

# Begin cancels tour after wife Aliza dies

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LOS ANGELES — Prime Minister Menachem Begin's wife of 43 years, Aliza, died in Jerusalem early Sunday morning and a spokesman said Begin was canceling the rest of a planned 10-day U.S. visit to return home immediately.

"It is with deep sorrow that I have to report the death of the wife of Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Aliza," Israeli spokesman Uri Porath said.

Porath said the news was received in Los Angeles about 4:30 p.m. PST Saturday.

"The prime minister is returning to Israel immediately," he said.

Begin was to have made his first formal appearance of the U.S. visit less than an hour after the death of Mrs. Begin, 62, was disclosed. He received the news while resting prior to a scheduled speech before the National Council of Jewish Federations at the Bonaventure Hotel.

Porath said Begin's Israeli Air Force 707 jet would leave for New York later Saturday night

and then fly on to Israel. Mrs. Begin had been in critical condition since being hospitalized several weeks ago for severe respiratory problems.

Outside the hotel where Begin was to speak, several groups of Palestinian Arabs and American Jews opposed to the prime minister's policies and American visit gathered for demonstrations, patrolled by hundreds of police, many on horseback.

Inside, a close aide to Begin said his speech Saturday would have stressed "positive elements" of Israel's proposals for Palestinian autonomy and would not directly criticize the Reagan peace plan.

One close aide said the prime minister would "stress the positive elements of Israel's proposals for Palestinian autonomy," rather than "speak to the negative" — openly criticize the Reagan initiative.

The aide said Begin would offer condolences to the families of the dead and wounded in Thursday's bombing of Israeli military headquarters in Tyre.

He was not expected, however, to bring up the massacre of Palestinians in Beirut, the aide said.

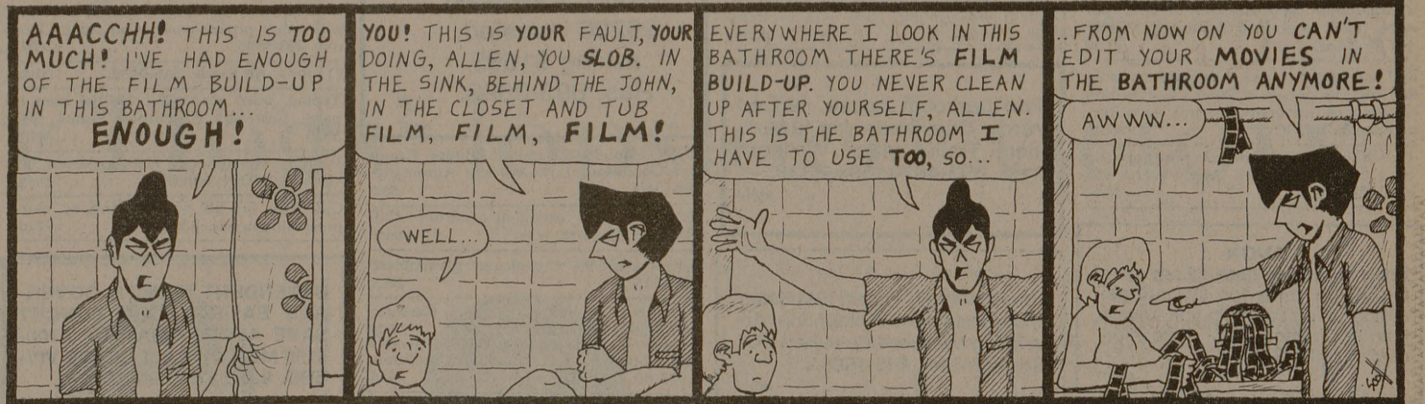
Senior Israeli officials have been playing down reports from Washington of a pending confrontation when Begin and President Reagan meet at the White House next week.

Yet they have given no hints Begin would agree to Reagan's request for a freeze on Jewish settlement in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, home for some 1.2 million Palestinians.

One senior official said Washington compromised its position as mediator and "honest broker" by publicly expressing the view the disputed region, about the size of Delaware, should become a Palestinian homeland linked to Jordan.

Begin was to have flown to Dallas Monday to meet with Jewish fundraisers and address a convention of Baptist churches. A major participant was to have been the Rev. Jerry Falwell, head of the Moral Majority and a strong supporter of Israel.

## Warped



## Social Security 'here to stay'

# Panel says billions needed

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WASHINGTON — A presidential commission voted Saturday to assure Americans Social Security "is here to stay," but agreed on only one idea to meet a \$200 billion shortfall — requiring more workers to join the system.

"It's come out in total less than what I would have hoped, but certainly far in excess of what I realistically expected," Chairman Alan Greenspan told the National Commission on Social Security Reform as it wrapped up a three-day meeting aimed at agreeing on recommendations.

Greenspan said the panel agreed on how much Social Security needs and that it should be stabilized, and that the system needs no radical changes, such as a conversion to a voluntary system.

"All members of the commission are committed basically to the structure with which we are dealing," Greenspan said.

The panel meets again Dec. 10 and members hope to try again to agree on specific recommendations to raise the \$150 billion to \$200 billion they estimate Social Security needs in the next seven years.

President Reagan ordered the panel to report by Dec. 31, and Democratic congressional leaders promise quick action on its recommendations to avert a crisis next July, when the old-age fund will be unable to pay checks on time.

Greenspan agreed the commission report should, in the words of Rep. Claude Pepper, D-Fla., "give assurances to the skeptics in this country, of whatever age, that the Social Security

system is here to stay."

"Our only difference is the details of how financing to meet these problems is provided," said Pepper, 82, a member of the commission.

Greenspan, a Republican, and Robert Ball, a Democrat and former Social Security commissioner, agreed most of the 15 members on the bipartisan but Republican-dominated panel

favor requiring more workers in Social Security.

Federal, state, local and non-profit group employees are exempt from the retirement program. The strongest agreement was on federal and non-profit workers, which would raise \$21 billion by 1990.

Although members lobbied each other in private meetings trying to agree on a package of

changes, possibly to include payroll tax hikes and curbs on the cost-of-living payment, the backroom talks failed to produce a compromise.

# McGovern says maybe to '84 presidential race

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WASHINGTON — George McGovern, encouraged by the success of the nuclear freeze movement in the midterm elections, said Saturday he may run for president again in 1984.

The 1972 Democratic presidential nominee admitted, however, the one thing that worries him is the prospect of looking ridiculous as a chronic losing candidate.

"If I got into it, I'd try it out in Iowa and New Hampshire — those first two or three primaries," he said.

"If I did poorly, I'd get out. Or if it looked like I was only getting enough votes to damage a better candidate than the rest of the field, I'd get out. I wouldn't want to be a spoiler."

McGovern said he would not make a final decision until well into 1983.

McGovern, 60, who served three terms in the Senate before

his defeat two years ago, carried only Massachusetts and the District of Columbia in his unsuccessful attempt to deny Richard Nixon re-election in 1972.

"If I decided sometime next year I could help redefine the issues before the country in a way that would be beneficial, I might give it another try, even if I thought the odds of being nominated were not very good," McGovern said.

McGovern's 1972 campaign was built on the anti-Vietnam War sentiment in the country. He noted nuclear freeze measures carried in eight states plus the District of Columbia Nov. 4.

"If I felt that on these nuclear war issues and the priorities issues here at home that have to do with the budget and the economy and I could help sharpen that debate and help make those problems better understood, it's just possible I might get into it," McGovern said.

"I've had businessmen talk to me on airplanes about the freeze and say, 'that makes a lot of sense,'" McGovern said. "I think it's a more conservative movement than the antiwar movement was back in the '60s. There are more lawyers and clergymen involved."

McGovern said he finds running against Reagan an intriguing prospect.

"I'd love to debate him. I think the guy is incredibly ill-informed on basic issues," McGovern said. Reagan's Thursday news conference comment that there is "plenty of evidence" foreign agents have infiltrated the nuclear freeze movement is outrageous.

McGovern said he has asked no one to support him and has not raised a single dollar or organized a campaign structure or political action committee, and will take no polls.

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