

## Israelis offer new peace plan

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Israel offered a new formula Monday for Mideast peace talks and Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin called it a "far-reaching step" toward Egypt's demand for Palestinian self-determination.

The proposal calls for the "participation" of West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians in determining their own future. It edges Israel slightly closer to Pres. Anwar Sadat's demands and to a U.S.-proposed compromise formula.

But there was no firm sign of an imminent breakthrough in reviving the stalled Israeli-Egyptian peace talks, though it was reported Israel was considering sending Defense Minister Ezer Weizman to Egypt to reopen negotiations on a possible Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai Peninsula.

In Cairo, the Egyptian and Saudi Arabian foreign ministers urged diplomats attending an Arab League meeting to unify Arab ranks in order to force Israel to give up occupied lands and allow creation of a Palestinian homeland.

The bitterest opponents of Sadat's peace overtures to Israel — Syria, Algeria, Libya, South Yemen and Iraq — stayed away from the meeting. But the Palestine Liberation Organization was represented, despite a PLO spokesman's insistence in Lebanon that the organization would not attend.

French paratroopers, meanwhile, set up the first operational positions for the U.N. peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon, digging in north and south of the port of Tyre, the only area south of the Litani River not in the hands of Israeli invasion forces.

A Kuwait newspaper, Al-Siyassa, quoting sources close to the Palestinian command, reported that Syria has given assurances to the Palestinian guerrillas that they will be allowed to operate against Israel across the cease-fire line in the Golan Heights.

Israel invaded southern Lebanon March 15 in order to take away the guerrillas' prime base for attacking the Jewish state.

## Benefits issue reaches high court docket

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court said Monday it will decide whether states may pay unemployment benefits to striking workers, but it refused to reconsider the Miranda decision protecting the rights of criminal suspects.

The justices voted to hear arguments sometime next fall in a New York Telephone Co. attempt to overturn a New York state law allowing unemployment payments in strikes lasting longer than eight weeks.

The court's eventual decision could have a major national impact on labor-management relations because many states have laws similar to New York's.

New York Telephone's suit against the state grew out of a 1971 strike, in which the company's employees stayed off their jobs for seven months. Some \$49 million in unemployment benefits were paid to about 33,000 strikers.

# Coal mines come to life

(AP) Thousands of miners ripped coal out of the earth Monday for the first time in 112 days, bringing an end to the nationwide soft coal strike for most of the industry.

Reports from across the coal fields showed that operations were beginning to return to normal as United Mine Workers (UMW) donned their hardhats, shouldered picks, boarded heavy

equipment and went back to work for their first payday since the strike by 160,000 union members began Dec. 6.

But for others it was a different story. Some miners, who wanted to get back to work and found mine construction workers picketing, followed the time-honored coal country tradition of observing picket lines.

"I was on my way up the hollow when the pickets turned me back," said James Darby, an electrician for the Valley Camp Coal Co. in West Virginia. Mines also remained closed in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

Meanwhile, negotiations for a new contract for the 10,000 mine construction workers were going on in Washington, where both sides reported they were closing in on an agreement. "We are making good progress," an industry representative said.

The workers, who build mine shafts and other facilities, are believed to be seeking a contract similar to the one approved by the miners.

The majority of the nation's mines were open by the 8 a.m. shift. Eastern Associated Coal Co. said only one of its 17 West Virginia mines was closed. Consolidated Coal Co. said 38 of its 51 mines across the country were open. U.S. Steel and Bethlehem Steel both reported that the morning turnout was good at the total of 46 mines in three states that they operate.

Despite the scattered shut-downs, most areas said they expected some shipments of coal would start heading to coal-short utilities by the end of the day. It will take an estimated two weeks or three weeks, though, before normal production and shipping resume.

## World at a glance

From Associated Press Reports

### Carter urges urban overhaul

WASHINGTON — Pres. Carter urged a major overhaul of federal programs Monday as part of his \$8.3 billion strategy to help cities cope with conditions ranging from economic decay to sprawling growth.

Key elements of the long-awaited Carter plan include creation of a National Development Bank, establishment of a handful of job-creation schemes, and several proposals to direct federal urban aid to states and neighborhoods.

### Airport protesters arrested

TOKYO — Police using a crane and protected by high-pressure hoses took over a blockhouse-tower complex Monday, arresting protesters who rioted all weekend trying to block the opening of Japan's new \$1 billion Narita airport.

The protesters had built their complex on private land — a 60-foot tower atop a four-story blockhouse, designed to obstruct the flight path of the airport's only completed runway.

### Karl Wallenda eulogized

SARASOTA, Fla. — Karl Wallenda, patriarch of a death-defying family of high-wire performers, was eulogized today as a deeply religious man who believed he walked the wire with God. "As long as God lets me, I will walk the wire," the Rev. Luther Willer quoted Wallenda during funeral services at the large arena where the 73-year-old star used to perform for his neighbors in this circus town.

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