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## U.S. CONDEMNS ISRAELI AIR RAIDS

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, July 23 (JTA) -- The United States today "strongly" condemned Israeli air raids yesterday aimed at Palestinian terrorist targets on the Lebanese coast which, it said, caused civilian casualties including women and children. A statement, read to reporters by the State Department's chief spokesman Hodding Carter, said:

"The U.S. strongly condemns Israel's air attacks up and down the Lebanese coast on Sunday which hit targets, in one case only five miles from Beirut. The press reports from Lebanon indicate that between 12-18 people were killed and that as many as 70 may have been wounded. The Israeli air attacks were the first in three weeks and we had hoped that these raids which take such a toll in human life will not be repeated."

Carter said the State Department had no information on the nature of the targets hit but "We have information from the Israelis that they aimed at Palestinian fedayeen targets." He said the U.S. has reports indicating that women and children returning from excursions to the mountains or beaches were among the persons killed or injured by the air raids. He said the U.S. also had information that the aircraft employed were American-made F-4 Phantom jets.

Carter did not indicate where the information he referred to had originated. The information was apparently based on media reports from Beirut, primarily from Beirut Radio or Palestine Liberation Organization spokesman Mahmoud Labadi. The Israeli military communique regarding the raids said only that all Israeli planes returned safely to their bases after attacking terrorist concentrations in south Lebanon.

### Maximum Restraint Urged

"Recognizing that there is violence on both sides," Carter said, the U.S. was urging the Israelis and others, including the Palestinians and Maj. Saad Haddad's Christian militia which have been parties to "this cycle of violence," to "exercise maximum restraint so that these targets can be avoided." He said, "We are continuing to make contact with Israel to make sure that our point is understood," and added, "I expect we will be following up on this matter as it obviously is of concern."

Meanwhile, the Lebanese government announced in Beirut today that it would protest to the UN Security Council over Israel's latest air raids and other Israeli attacks by land and sea in the past two months that the Lebanese claim took about 200 lives. Foreign Minister Fuad Butros told reporters in Beirut that Lebanon's Ambassador to the UN has been instructed to lodge a formal complaint with the Security Council and that President Elias Sarkis would send a note to President Carter.

## NO CHANGES EXPECTED IN U.S. MIDEAST POLICY WITH APPOINTMENT OF JORDAN

By Joseph Palakoff

WASHINGTON, July 23 (JTA) -- President Carter's appointment of his chief strategist and

confidant Hamilton Jordan as Chief of Staff at the White House to supervise the Administration's operations is not expected to affect foreign policy in general or the Middle East in particular, according to State Department and other sources here yesterday. Jordan himself, in a national television appearance, said he will not stand between Cabinet level members and their access to President Carter.

The principal foreign policy officers will have direct access to the President and this avenue most probably will not be patrolled by Jordan whose commanding position reportedly will be concentrated on domestic affairs, officials said.

The U.S. course in the Israeli-Egyptian and other negotiations connected with the Camp David framework was given to special Ambassador Robert Strauss to pursue, American and foreign observers noted. The President cloaked him with Cabinet level authority and an open path to the President himself, they pointed out. As far as they can see, the Strauss role apparently is unchanged.

Furthermore, they added, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Defense Secretary Harold Brown and National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski have been established as a continuing trio in command of foreign policy as a whole. "I don't see Hamilton's appointment as affecting Middle East policy at all," one well-placed U.S. official told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Another emphasized that "the President made his change on Middle East policy when he named Strauss. Foreign policy is excluded entirely from Hamilton's role."

A similar view was expressed by Israeli and other diplomatic sources along with an American official who noted that Carter set his Middle East policy at Clinton, Mass. early in 1977 and that course continues, stipulating a true peace in the Middle East, a homeland for Palestinian Arabs and secure borders for Israel which the President left undefined.

### Jordan Agrees With Carter

A change in policy with the Strauss appointment is to affect movement toward that goal, it was noted. Jordan's personal views on the Middle East are considered to be fully consonant with the President's. How the Presidential election campaign will affect Administration policy may be visible late this year. For the time being, there seems to be no great change, one well informed source pointed out, since Strauss "is a political strategist himself when it comes to electing a President."

Although not regarded as a foreign policy advisor in any way, Jordan has been sitting in on foreign policy discussions, particularly on the Middle East insofar as it affects domestic policy, one observer noted. He was with the President at Camp David last September and on his Cairo-Jerusalem-Cairo shuttle in March. He is said to be on friendly terms with both Arabs and Israelis.

## U.S. SAYS USE OF UNTSO IN PLACE OF UNEF IS IN ACCORD WITH CAMP DAVID

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, July 23 (JTA) -- The State Department asserted today that the use of United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization (UNTSO) in place of the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) "will be fully in accord with the (Egyptian-Israeli) peace treaty and the Camp David

framework." Israel rejected the use of UNTSO yesterday and Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin explained today that the reason was that its use was not in accordance with the Camp David agreements and the peace treaty. (See related story from Jerusalem.)

But State Department spokesman Hodding Carter stressed that "the peace treaty calls for a permanent peacekeeping force at the end of the three-year withdrawal" by Israel from Sinai. "In the interim it calls for the UN to establish checkpoints, reconnaissance patrols and observation points in the temporary buffer zone."

Carter said that UNTSO has always been "considered a viable alternative to UNEF" during the long months of "discussions with all of the parties concerned." He said "it is clear to us that UNTSO can do the job." Egypt has agreed to the use of UNTSO, he said.

Carter stressed that if the UN Security Council does not, as expected, renew UNEF's mandate by tomorrow, UNEF will be disbanded over a period of several weeks to prevent chaos. "We do not believe that the peace agreement would evaporate over a matter which can be so easily solved," he said. He said he believes the matter will be worked out.

Israel is reportedly concerned that Soviet troops will be part of UNTSO. Carter said there would be no U.S. or Soviet members in the expanded UNTSO force. He also pointed out that Polish, Indonesian and Ghana forces, all from countries which do not have diplomatic relations with Israel, serve in UNEF without any problem. An informed State Department source explained that UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim would form the UNTSO force -- a Security Council vote is not needed. UNTSO has been in the Mideast since 1948.

#### YADIN: REJECTION OF UNTSO WON'T COOL RELATIONS WITH THE U.S.

JERUSALEM, July 23 (JTA) -- Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin said today he did not believe that Israel's rejection of an enlarged United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization (UNTSO) to replace the UN Emergency Force (UNEF) in the Sinai would lead to a cooling of relations with the United States. He told Israel Radio he expected to hear officially from Washington today or tomorrow.

Yadin said that if the UN Security Council does not extend UNEF's mandate before it expires tomorrow it "might complicate implementation of the peace agreement." But he stressed, "it should not affect Israel's next Sinai withdrawal from the area around the oilfields on Wednesday."

The possibility of replacing UNEF with UNTSO was not discussed at the Camp David meetings, Yadin pointed out. "The Americans said clearly that if the UNEF was not extended, then the United States would see to it that it was replaced by another international or multi-national force," he said. Yadin explained that Israel was opposed to UNTSO because it could only report on what happens. "The international force, on the other hand, should prevent breaches of the agreement, ensure freedom of navigation, for example," he said.

"The UNEF comes under Security Council authority and required the consent of all five permanent members of the UN Security Council for any changes," Yadin continued. "The UNTSO comes under the personal authority of the UN Secretary General. The proposal is therefore not in

accordance with the Camp David agreements, and we have so informed the United States."

Egypt, meanwhile, reportedly accepted the UNTSO approach which was worked out by the U.S. and the Soviet Union after the USSR rejected using UNEF to police the Egyptian-Israeli peace agreement. In Geneva, Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali said UNTSO would not have any U.S. or Soviet members on the force replacing UNEF.

#### BEGIN MAKING GRADUAL RECOVERY

JERUSALEM, July 23 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin is making a "gradual recovery," doctors at the Hadassah Medical Center reported today. They said the symptoms of dizziness have cleared up and he is able to walk around in his room but he is still suffering from an impairment of vision. Begin was admitted to the hospital last Thursday night for treatment of a small blood clot that lodged in a vein supplying blood to his brain.

He received get-well messages yesterday from President Carter, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, among hundreds of others from all over the world. Sadat's bureau chief, Hassan Kamel, telephoned Begin's chief aide, Eliahu Ben-Elissar, to convey the Egyptian leader's best wishes for Begin's speedy recovery.

#### ANTI-TERRORIST MOVE APPROVED

WASHINGTON, July 23 (JTA) -- The Senate has approved an amendment to the Export Administration Act that would prohibit the U.S. from exporting to countries that demonstrated a pattern of support for international terrorism, any goods or technology that could contribute to such countries' military potential or enhance their ability to support acts of international terrorism. The amendment also provides for suspension of such ban by the President if he deems it to be in the interests of national security.

The amendment, approved last Saturday, was introduced by Sen. Jacob Javits (R.N.Y.). He observed, "It is a fact that three countries are now named by the Department of State as aiding and abetting international terrorism. The countries are Iraq, South Yemen and Libya." Javits noted, however, that other countries could be added to this list or removed depending upon their behavior with respect to international terrorism. The amendment was cosponsored by Sens. Abraham Ribicoff (D.Conn.) and Carl Levin (D.Mich.).

#### OUSTER OF TV HEAD SPARKS REVOLT

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 23 (JTA) -- The managing committee of the Israel Broadcasting Authority (IBA) voted 4-2 today not to renew the term of Arnon Zuckermann, director of national television. His ouster, however, has sparked a revolt by television employees who charged that Zuckermann was not removed for professional reasons but because he refused to follow the Likud party line in the performance of his duties. Four coalition representatives on the managing committee voted against Zuckermann, two of the Labor Alignment voted in his favor and another, representing Likud's Liberal Party wing, abstained.

While the committee was deliberating, several hundred television employees marched outside of IBA headquarters chanting "Independent television" and "free State, free television." They accused Likud of politicizing the Broadcasting Authority and independence against government agency. But Kedon Yaron, the Likud appointee who heads the IBA, said in an interview yesterday that he would quit if

Zuckermann was approved for another term. He said the management committee was acting in accordance with the broadcast law and that IBA employees had no right to dictate its decisions. Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, a leader of the National Religious Party, has demanded on several occasions that Zuckermann be replaced.

Yosef Lapid, another Likud appointee who is director general of the IBA, is expected to take over Zuckermann's job until a new TV director is named. The television workers committee issued a statement tonight saying that they have lost confidence in the ability of the managing committee to discuss or rule on any issue without political bias. The workers said the managing committee has no right to appoint a new TV director and that anyone so appointed would have no cooperation from the workers.

#### **SPECIAL TO THE JTA FUND FOR JEWISH EDUCATION TO MAKE FIRST ALLOCATION THIS FALL**

NEW YORK, July 23 (JTA) -- The new \$3 million annual Fund for Jewish Education (FJE) of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York will make its first allocations this fall, it was announced today by Solomon Litt, chairman of the FJE.

The necessary application forms for four different programs are now being sent out and schools will have until Sept. 20 to submit their requests to Federation's Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York which is administering the Fund. Litt said. It is expected that allocations will be made early in November, he said, noting that aid is available to day schools and supplementary schools of all religious denominations.

The FJE was created within the past year through an alliance between Federation and the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, and the Joseph S. Gruss family, long-time benefactors of Jewish education. In a matched fund arrangement, the Gruss family, UJA and Federation agreed to contribute annual sums of \$1 million each for a five-year period.

The 16-member committee, which has evaluated set objectives, comprises four subcommittees, each responsible for a key aspect of Jewish education here. According to Litt, funds will be allocated in the following areas of education: demonstration grants for formal and informal Jewish education -- essentially for innovative projects; financial assistance in the form of basic grants and block grants to schools; grants for educator welfare benefits; and grants for school mergers.

#### **Largest Commitment Ever Made**

"This unprecedented \$15 million program is the largest commitment ever made to upgrade and support Jewish education in the Greater New York area," says Harry Manchester, president of Federation. "Too few children here receive any form of Jewish education, and much of what they do receive is limited and inadequate. We need to increase the number receiving the education; improve the quality of the teaching; and add to the financial stability of the schools."

Stephen Shalom, president of UJA of Greater New York, said UJA's involvement in this fund is equally without precedent, as, normally, UJA funds go to meet overseas Jewish needs. "Unless we have future generations here who understand that they are Jews and that they are related to fellow Jews throughout the world, the future for

Judaism is bleak," Shalom said. "At present we know no better way to transmit this to our children than through Jewish education -- whether formal or informal."

Federation has undertaken to raise its share of the new Fund through the solicitation of special gifts earmarked for this program. The UJA portion will be raised as part of its "Project Renewal," a special program that has among its goals support of Jewish education and preservation of Jewish neighborhoods in the city.

Members of the FJE committee, in addition to Litt, are: Robert Arrow, Rabbi Eugene Borowitz, Dr. Gerson Cohen, Arthur Dixon, David Gottesman, Dr. Irving Greenberg, Gruss, Dr. Albert Homblum, Matthew Maryles, Leon Meyer, Edgar Nathan 3rd, Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, Mrs. Laurence Tisch, Dr. Isadore Twersky, and Clarence Unterberg. Litt headed Federation's predecessor project, the Program Development Fund, for the past six years.

#### **CONFAB ON PHILANTHROPIC MATTERS TURNS INTO PRO-PLO RALLY** By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 23 (JTA) -- A Palestinian conference on philanthropic matters that turned into a pro-Palestine Liberation Organization rally in East Jerusalem over the weekend has Israeli officials angered and puzzled over how to deal with such political manifestations in the future. The conference, organized by Dr. Amin Al Hatib, head of the Union of Charitable Organizations in East Jerusalem, was billed as a discussion of the problem of philanthropic agencies on the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

It opened Friday at the East Jerusalem YMCA with a march of children wearing Tee-shirts imprinted with the Palestinian flag, singing nationalist songs that referred to "Arab Palestine" and "Arab Jerusalem." It closed yesterday with attacks on Israel, calls for a Palestinian state under PLO leadership and denunciation of the autonomy plan for the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Few of the speakers at the three-day gathering restricted themselves to charitable issues. An entertainment by children depicted Israeli soldiers suppressing Palestinian demonstrators. A girls' choir sang songs of love for "Arab Jerusalem." A dance team waved scarfs dyed black, white, red and green, the colors of the Palestinian flag. The audience rose for two minutes of silence in memory of the "holy warriors" who fell.

Most of the pro-PLO mayors of West Bank towns were in the audience, notably Bassam Shaka of Nablus and Fahed Kawasme of Hebron along with pro-Jordan Mayor Elias Freij of Bethlehem and Amwar Nusseiba, former Defense Minister of Jordan. Israeli officials were particularly disturbed by the presence of foreign consular officials, including the U.S. The latter said he came because he was invited and rejected any political significance in his presence.

Israel normally bans events of this type. But the West Bank Military Government did not interfere, partly because the conference was billed as social and philanthropic and partly because it was held in East Jerusalem where the Military Government has no jurisdiction. Officials at the Prime Minister's Office explained that the Premier's advisor on Arab affairs took no action because, traditionally, he deals only with Arabs living within Israel's pre-1967 borders. Asked by reporters to comment on the political coloration of the conference, Hatib said "We did not intend to have any political expressions but I do not regret that these took place. This is the way the people express themselves."

**BEHIND THE HEADLINES****USSR TRAINING PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS**

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, July 23 (JTA) -- The Soviet Union is training "hundreds of Palestinians" in terrorist schools near Moscow and along the Black Sea, and there are similar training camps in Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia, a British newspaper reported.

Details of the connection between the Soviet Union and the Palestinians were given in the Daily Telegraph by journalist Robert Moss, a specialist on subversion who two weeks ago attended the Jerusalem conference on terrorism. Moss said that because of the Soviet support for Palestinian terrorism, as well as its toll of innocent lives, it is a "tragic error" for any Western government to confer legality on the Palestine Liberation Organization.

He named the Military Academy at Simferopol in the Crimea as "a primary reception center for PLO men selected for sabotage and terrorist training in the Soviet Union." Courses, said to include river crossings and all types of sabotage, are attended by mixed groups of 50 to 60 PLO trainees, drawn from different guerrilla organizations according to a quota system.

A "typical" course at Simferopol included recruits from Yasser Arafat's El Fatah, the Syrian backed Al Saqa, the Palestine Liberation Front and George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Moss claims that Palestinians of above-average aptitude are sometimes transferred to special courses in KGB or GRU (Soviet military intelligence) schools, which also receive a steady intake of intelligence officers from Libya, Syria, Iraq and South Yemen.

**PLO Seen As Useful Asset**

In the Soviet view, Moss added, the PLO is a "tremendously useful asset." It can supply shock troops, like the members of Idi Amin's bodyguard in Uganda; subversive agents in the Persian Gulf sheikhdoms; and Saudi Arabia "that can now hold a knife to the throats of pro-Western monarchs" and "all-purpose terrorists," he wrote. The PLO "can also serve as the middleman in supplying arms to the national liberation movements," as well as carrying out missions of specifically Soviet, rather than Palestinian, interest.

"One such case was the PLO plot to blow up fuel depots in West Berlin. . . . Another was the attempt by a Palestinian hit team in Holland in 1975 to hijack a train carrying Jewish refugees from the Soviet Union," Moss stated.

Referring to the Jerusalem conference on terrorism, Moss called on the British government to study the conference's final manifesto, urging the civilized world to avoid endorsing groups like the PLO "with the spurious legitimacy that Herr Kreisky and Herr Willy Brandt have now seen fit to accord." This was a reference to the meeting in Vienna earlier this month between Chancellor Bruno Kreisky of Austria, the vice president of the Socialist International, and Brandt, the International's president and chairman of West Germany's ruling Social Democratic Party, and Arafat.

He continued: "For the sake of a cosmetic detente with Russia, there has been a malign tendency on the part of some Western governments to keep from the public the mounting body of evidence now in the hands of Western intelligence services of Soviet guidance for the PLO and international terrorism."

"It is time for all civilized nations to stand shoulder to shoulder on the issue of international terrorism and condemn those (like Chancellor Kreisky) who have been ready, for the sake of short term expediency, to accord a false respectability to those who murder women and children with the aid of the KGB."

**AID URGED FOR THE BOAT PEOPLE**

LONDON, July 23 (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews, Anglo-Jewry's representative body, has urged the British government to provide "immediate and active aid" for the Vietnamese boat people. MP Greville Janner, the Board's president, recalled the Jews who perished in the death ships fleeing from Nazi-held Europe and said the British government should act in a compassionate and generous manner.

The Board, which also urged the Jewish community to contribute funds for the boat people, associated itself with similar calls by leading religious organizations in Britain. However, racist organizations, led by the National Front, have held demonstrations to oppose the entry of the refugees into Britain.

**JTA INTERN PROGRAM IN NINTH YEAR**

NEW YORK, July 23 (JTA) -- The Jewish Telegraphic Agency's summer intern program, begun in 1970, is now in its ninth year. Continuation of the program, which provides on-the-job training for young people interested in Jewish journalism, was made possible by a special grant by Dr. Abraham Goodman, of Kearny, N.J., a prominent Jewish philanthropist and community leader. Goodman is president of the Tarbut Foundation and treasurer of the JTA.

This year's intern, who is working at JTA international headquarters in New York, is Judith M. Rosen, a 24-year-old doctoral student at Columbia University's political science department. She is also studying for a certificate at the university's Russian Institute. Ms. Rosen received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the Institute for Slavic Studies at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. A native of New York, she has worked with Soviet dissidents and artists in Washington.

**LATEST COMBAT TECHNOLOGY SHOWN AT ISRAEL'S AIR FORCE DAY EVENTS**

TEL AVIV, July 23 (JTA) -- Israel celebrated Air Force Day with a demonstration of the latest combat technology and the presentation of wings to a new crop of pilots at ceremonies attended by Defense Minister Ezer Weizman and Air Force Commander Gen. David Ivri at a base in the south of the country. Some of that equipment was put through its paces. The Cobra helicopter demonstrated its maneuverability as an anti-tank weapon. The American-built Hawkeye early warning and spotter plane which has already seen action in the skies over Lebanon, detected "enemy" aircraft at a range of 260 miles and flashed the information to interceptor planes. Formations of French-made Fouga Magistere training planes, American F-15 fighters and the Israel-made Kfir interceptors flew in formations forming a giant Star of David.

Israel's Navy also had something to celebrate. Its newest missile boat was launched at the Israel Shipyards on Haifa Bay. The craft, which will carry a crew of 45 officers and men and the latest improved Gabriel surface-to-surface missiles, has a cruising range of 3000 nautical miles.