

BEGIN'S TRIP
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The next day, April 3, after Begin and Sadat met at Kubbeh Palace, the Israeli Premier announced that El Arish, the capital of the Sinai, will be returned to Egypt on May 26, much earlier than planned. Begin said he would meet Sadat there on May 27 and they would fly first to Beersheba and then return to El Arish. "We shall declare there the open borders and set a free flying course for Israelis and Egyptian airlines," Begin declared. "Open air routes and open borders." Sadat said that he and Begin have agreed to maintain direct personal contact. "It's time for that," he said. The Egyptian President said he was "more than satisfied" with his talks with Begin.

The Israeli Premier said that he and Sadat "have decided to give the nations an example that even after many years of hatred it is possible to shift to friendly relations, to good neighborly relations." It was announced later in Washington that Secretary of State Cyrus Vance would join Begin and Sadat at El Arish. Another agreement made between Begin and Sadat was for the installation of a direct telephone line between them.

Begin after reporting on his meeting in Cairo to the Knesset April 4 warned that "There still stands before us very difficult and serious problems.... There will be differences of opinion between us and Egypt. They say so and so do we." But he again stressed, "My visit to Cairo surpassed all expectations." Begin's speech was well received except for heckling from Herut hardliner Geula Cohen and Rafah Communist MK Toufik Toubi. However, former Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, speaking for the opposition Labor Party, said he was suspicious of the autonomy plan for the West Bank and Gaza Strip and reiterated Labor's position that negotiations over the West Bank must be conducted with Jordan.

Meanwhile, Begin has denied rumors that Sadat has made concessions to the Jewish settlements in the Rafah salient of the Sinai. The reports said that Sadat had relented in his demand of total withdrawal of Jewish settlements. The treaty calls for their removal within three years. "I can well understand the feelings of the Rafah settlers," Begin said, "but we did everything possible to achieve peace out of concern for them and their children. I can only say once again that this was the only possible way to achieve peace with Egypt." He stressed that without giving up the settlements "there would be no peace with Egypt." Begin said Sadat did make one concession during their talks in Cairo. He agreed to allow the settlers of Neot Sinai, near El Arish, to retain their laundry building until the final phase of the withdrawal in three years.

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan has, meanwhile, urged Israel to go slow on settlement activity on the West Bank out of consideration of Egypt. He said while settlement activity there must continue, Egypt's feelings must be taken into account. Gush Emunim is reportedly planning to go ahead with settlement efforts, a move in which it has the support of Transportation Minister Haim Landau, one of two Cabinet members to vote against the peace treaty.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Thirteen persons were injured April 5 when a bomb went off near an East Jerusalem bus stop.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Jewish Community Relations Council of New York is attempting to find a way to stop the recent series of vandalism at Jewish cemeteries in the New York City area.

BEGIN'S THREE GREATEST DAYS

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Prime Minister Menachem Begin's reference to the three greatest days of his life, as enunciated in his inspiring White House speech after the signing of the Peace Treaty, was especially taken note of and discussed in a pro and con manner by observers here at the UN.

Noting that the signing of the Peace Treaty in Washington was "the third greatest day in my life," Begin went on to say that "the first was May 14, 1948, when our flag was hoisted" and "our Independence in our ancestor's land was proclaimed after 1878 years of dispersions, persecution, humiliation and ultimately physical destruction. We fought for our liberation alone, and with God's help we won the day."

"The Second day was when Jerusalem became one city and our brave, perhaps most heartened soldiers, the parachutists, embraced with tears and kissed the ancient stones of the remnants of the Wall destined to protect the chosen place of God's glory. Our hearts wept with them in remembrance."

At this juncture, Begin read from Psalm 122 in Hebrew:

"Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem; Jerusalem builded as a city that is compact together."

He then told the world "This is the third day of my life. I have signed the treaty of peace with our great neighbor, with Egypt. The heart is full and overflowing. God gave me the strength to persevere, to survive the horrors of Nazism and of a Stalinite concentration camp, and some

other dangers, to endure, not to waver in nor flinch from my duty, to accept abuse from foreigners and, what is more painful, from my own people and even from my close friends. This effort, too, bore some fruit."

Menachem Begin concluded his soul-stirring speech with the recitation of Psalm 126 in poetic Hebrew.

TEHRAN MOBS DESTROY EL AL OFFICE

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Concern mounted here for the safety of Iran's 80,000 Jews, most of them in Teheran, as mobs continued to rampage through the Iranian capital in opposition to the Shah.

The combination of Moslem religious zealots, students and left-wing elements have not singled out Israel as a target although there have been anti-Israeli

statements. The El Al office in Teheran was devastated by mobs along with other foreign establishments.

Reports here are that wealthy Iranian Jews have made plans to send their children out of the country, as have other wealthy Iranians. Israel is prepared to receive large-scale immigration from Iran.

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