

**ARABS GET FRENCH MISSILES, BRITISH TANKS AND STARFIGHTER JETS**

PARIS (WNS) — The French Government has strongly denied reports that it has partially lifted its embargo on arms shipments to Israel while disclosing an agreement to sell large quantities of ground-to-air missiles to Lebanon. (In London, British news-

papers have reported that Britain has started delivering an order of 50 powerful Centurian Mark II tanks to Jordan and the first six of 36 United-made Starfighter jets have arrived in Amman. King Hussein has reportedly complained to Washington that the delivery rate is too slow.)

(Britain is also reportedly negotiating to seek Lightning Jet fighters and Red Top anti-aircraft missiles to Iraq. Secret talks on the \$240 million order have been underway for several months between Baghdad and the British Aircraft Corp with the full backing of the Government's arms sales department and the Foreign Office. Government spokesmen have refused to confirm the reports noting the Foreign Office never comments on arms negotiations or sales.)

The French Government contends that the Crotale missile sale to Lebanon would not violate the embargo on arms to belligerents in the Six-Day War because Beirut was not considered by France to have participated in the war. Last year Paris sold a number of Mirage jet trainers to Lebanon.

Reports on the partial lift-

ing of the arms embargo to Israel indicated that military equipment and spare parts shipments have been resumed but that delivery of 50 Mirage V jet fighters which Jerusalem has paid for in full over a year ago, is still being held up.

While arms sales were never completely cut off to Israel under the embargo first imposed by former President Charles de Gaulle on the Mirage Jets just before the Six-Day War and then on all items just after the raid on Beirut Airport last December, shipments fell off to just a trickle. But informed sources in Paris said full arms dealings with Israel were resumed early last month and Jerusalem "has only to ask" to receive a large catalog of equipment and supplies for its forces.

Observers noted that if the Mirage jets were not released within six months to a year at the latest, Israel would probably ask for its money back as the fighters would have all the United States - made F-4 Phantom jet fighter - bombers she purchased this year delivered before the end of 1970, it was noted, and Jerusalem may then want to obtain an even more advanced plane for 1975 and beyond.

French President Georges Pompidou said before his election last spring that Paris would reconsider the embargo if it turned out that French arms were reaching other nations that were belligerents in the Six-Day War.

**ISRAELIS KILLED**  
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tacks against settlements and industry in northern Israel.

Arab commandos shelled Qiryat Shmona, a town in the Israeli wedge between Lebanon and Syria that had come under Arab rocket attack six times in the last eight months. The rocketing, which came as Israelis were voting in the Histadrut council election, was the most costly as two residents were killed and five wounded.

Military observers noted that the terrorist threat from Lebanon was the most serious facing Jerusalem. Raiders from Lebanon can strike at Israel proper, not the occupied territories and their targets can include Israel's industry, which of which is concentrated in the northern area.

Reports from Lebanon indicated that the Arab ter-

rorists have decided not to leave that nation after letting Beirut believe they were going to do so. The Government has made attempts to dislodge them and has succeeded.

In other fighting Israeli planes carried out a number of raids against Jordan as shelling and terrorist incursions from Arab states continued. Two Israeli soldiers were killed in one encounter with saboteurs south of the Damiyah Bridge.

Three Israeli soldiers were killed in a guerrilla ambush in the southern Golan Heights when their mobile patrol was hit by Bazooka and machinegun fire. One of the Israeli vehicles was hit and damaged.

The other Israeli soldiers were killed in incidents along the Suez Canal, two involving mine explosions and the other firefights with Egyptian troops.

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