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**Atherton to begin new talks**

United Press International  
JERUSALEM — Special U.S. envoy Alfred Atherton Wednesday began efforts to get the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty talks moving again, but his mission was complicated by an Israeli Cabinet decision to create new military outposts in occupied territory.  
Atherton, State Department legal

adviser Herbert Hansell, and aides met for two hours with an Israeli team headed by Elisha Ben-Elissar, chief administrative officer for Prime Minister Menachem Begin.  
"We've just had the first of what will be a number of meetings between the Israeli team and the American team," Atherton told reporters after the morning session in

Begin's office.  
Administration sources in Washington said Carter is sending a strong protest to Israel over the planned creation of the three new settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The official said the Cabinet decision has complicated the mission of Atherton to the Middle East.

The Jerusalem source said the radio that Israel does not stand the American position cause "these are military and not permanent settlements."  
"The Americans also know Israel's position that the settlement freeze, declared at Camp David, ended," the source in Jerusalem told the radio.

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**'Outrage' ignored**

**Felons to be freed**

United Press International  
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Gov. Ray Blanton, ignoring massive public outrage over clemency granted Monday night to 52 felons — nearly half of them murderers — may free still more criminals before leaving office Saturday.

One of as many as 18 others being considered for clemency, Blanton's legal counsel Robert Lillard said, is Eddie Dallas Denton of Newport, sentenced to 60 years after being convicted of three murders.

Denton was mentioned in FBI affidavits as possibly being slated for a commutation in exchange for money in the state's burgeoning pardon-for-pay scandal.

Three Blanton aides have been charged in the pardonselling probe and a federal grand jury is continuing an investigation. Blanton said earlier he was advised he is a "target" of the probe.

In another development, the state attorney general's office said Tuesday it is trying to determine if Gov.-elect Lamar Alexander could revoke the 52 pardons and commutations signed by Blanton Monday night. Chief Deputy Attorney General Hayes Cooney said he expects an opinion to be ready by Friday.

Public officials, as well as private citizens, expressed outrage and dismay over Blanton's action.

Alexander called it "sickening" while U.S. Sen. Jim Sasser, D-Tenn., a past political friend of Blanton, declared it "outrageous" and "the grossest breach of a chief executive's power perhaps in the history of Tennessee."

"Ray Blanton is one of the most contemptible, irresponsible politicians ever involved in the political system of Tennessee," said U.S. Rep. Robin Beard, R-Tenn.

Lillard said Tuesday others who may receive clemency in one form or another from Blanton include 10 Death Row inmates and four inmates earlier recommended for action by the Board of Pardons and Paroles, but later tabled because of allegations involving the FBI investigation.

Participants in the Monday night meeting that led to the clemency actions said Tuesday the governor first acted on the most controversial of the pardons — that of Roger Humphreys, son of a Blanton political ally who was convicted of killing his ex-wife and her boyfriend.

"This takes guts," Blanton said as he prepared to sign the document commuting Humphreys' 20-to-40 year sentence to time served.

"Yeah, well, some people have more guts than they've got brains," replied Secretary of State Gentry Crowell.

Blanton ignored the remarks made no public appearance Monday and was not available for comment when almost every newspaper in the state denounced his clemency action.

House Speaker Ned McWherter, like Blanton a Democrat, said Humphreys' commutation was "disgusting" and said the legislature would try to find a way to prevent such a thing from happening again.

The actions included 23 pardons for murderers and 29 commutations for a man convicted of 15 felonies and 15 others convicted of armed robbery. Twenty-five in total had their sentences commuted to time served.

**Holocaust memorials collected**

United Press International  
PHILADELPHIA — Shay wants to remember the Nazi concentration camps. So Shay collects things that remind him of the Holocaust — himself included.

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**Travolta rescued from snow by couple**

United Press International  
JACKSON, Wyo. — A Jackson couple that took the time to help a stranded motorist was treated to a steak dinner with movie star John Travolta.

Mike and Gerri Schneider spotted a car stuck in deep snow last week and pulled it out with their four-wheel drive vehicle. Inside the car were Travolta and his manager, who were in town on an incognito skiing trip at nearby Jackson Hole.

"We knew who he was when he walked up to the car," Mrs. Schneider said. "We were excited, very excited."

Travolta, star of the movies "Saturday Night Fever" and "Moment By Moment," responded by buying steaks at a nearby grocery store, and the foursome retired to a mountain cabin owned by friends of the Schneiders for a meal cooked by the manager.

"It was fantastic, just fantastic," Mrs. Schneider said. "He is a very nice person."

Mrs. Schneider said she has been a Travolta fan since his first movie.

"What red-blooded American girl isn't?" she said.

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