World

Israel parliament rejects Reagan's peace plan — The Knesset voted 39 to 36 in favor of Prime Minis-

ter Menachem Begin's opposition to President Reagan's recently proposed peace plan. Reagan called for

Palestinian self-rule with ties to Jordan in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and a freeze on Israeli settle-

ments in the occupied lands. "Judea and Samaria are for the Jewish people for generations and genera-

tions," Begin declared during the debate. The Prime Minister also called for elections to be held in May or

June, two years ahead of schedule.

As Reagan seeks new peace plan — Seventeen Arab leaders, including PLO Chairman Yasser Ar-

af, meeting at Fez, Morocco are reported to have agreed on a joint Arab Middle East peace plan. The

Arab League conference began Monday. The leaders are reportedly studying several peace plans, including

President Reagan's recent plan and Saudi King Fahd's 1981 proposal.

Israel destroys Syrian anti-aircraft missile battery in Lebanon — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem

Begin announced Wednesday Israeli jets had destroyed a Syrian SAM-9 battery located in Lebanon, near

the Beirut-Damascus highway. Begin said it was the first Syrian battery attacked since August 10.

Soviet dissident group disbands — The Moscow Group to Promote Observance of the Helsinki Agree-

ments in the USSR, founded in 1976 and active in the late 1970's, announced in a press release to Western

reporters that it is disbanding and that the Soviet government is preparing to charge one of the group's

three remaining members with slander. Most members of the Helsinki group, including Anatoly Schar-

usky and founder Yury Orlov, have been arrested and interred.

India's first commercial satellite fails after four months — The Indian Space Research Organization

acknowledged this week that Insat-1, built and launched in the United States for the Indian government,

has used all its fuel and no longer functions. Although a backup will be launched next summer, the loss

seriously undermines India's telecommunications plans. The satellite was designed for a seven-year life, but

officials expect it to last only 216 years after its solar power array did not deploy. Ford Aerospace Cor-

poration of Palo Alto, CA built the satellite.

Nation

Guam voters reject statehood — Residents of the American territory of Guam voted overwhelmingly in a

non-binding referendum last weekend to become a US commonwealth rather than a state. The Guam

legislature, however, is blocking funds for a committee to write an act calling for such a change in status.

Voters would have to approve such an act in the 1982 general elections.

Three Lutheran denominations merge — The Lutheran Church in America, the American Lutheran

Church, and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches each voted at their respective conventions

Wednesday to merge into one church by 1987. The new church will have 5.5 million members, making it

the nation's third largest Protestant denomination. The three Lutheran churches share similar theologies

but originated with immigrants of different ancestries.

B'nai B'rith leader praises Reagan's Middle East plan — Jack J. Spitzer, international president of the

American Jewish service group, said Wednesday President Reagan's peace plans are worthy of consider-

ation. "We believe they are presented in a sincere spirit of finding common ground for involving all parties

to the conflict in the negotiating process and giving fresh momentum to the search for Middle East peace."

Bill Paley leaves CBS — William S. Paley, founder of CBS, Inc., announced Wednesday he will resign

next April. He is the second head of the board of the corporation. At age 26, Paley bought United

Independent Broadcasting, then a small, unprofitable company, and has since built CBS. Paley, 81, will

remain as chairman of the board's executive committee and as a consultant to CBS. He will be paid half

his present yearly salary of $339,746. Paley owns 7 percent of CBS stock, estimated at $74 million.

Senators drill Watt at subcommittee hearing — Senators Bill Bradley (D-NJ), Howard M. Metzen-

baum (D-Oh) and Lowell P. Weicker (R-CT) criticized Secretary of the Interior James Watt's five-year

management plan. "From every shred of evidence I've heard, your accelerated plan would be a

grave danger to our fisheries," Weicker told the secretary. "If you took the time to review stringent envi-

ronment strictures on leaseholders . . . you would be thrilled," Watt told the subcommittee members.

Dead candidates draw votes in Arizona — Steve Janock pulled over 24,000 votes in Arizona's Demo-

cratic primary last Tuesday. Unfortunately, Janock died about one month ago. Elsewhere in the Grand

Canyon State, Jack DeSchalit won an unopposed election for constable in Tucson, although he died Au-

gust 27.

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