

Sadat and Begin win Nobel Prize

Leaders praised by countrymen

United Press International OSLO, Norway — Egyptians and Israelis praised their national leaders for winning the 1978 Nobel Peace Prize, but the warm words were tinged with the tense reality of the stalled Washington peace conference.

The citation of the Norwegian Nobel Committee itself said President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel received the award, "not only to honor actions already performed, but also to encourage further efforts to work out practical solutions" toward a Middle East peace.

That sentiment was pointedly echoed by President Carter, who was nominated for the prize for his

efforts at Camp David, but reportedly lost out because nominations closed in February.

"Time and again in the last year," Carter said in his message to the leaders still technically at war with each other, "you have overcome the obstacles that stood in your way for you understood the importance of your goal."

"I know that this award will be an occasion for you and for all of us to rededicate our efforts, for it makes clear how much the people of the world value your search."

Though the committee could not award the prize to Carter, there was nothing to stop it from praising the president.

"In the efforts to reach a realistic

peace order, which could build bridges between former enemies and prevent conflicts of interests, also the positive initiative by U.S.A.'s President Jimmy Carter has played a great role," the committee said.

Despite grumblings from some Egyptians that Sadat shared the prize with Begin, Sadat said through his prime minister he was "very happy."

"Why should he be disappointed?" Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil said. "The president is honored and this honor cannot be diminished if he shares it with some other person."

Khalil said Sadat will donate his share of the \$172,000 prize money to

his native Nile Delta village of Mit Abul Kom, about 40 miles north of Cairo, thus "giving another proof of his loyalty to Egypt's soil."

In Israel, Begin press spokesman Dan Pattir said the prime minister will call Sadat to congratulate him on the joint award.

The prize announcement came after the start of the Jewish sabbath and Begin, as an Orthodox Jew, postponed any direct comment and scheduled a news conference after sunset Sunday.

"All of us, all the people of Israel should be very proud and happy. I think the two statesmen — President Sadat and the prime minister of Israel — more than any other people deserve this prize and I hope that their efforts and the appreciation they won will indeed lead to the signing of a peace treaty," said Israeli Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin.

In Egypt, however, a quick sampling showed many believed Sadat should have got the prize alone.

"I cannot believe that Begin was awarded half the prize," said Ali Hamdi El-Gammal, editor of the newspaper Al Ahran, "What has Begin done to earn this, apart from placing obstacles in the way of peace?"

"Sadat has launched the peace initiative from A to Z, and Begin is making difficulties until this moment," said El-Gammal.

Difficult goals seen in executing job bill

United Press International WASHINGTON — By signing the Humphrey-Hawkins "full employment" bill, President Carter has set into law two very difficult goals for reducing both unemployment and inflation.

They are: —To cut the number of unemployed by 2 percent by 1983.

—To reduce inflation by 5 percent by 1983 and to zero by 1988.

The inflation rate is now 8 percent, and the unemployment rate is 6 percent.

At a signing ceremony Friday in the White House East Room, Carter said achieving the goals contained in the bill will be "very difficult" but "we will do our best to reach them."

"It is filled with great and important substance," Carter said.

The legislation gives the responsibility of reaching 4 percent unemployment to the president and Congress.

The first major tool in reaching the Humphrey-Hawkins goals also went into force Friday when

Carter signed an \$11 billion extension of Comprehensive Employment and Training Act job and training programs.

It increases aid to training programs that prepare poor workers to hold private jobs. For the first time, the legislation links the number of public service jobs to the unemployment rate.

Officials predict these jobs will decline from the present 725,000 to 625,000 at the end of this fiscal year.

More hunger, report says

United Press International WASHINGTON — Population growth and overuse of vulnerable soils could cause acute hunger for millions of people and higher food prices for everyone, a researcher warned Saturday.

Lester Brown, president of Worldwatch Institute, released a study in which he said an expanding world population is taking up more living space just when land is needed urgently to feed the 6.3 billion persons projected for the year 2000.

Efforts to feed the existing population of more than 4 billion have caused deserts to expand, soil erosion to accelerate and productivity to level off, Brown said.

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