

making the news

PASADENA, Calif. — Voyager 1 soared dramatically near Jupiter Monday, dazzling scientists with rich detail of the planet and its exotic moons before sailing on into space for a lonely journey to Saturn.

"Spectacular" was the word scientists at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory used over and over as Voyager came within 172, 475 miles of Jupiter and its television eyes peered closely at the swirls in the dense cloud cover around the solar system's largest planet.

When the cameras turned to Io, one of Jupiter's 13 moons, they revealed for the first time details that look like rugged highlands, complex patterns of channels and flat, sprawling plains.

Planetary geologist Larry Soderblom said Io's "very complicated and beautiful details" hint at complex, erosion-like processes and perhaps a history of volcanoes.

Pictures of Jupiter from Voyager in black and white on television monitors at JPL revealed clouds curled like waves hitting a rocky coast as well as delicate swirls and streamers.

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — Recent price increases by individual OPEC members are temporary and will be removed "when supply and demand return to normal," a former secretary-general of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries said today.

Ali Jaidah, Qatar's oil minister, predicted that if Iranian exports recover OPEC members will return to the schedule of quarterly price increases agreed upon last December.

SALEM — The state Energy Facility Siting Council voted today to allow disposal of low-level radioactive wastes in Oregon until May 1.

The council postponed a rule until that time to give the Oregon Legislature a chance to amend a law intended to ban sites for permanent storage of radioactive wastes.

Industry representatives and some legislators contended the council went too far in defining material prohibited by the rule, which took effect last Thursday.

The Senate has passed a bill, SB394, to exempt from the rule wastes produced by ESCO Corp. of Portland and Teledyne Wah Chang Albany Corp. of Millersburg.

Marian Frank of Eugene was the only council member voting against the postponement.

WASHINGTON — Congress, over Pres. Carter's objections, is almost certain to approve legislation expressing American willingness to defend Taiwan against potential economic or military threats from Peking.

Both the House and Senate vote this week on Taiwan security proposals declaring that Chinese moves against Taiwan would be "of grave concern to the United States."

A Senate Foreign Relations Committee report released late last week said, "The long United States-Taiwanese association would make it extremely difficult for the United States not to respond firmly to hostile activity directed against Taiwan."

"A U.S. failure to respond firmly would have grave consequences for America's international standing."

Outlook for peace improves

Carter to visit Egypt, Israel

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pres. Carter, in a drive to wrap up a Mideast peace treaty, will fly to Egypt and Israel this week to try and clear away remaining roadblocks to a settlement.

Egyptian Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil said in Cairo that Carter's trip "will most likely lead to a signing."

And Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin told members of the U.S. Congress in Washington, "Now there is a ray of hope." Noting that Israel has accepted U.S. proposals for wrapping up a treaty, he added:

"Let us hope Egypt will join the effort. Then if this happens, in a short period of time, we may have the ceremony of signing."

Khalil told The Associated Press in a telephone interview: "When an American president puts down all his stakes, it is natural that it has to have a positive result."

White House Press Secretary Jody Powell said Monday that Carter will arrive in Egypt on Thursday afternoon for talks with President Anwar Sadat and then go on to Israel on Saturday for talks with Begin.

At this point, Powell said, there are no plans for a three-way meeting among the leaders. The spokesman said he did not know when Carter would return to the United States.

Carter's wife Rosalynn will accompany him.

Begin said he would fly home on Wednesday to prepare for "the memorable visit."

While expressing optimism, the Israeli prime minister noted in an appearance before members of the U.S. House of Representatives that a Middle East peace seemed at hand several times previously but was not achieved.

"The world was happy and then came the disappointment," Begin said.

He stressed that Israel's concern has been that it must be able to defend itself against other Arab countries if the peace does not last.

The White House announcement marked another upturn in peace prospects after a long siege of gloom.

Egypt and Israel have been stalemated since November over the future of the Palestinian Arabs and other controversial issues surrounding the treaty.

After a series of meetings between Carter and Begin beginning last Thursday, the U.S. mediation effort appeared to be headed toward defeat.

But late Sunday, after their fourth session, there was a sudden reversal.

Carter gave Begin new U.S. proposals for breaking the deadlock. They were submitted to the Israeli cabinet, which voted Monday to accept them.

Begin then reported the action to Carter at a 10-minute White House meeting. Powell's announcement of the presidential trip followed.

The recommendations were not disclosed publicly.

The Israeli cabinet vote of 9-3 with four abstentions was a sign of considerable opposition within the cabinet, indicating Israel made some hard concessions in

accepting the proposals.

The principal sticking point has been Sadat's demand, backed by the Carter administration, that a timetable be included in the treaty package for establishing Palestinian self-rule on the West Bank of the Jordan River and in Gaza.

An informed source in Jerusalem said Israel made some movement on that demand.

Another problem which the U.S. proposals also reportedly dealt with was the clause saying the treaty supersedes all previous conflicting agreements. Sadat, backed by the United States, has insisted that the treaty not take precedence over Egypt's commitment to assist other Arab countries in wars of self-defense against Israel.

The impact of the new U.S. proposals on these issues was not clear. However, American officials have stressed that not all the remaining differences are covered by the suggestions.

Powell's announcement said the talks "will focus on the peace process, regional security and bilateral issues."

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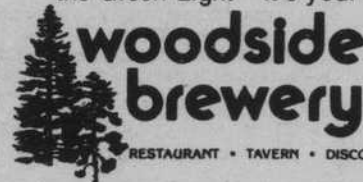
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China claims it's withdrawing, but Hanoi charges escalation

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — China said Monday it was withdrawing its invasion army from Vietnam after a bloody 16-day war of "punishment," but Hanoi claimed the fighting was actually escalating and ordered a general mobilization "for national salvation."

Peking's official news agency said Chinese troops began pulling out Monday after achieving their goal of "dealing devastating blows to Vietnamese armed forces." It warned Vietnam against new border provocations.

Several hours later, the newspaper of the Vietnamese Communist Party said the Chinese announcement "is contrary to the real situation in the battlefields."

China "is stepping up its aggression, and its troops are frantically destroying Vietnamese villages," the paper Nhan Dan said in a commentary reported by the Vietnamese News Agency.

It said Vietnamese Pres. Ton Duc Thang signed a general mobilization decree Monday instructing all military-age citizens to join the armed forces. "All necessary manpower, material and financial resources shall be mobilized to meet the needs of war for national salvation," it said.

The Japanese Embassy in
Oregon Daily Emerald

Hanoi said Vietnamese officials had instructed it to prepare air-raid shelters for its personnel, Japan's Kyodo news service reported.

Intelligence sources in

Bangkok said Monday they had no evidence of a Chinese pull-out or signs that the Chinese were preparing new attacks. But the reports by these sources have lagged behind events throughout the largely secret war.



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