World

Israel presses Sadat — The Israeli cabinet wants Secretary of State Vance to deliver its new package of peace proposals to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. Israeli officials reportedly hoped that Vance would be able to secure encouraging news from Sadat before President Carter leaves the Middle East. Prime Minister Begin said, "I expect a positive reply from Egypt."

Feminist criticizes Iran's Khomeini — American Kate Millet, author of Sexual Politics, charged Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran Monday with sex discrimination. His government in its first month abolished codification, made divorce actions harder for women to challenge, and executed at least 16 people for sexual crimes. "Our civil rights are being terribly threatened by what he says or does," charged Millet.

Nation

Spokesman defends Billy Carter — A business trustee of Jimmy Carter's denied Monday that Billy Carter had $500,000 in overdue loans during the 1976 presidential campaign. A former worker at the Carter peanut warehouse earlier told the Washington Post that he and Billy Carter had used the same bins of peanuts twice that year as collateral for the tardy payments. Billy Carter, confined to a Long Beach hospital for alcoholism treatment, was unavailable for comment.

Local

Boston finances improve — A year-long audit by accounting firm Coopers & Lybrand found that fiscal conditions in Boston have improved in the past few years. Wall Street spokesmen expressed satisfaction with the findings. The project was the first complete audit in Boston history.

WBNC strike over — The three-week-old strike at Boston's progressive rock station WBNC-FM ended yesterday after the station's new owner agreed to hire back the 19 employees fired by the station on February 16. The station also agreed to recognize the employees' union, United Electrical Workers Local 262.

Weather

Mostly sunny skies this morning will give way to increasing cloudiness by late in the day. With southerly winds increasing during the afternoon, temperatures will reach the middle 40's before sunset. For tonight, warm temperatures and some scattered showers are in store, with lows 38-42. Mostly cloudy skies with occasional rain expected for Wednesday. With a continued strong southerly flow, highs will reach 50. A cold front will pass through sometime Wednesday night, accompanied by a wind shift to the west and lows in the 30's by morning.

Looking ahead: cooler but sunny by Thursday.