THE PALINDROMIC PEACE PROCESS

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Recently, a tape has been discovered which records the final negotiating session of the Camp David Accord. Strangely, all utterances are palindromic sentences. This seems to suggest that language with frontward-backward symmetry can lead to world harmony.

Locale: Camp David

Players: Menachem Begin, Prime Minister of Israel

Anwar Sadat, President of Egypt

Jimmy Carter, President of the United States

Begin: No Shahs if fool PLO offish, ah, son.

Sadat: Bar Arafat, a far Arab? Begin: Drat, Sadat - a dastard! Sadat: Drat Sabra, bar bastard?

Sadat: Rabin, I bar.

Begin: Null! Arabian is not on Sinai. Bar all U.N.

Sadat: No, it is opposition! Begin: Viva le Tel Aviv! Sadat: Won't revert now?

Begin: Onwards we Jews! Draw? No!

Sadat: War dog, go draw! Begin: No Gaza zag - on!

Sadat: Semite be sure no one ruse betimes.

Carter: Ahem, Anwar, raw name - ha!

[Star comedy by Democrats]

Sadat: Retract it, Carter! Carter: Semites abase times.

[Doom an evil deed, liven a mood]

Begin: Won't Carter retract now? Carter: Oh, what - ah, who? Carter: I won't. I sit now, I...

[To last, Carter retracts a lot]

Begin: Live wartime did emit raw evil.

Sadat: Snug, raw was I ere I saw war guns.

Begin: Retracting, I sign it, Carter.

Sadat: Now, I won. Begin: No, we won.

Carter: Now, sir, a war is won.