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## ISRAEL HITS TWO TERRORIST CENTERS

TEL AVIV, April 26 (JTA) -- Israeli aircraft today raided two bases of terrorist concentrations in southern Lebanon, an army spokesman said. The air raids were on Palestine Liberation Organization concentrations at Alhaliya, about a mile northeast of the south Lebanese port of Sidon, through which the terrorists obtain much of their supplies and from where terror groups have set sail for Israel in the past, and near Nabatiya north of Metulla. All planes returned safely to base.

The army said the purpose of the raids was to prevent the terrorists organizing for raids into Israel. Army sources said the target of the raid on Alhaliya was an uninhabited area where a group affiliated with the PLO had a number of tanks and transporters parked there. The target near Nabatiya was a camp operated by a Fatah leader, Ahmed Jibril, from which Katyusha rockets have been fired into Israel in the past.

## BAKER SAYS REAGAN HAS AGREED TO DELAY UNTIL FALL SUBMITTING TO CONGRESS ARMS PACKAGE TO THE SAUDIS

Says When Proposal Is Finally Adopted It Will Be 'Significantly Different' Than Now Proposed  
By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, April 26 (JTA) -- Sen. majority leader Howard Baker (R. Tenn.) announced today that President Reagan has agreed to delay submission of the Administration's proposed multi-billion dollar arms package sale to Saudi Arabia until at least the fall in order to allow Congress to have some "input" into the proposal.

Baker, who made the announcement while answering questions on CBS-TV's "Face the Nation" program, predicted that the arms proposal when finally adopted would be "significantly different" than the package now being mentioned. He said that the way the package is now becoming publicized, including the sale of five AWACS and enhancement equipment for the 62 F-15 jet fighters, it would have a "hard time passing Congress."

Baker suggested that there are many ways that the AWACS sale could be changed. He listed some as including joint American and Saudi crews and joint processing of data, or American control of the final end product. He said that what the consultations with Congress would try to achieve would be to make the final package "more acceptable to our friends in Israel and still acceptable to our friends in Saudi Arabia."

The Senator would not indicate how he would vote for the present package. But he said as the "President's point man" in the Senate, he would be inclined to support major Administration proposals unless it conflicted with his conscience.

## Says Congress Will Not Like Pressure

Baker projected that Congress will "not like" the heavy pressure. It is expected to undergo from friends of Israel who are opposed to the sale of the arms package to the Saudis. But he stressed that the "Israel lobby" is made up of "good people" who are "seriously concerned about the security and survival of Israel." However, he noted, Congress

must adopt a package that "serves America's best interests."

The senator conceded that Israel has legitimate concerns about the arms sale. But he added that "Israel never had a better friend perhaps in the White House than it has with President Reagan." He said that Reagan is concerned with the security of Israel but is also concerned with the security of the region that extends beyond Israel.

Baker added that he would like to see an arms package developed that keeps in mind the Israeli and Saudi arms balance and that advances the case in the Middle East, including the Camp David process. He added that he would like to see the Saudis involved in the Camp David process.

Baker said he was "disappointed" in statements by Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, Saudi Arabia's oil minister, who told a Foreign Policy Association meeting in New York last Thursday that Israel was a greater menace to the security of the Middle East than the Soviet Union. The Senator said Yamani's view is contrary to the Reagan Administration's view that Israel and Saudi Arabia must join the U.S. in recognizing that the Soviet Union is the main threat in the Mideast.

## Jewish Leaders Assail Yamani

Meanwhile, Jewish organizations actively opposing the Administration's plan to provide advanced weaponry to Saudi Arabia, directed their attacks over the weekend to Yamani's speech.

Daniel Thurst, executive vice president of B'nai B'rith International, said "The United States looks to Saudi Arabia to help deter further Soviet encroachment into the Middle East, but it is clear from Yamani's statement that Saudi Arabia is looking in the opposite direction, to Israel and her ultimate destruction."

He said Yamani's remark that Israel is a greater menace than the Soviets "is a figment of Saudi imagination." He also challenged Yamani's contention that Israel and its policies invite Soviet influence into the region. "This is the assailant blaming the victim for his life of crime," the B'nai B'rith official said.

Henry Siegan, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, said "The declaration by Mr. Yamani that Israel presents 'an actual danger obviously worse than the potential danger of Communism' destroys the credibility of the assurances offered by the Reagan Administration that those weapons will not be a threat to the security of Israel. Clearly, the Saudis will use whatever weapons we supply them with to deal with the threat they perceive as by far greater. It would be both dangerous and dishonest to pretend otherwise."

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the (Reform) Union of American Hebrew Congregations, said Yamani's statement "finally reveals the truth about his country's friendship with America -- and the uses to which it intends putting the AWACS planes and F-15 fighter-bombers which this Administration wants to sell to the (Saudi) royal family."

Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said that "Yamani's remarks... make the best case yet for not sending either AWACS or enhanced F-15s to

Saudi Arabia. Defense Department allegations to the contrary notwithstanding, the illusion that Saudi Arabia is interested in these plans to defend itself against the Soviet Union was erased by Yamani's candid admissions. To Saudi Arabia, it is Israel, not the Soviet Union, that is the perceived danger."

Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, declared that "For Sheikh Yamani to brand Israel as an 'aggressor' after it has defended itself against Arab forces in four unsuccessful attempts to destroy Israel, is almost as Aesopian as Sheikh Yamani's assertion equating 'international Communism and Israel' as the two leading threats to peace in the Middle East. And to say that 'Israel's policies are at one with Russian policies' is an utter debasement of political distinction."

Ivan Novick, president of the Zionist Organization of America, said that "The views expressed by Sheikh Yamani are not only an indictment of Saudi Arabia's anti-American position, but they tear to shreds any semblance of so-called 'moderation.' Thus the sale of AWACS and advanced additional equipment to Saudi Arabia for F-15s encourages the enemies of our strategic ally, Israel, and therefore is not in the interest of the United States."

### Legislators Oppose Sale Of AWACS

Rep. Jonathan Bingham, (D. N.Y.) a ranking member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, urged the Administration to withdraw the proposed sale of AWACS to Saudi Arabia in the wake of Yamani's statement.

"The Administration has been assuring us that the Saudis only need the AWACS for protection against the Soviets and pro-Soviet Mideast regimes," Bingham said, "but Yamani has made it clear that the AWACS are to be used against Israel. Accordingly, I see no way that the Congress can approve this sale."

Rep. Charles Schumer (D. N.Y.) charged that the Reagan Administration has postponed action in Congress on AWAC legislation "not because of the Israeli elections (June 30) but because the President can now begin twisting arms." He told Victor Riesel on the latter's WEVD radio weekly interview show that if a vote was taken today in both houses of Congress the AWAC sale would be doomed.

He noted that "even legislators who are not pro-Israel are asking each other why a plane we have so zealously guarded and which the Soviets would also love to get their hands on is being sold to the Saudis." Schumer added that the sale was "a security breach of the greatest order." But he also faulted Israel for "going along with the F-15 sale because by giving the inch the State Department gave five feet or five AWACS."

### 3 REFUSENIKS GET EXIT VISAS

NEW YORK, April 26 (JTA) -- Three Soviet Jewish refuseniks, including one who applied to emigrate 13 years ago, have received permission to emigrate, it was reported here by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Yakov Arlev, an engineer from Riga, first applied to emigrate to Israel in 1968. He had been waiting longer than any other refusenik in the Soviet Union. Arlev was denied permission to emigrate in the interest of "state security" because he spent a year in the army. As one of the most active refuseniks in the Riga Jewish community, he was repeatedly harassed by Soviet authorities.

Grigori Khess of Minsk, who first applied to emigrate in March 1972, and Grigori Kanovich of Leningrad, who first applied in May 1979, were the other two refuseniks who received their exit visas.

Zeessy Schnur, executive director of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, welcomed this turn of events following the release earlier this year of Prisoner of Conscience Isosif Mandelovich. Terming the Soviet decision to grant exit visas to these four POCs, as "significant," Schnur said "It suggests an understanding on the part of the Soviet authorities that respect for international laws regarding emigration can also be politically beneficial."

She added: "We must remain concerned about the fate of Viktor Brailovsky, Vladimir Kislik and Kim Fridman, three long-term refuseniks arrested in recent months. The Soviet authorities should recognize that Brailovsky, Kislik and Fridman also have the right to emigrate with their families."

### DEMONSTRATION IN BONN PROTESTS GERMAN ARMS SALE TO THE SAUDIS

By David Kantor

BONN, April 26 (JTA) -- Jewish students and other supporters of Israel demonstrated here last Friday to protest West Germany's plans to sell sophisticated arms to Saudi Arabia. The demonstration, which was without incident but attracted considerable television and news media coverage, coincided with the visit of British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington.

He met separately in Hamburg and in Bonn Friday with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher. The proposed sale of Tornado combat aircraft built by an Anglo-German-Italian consortium to Saudi Arabia reportedly was a topic of their conversations.

The demonstrators carried placards reading "Leopard II Equals Holocaust II", a reference to West Germany's new Leopard II tanks, one of the modern weapons systems the government plans to sell to the Saudis. The demonstration was the first over the projected arms deal and its organizers said they elicited a positive response from the public.

Carrington, meanwhile, was reported to have briefed his hosts on his recent visit to Saudi Arabia. Schmidt is due to leave for Saudi Arabia on his own visit tomorrow. They also discussed the European Economic Community's Middle-East initiative which is expected to be advanced after Britain assumes the rotating chairmanship of the European Institutions on July 1.

### ISRAELI SOLDIER WHO REFUSED TO SERVE ON THE WEST BANK HAS BEEN DISCHARGED FROM ARMY AS "UNSUITABLE"

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 26 (JTA) -- Gadi Algazi, a young Israeli soldier who served eight of his 12 months in the army in prison for refusing to serve on the West Bank, has been discharged from the army as "unsuitable." He refused to go to a training base on the West Bank immediately after his induction on the grounds that such service in occupied territory was against his conscience.

Since then he has been in and out of prison on a number of occasions, the last after losing an appeal to the Supreme Court. Algazi told Israel Radio he had been summoned to the chief personnel officer last week and told that he had the alternatives of serving on the West Bank or being discharged. He said his third option -- of serving within Israel proper -- was rejected out of hand.

He said he knew that the name of "occupied areas refusenik" would stick with him from now on, but this is the price I must pay for following my conscience."

## HAIG: ISRAEL'S CONCERN OVER SAUDIS ARMS PACKAGE IS "UNDERSTANDABLE" BUT REFLECTS MISINFORMATION

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, April 26 (JTA) -- Secretary of State Alexander Haig told newspaper editors last Friday that while concern being expressed by Israel over the Reagan Administration's proposed multi-billion dollar arms package to Saudi Arabia was "understandable," some of it is a "reflection of a lot of misinformation and exaggeration in terms of the capabilities of the system."

Haig was not specific but apparently his remarks were in line with the briefing given reporters by a senior White House official last Thursday, who stressed that U.S. military and civilian personnel would be needed to maintain and operate the AWACS.

The official, who was not identified, said that 30 U.S. Air Force personnel and about 40 American civilians, hired by Boeing and other defense contractors, will be needed to fly, operate and maintain the five AWACS the Administration wants to sell to Saudi Arabia. But the Administration still has not made clear what the eventual role of the American personnel will be when the Saudis take complete title to the planes.

Haig's remarks were made in response to questions following his address to the American Society of Newspaper Editors at the Washington-Sheraton Hotel. Haig did not refer to the sale to the Saudis of the AWACS nor to enhancement equipment for the 62 F-15s already sold to the Saudis during his speech which dealt with the direction of American foreign policy in general under the Reagan Administration.

Haig said no decision has been made on sending the arms request to Congress. He urged everyone to first look at "the technical arrangements and modalities for transferring the system" and not pre-judge it.

### Explains New Mideast Realities

Noting that the Carter Administration had assured Congress, when it approved the sale of the F-15s to Saudi Arabia in 1978, that there would be no further sales to enhance the offensive capabilities of the plane, Haig said this assurance was given at a time when the strategic situation in the Middle East was "fundamentally very different" from the present situation.

He said that since then there has been the overthrow of the Shah's regime in Iran, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, and whole new security threats to the area. When it was noted that arms were provided to the Shah of Iran, the U.S. argued that this would stabilize the region and hold down the price of oil, Haig replied tersely that the Reagan Administration would not have responded to the situation in Iran as did the Carter Administration. He did not elaborate.

Haig also said that when the Saudis made their new arms request last year, the Carter Administration "reassessed" the situation and agreed to supply the arms except for a "nuance of difference on aerial surveillance." He said the Carter Administration agreed to allow the Reagan Administration to make its own judgement and did not send the request to Congress because it wanted to make a joint effort with the new Republican Administration, which rejected the idea, preferring to make its own proposal.

On another matter, Haig stressed that the plight of Soviet Jews and others oppressed in the USSR was a top concern of the Reagan Administration. He

said that at the Madrid conference on the Helsinki accords the U.S. was seeking to persuade the Soviets to release Jewish refuseniks now in prisons or labor camps. He said that, thus far, the U.S. has been "notoriously unsuccessful" in budging the Soviets from their "intransigence," but added nevertheless there has been success but not much.

## LABOR PARTY ALLOWS ITS VETERAN LEADERS TO RUN FOR ELECTIONS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 26 (JTA) -- The Labor Party's Central Committee has allowed its veteran leaders who have been elected to two or more terms in the Knesset to run again in the June 30 elections. Over 1,000 of the committee's 1,100 members attended the meeting last Thursday and cast their secret ballots.

Under new party rules, members who have already served more than two terms must receive a vote of at least 60 percent of committee members present, before their names can be considered for the list of candidates for election or re-election. The 10 concerned included some of the best known names in the Labor Party. All passed the test, by percentages ranging from 71 to 88 percent.

There were Abba Eban, Yitzhak Rabin, Gad Yacobi, Moshe Shahal, Yossi Sarid, Ora Namin, Admi Amora, Misha Harish, Shlomo Hillel and Shoshana Arbeli-Asmolino. The latter two tied for top place, with 82 percent. None of the names had been in doubt, apart from Sarid who is considered by many party members to be an "extreme dove."

### LATE NEWS BULLETIN

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- Israel officially denied Syrian reports of an air fight during the Israeli raid on terrorist bases near Sidon and Nabatiya Sunday. The army spokesman said that if a Syrian MIG-23 plane crashed, as reported from Damascus, it was certainly not the result of a dogfight, as none took place, and no Israeli planes were downed in the non-existent air battle.

## TRIAL RECOMMENDED FOR 3 POLICE OFFICIALS FOR GIVING FALSE EVIDENCE IN MURDER CASE

TEL AVIV, April 26 (JTA) -- The Attorney General today recommended that three senior police officers should be put on trial for giving false evidence which led to the conviction of a man now serving a life sentence for the murder of a woman seven years ago. Amos Baranes has consistently claimed that he was not guilty of the murder of Rachel Heller, a soldier. He has refused a pardon, saying this would indicate guilt, and demanded a retrial.

The Attorney General's statement today said the question of a retrial should be raised by the authorities only after the trial of the three police officers. If found guilty of giving false evidence at the time, the state could then re-open Baranes' trial. In the meanwhile, he could himself apply to the Supreme Court, the Attorney General said. Suggestions of false evidence on the part of the police investigators into the murder were raised a year ago, by another police officer concerned with the investigation.

**CORRECTION:** An article in the April 22 Daily News Bulletin inadvertently referred to April 13 as the day the National Security Council made its decision on the AWACS to Saudi Arabia. The date of the decision should have read, correctly, April 3.

# ADL SAYS RICHARDSON'S WITHDRAWAL AS NOMINEE FOR HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY DOES NOT CLOSE THE MATTER

NEW YORK, April 26 (JTA) — Warren Richardson's withdrawal from consideration as a nominee for the office of Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) because of his associations with the anti-Semitic Liberty Lobby leave many questions unanswered and "I don't think the matter is closed," Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said today.

Richardson, a special assistant to HHS Secretary Richard Schweiker and Schweiker's choice for the post, withdrew his name Friday, citing "political realism" as the reason. He issued a statement at the same time condemning "unequivocally the anti-Jewish and racist actions of the Liberty Lobby" which he served as general counsel from 1969-73.

Schweiker, a former Republican Senator from Pennsylvania, accepted his withdrawal "with regret" and claimed that "after careful review" there was "no convincing evidence" that Richardson was anti-Semitic or racist.

## ADL Raises Questions

But Perlmutter observed: "Something is wrong with a system in which a person of Warren Richardson's background can reach a point where he is recommended for a high government post. Did someone not care that Liberty Lobby was anti-Semitic? Why is Sen. Schweiker still defending Richardson? These are just a few of the questions which must be answered."

The ADL and the American Jewish Committee charged last week that Liberty Lobby was an anti-Semitic, anti-Black organization and that Richardson's association with it disqualified him for the sub-Cabinet post. Rep. Sam Gejdenson (D. Conn.) publicly disclosed Richardson's activities for the Liberty Lobby a week ago and said that if Schweiker did not withdraw his nomination, he would personally oppose Richardson before the Senate Finance Committee which must approve it.

Gejdenson noted that during the period of Richardson's association with the Liberty Lobby, the far rightwing Washington-based group was charging that Jewish bankers financed world communism and that Zionism was a conspiracy to control the world.

Gejdenson called attention to an article that appeared under Richardson's by-line on the Op-Ed page of the New York Times in May, 1971 in which the author said "Liberty Lobby will not tag along with the cowards who would rather countenance another national disaster than brave the screams of the pro-Zionist 'free press' in America."

After Gejdenson's disclosures and under fire from Jewish organizations and various civil rights groups, Schweiker's office announced last week that Richardson's nomination would be "reviewed". He remained a special assistant to Schweiker, however.

## Statement By Richardson

In his statement after withdrawing his name, Richardson said: "I condemn unequivocally the anti-Jewish and racist actions of the Liberty Lobby and some of its employees and officers. I find morally repugnant their statements, publications and views — expressed and unexpressed —

which are anti-Jewish, anti-Black or discriminatory in any way to any group by virtue of race, color, creed or national origin. I never at any time personally subscribed to those views; nor did I assist in any way their preparation or dissemination."

Richardson's statement attributed his working for Liberty Lobby to "a period of financially stressed family circumstances." He noted that he had resigned eight years ago and regretted that he had not done so sooner. Last week, Richardson acknowledged having written the Times' Op-Ed article but claimed that the anti-Semitic paragraph had been inserted before publication by someone else at Liberty Lobby.

## JEWISH CEMETERY DESECRATED

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, April 26 (JTA) — The Jewish cemetery of Bagneux on the outskirts of Paris was desecrated last Friday night, on the eve of the French "Deportation Day" when ceremonies are held to commemorate those who died in Nazi concentration camps in World War II.

Eighty gravestones in the cemetery were daubed with swastikas and slogans, such as "Death to Israel," "Death to the acid throwers," and "Revenge for the attack." The last two slogans referred to an attack on a neo-Nazi who lost his eyesight after alleged Jewish activists threw acid in his face. Most of the slogans on the gravestones were signed Federation of European Nationalist Action (FANE), the outlawed neo-Nazi organization, and bore the organization's insignia.

The International League Against Anti-Semitism and Racism called on the country's next Administration to take all possible steps to prevent similar attacks from taking place. France's 36 million voters are going to the polls today to choose the two candidates who will run in the second, runoff elections, on May 10 during which France's next President will be chosen.

## CJC DECLARES RESCUE OF FALASHAS TO BE A PRIORITY

By Ben Kayetz

TORONTO, April 26 (JTA) — The Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) has declared that the rescue of Ethiopian Jews, known as Falashas, is an "urgent priority" and that it will intensify all efforts to ensure that community's safety.

This declaration was contained in a resolution adopted unanimously at the CJC's national executive meeting in Montreal where reports on the situation of the Falashas were presented by Bruce Gottlieb, chairman of the Canadian Association for Ethiopian Jewry, and Irwin Cotler, CJC president. There are approximately 25,000 Falashas who are caught between war and revolution and are subjected to discrimination and persecution, according to spokesmen for the Falashas here and abroad.

The CJC resolved to: intensify all efforts to ensure the safety and rescue of Falashas as a matter of "pikuach nefesh" (saving a life); call upon the World Jewish Congress to spearhead an international effort on behalf of Ethiopian Jewry; and to commend the efforts of Israel and other involved organizations, and to continue to cooperate with them in this regard. The CJC resolution also said it wants to "assure our Ethiopian brethren that the CJC will not rest until the safety and rescue of Ethiopian Jewry is secured."

Last year the CJC officers resolved that the CJC approach the National Budgeting Conference of Canadian Jewry to obtain an understanding that funds necessary for the release of Falashas be made available from the organized Canadian Jewish community.