

making the news

From Associated Press reports

SALEM — More than 150 persons marched from the Capitol to the Oregon State Penitentiary Wednesday to protest a measure on the Nov. 7 ballot that would reinstate the death penalty in Oregon.

The march, sponsored by a coalition of religious groups, began with a noon-hour rally on the Capitol steps.

Secretary of State Norma Paulus told the rally that Oregon should not tarnish its record of being the only political entity in the world that has repealed capital punishment by a public vote.

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II, making his first important executive decision, on Wednesday reinstated French Cardinal Jean Villot "for an initial period" in the key post of Vatican secretary of state. The temporary appointment signaled that the pontiff may be planning a shake-up of the Vatican Curia, the administration of the Roman Catholic Church, later on.

WASHINGTON — The Carter administration is expected to ask Congress for millions of dollars to move into full development of a mobile intercontinental missile but to delay a decision on how to deploy it, Defense Department officials said Wednesday.

The officials, declining to be identified publicly, said a decision on how to base the new missile could be put off for as long as a year. Deep differences among President Carter's advisers, State Department and Pentagon officials on the basic issue remain to be resolved.

WASHINGTON — Twenty airlines ended a week-long vigil outside the Civil Aeronautics Board Wednesday and filed claim for hundreds of routes in the Great Air Rush of 1978.

The routes were up for grabs on a first-come, first-served basis under a provision in the airline deregulation bill signed Tuesday by President Carter.

The markets being sought are those not served now by any airline or those which airlines hold authority for but are not using. Most of the nation's major cities are involved.

The jet-age version of a frontier land rush began last Thursday when a United official started the line outside the CAB to assure that carrier first choice once Carter signed the bill. That surprised the other carriers, but they quickly rushed representatives to the queue.

Cabinet asks for revisions

Israel votes pact approval

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel gave qualified approval to a draft peace agreement with Egypt Wednesday, but instructed its delegation to the peace conference in Washington to seek important revisions in the final text.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin said after a marathon Cabinet discussion that 15 deputies voted for the treaty and the amendments he proposed, and two ministers abstained.

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Defense Minister Ezer Weizman will leave for Washington Thursday, the government announced. The U.S. State Department said the talks probably would resume Thursday or Friday and that Secretary of State Cyrus Vance planned to meet with the Egyptian delegation Wednesday afternoon.

Egypt has said it also wants to amend the 10-page draft treaty and informed sources estimated the negotiations may continue for several more weeks.

"The government of Israel approves in principle the draft peace treaty between Egypt and Israel," Begin said after a 17-hour Cabinet debate that stretched over three days.

"The Cabinet approves the amendments proposed by the prime minister to the draft peace treaty, has given appropriate guidelines to the delegation and has authorized its members to continue the negotiations," Begin said in a brief prepared statement.

He said the final text would require approval by the Cabinet and would be brought before Parliament

for ratification before the treaty is signed. He waved aside questions and returned to his office for a meeting with members of his Likud Bloc.

Israel radio said Begin would draft a message to President Carter outlining Israel's proposed changes in the draft. The radio also reported that Begin cabled Israel's objections to a message Carter sent to King Hussein of Jordan.

Hussein had asked for clarifications of U.S. policy on the future of the West Bank, the Palestinians and Jerusalem. Begin was briefed on the American reply by Undersecretary of State Harold Saunders, who aroused Israeli anger by holding talks with Palestinian leaders and with Hussein on issues the Israelis said were still open to negotiation.

Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir, who also proposed "a string of suggestions" that were adopted, refused to disclose the nature of the amendments. But he hinted to reporters that the proposals would seriously alter the text.

He said the Cabinet would not have invested so much discussion "had it not been serious and had it not gone into important, meritorious issues. But there was a lot in the agreement when it was brought to us which got the approval of the whole government."

Tamir said the proposed amendments were "vital" to Israel, but he added, "I believe Egypt can accept them."

In Cairo, President Anwar Sadat told members of his National Democratic Party that he was confident a treaty would be signed.

Carter plans more SALT talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pres. Carter, unwilling to give up hopes of completing a strategic arms limitation treaty by the end of the year, is planning to send Secretary of State Cyrus Vance to Geneva next month for talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

It will be the ninth round of negotiations between Vance and Gromyko in less than two years in the thus far faltering effort to complete the SALT pact limiting the deployment of new long-range bombers and inter-continental ballistic missiles until 1985.

Vance and Paul Warnke, the chief U.S. arms negotiator, reported to Carter at the white House on Tuesday night immediately after returning from

Moscow where they were unable to complete the treaty despite the direct intervention of Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev.

It was tentatively decided at the meeting with Carter to arrange another round between U.S. and Soviet delegations headed by Vance and Gromyko in Geneva in about three weeks, according to a qualified source.

The U.S. official, asking not to be identified, said an announcement about the Vance-Gromyko meeting would be made here early next week.

The treaty would be signed at a summit meeting, probably in Washington, by Carter and Brezhnev. It would be a milestone in arms control and could serve to improve relations between the two superpowers.

Beirut fighting flares, straining cease-fire

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Syrian troops and Christian militiamen traded gunfire and rockets during the night, killing four civilians and wounding nine and further straining the Beirut truce.

Police declared all main gateways between Beirut's Moslem and Christian sectors closed for traffic as Syrians and Christians again accused each other of starting the clashes.

The shelling flared in the northeastern Beirut suburbs of Dikwaneh, Sinn el Fil and Hazmieh. Sniping centered along the "green line" that divides Beirut into Moslem and Christian halves.

"Militiamen are expanding the area of their sniping at Arab Derrant Forces in and around Beirut," the command of the predominantly Syrian ADF said.


"ADF retaliation has so far been localized to avoid jeopardizing the cease-fire ...which militia gunmen have been violating for three

weeks almost daily."

The Christian Voice of Lebanon radio said Dikwaneh was the target of several "unprovoked" shelling attacks by Syrian forces during the night.

The Syrians ended Lebanon's civil war 23 months ago, saved the Christians from defeat by an alliance of Moslems and Palestinians and prevented establishment of a radical regime on their doorstep.

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