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TEL AVIV, June 2 (JTA) -- Israel Air Force

jets bombed El Fatah regional headquarters on the Lebanese coast north of Tyre at moon today and returned safely to their bases, a military spokesman announced said the pilots reported direct hits on their targets. There was no interference from Syrian jets nor were any missiles fired at the Israeli aircraft.

Today's air raid was the second since U.S. special envoy Philip Habib returned to Washington for consultations before resuming his mission to defuse the Israeli-Syrian missile crisis. Political and military officials here continued to insist that the attacks on Palestinian targets in Lebanon are pre-emptive -- to forestall terrorist incursions against Israel -- and in no way related to the missile crisis or Israel's commitment to help Christian forces in Lebanon.

Military sources said the El Fatah base hit toddy was located in an isolated building among orange groves far removed from civilian dwellings. El Fatah is the military arm of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Last Thursday Israeli jets bombed SAM-9 anti-aircraft missile installations supplied by Libya to protect a terrorist base near Damour, south of Beirut.

Israeli military sources claimed that the build-up of Libyan arms for the terrorists is continuing. Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan said today that one of the objectives of the air raids was to prevent the terrorists from absorbing the heavy weapons they have been receiving from Libya via Syria.

U.S. SAYS NO 'GREEN LIGHT' FOR ISRAELI AIR RAIDS; HINTS THEY HARM HABIB MISSION By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, June 2 (JTA) -- The United States declared today that it has not given any "green light" for Israeli air raids on Palestinian bases in south Lebanon. Dean Fischer, the State Department spokesman, also indicated that the raids have a harmful effect on the efforts of President Reagan's special envoy, Philip Habib, to find a peaceful solution to the current crisis over Lebanon.

"We have consistently from the beginning, urged on all parties, that any escalation of military activities of any kind, is not helpful to the peace process," Fischer said reading from a prepared statement. "There have been absolutely no green lights given to any of the parties for any military activities."

Fischer explained that when he said "from the beginning" he meant since the current crisis in Lebanon, which revolved around Syrian stationing of SAM-6 anti-aircraft missiles in eastern Lebanon and Israel's threat to remove them by force. The U.S. credits Habib's three week shuttle in the area with preventing war from breaking out.

The State Department statement today was in contrast to what Fischer said last week after the Israelis attacked what they said were Libyan missiles stationed at the Palestinian terrorist bases in Lebanon. At that time, Fischer said the Israeli attack would not affect the Habib mission because it occured in south Lebanon and did not involve an Israeli-Syrian confrontation.

Veliotes Explains Israeli Raids

Greater understanding of the Israeli position appeared to come earlier today from Nicholas Veliotes, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs. Answering questions at the State Department's annual conference for U.S. editors and broadcasters, Veliotes said the Israeli raids were carried out because of the presence of "armed elements, particularly in south Lebanon, who attacked Israel."

Meanwhile, Fischer maintained that the U.S. does not consider that there is any deadline for Habib to complete his mission. He said he would not comment on Premier Menachem Begin's statement yesterday that Israel does have a time limit for Habib to obtain removal of the missiles. He noted the Department's position of not commenting on any public statements by any of the parties involved in Lebanon crisis.

Fischer said that no date has yet been set for Habib to return to the Middle East although he is still expected to go there this week.

SOVIET JEWRY GROUP URGES SENATE TO REJECT LeFEVER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS POST By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, June 2 (JTA) -- The Union of Councils on Soviet Jews (UCSJ) called on the Senate yesterday to reject the nomination of Ernest LeFever as Assistant Secretary of State for Humanitarian Affairs.

Robert Gordon, of Boston, president of the UCSJ said that to Soviet Jews and the United States, human rights is a moral obligation and practical matter, not something to be used as a "stick for attacking the Soviet Government."

Paul Meek, Washington representative of the UCSJ said that his organization supported the use of public statements and quiet diplomacy in helping Soviet Jewry. But he said that LeFever seemed to want to use quiet diplomacy on what he calls "authoritarian" regimes and public statements to attack adversaries of the United States. He said LeFever does not seem to support human rights but only wants to use it as a "tool" to attack adversaries of the U.S.

Several other Jewish organizations have attacked the LeFever nomination. On NBC TV's "Meet the Press" Sunday Sen. Paul Tsongas (D. Mass.) said that II of the 17 members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee were ready to vote against the LeFever nomination. Tsongas, a member of the committee, said that Secretary of State Alexander Haig was "not beating down any doors of the Senate" in support of LeFever. But at the Senate today, a Department spokesman, David Passage said LeFever "retains the confidence of the Administration" and Haig continues to support his nomination.

HELSINKI ACCORDS REVIEW HAD LITTLE IMPACT ON SOVIET HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES, U.S. ENVOY SAYS

By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, June I (JTA) -- Ambassador
Max Kampelman, Chairman of the U.S. delegation to the Madrid Review Conference of the
Helsinki accords, said last night that in spite of
the efforts of the Conference, little improvement
has been achieved in regards to human rights practices in the Soviet Union. Kampelman and Prof.
Telford Taylor were presented with the annual
Solidarity Awards of the National Conference on
Soviet Jewry at the Roosevelt Hotel here as part
of its three-day policy conference.

Kampelman said that in spite of the work done at the Madrid Conference, "there have been 46 arrests of human rights activists and no increase in the departures of Jews" from the Soviet Union. He noted that in 1980 alone, 242 Jews and non-Jews were arrested by Soviet authorities thus representing "the largest number of arrests in the Soviet Union (of this kind) in 15 years."

The Madrid Conference started in Nov. 1980 as part of a continuing review of the Helsinki agreement adopted in August 1975 by 35 nations including the United States and the Soviet Union. The declaration in part pledged the signers to "respect fundamental freedoms, including the freedom of thought conscience, religion or belief." Kampelman noted that at the first review conference in 1978 in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, only the United States mentioned the plight of dissidents in the Soviet Union. He observed however that at least 11 nations at the Madrid Conference mentioned the names of dissidents.

Elements Of Human Rights

Kampelman said that when "80, 90, 100 names are mentioned at an international forum, or when 10,000 Jews are allowed to emigrate" or when many "Prisoners of Conscience are released from the Soviet Union, then I will accept this award with conviction." He added that this award represents not the work done in the past, but that which is needed to be done in the future.

Prof. Taylor, prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crimes trials, is Nash Professor Emeritus of Law at the Columbia University Law School, and holds the Kaiser Chair in Constitutional Law at Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University. He is author of "Courts of Terror", describing how he and a group of American lawyers worked through the Soviet judicial system to free prisoners convicted while trying to emigrate to Israel.

Taylor received the award "for his unwavering committment to justice for all people and
his advocacy on behalf of the Soviet Jewish
Prisoners of Conscience." Taylor, who was presented with the award by former Prisoner of Conscience Hillel Butman, said that it is Butman and
his fellow prisoners who deserve the solidarity
awards because they set the example for the
awards tonight."

The NCSJ also presented awards to four organizations for their activities on behalf of Soviet Jewry. They are: the Women's American

ORT for its "Free-a-Family" program; the American Jewish Committee for establishing an Inter-religious Task Force on Soviet Jewry; the South Florida Conference on Soviet Jewry (Miami) for the publication of refusenik case histories; and the Subcommittee on Soviet Jewry of the New Haven Jewish Federation for its community outreach program.

TAMAR de SOLA POOL DEAD AT 91

NEW YORK, June 2 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Tamar de Sola Pool, who died yesterday at her home at the age of 91. Mrs. Pool, a writer, educator, lecturer and past president of Hadassah, was the widow of the Rev. Dr. David de Sola Pool, the late rabbi of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue in New York.

The eighth national president of Haddasah Mrs. Pool served in that capacity from 1939-1943 and prior to that was president of the New York chapter, from 1929-1935. At the time of her death she was one of the few surviving presidents of Hadassah who had worked with Henrietta Szold, founder of the Women's Zionist Organization.

Descended from a long line of rabbis and Israeli pioneers, Mrs. Pool was born in Jerusalem, the daughter of Chaim and Eva Hirschenson and brought to the United States at the age of 14. She received her B.A. degree from Hunter College in 1913, attended the University of Paris as winner of the first International Fellowship and was a graduate student at Columbia University from 1914–1917. Later she taught French, Latin and Greek at Hunter College. She and Dr. Pool were married in 1917.

Mrs. Pool was co-author with Dr. Pool of "An Old Faith in a New World" and "Is There an Answer." She was editor of the Hadassah Newsletter for 10 years. She was one of the Hadassah leaders who saw the need to rescue Jewish children from the Holocaust and in 1934, with Henrietta Szold, helped organize Youth Aliya.

AUTONOMY TALKS TO RESUME NEXT FALL, STATE DEPT. OFFICIAL SAYS: U.S. STILL COMMITTED TO CAMP DAVID ACCORDS By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, June 2 (JTA) -- Nicholas Veliotes, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, declared today that the United States expects to resume the "stalled" autonomy negotiations with Israel and Egypt this fall.

"It is clear that despite calls from some for alternative approaches to the Palestine issue," including the initiative expected to be proposed by the European Economic Community (ECC), "the Camp David accords will still be the only operating game in town later this year," Veliotes said.

He also said that the United States, "together with our partners, fully intend" to pursue these negotiations.

Veliotes, answering questions at the State Department's annual foreign policy conference for U.S. editors and broadcasters, said the June 30 Israeli electics would not have any effect on the negotiations. He said that when Secretary of State Alexander Haig visited Israel two months ago, both members of the Israel Government and the opposition expressed their "determination to engage again" in the autonomy talks.

"We are committed to addressing the Palestinian issue with the Israelis and the Egyptians within the coming months with the aim toward making significant progress under the Camp David accords," Veliotes said.

Stressing that the U.S. was not sitting still on the issue, Veliotes said that the Saudi Arabians and other Arab countries believe that there can be "no real stability in the Middle East and security unless there is a solution to the Palestinian issue." He said that security and Mideast peace are linked and that progress in one field encourages progress in the other.

Veliotes said that the Reagan Administration's main objective in the area was "meeting and helping our friends to meet pressures inspired by the Soviet expansionist design." He said that this is the reason the U.S. proposes to sell AWACs reconnaissance planes and enhancement equipment for F-15s to the Saudis. He said the sale is "intimately linked to our plans and hopes for the enhanced security of our interests in the (Persian) Gulf."

Conceding the Israelis have a concern about the proposed sale, Veliotes said he did not believe that it presented a danger to Israel.

View Of PLO Unchanged

On other issues Veliotes said the U.S. is currently taking the lead in negotiating with Egypt and Israel to help fulfill the American pledge to provide a multinational force to patrol the Sinai before Israel's final withdrawal from the peninsula before next April. He said the U.S. pledge is necessary because such a multinational force cannot be created through the United Nations.

The State Department official said the U.S. still considers the question of East Jerusalem as one that has to be determined through negotiations. He reiterated a long-held State Department position that the Palestine Liberation Organization is an umbrella group that has "terrorist elements." When questioned about this later, Department spokesman Dean Fischer said he saw no contradictions in the Veliotes' statement with President Reagan's public remarks that he considered the PLO a terrorist group without any qualifications.

OF POSTERS CALLING HOLOCAUST A HOAX By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO, June 2 (JTA) -- About 500 persons, most of them Holocaust survivors, marched on the headquarters of a neo-Nazi propagandist in downtown Toronto last night. A violent confrontation was averted when police forced the removal from the building of provocative signs claiming that the Holocaust was a hoax.

The march began after some 2000 persons attended a peaceful protest meeting against racism and hatemongering sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress been specified.

Wisner has a commercial artist who disseminates antimedel, a commercial artist who disseminates antimedel, a commercial artist who disseminates antimedels. The marchers, about 80 percent of whom lived through the Holocaust, were infuriated to find the building festooned with posters reading, "Holocaust is a Lie", "No More Money for Zionists" pending trial. I penalty of life in penalty of life in the pen

The building was guarded by six of Zundel's henchmen. Police, who formed a human barricade to prevent violence, warned the neo-Nazis that they could be charged with incitement to riot unless the signs were removed. This was promptly done and the neo-Nazis left the scene.

UZI PROTECTS QUEEN

LONDON, June 2 (JTA) -- Israel's ubiquitous Uzi submachinegun is being carried by a special bodyguard recently formed to protect Queen Elizabeth and other members of the Royal Family because of the latest terrorist campaign mounted by the outlawed Irish Republican Army (IRA). According to the Daily Express, the bodyguard has been trained by the Special Air Service, the crack unit that successfully stormed the terrorist-held Iranian Embassy here last year.

The Uzi is manufactured in Israel and, by license, in other countries. Its use by the U.S. secret service was revealed by television cameras during the attempted assassination of President Reagan in Washington last March 30.

NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR TO SAUDI ARABIA A PRO-PALESTINIAN By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, June 2 (JTA) -- Robert Neumann, who presented his credentials in Riyadh last week as the new United States Ambassador to Saudi Arabia is considered here a supporter of the Palestinians.

Neumann, a political scientist who is vice-chairman of Georgetown University's Center for Strategic and International Studies, has long called for the U.S. to open a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization. In an interview with the Washington Star, published Monday, Neumann said "Palestine is the core problem" in resolving the Arab-Israeli problem.

The 65-year-old Neumann was born in Vienna and was put in a Nazi concentration camp in 1938 because, as he told the Star, he opposed Hitler. "A great majority opposing the Nazis in my time were not Jewish," he told the Star. Joy Billington, who interviewed Neumann, noted that Neumann added "that there would be nothing wrong with it if he were assumed Jewish, but still making the point that he isn't."

But Neumann has been quoted elsewhere as admitting that he was born of Jewish parents although he converted to Catholicism at the age of 17. Neumann was Ambassador to Afghanistan under President Johnson and to Morocco under President Nixon. He headed the transition team at the State Department after Reagan was elected President last year.

MORE WITNESSES SOUGHT FOR TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINAL By David Kantor

BONN, June 2 (JTA) -- War crimes prosecutors are searching for witnesses in the trial of former SS official Heinz-Guenther Wisner who is accused of atrocities at the Riga-Kaiserwald concentration camp during World War II. The trial, in Duesseldorf, is scheduled to open next September but no date has been specified.

Wisner has been described by the prosecution as the right-hand man of the notorious camp doctor, Eduard Kresbach. He is charged with personally killing many inmates, some of them in a brutal manner. During pretrial hearings, 52 witnesses testified. But the prosecution hopes to find more former inmates prepared to testify against Wisner in court. He is presently in prison pending trial. If convicted he could draw the maximum penalty of life imprisonment.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The Knesset will convene Wednesday to vote for a second time on an election law amendment that grants more radio and television air time to the larger political parties and less to the smaller ones. The Supreme Court returned the amendment to the legislators on grounds that it had been passed illegally the first time. The court said that to be adopted it must have a majority of at least 61 votes.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES JEWISH AGED GROWING PROBLEM IN NEW YORK AREA By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, June 2 (JTA) -- Elderly Jews in Greater New York now constitute the largest concentration of Jewish aged in the world, numbering an estimated 263,150 persons over 65, which is 13.1 percent of the Greater NYC Jewish population, estimated at 2,013,650 persons, according to a report by the Jewish Association for Services for the Aged (JASA).

This is one of the findings of a research study, "The Status of the Jewish Elderly of Greater New York," by Bernard Warach, JASA executive director, and Dr. Abraham Monk of Columbia University. The report indicated that the proportion of elderly Jews rises to 18.6 percent, relative to only the Jewish population of the five boroughs. The work was funded by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, of which JASA is an affiliate.

The study found that Jews are aging at a higher rate than the general New York population. The Jewish mean age is 35, compared to 30 for the general population, a finding attributed to the sharp decline in Jewish fertility rates, which have fallen below those of the American population, and to the longevity of Jews.

The study found that 38 percent of Greater New York's elderly Jews -- about 100,000 -- is estimated to be over 75; and more than ten percent -- 21,000 Jews -- are over 85, in line with national trends reported by the Census Bureau. The number of Jews over 75 and over 85 is expected to climb significantly in the next decade, the report said.

Population Shifts

The report found that, as with the general population, Jewish women live longer than Jewish men: in the 65-69 age group, 56.3 percent are women, while 43.7 percent were males. By age 85, 63.8 percent are women and only 37.2 percent are males.

The report found that the distribution of elderly New York Jews, now concentrated heavily in Brooklyn, is shifting. At present, 36.2 percent live in Brooklyn; 17 percent in Manhattan; 15.7 percent in Queens; 15 percent in the Bronx; nine percent in Staten Island; 13.6 percent in Nassau and Suffolk counties; and 3.4 percent in Westchester.

The elderly Jews are moving north to the north Bronx (Riverdale, Pelham and Co-op City) and to Westchester; south in Brooklyn to Canarsie, Sheepshead Bay and Brighton Beach; east to Nassau and Suffolk; and out of New York state to Florida.

As a class, elderly Jews are poorer, more impaired and more isolated than most Americans. The study found that the greater the age, the greater the poverty, disability, chronic illness and poor housing. According to the study, nearly 74,000 Greater New York area Jews live at or below the poverty line -- 21 percent of the total of elderly Jews, closely matching the figures for the general aged population of Greater New York.

The report said nursing home care for an individual now costs more than \$35,000 a year, while 24-hour-a-day weekly home care costs an estimated \$25,000 a year. Such outlays are beyond the means of most older adults. The proportion of elderly Jews in long-term care institutions is about

twice as high as for the general population. About 40 percent of all institutionalized elderly, 20,000 persons, are Jews.

Jewish families continue to provide elderly relatives with significant help but a number of factors point to the need for more help, Warach and Monk found.

Problems Of Aging

The aged person of 85 -- whose numbers will grow -- has adult children who are themselves elderly and coping with their own problems of aging. The Jewish wives, traditional care-givers, are now working outside the home in growing numbers and are no longer available to provide "hands-on" care.

The complexities of getting care and information about benefits, government entitlements and availability of care; the difficulty of filling out forms; and the "sheer costs" of care have become overwhelming for most older Jews and their adult children. In addition, the study found, many elderly Jews do not have living children and many have children who live far away. Those elderly Jews must manage alone.

These factors have created an "enormous" demand for the services of health and welfare agencies, such as those affiliated with the Federation. Those affiliates have provided a network of community services and facilities, now serving 100,000 elderly Jews and their families.

The report noted that those services are funded largely by government grants and philanthropic contributions of Federation-United Jewish Appeal. Many elderly Jews get their income entirely from social security payments, supplementary income, and other government entitlements.

Some Recommendations

The continued rise in longevity of Jews of 75 and 85 will "greatly increase" the number of "old aged" in the Jewish population, which will place further demands on social service. Warach and Monk proposed five major areas of action in the decade ahead for the Jewish aged by government and Jewish communal agencies.

They proposed legislation to provide greater health care benefits and social services to all elderly persons; improvement of training of professionals and para-professionals in gerontology and geriatrics; setting up more neighborhood health, welfare and community service facilities to improve areas for all older persons. They recommended support of research in aging, disease; providing services for the elderly; and development of an education program to inform the public about aging and care of the aged.

Commenting that the Jewish community and American society generally will need to allocate greater resources to meet the needs of an increasingly aging population, Warach and Monk said they were optimistic. They said that older adults will have increasingly good health and be able to work to age 70 and later if anti-discrimination laws are approved and widespread prejudice could be overcome.

GENEVA (JTA) -- From six to eight percent of the Swiss population is anti-Semitic according to a report submitted to the General Assembly of the Federation of Jewish Communities meeting here this week. There are presently 5700 Jewish families in Switzerland, about 1000 in Geneva.