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Occupied land still negotiated

United Press International
CAMP DAVID, Md. — President Carter and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin met for 90 minutes Tuesday night in a secret session. The Camp David summit conferees weighed proposals on the future of Israeli-occupied land on the West Bank of the Jordan River.

Word of the Begin-Carter meeting — their first since Sunday — was first relayed by conference sources and confirmed by officials Wednesday morning only after they were confronted by reporters.

The major problem remaining in the way of more direct negotiations is Sadat's insistence that the Israelis commit themselves to an eventual withdrawal from the occupied West Bank territories formerly governed by Jordan.

A White House spokesman, Jerrold Schechter, eventually acknowledged that the unannounced, private meeting was held in Carter's Aspen Lodge residence. Carter met Tuesday morning with Sadat for an hour and 35 minutes.

There was no explanation for the official secrecy about the Carter-Begin meeting, which took place on the eighth day of the summit at this secluded mountaintop retreat.

There was no indication that a meeting among Carter, Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was in the offing Wednesday.

Summit sources said the major problem remaining in the way of more direct negotiations is Sadat's insistence that the Israelis commit themselves to an eventual withdrawal from the occupied West Bank territories, formerly governed by Jordan.

Since Sunday's Carter-Begin meeting, the bulk of the discussions have involved the Americans and the Egyptians as Carter apparently sought to refine and clarify areas of agreement.

As a kind of holding pattern develops with each side reviewing proposals, conference officials say the final outcome of the summit remains in the hands of Sadat.

Officials now consider it likely the conference will end by today at the earliest. The first meetings of the principals began a week ago.

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Recalls are too costly

Ford plans redesign

United Press International
DEARBORN, Mich. — A Ford Motor Co. official says a \$20 billion program to redesign Ford cars and trucks during the next six years will give the firm a chance to upgrade its products to avoid costly recalls in the future.

Robert B. Alexander, vice president of Ford's technical group, said that the No. 2 auto company is "not satisfied with the high level of recalls" and recent investigations of alleged defects in Ford cars and trucks.

Speaking to reporters at Ford's 1979-model preview, Alexander said that although most product defects can be avoided, some "unscheduled maintenance" of automobiles is inevitable, even with stringent quality control during assembly.

"But proper quality control must begin at the design stage, long before the assembly process even begins," he said.

Alexander said Ford's massive redesign program, which will cost the auto firm \$20 billion by 1984, "will put us in the best position in our history to assure that quality is designed and built into our products."

Ford has been hit recently by a rash of recall safety-related investigations resulting from defects in some models.

The firm is engaged in a voluntary recall of 1.5 million Ford Pinto and Mercury Bobcat subcompact cars to modify fuel tanks that federal safety officials say are dangerously susceptible to explosion and in rear-end collisions.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration also is investigating two widely used types of Ford automatic transmissions for a defect that could cause idling vehicles to slip from park to reverse.

Recall of more than 9 million vehicles could result.

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Peace Corps

Some primaries surprise, but most incumbents win

Primary voters ousted the acting governor of Maryland and a wealthy Minnesota businessman threatened to upset the chosen successor to Sen. Hubert Humphrey. Primaries across the country in most cases

were kind to incumbents.

"Palace revolts" against Democratic governors fizzled in Connecticut and New York in two of the primaries held in 14 states and the District of Columbia to nominate

party candidates for the Nov. 3 general elections.

Primary victories launched number of political careers, including that of Richard Cheney, House chief of staff under Gerald Ford, who won a GOP congressional primary in Wyoming.

Rep. Donald Fraser, D-Me., endorsed by Sen. Muriel Humphrey and Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey as the chosen inheritor of the Humphrey Senate seat, locked Wednesday in an unexpectedly close race with Robert S. Taft, conservative Democrat who nanced much of his own campaign.

Blair Lee, who took over as Maryland's chief executive last year, the biggest political casualty of the day.

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