

## REAGAN CONCEDES ISRAEL HAD REASON FOR 'CONCERN' OVER IRAQI NUCLEAR PLANT BUT 'MAY HAVE VIOLATED' U.S. LAW

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, June 16 (JTA) -- President Reagan conceded today that Israel had reason "for concern" over Iraq and "might have sincerely believed it was a defensive move" when it destroyed Iraq's nuclear reactor June 7.

But Reagan said he could not make a final determination whether Israel had violated U.S. law in using the American-made planes for the raid until the Administration completes its "review" of the raid and Congress holds hearings. The House Foreign Affairs Committee is scheduled to start hearings tomorrow. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee plans to begin its probe on Thursday.

### Warns Israel, Syria On Missiles

At the same time, answering questions at his first formal White House press conference in three months, Reagan said he hoped that his special Middle East envoy, Philip Habib, will be successful in bringing about a peaceful settlement of the Lebanese crisis. He warned that if either Israel attempts to knock out Syria's SAM-6 anti-aircraft missiles, or Syria fires the missiles at Israel, it would end prospects for peace.

The President said that the Syrian missiles were "offensive weapons" and there was "no question about the direction in which they were aimed." Although he did not specify, it appeared clear he was saying that the missiles were aimed at Israeli aircraft.

However, the President also said that he believed in Habib's ultimate success because up to now, his achievements have been "miraculous" since when the envoy first went to the area several weeks ago, the "weapons were cocked" and war appeared likely. "Until he comes home and says 'I give up', I will continue to believe he can do it," Reagan declared.

### Real Peace "long Overdue"

But, the President noted, the Israeli raid on Iraq, as well as the situation in Lebanon, "is further evidence that real peace, a settlement of all the Mideast problems, is long overdue." He said the Iraq raid, the Lebanese situation, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the Iraqi-Iranian war are "compelling reasons" to seek a stable peace in the Middle East.

Reagan said he had not given much thought to the fact that Israel had not signed the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty but added that nations that have signed the treaty have not been prevented from violating it.

### Israel Not A Threat

"It is difficult for me to envision Israel as being a threat to its neighbors," the President said. "It is a nation that from the very beginning has lived under the threat from neighbors that did not recognize its right to exist."

On the Israeli raid, Reagan noted that he had condemned it and found that it "may have violated" U.S. law since American planes and other weapons were used. He did not mention the U.S. suspension of delivery of four U.S. F-16s to Israel which had been scheduled to go last Friday.

But, Reagan said, he could understand Israel's concern. "One has to recognize that Israel has reason for concern in view of the past history of Iraq which has never signed a cease-fire or recognized Israel as a nation."

Reagan noted that he stressed the need for a "real peace" in the Middle East when he met with five Arab ambassadors at the White House last week. Later the same day, Reagan also met with Israeli Ambassador Ephraim Evron.

## ISRAEL REJECTS CALL TO PAY REPARATIONS FOR DESTROYING IRAQI NUCLEAR REACTOR

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, June 16 (JTA) -- Israel rejected today France's suggestion in the Security Council yesterday that it pay reparations to Iraq for destroying Iraq's nuclear reactor.

Using his right of reply at the Security Council, Yehuda Blum, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, asked, "Did the allies pay reparations after they destroyed the Nazis' atomic plant at Peenemuende and elsewhere during World War II? Let me assure this Council," Blum declared, "that Israel will pay precisely the same sum as what those who made this bizarre suggestion paid after World War II, and not a brass farthing more."

Blum charged that the anti-Israel speeches in the Security Council since last Friday only prove "that it is impossible to expect from this Council and indeed, from this world organization, a fair hearing." He said that none of the speakers in the Council has answered Israel's questions in regard to Iraq's nuclear plan, questions such as why did Iraq insist on receiving a 70 megawatt reactor which has no use as an energy source and which is far too large for purposes of the peaceful kind. Or the fact that Iraq insisted on receiving weapons grade nuclear fuel rather than the alternative of "Caramel" fuel.

A.U.N. spokesman said today that he expects the Council to continue its debate until Thursday when a vote will be taken on a resolution calling for sanctions against Israel.

### Israel Blasted By USSR, Egypt

Israel was sharply condemned for the attack by the Soviet Union and Egypt at last night's session. The Soviet Ambassador, Oleg Troyanovsky, urged the Security Council to adopt a resolution "categorically condemning Israel for its action and applying sanctions under Chapter 7 of the (UN) Charter." He charged that Israel could not have launched the attack without knowing in advance that it had "the understanding and encouragement of Washington." The Soviet envoy contended that the raid was a result of U.S. policy in the Middle East of encouraging separate deals, an allusion to the Camp David accords. He said the USSR favored an inter-



national conference to reach a comprehensive peace settlement in the Middle East.

Egyptian Ambassador Ahmed Esmat Abdel Meguid said that Israel's attack set a very dangerous precedent which threatened world peace and was contrary to the spirit of peace and to efforts to reach a settlement in the area. He charged further that the raid was a breach of the Camp David accords. "If a party to these accords acts to the contrary, the blame and responsibility should be put on the actor and not on the accords which must be fully implemented and scrupulously respected," Meguid said.

He called on Israel to sign the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty and to place all of its nuclear activities under the safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Commission.

#### HEAD OF FRENCH ATOMIC AGENCY SAYS IRAQ COULD NOT HAVE USED REACTOR TO BUILD BOMB

PARIS, June 16 (JTA) -- Michel Pecqueur, president of the French Atomic Energy Commission, said today that the French-built Iraqi nuclear reactor destroyed by an Israeli air attack June 7 could not have been used, within the foreseeable future, for military purposes.

Pecqueur revealed that France and Iraq had an agreement providing for French control of the reactor for a ten year period that began in 1979. "We (the French) had a foot inside the reactor and were able to keep a careful check on its activism," he said. He observed that "to exploit the Osiriak (reactor) for military purposes, Iraq would have had to dismiss the French staff. In such an event France would have stopped immediately the deliveries of enriched uranium fuels" to Iraq.

Meanwhile, France's Jewish community is showing the signs of displeasure with the new administration of President Francois Mitterrand. Although no Jewish organizations have expressed criticism of the new regime, individual leaders have indicated privately that they are unhappy over France's call in the UN Security Council yesterday for condemnation of the Israeli air strike on Iraq and a demand that Israel pay reparations for the damage. They also complain of Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson's recent reference to the Palestinians' "sacred right" to a homeland of their own. (By Edwin Eytan)

#### BEGIN'S THREAT TO REMOVE SYRIAN MISSILES NOT AN 'ULTIMATUM' TO HABIB'S MISSION, SPOKESMAN SAYS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 16 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin did not intend to lay down any "ultimatum" when he said Sunday that if U.S. special envoy Philip Habib's mission did not make progress Israel would resort to other means to remove the Syrian anti-aircraft missiles from Lebanon. This was clarified today by Begin's spokesman, Uri Porat in the wake of an angry public response to Begin's remarks by a U.S. State Department spokesman.

At an election rally in Netanya, Begin told a large crowd that he would tell Habib, due here tomorrow or Thursday from Damascus, that if President Hafez Assad of Syria did not remove the missiles, Israel would do so itself. The State Department spokesman stressed in an obvious reaction to this statement that the U.S. would not be dictated to as to the time table of Habib's effort.

Begin's spokesman made it clear today that if Habib felt he was making progress, the Israeli

Premier would certainly agree to give him all the time he thought he needed to bring about a diplomatic settlement of the missile crisis. The spokesman said the State Department was in error if it interpreted Begin's words as an "ultimatum."

#### ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE CHIEF SAYS DIPLOMACY WON'T MOVE SYRIAN MISSILES OUT OF LEBANON

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 16 (JTA) -- Gen. Yehoshua Saguy, Director of Israel's military intelligence, said today that the chances were "practically zero" that Syria would remove its SAM-6 anti-aircraft missiles from Lebanon voluntarily or through diplomacy. Saguy told local military correspondents that the Syrians have been making war preparations.

He cited their widespread military maneuvers and civil defense exercises. He said he didn't think President Hafez Assad wants an all-out war with Israel but would be prepared for a "low profile limited confrontation." U.S. special envoy Philip Habib, whose mission is to find a diplomatic solution to the Israeli-Syrian missile crisis over Lebanon is in Damascus today and is expected in Israel tomorrow.

Saguy said one of the main problems in the region is the instability of the Arab regimes and their internal quarrels. On the one hand, this prevented a common effort on their part. But it also increased the danger that they would use the threat of the "Israeli enemy" to paper over their differences, he said.

Referring to Israel's air attack on Iraq's nuclear reactor June 7, Saguy said the operation had required "exact and detailed intelligence." But he insisted that Israel had received no intelligence assistance from the U.S.

#### C.O.L. FIGURES SPARK ELECTION DISPUTE

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 16 (JTA) -- The cost-of-living index rose by only 3.3 percent last month. But the figures, released by the Central Bureau of Statistics today, promptly became the subject of a bitter election campaign dispute between the government and the opposition Labor Alignment.

Finance Minister Yoram Aridor, noting that the C.O.L. rise in May, 1980 had been almost three times higher, boasted that his economic policies were "reining in inflation." Labor economists accused Aridor of "doctoring the books," contending that the true rate was in the order of nine percent.

They noted that the government has poured massive subsidies into the economy in recent months to create a pre-election bonanza for consumers by keeping prices artificially low. But they are emptying the national coffers and plunging the country dangerously deep into debt, the Laborites warned. They predicted an "inflationary explosion" after the elections.

#### LETTER BOMB SENT TO BRITISH JEWISH LEADER

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, June 16 (JTA) -- A letter bomb addressed to Greville Janner, a Labor MP and president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, was intercepted by the postal authorities yesterday. The explosives contained in a hand-addressed brown envelope were sufficient to maim the recipient but not to kill him, police said after the device was detected at a post office in Worthing, Sussex.

Janner has been a prominent campaigner against neo-Nazi and racist organizations and an outspoken defender of Israel. Other letter bombs



have been sent recently to five MPs, including Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. The Provisional Irish Republican Army has claimed responsibility for them. But the police do not believe the device sent to Janner was the work of Irish terrorists.

### NAVON ENJOINS HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS TO REMEMBER AND BEAR WITNESS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 16 (JTA) -- About 7,000 Holocaust survivors met last night at the Yad Vashem Memorial Center to commemorate the millions who did not survive.

Many of the participants arrived at the site before the official ceremony. They covered the black stone floor of the "Ohel Yizkor", which bears the names of the concentration camps, with flowers. At various corners of the place, groups gathered for the prayer of Arvit and chanted Kaddish in the memory of relatives. The ceremony began with the arrival of President Yitzhak Navon, and the singing of the national anthem. Many of the 4,000 guests from abroad burst into tears.

"Different peoples have developed different characteristics" said Navon. "The Jewish people developed the trait of memory." Just as the Jewish people remember events such as those which deal with Abraham and Moses, they should remember the Holocaust, and ascertain that it will be remembered for generations to come, "so that the crimes will not be forgotten," the President declared.

### U.S. ACTING AGAINST ALLEGED NAZI COLLABORATORS IN W.W.II

WASHINGTON, June 16 (JTA) -- The government is instituting proceedings against two alleged Nazi collaborators for concealing their participation in crimes against Jews and others when they applied for admission to the United States.

Facing possible revocation of citizenship and deportation are Kazys Palciauskas, former mayor of Kaunas, Lithuania, who allegedly falsified his war-time activities when he was granted U.S. citizenship in 1954; and Edgars Laipenieks, who was a member of the Nazi-affiliated Latvian political police between 1941-1943.

The Justice Department has already filed deportation proceedings against Laipenieks, 67, who lives in Valley Center, Calif. and is seeking to deprive Palciauskas, a resident of St. Petersburg, Fla. of his citizenship. Laipenieks has been served with an order to show cause why he should not be deported for concealing his war-time activities when he applied for a U.S. visa in Chile in 1960. He is alleged to have committed acts of persecution against civilians because of race, religion, national origin or political opinion. His membership in the Latvian political police constituted assistance to Nazi Germany, the Justice Department contends.

According to U.S. District Attorney Gary Betz in Tampa, Fla., Palciauskas ordered Jews confined to the Kaunas ghetto and confiscated their valuables. But there is no evidence that he was directly involved in the executions of 12,000 Jews in the Latvian capital in October, 1941, Betz said.

### HUSBAND, WIFE RECEIVE AWARD FOR EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICE

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 16 (JTA) -- The prestigious "Paul Baerwald Award for Education for Social Service" was presented here Monday to Kate and

Herbert Katzki for their joint and separate work over more than 40 years in Jewish refugee relief. The award was made at commencement exercises at the Baerwald School of Social Work of the Hebrew University.

Herbert Katzki retired in 1979 as a senior Joint Distribution Committee executive. His career with the JDC began in the late thirties and included responsibility for JDC programs in French concentration camps; assistance in moving Jewish refugees from German-occupied areas to Turkey and thence to Palestine; shipment of foods and medicines from wartime Geneva to Jews behind German lines.

His wife is currently in her second term as chairman of the Nongovernmental Organizations Committee of UNICEF. Her career included service as country director for JDC in Belgium and Holland, consultant to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and Secretary General of the International Council on Social Welfare which encompasses nongovernmental welfare agencies around the world.

### STUDENTS STRIKE AT W. BANK UNIVERSITY

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 16 (JTA) -- Students at the Bir Zeit University near Ramallah declared a general strike today to protest Israeli policy in the occupied territories. There were no classes either at the A-Najah College in Nablus. Students accused the Military Government of preventing them from entering the college.

Students at both colleges said today that this development indicated a new trend by the Military Government. They said the army intended to harass the students and the lecturers to frighten them and thus prevent any further escalation of the situation in the West Bank. They suggested that the Military Government did not want to close down the colleges altogether because of negative reactions in the past.

About 1,000 students and lecturers at Bir Zeit University joined a march yesterday from Bir Zeit to Ramallah protesting the arrests of "dozens" of students. The march was led by university vice president Dr. Gabi Baramki. The Military Government intends to press charges against him. The president was deported several years ago and has since directed the university's business from Beirut.

Military sources denied that there was a policy of harassment. However, they stressed that they would maintain order and prevent any attempt to break the law.

### DUTCH WOMAN HONORED FOR HELPING JEWS IN W.W.II

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, June 16 (JTA) -- A Dutch woman who helped save many Jews during World War II was awarded the Medal of the Just (Medal of the Righteous Among the Nations) in Bern by the Israeli Ambassador to Switzerland, Mattiyahu Adler.

Mrs. Charlotte De Habish who lives in Fribourg, Switzerland, was a young student in Holland when she helped Jews to escape. Wearing a yellow Magen David, the only way she could penetrate into the Jewish ghetto, she took out young Jewish children and helped them cross the border into Belgium where they were hidden on farms. Mrs. De Habish also helped American paratroopers hide.

She was finally arrested by the Gestapo and imprisoned. Her father who was also active in the anti-Nazi resistance was captured by the Germans and hanged.



### THREE NEW MEMBERS ELECTED TO JTA BOARD; FOX RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, June 16 (JTA) -- Martin S. Fox, who was re-elected president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, announced the election of three new members to the JTA Board of Directors. They are Henry Everett of New York, Stanley Levine of Pittsburgh, and Barbara Wiener of Milwaukee.

In addition, Fox announced the re-election of William M. Landau, as chairman of the board, Robert H. Arnow, chairman of the executive committee, and Raymond Epstein, Philip Slomovitz, Melvin Swig and Marshall Weinberg, as vice presidents. Also re-elected were Julius Berman, secretary, and Abraham Goodman, treasurer.

Everett is co-treasurer of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, vice-chairman of the American Zionist Youth Foundation, a vice-president of the Weizmann Institute of Science, and is on the Executive Board of the American ORT Federation.

Levine is a Pittsburgh Jewish community leader and president of the Jewish Chronicle of Pittsburgh, one of the leading American Jewish weeklies.

Barbara Wiener is chairman of the Young Women's Leadership Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal and active in Milwaukee Jewish communal affairs.

In making the official announcement of the elections which were held at the JTA Board of Directors meeting in New York June 12, Fox stated: "The three new Board members are deeply involved in Jewish community affairs and devoted to the cause of the Jewish people. Their expertise, insights and commitments to the Jewish community here and abroad will assure that the JTA continues to function world-wide as the 'eyes and ears of the Jewish people.'"

### SENATOR URGES JEWS TO OPPOSE AWACS DEAL

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, June 16 (JTA) -- Sen. Rudy Boschwitz (R. Minn.) urged American Jews to press their Congressional representatives to reject the proposed sale of AWACS planes to Saudi Arabia.

Boschwitz, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's Subcommittee on the Middle East, said this was a major issue on Israel facing Congress since the other, Israel's bombing of the Iraqi nuclear plant, will gradually disappear. "It is a fight we simply have to win, otherwise there will be no stability in the Middle East," he said.

His statement was made to some 100 leaders of Reform Judaism attending the annual Consultation on Conscience sponsored by the Commission of Social Action of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Boschwitz, who called the Israel raid "defensive," said people in many of Israel's neighboring Arab countries will "feel and sleep a little better" because of the Israeli destruction of the Iraqi plant. He predicted that the fight over the AWACS will be "long and hard" and may have been "complicated" by the Israeli raid on Iraq. He noted that if Saudi Arabia now had AWACS, the Israeli planes could have been detected on their way to Iraq.

### Threat From Radical Religious Right

Boschwitz stressed that the opposition should be to the entire package including enhancement material for the F-15s previously bought by the Saudis. He said he doubted that if Congress rejected

the AWACS, it would damage U.S.-Saudi relations. He noted that since the sale of 62 F-15s to Saudi Arabia in 1978, the Saudis have purchased an additional \$12 billion in weapons. During that time, Israel bought only \$1 billion worth of weaponry, Boschwitz added.

The opening session Monday night, was devoted to the "threat" of the radical religious right. Sen. Carl Levin (D. Mich.) said that Jews should "seek allies and join with other groups." He said that main-line Protestants will be allies in the struggle for human rights and that Catholics reject the urging of the radical right. "Above all we dare not surrender to our opponents the title of 'moral,'" Levin declared. "We must insist always that our positions are no less moral than theirs. Indeed, we believe that ours is the moral position." But Levin stressed that Jews should "not be guilty of stereotyping." He said that not all evangelical Christians are rightwingers and not all Fundamentalists seek to marry religion and politics.

### RECONSTRUCTIONISTS WARNED OF RIGHTIST INTELLECTUAL CLIMATE

LIBERTY, N.Y., June 16 (JTA) -- Warning against an intellectual atmosphere in America which increasingly favors views reflected in the positions of such conservative Christian groups as the Moral Majority, a Reconstructionist leader said here Sunday that "the liberal voice of Judaism must not be silenced" and that that viewpoint "is just as moral as the viewpoint of those who oppose all progress."

The warning, which included a caution against "conservative Jewish publications," was made by Rabbi Ludwig Nadelmann, president of the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation, at a plenary session ending the four-day 21st annual convention of the Reconstructionist movement at Grossinger's Hotel.

Rabbi Nadelmann also outlined a five-year plan for expansion of the movement, including revisions of its prayer book by a new prayer book commission, new publications, increased educational programming for children and adults, and greater personal contacts between movement leaders and its constituencies in distant communities, camps and the informal fellowship groups known as "havurot," which have official status in the Reconstructionist Federation.

He reported that the several hundred convention delegates adopted a budget for the fiscal year starting July 1 of nearly \$1 million to intensify and expand Reconstructionist programs.

The delegates approved a resolution calling on the Israel government and on international refugee organizations to "do much more" than they have to alleviate the plight of Falasha Jews in Ethiopia. In other resolutions, the delegates expressed "dismay" over projected social welfare cuts by the Reagan Administration and declared their opposition to the Helms-Hyde bill in Congress that would void the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling that abortion is a constitutionally protected right. At the same time, the convention urged Jewish communal agencies to "establish quality child care programs to encourage childbearing and child rearing."

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LONDON (JTA) -- The number of Jews in the Dail, the parliament of the Irish Republic, rose to three as a result of last Thursday's general elections. Two incumbents, Dr. Mervyn Taylor of the Labor Party and Ben Briscoe of the Fianna Fail were returned to office in their districts, Dublin Southwest and Dublin South Central respectively. The newcomer is Alan Shatter of the Fianna Gael party, who was elected for Dublin South.