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## SHAMIR WARNS OF AN ARMS RACE IN THE MIDEAST FOLLOWING U.S. DECISION TO SELL ARMS TO ARABS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, March 8 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, returning today from a three-week visit to the U.S. and Latin America, warned that the arms race already underway in the Middle East would be accelerated by the U.S. decision to sell additional sophisticated weaponry to Arab countries, particularly extra fuel tanks that will increase the range of Saudi Arabia's 60 F-15 combat aircraft. (See Related Story from Washington.)

Shamir was referring to the Reagan Administration's decision, announced last Friday, to provide the equipment requested by the Saudis, except for bomb racks which are being withheld. The Israeli Foreign Minister, who met with President Reagan and Secretary of State Alexander Haig in Washington last month, made it clear that he did not consider the additional U.S. arms offered Israel was sufficient compensation for the enhancement of Saudi Arabia's air power.

However, he said that Israel could not and would not refuse the offer because it had to look to its own defense. Nevertheless, he stressed that Israel has registered its opposition to the Saudi arms deal and will continue to oppose it. Meanwhile, David Kimche, Director General of the Foreign Ministry, said on a radio interview yesterday that while Israel objects, it would not take any action to try to block the deliveries to Saudi Arabia.

### Basin For Israel's Position

He said the Israeli position was based on a dispassionate, pragmatic assessment of the situation by the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem and the Israeli Embassy in Washington. All indications were that the Reagan Administration is determined to go ahead with the deal and that Israel would defeat its own purposes by trying to resist what would be described by the Administration as a policy in America's own vital interests.

"We do not have to accept the American contentions, but we do have to weigh up the relative advantages of accepting the policy or fighting against it," Kimche said. He said the advantages of acquiescence, however regretful, are already manifest. The U.S. is protesting less over Israeli actions on the West Bank and elsewhere, he said. Israel will be allowed to purchase American arms on easier terms and to export weapons that it manufactures at home, such as the Kfir jet fighter, and other items which contain American-made components. Previous Administrations had blocked the export of such items.

The Cabinet, nevertheless, is expected to resume its debate over the Saudi arms deal after hearing Shamir's report of his conversations in Washington. The debate began last Sunday with the Cabinet split over whether to acquiesce in the deal or mobilize Israel's friends in Congress to try to block it.

## REAGAN TO MEET WITH PROMINENT JEWISH REPUBLICANS TO DISCUSS NATION'S DOMESTIC, FOREIGN AFFAIRS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, March 8 (JTA) -- President Reagan has invited prominent Jewish Republicans who supported his election campaign to meet with him tomorrow afternoon at the White House to discuss the nation's economic and foreign affairs, the Republican National Committee (RNC) has made known.

Among those invited are Theodore Cummings of Los Angeles and Max Fisher of Detroit, honorary co-chairmen of the Coalition for Reagan-Bush-Gordon Zacks, of Columbus, Ohio, a principal in Vice President George Bush's Presidential nomination effort; and Hershey Gold of Los Angeles, who headed Democrats for Reagan in the campaign.

Almost all of the invited were affiliated with the Coalition, according to the RNC. It said invitations were issued for the President's first significant meeting with his leading Jewish supporters to seek their support in acquainting Jewish communities with his programs.

Two weeks ago, Secretary of State Alexander Haig met at the State Department with Fisher, who is chairman of the Jewish Agency's Board of Governors; Howard Squadron, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; and Yehuda Hellman, the Conference's executive vice chairman. Haig invited them.

When the RNC was asked why Squadron or other Jewish communal leaders were not invited to the Reagan meeting, a spokesperson said the list of invitees was not completed but in any case, individuals were being invited and not as organizational representatives, although those being asked to attend have important organizational ties.

## PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS USE GLIDERS TO CROSS INTO ISRAEL FROM LEBANON

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, March 8 (JTA) -- An Israeli described today how he wandered over the countryside for more than four hours yesterday with an armed Arab terrorist who had landed in the fields of Kibbutz Afek east of Haifa after crossing into Israel from Lebanon on a small motorized hand glider.

They parted on "almost friendly" terms, according to Shlomo Zemach of Carmiel village who had been forced to accompany the airborne terrorist on an apparently aimless trek during which they tried to steal cars or hitch rides on passing vehicles without success. Zemach notified the authorities as soon as he was freed. The terrorist was captured later by border police in the Arab village of Tamra where he had taken a family hostage and then fell asleep. No one was injured in the incident.

The terrorist identified himself only as Hassan and claimed that he came from Turkey. It was not clear whether he is a Turkish citizen or an Arab living in that country. He said he was a member of the Iraqi-backed Arab Liberation Front but a rival terrorist organization in Beirut claimed him as one

of their own and broadcast that its "air force had bombed installations from the air near Haifa."

Hassan was one of two terrorists who attempted the glider route into Israel over the weekend. The second one landed short of the border and was captured by Maj. Saad Haddad's Christian forces while asleep in a field and was turned over to Israeli authorities.

Zemach told police that he was on his way home when he was confronted by the terrorist with a Kalachnikov assault rifle who demanded his coat and flashlight. He said the man told him he had come to Israel "for Palestine." Zemach said he cooperated to prevent shooting. He said he tried to steer the terrorist near houses where barking dogs might have raised an alarm.

Security authorities said today they were not much concerned by the terrorists' use of hand gliders to infiltrate Israel. Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan indicated that the army has been on the alert for such vehicles and that they were relatively harmless in that they could carry only one person and a very small payload of arms.

Palestinian terrorists began resorting to unorthodox methods of infiltration last year when five of them attempted to cross the border in a hot air balloon. It crashed in Lebanon killing all of the occupants.

The gliders used in the latest attempts were similar to models used by sports clubs in Israel, the U.S. and elsewhere. They consist of aluminum tubing, triangular silk "wings" and a small Japanese-made gas engine of some 30 horsepower driving a propeller.

#### CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION DEVELOPS OVER ADMINISTRATION'S MOVE TO ASK CONGRESS TO APPROVE SAUDI PACKAGE By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, March 8 (JTA) — Congressional opposition developed over the weekend to the Reagan Administration's announcement that it would ask Congress to approve the sale to Saudi Arabia of part of the equipment the Saudis had asked to enhance the offensive capabilities of the 60-American-made F-15 warplanes they previously bought from the United States. Key Senators served notice they would fight the proposal almost immediately after it was announced Friday.

The State Department disclosed Friday that it would officially notify Congress it is prepared to sell Saudi Arabia extra fuel tanks and an unspecified number of air-to-air Sidewinder missiles, but withheld, pending study and further consultation, refueling-in-air equipment and additional bomb racks along with special surveillance aircraft known as AWACS.

Department spokesman William Dyess said the Administration has "consulted" with Congressional leaders on "this first step" to help "our friends to defend themselves and our interests."

Dyess acknowledged the Carter Administration assurances to Congress in 1978 when sale of the F-15s were proposed that their combat capability would not be increased, but he noted "the critical fact today is that circumstances changed dramatically." He pointed to the "danger" of Soviet penetration and exploitation of the region after noting the Soviet entry into South Yemen, Ethiopia and Afghanistan, and the Iranian revolution and the Iran-Iraq war. Two senior state Department officials later said Soviet activity "threatens Israeli security" as well as

that of the Saudis. The officials, who asked that their names not be disclosed, said "a new strategy" is needed to meet the "erosion of the security situation" in the Mideast and "block Soviet penetration."

"The three overriding concerns of our friends," one official said, "is the threat to the stability in the area, our ability to help our friends and finding an end to the Israeli-Arab conflict to end tension." As assurance to Israel that her defenses "will remain strong," the official said that "additional credits" of \$300 million in both 1983 and 1984 will be offered to Israel to enable her to buy aircraft and other equipment it needs.

#### Senators Denounce Move

Democratic Senators Joseph Biden of Delaware, Alan Cranston of California and Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts immediately said they were joining forces to rally colleagues in the Senate to defeat the proposal. Congress can reject the proposal by majority vote in the two Houses.

Biden said that a letter will be circulated to Senators after the Administration's formal notification reaches the Senate toward the end of this month. Formal notification follows Friday's informal notice by 20 days. Biden said the proposal "needlessly and dangerously increases the level of armaments in the volatile Mideast."

Cranston noted "there is no concrete evidence that in the exchange for the equipment the Saudis would support efforts to build a lasting peace in the Mideast through the Camp David process."

Kennedy said "This new step to increase Saudi offensive capabilities threatens the security of Israel" and "merely seeks to appease the Saudi government which is a sworn enemy of Israel." He pointed out, "Saudi Arabia is now spending nearly \$400 million a year to finance PLO terrorists; it opposes the Camp David peace process, and it continues to undercut U.S. efforts to create a strategic petroleum reserve."

Addressing the American Jewish Congress' annual meeting today in New York, Kennedy reiterated this warning and added: "As I have said many times in the past, America must never barter the freedom and the future of Israel for a barrel of oil. Israel has been and will be our strongest friend and our surest ally in the Middle East."

Sen. Claiborne Pell (D. R.I.), the ranking minority member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said that enhancing the aircraft "will not help the Saudis face any internal threat nor would it be a decisive factor in a conflict with the Soviet Union."

#### Serious Questions Raised

Among the Republicans on the committee opposing the proposal is Sen. Rudy Boschwitz of Minnesota, chairman of the Middle East subcommittee, who said: "The proposed sale raises serious questions not only about the equipment itself but the overall nature of Saudi Arabia's relationships with its neighbors and the United States."

Boschwitz added that "The United States seems to be faced year after year with litmus tests of our friendship with Saudi Arabia when we have proved our willingness to help that country meet its legitimate defense needs with many billions of dollars of arms and thousands of technicians." Questioning the Saudis' friendship for the United States, Boschwitz pointed to the Saudis' opposition to American peace efforts in the Middle East and their continued support for the PLO. Last week, two Republicans, Sen. Robert Packwood of Oregon and Rep. Jack Kemp of New York urged Reagan against the proposed sale.

## 2 OF 36 CREWMEN RESCUED IN ABANDONED SINKING ISRAELI SHIP 95 MILES EAST OF BERMUDA

By William Saphire

NEW YORK, March 8 (JTA) — The U.S. Coast Guard said this afternoon that two men have been rescued from the 19,000-ton Israeli bulk carrier Masada, which sank in heavy seas this morning about 95 miles east of Bermuda but the remaining 34 crewmen were apparently still in lifeboats or in the water as of 3 p.m. local time.

Petty Officer Greg Creedon, of the Coast Guard Eastern Sea Frontier in New York, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency earlier that a U.S. Navy helicopter from Bermuda had rescued one man who, according to unconfirmed reports, had a broken leg. It was then forced to return to base because it was low on fuel. Petty Officer Johnny Ludlow told the JTA later that a second man had been rescued by a freighter but could give no details or identify the ship.

The Masada, owned by the Zim Israel Navigation Co., of Haifa, sank some time before noon today. Telephone calls by the JTA to the Zim Lines office in New York were unanswered. The ship was reportedly carrying a cargo of potash. The Coast Guard could not immediately say which port she had sailed from or where she was bound.

### Responded To Ship-In-Distress Call

Creedon told the JTA that a C-130 aircraft dispatched by the Coast Guard from Elizabeth City, N.C. this morning and an Orion P-3 reconnaissance plane spotted two lifeboats and a life raft near the scene of the sinking and "eight-to-ten people in the water" clinging to debris. Life rafts were dropped for them. He said two merchant ships were standing by at the scene, apparently in response to a ship-in-distress call by the Coast Guard. He could not identify the ships by name or nationality.

According to Creedon, the Coast Guard was contacted by the Masada's Master late yesterday and informed that the ship was laboring in heavy seas and taking water in one of her holds through a breached hatchcover. He said that at 6:39 a.m. local time today a further message was received saying the vessel was sinking and the crew was abandoning ship.

### BERNARD POSTAL DEAD AT 75

NEW YORK, March 8 (JTA) — Funeral services were held today for Bernard Postal, editor, author and publicist whose career in Jewish journalism spanned more than half a century. He died last Thursday at his home in Oceanside, Long Island after suffering a heart attack. He was 75 years old.

Postal had been associate editor of The Jewish Week, an American-Jewish newspaper serving the Greater New York area, for the past 10 years ever since his retirement as public information director of the national Jewish Welfare Board (JWB).

In the early 1920s, he was a reporter for the New York Globe and New York World. From 1926 to 1928 he was exchange editor of The New York Times. From 1929 to 1931 Postal was editor of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Daily Bulletin. From 1931 to 1938 he was editor of the Seven Arts Feature Syndicate and Worldwide News Service.

He also edited the Jersey City Jewish Standard from 1932 to 1934, and the Jewish War Veteran from 1934 to 1937. From 1938 to 1946 he was

public relations director for B'nai B'rith in Washington, D. C., and left to assume a similar position at JWB in New York. He was editor of the monthly magazine The Jewish Digest from its inception in 1955.

### Co-Author Of 10 Books

Postal was co-author of 10 books of Jewish interest. Among them were "Encyclopedia of Jews in Sports" (with Roy and Jesse Silver); "And the Hills Shouted For Joy: The Day Israel Was Born" (with Henry Levy); "Jewish Landmarks of New York: An Informal History and Guide," and "Guess Who's Jewish in American History" (both with Lionel Koppman); and "Landmarks of a People: A Guide to Jewish Sites in Europe" (with Samuel Abramson). Another book, "American Jewish Landmarks, Vol. III," which he co-authored with Koppman, will be published this year by Fleet Press.

During the 300th anniversary of American Jewish settlement in 1954, Postal was honored by JWB's Jewish Book Council for his contributions to American Jewish history. Last December, he was presented with the Maggid Award of the American Jewish Public Relations Society.

### DULZIN: 19,000 IRANIAN JEWS MADE ALIYA SINCE THE SHAH WAS DEPOSED

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, March 8 (JTA) — Since the Shah of Iran was deposed and the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini came to power, 19,000 Iranian Jews have come to Israel, Jewish Agency chairman Leon Dulzin reported here.

Addressing a meeting of English-speaking new immigrants, he said that Iranian Jewish leaders had disregarded warnings of the potential danger they faced by remaining, thinking they were safe. But when the Shah fell, 35,000 managed to leave and 19,000 came to Israel, Dulzin said.

In addition, the Zionist leader stated, 180,000 of the 260,000 Jews who managed to leave the Soviet Union had come to Israel. He said that another 400,000 Soviet Jews had requested exit permits, but permits are now being granted by Soviet authorities only to those having "first degree" relatives in Israel.

Dulzin also reported that Israel had accepted and absorbed 95 percent of world Jewry who had nowhere else to go, including 800,000 Jews from Moslem countries. He declared that Zionism was fulfilling its role of providing a haven for Jews in Israel.

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WASHINGTON (JTA) — Edmund Muskie, former Secretary of State in the Carter Administration, will join the international law firm Chadbourne, Parke, Whitehouse and Wolff as a senior partner, it became known here this weekend. The firm has offices in New York, Washington and the United Arab Emirates. The report said Muskie, who left the Senate to join the Carter Administration last summer, expects to spend most of his time in Washington.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel Defense Force soldiers evacuated a group of Kiryat Arba residents from the Tomb of the Patriarchs last Friday. The group had come to pray at the Tomb despite a ban on Friday prayers for Jews. Friday is the Moslem Sabbath and the day is reserved for them. The evacuation led to a scuffle between the soldiers and settlers, but no one was hurt.

# SPECIAL INTERVIEW DRUCKMAN Pondering Possibility Of New Israeli Religious Party BY Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, March 8 (JTA) — MK Rabbi Chaim Druckman of the National Religious Party (NRP) said that when he returns to Israel this week from his present U.S. visit, he will decide whether to quit the NRP and form his own faction to run in the upcoming general elections in June.

"It is likely that I'll decide to leave the NRP," Druckman said in a special interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here. "There are many factors involved. This is a very serious decision," he said.

Druckman, who was among the founders of the Gush Emunim movement and was one of the few MKs who voted against the Camp David accords and the peace treaty with Egypt, said that the question for him is whether he can "fight for my beliefs within the framework of the NRP." He said that if he reaches the conclusion that he cannot fight for what he believes in within the NRP, he will quit the party and set up his own political faction.

He said he believes in the "complete Eretz Yisrael" conception which advocates the inclusion of Judea, Samaria, the Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights in the State of Israel.

## Assesses Role Of New Party

Druckman, who was in the United States for a two-week lecture tour sponsored by the American Zionist Youth Foundation, said that if he forms his own party he expects "a great number of people" to join him, among them educators, scientists, religious leaders and rank-and-file citizens.

Asked if the formation of a new religious party would not split and therefore weaken the religious camp in Israel, Druckman replied: "In case I decide to form a new party it would be out of a deep conviction that this act would rebuild the religious Jewish community and would be a contribution to the people of Israel as a whole."

The 49-year-old Druckman, who is a member of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, said that one of the major challenges facing the State of Israel is the challenge of Jewish education.

"We must deepen the roots of Jewish education," Druckman declared, "because the lack of roots in Jewish education is the cause for some of the most negative developments in Israeli society, and has contributed even to yerida (emigration) from Eretz Yisrael." The solution, Druckman stressed, "is Jewish education with the traditional values of Eretz Yisrael."

During his visit to the United States, which included many lectures to Jewish students and youth, Druckman said that he was "deeply impressed" with his audiences.

## The Challenge Of Aliya

"There is a need to challenge them with aliya to Eretz Yisrael," Druckman said. "I believe that a real challenge to American Jewish youth can influence many of them to go on aliya. This is what Israel needs, aliya, and this is the real solution to the question of Jewish majority in the territories of Eretz Yisrael."

Druckman also said that he found among American Jewish communities "a lot of warmth toward Israel and a lot of support to Israel's firm positions

on issues which are vital to our future in Israel." He said that this support for Israel's "firm positions" was contrary to what has been published in the press in the name of American Jewry.

On the issue of Israel's worsening economic situation, Druckman said "it is time we should demand that the public recognize the severity of the situation and for it to start living in a state of national emergency, austerity and belt-tightening."

## ROSE ZUCKERMAN DEAD AT 93

DETROIT, March 8 (JTA) — Rose Zuckerman, who founded the first organization to aid Jewish immigrant women here 65 years ago, died Thursday at the age of 93 and was buried today. She was the mother of Paul Zuckerman, a nationally prominent Jewish community leader and industrialist long active in the United Jewish Appeal.

Mrs. Zuckerman was born in Constantinople and was married there to the late Joseph Zuckerman, a linguist and scholar. They came to the U.S. with their son, Paul, in 1915 and settled in Detroit. Shortly afterwards, Mrs. Zuckerman organized the Jewish Women's Economic Welfare Organization to assist new arrivals.

She was also active in local Jewish and Zionist organizations, particularly the Jewish National Fund, and in the UJA. Her husband was a translator in Detroit courts and founded a travel agency which became one of the city's largest. Mrs. Zuckerman spoke eight languages.

## KIRKPATRICK CONSIDERS THE UN-PALESTINIAN STAMP A GRAVE ERROR

BOSTON, March 8 (JTA) — Jeane Kirkpatrick, the United States Ambassador to the United Nations, has criticized the issuance of a stamp by the United Nations which bears the inscription "Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People." The stamp went on sale at the end of January despite charges before it went on sale that the stamp may legitimize terrorism.

Responding to protests by the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston over the issuance of the stamp, Kirkpatrick stated in a letter to Clifford Helman, Council president: "The Reagan Administration regards the issuance of this stamp as a grave error. Given the involvement of the Palestine Liberation Organization in worldwide terrorism, we will vigorously oppose such initiatives in the future."

The response to the Council came after the Council sent letters to all members of the Massachusetts Congressional delegation as well as the State Department, protesting the issuance of the stamp.

## WZO COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT IN THE GALILEE

JERUSALEM, March 8 (JTA) — The World Zionist Organization Executive today approved a committee headed by its chairman, Leon Dulzin, to supervise the development of the Galilee. The purpose of the committee is to give a new boost to the development of the region, especially the expansion of the lookout posts, the establishment of more posts, and the development of other aspects, such as education and welfare.

As its first task, the committee will study the work already done considering the specific needs of the local population. The Jewish Agency Board of Governors last month approved \$5 million for the Galilee plan. The committee's coordinator is Knesset member Yitzhak Peretz. The WZO Executive also approved the appointment of Dr. Yitzhak Goldberg as coordinator of WZO activities in Latin America.