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ISRAEL DENIES U.S. WARNED BEGIN NOT TO TAKE MILITARY ACTION IN LEBANON

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 10 (JTA) -- Israel officially denied today that President Reagan's special envoy, Philip Habib, conveyed a warning to Premier Menachem Begin not to take any military action in Lebanon. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said "no warning whatever" was received from Habib who met with Begin here Monday. Habib is in Beirut today and is scheduled to return to Washington Friday.

Notwithstanding the denial, observers here are speculating over what prompted U.S. sources to leak stories of an alleged warning to the media. According to the press accounts, Habib conveyed his message, obviously from President Reagan, to Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defense Minister Ariel Sharon as well as to Begin Monday.

Israel Television's military commentator suggested last night that the leaks were intended to demonstrate to the moderate Arab states that the U.S. alone -- not the Soviet Union -- has the ability to restrain Israel.

Highly placed Israeli sources said today that there was nothing to restrain inasmuch as Israel had repeatedly said it plans no military action in Lebanon as long as the other parties, principally the Palestine Liberation Organization, respect the cease-fire Habib helped establish last July.

Nevertheless, it seems to be recognized here that Habib's periodic visits to the region serve to calm tensions, particularly during the current trying period before Israel completes its withdrawal from Sinai.

WEST GERMANY SEEN MOVING TOWARDS AN ARMS DEAL WITH SAUDI ARABIA

By David Kantor

BONN, March 10 (JTA) -- Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has apparently succeeded in persuading the leaders of his coalition parliamentary faction to support a relaxation of West Germany's long-standing ban on the sale of weapons to countries in areas of tension. This will open the way to a massive arms deal with Saudi Arabia which Schmidt has strongly supported.

But eventual arms deliveries to Riyadh remain doubtful because of substantial opposition in the Bundestag to the transaction. It would reportedly include the sale of improved Leopard II tanks and other advanced weaponry.

Therefore, while Schmidt has managed to remove a major obstacle to the proposed sale, he is not considered likely to provoke an argument with the opponents because of the shaky position of his Social Democratic Party (SPD) - Free Democratic Party (FDP) coalition.

Implication For The Future

Nevertheless, the shift in Bonn's arms sales policy has important implications for the future. The government is empowered to sell German weapons to countries in areas of tension if the sale is vital to the Federal Republic's security or political interests, and does not conflict with the inter-

ests of the NATO alliance. The government is prepared to inform the chairman of the various Bundestag factions of any pending arms deals to non-NATO countries but will retain its authority to make decisions on such matters without prior confirmation by parliament. The government is expected to confirm the policy change later this month.

ISRAEL NOT SEEKING TO BUY NEW HAWK MISSILE BATTERIES FROM U.S. BUT TO UPDATE ITS OBSOLETE SYSTEM

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, March 10 (JTA) -- A Defense Ministry spokesman explained today that Israel is not seeking to buy new Hawk anti-aircraft missile batteries from the U.S. but simply to update the obsolescent batteries it has possessed for years.

The spokesman was responding to a Pentagon announcement yesterday that it intends to sell Israel 200 improved Hawk mobile anti-aircraft missiles. The announcement appeared calculated to reduce Congressional opposition to the proposed sale of mobile Hawk batteries to Jordan. The Israeli spokesman stressed that the new Hawk missiles would represent a qualitative, not quantitative improvement in Israel's air defense system.

"Israel's request means preservation of current capability, while the Jordanian request reflects a desire to build-up and improve its air defense capability," the spokesman said.

He claimed that the Hawk missiles which Jordan already has, and which are fixed in concrete, not mobile, "are of a new and improved model and have the standard missile complement," in contrast to Israel's Hawks which are out of date. The Israeli statement referred to 100 new missiles, not the 200 mentioned by the Pentagon.

\$47 Million Sale To Supplement Israel's System

The Pentagon announcement said the \$47 million sale would "supplement" Israel's current supply of Hawk missiles "ensuring an adequate war reserve and adequate missiles for annual training requirements." The sale of mobile Hawk missiles to Jordan created a furor in Israel after Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger reportedly offered them during his visit to Amman last month.

The Reagan Administration subsequently denied that it intends to sell the Hawks to Jordan or that Jordan has requested them. But Weinberger, who supports the sale, insists that immobile anti-aircraft defense systems are not useful. He repeated that in a speech to the National Press Club Monday and indicated that Jordan would make its formal request for the mobile Hawks when the Joint U.S.-Jordan Defense Commission has its next scheduled meeting in Amman April 28-29.

TERRORIST GROUPS IN SOUTH LEBANON CONTINUE TO STOCK-PILE WEAPONS

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, March 10 (JTA) -- The terrorist groups in south Lebanon continue to increase their stock-pile of sophisticated weapons and currently possess more than 70 T-34 tanks and about 300 mortars, artillery pieces and rocket launchers, the Israeli Consulate in New York disclosed yesterday.

According to the Consulate report, the Palestine Liberation Organization and other terrorist groups in south Lebanon have about 100 long-range guns (130 and 155 mm); about 60 B.M.-11/21 rocket launchers and 120 and 160 mm mortars. They also possess over a hundred BTR-152, 4R-416 and 3Y1 Brom-2 armored personnel carriers.

The Consulate disclosed in a statement issued yesterday that the terrorists have already used some of their newly acquired sophisticated weapons in the shelling and rocket attacks on settlements and towns in the north of Israel last July. "It should be noted that the terrorists are constantly seeking to acquire new supplies that might expand their firing range to include additional settlements in the north of Israel," the Consulate said.

In addition to obtaining new weaponry, the terrorists reinforced their units in south Lebanon, absorbing volunteers from South Yemen, Libya and Iraq, the Consulate said, adding that "leftist Lebanese groups have joined the terrorists as well."

Significant Inroads By Terrorists

According to the Consulate, the terrorists made significant inroads in fortifying their forces and in the field of logistics. "Reinforcement of the terrorist forces in southern Lebanon continues, especially in the area of Nabatea and Bouffer," the Consulate charged. "This activity has included the erection of outposts, the digging of trenches, maintenance of anti-tank ditches and reinforcement of strategic positions."

The cessation of hostilities in the area is being exploited by the terrorists for the conduct of speedy logistic operations, the Consulate said, which include "the replenishing of ammunition, food and gas for the terrorist units, as well as the stockpiling of arms brought into Lebanon. The ammunition and missiles are forwarded to supply sites in the south."

ST. PAUL CITY COUNCIL PASSES 'LANDMARK LAW' TO PROTECT MINORITIES AGAINST HATE ACTIONS

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 10 (JTA) — The City Council passed unanimously yesterday a "Religious, Racial and Ethnic Acts of Malice Law" which makes it a misdemeanor to place a "symbol of hate" on both private and public property.

Rabbi Bernard Raskas, spiritual leader of Temple of Aaron, said the Council action marked "the first time in America that a City Council makes it a law, punishable by fine and imprisonment, the placing of a symbol of hate" on property. He called it a "landmark law" which he said would go "a long way in protecting the rights and freedoms of all minorities."

Raskas reported that representatives of Blacks, Indians, Hispanics, Vietnamese and Jewish groups attended the hearing on the bill. Each group spokesman urged the Council to demonstrate "an unprecedented solidarity" by passing the measure.

Raskas, one of the speakers at the Council session, said it was important that St. Paul residents "be taught by the City Council that expressions of hatred, bigotry and prejudice" are "incompatible with the democratic American way of life." He noted that the session was being held on Purim and that "it is deeply mean-

ingful to the Jewish community that an ordinance be passed which will help to curb everything that Haman stood for, namely hatred, discrimination and repression."

Background Of The Law

Councilman Leonard Levine, who introduced the measure, said it had been drawn up to correct a situation in which a person could deface public and private property and not be charged with vandalism "because there might not be compensable damage created in the act." He cited as an example the daubing on a house of a swastika or the letters KKK with a substance which is removable without damage to the house. This is not covered under existing law.

Levine said his bill made it a misdemeanor to deface property, even if no damage was done, if that person placed such a symbol or object "and knows or has reasonable grounds to know it 'will arouse anger, alarm, or resentment in others on the basis of race, color, creed or religion'."

In his formal statement of introduction of the measure, Levine said it was designed to make it a misdemeanor "for any person to intentionally or in reckless disregard put another person in fear of bodily harm or death by placing on public or private property a symbol, object, appellation, characterization, graffiti, a burning cross or Nazi swastika."

The Councilman stated that "reports show that many such episodes of vandalism have increased significantly in the past 12 months as to be serious reason for concern." He noted that businesses, churches and buildings owned or patronized by Asians, Koreans and native American Indians have been targeted for vandalism and desecration. "We have also seen a substantial increase in the number of episodes of vandalism directed mainly against residential Jewish property," Levine said.

HYMAN GRINSTEIN DEAD AT 82

NEW YORK, March 10 (JTA) — Funeral services will be held here tomorrow for Dr. Hyman Grinstein, professor emeritus at Yeshiva University which he served for 40 years. He died today of leukemia at Mt. Sinai Hospital. He was 82 years old. Grinstein was an author and historian and had been director of the university's Teachers Institute for Men and university archivist before retiring in 1976.

After relinquishing his post as Teachers Institute director, he continued to serve as professor of American Jewish history through 1970 at Yeshiva College and at the university's Bernard Revel Graduate School.

Born in Dallas, he received his early education there and in Israel. He received his B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Columbia University.

As an author and historian, Grinstein's best known works were "The Rise of the Jewish Community Of New York" (Jewish Publication Society of America) and "A Short History of the Jews in the United States," published in 1980 by Soncino Press Ltd., London. The book contains unique 19th century illustrations, woodcuts and drawings which were part of his private collection. It represents more than 40 years of private research by the author into an area previously overlooked and unwritten about by historians.

UN OFFICIAL SAYS ALL PARTIES IN LEBANON WANT TO MAINTAIN PEACE By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. March 10 (JTA) — Brian Urquhart, Undersecretary General for Special Political Affairs, said today that although the situation in south Lebanon is "very volatile" he felt

felt that the parties in the area intend to keep the cease-fire that went into effect last July.

Speaking at a press conference here, Urquhart, who recently returned from a visit to Beirut, Damascus, Amman and Jerusalem, where he held talks with Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat and Premier Menachem Begin of Israel, among other officials in the four countries, said that, from his conversations with the leaders of the area, he understood that all were interested in keeping the cease-fire.

In response to a question, on whether he thought Israel is planning to attack south Lebanon, the Undersecretary replied "very often alarming stories do not necessarily reflect the situation."

On the issue of the increase of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) troops by 1,000, as approved by the Security Council two weeks ago, Urquhart said the composition of the additional troops would include a 600-man French battalion and the rest of the 400 troops will come from Nepal, Guyana, Fiji and Ireland.

U.S. ACTS AGAINST LIBYA

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, March 10 (JTA) -- The Reagan Administration announced today that it was prohibiting the import of crude oil from Libya to the U.S. because of the support the regime of Col. Muammar Qaddafi gives to terrorism throughout the world and Libya's efforts to destabilize America's friends in the Middle East.

A senior State Department official told reporters that the U.S. was not seeking "merely an improvement in atmospherics but a change in Libyan behavior." That behavior, as outlined by the official, included support of terrorism throughout the world, efforts to create instability in Middle East regimes and in some "weak" African nations, the support of radicals in Central America and threats against American officials and their families.

Israel was not mentioned today, as the official stressed that Libyan aims at destabilizing Middle East regimes are specifically directed now at Sudan and Somalia. As for threats to Americans, that has abated since last November when a Libyan was arrested on his way to Khartoum to commit an "outrageous attempt" against Americans in Sudan, the official said.

He said the arrested Libyan was planning to place 20 kilos of explosives each in two stereo speakers destined for the American Club in Khartoum and had the attempt succeeded, the club would have been destroyed and many Americans, both officials and private citizens, would have been killed or injured. The official made no mention today of the "hit squads" reportedly sent by Qaddafi to assassinate President Reagan and other top American officials last fall.

The senior official said that the decision to act on Libya was not a sudden one and was not based on any specific act by Libya, but came after a review of U.S. policy toward Libya that has been going on since the Administration took office last year.

He said the Administration sent a "signal" to Libya last May when it closed the Libyan Peoples' Bureau (Embassy) in Washington and again when U.S. Navy ships maneuvered off the coast of Libya to demonstrate U.S. belief in freedom of the seas and were attacked by Libyan jets, two of which were shot down.

Other Restrictions Cited

The restrictions announced today also ban the provision to Libya of U.S. oil and gas technology and equipment which, the official said, are not available outside the U.S. The Administration is also requiring licenses for any exports to Libya except food and agricultural products and medicine and medical equipment. The senior official conceded that America's allies have not gone along with the ban. But he said the U.S. wants to prevent Libya from using dollar revenues it receives from the U.S. to finance terrorism and other violent activities around the world. He estimated that Libya receives about \$2 billion a year from oil exports to the U.S., approximately 10 percent of its oil revenues. The official said Libya could make up the loss by selling oil on the spot market. He noted, however, that with the present world oil glut, the Libyans would have to reduce their price well below the \$37 per barrel they are now charging.

WINNERS OF JENO AWARD ANNOUNCED

MEXICO CITY, March 10 (JTA) -- Five winners of the 1981 Fernando Jeno Award for literature and poetry in Spanish, Hebrew and Yiddish, were announced here today. The award was established in 1976 by the Fernando Jeno Literary Fund, founded by Rose Jeno, widow of the late president of the Central Jewish Committee of Mexico and her children.

The first prize of \$1000 will go to Chaim Barylko, a well known educator and intellectual in Buenos Aires for his book, in Spanish, about Jewish humanity. The four other recipients, three of whom live in Israel, will each receive \$500. They are Mrs. Yafa Binitamini, for Hebrew poetry; Yerachmiel Weingarten, for a book relating his experiences in the Jewish orphanage run during World War II by Janusz Korczak in Warsaw; Yosef Kerler, for his Yiddish poetry, "The First Seven Years." All are from Israel.

The fourth recipient is Dr. Isaac Kanter of Brooklyn, N.Y. for his book "Dos Yiddish Gemit," a compilation of literary criticism and essays on psychology.

The awards will be presented March 30. The jury which selected the winners consisted of Saul Loker, chairman; Chaim Lazdeisky, secretary; and Sergio Nudelstejer, Yosef Rotenberg, Benjamin Kowalsky, Yerachmiel Barylko and Eliezer Chazanowsky.

ANALYST SAYS ANTI-SEMITIC ASPECTS OF AWACS DEBATE COULD OCCUR AGAIN IN SIMILAR DEBATES IN THE FUTURE

NEW YORK, March 10 (JTA) — A noted political analyst has asserted that the anti-Semitic aspects of the recent AWACS debate — on whether the U.S. should sell AWACS aircraft and other sophisticated military equipment to Saudi Arabia — could fuel similar outbursts in the future if new events revived the "harmful perceptions that came to the fore" during the debate.

However, continues Milton Ellerin, director of Trends Analyses for the American Jewish Committee, research conducted since the debate does not indicate conclusively whether the AWACS question has substantially damaged American Jewry. Ellerin, whose statements are contained in a just-published AJCommittee report titled "The AWACS Debate: Is There An Anti-Semitic Fallout?", added:

"Some three weeks after the AWACS vote, President Reagan indicated to Jewish leaders that he was disturbed at the anti-Semitic aspects the debate had revealed, and he expressed his desire to undo the harm. The implementation of this desire may play a large part in determining whether the harm inflicted by the AWACS affair is permanent."

Cites Role Of The Administration

Reviewing the events of the AWACS debate, Ellerin notes that "for the first time in recent memory an American Administration impugned the loyalty of the American Jewish community, (saying) that Jews were 'casting undue influence' on the legislative process

"The Administration set the tone for the debate, managing to convey the notion that the American Jewish community was disloyal, that Jews who fought the sale were fighting against America's best interests. Many non-Jewish legislators who opposed the sale on the merits were accused of bowing to 'Jewish pressure,' of fearing the cessation of Jewish financial support."

Ellerin also points to "threats that dire consequences would ensue for Jews in America if the sale did not go through," adding that one Washington observer charged that "the Administration has begun to poke at anti-Semitic cesspools beneath the surface of American society."

However, Ellerin stresses, "these themes found virtually no echo in the editorial pages of responsible newspapers outside the capital. The insinuations emanated from Washington and trickled downward; they did not come from America's grassroots."

Sees Some Consolation

Concluding, Ellerin says that Jewish leaders "draw some consolation" from the debate because, he says, they feel it "reinforced the American Jewish community's determination to assert its right to participate in public debate on matters of vital Jewish concern."

Nevertheless, Ellerin says, these same leaders also "feel troubled, not quite certain that the harm to Jewish interests and the insensitivity to Jewish concerns were indeed only passing phenomena."

MOVE TO RESOLVE CONFLICT ON SAUDI ARABIA-CANADA STUDENT PROGRAM

MONTREAL, March 10 (JTA) — John

O'Brian, Rector of Concordia University, declared today that the institution will not enter into any exchange agreement with Saudi Arabia which discriminates against Jewish students or faculty. At the same time, he acknowledged that the matter is bound to come up because of the Saudis' discriminatory policies.

O'Brian was referring to a proposed exchange agreement with King Faisal University in Riyadh which aroused an angry controversy because of the possibility that Jewish faculty and students would not be able to participate. "If we get to the point of serious discussions with the Saudis, we will make our position clear," he said. O'Brian added, however, "we are not naive at the university and I can assure you the matter would have to come up sooner or later. We have all heard reports in the news media that Saudi Arabia discriminates against Jews."

Yesterday, more than 300 faculty members, administrators and students called on O'Brian to make it clear beyond doubt that Concordia is opposed to an exchange that discriminates against Jews. Lindsay Chrysler, acting head of the communications department, said he was told by the university administration earlier this year that Jews would not be allowed into Saudi Arabia. (By Michael Solomon)

REAGAN CONGRATULATES SLOMOVITZ ON 40TH YEAR OF DETROIT JEWISH NEWS

WASHINGTON, March 10 (JTA) — President Reagan has sent Philip Slomovitz, editor and publisher of the Jewish News of Detroit, a note of "warm congratulations" on "40 successful years of publication."

The President declared that the event was "a proud, historic occasion, reflecting the News' time-honored relationship to providing its readership with fine, responsible journalism." He also added "my congratulations to you, Mr. Slomovitz, on your 60th year in the field of journalism." Reagan stated that the Detroit Jewish News had, throughout its 40-year history, "made an admirable contribution to the interests of our nation by responding to the concerns and the needs of one of America's richest cultural heritages."

The President added that, Slomovitz, in serving American Jews, "serves us all."

JANE IS FOND-A ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 10 (JTA) — American actress Jane Fonda was here this week to attend the Israeli premiere of her latest film, "On Golden Pond." The proceeds of the film is going to the Amit volunteer program for the elderly. Ms. Fonda was profuse in her praise of and support for Israel. She met with Shulamit Shamir, wife of the Foreign Minister, to discuss efforts to free Soviet Jewish Prisoner of Conscience Ida Nudel. She also met with Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres. During her visit, Ms. Fonda received an award from the Hebrew University for her activities on behalf of Soviet Jewry and for her advocacy of social justice.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Southern area commander Gen. Haim Erez said in an Israeli army magazine interview that squatters and businessmen from Yamit had turned the township into a "veritable bunker or stronghold," to be able to withstand troops who will probably be sent in to evacuate die-hard residents.