

Egypt recalls ambassadors from dissenting nations

Cairo, Egypt—Egypt has recalled its ambassadors to the Soviet Union, Iraq, Syria, Algeria and South Yemen to protest their rejection of President Anwar Sadat's Mideast peace initiatives, the semi-official newspaper Al Ahram reported.

It said Sunday the envoys were recalled for "urgent" consultations on the latest Mideast developments, including a "rejectionist summit" meeting that began Friday in Tripoli, Libya. It is attended by Iraq, Syria, Algeria, South Yemen, Libya and Palestinian groups.

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Libya broke diplomatic relations with Egypt and called for the summit conference last week following Sadat's Nov. 19-21 visit to Israel and his proposal for pre-Geneva peace talks in Cairo in mid-December.

Al Ahram said Egypt recalled its ambassador to the Soviet Union because "it was very clear that the leaders now gathering in Tripoli are implementing a policy laid down for them by Moscow."

Visit cancelled

Washington—King Hassan II of Morocco has cancelled plans to visit Washington next week "because of recent developments in the Middle East," the White House

announced.

President Carter met for one hour Saturday with Moroccan Prime Minister Ahmed Osman, who made a special trip to Washington to inform the administration of the cancellation.

Hassan had been scheduled to visit Washington on Wednesday and Thursday.

Morocco has been one of the few Arab nations to support the efforts of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to meet with Israeli leaders in Jerusalem and Cairo. However, there have been no plans announced for Morocco to take part in the Cairo conference Sadat has called for mid-December.

Bermuda riots

Hamilton, Bermuda—Bermuda appealed Saturday for British troops to help quell rioting that broke out Thursday night over the executions of two convicted killers. Britain said it would send soldiers "as soon as possible" to its Atlantic island colony.

The British Defense Ministry reported early Sunday that a company of 150 men from the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers was being sent and it could be reinforced quickly if needed. The soldiers went in trucks from their Oakington base to the Brize Norton airfield, 90 miles away, in central England. There they boarded Hercules aircraft for the seven-hour flight.

British Prime Minister James Callaghan made

the troop decision at his official residence during talks and dinner with visiting Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin.

Damage from the rioting and arson across Bermuda, a favorite vacation spot for American and British tourists, is estimated at more than \$4 million.

A spokesman for the Bermuda government said Saturday night that Gov. Sir Peter Ramsbotham, on the advice of Prime Minister David Gibbons, had asked for troops as a "precautionary measure...to insure that the security force of Bermuda, are not overextended."

LA murders

Los Angeles—A man who was being questioned in connection with the strangulation murders of 10 young women is not believed by investigators to be involved in the killings, police said Saturday.

Lt. Dan Cooks said "it does not appear" that 26-year-old Bennett Merrett of Hesperial was involved in the "Hillside Strangler" killings.

Merrett remained in custody in lieu of \$20,000 bond on a robbery-rape charge in a case involving another young woman.

Merrett was booked Friday for the investigation of robbery-rape in a separate case reported by a friend of the Hillside Strangler's first victim, Yolanda Washington. The friend, whose name was not released, had reported being robbed and sexually attacked.

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