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DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS UNDERWAY TO
AVOID POSSIBLE ISRAELI-SYRIAN
CLASH AS SYRIAN SAM-6 MISSILES
REMAIN IN PLACE IN EASTERN LEBANON
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, May 3 (JTA) -- Syrian SAM-6 anti-aircraft missiles remained in place in the Beka valley in eastern Lebanon today. Although there was a lull in the fighting in Lebanon over the weekend, the atmosphere remained tense as diplomatic efforts apparently were underway to avoid a possible Israeli-Syrian clash.

Premier Menachem Begin, who last Thursday said he had no accurate information that the Syrians had deployed the SAM-6 missiles in Lebanon, despite Israel army intelligence reports to that effect, told reporters during a break in today's weekly Cabinet meeting that the missiles were still there and called their installation a "very grave development."

Some observers suggested that Begin's remarks Thursday were intended to give the Syrians a chance to remove the missiles without losing face. On a radio interview today, Begin denied that Israel has had any contacts with the Syrians but confirmed that the U.S. was trying to defuse the situation by diplomatic means. Asked if the Americans had made any progress, Begin replied, "no, not yet, not at all."

(In Washington Friday, Secretary of State Alexander Haig indicated, without saying so outright, that the U.S. was pressing the Soviet Union to use its influence in Damascus to remove the SAM-6 missiles from Lebanon. Haig, appearing before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee in connection with the State Department's budget requests for 1982, said the U.S. has been dealing with all parties involved in Lebanon. He told reporters later that American diplomatic efforts went "beyond" attempts to have the Syrians remove the missiles or to keep the Israeli Air Force from attacking them, to "even more significant aspects of the situation.")

Deny Compromise Deal With Syrians

The SAM-6s were moved into the Beka valley after Israeli fighter planes shot down two Syrian helicopters last week as a warning to Syria not to use them to attack Christians in the Lebanese mountains and in Zahle village. Begin held an urgent Cabinet meeting Friday but no details were disclosed. Israeli officials denied a BBC report that Israel was negotiating a compromise deal with the Syrians that would allow them to retain control of the Beka valley if they ended their siege of the Christians in Zahle.

Moshe Arens, chairman of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, said on a radio interview yesterday that Israel did not want war with Syria but Syria's intentions are unclear. "We must remember that Syria is a dictatorship, led by (President Hafez) Assad who has shown in the past a tendency to aggressive action and brutality at home or abroad, as in Lebanon against the Christians, in a manner not seen since World War II," Arens said.

He said that "Anything and everything the (Israel) government does will be the result of deliberate decisions in light of the government's declared policy of not allowing the Syrians to destroy the Christians in Lebanon." Arens added the assurance that Israel would not be drawn into war with Syria because the matter had been discussed fully in the Cabinet and with his committee.

Dayan Welcomes U.S. Attempts

Former Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said on another radio interview yesterday that he welcomed American attempts to persuade Syria to withdraw the missiles from Lebanon but he didn't think they would succeed. Dayan criticized the government's policy of drawing a "red line" in Lebanon beyond which the Syrians would not be permitted to move. He said such a policy implied tacit approval of Syria's presence in Lebanon. "I recommend that we do not accept or give legitimacy to Syrian presence in Lebanon," Dayan said.

He gave three reasons; that Israel has implicit agreements with its Arab neighbors that they all remain within their own borders; that any foreign military presence in Lebanon poses a threat to Israel; and that Syria is a patron of the Palestine Liberation Organization and a client of the Soviet Union. Dayan suggested that Israel try to get Syria out of Lebanon by diplomatic means but if they failed, by military means short of all-out war.

Sadat Blast Syrian 'Hooliganism'

In Cairo yesterday, President Anwar Sadat criticized Israel's actions in Lebanon but spoke far more harshly against the Syrians who he accused of "hooliganism" in Lebanon. Referring to Assad as a "bully," Sadat declared, "Today he is not placing Lebanon alone but Lebanon and the Arab world and the whole Middle East in a cyclone and nobody knows how this will end up."

Observing that "Israel got involved four or five days ago," Sadat asked: "Who opened the gates? The deeds of the Syrians and the negative attitude of the Arab world and the leaders of Lebanon. We all as Arabs are responsible for that. This opened the gates for the Israelis."

BIDEN CRITICIZES ISRAEL, U.S.
JEWS FOR NOT REACTING IMMEDIATELY
TO THE U.S.-SAUDI ARMS DEAL

BOSTON, May 3 (JTA) -- Sen. Joseph Biden (D. Del.), a leading opponent of the proposed U.S. arms package deal for Saudi Arabia, strongly chastized the American Jewish community and Israel here last night for not reacting immediately in opposition to the Reagan Administration's plan to supply offensive weapons to the Saudis.

Addressing members of the national executive committee of the Zionist Organization of America, Biden, the second ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, warned that the Administration will initiate tactics that will modify the American arms package.

He cautioned, however, that the dangers to U.S. and Israel security will continue. The Senator said he intended to join Sen. Alan Cranston (D. Calif.)

in sponsoring a resolution of disapproval in the Senate as soon as the Administration's proposal arrives on Capitol Hill. "If we do not make the fight now," Biden said, the appetite of Saudi Arabia "will not be satiated."

Ivan Novick, president of the ZOA, praised Biden for his fight against the sale. Novick urged the American Jewish community not to retreat from its position in opposition to the arms package. "If American foreign policy means that we can turn our back on friends due to 'changed circumstances' as dictated by Saudi Arabia, what 'changed circumstances' can alter our commitments to Israel in the future if Saudi Arabia once again asks the U.S. to pass another 'litmus test,'" Novick asked.

He told the ZOA leaders that "day after day" he has "heard strong words ringing through the air" how the U.S. is prepared to stand up to the USSR, one of the world's mightiest powers. Why are we so bold, so courageous and so forthright with the Soviet Union and so timid and apologetic to Saudi Arabia? The fact is, Saudi Arabia needs the support the U.S. and we should set the agenda for the basis of our relationship."

MONDALE URGES U.S. POLITICAL MILITARY SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL; BLASTS ARMS DEAL FOR THE SAUDIS

LOS ANGELES, May 3 (JTA) -- Former Vice President Walter Mondale blasted the Reagan Administration's proposal to sell advanced warning radar planes (AWACS) to Saudi Arabia as the "most destabilizing step in the Middle East in this generation" and called for continued U.S. political and military support for Israel.

Addressing the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles-United Jewish Welfare Fund Attorney's Division, Mondale said the sale of AWACS, if approved, would strip away the element of surprise necessary for Israel's defense. He termed that element "one of the most precious strategic assets (of Israel), priceless to a small nation with a citizen army."

Mondale said he recognized the importance of good relations between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia, but, he noted, that does not mean that the U.S. must respond affirmatively to every request from that country for advanced military equipment, particularly when that equipment could be used to threaten the security of Israel. "There is no lasting security for anyone if arms sales are substitutes for good sense," he warned. "In my judgement, neither the selling of AWACS nor enhancing the capability of the Saudi F-15's do anything to increase stability in the Middle East."

The former Vice President suggested that the U.S. continue to talk to the Saudis about their "true security needs," but not sell them arms that could adversely affect Israel's ability to defend herself.

In a ringing statement of support for Israel, Mondale termed the country "one of the most important assets our nation possesses -- a loyal democratic state in a volatile area -- one of the cornerstones of the Western alliance." He also had words of tribute for Israel's maintenance of democratic institutions when, he observed, there were many excuses that could have been used to undermine those institutions.

Mondale, currently a senior partner in the Chicago law firm of Winston and Strawn, concluded that Israel must remain strong in order to keep the peace in the Middle East. He proposed

a three-point plan for that purpose: increased military aid, the availability of advanced technology, and strong U.S. support for the multi-lateral force to be established in the Sinai as part of the Camp David accords.

SOME 10,000 PEOPLE MARK YOM HA'SHOAH AND 38th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING

By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, May 3 (JTA) -- An estimated 10,000 people gathered at Temple Emanu-El today, inside the sanctuary and outside on Fifth Avenue, in a somber ceremony marking Yom Ha'Shoah and the 38th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

Speaker after speaker warned that there is a resurgence of anti-Semitism around the world, assailed the revisionist historians who claim that the Holocaust is a hoax, and pointed out the differences between the 1930s when there was no Jewish State and the 1980s when the State of Israel exists.

Yehuda Blum, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, declared, "Anti-Semites today see as their prime target the State of Israel ... the beacon and the banner of Jews everywhere. And in slandering the State of Israel, anti-Semites have as their target Jews everywhere."

The cancer of anti-Semitism was not eradicated at the end of World War II, Blum emphasized. "But there is an essential difference between now and then. The 1980's are not the 1940's. Still less are they the 1930's. The State of Israel exists. It will not stand by idly and let the actions of anti-Semites pass without demur. Israel will live up to its responsibilities for the fate of Jews everywhere."

Blum said "The United Nations continues to serve as a platform for international anti-Semitism -- indeed, I would even dare to say it has been perverted into one of the world centers of anti-Semitism not just in its new guise but also in its classical form." He cited the Soviet bloc and Arab representatives benefiting from diplomatic immunity when making outright attacks on the Jewish religion.

Resurgence Of Anti-Semitism

Addressing the gathering, sponsored by the Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization (WAGRO), Samuel Pisar, author and survivor of Auschwitz, said, "The resurgence of anti-Semitism, whether against Israel or in the diaspora, whether in France, which has many Jews, or in Poland, which has none left, is a barometer, a measure of the fever that is gripping the world once again."

Pisar added that when hard times arise, like unemployment, or inflation, the scapegoats are always the Jews. Then come other minority groups, immigrants, intellectuals, "until an entire society is engulfed by the poison." "This, Pisar said, "is how Europe collapsed forty years ago."

Benjamin Meed, president of WAGRO, in his opening remarks spoke of witnesses to the Holocaust and noted that many of them have died. "With each death, the legacy is diminished," he declared. But Meed added:

"Since our liberation, we have tried to teach the world, to get it to listen. The uniforms, the photographs, the ruins of the death camps, the numbers tattooed on our forearms, horrible as they are -- offer only a glimpse of the true horrors of those terrible times. We have tried to show them to the world, sometimes in vain. Perhaps now at the end of our lives, we can still tell humanity ... never to forgive ... never to forget ... and never to let such destruction happen again."

Some members of the audience wept as Kaddish was recited by Elrich Altusky and hundreds of commemorative candles were lit by survivors of the Holocaust in memory of the six million Jews slaughtered by the Nazis.

Reagan Cites Inspiration Of Uprising

In a message to the gathering, President Reagan said that the historic uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto will be an inspiration to freedom loving people forever. "I know there are no words which can erase that memory from your minds nor from your hearts. But we can join together as brothers and sisters in the family of men and pray for those who died during one of the most tragic episodes in the history of humankind," the message read.

Premier Menachem Begin of Israel, in a message, cited the Warsaw Ghetto uprising as a moral victory in the face of "despair, the supremacy of the spirit over animal cruelty, the assertion of Jewish freedom in the face of bestial tyranny." He continued:

"With the last vestige of Jewish national strength, the few fought against the many for freedom, moved by a silent oath that Israel must be free and independent forever so that a Holocaust of our people will never ever happen again. That Jewish blood will never be shed again with impunity."

President Yitzhak Navon of Israel, in a message sent to Meed, stated: "I send from Jerusalem a whole nation's fellow feelings and the hope that never forgetting the wounds of our loss, we will jointly build a meaningful new life in the name of our martyrs, notably in the State of Israel which aspires to give expression to the historic and cultural legacy of our bereaved people."

U.S. Soldiers, Allies Saluted

A Deed of Gratitude was presented to Secretary of the Army John Marsh, on behalf of the survivors of the Holocaust. The Deed stated, in part: "We would like to salute the courageous American soldiers and their allies who fought and those who died in the struggle for freedom. It was they who uncovered the unspeakable horrors of the Nazi death camps and crematories, and it was they who paid with their lives so that we might be able to assemble here today."

Diane Wyshogrod-Zlotogorski, a second generation Holocaust survivor, told the audience: "We will not be silent when there are those who say that the Holocaust never happened, as though the numbers branded upon your arms, and the memories seared into your hearts are mass hallucinations." Wyshogrod-Zlotogorski said "we must strengthen our Jewish values and let our culture be a living memorial. We must fill the 364 days between each commemoration with the spirit of that Jewishness, that Yiddishkeit, by which our grandparents lived and for which they ultimately died."

Edward Koch, Mayor of New York, proclaimed today "Warsaw Ghetto Commemoration Day." He said: "This is a time of renewal and commitment to carry on the struggle for human dignity, peace and justice for Jews in their homeland of Israel and throughout the World." In commemorating the day, Koch appealed to "all our citizens to reflect upon the sacrifice of the Warsaw Ghetto Freedom Fighters."

As part of the Statewide Holocaust memorial observances, Governor Hugh Carey proclaimed April 26-May 3 as "Days of Remembrance of the

Victims of the Holocaust." In issuing his proclamation, he declared: "We should continually rededicate ourselves to the principle of equal justice for all people and remain eternally vigilant against all tyranny, recognizing that bigotry provides a breeding ground for tyranny to flourish."

Carey also said he would seek legislative approval for a \$125,000 appropriation for the State Department of Education to develop a curriculum on the Holocaust for use in schools throughout New York State. In related actions, the Governor proclaimed May 3 as "Warsaw Ghetto Day" and May 9 as "Israel Independence Day."

Calls Attention To Jewish Resistance

At a mass memorial service last Thursday night at the Park East Synagogue, in commemoration of the 36th year since the liberation of the death camps, Kalman Sultanik, president of the American Federation of Polish Jews, assailed the "self-styled historians who indicted the Holocaust victims for their alleged timidity" and charged them with being "sadly ignorant of the life of East European Jewry before the Holocaust."

Sultanik, a member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, told the audience at the Federation-sponsored service: "The time has come to reject once and for all the myth that there was little or no Jewish resistance to the Nazi mass killings, for the sake of historical truth and the dignity and honor of the martyrs." He said that most of the "self-styled historians overlook the armed uprisings in the ghettos, the courageous resistance of the underground guerrilla fighters, who included all sectors of East European Jewry, Orthodox and so-called progressives alike."

Rabbi Arthur Schneier, spiritual leader of the Park East Synagogue and president of the World Jewish Congress-American Section, told the audience which was comprised mostly of Holocaust survivors that world Jewry must learn never to relax its vigilance against the forces now seeking to perpetrate another Holocaust against Israel and the Jewish people. He declared: "We will not permit ourselves to be placed in the position of the Christian community of Lebanon, a community that is systematically being annihilated by Syrian forces, while the civilized world stands by and does not intervene to end the genocide."

KIDNAPPED UNIFIL SOLDIER HELD BY TERRORIST GROUP

TEL AVIV, May 3 (JTA) -- Israel Radio reported today that a kidnapped Irish soldier of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) is presently in the hands of the Arab Liberation Front, an offshoot of the Palestine Liberation Organization supported by the ruling Ba'ath Party of Iraq.

Pvt. Kevin Joyce, 20, was seized six days ago in a terrorist ambush in south Lebanon during which his companion, Pvt. Hugh Doherty, 20, was fatally shot. Doherty was the 11th Irish soldier to die on duty and the 62nd fatality suffered by UNIFIL since it was established three years ago. The Israel Radio report did not say how Joyce was located. The soldier had been the object of a widespread search by UNIFIL.

NEW YORK (JTA) -- The Soviet Jewry Research Bureau (SJRB) of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported that 1,155 Soviet Jews arrived in Vienna in April. Charlotte Jacobson, SJRB chairman, noted that the trend in Jewish emigration continues downward "despite contrary rumors at the time of the Communist Party Congress, in February."

BEGIN'S INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE

JERUSALEM, May 3 (JTA) — The following is the message from Premier Menachem Begin on the occasion of Israel's 33rd Independence Day which will be marked May 7:

From Jerusalem our eternal and indivisible capital I send to you all heartfelt greetings on the occasion of the 33rd anniversary of the proclamation of Israel independence in the land of our forefathers.

After the most terrible disaster which befell our people in Europe and the heroic fight of Eretz Yisrael for national self liberation, we lived to see the day, one of the greatest in the annals of our ancient people, when we became a nation among nations, free and independent in our own country.

Since then we have brought home millions of Jewish people from the four corners of the world. We have had to sustain our independence through five wars, in which fourteen thousand of our best men gave their lives and more than thirty thousand were wounded. But we did protect and preserve our independence. We set our country free; reunited Jerusalem; we built up the land are turning it into green pastures.

A Turning Point In The Mideast

This year we celebrate the second anniversary of the signing of the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel. No doubt this is a turning point in the annals of the two countries and of the Middle East. After thirty one years of a state of war and of five actual wars waged on the battle field with great sacrifice, sorrow and bereavement, we, Egypt and Israel, declare that we shall never again raise arms against each other and the state of war is terminated.

The Middle East and its periphery are in a state of turmoil. Iraq faces Iran in armed conflict. Syria, itself seized by internal convulsions, is in confrontation with Jordan. Lebanon continues its inner bloody strife, mainly because of the presence of the criminal PLO now armed by Soviet tanks and heavy weapons, aided by Syria and financed, as before by Saudi Arabia. In this arena of instability and dispute the only peaceful corner emanates from the treaty of peace between Israel and Egypt. We have since signed many agreements which stem from the treaty. We still have problems; indeed we hope to solve them.

Better the difficulties of peace than the suffering of war. We will be faithful to all the terms and all the parts of the Camp David agreement. There may still be difficulties ahead but we have started this great new chapter in our life, peace.

We live by the faith that in generations to come our people will live in this land together with their neighbors, in equality, in human dignity, in freedom, in independence and in real security.

FURTHER POSTPONEMENT LOOMS FOR SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS OF PROPOSED ARMS SALE TO SAUDIS

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, May 3 (JTA) — Secretary of State Alexander Haig would not say Friday whether the Reagan Administration's proposed multi-billion dollar arms sale to Saudi Arabia would be submitted to Congress this year.

Testifying before a Senate appropriations subcommittee, Haig said it would be "difficult to predict" when the proposal for the sale of enhanced equipment for F-15s and AWACS surveillance planes would be ready. When committee chairman

Sen. Lowell Weicker (R. Conn.) asked him if the proposal would be submitted to Congress this year, Haig replied, "I wouldn't even want to prejudice that."

Haig noted that the proposal is now being worked out with Congressional leaders. As he said in his testimony earlier in the week before a House appropriations subcommittee, Haig said that once the technicalities of the proposed sale, especially for the AWACS, are worked out, many of the critics in Congress will change their minds.

Haig denied that the U.S. was seeking agreement from the Saudis for a U.S. ground base in Saudi Arabia. "This is a non-issue," he said. He added that the U.S. was talking about other issues and the Saudis have been cooperative.

Meanwhile, the House Foreign Affairs Committee adopted by a 14-11 vote last Thursday a resolution that would require the U.S. to receive Congressional approval for U.S. leasing of military equipment.

Rep. Tom Lantos (D. Cal.), who introduced the resolution, said the measure was needed to close a "loophole" whereby Congress could reject a proposed sale of military equipment but which the Administration could then lease to a foreign country. A spokesperson for Lantos said that while the Congressman did not specifically mention the AWACS, this was one of the items he had in mind in bringing up the measure.

DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST FEDERENKO TO BEGIN IN NEW HAVEN

WASHINGTON, May 3 (JTA) — Deportation proceedings will begin in New Haven, Conn. tomorrow against Feodor Federenko of Waterbury, who was a guard in the Nazi death camp of Treblinka during World War II. Federenko, naturalized in 1970, was stripped of his citizenship last January on grounds that he had lied about his wartime activities when he applied for admission to the U.S. in 1949.

According to his attorney, Brian Gildea, Federenko, who was born in the Ukraine, has applied to the Soviet Union for permanent resident status. His wife and two sons presently live in the Ukraine and he has visited the Soviet Union several times since 1973. There are no charges against him in that country, Gildea said.

Federenko lost his citizenship after the Supreme Court rejected his appeal against a lower court's finding that he had entered the U.S. under false pretenses. When he applied for an American visa under the Displaced Persons Act, he falsely stated that he had spent the war years as a farm and factory worker after his capture by the Germans in 1941.

SAYS BOYCOTT CLAUSE WAS AN ERROR

NEW YORK, May 3 (JTA) — A boycott clause in an English version of an Egyptian company's tender soliciting bids for piping was due to "human error" in translating the Arabic into English, according to Ashraf Ghorbal, Egypt's Ambassador to the United States.

In a letter to Abraham Foxman, associate director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Ghorbal said Egypt "firmly abides" by the commitments it made in the Egyptian-Israeli treaty to stay out of the Arab economic boycott of Israel.

The Ambassador's reassurance was in response to a March 30 letter from Foxman which called attention to the fact that the conditions laid down by the Alexandria Water General Authority in soliciting bids stipulated that any firm supplying piping must not ship it on blacklisted vessels, on Israeli ships or on those vessels which go to Israeli borders or waters.