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## Money, not police

This man is the highest-ranking Latin American in the U.S. State Department, and he says economic aid — not Tortilla Curtains — can stop the northward flow of illegal aliens. See page 6 for more details.



## Long road to peace begins with treaty

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin, old enemies brought together by a determined Jimmy Carter, set out today on a path of peace that could prove as perilous as the road to war they traveled four fateful times.

"We have no illusions — we have hopes, dreams, prayers, yes — but no illusions," a frank President Carter said at Monday's signing of the first peace treaty between Israel and an Arab nation.

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, sitting in the Capitol Hill this morning to explain the treaty to members of Congress, pledged an end to three decades of war between their ancient peoples.

But Sadat, the ex-general who launched the 1973 Yom Kippur War; and Begin, the young gunman who once had a \$40,000 bounty on his head, began their journey of peace reminding one another of the two toughest hurdles before them.

Sadat called for creation of a full-fledged Palestinian state on the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Begin insisted the holy city of Jerusalem would never leave Jewish hands.

In the Arab world, angry Palestinians demanded vengeance.

"I want Carter, Begin and Sadat to know that no one can burn our fingers," Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said in Beirut. "Begin should know that I will chop off his hands."

And the 22-member Arab League — thrown into turmoil by Sadat's lone wolf decision to sign a treaty with Israel — met in Bagdad, Iraq, today to discuss sanctions against Egypt.

Hundreds of thousands of delirious Israelis danced in the streets, sang Hebrew songs and shouted "mazel tov!" — good luck. But a grenade, apparently thrown by Arab guerrillas, exploded in the old walled city of Jerusalem, injuring 15 people.

Egyptians huddled in cafes and homes to watch the treaty signing on television, but saved their public jubilation for Sadat's triumphant return from Washington.

Sadat and Begin leaned across a 19th Century mahogany desk at 2:10 p.m. EST Monday to sign page after page of the voluminous treaty package in English, Arabic and Hebrew.

Then a triumphant Carter, beaming as he sat between the men with the White House's bare, gnarled trees as a backdrop, scrawled his name as a witness.

"We have won, at last, the first step of peace," Carter said as television cameras

beamed the event live to millions around the globe.

Sadat said "a new dawn is emerging out of the darkness of the past," and Begin foretold a time of "no more war, no more bloodshed, no more bereavement."

The euphoria was tempered, however, by signs the tough Egyptian-Israeli treaty talks would seem a breeze compared with the next stage in the peace process — negotiations for an overall Mideast settlement.

Diplomatic observers warned that failure of the coming talks — set to start a month after the treaty goes into effect two weeks from Monday — could sabotage the fragile peace fashioned by Carter, Sadat and Begin.

And the chanting of hundreds of pro-Arab demonstrators in Lafayette Park across from the White House during the ceremony was a grim reminder of the troubles awaiting Sadat and Begin back home.

Carter conceded the treaty will not automatically bring peace to a turbulent land where Jews, Assyrians, Babylonians, Greeks, Romans, Turks and Arabs have bloodied the desert sands for three millennia.



Bystanders (foreground) argued, at times heatedly, over the Arab student protesters' right to demonstrate on the Texas A&M campus. The Arab students said they were protesting the Middle East peace treaty, signed Monday.  
Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

## County judge makes Davis mistrial official

United Press International  
FORT WORTH — Tarrant County's administrative judge Monday officially informed attorneys in the T. Cullen Davis divorce trial that the long-running case — estimated already to have cost taxpayers \$15,000 — has been declared a mistrial and that the presiding judge has withdrawn from the case.

Judge Charles Murray, who has overall responsibility for all civil proceedings in the county, said District Judge John Barron's order declaring the mistrial had not

yet been received.

"But I talked to Judge Barron this morning and he said he mailed the order Saturday."

Barron, a crusty Bryan judge, was appointed by Murray after District Judge Joe Eidson withdrew from the case because of charges being filed against Davis for solicitation of his murder.

Davis' trial on the charges ended in a mistrial in Houston earlier this year. A new trial date has not been set.

Barron stormed angrily out of Fort

Worth Thursday proclaiming he was going to declare a mistrial because a county prosecutor had impugned his honor by confiscating testimony and exhibits about the Texas millionaire's financial holdings while the divorce case was in progress.

But the judge relented and attorneys planned for a resumption of the trial Monday. That hope disappeared when Dallas and Fort Worth newspapers reported Barron had met privately in his hotel room on at least two occasions with Davis while the trial was in progress.

This time Barron said the news media had "impugned my integrity." He insisted he had done nothing wrong and that he had invited Davis in the hope of persuading him to agree on a settlement in the complex case.

But Judge Murray questioned the activities.

"I never, repeat never, discuss any part of a case with a litigant unless both attorneys are present and I never do it except in the courtroom or in my chambers," he said. "Here in this case, it's easy to see that people will suspect something and nobody can really say nothing happened. It hurts the system."

## Wednesday application deadline for Aggeland, Battalion editors

Wednesday is the last day applications will be accepted for editors for the Aggeland and The Battalion.

The Student Publications Board will choose a summer and a fall editor for The Aggeland. The Aggeland editor will serve the entire academic year.

Applications are available at the Student Publications office, 216 Reed McDonald

Building, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Completed applications must be returned to Bob G. Rogers, chairman of the board, 301 Reed McDonald, no later than 5 p.m. Wednesday.

The Student Publications Board will interview candidates and select the editors at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, in Room 301, Reed McDonald.

## Arab students protest pact, draw spectator opposition

By KEITH TAYLOR  
Battalion Staff  
A group of about 20 Arab students staged a demonstration in front of Rudder Fountain here at noon Monday to protest the signing of the Egypt-Israel peace agreement.

The students were mainly protesting what they felt is a lack of attention to Palestinian rights by the treaty. They carried signs saying, "No Peace without the Palestinians," "Free Palestine," and "We Shall Overcome." The demonstrators also carried a Palestinian flag.

"We are opposed to the whole principle of the treaty," a spokesman for the protesters said. He said he did not want to be identified. "All of the Camp David accords are being refused by the Arab states. They are not dealing with the crux of the issue which is the Palestinian rights."

"No promise was put in the treaty to give recognition of their plight. There were only vague statements about the freedom of the Palestinians."

They are also opposed to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's acceptance of

the treaty, according to their spokesman. He said Sadat has betrayed the tenets of the treaty to them. The spokesman said Sadat agreed to sign the treaty without consulting the Egyptian congress.

One of the protesters, Samer Younis, a mechanical engineering and management major, said Sadat agreed with or compromised on three of the treaty tenets that will be harmful to the Palestinian people.

The tenets would have set up an office on the Gaza Strip to guarantee the rights of Palestinians living in that area, allowed Egyptian oil to be exported to Israel, and allowed the exchange of Egyptian and Israeli ambassadors.

He said Sadat agreed to disregard the Palestinian rights office, let Egyptian oil be sold to Israel through the United States, and allow the ambassadors to be exchanged before the Israelis left occupied territory.

Another protester said the peace treaty is an ego trip for Sadat and that he signed it for prestige.

The spokesman said the protesters were a representative group from many

Arab countries with sympathizers from Europe, Latin America and the United States.

He said the demonstration was not meant to disrupt the campus and that was why the group did not chant slogans or answer antagonists. He said the Arab students felt Americans only received the Israeli view of the Mid-East conflict and the protest was meant to draw attention to their viewpoint.

A group of American students were on hand for the demonstration and had a protest of their own against the Arab flag and sang the National Anthem.

Amid laughing, some shouted "Kill communists," "Israel forever," and "The shah is alive and well."

"The deal is they don't have the right to protest in their own country, so they come over here to protest," one of the American protesters said. "That's not right." He also said he did not want to be identified.

Another of the American protesters said he did not know why he was demonstrating against the Arabs.

The Arab group had a permit for the demonstration.

## A&M Regents meet today

### New designation could boost Prairie View statewide, nationally



This is how the old Board of Directors Quarters looked as University workmen began clean-up operations Feb. 28, the morning after the two-story building burned. Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

By STEVE LEE and DIANE BLAKE  
Battalion Staff  
Prairie View A&M University may assume statewide, or even national prominence if a proposal by its president is approved by the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents and, in turn, the State Legislature.

Regents Monday heard recommendations by Dr. Alvin I. Thomas, president of Prairie View, to make the school a "special purpose" university. This title would allow Prairie View students to be "put into the mainstream" of middle-class society, Thomas said.

The statements were made during one of four committee meetings held during the day, which were in preparation for today's regular board meeting.

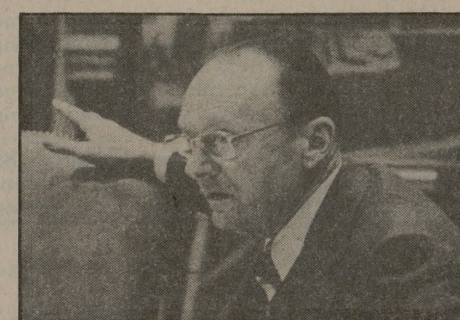
Regents also discussed alternative fates of the old Board of Directors Quarters, which was damaged by fire in February.

In addition, the Planning and Building Committee decided to recommend that regents appropriate funds for a detailed design of the new Medical Sciences Building.

Thomas said the special purpose designation for Prairie View would clarify that the school serves students statewide and not just students from the Gulf Coast area. He said the school wouldn't stop at placing students in jobs on the state level, but would also aim for the national market.

The designation will provide a base for the school to deal with problems, such as standardized tests, which Thomas said are harder on minorities. He said Texas Southern University, a predominantly black university in Houston, is a special purpose school and has had success with its programs.

Regent Joe H. Reynolds said he had questioned Thomas before about the pos-



Regent H.C. Bell Jr.

existing building. Bell suggested that an eight-man committee headed by Regent Royce C. Wisenbaker be appointed to study the feasibility of the renovation.

Regent Alfred I. Davies opposed the renovation.

"You kid yourself about keeping something for posterity," he said. "It's just an old frame house. Who cares about where the board met in 1917?"

Wisenbaker agreed.

"I'm an engineer, and it would be my inclination to bulldoze it down. I wasn't taught how to measure sentiment."

Other items to be recommended for acceptance are:

—An appropriation of \$650,000 to supplement the \$170,000 already appropriated for the design of the Medical Sciences building.

—A bid of \$2,888,700 by H&C Construction Co. Inc. of Abilene, for 11 student apartment buildings with eight units each. The bid includes cost of moveable wall partitions and was submitted by the same company now building the modular dormitories.

—A bid of \$34,860 by Hamilton-Woodard Construction Co. of Bryan to give Heaton Hall a "facelift."

—Appropriation of \$20,000 for design for lighting C.E. Olsen Field. The total cost for the project is estimated at about \$323,000. The lighting is needed so Texas A&M can be eligible to host Southwest Conference baseball tournaments, Bell said.

—Bids of \$114,731.45 by Abel Contract Furniture Co. Inc. of Austin; \$42,135.44 by Rockford Furniture & Carpets Inc. of Austin; and \$17,727.30 by Fingers Office Furniture of Houston for office and classroom furniture.

—A bid of \$495,000 by Ed A. Wilson Inc. of Fort Worth for a slaughterhouse at Tarleton State University.