

Sadat threatens to "raise hell"

WASHINGTON (AP) — Egyptian Pres. Anwar Sadat told Congress Tuesday that he will not be shy in asking for U.S. weapons, adding "I shall raise hell" if Congress does not approve them.

Although the comment was made with a laugh after a meeting with members of the House of Representatives, he seemed more somber as he emerged later from a similar session with a Senate group.

"I threatened them," Sadat said after his closed door talks with the senators.

After talking with the House members, Sadat offered the "raise hell" comment with a laugh, but referring to his request to buy U.S. arms: "The last time I was here I was shy. But I am not shy anymore."

Then, after meeting with members of the Senate, Sadat said: "I am not any more shy at all: I am

speaking as a partner and I am threatening." He refused to say how he threatened the senators and it was not clear from his manner how serious the threat had been.

Sadat said he had lost his "shyness" following what he saw as an overwhelming American response to his Middle East peace initiatives.

He suggested that congressional approval of the arms sales to Egypt would demonstrate that the United States is behind Egyptian efforts to achieve peace in the Middle East and would be a demonstration of "partnership and cooperation."

After their meeting with Sadat,

several House members said the Egyptian president told them he wanted more than the 120 light-weight F-5E jet fighters he reportedly is asking the Carter administration and Congress to approve. But the House members said Sadat did not specify what other arms he wanted.

When reporters asked Sadat if he also wants the Air Force's sophisticated new swingwing F-15 jet fighter, he refused to specify but said he has given a meticulous list to Pres. Carter.

Following the meeting in the House, Democratic Leader Jim Wright of Texas said he believes whatever Pres. Carter requests for Sadat: "I think we'll give him."

No action yet in coal standoff

WASHINGTON (AP) Regional leaders of the United Mine Workers (UMW) failed to take action Tuesday on a tentative industry contract offer that could end the 65-day-old coal strike.

The union's 39-member bargaining council recessed without taking a vote and ordered negotiators to develop final contract language before the panel acts on the proposal.

That could take several days, meaning the strike will continue to reduce coal stockpiles in several Appalachian states where plans are already being made to curtail electrical output.

UMW Pres. Arnold Miller said the bargaining council decided to recess until "all the language is edited and put in final form."

He said no vote was taken on acceptance or rejection of the tentative accord.

The council, composed of district union presidents and national officers, met for seven hours at the UMW headquarters. However, they were given only a summary of the proposed contract and did not see the specific language that the agreement would contain if it is submitted for rank-and-file approval.

The bargaining council must first approve the pact before it can be put before the 160,000 striking miners in a secret-ballot ratification vote, which itself is expected to take about 10 days.

World at a glance

From Associated Press Reports

'Strangler' blames his mother

LOS ANGELES—A man claiming to be the Hillside Strangler said in a letter made public Tuesday that he killed a dozen "evil ladies" because his mother told him to.

Police, stressing that they did not know whether the letter was authentic, said the writer gave them "another week or so" to meet his call for help in turning himself in safely.

Snow bombs Northeast again

Snow, winds and floodwaters brought a second day of misery to millions in the blizzard-plagued Northeast on Tuesday, and residents of some Midwestern areas also faced hardship from bitter cold and new storms.

Trouble spots ranged from Boston — where a power blackout compounded the blizzard problems — to Billings, Mont.

Come back little 'Herbie'

LOS ANGELES—A runaway Volkswagen was back on dry land Monday after floating 15 miles down the rain-swollen Los Angeles River.

The car's voyage began after it was reported stolen early Sunday. Police said the Volkswagen apparently crashed into another car while still being driven by the thief but shortly afterward was spotted in the riverbed near Elysian Park with its headlights on and windshield wipers going.

Panama Canal fight gets underway today

WASHINGTON (AP) — Parliamentary maneuvers by opponents of the Panama Canal treaty, rather than desk-pounding orations, will highlight the Senate's initial debate Wednesday.

Because of this the Carter administration will be relying heavily on the skills of Vice-Pres. Walter Mondale, a former senator who is the chamber's presiding officer.

Last week Pres. Carter went on nationwide television, using a "fireside chat" to appeal for public support of the treaty, making its ratification a top priority foreign policy goal for 1978.

Before the debate begins in

earnest, Mondale must confront Sen. James Allen, D-Ala., a leader of the treaty opposition and a master of Senate procedure.

Allen announced Tuesday that he want Mondale to rule on a list of 17 questions, several of which indicate that delay may become a principal weapon of the opponents.

Actually, there are two treaties to be considered. One would relinquish U.S. control over the waterway to Panama in the year 2000. The other would assure the continued neutrality of the Canal Zone after that date.

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