

Negotiations may not resume, Sadat says

United Press International
CAIRO, Egypt — President Anwar Sadat says that peace negotiations with Israel would not be resumed unless the Jewish state softened its position and he indicated he was ready to go to war if peace efforts collapsed totally.

Sadat said he could not meet Israel halfway in the negotiations "because this would mean renouncing half our rights."

"But our minds and hearts remain open, if Israel came up with new elements (proposals)," he said. "The old elements are totally rejected."

Speaking to troops of the Egyptian Second Army in the Suez Canal city of Ismailia, Sadat said: "We are ready to realize peace without bloodshed but we are not ready to make concessions about Egypt's sovereignty."

Saudis' budget based on no oil price rise

United Press International
RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Saudi Arabia published a budget for 1978-79 Tuesday based on no rise in oil prices through the end of next year.

The budget was seen as official confirmation that Saudi Arabia expects no increase in prices either this year or next by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The document, published by the official Saudi Press Agency, set expenditures at 145 billion Saudi rials, or \$43.5 billion, some \$4.5 billion above estimated revenues.

The agency said oil income accounted for 88.5 percent of gov-

ernment revenues and that the income estimate was based on two factors:

— Oil production set at slightly over 8 million barrels a day.

— Oil prices remain unchanged.

It explained the discrepancy between income and expenditure by saying "actual expenditures are expected to fall short of allocated funds, thus balancing the budget."

With a population estimated at not more than 6 million, Saudi Arabia has made provision for spending more than \$7,000 for every man, woman and child in the country in the new fiscal year.

CIA predicts

Russians may pass U.S. in natural gas production

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The Soviet Union will surpass the United States in the 1980s as the world's biggest producer of natural gas, the Central Intelligence Agency predicted Tuesday.

"The gas industry is in better shape than the oil industry in Russia," said CIA economist John Tidd.

In the results of a definitive study to be released shortly, the agency said the Soviet Union has the world's greatest proven reserves of natural gas and coal — the latter being three times those in the United States.

By 1985, the report said, the Soviet Union will be exporting 80 billion cubic meters of natural gas each year compared with about 30 billion cubic meters now. Western consumption of Soviet gas will increase from about 15 billion cubic meters to more than 35 billion over that span, Tidd said.

He outlined the Soviet natural gas situation in a presentation to administration officials and business leaders who sit on the Commerce De-

partment's advisory committee on East-West trade.

But Tidd said the natural gas boom will not be enough to offset the negative effects of declining Soviet petroleum, and he predicted severe problems with recovery, transmission and transportation.

The CIA reported earlier the Soviet Union will be a net importer of petroleum by 1985, which will intensify pressure on price and supply from member nations of the oil cartel.

The CIA said maximum production of oil will drop from 12 million barrels a day now to a maximum of 10 million by 1985.

In the new study, the CIA estimates that Soviet natural gas production will rise to about 9 million barrels a day in oil equivalent by 1985, when it will equal one-third of all that country's energy output.

Despite the growth in natural gas production, the CIA said Soviet gas would not be important to Western Europe, Japan and the United States. It will comprise no more than 3 percent of western European consumption by 1985, compared with 2 percent now, the report said.

Soviet natural gas will earn \$2 billion a year in foreign exchange compared with \$5 billion now by petroleum, the CIA said.

Recovery of the natural gas cause the Soviets severe problems with transportation, transmission and capital to buy western equipment.

Tidd said the new natural gas reserves are all in Western Siberia, which is in the Soviet's back yard. The weather is hard on workers and equipment, and transportation is difficult because there are no highways, railroad airports.

In order to transmit the gas, the Soviets will have to build a 10,000-mile pipeline. That is nearly twice as long as the Trans-Alaska pipeline.

Tidd said natural gas in the U.S. will be "the most steady source of energy that Soviet planners can count on."

But he said it will be difficult to recover and transport. Tidd said CIA estimates that the Soviet Union will have to spend \$1 billion a year in equipment to build pipelines from western Siberia to Italy and France.

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U.S. plane to transport African troops

United Press International
PARIS — U.S. Air Force transport planes have landed in Senegal and Gabon to help airlift 300 to 400 troops from African countries to rebelled Shaba province in Zaire, an official said Tuesday.

The official, who asked that he be identified, told reporters that the U.S. Air Force has personnel on the ground in Senegal and Gabon, ranging for the troops from the Senegalese and Guinean troops will join the Moroccan troops originally announced as 1,000 but since increased to 1,500. Zaire, an eventual force of 10,000.

In addition, France will send paratroops indefinitely, and the legion will leave an unspecified number, the official said.

The official said France and Belgium want their troops out as possible, but not until the Shaba minefields can be cleared. There is "no timetable" for the African force will be said.

Monday, U.S. C-141 transport planes landed in the Shaba province of Lubumbashi with the Moroccan troops to replace the French and Belgian paratroops.

Villa's army members at ceremony

United Press International
A COYOTADA, Mexico — The surviving members of Villa's army say they deserve a pension for their service with the great Mexican revolutionary.

About 20 of the aging veterans attended a ceremony Monday marking the 100th anniversary of the birth in this small village in the northern state of Durango.

Emilio Martinez, 84, spent 10 years as a cavalry lieutenant in Villa's forces.

"I don't have anything," he said. "My family has nothing. My will of God and hope in the (Jose) Lopez Portillo. I don't have a piece of land. Do you know what the government gives us? Pesos (\$20.62) a month."

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