World

New talks set on Palestinian autonomy — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin agreed Wednesday to resume negotiations on Palestinian autonomy under the Camp David agreement format. The next talks will be held September 23 and 24 at an undisclosed location. Talks were suspended last August by Egypt in protest to Israel’s annexation of Arab East Jerusalem.

Nigeria reduces crude oil price by $4 per barrel — Nigeria announced Wednesday that it is lowering the price it charges for crude oil from $40 to $36 per barrel, in what could be the first of a series of cuts by OPEC members in response to the growing world oil glut. Nigeria is the second largest exporter of oil to the US, and if other North African producers follow its lead, gasoline prices could drop 2 to 3 cents per gallon in this country.

Nation

Medfly spraying expanding in California — Two new areas of medfly spraying have been added to the 1140 square mile area already being sprayed and under quarantine in northern California, south of San Francisco. The new areas, a 12 square mile section of east Oakland and a nine square mile section of the Los Angeles suburb of Baldwin Park were added when medflies were found in traps in each area. The flies found at Baldwin Park have concerned officials since the area is 260 miles south of the previous area of infestation and Los Angeles is a major produce shipping terminal for the US.

US spy planes attacked over Korea — A missile apparently launched from North Korea burst a few miles from a US Air Force SR71 flying at high altitude in international and South Korean airspace, but caused no damage to the plane or crew. The Pentagon statement did not explicitly accuse North Korea of launching the missile as details of the incident Wednesday are still being evaluated.

Double digit inflation in July — Higher food and housing costs helped push the Consumer Price Index up 1.2 percent in July, to an annual rate of 15.2 percent. A Reagan Administration official and several private economists said inflation will moderate during the remainder of the year, following the general disinflationary movement of the economy in 1981. The sharp rise was led by housing costs, up 1.8 percent, and if other North African producers follow its lead, gasoline prices could drop 2 to 3 cents per gallon in this country.

Weather

An afternoon cloudiness this morning should give way to mostly sunny skies this afternoon. Winds will be out of the north and east keeping temperatures near 72 at the shore, with inland highs near 76. Clear and cool tonight with lows near 56. Saturday should be partly sunny with onshore winds again. Highs in the low 70's. A warming trend on Sunday with some hazy sunshine and scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 80. Chance of rain 20% today, 30% tomorrow, and 50% on Sunday.

Sports

Ovett sets new mile record — Britain’s Steve Ovett ran a 3:48.40 mile Wednesday breaking the 3:48.53 mark set by his fellow countryman Sebastian Coe a week earlier.

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