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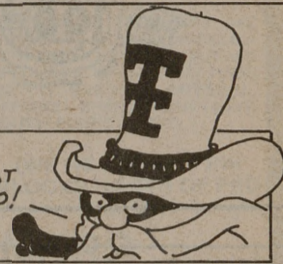
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FIND OUT THAT
I'M GOING TOO!



President offers Begin 'different' set of proposals

United Press International
WASHINGTON — President Carter, apparently made no progress in his round of talks with Prime Minister Begin, is offering new proposals. Israeli officials view as "significantly different" but they do not necessarily herald a breakthrough.

Begin today planned to meet with various members of Congress to discuss the situation and fill them in on his opinion of the peace effort.

During a 90-minute session Sunday, Carter gave Begin the revised U.S. proposals that were the outgrowth of the tough daily exchanges that started Thursday between the two leaders.

The changes, which were described as relating to some of the "unresolved issues," will be submitted to the Israeli cabinet. However, during a briefing for about 10 congressional leaders later in the afternoon, Sunday, it was indicated that Carter felt Begin might not back the latest plan.

"President Carter put forward suggestions designed to help resolve some of the outstanding differences between Egypt and Israel," the White House said in a statement.

Carter telephoned Egypt's President Anwar Sadat and spoke to him briefly "to review the situation in light of the American-Israeli discussions over the past few days," the White House said.

Sadat planned a meeting with U.S. Ambassador Hermann F. Eilts today and hinted that an important announcement might follow their session.

An official with the Begin party said, "according to Israeli evaluation, those proposals are important because they are significantly different from those earlier discussed."

On the U.S. side officials were cautious, with one saying, "obviously we're still concerned, we just do not know what will

happen next."

After a briefing by Carter, Sen. Charles Percy, R-Ill., called the situation "ominous unless somehow Prime Minister Begin realizes that there is a point beyond which President Sadat probably will not go."

"I think there has to be concessions," Percy said, adding of Carter: "I think he has gone the last mile. I don't know of anything else he could have done."

Sen. Jacob Javits, R-N.Y., said, "It is my judgment that the signing of this treaty between Israel and Egypt is at the crisis point."

Earlier in the day, Carter offered the first candid evaluation of the situation by a U.S. official. He told his Bible class at the First Baptist Church of Washington, "I stayed up real late last night with Prime Minister Begin. We did not make any progress."

Carter and Begin dined together at the White House Saturday night and then met privately for talks in the family quarters.

On an interview program, Begin conceded the talks are in "deep crisis" but insisted there has been "some agreement" on the major issues.

"The next step should be very serious reflection for all the parties involved," he said on ABC-TV's "Issues and Answers."

Sadat to see U.S., magazine reports

United Press International
CAIRO — The weekly magazine *Oscar* said Saturday that President Anwar Sadat will travel to Washington next Tuesday or Wednesday to sign the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty with Prime Minister Begin.

The magazine has close ties to Sadat. President Sadat is expected to travel to Washington next Tuesday or Wednesday, the magazine said.

After signing the peace treaty with Israel, President Sadat will talk with (President) Carter on American aid to Egypt," it said.

The magazine did not give any details or explain reasons for its unexpected optimism.

Carter said earlier this week he would invite Sadat or Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil to Washington if his negotiations with Begin made progress.

Egyptian officials said then that Sadat was not prepared to travel to Washington to negotiate but only to put his signature on a treaty.

If further negotiations were required, the officials said, Sadat preferred to send Khalil instead.

Farm policy

No results from tractorcade, Ag official says

United Press International
WASHINGTON — An Agriculture Department spokesman said Sunday there will be no changes in American farm policy resulting from the month-long tractor visit made to Washington in their effort to get higher crop prices.

James Webster, the department's director of governmental and public affairs, said there are not enough votes in an inflation-conscious Congress to give the farmers at that point.

Besides that, he said, "there is no mood at all in the administration to rock a boat. It's moving along in good course."

Last year the farmers did succeed with legislation to raise wheat and cotton prices, but Webster said this year, "there aren't going to be any changes" in farm policy.

Hundreds of farmers — and their tractors — have been in Washington for the month trying to influence Congress by public opinion to get higher crop prices.

After the tractors disrupted traffic, police moved vehicles and surrounded them on the mall — near the Smithsonian museums — and finally ordered them to leave town by this weekend.

Protesters said their tractors were leaving — all except 50 left behind in a symbolic protest — but farmers will stay behind to continue their lobbying efforts.

The farmers want Congress to pass legislation that would force Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland to set government crop loans at 90 percent of parity. In effect, that would set a price floor that would raise wheat and corn prices by two thirds.

Crops are collateral for government loans. Farmers pay back the loans with interest or forfeit their crops to the government.

Webster predicted that Congress may make a small change in farm law by moving the legal deadline for announcement of feed grains programs from Nov. 15 to Oct. 15.

Last year Bergland promised farmers he would announce the program by mid-October.

Farmers, who make many spring planting decisions in the fall, were angered when President Carter waited until November to announce the program.

Webster said the farmers hurt their cause when they brought commuter traffic to a standstill on their Feb. 5 arrival in Washington, slowed traffic during several tractorcade demonstrations and caused an estimated \$975,000 damage to the mall.

On the plus side, farmers from several states have offered to help repair the mall and many used their tractors to help dig the paralyzed Washington area out of the worst snow in 57 years.

But police also estimate the demonstration cost the taxpayers at least \$2.5 million in police overtime and other expenses.

Webster said the farmers may have educated people they met face-to-face on their difficulties, but for the nation as a

whole, the reaction "has been mostly negative."

Farmers did not just demonstrate with tractors. At hundreds of meetings with administration and congressional officials, they challenged assumptions and data behind government statistics and programs.

"That's been the best thing in the world," Webster said. "It's helped me."

Raffle ticket gives 'escape' for inmate

United Press International
EAGLE, Colo. — A winning ticket in the Michigan state lottery will spring Jew Christians, 27, from the county jail, where he was confined for allegedly breaking a \$1,000 window at a local supermarket, officials said.

Christians, who changed his name to the religious combination, bought the lottery ticket through an ad and was tracked down by Michigan authorities to the Colorado State Hospital in Pueblo, where he was being evaluated.

Although Christians originally was reluctant to claim his \$5,000, which made him eligible for a \$100,000 drawing, Michigan authorities sent the county \$1,500 to pay for the broken window and release him to attend the drawing.

Census manager ready for challenge of counting Texans

United Press International
DALLAS — Noe Balli, assistant regional manager of the U.S. Bureau of the Census, has been through the rehearsals and strategy sessions and is ready to begin the gargantuan task of counting Texans.

"Oh, yes, it's quite imposing. Very much so," Balli said of the 1980 census. "It's a most challenging job."

Balli will direct the thousands of workers — temporary and full time — who mail questionnaires and walk and drive to the desolate areas of the nation's third most populated state to do follow-up work.

The 1970 census placed Texas' population at 11.19 million, an increase of 16.9 percent from 1960, and projections indicate the 1980 figure will show an even larger jump.

"Right now we're going at it in phases," Balli said. "We're trying to get started in the northern region and will be adding about 700-plus employees."

"But this phase is just preparing the mailing list (which will be mailed next year). We're hoping to do as much of this as possible by mail."

The address-collection stage involves workers visiting neighborhoods to check addresses and will take several months.

The questionnaires will be mailed in late March 1980 and households that do



Battalion photo by Lynn Blanco
Bill Walding stands by his Texaco station at 731 University Dr. in College Station. The only maroon Texaco station in the world was forced Feb. 15 to conform with all other Texaco stations and become green.

Maroon gas station ordered to go green

By CATHY KIRKHAM
Battalion Reporter

Maroon and white Texaco stations used to be a rare, endangered species. Now they are extinct.

The only one in the world, at 731 University Dr. in College Station, was forced Feb. 15 to conform with all other Texaco stations and become green.

Bill Walding, owner of the station, said that all Texaco stations are painted about every two years. When it came time this year to give his station a new coat, green paint arrived instead of maroon.

Walding, 56, who "stopped off" in College Station in 1950, has owned the station almost eight years.

In 1976 he was successful in having his station painted maroon, he said.

"Every time Texaco would get ready to have the station painted, they'd ask me what color I wanted it. Every time, I'd say maroon and they'd always bring green."

"Finally, I told 'em they weren't touching my station until I saw maroon paint. We went around and around there for awhile. There were some pretty hard words thrown around."

He said that Texaco owns only the underground pumps, and he told the firm those were all it could touch.

Walding won that time. But winning a battle isn't winning the war.

Three weeks ago, the Houston office accepted Walding's request for maroon paint but the Dallas office said no.

Both Houston and Dallas Texaco offices declined to comment on the matter.

"Even when the painters came up from Houston, they didn't want to change the color," Walding said. "They thought it looked good maroon too."

"They (the Dallas office) said the maroon paint faded too bad — that's a bunch of bull."

Walding said he thinks there are just more old Ags at the Houston office than at the Dallas office.

"On football weekends, people would come into my station and tell me how much they liked it — that it really looked good. Right before they'd leave, they'd tell me who they were." They were from the Houston office.

Walding said different company policy may also be a reason for the change.

"When I went to retail school back in 1971, they wanted all their stations to blend into the surroundings. If one was to be next to a brick school, the station would be constructed in brick."

It is too early to tell if the change will effect sales, Walding said. But there are many complaints still coming in.

"People have really come down on me — not just college kids," he said. "I just tell them there isn't anything I can do. I tell them to write Texaco if they are really mad. If enough people are mad at Texaco, they will listen."

"Politicians become interested when it comes down to counting votes and Texaco always becomes interested when it comes down to counting dollar bills."

Walding said that it seems funny to him that all the people in the Bryan-College Station area consider themselves Aggies. Even those that have never set foot on the campus, he said.

He added, "The school is a gypsy business. People come in and then move on. Just like my business, people just pass through. You know, all this town is, is a bunch of gypsies."

"I know I'm one. Without that over there (pointing to the Texas A&M campus), there wouldn't be any Bryan or College Station."

Texas A&M, he said, is the campfire keeping all the gypsies in town.

Only requirement is an appetite

New lunch shop opens in Sbis



Battalion photo by Clay Cockbill

By SALLY DREYFUS
Battalion Reporter

It's lunchtime. Your stomach begins to growl.

There's no time to go off-campus and the Memorial Student Center and Rudder Tower are too crowded.

All you want is a place that serves soup and salad or maybe a sandwich.

Texas A&M University now has such a place.

Salads by the ounce and sandwiches by the inch may be found in the basement of Sbis at Salad, Sandwich and Soup. It's open Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

"People asked for salads on campus, so we did research into that type of operation," said Jay Maynard, assistant director of Auxiliary Food Services. When space became available in Sbis, Salad, Sandwich and Soup was opened.

The po-boy type sandwiches are sold for 35 cents an inch with a minimum of three inches and salads are 12 cents an ounce.

"I was surprised at how things add up when they weigh it in," said student Elaine Edlind. "It's still really a good idea though. A&M needs other alternatives besides the MSC."

Salad, Sandwich and Soup is a free enterprise business, said Fred Dollar, Food Services Director. "It's a cash operation and we have to break even."

"People can come here and spend as much or as little as they want," he said.

Salad, Sandwich and Soup seats 150 people and is open to anyone with an appetite.

These faculty, staff members fill the only requirement of Salad, Sandwich and Soup, a new lunch shop in Sbis basement — they have an appetite.