## Egypt, Russia trying to get it together again

CAIRO, Egypt (AP)-Like esranged lovers, Egypt and the viet Union are trying to make up, ut the ardor of the old days will ver return because the United tates has entered the picture.

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The delegation, headed by Egyption Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy and including chief of staff Lt. Gen. Abdel Ghany Gamasy, hopes to turn a new page in relations and pave the way for a visit to Cairo early next year by Soviet Communist party leader Leonid Brezhnev.

The presence of Gamasy and Egypt's war production minister, Ahmed Kamal, in the delegation in-

ure a resumption of Soviet arms shipments, including sophisticated equipment supplied to other Arab states but not Egypt.

According to diplomatic sources, Egypt's military chiefs were the first to express disappointment to Sadat over the apparent failure of American diplomacy to produce results and to urge him to mend his bridges

with Moscow. The generals saw their stocks going down, the Russians sending apparent falloff in U.S. military supplies to Israel so they started going sour on Sadat's policy," one source explained.

They reportedly argued there was little to show for nine months of American diplomacy.

On the diplomatic side, Fahmy told an audience Sunday he was going to Moscow to develop relations in a "positive way" so a summit can be arranged between Sadat and

But he may find the going rough. The Arabs apparently have agreed, after Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's latest swing through the area, not to seek an immediate resumption of the Geneva peace talks but rely on interim negotiations.

The Soviet Union, cosponsor of the Geneva talks with Washington, wanted the session resumed early and may not find Fahmy's explanation for a further delay convincing,

But the Brezhmey-Sadat summit in Cairo appears near certain. East European sources say it will take place in January.

If the current meeting is successful, the pressure on Sadat will be relieved, but he still will have to produce something tangible from American diplomacy soon.

Besides arms and the Middle East conflict, the Soviet Union also will want to hear about Egypt's ef-

economy, another move in the past nine months that sent shock waves through the Kremlin.

Having built the Egypt's huge Aswan high dam and a steel plant at Helwan, the Soviet Union has a considerable stake in Eqypt's economy and its public sector industries. The idea of this hold being threatened by Western and Japanese businessmen is not appeal-

## Strategy for peace supported

RABAT, Morocco (AP)—Henry Kissinger headed home Tuesday with assurances from several key Arab leaders that they will back his Middle East peace strategy and try to stave off another hike in oil

The latest to give such support was Houari Boumedienne, the president of Algeria and one of the most influential and radical Arab leaders, U.S. officials reported. Earlier assurances came from Egypt's President Anwar Sadat and King Faisal of Saudi Arabia.

After a three-hour meeting with Boumedienne on Monday night, Kissinger reported, "I told him of some of the positive trends I have found. His advice was very helpful and his attitude very understand-

U.S. officials consider the fiery Algerian president's support a major development in the American effort to arrange talks between Israel and two of its moderate Arab neighbors, Egypt and Jordan.

Boumedienne's conciliatory attitude on oil prices, meanwhile, was said to be based on Kissinger's alarm that the quadrupled increase is having a devastating effect on third world countries

In his week-long tour of the Middle East, the secretary of state has been stressing mostly his step-bystep approach to a settlement between Israel and the Arabs. But he has also been lobbying hard for reduced oil prices.

Boumedienne's assurance on oil prices-he may even work for a reduction, it was learned-comes on the heels of a similar pledge from King Faisal of Saudi Arabia last week. Faisal is known to have sent a message to the Shah of Iran suggesting a joint effort to bar a hike when the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries meets in Vienna in December.

Kissinger only hinted at his success with Boumedienne as he left Dar El-Beida airport in Algiers. We discussed our differing approaches to the question of oil prices and we reviewed ways and approaches to reconcile these different points of view in the months ahead." he said.

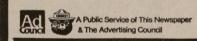
A senior American official said he vould be surprised if OPEC went ahead with an expected 5 per cent

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