hospital in Welch, W. Va., were moved to upper floors when the Tug Fork poured into the town, flooding the first floor. Methodist Hospital in Pikeville, Ky., on the Big Sandy, was surrounded by water, and emergency patients had to be brought in by boat.

Pineville, Ky., a town of nearly 3,000, was reported covered by 15 feet of water after the Cumberland rose 18 feet above flood stage and poured over the flood-wall.

Wages split Carter, labor

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Pres. Carter and organized labor push their opposing views on how high the minimum wage should be raised, House Speaker Thomas O'Neill predicted Tuesday there will be a compromise "somewhere in the middle."

The minimum wage currently is \$2.30 an hour. The AFL-CIO had advocated raising this to \$3 an hour this year. The Carter administration has endorsed a \$2.50 minimum.

O'Neill said Carter talked with congressional leaders Tuesday about inflation and how any large increase in the minimum wage would aggravate inflation.

O'Neill said Carter told the leaders he was going "to the people" on the subject of inflation after he is filled in by his Cabinet advisers on the details of inflation's impact.

O'Neill said Carter did not indicate he was in a mood to compromise on the minimum wage issue. But he added, "Somewhere along the line there will be a minimum wage increase. And you can almost bet it will be somewhere in the middle... a compromise between the two."

Organized labor is starting a major campaign to put pressure on the Carter administration for a larger increase in the minimum wage.

AFL-CIO President George Meany made a rare personal trip to Capitol Hill last week to appeal

for support from Democratic leaders.

House leaders, many of whom are sympathetic to Meany's position, agreed with Meany that time was needed to build a coalition behind labor's proposal.

Stock exchange harbors bookie

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Stock Exchange is investigating a report that at least one member has more on his mind than stocks and bonds when he steps onto the trading floor for a piece of the action.

The exchange said Monday it has information "that an individual on the trading floor was accepting bets on sporting events."

In a brief announcement, the exchange said the investigation would "continue until all the facts are developed and appropriate action can be taken." An exchange spokesman refused to elaborate.

An article in Monday's New York Post asserted "bookmaking is a thriving business on the Big Board's trading floor."

The writers said "after some digging, we found one exchange member who has been booking bets on the floor for 19 years and who puts out a weekly sheet listing point spreads on upcoming games."



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