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RAID ON REACTOR HEATS UP ISRAEL'S ELECTION POLITICS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 14 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir briefed the Cabinet today on the latest political developments arising from Israel's air raid on Iraq's nuclear reactor June 7. The issue became further embroiled in election campaign politics when Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor, following the session, issued a statement accusing the opposition Labor Party of disseminating "false propaganda" about the attack that encouraged other countries to condemn it.

The Labor Alignment retorted that Naor's statement was additional proof that Likud intended to use the raid on Iraq as an election issue and said the Alignment would not acquiesce in such a development. Begin meanwhile issued a direct call to the American public and the Reagan Administration to alter its negative reactions to the attack. He claimed that a nuclear holocaust would have befallen Israel if he had not ordered the preemptive strike. Begin's message was to be read at the Israel Day Parade in New York today (See story on pg. 3)

Begin's aides insisted that this message to the American public was not intended to by-pass the Administration. They said it was requested by the organizers of the parade.

Begin also sent a sharp letter to U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger who he accused of demanding harsh punishment for Israel for the raid. He expressed hope for "greater understanding" from the Administration of Israel's special security problems.

No Secret A-Plant

Meanwhile Begin and his Cabinet faced unexpected criticism from military sources with respect to Begin's claim that the target of the Israeli raid was a secret underground installation where atomic bombs were being manufactured. Maariv reported today that military experts had no information about any such secret facility.

Yediot Achronot reported today that the Foreign Ministry has instructed all Israeli missions abroad to stop quoting an alleged statement by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein that the nuclear reactor was intended to produce bombs for use against Israel. Begin quoted Hussein to that effect in his initial statement June 8 justifying the Israeli air strike. He apparently got it from Iraqi newspapers but Israeli authorities realized that there was no direct quotation from any Iraqi leaders or proof that Hussein had ever made the statement.

CONGRESS, WHITE HOUSE REVIEWING ISRAELI STRIKE AT IRAQI REACTOR

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, June 14 (JTA) -- When the Senate Foreign Relations Committee begins hearings Thursday on Israel's destruction of the Iraqi nuclear plant outside Baghdad, it will have to decide whether the Israeli air strike was an act of

"legitimate self-defense" or a violation of the agreement under which Israel bought U.S. arms.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee, whose chairman, Clement Zablocki (D. Wisc.) welcomed the Reagan Administration's decision to suspend shipment of four F-16 jet warplanes that were to have left for Israel Friday, will also hold hearings. The Administration is holding its own "review" based on President Reagan's decision that "a substantial violation" of the arms agreement "may have occurred. It is being conducted by an interagency group from the White House, the State Department, the Pentagon and other departments. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, in his letter to Congress noting the possible violation, stressed that the review will consider Premier Menachem Begin's contention that the action was defensive and necessary to prevent the Iraqis from building an atomic bomb.

While Israel was strongly attacked in Washington after the raid on the nuclear plant, it was also defended by many of its supporters in Congress. There is little expectation of any punishment of Israel beyond the condemnation by the Reagan Administration of the raid and its decision to suspend delivery of the four F-16s.

Administration's Concerns

In fact, State Department spokesmen have been stressing that the suspension of the delivery was "for the time being" and may be lifted before the Administration review is complete. Also stressed was the fact that no other arms deliveries to Israel are being halted. Reagan, in a meeting with Israeli Ambassador Ephraim Evron at the White House last Thursday, assured the envoy that there would be no fundamental change in U.S.-Israeli relations.

The Administration did have two major concerns following the Israeli raid which was carried out by F-16s and with a cover of F-15s. Repeatedly, Administration spokesmen stressed the U.S. had no advance knowledge of the raid. U.S. condemnation of the raid last Monday and the suspension of the the planes' delivery apparently were aimed at demonstrating this.

Secondly, the Administration was concerned that the effects of the raid not damage the chances of special envoy Philip Habib for success in his efforts to avoid a conflict between Israel and Syria over Lebanon. Reagan stressed this when he met separately Thursday with Evron and five Arab ambassadors. The President, in his first personal attempt at Mideast diplomacy, also stressed the need to work for an overall peace in the Mideast to prevent situations such as that which resulted in the Israeli raid from occurring. As for Congress, no one expects it to vote for a cut-off in arms for Israel. Sen. Paul Tsongas (D. Mass.), a member of the Foreign Relations Committee who has been critical of the Israeli raid, noted that the U.S. could not deprive Israel of arms.

There will be plenty of rhetoric. Some longtime critics of Israel, such as Rep. Paul Findley (R. Ill.), will have a field day in attacking the Jewish State. Findley will probably try to widen the hearing in the House Foreign Affairs Committee to include his charges that Israel has also violated U.S. law by using American-made arms to attack Palestinian terrorist bases in Lebanon. Most members of the House and Senate have not voiced any opinion on the raid. But

Israel's supporters have come to Jerusalem's defense. Sen. Edward Kennedy (D. Mass.), has urged the Administration to lift the suspension. "Instead of assailing Israel, we should criticize the failure to forestall the European supplier from providing sensitive nuclear technology to Iraq," he said. Sen. Alan Cranston (D. Calif.), the Senate Minority Whip and a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, has taken the lead in defending the Israeli action as self-defense. Cranston, who has long called for U.S. action to prevent nuclear proliferation, said Israel acted because the U.S. failed to prevent Iraq from going ahead with plans to build a bomb.

Would Repeal Weapons Use Ban

Israel has other strong supporters on both the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee. One member of the House Committee, Rep. Edward Derwinski (R. Ill.), has called for the repeal of the law prohibiting the use of U.S. weapons except for defense because it is "unenforceable" for diplomatic and practical reasons.

Meanwhile, there is a concern by supporters of Israel that the Israeli raid will be used to soften Congressional opposition to the sale of AWACS reconnaissance planes and enhancement equipment for F-15s to Saudi Arabia. There already have been arguments that since the Israeli planes flew over Saudi Arabia on their way to Iraq, the sale must go through to "save face" for the Saudis.

WHITE HOUSE DENIES SECURITY ADVISORS DIFFERED OVER PENALTY FOR ISRAEL

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, June 14 (JTA) -- The Reagan Administration went out of its way Friday to deny there had been any difference of opinion on its decision to stop delivery of four F-16 planes to Israel between Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and other top Administration officials.

Premier Menachem Begin charged Thursday that Weinberger had wanted harsher penalties against Israel for its air raid which destroyed Iraq's nuclear plant. However, he said, Secretary of State Alexander Haig and National Security Advisor Richard Allen opposed Weinberger. This dispute had been widely reported in Washington before Begin made his charges.

The State Department issued a statement Friday saying that "the President's national security advisors, including the Secretaries of State and Defense and the National Security Council Advisors, made a unified recommendation to the President on steps he should take in response to the Israeli attack on the Iraqi reactor." Weinberger himself said later that he made no such recommendations.

David Passage, a State Department spokesman, said that it was "important to point out that the President makes policy." He said the recommendation from the three officials was "unified" but he did not comment when asked whether the President's final decision may have been different from that recommended by his advisors. Passage also said that the State Department could not confirm Begin's assertion that the Israeli raid on the Iraqi nuclear plant was aimed at destroying a bomb-making facility beneath the reactor. Under questioning, Passage noted that when the U.S. condemned Israel for its raid, it stated that there had been "no evidence Iraq had violated its commitment" under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

A secret bomb-making facility would be in violation of the treaty.

SOLDIER ABSOLVED IN FATAL SHOOTING OF ARAB YOUTH

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 14 (JTA) -- A military investigation absolved an Israeli soldier of blame today in the fatal shooting of an 18 year-old Arab, Mohammed Mustapha Jibril, at the Dohaisha refugee camp near Bethlehem Friday night. The authorities contended that the soldier had acted according to regulations and could not have avoided killing the youth.

The incident occurred, according to military sources, when an army patrol on a hill overlooking the refugee camp of some 7000 residents noticed two suspicious-looking figures emerging from rocky terrain. The two failed to respond to warning calls or to shots fired into the air, whereupon the soldiers aimed at their legs, the sources said. But because of the darkness and the nature of the terrain, mortal wounds were inflicted on Jibril who was pronounced dead on arrival at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical Center on Mt. Scopus.

The second suspect was captured unharmed and detained for questioning. The refugee camp was placed under immediate curfew. It was lifted briefly yesterday to allow the residents to shop but was quickly re-imposed when Arab demonstrators marched on the camp from Bethlehem chanting nationalist slogans and waving Palestinian flags.

Camp residents told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that there had been no provocation for the shooting and blamed the Israeli army for unrest at the camp. The army claimed that Dohaisha has been the scene of repeated grenade and Molotov cocktail attacks on Israeli vehicles and that was the objective of the two youths confronted Friday night.

ENVOY DENIES ISRAEL BY-PASSED DIPLOMACY IN IRAQI RAID

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, June 14 (JTA) -- Israeli Ambassador Ephraim Evron rejected last night charges that Israel had not exhausted diplomatic efforts before its Air Force destroyed Iraq's nuclear reactor last Sunday.

Speaking at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) and its Commission on Social Action, Evron noted that when the late Yigal Allon was Israel's Foreign Minister in 1966, he first warned of the danger to Israel from the nuclear plant being built in Iraq. The envoy said that since then, Israel had talked to France, which built the plant, Italy, which supplied it, and the United States.

"We talked about it, we warned about it, we pleaded about it with three Secretaries of State," Cyrus Vance, Edmund Muskie and Alexander Haig, Evron said.

Evron told the Reform leaders that only last March, Haig expressed "concern" over the possibility of nuclear weapons in the hands of such countries as Iraq. Evron said Israel's diplomatic efforts continued but, after Francois Mitterrand was elected President of France last month, the Mitterrand government stressed it was keeping the commitments of former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, including building the reactor in Iraq.

"It is really astonishing that we now have to prove that we acted in self-defense," the Israeli Ambassador said. He maintained that Israel acted no differently than did the United States in 1962 when President Kennedy imposed a naval blockade on Cuba

and threatened military action if Cuba did not remove Soviet missiles capable of carrying nuclear warheads. Evron pointed out that Iraq does not recognize Israel's existence and considers itself in a state of war with Israel.

Evron said Israel should not have been condemned by the United States and expressed the hope that the Reagan Administration would soon lift the suspension of delivery of the four F-16 fighter-bombers due to have been delivered last Friday. Evron said President Reagan had promised him, when they met at the White House Thursday, that the close relationship that exists between the U.S. and Israel is still the President's policy.

Evron's position was supported before the several hundred leaders of Reform Judaism by Rep. Edward Markey (D. Mass.) who called the Israeli raid "as bold and sudden as the Entebbe rescue mission and it was plainly done in self-defense." Markey said "the Israeli raid was an inevitable response to the danger of nuclear terrorism."

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, UAHC president, said the Israeli action, if it ends nuclear proliferation, would benefit not only Israel but all mankind. Yehuda Hellman, executive director of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, called on American Jews to unite behind Israel to oppose the suspension of the F-16 deliveries.

The UAHC Trustees adopted a resolution declaring that the Israel action was "fully justified" and urged Reagan to lift the suspension of the deliveries and to veto any condemnation of Israel in the United Nations Security Council.

75,000 MARCH IN 'SALUTE TO ISRAEL' PARADE

By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, June 14 (JTA) -- Despite overcast skies, thousands of viewers lined Fifth Avenue in Manhattan to see an estimated 75,000 marchers in the 17th annual Salute to Israel parade today.

The marchers, organized in groups above the age of 10 through college age, representing 90 schools and 20 youth organizations, enthusiastically marched the 30-block distance, singing Israeli songs, dancing Israeli folk dances and chanting slogans based on this year's theme, "Ani Maamin" (I Believe). Marching bands from as far away as West Virginia and Baltimore took part in the parade alongside many groups representing Jewish organizations throughout the metropolitan area. Many organizations and business firms had colorful and elaborate floats, among them Zim Lines, Bank Leumi, Hadassah, National Council of Young Israel, Yeshiva University, day schools and yeshivas and many others.

Reagan Message

Jacob Stein, newly-appointed advisor to President Reagan, read a message from the reviewing stand to the throng from President Reagan, stressing the United States' commitment to the security of Israel, and that his Administration regarded Israel as a symbol of democracy. The message reaffirmed the Reagan Administration's commitment to Israel's security.

Israeli Ambassador Ephraim Evron brought a message from Premier Menachem Begin in which Begin reiterated his justification of Israel's aerial attack last Sunday on the Iraqi nuclear reactor outside Baghdad. He repeated his earlier contention that the most reliable sources indicated that Iraq was seeking to build an atomic bomb which it

said openly was intended for use against Israel. In the message, Begin expressed his gratitude to the Israel Air Force whose members performed the mission with outstanding skill and success. He also reiterated that Israel was assured that the reactor was to go on line in the beginning of July or September and that Israel could not accept responsibility for an attack at that time because it would have released deadly radioactive material that might have costs thousands of lives in Baghdad.

Mayor Edward Koch of New York attacked the United Nations, calling its anti-Israel members "hypocrites." He said the UN did not condemn the Iraqi attack on Iran which is still going on. He called the President of Iraq Saddam Hussein, a "certified madman" and said the Israelis should be "praised and not condemned" for the attack on the reactor.

Yehuda Blum, Israeli Ambassador to the UN, told the crowd that the current Security Council Session on the air raid has had an overtone of "cynicism and bigotry" but added that he was "gratified at the sympathy reflected throughout this country" for Israel.

The parade, as in the past, was sponsored by the American Zionist Youth Organization. More than 100 national and local Jewish organizations provided support for all aspects of the annual event.

PRO-PALESTINE GROUPS IN COUNTER-DEMONSTRATION

By Marian Margulies

NEW YORK, June 14 (JTA) -- A counter-demonstration to the Israel Day Parade was held in Central Park today sponsored by the Middle East Teach-In Committee and the Palestine Solidarity Committee. Police estimated about 150 persons attended.

A brochure distributed by the sponsoring groups said, "At this critical moment the Zionist organizations in New York are staging their annual Salute to Israel Parade. We say that this is no moment for brass bands and fancy floats, no time for heedless appeals for further United States military aid to Israel."

The Teach-In was scheduled to hear Mayors Mohamed Milhim of Halhoul and Fahd Kawasme of Hebron who were expelled from the West Bank by Israeli authorities in May, 1980. Kawasme told reporters earlier that the Israeli raid on the Iraqi nuclear plant was not an act of self-defense. If the Israelis do not want to see nuclear plants in the Middle East, "why are they building one in Arad?" he asked.

RABBI HARRY HALPERN DEAD AT 82

NEW YORK, June 14 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here Friday for Rabbi Harry Halpern, a prominent educator and Jewish leader, who died last Wednesday at the Yale-New Haven Hospital in Connecticut. He was 82 years old.

For 49 years until his retirement in 1977, Halpern served as the spiritual leader of the East Midwood Jewish Center in Brooklyn. At the time of his death he was adjunct professor of psychiatry at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.

Halpern also served in various leadership positions of Jewish groups. He had been the president of the New York Board of Rabbis and the Rabbinical Assembly of America. He also was a member of the Kings County Advisory Council of the New York State Commission Against Discrimination and served on the Human Rights Commission from 1967 to 1978.

Halpern, born in New York, was educated at City College and Columbia University and was ordained in 1929 by the Jewish Theological Seminary. He received a Doctor of Hebrew Literature degree there in 1951.

BOMB THREAT HALTS ONLY JEWISH RADIO PROGRAM IN RIO

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 14 (JTA) -- A bomb threat to a radio station forced the suspension of "A Voz Israelita", the only daily Jewish radio program in Rio de Janeiro which has been carried by Radio Copacabana for the past 17 years.

The warning, by an anonymous telephone call to the station manager, threatened that a bomb would be exploded at the station if the Jewish program "or any other program promoting Jews" was continued. The caller warned that "No Jewish programs should be transmitted over Brazil's radio stations." "A Voz Israelita" was established 26 years ago. Its founder and director is David Markus, editor of Rio's only Yiddish newspaper, "Yiddishe Presse" and Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent in Brazil.

Some circles here believe the threat was associated with terrorist activities by an extreme rightwing group aimed at creating an atmosphere of unrest in the country to obstruct the process of democratization initiated by President Joao Baptista Figueiredo. But others do not exclude the possibility that the bomb threat came from the Palestine Liberation Organization which has been the target of attacks on "A Voz Israelita."

PLO Hand Seen

According to Dr. Marx Golgher, a member of the human rights committee of B'nai B'rith in Belo Horizonte, capital of the state of Minas Gerais, there is no doubt that PLO agents are behind the threats to the radio station as they are behind all other terrorist acts in Brazil.

The bomb warning was the latest in a series of telephone threats made to Jewish clubs, schools and synagogues all over Brazil. Dr. Isaac Nuzman, president of the Jewish Federation, the representative body of Rio's Jewish community, insisted that no threats would succeed in halting the activities of the community. He said the Federation is taking measures to re-establish the "A Voz Israelita" broadcasts. A similar statement was made to the press by Prof. Jose Meiches, of Sao Paulo, president of the Jewish Confederation, the representative body of Brazilian Jewry.

"A Voz Israelita" which claims to have tens of thousands of Jewish and non-Jewish listeners, broadcasts programs dealing with local Jewish communal life, Israel and other matters of Jewish concern. It presents Hebrew and Yiddish music and news bulletins.

SUSPECTED DEATH CAMP CHIEF TO GO ON TRIAL IN U.S.

NEW YORK, June 14 (JTA) -- Karl Linnas, a 61 year old-Long Island resident, will go on trial in Federal Court in Westbury Tuesday for concealing his activities as commandant of a Nazi concentration camp when he entered the United States in 1951 and became a citizen in 1960.

The charges brought by the U.S. Justice Department which seeks to revoke Linnas' citizenship, accuse him of participating in the persecution of thousands of "innocent persons," primarily Jews, at the Tartu camp in Estonia from 1941-1943. There was no gas chamber at the camp but many inmates were executed by firing squad and others were tortured, the Justice Department said. According to a Department official it was Linnas who prepared the "death lists" and selected people who he ordered shot.

When he applied for entry into the U.S., Linnas misrepresented his background by claiming to have been a university student in Estonia during the war, the Justice Department charged.

SYRIANS DOWN ANOTHER DRONE

TEL AVIV, June 14 (JTA) -- Israel acknowledged yesterday that a pilotless aircraft failed to return from a photo-reconnaissance mission over Lebanon and Syria and presumably was shot down. Damascus radio reported earlier that the drone was hit and crashed northeast of Damascus. It was at least the fourth such Israeli aircraft brought down by the Syrians since the crisis over anti-aircraft missiles in Lebanon began last month.

Pilotless planes do not carry the electronic equipment used by manned aircraft to divert radar-controlled missiles.

ISRAELI DELEGATE ELECTED TO ILO GOVERNING BODY

GENEVA, June 14 (JTA) -- Gideon Ben Israel, the Histadrut delegate to the International Labor Conference here has been re-elected to the governing body of the organization for another four year term.

The election is considered an important victory for Israel as the Arabs made all possible efforts to have the Lebanese delegate elected in place of Ben Israel. In the event, Ben Israel won 68 of 129 votes demonstrating Histadrut's popularity in the organization and Ben Israel's good contacts.

This year the Arabs did not present an anti-Israel resolution at the conference, as they have done previously. This year their main preoccupation and lobbying was aimed at having Ben Israel ousted from the governing body. It was noted that even the Israeli attack against the Iraqi nuclear reactor did not hamper the election of the Histadrut delegate.

Officially the African Unity Movement gave instructions to vote for the Lebanese candidate but, as the ballot was secret, the Africans voted for Ben Israel as did some Moslem countries.

TECHNION GIVING 1981 HARVEY AWARDS TO TWO BRITISH SCIENTISTS

TEL AVIV, June 14 (JTA) -- The Technion, Israel's Institute of Technology in Haifa, will award its 1981 annual Harvey Prize to two British scientists, Technion president Amos Horev announced.

The prizes, worth \$35,000 each, will be given on June 21 to Prof. Sir James Lighthill and Prof. Hans Kosterlitz. Lighthill, provost of University College in London, received the award in science and technology for his pioneering work in fluid mechanics. Kosterlitz, Director of the Aberdeen University addictive drug unit, received the award in public health.

The Harvey Prize was established in 1971 with a \$1 million gift bearing the name of the late Lee Harvey of Los Angeles, leader of the American Technion Society.

DUTCH SAY NO TO SINAI FORCE

AMSTERDAM, June 14 (JTA) -- The Netherlands Government has declined an American request that it supply troops for the multinational force that is to police Sinai after Israel completes its withdrawal from the peninsula in April, 1982. The reason given is that Holland has already contributed 800 soldiers to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

Those men were transferred to south Lebanon from the Dutch NATO contingent. Volunteers for UNIFIL are difficult to find and the government wants to avoid the use of conscripts.