

Carter Advised to Drop Bid to Palestinians

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The administration's top Middle East policymakers advised President Carter yesterday that the United States, faced with vehement Israeli opposition, should abandon its proposed overture to the Palestinians in the United Nations debate scheduled to begin Thursday.

Reliable sources said the recommendation was agreed upon unanimously at a hastily arranged White House meeting to rectify the disarray into which Mideast policy was plunged by the Palestinian issue.

In an effort to gain support from

moderate Arab states and draw Palestinians into the Middle East peace talks, the administration tentatively had been planning to introduce a U.N. resolution that would have made general mention of Palestinian "rights," while reaffirming existing resolutions about the rights of all Mideast states to live in peace and security.

However, when Carter's special Mideast ambassador, Robert S. Strauss, carried the proposal to the Middle East last week, it provoked a fiercely angry rejection by Prime Minister Menachem Begin's Israeli government. To the administration's surprise, the idea also drew objections from Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, the Arab partner in the peace talks.

These rebuffs brought to the surface a noisy controversy within the administration about whether Strauss had opposed the idea of a Palestinian resolution and had it forced on him by Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance and national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski.

The Strauss controversy, coming on the heels of U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young's forced resignation and his rebellion against Mideast policy, had caused widespread confusion about whether the administration has a unified Middle East policy and who is in charge of it.

That led to yesterday's meeting of Vance, Strauss, Brzezinski and Vice

President Mondale. The object was to compose their differences and carve out a new policy recommendation for Carter, who is vacationing on a Mississippi River cruise.

At the end of the 90-minute meeting, Vance told reporters that the group was in unanimous agreement on the advice it was conveying to Carter, and later he telephoned the recommendations to the president. There was no word on the president's response.

With Strauss by his side, Vance also pointedly told reporters that he, as secretary of state, is responsible for Middle East policy and that Strauss is in charge of the U.S. role in the peace

negotiations—implying that Strauss's role is both subordinate and limited in terms of overall Mideast policy.

But, even as Vance was making this attempt at clarification, further confusion arose—temporarily—about who's in charge. Talking with reporters in Davenport, Iowa, presidential press secretary Jody Powell said Carter had asked Mondale to be responsible for any questions or problems that arise in the larger areas of the Middle East.

That sent the press and Washington bureaucrats into several scurrying hours of trying to sort out the apparent contradictions. Finally, administration officials announced that Pow-

ell simply meant to convey that Carter wanted Mondale, as his constitutional successor, to chair yesterday's White House meeting and to act as the president's surrogate until Carter returns to Washington Friday.

Although yesterday's events seemed to indicate that Vance is the top voice, under Carter, on Mideast questions, the policy recommendation forwarded to the president clearly bore the imprint of the arguments associated with Strauss—namely, that the United States should not get too far out in front in efforts to woo the Palestinians and their Arab-worshipers.

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On the Air President Hosts Radio Talk Show

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DAVENPORT, Iowa, Aug. 21—"Spike-at-the-Mike" O'Dell's morning show was interrupted today so the president of the United States could get a tryout as a radio call-in host on KSTT-Davenport.

The tryout started badly.

"Oh, hi. Who is this?" asked one of the first persons who was called.

"I think you're Debbie Brown," the new man at the mike said with a broad grin.

"I am," she said.

"My name is Jimmy Carter," the president said, his eyes twinkling.

For the next 45 minutes, the president talked over the airwaves of the quad cities area of eastern Iowa and western Illinois. It was quite a show. It was, after all, the first time a president of the United States had ever hosted a call-in show on KSTT.

The last time a president ever visited the quad cities area was in 1952 when Harry Truman passed through on a whistlestop campaign tour for presidential candidate Adlai E. Stevenson.

While today's show was based on a classic call-in format, in reality no one called in. The station selected those to whom the president would talk from a list of 100 people who had indicated that they would like to talk to Carter. Then the station called them.

Sitting behind two microphones in the small news offices of the radio station, Carter was almost an ideal talk show host. He was smooth. He was folksy. He called everyone by his first name. And when he saw his daughter through the window, he said, "I think I'll have to go. I see Amy peeking."

When he finished, Carter, who sat through the show in shirt-sleeves, said, "I had some good questions."

Actually, there wasn't a tough one in the lot. Several of the 13 persons who called simply wanted to tell the president they thought he was doing a good job. One man was so excited about having Carter on the other end of the line he could barely utter a word. So he called his wife and child to the phone to say hello.

Another person, Jaye Cessar of Rock Island, Ill., said she appreciated the sacrifices the Carters

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Carter jogs with Dr. William Lukash, right, and two escorts along the bank at Le Claire, Iowa.

Black Leaders See Israelis and Appear To Soften Stance

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NEW YORK, Aug. 21—A group of black civil rights leaders seeking a role in Middle East peacemaking met with Israeli officials and American Jewish leaders today and then appeared to soften their support for Palestinian "self-determination."

Southern Christian Leadership Conference President Joseph E. Lowery refused to use the words "self-determination" or "homeland" after his meeting with Israeli U.N. Ambassador Yehuda Blum today.

Lowery had announced support for Palestinian "self-determination" in return to their own homeland" after his meeting on Monday with a PLO representative to the United Nations.

"We make no apologies for our support of the human rights of all Palestinians," Lowery said after meeting with Blum today. He and SCLC chairman and D.C. Delegate Walter Fauntroy ducked the question of whether they had changed their position after meeting with the Israelis, and both sought to avoid discussing any of the technicalities of the longstanding Middle East problems.

"We are not political experts... We are messengers of peace," Lowery said. Fauntroy added, "The issue for us is peace in the Middle East."

"We came out of our meeting with the same position we went in with. That position was not supporting either side, but asking both parties to abandon the use of violence, to recognize each other's human rights and the right of self-determination. There was no soft pedaling," Fauntroy told a reporter this evening.

At the same time that they met with Lowery's group, Israelis and American Jews met out calls today to other black leaders, seeking to make sure they would not follow the SCLC endorsement of self-determination for Palestinians.

No black leaders here spoke up in defense of the SCLC group. Urban League President Vernon Jordan let it be known that he would make no public statement until after his scheduled meeting Wednesday with the leaders of several black organizations.

American Jewish leaders hammered away privately and publicly on the theme that it was a mistake for the SCLC even to meet with Zehavi Labib Tzuri, the Palestine Liberation Organization's U.N. observer.

"We think it was a grave error lending legitimacy to an organization committed to terrorism and violence,"

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Iran Expels Five Journalists

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TEHRAN, Aug. 21—Iran's revolutionary authorities today ordered the expulsions of five Western correspondents, stepping up an apparent campaign to stifle foreign press coverage of mounting disorders in the Islamic republic of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

The expulsion orders came as the government made preparations to drive Iran's rebellious Kurds from their main stronghold in the western part of the country following the executions by Islamic revolutionary courts of 14 Kurds accused of taking part in an uprising in the region last week.

Informed sources in Tehran said there were indications that other foreign correspondents may soon be expelled, further limiting the flow of news from Iran. So far the government has ordered 12 American and European reporters out of the country and has been preventing others from entering.

Among the reporters ordered expelled were two Britons, Andrew Whitely of the Financial Times and Towny Mason of the British Broadcasting Corp. Both were resident correspondents. They were originally given 48 hours to close their bureaus and leave the country, but the

deadline was later extended to a week.

The government also ordered three visiting European newsmen to leave.

In a separate development in Tehran, Revolutionary Guards forcibly closed the offices of the Iranian Communist Party as part of an intensifying crackdown on political opposition.

In Kurdistan, revolutionary courts said the 14 executed Kurds were members of the outlawed Kurdistan Democratic Party. The sentences appeared to signal the start of a major effort to stamp out resistance from the autonomy-seeking Kurdish party.

Atayollah Sadegh Khalilabadi, a Kermanshah cleric who has earned the nickname "Judge Blood" for his frequent death sentences, sent nine Kurds to the gallows in the western Iranian border town of Paveh, where fighting broke out between Kurds and Revolutionary Guards last week.

Five Kurds were executed Monday night in the nearby city of Kermanshah on the same charges of "corruption on earth" and "waging against God" for their part in the Paveh rebellion.

The executions brought to 25 the number of Kurds sent before firing squads since the uprising was crushed Sunday. All of them have been executed.

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Newsletter Editor Arrested in SE On Drug Charge

Hogan Ally Given Sole Sewer Hookup

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Alan Baron, the owner and editor of a widely respected Washington political newsletter and a longtime liberal activist in the Democratic Party, has been arrested on a charge of possessing cocaine with the intent to distribute it.

Baron, 36, was arrested in a raid on his Capitol Hill home Friday following a two-day undercover investigation by District of Columbia police.

Baron owns the Baron Report, a monthly newsletter that is considered essential reading by both liberals and conservatives in Washington and is widely respected for its insights into national Democratic party politics.

In a brief statement last night, Baron told a reporter: "I categorically deny ever having distributed cocaine." He declined further comment.

According to U.S. District Court documents, Baron and one other man were arrested after a police informant told detectives that he had witnessed the use and sale of cocaine in Baron's home at 710 G St. SE during a two-day period early last week. A search warrant for the home was obtained shortly afterward.

Sources close to the investigation said that police officers executing the warrant confiscated a brown val containing half a gram of cocaine from Baron's pants pocket.

An additional small amount of cocaine found in a Chapstick tube was confiscated from Ira S. Goldstein, 30, a self-employed electronics engineer who is a tenant at Baron's house, the

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The only major home construction sewer hookup request supported by Prince George's County Executive Lawrence Hogan since he took office last December is for a multimillion-dollar housing development in Bowie proposed by his former campaign treasurer.

While rejecting the sewer hookup priority requests of some 50 developers this year, Hogan made one exception by endorsing the plans of George G. H. McDaniel Jr., a Hogan ally who served as campaign treasurer and fund-raiser in several of his political campaigns.

Hogan recommended to the County Council that McDaniel's sewer hookup request for 127 lots for \$50,000 to \$70,000 homes in the Bowie area be approved. But at the same time, arguing that the county could afford only limited growth, the county executive urged the council to delay or deny sewer authorization for more than 8,000 single-family homes, 3,071 townhouses and 996 apartment units.

Many of Hogan's recommendations conflicted with those of his staff, which recommended approval for at least three other residential develop-

ments seeking the same priority as McDaniel. Sewer hookup authorization is a key step in development, which cannot proceed without it.

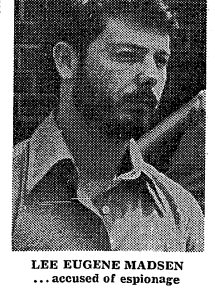
Hogan said he planned to deny McDaniel's request until McDaniel called, arranged a meeting and "explained what he was planning to do."

"George is a friend of mine and he called me about it," Hogan said. "He got in the door because he is a friend, but I think his proposal flies on its merits."

Hogan said McDaniel's request was clearly distinguishable from those of

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File on Pentagon Homosexuals Seized in Spy Case



LEE EUGENE MADSEN... accused of espionage

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Federal investigators seized a file containing the names of Pentagon employees with "homosexual proclivities" when they arrested a Navy enlisted man on espionage charges last week, according to sources close to the investigation.

Military investigators are checking the names to determine whether there has been any breach of Pentagon security by homosexuals who might be susceptible to blackmail threats, the sources said.

Lee Eugene Madsen, 24, a security officer for a sensitive Pentagon office run by a CIA official, was charged last Tuesday, a few days after he allegedly stuffed a "top secret" document down his pants, walked past Pentagon security guards and handed the document to an undercover FBI agent.

Sources said Madsen is a homosexual, a disclosure that concerned Pentagon officials because

Defense Department policy is to discharge known homosexuals from the military services.

It could not be learned how many names were in the files in Madsen's possession or whether any of the individuals were in jobs as sensitive as his.

A Pentagon spokesman declined to comment on the Madsen case, but said it is still policy to discharge homosexual members of the military because their "presence in a military unit would seriously impair discipline, good order, morale and security."

Justice Department officials emphasized in arresting Madsen last week that they had no evidence he passed any classified documents to a foreign power.

But intelligence officials privately expressed special concern when they learned Madsen was a homosexual because of his access to highly classified material, including supersensitive information obtained by intercepting foreign government communications.

The CIA, FBI and other intelligence agencies traditionally have disqualified homosexuals as job applicants or dismissed them when discovered because of the possibility of foreign agent cloak-and-concealment.

Madsen, a yeoman third class, is accused of taking \$700 from FBI undercover agent William Chapin and from another man, Richard Grant Noble, who first alerted authorities Madsen was willing to steal documents.

Documents filed in the case allege that Madsen took Chapin on a late-night tour of his Pentagon office Aug. 10, casually signing him past two guards by using a phony name.

Madsen then allegedly showed Chapin a "top secret" report entitled "USSR/Warsaw Pact General Indicator List," stuffed it down his pants and carried it past the guards.