

Carter joins Mideast talks, but officials deny impasse

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter stepped personally into the Middle East peace talks Tuesday, meeting separately at the White House with the heads of the Israeli and Egyptian delegations.

Administration officials denied that Carter intervened in an effort to overcome an impasse in the talks, although the pattern of separate meetings was the same as the president used at Camp David to try to bridge impasses there.

"There is no particular hurdle. The president will review the status of the talks, the progress that has been made, and the differences that remain," said George Sherman, a State Department press officer who has been acting as official spokesman for all three countries during the talks that began here last Thursday.

Sherman said progress had continued, and that the atmosphere of the talks was "very good." As has been the practice in recent days, Sherman refused to discuss the details of the negotiations aimed at parlaying an Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty from the Mideast accords produced by the Camp David summit.

Speaking privately, however, administration sources said they could not make any predictions about when the current round of talks would end. These sources had voiced optimism Monday about the chances for wrapping up the talks.

Sherman said that Egypt's acting foreign minis-

ter, Bourtos Ghali, had a three-hour dinner Monday night with Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan. The two countries' defense ministers, Kamal Hassan Ali of Egypt and Ezer Weizman of Israel, also met briefly in the evening.

But, Sherman said, those were the last high-level meetings between the two delegations. The meetings at Blair House Tuesday morning were between the Americans and Egyptians and the Americans and Israelis.

At Camp David, there was a similar pattern. After initially bringing the two sides together, Carter and the American delegation found that the best way to solve problems was to deal with each country separately, acting as an intermediary.

Sherman refused to discuss the nature of the issues that remain unresolved, but he hinted at what they might be when he refused to say whether progress has been made on what he has called the "side talks" at Blair House.

The so-called "side talks" involve the sensitive and intractable issues of the West Bank, including Jerusalem, the Gaza Strip, and the Palestinians who live there. American officials have always regarded those issues as more difficult to solve than the issues strictly between Israel and Egypt, most of which were resolved at Camp David.

Since Camp David, Egyptian leaders have indicated that they might insist on some progress on the West Bank and Gaza issues before they sign the treaty with Israel.

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BOISE, Idaho — The Idaho Supreme Court announced today it will permit live televising, broadcasting and still photography of Supreme Court proceedings on a 7-month experimental basis.

The order marks the first time live media coverage will be allowed during an actual court proceeding in Idaho, except for ceremonies.

Coverage of Supreme Court proceedings will be permitted beginning with the winter term of court, starting in Boise Dec. 4. The experimental program will expire next June 30 unless extended by the court.

The court set down a list of guidelines, including restricting use of television cameras to the press box overlooking the courtroom.

It reserved the right to revoke live media coverage without prior notice "when in the course of discretion it appears that broadcast coverage or still photographs of Supreme Court proceedings are interfering in any way with the proper administration of justice."

WASHINGTON — An estimated 10 million Americans are problem drinkers or alcoholics, and drinking may be to blame for as many as 205,000 deaths a year, federal health officials reported Tuesday.

The risk of death from disease, accident or violence is two to six times greater for the problem drinker than for the population at large, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism said in its third special report to Congress.

WASHINGTON — President Carter restored citizenship rights posthumously Tuesday to Confederate President Jefferson Davis and declared that post-Civil War reconciliation is finally complete.

He said the bill he signed "officially completes the long process of reconciliation that has reunited our people following the tragic conflict between the states," Carter said.

Davis, who was president of the Confederacy a century ago, was left out of congressional resolutions restoring rights to other rebel officials.

VANCOUVER, Wash. — A Northwest regional energy bill will be drafted by March of 1979, leaving intact the controversial preference clause, Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash., said Monday.

"I'm opposed to any change in it (the preference clause). I'm a life-long public power type," said Jackson, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Efforts to get a regional power bill through Congress this year bogged down in the House. Jackson and other Northwest senators eventually decided to wait until the next session to move the bill in the Senate.

Pope promises 'ministry of love'

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II promised Tuesday that a "ministry of love" would mark his reign as the 264th pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church.

The former Cardinal Karol Wojtyla of Krakow, Poland, also took a trip outside Vatican walls on his first full day as leader of the world's 700 million Catholics.

In a televised sermon delivered under Michelangelo's fresco "The Last Judgment" in the Sistine Chapel, the pope pledged to carry on the church reforms launched by the Second Vatican Council of 1962-65 and to follow the guidelines laid down by Paul VI and John Paul I.

Vatican officials, meanwhile,

announced that John Paul would preside at a Mass at his installation on Sunday. The announcement made no mention of a coronation, implying that he would continue the pattern of John Paul I, who refused to be crowned the temporal ruler of the church.

From Warsaw, Polish Communist leader Edward Gierk sent a message to the pope, saying his election "fills Poland with great satisfaction" and that he was "convinced that further development of relations between Poland and the Apostolic See" would come about.

A Polish government spokesman, Kazimierz Kakol, said passport restrictions would be eased to allow a "large number" of Poles to travel to Rome for the installation. He did not say how many visas would be granted. Poles normally have to wait three to four weeks to obtain a travel visa.

In his first papal sermon, the 58-year-old pontiff warned that the "general criteria of loyalty to the Vatican Council" must not affect loyalty to the basic doctrinal truths of the church.

'Big bang' theory wins for American physicists

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Two Americans whose work with microwave radiation supported the "big bang" theory of the creation of the universe shared the Nobel Prize in physics Tuesday with a Russian scientist.

Dr. Arno Penzias, 45, and Dr. Robert Wilson, 42, both of the Bell Telephone Laboratories of New Jersey, shared the \$165,000 physics prize with Professor Pyotr Leontevich Kapitsa of Moscow. Kapitsa, 84, was honored for his work in low-temperature physics.

The chemistry prize, also \$165,000, went to Professor Peter Mitchell, 58, for his work in bioenergetics, which concerns the chemical process responsible for the energy supply in living cells.

Six of the nine men named to receive or share in Nobel prizes this year are Americans. Americans shared with other nationalities in physics and medicine, and won outright in literature and economics.

Penzias and Wilson discovered cosmic microwave background radiation, which added support to the theory that the universe was

created by a tremendous explosion some 15 billion years ago.

Penzias, reached at his home in New Jersey, said he and Wilson were studying the Milky Way when "we found more radiation than we could account for in the Milky Way, and it turned out upon investigation that this radiation was coming from outside even our own galaxy. There's nothing out there to cause it. That radiation was left over from the initial explosion from which the entire universe erupted."

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