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ISRAELI PLANES DOWN 4 SYRIAN MIGs • By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Sept. 24 (JTA) -- An Israeli military spokesman said today that the Israel Air Force shot down four Syrian MIG-21s in an aerial dogfight that developed over Lebanon south of Beirut this afternoon. He said all Israeli aircraft returned safely to their bases. According to the spokesman, the Israeli planes were on a search mission for terrorist bases when the encounter took place at about 2:40 p.m. local time.

(Media sources in Beirut confirmed late today that four Syrian MIGs had been shot down. Two crashed in the hills south of Beirut and two others came down near a village, also south of the Lebanese capital.)

An army spokesman said that some of the Israeli planes involved in the aerial battle were American-made F-15 jets. The use of American-made planes in Israel's strikes in south Lebanon has been criticized by the Carter Administration. The stress placed by the spokesman on the use of F-15s today appeared to sustain the denial by Defense Minister Ezer Weizman that he had committed Israel to get U.S. consent on using U.S. weapons in anti-terrorist raids. It had been reported here that Weizman had made such a commitment in talks with American Congressmen during his visit to Washington last week.

Today's dogfight was the second such clash since June when Israeli fighters downed five Syrian MIGs that attempted to interfere with an aerial mission over Lebanon. It was disclosed, meanwhile, that Syrian interceptors fired air-to-air missiles at Israeli planes over Lebanon last week but scored no hits and no combat ensued.

See Syria Escalating Tensions

Israeli military circles expressed concern today that the Syrians are attempting to escalate tension in Lebanon in the air and on the ground on the eve of President Hafez Assad's visit to Lebanon. The Syrians were blamed for initiating today's clash and for falsely alleging that a large-scale Israeli military operation was underway in south Lebanon over the weekend. The army denied this, pointing out that Israeli soldiers were either observing the Rosh Hashanah holiday or were engaged only in essential patrol or guard duties.

According to Israeli sources, the fighting that erupted in south Lebanon was initiated by Palestinian terrorists who attacked Christian villages. The Christian militia, commanded by Maj. Saad Haddad, repulsed the attacks and in one instance launched a counter-attack in an attempt to root the terrorists out of their positions near Khardaleh Bridge on the Litani River.

Haddad reported that terrorists attacked a number of villages, notably Kled and Beit Ya-houn, with mortars, bazookas and small arms. The Christians replied with artillery fire. Haddad said his forces would observe the cease-fire if the Palestinians did. Meanwhile, he lodged a strong protest with Gen. Emanuel Erskine, commander of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) against repeated violations by the Palestinians of the cease-fire agreement reached last Aug. 28.

(The United States took a cautious and non-

committal position on the dogfight over Lebanon. State Department spokesman Tom Reston described the air clash as a dangerous development after Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, addressing the United Nations General Assembly in New York, departed briefly from his prepared text to say that "the fragility" of the ceasefire in southern Lebanon "is underscored by the events of today." Reston said the U.S. was in touch with the people of the region to determine how the clash arose, while urging all parties to exercise maximum restraint.)

VANCE URGES PALESTINIANS, JORDAN AND SYRIA TO JOIN PEACE TALKS

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 24 (JTA) -- Secretary of State Cyrus Vance forecast today that the future of the Middle East and southern Africa "depends on specific decisions that will be made in the coming months." He again urged the "representatives of the Palestinians" and the governments of Jordan and Syria to join in the peace negotiations now in progress between Egypt and Israel.

In his address before the United Nations General Assembly, Vance renewed America's "unshakable commitment to Israel's security and well-being, now and in the future." That statement followed his view that "We know an ultimate settlement must address the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people" and that "the Palestinian question must be resolved in all of its aspects."

Vance said "The U.S. is convinced that progress will be made" toward resolving the Palestinian issue. "Preserving the integrity of Lebanon," he stated, "is also critical to peace in the Middle East" and noted that the U.S. will be moving toward a "broader truce" there than the ceasefire. He said the U.S. will be discussing this goal with "other interested governments" at the current General Assembly session.

The Secretary of State attacked terrorism but did not mention the Palestine Liberation Organization. Instead, he referred to the killing of Britain's Lord Mountbatten as an example that "our planet is plagued by those who make war on innocents." He said, "We must have greater international cooperation to combat the barbarous practices of the terrorists." He affirmed that the U.S. strongly supports the basic elements of the draft convention outlawing the taking of hostages.

"The conclusion of this treaty," he added, "will contribute to a growing consensus that terrorism will not be tolerated regardless of the political cause its perpetrators claim to pursue." Vance also urged a limitation on the "spread and accumulation of arms" as an "international responsibility" for the "requirements of peace."

JACKSON IN ISRAEL TO 'SEE AND LEARN' By Yitzhak Shargil and Gil Sedan

TEL AVIV, Sept. 24 (JTA) -- The Rev. Jesse Jackson arrived in Israel today and told reporters at Ben Gurion Airport that he had come to "see and learn" and that he hoped Premier Menachem Begin would have second thoughts about his refusal to meet with him. Jackson was scheduled to meet with Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem and with Shimon Peres, chairman of the opposition Labor Party.

Begin has declined to receive the American Black leader who came to the Middle East at the invitation of Palestine Liberation Organization

chief Yasser Arafat. Jackson said on his arrival that he had not necessarily come here to meet with Begin but thought it would be good if Begin did see him.

He said there was room for a reciprocal recognition of the PLO and Israel and that it would be in the interest of the U.S. to exert pressure so that one of the two parties would be the first to yield and recognize the other.

Begin's decision not to meet with Jackson raised a controversy here. Critics, including some of the Premier's own aides, have warned that the snub could harm Israel's image. But Eliahu Ben-Elissar, Director General of the Prime Minister's Office, said on a radio interview today that Begin acted correctly because Jackson has made strong anti-Israel and even anti-Semitic statements in the U.S. Jackson was one of the most vociferous Black Americans in blaming Israel for the resignation of Andrew Young as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan is believed to have advised Begin strongly against receiving Jackson. Nevertheless, the Foreign Ministry said today that it would assist Jackson "logistically" but no official personality would meet him. The Foreign Ministry is making technical arrangements for Jackson to visit the Christian enclaves in south Lebanon and to meet there with Maj. Saad Haddad, commander of the Christian militia.

Jackson will also meet with Israel's former Ambassador to the UN, Yosef Tekoah, who is president of the Ben Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheba, and will visit Nablus, the largest Arab town on the West Bank and meet with its mayor.

Peres Favors Meeting With Jackson

Peres, who announced his intention to meet Jackson, was quoted today as saying: "We have met in the past with other persons holding similar views to those of Jackson. There is no reason not to do so now, especially in the wake of the deteriorating relations between Blacks and Jews." He reportedly said he saw no difference between meeting officially with Jackson and meeting with Rumanian President Nicolae Ceaucescu who has also met with Arafat.

Jackson, who heads "Operation PUSH," a Chicago-based group active in the campaign for Black rights in the U.S., noted on his arrival that Blacks are a political force and should not be ignored.

Meanwhile, a delegation of Black American leaders, headed by Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, wound up a visit to the Middle East in Beirut last Friday expressing disappointment that they could not follow up their talks with PLO leaders in Lebanon by a meeting with Israeli leaders. Lowery said his request for a meeting with Begin had been rejected.

The group met for three hours with Arafat and ended the meeting by locking arms with the PLO leader and singing the anthem of the American civil rights movement, "We Shall Overcome." Lowery said Arafat promised to consider the SCLC's appeal for non-violence.

WEEKEND WRAPUP

CARTER: U.S. JEWISH LEADERS DID NOT URGE YOUNG'S RESIGNATION

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (JTA) -- In separate weekend developments at the White House, President Carter set in fuller perspective the basis

for Andrew Young's resignation as the United States Ambassador to the United Nations and National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski outlined why the U.S. continues to shun the Palestine Liberation Organization which Young demands should be recognized.

Five weeks after Young's resignation that brought sweeping charges from many American Black leaders blaming American Jews and Israel for his downfall, the President said flatly neither American Jews "nor anyone else urged me to ask Andy for his resignation."

Carter made the statement yesterday during the swearing-in of Donald F. McHenry as Young's successor. The mainly Black audience broke into applause, both when the President praised Young as "my friend and a friend of the world" and when he added:

"I might say in passing that any claims or allegations that American Jewish leaders or anyone else urged me to ask Andy for his resignation are absolutely and totally false and neither did anyone urge Andy to resign. He made his judgement on what was best for our country and him, and his role in the future, in my judgement, to help this nation will be undiminished."

Israel Also Absolved

Although he did not name Israel, the President seemed to imply that Israel also had no part in Young's departure. Two weeks ago, when Secretary of State Cyrus Vance was asked whether Young's resignation resulted from protests by American Jews or Israel or was voluntary, Vance absolved the American Jews but did not respond to the other two aspects of the question.

Speaking of the "sensitivities" of the Middle East, that are "perhaps as complex as any which have ever confronted negotiators or diplomats," Carter said McHenry, a career diplomat with 19 years of experience including service as Young's deputy at the UN, "understands those sensitivities." (See related story P.3.)

Apparently agreeing with the President's remarks about his resignation, Young said at the occasion, "In a very real sense, I think I ran my part of the race and while I wasn't getting tired my time was probably over. And I really and truly have no regrets."

Reasons For Not Talking To The PLO

Meeting with editors at the White House last Friday, Brzezinski was asked "why we have a policy not to talk to the PLO" while the U.S. has relationships with the Soviet Union and Cuba. According to the White House transcript, Brzezinski replied that "there are both very specific and more generic reasons for the absence of a formal relationship."

He claimed that "the PLO for many years was committed to formulas which either directly asserted or at the very least strongly implied not only a solution which would be in its favor but the liquidation of the other side. And that, in the light of World War II and the moral imperative that that war has made us more conscious of, is unacceptable."

The "more specific reasons," Brzezinski added, "pertains to the agreement that Dr. (Henry) Kissinger signed with the Israelis when Sinai II was consummated (1975), namely that the U.S. would not negotiate with the PLO as long as the PLO is not prepared to accept a basis for the peace process that everybody else in the region, including even intransigent Arab countries have subscribed to, and that is to say (UN Security Council) Resolutions 242 and 338, and thereby Israel's right to exist."

Adding that this was "a specific reason why Kissinger made a commitment and why we feel this commitment, while not a formal treaty, should be respected," Brzezinski noted "the PLO has not been

prepared to accept at least a shared platform on the basis of which to seek an accommodation."

Bzginiski emphasized "a very basic proposition," on the other hand, is that the "Palestinians" have "a right to participate in the determination of their future." Carter, he added, "has gotten Prime Minister (Menachem) Begin to sign onto these principles at Camp David and thus we are not ignoring the Palestinians."

McHENRY SAYS HE WILL NOT MEET WITH ARAFAT OR ANY OTHER PLO OFFICIALS

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (JTA) -- Donald McHenry, who has replaced Andrew Young as the United States Ambassador to the United Nations, indicated he would not meet with Yasser Arafat or any other Palestine Liberation Organization official until it meets the conditions set by the Carter Administration. He also said that he personally wants the PLO to renounce terrorism.

But McHenry, in an interview last week on the Public Broadcasting Service's "MacNeil/Lehrer Report," stressed that there can be "no solution to the Middle East" conflict "without a solution to the Palestinian" problem. He said "representatives of the Palestinian people" must be involved in the Mideast talks.

Asked whether he would have met with Zehadi Labib Terzi, the PLO observer at the UN, as Young did in July, McHenry, who was Young's deputy, replied, "I don't know what I would have done." He refused to go into the question beyond saying that Young met with Terzi because he was seeking a postponement on a Security Council resolution dealing with the Palestinian issue.

McHenry claimed that at the time of the Security Council debate last month the PLO appeared to be moving toward the U.S. requirement that it acknowledge Israel's right to exist and accept Security Council Resolution 242. He said that since Young's resignation there is more knowledge and sympathy for the Palestinian cause in the U.S.

ISRAELIS, PLO REPRESENTATIVES TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE

By Lisa Palmieri-Billig

ROME, Sept. 24 (JTA) -- A two-day conference on the Palestinian issue which will involve Israelis and Palestine Liberation Organization representatives is scheduled to take place here this week. The international conference, which will also include representatives from the West and East European nations that participated in the Helsinki human rights conference, is being sponsored by the Italian Committee for Solidarity With the Palestinian People.

Among the Israelis scheduled to participate are Mattityahu Peled, Uri Avneri of Sheli, Tewfik Toubi of Rakah, Amnon Elon and Prof. Daniel Amit of Hebrew University. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, former president of the World Jewish Congress, is also due to take part in the conference. A report that Goldmann would meet here with PLO chief Yasser Arafat has been officially denied by Nemer Hamad, the PLO representative in Rome.

Hamad made it clear in a press conference today that Arafat would come to Rome only upon an official invitation from the government and with the prospect of holding personal talks with Premier Francesco Cossiga. Faruk Kaddoumi, the PLO's head of foreign information, will lead the PLO delegation. Several West Bank and Gaza Strip personalities who had sought to participate in the conference were not given visas by Israel to attend.

Hamad, in his press conference, said "It is our desire that 1979 not slip by without official relations being established between Italy and the PLO." The time is also "ripe for Europe and the European Economic Community to take a courageous step toward the PLO, a step which it is not now possible to expect from the United States." Hamad was apparently referring to Arafat's success in Austria last July and in Spain last week as a breakthrough in achieving similar success in London and Paris.

Meanwhile, members of the Rakah and the PLO sat side by side at a national festival of the Italian Communist Party newspaper, L'Unita in Milan last Sunday. The occasion marked the first time that representatives of the embassies of Great Britain, Canada, Greece and Belgium participated at a Communist Party function.

SOUTH AFRICAN'S VISIT POSTPONED

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24 (JTA) -- Officials at the South African Embassy in Tel Aviv said today they did not know whether Finance Minister Owen Peter Horwood of South Africa would visit Israel in the near future, following the "postponement" of his visit.

Horwood was scheduled to visit Israel within the next few days, after a European tour. However, according to reports here, Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich will not be in the country at that time and, therefore, Embassy officials were told, the visit should be postponed.

Unofficially it was reported here that Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan ruled the time was not now ripe for a visit by a South African personality when relations between Israel and the American Black community are strained and when Israeli leaders refused to see a Black delegation from the U.S., the Southern Christian Leadership Conference headed by Joseph Lowery. Therefore, Ehrlich was reportedly advised to extend his stay overseas to provide a legitimate reason for the postponement of Horwood's visit.

REPORT JEWISH CHAPTER OF CAJE HAS NOT BEEN FORMED IN THE USSR

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Sept. 24 (JTA) -- Sheldon Benjamin, interim chairperson of the Coalition for Alternatives in Jewish Education (CAJE), said here that the report last month that 40 Jewish teachers in the Soviet Union had formed a CAJE chapter resulted from an impression that may have been erroneously conveyed at a session of the CAJE fourth annual conference at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

Benjamin noted that what was discussed was not the formation of a chapter comprising 40 Jewish teachers but that 40 Jewish teachers were invited to become honorary members of CAJE and to attend the CAJE conference Aug. 23-28. The teachers, all refusniks, could not attend because they were not able to get permission from Soviet authorities.

Individual messages of greeting and support were sent to the conference from the principal of Moscow's unofficial Jewish kindergarten and from Lev Ulanovsky, one of Moscow's leading unofficial Jewish teachers. The original report appeared in the Daily News Bulletin Aug. 30.

BUENOS AIRES (JTA) -- President Jorge Rafael Videla, on behalf of the national government, wished Argentina's Jewish community a happy New Year and congratulated the Jewish people for their contributions to the nation.

STUDY SHOWS 'HOLOCAUST' SERIES PRODUCED SLIGHT BUT SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN ATTITUDE AMONG GERMANS

NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (JTA) -- West Germany's telecast of NBC-TV's "Holocaust" eight months ago produced "a slight but significant change" in attitude, stimulated education about the Nazi era, ignited controversy between parents and children and exposed a bedrock core of anti-Semitism in that country, according to the findings of a study made public today by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith's Center for Studies on the Holocaust.

The study was conducted by the West German Federal Bureau of Education in three stages -- a sampling of 800 West Germans were interviewed before the telecast, 1800 immediately afterward, and 500 follow-up interviews took place 14 weeks later.

The study's findings and conclusions were reported here to ADL's European Affairs and Program Committees by Dr. Friedrich Kniffl and Dr. Karl Heinz Stahl of the Technical University in Berlin; Siegfried Ziellinski of the West Germany Institute of Media Studies, and Tilman Ernst of the Bureau's Department of Planning and Development.

Some Of The Findings Cited

According to Ernst, while the survey found much that is "positive," it also disclosed that educational measures face "hard opposition that cannot be shaken by logical or rational arguments." For example, he said: 59% of those interviewed believe Germans today can no longer be held responsible for the crimes committed under National Socialism; 59% believe those who talk about wrongs done to Jews should also talk about the wrongs done to Germans, such as bombardments and expulsion from the East; and 55% believe that only Nazi crimes are talked about, "not those of the Americans, English or Russians, because we Germans lost the war."

The study also showed that 51% believe Germans didn't know about Nazi crimes against Jews; 31% believe they are being "overemphasized because people are jealous of Germany's post-war economic prosperity"; 10% believe the extermination of the Jews is "propaganda to blackmail Germans into paying reparation"; and 6% believe that "not one single Jew was ever gassed in a German concentration camp and that the Nazi death camps are a lie made up by the Communists."

As a result of these findings, Ernst said, the Federal Bureau estimates that "anti-Semitic tendencies are once again, or still, present in about a quarter of the population."

On the other hand, he stressed, "the telecast sent an electric shock wave through the nation" which has aided the Federal Bureau advance toward its main objective -- educating the community about National Socialism and pointing up its contemporary relevance.

Lasting Effect Demonstrated

The lasting effect of the telecast on attitudes was demonstrated in the follow-up interviews, which revealed only a 3% to 6% reduction in the way individuals responded.

For example, in the interviews 14 weeks after the telecast, 54% responded that National Socialism had become more comprehensive as compared to 60% immediately afterward; 65% felt that it provided "a good history lesson" as compared to 70% earlier; and 45% wanted

"Holocaust" exhibited in all schools as compared to 48% earlier.

PLO REJECTED BY IMF

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (JTA) -- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has rejected the application of the Palestine Liberation Organization for observer status, the IMF confirmed last Friday. This represented a setback for the terrorist organization which is seeking legitimacy in the West.

Sixty percent of the voting power in the IMF executive board, whose votes are weighed by size of the national economy of the representative countries, opposed the application. Countries opposing the PLO were the U.S., Great Britain, Germany, France, Finland, Holland, Canada, Italy and Australia.

In support of the PLO were Spain, Iran, Brazil, India, Indonesia, Libya and Saudi Arabia. Abstaining were Japan, Belgium, Botswana, the Camerons and Chile.

ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITY IN FRANCE

PARIS, Sept. 24 (JTA) -- The renewed outbreak of anti-Semitic activity in recent weeks will not be tolerated by the Jews of France, Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan warned here. In a television interview he expressed deep concern at the murder of Pierre Goldman, the Jewish left-wing leader who was prominent in the May, 1968 student anti-government demonstrations. Goldman, who was linked to criminal activities in the early 1970s, was gunned down here last week by three men suspected of being members of a right-wing terrorist group. Last Friday some 5000 people gathered in the square where Goldman was killed and chanted anti-fascist slogans.

Kaplan also cited as anti-Semitic actions the spate of bomb attacks against anti-Nazi personalities and shops owned by Jews. On Saturday night a bomb exploded in front of the home of Col. (ret.) Jean Legand who had slapped former SS officer Otto Skorzeny outside a television studio on Feb. 24, 1975. Legand was not at home when the bomb exploded. Police found Nazi slogans and signs on a wall in the building where he resides.

Yesterday a bomb explosion destroyed a shop owned by Jewish fashion designer Daniel Hechter. There was extensive property damage but no one was hurt.

The Chief Rabbi told his television audience that "many anti-Semitic actions have been carried out since the beginning of the year, notably the despicable bomb attack on the Jewish students' center here" last March when 26 persons were injured. "We are still under the shock of these actions and we cannot bear this any more. I ask that all necessary measures be taken to avoid the continuation of these anti-Semitic actions. Must I tell the Jews to shut up and accept this? This is unthinkable."

Meanwhile, the International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism lodged a complaint before a court in Grenoble in southeast France against the so-called "Family of Love" sect which has been distributing anti-Semitic leaflets in that city since last month.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The Cabinet decided Monday not to take any action against Chief of Staff Gen. Raphael Eitan for reducing the sentence of Lt. Daniel Pinto, the paratroop officer charged with murdering four Lebanese civilians. Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor said the Cabinet considered the case closed since it backed Defense Minister Ezer Weizman's support for Eitan.

There will be no Bulletins dated Oct. 1 and Oct. 2 due to Yom Kippur.