SECURITY ADVISOR SAYS U.S. WILL RESUBMIT MAVERICK MISSILE SALE PLAN
By Judith Colp

WASHINGTON, June 16 (JTA) -- National Security Advisor Frank Carlucci said Monday that the Reagan Administration would resubmit its proposal to sell Maverick air-to-ground missiles to Saudi Arabia. The announcement came only five days after the Administration withdrew the proposed sale in the face of almost certain defeat in the Senate.

In a speech before the political action conference of the National Association of American Arabs, Carlucci said there must be "an American willingness to continue to accept our major role in the Gulf Peace." He did not elaborate on the missile proposal or say when it would be resubmitted. He contended that opposition to the sale and to U.S. protection of Kuwaiti tankers in the Persian Gulf was sending the "wrong signal" to U.S. allies in the region and could become "an invitation to the Iranians and Soviets."

Carlucci said the Soviets were increasing their activity in the Middle East by courting U.S. allies with offers of arms sales, reliance on military debts, and, in the case of Israel, the prospect of diplomatic ties and increased Jewish emigration. He also noted that the Soviets were promoting and supporting an international peace conference for the region.

"We would like to believe that Soviet verbal protections of flexibilities and commitments to the Middle East peace process are genuine," Carlucci said. "But theirs is a long history of trouble-making in the region."

He cited Soviet involvement in the reunification of the Palestine Liberation Organization at the Palestine National Council conference last month in Algiers, "which turned its back on Egypt and Jordan because they support peace."

The National Security Advisor also reaffirmed U.S. commitment to improving the standard of living for Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza and working for an international peace conference which would lead to direct, bilateral negotiations between the parties involved.

"To stop the (peace) process at this point -- when there is no other one on the horizon -- would mean losing a potentially significant opportunity to make the peace," Carlucci said.

Most of Carlucci's address was a defense of Reagan's decision to protect Kuwaiti ships in the Gulf as the best way of bringing about peace in the Iran-Iraq war. "We haven't abandoned U.S. neutrality in the war; we will supply arms to neither side, and ships under our flags will carry no such supplies, no contraband," Carlucci said.

"We are operating in full accordance with international law, not weakening or provoking no one, but ready to defend ourselves if attacked."

SHAMIR A HIT IN TOGO, AS PRESIDENT URGES MIDEAST CONFLAG INCLUDING PLO
By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, June 16 (JTA) -- President Gnassingbe Eyadema of Togo, greeting Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir on his arrival there Monday, expressed gratitude for Israel's past aid to his country and stressed that all of Africa relies on Israel's helping hand.

But he struck a controversial political note when he told the Israeli leader that the Palestinian people deserve nationhood and that the Palestine Liberation Organization should participate in an international conference for Middle East peace, according to French press reports from Lome, the Togolese capital.

"The African continent is ravaged by misery and starvation. We count on Israel's help to overcome these plagues," Eyadema said. He was referring to the technological and agricultural assistance Israel has rendered to the developing nations of Africa. Togo announced on June 9 that it would resume diplomatic relations with Israel broken during the 1973 Yom Kippur War. It is the fifth of 29 Black African states to do so.

Urges Peace Conference

Eyadema was critical of Shamir's strong opposition to a proposed international peace conference. The press reports from Lome quoted him as saying that "Togo and Africa are in favor of an international conference which will bring peace to the Middle East" and that all the parties concerned "including the PLO should take part in such a meeting."

He added, "We wish your nation to be recognized by its neighbors and the Palestinian people to be entitled to a nation."

Shamir received a warm reception in Lome. Israeli flags lined the main streets and flew from official buildings. Shamir is accompanied by Avi Primor, Deputy Director General of the Foreign Ministry, and about a dozen Israeli businessmen and economic experts. He will visit Cameroo and Liberia, both of which have re-established diplomatic ties with Israel, before returning home.

DULZIN PROPOSES REFORMS OF WZO, JEWISH AGENCY THROUGH CONSOLIDATION
By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 16 (JTA) -- Leon Dulzin called Monday for a complete restructuring of the Zionist movement by consolidating the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency. Dulzin, who chairs the Executives of both the WZO and the Jewish Agency, spoke at the opening of the annual meeting of the Zionist General Council, the governing body of the WZO between Zionist Congresses. The meeting will continue though Thursday.

"Departments should be unified, the number of executives should be limited, the Zionist Federations should be strengthened by means of having their leaders sit on the Jewish Agency Board of Governors. Functional departments should be established by geographical regions," he said.

But Ephraim Even, chairman of the General Council, warned against the trend of the heads of fund-raising organizations taking over the Jewish Agency. He said the practical result would be the separation of the Jewish people from the State of Israel.
Even suggested that the WZO should be in charge of immigration and Jewish education abroad, functions of the Jewish Agency.

PERES SAYS SOVIETS HAVE BACKED DOWN ON AGREEMENTS WITH ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, June 16 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Shimon Peres revealed that the Soviet Union has rejected informal contacts with Israel and has reneged on promises with respect to Soviet Jewish emigration.

"The aliya issue is slipping out of our hands," Peres told the convention of the Independent Liberal Party this week. He said "there is a sharp backtracking of the Soviets in the Soviet-Israeli dialogue," adding that "additional, tireless efforts must be made to bring about an increase in aliya from the USSR."

It was reported meanwhile that British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher urged President Reagan at the allied summit meeting in Venice last week to increase U.S. efforts to promote peace in the Middle East.

ISRAEL'S MAY INFLATION 0.6 PERCENT

TEL AVIV, June 16 (JTA) -- The cost-of-living index rose by only 0.6 percent in May, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported Monday. The Bank of Israel and the Finance Ministry expressed satisfaction with the small increase, attributed to a sharp seasonal decline in the price of fruits and vegetables.

Inflation since the beginning of the year has been at a rate of 7.5 percent, slightly higher than in 1986. It is currently running at an average rate of one percent a month.

ISRAEL FACES A BRAIN DRAIN

TEL AVIV, June 16 (JTA) -- The brain drain from Israel is reaching serious proportions. According to a survey by the Association for the Study of Emigration, 224 of the country's senior scientists, all of them holding doctorates and specializing in the hard sciences, left Israel during the past year.

Most of them went to the U.S. and the remainder to Western Europe. Five prominent scientists of the Weizmann Institute departed last month. They said they were going abroad because of the lack of proper working conditions here.

According to data provided by the Ministry of Immigration and Absorption, 32,000 university graduates from Israel are presently working in the U.S. They include 8,000 engineers.

ISRAEL BULLISH ON TOURISM AS 559,000 VISIT THIS YEAR

TEL AVIV, June 16 (JTA) -- Israel's tourist industry will have its best year ever if the momentum of the first five months of 1987 is maintained, according to the Ministry of Tourism.

The Ministry reported Friday that 559,000 tourists arrived from January through May, an increase of 24 percent over the same period last year and four percent above the same period in 1985, which was the record year for tourism.

About 470,000 tourists arrived by air, a 23 percent increase over last year; and 82,000 came overland, up 45 percent from last year. The latter included 48,000 tourists who arrived from Egypt. About 45,700 arrived by sea during the first five months of the year. These included 9,900 foreign seamen, mainly from the U.S. Sixth Fleet on shore leave, and the rest from cruise ships. In the same period of 1986, 1,800 foreign seamen visited Israel and 24,000 were cruise passengers, the Ministry reported.

IDF DENIES COMPLAINT THAT IT OVERRAN UNIFIL POST IN LEBANON

TEL AVIV, June 16 (JTA) -- The Israel Defense Force denied Tuesday that it overran a position of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) in south Lebanon Monday. Norwegian soldiers manning the observation post lodged a formal protest.

According to IDF sources, two military vehicles were positioned on a hilltop about 200 yards from the post in the course of what it described as a local exercise. They said the Norwegian protest was unwarranted because the position is not marked on the agreed maps as part of the UNIFIL post.

There were no clashes during what UN sources described as a "somewhat bizarre" incident. The Israeli vehicles withdrew when the exercise ended. Senior officers of both sides met to defuse the situation.

FORMER SS MAN FIRM THAT TWO DEMJANJUK PHOTOS ARE OF 'IVAN'

By David Kantor

BONN, June 16 (JTA) -- A former SS man insisted during three days of intensive cross examination that his identification of suspected war criminal John Demjanjuk as the Treblinka death camp guard known as "Ivan the Terrible" was positive and correct.

Otto Horn, 87, himself a guard at Treblinka, was questioned in a West Berlin court by the Israeli prosecution team and Demjanjuk's American lawyer, Mark O'Connor, in the presence of the three Israeli judges hearing the case. The proceedings ended Monday. The Demjanjuk trial will resume in Jerusalem district court on June 22.

Horn, who spent 10 hours in court each of the three days, identified Demjanjuk from eight photographs of SS men. He pointed repeatedly to two photographs, one taken in SS uniform in 1942 and the other when Demjanjuk applied for U.S. citizenship in 1952.

O'Connor agreed that the photos were of Demjanjuk but argued that they are not identical with the guard known as "Ivan." Horn would not be shaken. O'Connor questioned his reliability as a witness. Horn was tried 20 years ago for complicity in murder and other Nazi atrocities but was acquitted by a Dusseldorf court for lack of evidence.

Horn said at the hearings in West Berlin that he had seen "Ivan" harass Jewish inmates as they were marched to the gas chambers but did not see him actually operate the death machinery.

JERUSALEM MEDAL TO STUTTGART MAYOR, SON OF GENERAL ROMMEL

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 16 (JTA) -- Manfred Rommel, son of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, the "Desert Fox" of World War II, whose Afrika Corps once posed a threat to the Jewish community in Palestine, was designated "Guardian of Jerusalem" at a ceremony at City Hall in the
capital Sunday. The 58 year-old Manfred Rommel, Mayor of Stuttgart, West Germany, is on his third visit to Israel. Honored for his activities on behalf of cultural institutions in Jerusalem, he is the 17th foreigner to be made a "Guardian of Jerusalem" and the second West German so designated. The first was publisher Axel Springer.

"If the Afrika Corps had succeeded in taking the Suez Canal, it would have been very difficult for this country and the Jewish population," Rommel said, adding, "the majority of Germans know today that it was much better to lose the war than to win it with Hitler."

Rommel's famous father, regarded by military historians as the most brilliant general on either side during the war, was forced to take his own life after he was implicated in the German officers' plot to kill Hitler in 1944.

North African Jews believe it was Rommel who prevented the "Final Solution" from being carried out against them when German might dominated North Africa from Egypt to Morocco.

Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem noted that if the German army had been able to invade Palestine, the fate of the population would not have been in Rommel's hands.

GERMAN NEO-NAZI CHARGED

BONN, June 16 (JTA) -- Odyfried Hepp, the 29-year-old leader of a neo-Nazi gang described by police as violent and dangerous, has been charged in Frankfurt with the attempted murder of an American soldier. He is also charged with membership in a terrorist organization.

Bonn lawyer, reported to West Germany from France last January. According to the State Prosecutor, he and others placed explosives under the car of an American soldier in Bautzsch, West Germany in December 1982. The soldier was seriously injured.

Hepp's activities include bank robberies, circulating anti-Semitic propaganda and displaying Nazi symbols, according to police.

DUTCH FOUNDATION FILES COMPLAINT OVER NEWSPAPER'S ISRAEL SUPPLEMENT
By Henrletta Boas

AMSTERDAM, June 16 (JTA) -- The Stiba Foundation, which combats anti-Semitism in Holland, has filed criminal libel complaints against the daily De Volkskrant and one of its staff writers, Jan Blokker, for articles likening certain aspects of Israel to Nazi Germany.

The articles, on the subject of Israel 20 years after the Six-Day War, appeared in a special supplement June 6. According to Blokker chairman Richard Stein, they are not only anti-Israel but anti-Semitic.

Blokker, who writes a satirical column and is not an authority on the Middle East, based his article on a one-week visit to Israel. He found a likeness between Israeli's architecture and the buildings of Hitler's architect, Albert Speer. He compared a blonde Israeli woman soldier to Nazi women and saw a similarity between Israel's military awards and the Nazi "oak leaves."

Other articles in the supplement cast Israel in poor light, Stiba charged. But the editors of De Volkskrant dismissed the complaints as unjustifiable. They said the supplement was "honest journalism" which gave a "balanced portrayal" of Israel today.

B'NAI B'RITH CANADA URGES NATIONAL 'GET' REFORM
By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO, June 16 (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith Canada is seeking changes in federal laws that would end or minimize what it charges are widespread abuses of the "get," or Jewish religious divorce.

In a recently published report based on the first in-depth investigation of the subject in Canada, the BBC charged that recalcitrant spouses are using the "get" as a bargaining or extortion tool in the Jewish divorce process to obtain custody or property rights, support or maintenance for which they are not legally entitled.

The Ontario Family Law was amended last year at the behest of BBC, the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Ontario Vaad Harabomin and other Jewish agencies to eliminate the abuses. John Syrtash, legal counsel and chairman of the BBC's "get" committee, said, "What we seek now is a similar amendment to federal law so that justice can be obtained for all Canadians."

LAVI REFUELED IN MIDAIR

TEL AVIV, June 16 (JTA) -- A prototype of the Lavi jet fighter plane was refueled in midair for the first time, Israel Aircraft Industries, manufacturers of the plane, reported Tuesday.

According to IAI, the second prototype of the Lavi was refueled from a Skyhawk tanker plane at 15,000 feet during a 90-minute test flight. The first prototype produced last year does not have air refueling capacity. IAI plans at least five prototypes, each designed for different types of testing.

The best features of all models will be consolidated in the plane eventually selected for the production line. But the future of the Lavi is in doubt because of excessive development and building costs. It has yet to receive a go-ahead from the government, which is considering alternative aircraft.

AUSTRIAN HISTORIAN TELLS DUTCH THAT WALDHEIM'S RECORD IS CLEAN
By Henrletta Boas

AMSTERDAM, June 16 (JTA) -- A prominent Austrian historian who gave Kurt Waldheim his first job in the diplomatic corps after World War II is the latest emissary of the Austrian government to come here in the past few days to tell the Dutch people that the President of Austria was not a Nazi.

Hans Graf, 63, invited to address The Netherlands-Austrian Society on the history of the Austrian people, insisted that he never found any evidence implicating Waldheim in atrocities against resistance fighters, Jews and other civilians when he was an intelligence officer in the German army in the Balkans during the war.

Molden's own credentials are impeccable. Arrested by the Gestapo several times, he escaped in 1944 and served as liaison between the Austrian anti-Nazi resistance and the Allies. In 1945, employed by the Allied-controlled Austrian Foreign Office, he processed Waldheim's application for a position.

Molden told the Dutch audience that he checked Waldheim's wartime record three times and found nothing against him.
A HASIDIC ROYAL WEDDING, OR HOW THE MUNKACERS TOOK OVER A CONVENTION CENTER
By Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK, June 16 (JTA) - The Munkacer Rebbe pulled out all the stops Sunday for the wedding of his only daughter, Frima Rabinowitz, 19, to Rabbi Yosef Horowitz, 20, both of Brooklyn.

At least 20,000 Jews, mostly Hasids, filled the Jacob Javits Convention Center here and poured out onto adjacent streets, filling rooms, nooks and crannies. They came from Brooklyn and afar to witness the truly exciting spectacle.

The wedding proved a curiosity for Jew and non-Jew alike. A television news crew for a Tokyo show, somewhat dazed, sheathed cameras and sound gear and shyly asked questions about the unusual proceedings. Female reporters were loudly advised to stay out of the men's section.

However, in the women's section -- half of the building -- men were ubiquitous, eating, talking, checking out the scene.

The Munkacer Rebbe, Rabbi Moshe Rabinowitz, a Holocaust survivor from Hungary most of whose followers perished in the camps, now counts among his adherents some 35,000, some of whom in turn are involved in "mixed marriages" to non-Munkacer Hasidim.

At Sunday's wedding, there was ample evidence on view of the Hasidic group, as satin caftans of stripes, flowers and basic black vied for attention with Prince Edward coats and more conventional suits. There also were just plain yeshiva bochers, beardless and sporting fedoras.

Diverse Audience

Relentless tzedakah ladies demanded charity from the latest arrivals. There were well-fed and totally covered women representing "Bikur Holim" (visiting the sick) for the Ladies Auxiliary of Adas Yereim of Vien, the community headed by the groom's father, Rabbi Yecheskel Horowitz.

Vien being Vienna, there was Viennese family present, as well as people from Israel. One woman, from Hadera, said she was staying in Boro Park "with some people named Schwartz."

There were women present who had been together in Auschwitz. Many present were natives of Transylvania.

Although slated to begin at 6 p.m., the wedding ceremony did not take place until almost 10 p.m. Until then, people arrived. There were many crashes at this well-publicized "chassana," frankly admitting, "We wanted to see what it was like."

Tables groaned with earthly delights, including soda bars replete with bottles labeled for the occasion with colorful decals bearing the name "Munkacs" in Yiddish and the names of the bride and groom over a Jerusalem scene.

Flying Caterer

The event was catered by David Scharf, who since the night before had been flying by helicopter between Brooklyn, Manhattan and Teaneck, where a Lubavitch wedding was taking place Sunday afternoon for 26 Soviet couples who were being remarried in a ceremony organized by the Bris Avrohom organization of New Jersey.

The bride did not arrive until about 8:30 p.m. She was escorted through thick crowds to a platform awash in carnations, chrysanthemums, lilacs and orchids, a work of love from florist Magda Silberman of Boro Park, Brooklyn. She had been laboring on the mammoth white creations since 8 a.m. with a team of four.

The platform contained a throne-like seat adorned with flowers and adjacent, smaller seats for the immediate female relatives. Photographers in work clothes jostled each other shamelessly for an appropriate perch, standing on highly coveted chairs.

Rushed To 'Bedekken'

Finally, it was announced over the loudspeaker that the "bedekken" was "about to take place." This is the ancient ceremony of the groom's covering the bride's face after verifying her identity, which dates from the time when Jacob was tricked into marrying the wrong sister, Leah, instead of his promised Rachel.

For this, the Hasidic men suddenly stampeded, the groom hidden somewhere in their midst. Hundreds of caftans and shtrimels pushed toward the platform, the women forming a chain along which the onlookers might pass.

Following the "bedekken," the pale and apparently weak groom who had been fasting had to be physically pulled through the human aisle. The bridal procession fooled everyone by taking off in an entirely different direction.

The procession looked somewhat incongruous as the young bride, her face hidden by the jeweled cotton veil, was escorted up the plain, industrial escalator, her mother and future mother-in-law holding aloft braided golden Havdallah candles.

The procession emerged from the center into the warm and humid night, making its way toward the chuppah, made of flat-bed trucks and wooden planks hammered into place that evening while guests arrived. The blue velvet canopy covered an area larger than most Manhattan apartments.

Hasidic watchmen stood at the periphery of the chuppah, their faces to the crowd, while brave cameramen valiantly climbed the stairs and hung perilously from them, their microphones held aloft.

Married By Grandfather

Illustrious and related Rebbes from the four corners of the earth read the seven benedictions, and the bride's grandfather, Rabbi Aaron Bernstein of Jerusalem, married the couple. The glass was broken over the public address system, the band took its cue, and the procession of newlyweds and family came down the stairs, back into the center, and then hurried carpet-covered platforms that stood in the way between them and the only operating escalator. Hundreds of people followed suit, jumping over these platforms in full dress.

Downstairs, men and women filled two separate rooms, each with a capacity of about 4,000. Security men directed people to the respective areas, as many chose to walk back and forth in the halls, again checking out the red sports cars on display.

In the women's dining room, Hasidic women from anti-Zionist sects danced together to modern Israeli music, and young girls admirably performed the latest Israeli folk dances.

In the men's section, headed by three tiers of Rabboninim, the band played soft waltz-like tunes, and nobody danced.

By 12:20 a.m., the bride and groom, who were sequestered after the ceremony, had still not returned...