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BEGIN SAYS HE HAS NO CONFIRMATION THAT SYRIA IS USING SAM-6 MISSILES IN LEBANON BUT THEIR PRESENCE IS CONFIRMED BY MILITARY EXPERTS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 30 (JTA) -- Differences developed today over whether Syria has deployed Soviet-made SAM-6 anti-aircraft missiles in the Bekaa valley in eastern Lebanon after Israeli fighter planes shot down two Syrian helicopters over Lebanon earlier in the week. Premier Menachem Begin said Israel had "no accurate confirmed information" to that effect.

But an army spokesman confirmed the report yesterday and military experts observed that the missiles have added a new dimension to the strategic situation in Lebanon. Former Air Force commander Gen. (Res.) Mordechai Hod said in a radio interview today that the SAM-6 missiles limit but do not neutralize Israel's ability to fly missions over the region. He said the problem could be dealt with by applying methods used successfully in the past.

Begin, who met here today with members of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee in his capacity as Defense Minister, told reporters with respect to the missiles: "This is a new development but we have no accurate confirmed information that missiles have been moved there (into Lebanon). We heard it on Monte Carlo radio but must check the report. Israel Radio also sometimes published untrue reports."

Israel Radio noted today that government officials had reacted to the reports of the missile deployment in Lebanon as if they were true and said serious consideration would have to be given to the strategic effects of this new development.

Says Israel, Syria Do Not Want War

The SAM-6 missile is mounted on a mobile tracked base. It is about 20 feet long, weighs half a ton and has a range of between 30-60 kilometers. Normally it is used against aircraft flying at altitudes of about four kilometers. Its radar-guided mechanism can be jammed by electronic means.

Begin expressed his belief to reporters that the recent confrontation with Syria, including the downing of the two helicopters and the deployment of missiles, if true, would not lead to war with Syria. He said neither Israel nor Syria wanted war. (See P. 3 for related story on Lebanon situation.)

ISRAEL PROTESTS WALDHEIM'S STATEMENTS ON LEBANON SITUATION

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, April 30 (JTA) -- Israel has lodged an oral protest with the United Nations Secretariat charging that UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, in his statements on the situation in Lebanon, has been ignoring the Syrian involvement in that country, Israeli sources at the UN informed the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today. The sources cited three statements by Waldheim

issued here on hostilities in Lebanon since the beginning of this month in which the Secretary General condemned Israeli actions against terrorist bases in Lebanon and the actions of the Christian militia forces against Palestine Liberation Organization attacks. In these statements, Waldheim completely ignored Syrian moves in Lebanon, the sources said. They added that while "there is nothing new" in Waldheim's approach, nonetheless "it is disappointing."

REAGAN EXPRESSES HORROR AT CLAIM THAT THE HOLOCAUST IS A HOAX

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, April 30 (JTA) -- President Reagan said today that he was "horrified" when he heard people claim that the Holocaust is a hoax and that six million Jews were not murdered by the Nazis. He vowed to use his "bully pulpit" to "point a finger of shame" at all ugly acts, from graffiti to violence.

Speaking to several hundred Jewish leaders and others at ceremonies marking the "Days of Remembrance" of the Holocaust at the White House, Reagan also pledged that the U.S. will speak out at all international forums and negotiating tables to protest the persecution of people anywhere. The annual event, sponsored by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, was held in the East Room of the White House instead of the Rose Garden because of rain.

Referring to those who claim the Holocaust is a hoax, Reagan recalled that during World War II he served in an army branch which processed military film from overseas and he saw the first scenes taken at the first Nazi concentration camp to be liberated by American forces. Anyone who saw this film knew it was not a hoax, Reagan said.

Wiesel Urges Bearing Witness

Author Elie Wiesel, chairman of the Holocaust Memorial Council, said survivors of the Holocaust must bear witness to those events, "not to divide people but, on the contrary, to bring them together; not to create more suffering but, on the contrary, to diminish it; not to humiliate anyone but, on the contrary, to teach others not to humiliate anyone."

Wiesel said the more people learned about the Holocaust the less they could understand it. He pointed in particular to the failure of others to prevent or lessen its effects at the time. He noted pointedly that many Holocaust survivors now live in Israel and that Jews feel that Israel has "a right not only to be secure but also to feel secure." Wiesel said Israel is threatened with a holy war and that for Jews who witnessed the Holocaust, "the idea of another Jewish catastrophe anywhere" would be "unbearable. Israel must never be abandoned."

Lessons Of The Holocaust

Sen. Rudy Boschwitz (R. Minn.), who escaped from Nazi Germany with his family as a boy, said that the U.S. has been good to Jews and other minorities. But, he observed, the Holocaust has taught Jews that they need a place to go in times of danger. During the Nazi period they had no place

to go, he said. The White House ceremonies were introduced by Jacob Stein, a special advisor to the President. Rep. Sidney Yates (D, Ill.) introduced a candle-lighting ceremony in which six Holocaust survivors lit candles in memory of those who perished. Cantor Isaac Goodfriend of Ahavat Achim Congregation in Atlanta chanted the El Moie Rahamim. Kaddish was led by Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, president of the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati.

In a speech in the House today, Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R. N.Y.) called on "all nations the world over to pause and reflect on the horrors of the Holocaust. We, as a civilized world cannot be allowed to forget the barbaric inhumanity we witnessed in the camps of annihilation some forty years ago."

Continuing, he said: "Future generations must be told of the terrors committed by the Nazis whose apologists are even now attempting to cover up the Holocaust in a futile effort to rewrite history. The stark insanity of the world under Hitler must remain exposed to the truth for all time to come to ensure that this type of unspeakable crime can never happen again."

Need To Combat Racism, Bigotry

Last night, more than 1000 persons attended a local Holocaust remembrance gathering here sponsored by the Holocaust Committee of the Jewish Community Council (JCC) of Greater Washington at Beth Shalom Congregation. Rep. Sam Gejdenson (D. Conn.) told them that Jews know that whenever racism and bigotry is stirred up, they are among the first to be attacked but not the last. He said Jews must be on constant guard to combat racism and bigotry wherever it breaks out against them or others.

Gejdenson, who was born in a U.S. displaced persons camp in Germany, is the first child of Holocaust survivors to be elected to Congress. He stressed that the Nazis not only wanted to exterminate the Jews but "to erase their memory." He said the Holocaust must be constantly remembered.

Rabbi Bertram Leff, spiritual leader of Beth Shalom Congregation and chairman of the JCC Holocaust Council, said that in bearing witness to the Holocaust, Jews honored the Biblical injunction, "Thou shalt not stand idly by the blood of thy neighbor." He declared that until all people are free, none will be free and secure. "We will never again pay the price of silence," he said.

Members of the Club Shalom, an organization of Holocaust survivors, and of The Generation After, an organization of children of Holocaust survivors, lit candles in memory of those who died. Songs were sung by children of the Hebrew Academy choir.

SPECIAL UNIT OF ISRAELI POLICE HAS FILES ON SOME 200,000 NAZIS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 30 (JTA) -- A special unit of the Israeli police has files on some 200,000 Nazi war criminals still at large and has been instrumental in bringing about 3,000 of them to trial in countries around the world, the unit's commander, Inspector Menachem Russek, told Israel Radio in a special Heroes and Martyrs Memorial Day interview.

He said the eight police officers in the unit were all former inmates in Nazi concentration camps and each was responsible for the region in

which they had been imprisoned. The unit was born out of the team that hunted down and prepared evidence against Adolf Eichmann after the West German government asked Israel for information, including testimony by Israelis, on wanted former Nazi officials.

Russek said the units main quarry today was the infamous Dr. Joseph Mengele. "We are looking for him, and I am certain we will eventually track him down and have him brought to justice," he said.

KATYUSHA ROCKETS INJURE 8 ISRAELIS

TEL AVIV, April 30 (JTA) -- Eight Israelis suffered slight injuries from Katyusha rocket salvos fired into Upper Galilee from Lebanon today. The rocket barrages have become an almost daily occurrence in the border region, apparently in retaliation for Israel's air strikes against terrorist targets in Lebanon. Local residents have complained to the authorities that there are insufficient bomb shelters and that some shelters in schools and other public buildings are in disrepair.

ARIDOR WARNS ISRAEL WILL NOT ALLOW SYRIA TO OCCUPY LEBANON; DOWNING OF 2 SYRIAN COPTERS WAS SUCH A WARNING

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, April 30 (JTA) -- Yoram Aridor, Israel's Finance Minister, warned here today that Israel "will not allow" Syria to occupy Lebanon and "destroy and annihilate" the Christians of that country. Addressing the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, he said that the downing of two Syrian helicopters in Lebanon by Israeli jet fighters this week was a "warning to Syria" to stop its action in central Lebanon. "We hope no further warning is necessary," Aridor declared.

The Israeli official, who said he is visiting the United States to hold economic talks with Administration officials and to meet with Jewish leaders, observed that Syrian aggression in Lebanon "means that they are trying to make Lebanon into a Soviet-controlled state." He said that Israel views the Syrian involvement in Lebanon as "Soviet aggression," since Syria is already controlled by the Soviet Union. Therefore, Aridor declared, Israel's role in Lebanon is not just to serve its own interests but also those of the United States and the free world at large.

Reiterates Opposition to AWACS

The Finance Minister, who devoted the major part of his 30-minute speech to Israel's foreign policy, reiterated Israel's strong opposition to the proposed sale of AWACS aircraft and other sophisticated American military weapons to Saudi Arabia.

Aridor pointed out that Israel does not seek "compensation from the U.S. to offset the Saudi deal, but wants the deal "not to be concluded." He charged that the sale of weapons to the Saudis "endangers the lives of Israeli boys," noting that the Saudis themselves indicated that they are going to use the weapons against Israel.

He cited, in that connection, the speech last week in New York by Saudi Arabia's oil minister, Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, who claimed that Israel is a greater enemy of Saudi Arabia than is the Soviet Union.

Aridor also reiterated his government's opposition to the establishment of a Palestinian state on the West Bank "which will be controlled by (Yasir) Arafat who is a Soviet puppet." He also said Israel opposes the return of the West Bank to King Hussein of Jordan because that would mean the same: the establishment of a Soviet-controlled Arafatian state. The only alternative, Aridor said, is to continue with the implementation of the Camp David peace treaty with Egypt.

Referring to Israel's economic problems, the Finance Minister said the major challenge is still three-digit inflation. He predicted that by the end of the year Israel will have only two-digit inflation. He rejected charges that his economic policy of reducing taxes on luxury items, such as color TV sets and washing machines, is a "campaign economy" in anticipation of Israel's election in June. He said that by reducing taxes, his aim is to stimulate the economy and to increase productivity.

STATE DEPARTMENT CREATES TASK FORCE TO MONITOR LEBANON SITUATION

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, April 30 (JTA) -- The State Department, apparently reflecting the concern that the Reagan Administration feels about the escalation of events in Lebanon, has created a task force to monitor the situation there "hour-by-hour, minute-by-minute," Department spokesman Dean Fischer disclosed today. But Fischer denied that the U.S. fears a major new offensive by any of the parties involved.

He said the creation of the task force is a "reflection of the urgency of the situation as perceived by this government" and repeated Secretary of State Alexander Haig's comment of yesterday that the situation in Lebanon is "very worrisome."

Haig discussed developments in Lebanon today with United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim at meetings at the State Department and at the White House, the latter attended by President Reagan and Vice President George Bush. After the meeting, Waldheim told reporters that he believed "there is no immediate danger of escalation" in the fighting in Lebanon and ruled out the expansion of UN forces in that country under present circumstances.

U.S. Confirms Presence Of SAM Missiles

Meanwhile, Fischer said the U.S. has confirmed that Syria has moved Soviet-made SAM-6 anti-aircraft missiles into Lebanon but does not know how many or their location. He said he could not comment on any diplomatic moves being made by the U.S. or their progress.

He said he could only say what he said yesterday, that "the U.S. is continuing intensive and sustained efforts with all governments and virtually all parties which have any influence or interests in developments in Lebanon to bring about a stable situation." He also repeated that "all parties" does not include the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Fischer said that when the U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Samuel Lewis, met with Premier Menachem Begin yesterday, Lewis "expressed deep concern over the dangerous events" in Lebanon. State Department officials would not give any other details of the Lewis-Begin meeting nor would they say whether Lewis has raised any objections to Israel's use of American planes to down two Syrian helicopters attacking Christian villages in Lebanon.

The Reagan Administration has not responded to charges that the use of American equipment by Israel in Lebanon may be illegal. While noting that from his previous statements reporters could "infer" that the U.S. has been in contact with Saudi Arabia on the situation in Lebanon, Fischer would not comment on reports that the Saudis had threatened to withdraw their financial support from the Syrian army in Lebanon.

COURT REJECTS APPEAL BY HEBRON ARABS FOR EVICTION OF JEWISH SETTLERS FROM FORMER HADASSAH BUILDING THEY'VE OCCUPIED 2 YEARS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 30 (JTA) -- The Supreme Court yesterday rejected an appeal by 16 Arab residents of Hebron for the eviction of Jewish settlers of nearby Kiryat Arba from the former Hadassah building they have been occupying for nearly two years. The appellants contended that the settlers had no legal right to occupy the building and charged that they were harassing Arabs in the neighborhood.

Justice Miriam Ben-Porat found that most of the complaints contained in the appeal were without foundation. Nevertheless, the high court's decision referred specifically to the promise by the Military Government that appropriate action would be taken to see to it that there is no harassment. The court said it rejected the appeal on the understanding that such action would be taken.

It accepted a statement by counsel for the State that the settlers were living in the building with the government's approval. The building is legally under the control of the Custodian for Deserted Property, a government agency. Ben Parat stated that in the absence of a more privileged claimant, there was no cause to evict the settlers.

The appellants included Mustapha Abdul Nabi Natshe, acting Mayor of Hebron. He told reporters that he was disappointed by the ruling but satisfied that the "plight of Hebron" received public attention. The appeal had charged that previous complaints of harassment by the settlers made to the Military Government had gone unheeded.

Felicia Langer attorney for the appellants, said she was satisfied that, at least, the court made its position clear on the harassment of the local population and that such incidents would cease.

FORMER IRGUN LEADER ACCEPTS BEGIN'S APPEAL TO RETURN TO PUBLIC ACTIVITY

TEL AVIV, April 30 (JTA) -- Yaacov Meridor, a former leader of the Irgun and of the Herut Party, is to return to the political field after many years during which he concentrated on business affairs. Meridor agreed to an appeal by Premier Menachem Begin to return to active political life, offering him a senior position in the next Cabinet if Begin is reelected in June.

Aides said Begin would like Meridor to take over coordination of economic matters in the government. Political observers suggested that Begin would like to groom Meridor as his heir-apparent, to take over leadership of the Herut when he retires. Begin has said he would retire from political life at the age of 70, in two years time.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- A number of former members of the now defunct Rafi party decided to form a new party -- rather than join Moshe Dayan's Telem party. Most of the participants in this group come from development towns, and they are headed by Knesset member Yitzhak Peretz, chairman of the Zionist General Council. The new list intends to engage in talks with the Oded group, headed by Knesset member Mordechai Algrabi, formerly of the Democratic Movement For Change, and the Ahava group, headed by MK Shlomo Eliash, also formerly of the DMC, in order to make up a joint list for the June elections.

CAREY SIGNS INTO LAW A BILL MAKING PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS LIABLE FOR PAYMENTS UP TO \$5,000 FOR VANDALISM OF HOUSES OF WORSHIP

ALBANY, N.Y., April 30 (JTA) — Gov. Hugh Carey has signed into law a bill making parents or legal guardians civilly liable for payments up to \$5,000 for vandalism of a house of worship by a child over 10 years and under 18 years. There has been a rash of such attacks on synagogues and Jewish schools in New York State in recent months.

The new law, an amendment to the State's General Obligations Law, specifies liability when a child "knowingly, willfully and without authority, breaks, defaces, defiles or otherwise damages a house of religious worship or any religious articles or property used in connection with religious worship or instruction by a religious corporation."

Elements Of The New Law

In signing the bill, Carey pointed out that the General Obligations Law makes parents or legal guardians civilly responsible for such acts by their children up to a maximum of \$1,000. That law provides also for liability of parents or legal guardians without limit when their children are involved in damage or destruction of cemetery plots.

The amendment also provides that when verdicts of more than \$4,000 are imposed, the parents or legal guardians may apply for a review of their financial ability to pay such penalties but that in no case may a modification be less than \$1,000.

In signing the bill, Carey said "destruction and vandalism of houses of worship and religious property which are malicious acts must be deterred." He called the new law "an effort to provide such deterrence."

KISLIK BEING HELD IN PSYCHIATRIC WARD OF KIEV'S PAVLOV HOSPITAL

NEW YORK, April 30 (JTA) — Dr. Vladimir Kislik, the 46-year-old activist from Kiev, who was arrested March 19 after he left a Purim party and was charged with assaulting a woman, has been placed in the notorious psychiatric ward of Kiev's Pavlov Hospital, it was reported here by groups involved in the struggle for Soviet Jewry.

This is the second time Kislik has been placed in the hospital. He was sent there in July 1980 after he staged a hunger strike during a jail sentence for "hooliganism" and was released from the hospital only after strong protests from the West.

In other developments, it was reported that Soviet authorities prevented the latest weekly meeting of the unofficial seminar of Jewish refugee scientists organized by Dr. Viktor Brailovsky until his arrest last November and continued by his wife Irina.

The seminars, initially stopped after Brailovsky's arrest, reconvened in the Brailovsky apartment and had been continuing for the past several months, until April 26 when the Soviet authorities stepped in. To date, no formal charges have been made against Brailovsky who continues to be held in Butyrka Prison.

Meanwhile, Prisoner of Conscience Alexi Murzhenko was reported by his wife, who visited him in the Perm labor camp, to be suffering from an advanced state of tuberculosis. The mother of

POC Yuri Federov, who visited him also in the Perm labor camp, reported that he has been ill for the last six weeks and is unable to work.

NUDEL'S BIRTHDAY MARKED WITH DEMANDS THAT THE USSR ALLOW HER TO EMIGRATE

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, April 30 (JTA) — Soviet Prisoner of Conscience Ida Nudel's 50th birthday was marked here with praise for her bravery and demands that the Soviet Union release her from exile in Siberia and allow her to emigrate to Israel. A delegation from the Congressional Wives for Soviet Jewry led by Mrs. Dee Ann Jepsen, wife of Sen. Roger Jepsen (R. Iowa), tried to present a letter to Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin on Monday. But the delegation was told the embassy was closed for the day.

The letter urged Dobrynin to "use your good offices to expedite Ida Nudel's reunification with her family in Israel." The Congressional Wives noted that as "women, wives and mothers of families" they were "especially sensitive to the pain" of their "sister" Ida Nudel.

Lev Roitburd, a former Soviet activist now living in Israel, appeared before the Soviet Embassy and at a ceremony earlier at Capitol Hill sponsored by the Congressional Vigil on Soviet Jewry led by Rep. Michael Barnes (D. Md.). Roitburd noted Nudel's courage and said she has become a symbol for the Soviet Jewry movement.

Letter From Nudel

At both ceremonies, a letter was read from Nudel in which she expressed her "deep gratitude" to those throughout the world who have demonstrated "concern for my fate during these painful years of exile."

She said the "solidarity" of those who have supported her has not only given her additional strength, "thus enabling me to bear the hard psychological situation in which I have been living, but it is also influencing the people surrounding me." She added that "an individual's opposition to social injustice acquires meaning and significance only when it is supported and encouraged by men of good will all over the world."

In a related event, Rep. Margaret Heckler (R. Mass.) accepted a plaque from the National Conference of Soviet Jewry on behalf of the Congresswomen's Caucus for their efforts on behalf of Nudel.

MASS DEMONSTRATION HELD TO PROTEST DESECRATION OF A JEWISH CEMETERY

PARIS, April 30 (JTA) — Alain de Rothschild, president of the Representative Council of Major Jewish Organizations in France (CRIF), called on the government of France yesterday to apprehend and prosecute "those who would spread racial hatred or falsify history to slander the memory of our martyrs." Rothschild was addressing several thousand people at a demonstration in the Jewish cemetery of Bagneux outside Paris where 80 gravestones were desecrated last Sunday.

Rothschild told those assembled that the Jews of France "want justice to be done" in having the culprits arrested and brought to trial. Among those attending the demonstration were representatives of the two Presidential candidates, President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and Socialist leader Francois Mitterrand. The Archbishop of Paris, Msgr. Jean Marie Lustiger, sent a personal message of sympathy to France's Chief Rabbi, Rene Sirat and also had a representative at the demonstration.