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BEGIN DEFENDS ISRAEL'S ACTIONS IN LEBANON. HINTS ISRAEL WILL TAKE MILITARY ACTION IF U.S. FAILS TO GET SYRIA TO REMOVE ITS MISSILES

By Gil Sedan and Hugh Orgel

JERUSALEM, May 6 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin vehemently defended Israel's actions in Lebanon today, claimed the complete understanding of the U.S. and hinted strongly that Israel would take military measures if American diplomatic efforts to have Syrian SAM-6 anti-aircraft missiles removed from Lebanon do not succeed. Begin indicated that he didn't think the efforts would succeed.

He made his remarks in the course of an Independence Day interview to be broadcast on Israel Radio tomorrow and in an interview published in Maariv today. His assessment of the situation with respect to the missiles was that "only a miracle can solve the missile crisis by diplomatic means."

Begin described American diplomatic activity in the crisis as "absolutely global," extending from the Soviet Union to Abu-Dhabi. He insisted that there was complete understanding in Washington of the need to restore the status quo ante in Lebanon and that the U.S. was making no quid pro quo demands on Israel.

The Premier maintained that the continued presence of the SAM-6 missiles in Lebanon was intolerable to Israel because Israeli reconnaissance and photographic flights over that country were essential as long as Lebanon is occupied by Syrian forces. He warned that if the missiles are not withdrawn, Israel would do "what it has to do."

But he also claimed that Israel did not want a confrontation with Syria and he did not believe Syria wanted war with Israel. Therefore, he said, he did not foresee a general confrontation between the two countries over the missiles issue.

Renews Attack On Schmidt, Giscard

Begin renewed his bitter personal attack on Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of West Germany. Referring to Schmidt's activities during World War II, Begin described him as "a good officer in Hitler's army." He said he had no way of knowing if Schmidt had been a member of the Nazi party but he never broke his oath to Hitler.

Begin noted that Schmidt had fought on the Eastern front where the main destruction of European Jewry occurred. "The army might not have done the actual killing but they surrounded the towns to preserve order while it was being done," the Israeli Prime Minister said. Now, he observed, Schmidt is allying himself with Saudi Arabia which has called for a holy war against Israel and gives millions of dollars to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Begin also renewed his attack on President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing of France who he accused of having no principles other than to sell the most dangerous weapons to the Arabs and get oil from them.

SCHMIDT UNDER FIRE FOR HARMING RELATIONS BETWEEN GERMANY, ISRAEL

By David Kantor

BONN, May 6 (JTA) -- Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has come under a sharp attack from Christian Democratic opposition leader Helmut Kohl who charged today that Schmidt was "co-responsible" for what he termed a "dramatic development" of deteriorating relations between Bonn and Jerusalem. Kohl said his faction in the Bundestag will initiate a major parliamentary debate over relations with Israel.

The President of the German-Israel Association, Erik Blumenfeld, expressed his concern over the crisis which he said could cause a further deterioration of relations between the two countries. He said that the harmful atmosphere created by the exchange of accusations between Schmidt and Premier Menachem Begin of Israel could encourage the activities of extremists, referring apparently to neo-Nazis.

The German State Radio reported today that Israel's Ambassador in Bonn, Yochanan Meroz, failed to show up for a meeting with a high ranking German official at the Foreign Ministry who was to submit a formal protest note over Begin's accusations against Schmidt.

The Israel Embassy promptly denied the report, saying that the meeting is to take place later today. The Israeli envoy is expected to protest against Schmidt's anti-Israel remarks and what Jerusalem considers an acceleration of Bonn's appeasement of Arab extremists, notably the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Meanwhile, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, honorary president of the World Jewish Congress, sharply criticized Begin's attacks on Schmidt as "toiletless and at least as arrogant as Mr. Begin accuses others of being." In a radio interview from Paris today, Goldmann defended Schmidt as a man who for years sought to make whatever amends could be made for the Nazi slaughter of European Jewry.

Most German newspapers sharply criticized Begin and generally defended the Chancellor and his pro-Arab stance. But the focus is shifting gradually from Israel's emotional reaction to continuing West German efforts to woo the Arabs side and possibly weaken its former commitment to Israel.

Some commentators made the point that for six years Schmidt has ignored a standing Israeli invitation to visit Jerusalem. The invitation was renewed by the present government in what was considered at the time as a dramatic gesture on the part of Begin, a survivor of the Holocaust.

Schmidt Woos Arabs, Ignores Israel and Jews

More attention is being paid to one-sided remarks by Schmidt which seem to appease the Arabs and to ignore Israel and the Jewish people. At one point in a lengthy television interview about his Middle East policies, Schmidt reminded of Auschwitz, mentioned several peoples being among the victims but forgot the Jews.

In a subsequent sentence he referred to the Arabs as one of the few peoples who did not have

bad experience with the Germans. In the same interview, which coincided with Holocaust Day in Israel, Schmidt spoke of Germany's moral commitment to the Palestinians but did not mention such a commitment toward Israel.

(In Jerusalem today, the German Charge d'Affairs, Franz Sikora, was summoned to the Foreign Ministry where Director General David Kimche handed him Israel's formal protest against Schmidt's comments in favor of Palestinian self-determination, made during the Chancellor's visit to Saudi Arabia last week.)

Preparing For Euro-Arab Dialogue

Meanwhile, the Secretary General of the Arab League paid a short visit to Bonn to prepare for the resumption of the Euro-Arab dialogue on the Foreign Ministers level. During his recent visit to Riyadh, Schmidt had promised for the first time that such a conference would take place. While Egypt is expected to be boycotted, the PLO will be represented. Prior to Schmidt's promise, officials in European capitals said that the conference still depends on the PLO's readiness to give formal recognition to Israel.

GISCARD DENOUNCES 'CERTAIN METHODS' WHICH PORTRAY HIM AS ISRAEL'S ENEMY

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, May 6 (JTA) -- President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing last night lashed out at "certain methods" which portray him as an enemy of Israel. The President, who is seeking reelection to a second seven-year term, was especially angered by a propaganda leaflet distributed by a Jewish splinter organization, Jewish Revival.

The leaflet carried a picture claiming to show Giscard watching Israel through binoculars from a Jordanian military post. The caption did not say so outright but implied that the picture was taken during Giscard's trip to Jordan last May.

When Socialist challenger Francois Mitterrand questioned him last night during their face-to-face nation-wide debate about this, Giscard lashed out: "I want all Frenchmen to know what sort of methods are used (against me)."

Giscard said the picture was taken at a race track in Paris while he watched a race. He told Mitterrand that he had never visited Jordanian military installation and when flown by helicopter to a Jordanian military base he had refused to leave the plane.

Jewish Revival president Henry Hajdenberg later admitted that the picture was not taken on the site. He said another photograph was taken "to illustrate Giscard's disdainful attitude and as a symbol of his Middle East policy."

Mitterrand, who had based his question on material supplied by the pro-Socialist Jewish organization, was reportedly deeply upset after the television incident, the major campaign highlight and on which the electoral outcome might hinge.

Denies Favoring A Palestinian State

Giscard, who according to public opinion polls is running neck-to-neck with his Socialist challenger, also used the question to stress that he had never mentioned the creation of a Palestinian state and advocated only Palestinian self-determination. He reminded Mitterrand that the Socialist leader is the one who had talked about a Palestinian state and had even advocated "a pact between the two (Israel and Palestinian) states."

Giscard added: "What I always wanted was a global agreement in the Middle East. There will be no real security for Israel till a global peace is reached."

Giscard earlier this week met with a delegation of the Representative Council of Major Jewish Organizations in France (CRIF) which presented a list of 10 demands, including the closing of Palestine Liberation Organization in Paris, halting arms sales to Arab countries, and stopping uranium deliveries to Iraq.

Refuses To React To Begin's Attack

Giscard has refused to react up till now to Israeli Premier Menachem Begin's attack against him and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. Begin last Sunday accused the two West European statesmen of being motivated by "greed and cupidity" in their Mideast policies.

A French Foreign Ministry spokesman refused to react aside from saying that Begin's tone "is highly unusual in international relations." Sources close to Giscard were more laquacious, however. While refusing to be named, these aides accused Begin of trying to intervene in French internal affairs one week before the May 10th presidential runoff elections.

TOP FRENCH OFFICIAL ACCUSED OF HAVING COLLABORATED WITH NAZIS

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, May 6 (JTA) -- A top French official, Maurice Papon, Director of the Office of Budget and Management, is accused of having collaborated with the Nazis during the German occupation of France in sending French Jews to concentration camps and ultimate death.

Papon, who holds Cabinet rank in the government of President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, was charged by the French satirical weekly, *Le Canard Enchaîné*, with having willingly helped the Nazis in 1942 and 1943. Papon, a Gaullist Deputy and a former Paris Police Commissioner, served at the time as No. 2 man in the office of French Vichy appointed Governor of Bordeaux.

Papon said today that he had served the Vichy administration as a career civil servant and had helped many Jews avoid deportation. He said that the left-wing paper is trying to smear him as part of its electoral campaign against the incumbent President who is seeking reelection to a second seven-year term.

Magazine Cites Evidence

The weekly claims that Papon served in Bordeaux as the man in charge of Jewish affairs and was instrumental in sending 1,690 Jews to German concentration camps. The investigative magazine published several official letters signed by Papon during the Vichy era requesting police help in conveying the arrested Jews to a transit camp in France where they were due to be handed over to the Germans.

The weekly conceded that Papon also intervened on behalf of a number of local Jews. It says a group of 19 Jewish children were released thanks to Papon's efforts on their behalf and another group of 20 adults managed to avoid deportation.

Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld said today that his Jewish Documentation Center has several letters and memorandums signed by Papon during the war years in his official capacity which confirm the accusations by *Le Canard Enchaîné*. Papon has served four successive French administrations in top capacities and is considered one of the key men in Giscard's regime. He is a Commander in the French Legion of Honor.