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DOMESTIC NEWS

ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER ARRIVES ON TALKS WITH CARTER, WASHINGTON:

President Carter welcomed Israeli P.M. Rabin to the White House Monday, in a low keyed ceremony calculated to demonstrate the seriousness of the search for a Middle East peace this year. The ceremony on the White House lawn lasted about 12 minutes and there was no military review or formation. The President said, we have had two foreign visitors already, the President of Mexico and the Prime Minister of Canada. This is a different kind of visit. This is going to be a series of working sessions. Rabin is the first of a series of Middle East visitors, who will continue the process of consultation, that began with a six nation trip the area last month by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. Rabin told the President that Israel shall continue to work tirelessly for the peace and welfare of our region. The two leaders immediately went to the Oval Office for the first of their series of meetings. Carter will meet with Rabin once and possibly twice more, depending on the necessity, Israeli officials said after the quiet welcome. They were elated at Carter's voicing support of defensible borders for Israel, that indicated the US may not insist that Israel return every bit of Arab territory, occupied after the 1967 Middle East war.

WASHINGTON: President Carter told his Cabinet Monday, the Federal bureaucracy is topheavy with high paid employees, a White House spokesman said. During the meeting Carter was told, there would be an improvement in unemployment rolls, swelled in many parts of the country by harsh winter weather.

WASHINGTON: The House of Representatives Assassination Committee met without its resigned chairman Monday and approved use of lie detector and stress tests on consenting witnesses. But the panels survival remained in doubt.

WASHINGTON: Paul Warnke, President Carter's choice as American disarmament negotiator, Monday conceded some typographical errors in testimony given the Senate, but defended himself against charges, he knowingly doctored the documents.

WASHINGTON: The Supreme Court Monday reaffirmed earlier rulings, that reporters may not be barred from printing or broadcasting, whatever they learn in open court.

WASHINGTON: A \$38 million dollar proposal for partial public financing of all senate elections was proposed Monday by five Senators, who expressed concern about what they called corrosive influence of special interest money on Congress.

WASHINGTON: Representative Henry Reuss of Wisconsin, proposed a fourpoint national urban policy Monday, including jobs for the central city reconstruction of urban aid programs, neighborhood conservation and metropolitan burden sharing.

WASHINGTON: The House of Representatives Monday refused to renew its special panel of professional sports, which was criticized as foolishness and an intrusion on the jurisdiction of regular House Committees.

WASHINGTON: The Navy is likely to seek nuclear propulsion for some of the smaller aircraft carriers, the Administration is requesting in place of the more expensive big ones, the service top officer told Congress Monday.

WASHINGTON: Two State Department officials told Congress Monday, the Carter Administration consider the promotion of human rights around the world an integral part of US foreign policy.

CHICAGO: A Pacific born storm moved across the United States Northwest early Monday, dropping rain along the coast and snow in the Cascade mountains. Light rain also fell in the Southeast. Precipitation amounts were relatively light and not enough to dent the drought.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ROMANIA TRIES TO RECOVER FROM EARTH QUAKE, BUKAREST: Western nations Marshall aid Monday to Romania, struggling to recover from a massive earthquake, that shaped up as the worst disaster to strike the country since world war II. Unofficial estimates put the toll at up to 4,000 dead and more than 80,000 homeless, though officially Romania still counted the dead in the hundreds and the injured in the thousands. It was the first working day since the quake and much of the labor force went to their jobs. Shops were open in buildings that were not damaged, but the center of the city still was off limits, as army troops and rescue workers dug through rubble, searching for bodies. Western diplomats said, coordination of a massive relief effort was being organized by the country. Pledges of aid came from several Soviet bloc countries and neighboring Yugoslavia, but there was no word from the Soviet Union, a Romania spokesman said.

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN: Political rivals in the general election fought gun-battles in several towns during voting Monday, leaving at least four dead and hundreds injured. Results of the vote were not expected until Tuesday.

CAIRO: President Anwar Sadat of Egypt opened the worlds first Afro-Arab summit conference Monday, with an appeal to African and Arab leaders to bury differences and build a towering edifice of cooperation.

CAIRO: Uganda President Amin Monday praised his regimes peaceful nature and said to fellow African and Arab leaders all reports of torture and mass purges are lies, spread by imperialist countries. He spoke to delegates at the Afro-Arab summit conference.

PARIS: France erupted in anxiety over the Concorde Monday. Politicians warned that Franco-American relations would sink to their lowest ebb in history, if New York authorities ban the Concorde, in a decision expected Thursday.

SALISBURY, RHODESIA: Rhodesian military authorities said Monday, the war has claimed another 20 lives in Rhodesia and reported a new campaign to win over black schoolchildren.

PARIS: An organization for economic cooperation and development report said Monday, that prices rose by 0.9% in January in the noncommunist industrialized world an increase over the closing months of 1976, largely because of higher food prices.

SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: The world principal sugar exporters agreed at meeting in Havana, Cuba, against stockpiling and hoarding, as a means of driving up sugar prices, Dominican delegates to the sessions said Monday.

BEIRUT: Former President Sulciman Franjeh said in interview published Monday, the best solution to end factional fighting in South Lebanon was to station French troops in the border region.

BEIRUT: King Khaled of Saudi Arabia had a successful operation on his hip Monday at Wellington hospital in London, an official announcement broadcast by Riyadh radio said.

ATHENS, GREECE: Private school teachers, campaigning for permanent employment status, Monday joined public school teachers striking for higher pay. About 700,000 children stayed at home because of the strike.

PARIS: Portuguese P.M. Mario Soares said Monday, that Portugal would be the next country to join the European Common Market and said the obstacles to membership were not major.

SYDNEY: Queen Elizabeth began her sixth tour of Australia Monday, in Canberra with unexpectedly large crowds and no trouble from demonstrators.

TEL AVIV: Hundreds of Israeli aircraft industry employees demonstrated outside the American Embassy Monday, against the American ban on the sale of Israel's jets to Ecuador.

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