

Israeli parliament ends treaty debate

JERUSALEM (AP) — Ratification of the Camp David peace agreement Wednesday as the Israel Parliament ended a debate on the accords and the emotional issue of removing Jewish settlements from the Sinai Peninsula.

The expected affirmative vote would clear the way for a new round of peace talks leading to a treaty with Egypt within three months and the eventual end of Israel's 11-year military rule of the West Bank of the Jordan River

and the Gaza Strip.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who presented the accords to the Parliament on Monday, faced charges from the nationalist wing of his own Likud coalition that he betrayed his country and put Israel's future security in danger.

"I don't believe in you and I don't trust your policies," said Moshe Shamir, accusing Begin of collapsing under pressure from Egyptian President Anwar Sadat on the settlement issue. The Camp David accords, Shamir said, would lead to "a counterfeit peace built on Israeli surrender."

"The achievement is greater than the price," said former Foreign Minister Abba Eban.

But the Likud rebellion reached worrying proportions, prompting Begin to unleash his heaviest ammunition — a resignation threat. He told a Cabinet meeting before the Parliament debate that he could not continue in office without a majority of his 69-man coalition behind him. An informal vote count, however, gave him more than 40 coalition votes.

Sadat has made the next stage of negotiations conditional on Parliament's agreement to evacuate the 18 Jewish settlements in the Sinai and their 4,000 residents.

About 77 of the 120 members of Parliament were scheduled to speak before the vote.

The emotion-charged issue of the West Bank settlements prompted defections from Begin's supporters, but that loss was expected to be offset by affirmative votes from leftist parties. Labor Party speakers generally spoke in support of the accords.

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EUGENE — An extremely toxic mushroom has been found in the Alton Baker Park area in Eugene, a Springfield naturalist said Wednesday.

Ben Pruitt said in biological terms the mushroom is an *Amanita Thalloides*. "It's nickname is 'Death Cup' " he said.

"It is one of the two most deadly mushrooms known," said Pruitt. "The other is called the 'Destroying Angel.'"

"Youngsters should be warned that if they try to trip on this mushroom, it will be a one way trip," he added. "There is no known antidote." The mushroom grows as large as six inches in diameter and six inches in height, Pruitt said.

It is greenish-yellow and has a collar around the stem. Just beneath the ground, the stem emerges from a cup that gives the fungi its nickname.

Pruitt said specimens have been found in sawdust along bike paths and jogging paths.

WASHINGTON — Oregon Republican Sens. Mark Hatfield and Bob Packwood voted with the majority Wednesday as the Senate approved the natural gas compromise.

Senators approved the compromise with a 57-42 roll call vote and sent it to the House.

SEATTLE — The trial of four men charged in the Helena Star marijuana importation trial was expected to last between three and four weeks. It was over in an instant.

Homer Montoya Ospina of Los Angeles pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to conspiracy to import marijuana. He was fined \$15,000, but Judge Donald Voorhees imposed no prison sentence.

The other three defendants waived their right to a jury trial Monday and agreed to disposition of the case in a way that will result in their convictions, but will allow them the right to appeal the guilty finding to a higher court.

All were charged in connection with what the government says was an attempt to smuggle 37 tons of marijuana into the United States aboard the freighter Helena Star. The Coast Guard seized the ship and its cargo off the Washington coast in mid-April.

'Human trial' endorsed for Laetrile

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Cancer Institute wants to test Laetrile on several hundred advanced cancer patients in an effort to resolve "once and for all" the debate about the controversial substance, the institute's director announced Wednesday.

Dr. Arthur C. Upton said a "human trial" was justified in the wake of a recent, inconclusive review of the medical records of patients who used Laetrile, which some claim is a cancer cure.

The institute launched a nationwide appeal for records from Laetrile patients last January. It got 93 responses, but only 22 provided all the necessary records and involved patients who had used only Laetrile. Of those 22, six cancer patients who used Laetrile showed improvement, nine stayed the same, and seven got worse.

The Food and Drug Administration, which has led a federal fight against Laetrile, still must approve the Cancer Institute's plan to use Laetrile in the human experiment. FDA Commissioner Donald Kennedy said he did not believe the institute's review of the 22 cases "demonstrates any effectiveness of Laetrile."

U.S. demands end to rail strike

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Carter administration vowed on Wednesday to step in and "start the trains running again" by noon Thursday if the railroads and a striking union fail to settle.

The dispute has crippled much

of the nation's rail system for two days.

Labor Secretary Ray Marshall ordered officials from the striking Brotherhood of Railway and Airline Clerks and the Norfolk & Western Railway to begin a marathon, 24-hour bargaining

session with the help of a federal mediator at the Labor Department.

The parties began meeting at noon, and Marshall said he would keep them meeting around the clock in an effort to reach a settlement.

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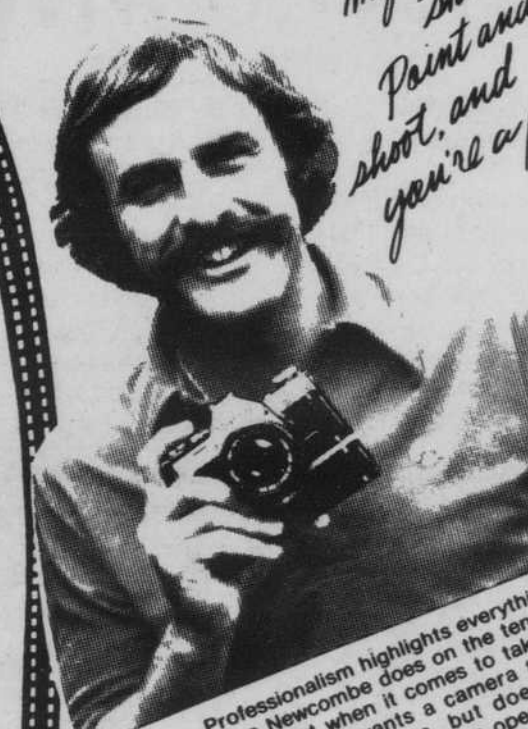


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