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UNESCO APPROVES JORDAN'S RIGHT TO PROTECT SITES IN E. JERUSALEM

PARIS, Sept. 13 (JTA) -- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has voted 14-1 with five abstentions to accept Jordan's request to place East Jerusalem on UNESCO's World Heritage Committee List. The vote, which took place last Friday after a two-day debate here, in effect recognizes Jordan's right to take part in the international supervision of cultural and historical sites in East Jerusalem.

Those voting for Jordan's request were: Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Egypt, Iraq, Cyprus, Guinea, Jordan, Libya, Nepal, Senegal, Tunisia, Zaire and Pakistan. The United States voted against the request. The five countries abstaining were: Australia (which chaired the meeting), France, Italy, West Germany and Switzerland. Israel was barred from the debate because it is not among the 60 countries which signed the convention which established the list of historical and cultural sites worthy of international protection under the administration of UNESCO.

Debate On Convention Article

The two-day debate centered around a convention article which states: "Inclusion of a property on the World Heritage List requires consent of the state concerned." Those supporting the Jordanian claim cited another article in the convention which states: "The inclusion of a property situated in a territory, sovereignty or jurisdiction which is claimed by more than one state, shall in no way prejudice the rights of the parties to the dispute."

The U.S. delegate argued that Jordan had no right to propose East Jerusalem as a site which it should protect because Israel had de facto control of the area and, therefore, was the "state concerned" according to the convention article. The Jordanian delegate argued that its request was not designed to further its claims on East Jerusalem but only to help protect the holy sites there. Switzerland's delegate argued that neither Jordan nor Israel was the "state concerned" as the status of the area was undetermined. The U.S. delegate rebuked UNESCO for turning a purely cultural convention into a political tool.

TERRORISTS KILL ONE, INJURE 28 TOURISTS IN JERUSALEM'S OLD CITY

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Sept. 13 (JTA) -- A terrorist hand grenade attack in the Old City last night fatally wounded a 65-year-old Italian visitor and injured 28 other persons, most of them Roman Catholic tourists on a religious pilgrimage. Three of the wounded were listed in poor condition at local hospitals this morning. The others sustained only slight wounds.

According to police, a group of 47 Catholic pilgrims was returning from mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and had stopped at a gift shop in an alley leading to the New Gate in the northern wall of the city. Two assailants hurled grenades from a rooftop, a senior police official said, but

an eye-witness said two men threw grenades from a corner of the alley and fled.

The injured included three Arabs, two Dutch tourists and an American soldier. The fatally wounded man died shortly after arrival at a hospital. His name was not immediately disclosed but he was reported to be from Milan and was a member of the Catholic party which arrived in Israel last Thursday on a five-day visit.

Israel Will Pay Medical, Burial Expenses

Yohanan Meroz, Deputy Director General of the Foreign Ministry, expressed shock and sorrow in a message to the Italian Embassy in Tel Aviv and sent condolences to the victim's family. The National Insurance Institute (NII) today informed the injured visitors that all their medical expenses would be covered by the NII, as would the burial costs of the dead man. Moreover, those victims permanently crippled by the attack would be entitled to lifelong pensions from the NII, the group was told.

The incident was the second fatal attack on European tourists in Jerusalem in less than a month. On Aug. 23 a German tourist died after he was shot in the head while walking along the Via Dolorosa.

BEGIN: U.S.-ISRAEL STRATEGIC COOPERATION DOES NOT DEPEND ON CONGRESS APPROVING AWACS SALE

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13 (JTA)-- Premier Menachem Begin stressed today that the strategic cooperation between the U.S. and Israel worked out during his meetings with President Reagan last week does not depend on whether the sale of AWACS reconnaissance planes to Saudi Arabia is approved by Congress.

(Addressing Jewish leaders in New York last night, Begin spoke of a "new era" in Israeli-American relations. See story by Yitzhak Rabi, P. 3.)

Appearing on the NBC-TV "Meet the Press" program, Begin said he had read newspaper accounts of a statement by an unnamed Pentagon official last Friday that strategic cooperation would be "jeopardized" if the AWACS sale is blocked by Congress. "That official didn't know exactly what he was talking about," Begin said. He said that in his talks with Reagan, Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, he "never heard even an allusion about such a possibility."

Begin refused to go into details of what the new agreement will include. He said that would be worked out when Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, who met with Weinberger last Friday, returns to Washington in November. He said he hoped that by then, a written memo will be worked out between the two defense officials, something the Reagan Administration has apparently refused to give Israel up to now.

Begin did say that stockpiling of U.S. weapons in Israel may be one of the items under the new arrangement. Others, listed by Haig last week, included joint exercises, probably naval; strategic planning to meet threats from outside the Middle East; and stockpiling, probably of medical supplies.

Begin said he didn't know if Haig was correct when he told Saudi Arabian Prince Fahd in Spain yesterday that the Secretary expected the AWACS sale to go through. "We shall see when the vote is taken," Begin said. He denied strongly that he had been "lobbying" against the sale while in Washington.

Israel Endangered By 'Double Deal'

He said he presented the Israeli "case" to Reagan and his advisors that what he called the "double deal" would be a "grave danger" to Israel. By double deal, Begin explained, he meant not only the AWACS were a danger to Israel but so is the other major part of the proposed \$8.5 billion sale of "offensive" enhancement equipment for the 62 F-15 fighter-bombers bought from the U.S. by the Saudis.

Begin said he gave the same views to the members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee who, he stressed, had invited him to meet with them while he was in Washington. But, he said, the issue is a "problem to be decided upon" and he had only expressed "my opinion" on the dangers the sale presented to Israel.

Packwood Rejects Reagan's Request

Both houses of Congress must reject the sale by the end of October if it is to be blocked. The Administration is concentrating the fight in the Senate where it believes the Republican majority will prevent a veto. But Sen. Bob Packwood (R. Ore.), who is leading the fight against the sale in the Senate, said after a 45-minute meeting with Reagan Friday that he turned down the President's request to stop gathering sponsors for his resolution of rejection until the Administration makes its arguments directly to Congress.

Packwood said he has 45 names on his resolution, just six short of a majority. Rep. Clarence Long (D. Md.), who is leading the opposition to the sale in the House, said he has 253 co-sponsors to his resolution, 34 more than needed. But meanwhile, Sen. John Tower (R. Tex.), chairman of the Armed Services Committee, and Sen. John Stennis (D. Miss.), the ranking minority member on the committee, have sent their Senate colleagues a letter urging them to support the sale.

Sen. John Warner (R. Va.), another member of the Armed Services Committee, said Friday that he believed the fight in the Senate over the AWACS sale will be the toughest since the Panama Canal Treaty.

Basis For Continuation Of Peace

On other matters in his TV appearance, Begin rejected the assertion that continuation of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty depended upon President Anwar Sadat staying in power. "I don't think that an international agreement depends on anybody," Begin said. "What we (he and Sadat) used to say to each other was we are mortals, our nations are eternal." The Premier also rejected the idea that Sadat could "disappear" soon from the Egyptian scene. He said he believed the Egyptian President had the overwhelming support of his people.

Begin conceded that Sadat has had to take "harsh" measures but said Israel "understands his problem" which, Begin noted, was caused by the spread of Islamic fundamentalism by the Khomeini regime in Iran. "He (Sadat) wants

peace and so do I," Begin said. He said he hoped the "cessation of hostilities" along the Israeli-Lebanese border continues "indefinitely." But he claimed the Palestine Liberation Organization is continuing to increase its armaments in south Lebanon. He also noted an increase in terrorist activities such as yesterday's grenade attack in the Old City of Jerusalem in which one person was killed and 28 were wounded. He said he didn't know how long this situation could continue.

Reagan Gives Assurance On PLO

Begin stressed that when President Reagan first sent his special envoy, Philip Habib to the Middle East last May, the President and Habib pledged they would work for the removal of Syrian anti-aircraft missiles from Lebanon. Begin said he still wanted this done although Habib did not tell him, when they met in Washington last week, when he was returning to the Middle East.

The Premier also said that Reagan last week "gave full assurance" that the U.S. will not have any contact with the PLO until it meets the conditions set by the U.S. Those conditions are recognition of Israel's right to exist and acceptance of Security Council Resolution 242. Begin said the conditions haven't been changed.

FLAP OVER EITAN'S REPORTED STATEMENT ABOUT SADAT'S REGIME

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Sept. 13 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Ariel Sharon today denied local press reports that he had a "tough telephone conversation" from Washington with Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Rafael Eitan, criticizing him for remarks about the instability of President Anwar Sadat's regime and the Israeli-Egyptian peace process he reportedly made last week in an address at Givat Olga near Hadera.

Maariv quoted him as saying: "We should not be deluded by false hopes. There is peace with Egypt. But it is in danger. There is unrest in Egypt and Sadat could go and everything would be over. In Egypt, everything depends on one man." The army spokesman denied that Eitan had made these remarks, saying he had been misquoted. But the correspondent of Maariv, who was present at the Givat Olga meeting, said today that his report was completely accurate and that he had presented a full literal quotation. The paper supported its correspondent in an editorial which said that a Chief of Staff should be "man enough to admit frankly to mistakes."

According to reports from Cairo, the Egyptians have cancelled mutual visits by the Israeli and Egyptian Chiefs of Staff. But Eitan's office and the Defense Ministry said no formal invitation had been received and there was therefore no questions of a cancellation. Sharon, who returned from Washington today, indicated he would be discussing the affair with Eitan but added: "Any talks between the Minister of Defense and the Chief of Staff will not be carried out before the press."

BILL TO PROVIDE STIFF PENALTIES AGAINST ACTS OF DESECRATION

TEANECK, N.J., Sept. 13 (JTA) -- Gov. Brendan Byrne signed into law at a synagogue here a bill providing for stiff penalties against acts of bigotry such as the desecrations and anti-Semitic daubings the synagogue has suffered.

The law, signed in Congregation B'nai Yeshurun, last Thursday, sets penalties of up to five years in jail and fines of up to \$7,500. Specifically, the bill is aimed at persons seeking to incite fear by

burning crosses, painting swastikas or defacing buildings or property with threatening slogans or symbols.

The Governor said, in signing the measure, that it would "serve as a representation of the sentiment of New Jersey residents against that kind of bigotry and attempts at terrorism."

Edward Weiss, chairman of the New Jersey regional advisory board of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said the ADL had been in the forefront of a two-year effort to get the bill passed by the New Jersey Legislature. Weiss called the measure a "get tough" law.

Jeffrey Maas, New Jersey regional ADL director, said that "unfortunately the rate of these incidents is rising. We have had twice as many cases reported this year as we did during the same period in 1980."

Assemblyman Byron Baer, Englewood Democrat, chief sponsor of the law, said that, before its passage, such incidents as swastika daubings were "handled as property damage. It was a petty disorderly person's offense, like smoking on a bus or putting a slug in a pay telephone." He noted that to obtain the maximum penalty, prosecutors will have to show that the accused person intended to cause "fear of unlawful bodily violence."

Among the organizations that supported the bill sponsored by Baer and State Sen. Matthew Feldman, Teaneck Democrat, were the New Jersey Council of Churches, the New Jersey Catholic Conference, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the ADL, the American Jewish Congress and the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

BEGIN: 'A NEW ERA' FOR U.S.-ISRAEL RELATIONS

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Sept. 13 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin told American Jewish leaders here last night that "a new era" has begun in relationships between Israel and the United States. He claimed that the agreement for strategic cooperation reached during his talks with President Reagan in Washington last week was "a turning point" in ties between the two countries.

Begin, addressing some 150 Jewish leaders, members of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations who assembled to meet him at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, said "We got the finest hearing possible from President Reagan" on the issue of the sale of AWACS reconnaissance aircraft to Saudi Arabia and Israel's contention that the sale poses a danger to its security.

The Premier spoke for about an hour at the meeting which was barred to the press. The highlights of his remarks were relayed to reporters afterwards by spokesmen for the Israel Consulate in New York and the Presidents Conference.

Cites Three Phases In U.S.-Israel Relations

Begin said that there have been three phases in relations between America and Israel: The first phase was one of "great friendship," dating from the recognition of the Jewish State by President Truman in 1948; the second phase came when President Carter raised the possibility of a formal defense treaty between Israel and the U.S. This idea did not materialize, Begin observed.

The third phase, which he called "a turning point," is the phase of strategic cooperation agreed upon during Begin's latest visit to Washing-

ton. The Israeli Premier explained that in the last few years Israel and the U.S. conducted "a strategic dialogue" which has now turned into strategic cooperation. Begin said that Israel's foreign policy from now on will be based on peace and security for Israel and strategic cooperation with the U.S. to stop Soviet expansionism in the Middle East.

Begin said he explained to Reagan the dangers that the sophisticated AWACS aircraft posed to Israel and also emphasized the dangers to Israel from the equipment to enhance the capabilities of the F-15 fighter bombers sold to Saudi Arabia, including extra fuel tanks. He said with this equipment, the Saudis could reach Tel Aviv and return to their bases. Begin claimed that the package sale added "a terrific" force to any future Arab attack on Israel.

Defends Attacks On Reactor, PLO Headquarters

The Premier also defended before the Jewish leaders the much criticized Israeli air attacks on Iraq's nuclear reactor near Baghdad and on Palestine Liberation Organization headquarters in Beirut. He described them as acts of "supreme self-defense," claiming that Israel had information that the Iraqis would soon be capable of assembling a Hiroshima-type atomic bomb and that the PLO headquarters in Beirut master-minded and gave orders for attacks on Israeli settlements near the Lebanese border.

Begin's remarks were followed by a brief question-and-answer period the contents of which were not disclosed to the press. The meeting was opened by Howard Squadron, chairman of the Presidents Conference. Later today, Begin will meet with the National Christian Leadership Conference for Israel and will meet this evening with the Synagogue Council of America to receive its Covenant of Peace Award.

Denies Begin Urges AWACS Issue Be Played Down

(In Jerusalem, meanwhile, Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor denied published reports today that Begin had asked the members of the Presidents Conference to moderate their opposition to the AWACS deal. He said that Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir telephoned Begin's party in New York during today's Cabinet session and had received a flat denial from an aid who attended Begin's meeting with the American Jewish leaders.

(According to Naor, Begin told his audience that Israel had expressed its position against the AWACS sale to both the Administration and Congress but would avoid involving itself in the decision-making process by those two branches of the U.S. government. "No reasonable man could have deduced from the Premier's briefing that he was signaling American Jews to moderate their position on the AWACS," Naor said.)

SIGNS OF NORMALIZATION

TEL AVIV, Sept. 13 (JTA) -- The first evidence of the positive outcome of the meetings between Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Premier Menachem Begin in Alexandria last month became apparent last week when, for the first time ever, Israeli trucks drove across the border direct to Cairo. Till now, the Egyptians had not allowed Israeli vehicles to drive on Egyptian roads, saying that no foreign cars or trucks are allowed in Egypt.

Goods between Israel and Egypt had to be transhipped from Israeli to Egyptian vehicles at the El Arish border crossing point, and vice versa. But following a brief meeting officials at El Arish at the beginning of last week, and acting on instructions following the Begin-Sadat meeting, the first Israeli trucks were allowed to cross with goods destined for the Israeli Embassy in Cairo.

BEGIN PLEDGES ALLEGIANCE TO MORAL MAJORITY LEADER

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13 (JTA)-- The Rev. Jerry Falwell, the leader of the Moral Majority, said here that Premier Menachem Begin of Israel told him that he had rejected suggestions to separate himself from the conservative movement. "Mr. Falwell, there are those who work very hard to separate us," Falwell quoted Begin as saying during their meeting Friday. "We are not going to be separated. We need each other."

Many leading spokesmen in the Jewish and non-Jewish communities in this country, as well as many Congressmen, artists and intellectuals, have attacked the Moral Majority as an extremist conservative group which is trying to undermine and eradicate the social and economic gains won over the past few decades.

Some Congressmen have denounced the Moral Majority for helping defeat a number of liberal legislators in the last national elections who were on the Moral Majority's "hit list" and have pointed out that this ultra-conservative movement has prepared another "hit list" for 1984 elections. Some of the Congressmen who were "hit" in the last election, like Sen. Frank Church of Idaho, and some who are on the new "list," like Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D. N. Y.) and Sens. Paul Sarbanes (D. Md.) Edward Kennedy (D. Mass) and Henry Jackson (D. Wash.) are staunch supporters of Israel.

Falwell, accompanied by his wife, revealed Begin's remarks to him after he and 19 others, mostly evangelical and fundamentalist Christians, met for 30 minutes with the Premier at Blair House.

Falwell Invited By Israel Embassy

Falwell told reporters that he was invited to the meeting by the Israel Embassy and that he drew up the list of the other guests who included the three top political officials from Virginia, where he lives: Gov. John Dalton, a Republican, and Senators John Warner, a Republican, and Harry Byrd, an Independent. Also present was Gerald Strober, executive director of the American Friends of Tel Aviv University, a long time supporter of close ties between Jews and fundamentalist Christians. Begin stressed to the group that "there is a special relationship between Jews and Christians that is dear to me," Falwell said.

The Moral Majority leader said that fundamentalist Christians support Israel's right to exist. There is "no question in our minds that God did deed the land to Abraham and his descendants," he said. "We believe that God deals with nations in relation to how nations deal with Israel." He said on this basis the Soviet Union's major mistake is not its enmity to the United States but its harsh treatment of Jews and the State of Israel.

Begin also told the visitors that he was "greatly pleased" with his talks with President Reagan and that he had found Reagan to be "a true friend of Israel," Falwell said. The Moral Majority leader said that most American Christians believe that the United States needs Israel for its own security and that Israel is "America's only stable friend in the Middle East."

Falwell said he could not say whether the Moral Majority would oppose the sale of AWACS to Saudi Arabia. Asked for his personal opinion, he replied, "I hope we don't do it."

Warner, a member of the Senate Arms Services Committee, said that since his committee

will be holding hearings on the AWACS transaction, he is trying to take a neutral position on the proposal for the time being. But he said the strategic cooperation that was worked out by Reagan and Begin during their two days of talks will provide a "proper balance" between Israel and the moderate Arab states.

But an earlier visitor to Begin at Blair House Friday morning, Jackson, did speak out against the AWACS sale. Jackson is the leader with Sen. Bob Packwood, (R. Ore.) in the Senate resolution to oppose the sale which reportedly already has 44 sponsors.

Begin also met with Secretary of State Alexander Haig and with AFL-CIO president Lane Kirkland.

HISTADRUT PARLEY ENDS IN UPROAR

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Sept. 13 (JTA) -- The Histadrut convention ended in uproar in the early hours last Friday morning after cudgel-wielding border policemen were called in to separate battling Labor and Likud members. The uproar increased yet further when one of the Likud members was arrested, but died down somewhat when the convention president persuaded the police to release him but bar him from re-entering the hall.

The meeting of the 1,501-strong assembly had been noisy throughout its four days of deliberations, with frequent interruptions of speakers, especially by the Likud minority, in scenes reminiscent of the national pre-election period.

But the uproar rose to a peak, culminating in fist fights and a wild surge towards the platform, when the Labor majority introduced a vote re-designing election districts to allow members of kibbutzim to vote for local Labor councils in nearby towns. The reorganization plan was carried by a majority vote, while Likud speakers repeatedly called unsuccessfully for a re-vote and a re-count.

The Labor spokesmen said it was designed to aid integration and avoid a repetition of pre-election bitterness in places such as Kiryat Shemonah, where Likud members published highly defamatory material against nearby upper Galilee kibbutzim. But the Likud, led by Deputy Premier David Levy, charged the new plan was aimed at swamping Labor councils in areas where the Likud had a majority, as in several new immigrant centers.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) -- The army announced it had recently arrested members of a terrorist group belonging to the mainstream Al Fatah wing of the Palestine Liberation Organization based in Judaea. The members admitted carrying out seven attacks on Israel which cost the lives of two people, including an Arab, and injuries to 17 others. The attacks, over the past two years, were carried out in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) -- Israel will hold its first international air show in August 1983, Yaacov Bar-Gera, director of the Israel Trade Fair Center, has announced. The show, to be held at Tel Aviv's Sde Dov Airport and in the nearby Tel Aviv fair grounds and Yarkon Park, will display from 80 to 100 aircraft and aviation equipment, with the participation of an expected 300 representatives from at least 16 countries. Both Poland and the Soviet Union have been invited to participate but replies have not yet been received.