

Ford, Sadat See Mideast Progress

SALZBURG, Austria (AP) — President Ford concluded summit talks with Egypt's Anwar Sadat today and said he would unveil a Middle East peace-seeking formula within the next month.

Appearing before reporters with the Egyptian president, Ford talked optimistically about prospects for a Middle East peace "in the interests of all parties."

Ford said he has yet to make "final judgments" on the peace-seeking formula.

Speaking in English, Sadat said he will return to Cairo to confer with his associates on approaches to peace, adding, "I shall be always in contact with President Ford," whom he invited to visit Egypt.

Sadat, appearing with Ford, said the big achievement of the summit was to establish a personal relationship with the American leader.

As Ford and Sadat spoke, Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin announced in Jerusalem that Israel will withdraw

half its tanks and men and all its artillery 24 miles from the Suez Canal as a peace gesture to Egypt for reopening the waterway.

"The government of Israel considers the renewal of international shipping as an important and constructive development," Rabin said of the scheduled opening of the canal on Thursday. He said the reduction of Israel's front line troops by half is intended to contribute to the "relaxation of military tension in the area."

The Israelis previously said reopening of the waterway was in Egypt's self-interest and did not oblige Israel to respond with a peaceful gesture. Egypt also is on record as saying it would bar Israeli ships and cargo from the canal on grounds the two states technically are still at war.

Sadat was particularly animated as he and Ford posed for photos at the start of the Salzburg meeting. Ford seemed more serious, smiling faintly from time to time while Sadat grinned broadly.

Their sessions had been described as "very warm, very friendly" although cloaked in secrecy.

"We have agreed not to divulge any of the substantive details," said Tasheen Bashir, the Egyptian president's spokesman, Sunday night after the first day of the two-day meeting.

Under Secretary of State Joseph V. Sisco was similarly tight-lipped and reported, "We have drawn no conclusions, we have made no final judgments" on the best way to proceed with the search for peace, seemingly stalemated since March.

American sources have indicated Ford and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger hoped to revive the step-by-step approach to Middle East negotiations.

Egyptian sources suggested an "ideal solution" would be a negotiated Israeli pullback in the Sinai Desert followed by a withdrawal on the Golan Heights. These well-placed sources said these should be followed by a Geneva peace conference.

Sadat took a hard line in public remarks at lunch Sunday. He said belligerency will end only if Israel recognizes that it cannot acquire territory by force and that the Palestinians have the right "to live in a national home."

Ford in response hailed the Egyptian president as a wise statesman and said, "We understand quite clearly the historical significance of your policies."

U.S. officials said Egyptian terms have hardened since the collapse of Kissinger's attempt in March to negotiate another Israeli withdrawal in the Sinai desert.

Pullback

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Meanwhile, Israel reportedly has increased its forces in the Golan area and in the region facing Jordan by about 25 per cent since April.

Recent reports tell of Israeli forces building fortified positions along a ridge line above the Jordan River and of strengthening settlements in the disputed territory west of that river.

Pentagon specialists interpret these Israeli moves as precautionary rather than as any prelude to possible war.

The U.S. experts believe the Israelis strengthened their units on the Golan Heights because they were doubtful that the U.N. peacekeeping force would remain there beyond May 30.

As for Israeli actions on the Jordan front, American analysts say these probably were in response to advances by some Jordanian tanks and troops closer to the Jordan River.

Egypt always plays a key role in any Arab military confrontation with Israel, and most U.S. experts feel the Egyptian armed forces are not ready for another round.

Although Russia has resumed some arms shipments to Egypt, Cairo's army and air force are said to be in no shape yet for a major test.

Syria's armed forces, resupplied by the Soviet Union, are rated stronger than they were at the outset of the 1973 Mideast war. But Syria is considered unlikely to attack Israel unless Egypt also attacks, as in 1973. In any event, Syria appears diverted for the time being by its dispute with Iraq.

Israel's army and air force are described by U.S. officials as stronger than they were in 1973.

Local Briefs

Power Firm Starts New Rate Schedule

In a bold move toward the future, the South Central Power Company today took the initiative among Ohio's electric power companies, in establishing rate revisions and increases aimed at "the allocation of the cost of energy as fairly as we can determine it should be," according to Dane Swinehart, general manager of the locally-owed utility.

"What we are instituting today," said Swinehart, "is a futuristic rate — a rate designed not only for the power requirements of today but of the future as well. It is a rate structure that has, up to now, only been talked about by the nation's power companies, but as far as I know South Central is the first one to put it into practice; certainly we are the first in the state of Ohio."

"The new rate structure is really a unique way of allocating the cost of electric energy. It rewards conservation of power through the innovation of an 'inverted step' rate, whereby the residential user of more than 5000 kilowatt hours per month pays a premium rate; it eliminates incentive rates by abolishing special rates for water heaters; it eliminates class distinctions (except for monthly minimum charges) between rural and incorporated village or town-consumers; and it lets the consumer establish and control his own demand for electric power. In effect, it lets the consumer control his own monthly invoicing to a greater degree than ever before."

Asked to explain how the 'inverted step' rate would help conserve power, Swinehart cited figures that showed

that South Central consumers used, on an average, 1162 kilowatt hours of energy per month in 1974. "That's roughly an average of about 38 kwh per day," he said. "Under the 'inverted step' rate, a consumer could use up to 166 kwh per day and still enjoy the optimum rate, but once he exceeded that amount his rate would escalate."

"The rate penalizes the person who does not monitor his usage of energy and rewards the wise user. It does, however, have the advantage of letting the consumer choose his own category. By monitoring his meter and regulating his usage, he can pretty well determine what his monthly bill is going to be," Swinehart said.

While pointing out that it would be impossible to make generalizations about the new rate structure that would apply to all South Central consumers, company officials released the following rate comparison table, which shows that out of ten categories, five would produce a rate base that is actually lower than the rates in effect prior to June 1.

Present Monthly Usage	Old Rate As of May 1975	New Rate As of June 1, 1975
100 kwh	\$ 6.44	\$ 5.96
500 kwh	\$ 19.18	\$ 19.28
750 kwh	\$ 26.51	\$ 26.66
1000 kwh	\$ 33.85	\$ 34.05
2000 kwh	\$ 63.20	\$ 61.10
3000 kwh	\$ 88.55	\$ 85.65
4000 kwh	\$113.90	\$110.20
5000 kwh	\$139.25	\$134.75
6000 kwh	\$164.60	\$167.30
7000 kwh	\$189.95	\$199.85

May Proves To Be Relatively Dry Month

It's no news to anyone, especially area farmers, that May was a dry month. Only 2.40 inches of rain fell on Hillsboro during the month, according to statistics compiled by local weather observer Tom Knott.

Knott said the average for May is 3.82 inches. The bulk of the rain came in

thundershowers May 12, 17, 18, 29 and 31.

It was also a relatively hot month. The highest temperature recorded was the 88 degree reading taken May 24. The lowest thermometer reading was 39, on May 2.

Knott noted that on 11 consecutive days, May 19-29, the mercury soared over the 80 degree mark. No frost was reported during the month.

Annexation, Truck Parking To Be Topics

Ordinances dealing with truck parking and with annexation of land to the city are to be considered by Hillsboro City Council in its meeting at 7:30 p.m. today in the municipal courtroom.

Some discussion on sewer line easements is also expected, along with further consideration on building permit fees, a proposed emergency life squad and bids for a used loader and gasoline.

There will also be a report on use of federal revenue sharing funds.

Air Guard Jet Crash Probed

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio (AP) — An Air Force team is probing the cause of the crash Saturday of an Ohio Air National Guard F100-D plane in rural northeastern Scioto County.

The plane came down about 18 miles east of Portsmouth, but the pilot, David Wheeler, 30, of Cincinnati, was able to eject safely and suffered only minor injuries in parachuting to the ground.

Wheeler is attached to the 178th Tactical Fighter Group stationed at Springfield Municipal Airport. An Air Guard spokesman said he was on a training flight when the accident occurred.

Tom Matson Gets Legion Award

Tom Matson, son of Mrs. Irene Matson of Glendale, Ariz., was awarded the National God and Country Award, given by the American Legion. Tom was a member of the graduating class of Glendale High School this year.

In addition to this high honor, Tom was awarded two scholastic scholarships.

Wins Scholastic Honors At Miami

One Highland Countian was named to the President's List (all As) and three were named to the Dean's List for the winter quarter at Miami University.

Making the President's List was Charles J. Shayne, Greenfield. On the Dean's List for earning at least a 3.5 average on a 4-point scale were Deborah Anne Hagan, Rt. 2, Kay Darlene Hottle, 335 W. Walnut St., and John W. Adams, Greenfield Rt. 3.

Prof Challenged In KSU Trial

CLEVELAND, Ohio (AP) — A Kent State University photography professor was to take the stand again today, as the defense challenged his claim that no students threatened Ohio National Guardsmen when they fired on campus demonstrators May 4, 1970.

Charles Brill testified Thursday that photos showing few students near guardsmen when the gunfire erupted accurately reflected conditions on that sunny spring afternoon.

High on the list of witnesses expected to be called this week are two defendants, former guardsmen Mathew McManus and Lawrence Shafer; Dean Kahles, one of the students wounded that day, and photographer John Filo, who used to work for the campus newspaper.

Before court recessed for the weekend, defense attorney Charles Brown questioned Brill's statement that students had no reason to expect guardsmen to be carrying loaded weapons.

"Don't you tell your children that a gun is always loaded?" the lawyer asked.

The professor replied in barely audible tones that he taught his

youngsters that guns were not for pointing at people.

"During a 13-second barrage, steel-jacketed guardsmen's bullets killed four students and left nine wounded. The wounded and parents of the dead are pressing \$46 million in damages claims against Gov. James Rhodes, three former state officials and 40 ex-guardsmen.

The plaintiffs' first witness, a photographer for the campus newspaper at the time, also told the court his photos correctly showed few students near guardsmen when the shooting started and none within 70-80 feet.

Howard Ruffener's claim was tested by defense lawyer Burt Fulton, who elicited the admission that the witness saw guardsmen turn twice to look over their shoulders as they retreated up Blanket Hill from a practice football field. Ruffener told the court guardsmen flinched as if to sidestep objects but that he saw nothing thrown at them.

He refused to agree with Fulton that students moved toward guardsmen as the troops reached the crest of the hill, where seconds later they whirled and fired.

Rock Fans Tear Up Press Box

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio (AP) — A crowd of rock music fans, angered by the cancellation of part of a concert, burned down the press box at Bowling Green State University's Doyt-Perry Stadium Sunday night.

An estimated 33,000 persons had flocked to the stadium for the Poe Ditch Music Festival that ended in a rainstorm.

The windy downpour and technical problems forced promoters to call off the concert as the top attractions, Johnny Winter and Golden Earring, were preparing to go onstage.

Disgruntled fans began throwing bottles onstage as equipment was moved out of the rain, then set fire to the press box when the final two groups declined to perform, fire officials said.

City police also reported a fire in the downtown area about the same time, but were unable to confirm that it was related to the disturbance.

Eight rock groups were invited to play for the concert that raised an estimated \$35,000 for the school's athletic program according to Ross Todd, promoter of the festival.


The crowd began gathering as early as Saturday morning for the program that began at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Todd said.

Security personnel from the university, Bowling Green police and the Wood County sheriff's department were on hand to control the crowd.

A 13-bed first aid station was filled all day with people suffering from everything from cut feet to drug side effects, to an expectant mother in labor, one of the physicians on hand said.

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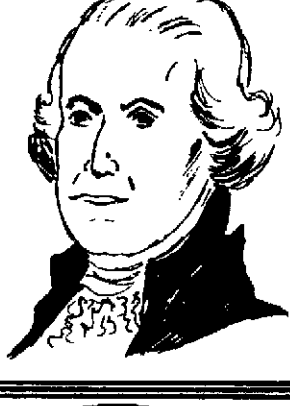
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