

HOPE SISCO'S VISIT WILL MEAN ISRAELI MILITARY AID

A hope that Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco's visit to Israel will result in an agreement leading to a firm commitment by the United States to supply Phantom Jets and other military equipment to Israel was made by Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the 700,000 member American Zionist Federation.

"Without the maintenance of military parity for Israel with Egypt and the other Arab States," Rabbi Miller said, "there is an ever-growing possibility that the current truce in the Middle East will not be maintained."

Calling attention to a recent NEW YORK TIMES news story quoting U.S. Military Intelligence that Egypt had received nearly 100 MIG 21's and 16 troop-carrying helicopters from the Soviet Union since last September, and that Syria had been supplied with sophisticated jet helicopters, Rabbi Miller pointed out "that Israel must have the strength that will dissuade any opportunistic offensive action that might be developing in Egypt today."

"We have previously expressed approval of the administration's policy of the handling of the question of US arms shipments to Israel," Rabbi Miller said, "but unfortunately recent actions and statements by administration officials have resulted in a growing disquiet by American Jews over America's intention of living up to President Nixon's explicit commitment to the maintenance of an arms balance between Israel and the Arab countries, and that the U.S. would never impose unrealistic

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NEW YORK--Notable s from every walk of life -- from the United States and Israel -- will address Hadassah's four-day national convention in Cleveland August 22-25.

Speakers include: The Honorable Yitzhak Rabin, Israel Ambassador to the United States; Senator Richard S. Schweiker, Pennsylvania Republican; The Honorable Abdul Aziz Zuabi, Deputy Minister of Health and first Arab member of the Israel cabinet; Dr. Chloe Tal,

Hadassah scientist who has developed a new cancer-detection test; Brigadier General Aharon Yariv, Head of the Intelligence Section, Israeli Defense Forces; Charles E. Silberman, educator, former FOR-TUNE editor and author of CRISIS IN THE CLASSROOM and CRISIS IN BLACK AND WHITE; Professor Seymour Martin Lipset, Harvard sociologist and co-author, THE POLITICS OF UN-REASON: RIGHT WING EXTREMISM IN A-

MERICA; and Dr. Edward J. Bloustein, president-elect of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey.

Mrs. Max Schenk, national president, announced that more than 2,500 delegates, representing 320,000 members throughout the United States and Puerto Rico will attend the 57th National Convention of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, which will take place at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel in Cleveland.

peace terms on Israel as a price for military and economic aid.

"At this moment when the administration has taken bold steps leading towards world peace in the Far East that have won the acclaim of the majority of Americans," Rabbi Miller continued, "it would be particularly unfortunate if timidity were to develop in the

Middle East situation and pressure was exerted on Israel to accept the position of weakness that can lead only to a resumption of hostilities.

"We, of course, have a deep and abiding desire to feel confident that Israel has the military wherewithal to preserve the integrity and security of its borders. We also firmly believe that the best guarantee of Middle East peace, so essential to American foreign policy, is the maintenance of a strong

Israel that will effectively discourage any military incursions on the part of its Arab neighbors."

Rabbi Miller expressed the hope that "Mr. Sisco's visit to Israel will result in a formulation of American policy that this country is firmly committed to Israel's security by supplying it with a deterrent military capacity that it so urgently needs to preserve peace in the Middle East."

ISRAELITE ADS PAY

RABIN EXPECTS NOTHING NEW FROM SISCO'S VISIT TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV (WMS)-- Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin, arrived here for consultations with the government prior to the expected visit of Joseph J. Sisco, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, and told a news conference that he expected "nothing new" from Sisco's visit. Rabin, who on July 3, had sharply criticized America's Middle East policy in an interview broadcast over the Israeli radio, said Sisco's visit "is part of the non-stop dialogue we

are having with the Americans."

At the same time, in New York, The American Zionist Federation expressed hope that Sisco's visit will result in a commitment by the U.S. to supply Israel with Phantom jets and other military supplies and equipment. Rabbi Israel Miller, AZF president, said that if the U.S. did not supply Israel with the means to maintain military parity "there is an evergrowing possibility that the current truce in the Mideast will not be maintained."

TERRORISTS FIND HAVEN IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM (WNS)-- Heavily-armed Palestinian terrorists fleeing the troops of King Hussein are surrendering en masse to Israeli forces. At least 55 terrorists laid down arms during a 24 hour period July 17-July 18, apparently preferring to become prisoners of Israel than face death or capture at the hands of the Jordan Arab Legion. Despite Hussein's vow July 17 to support commando activities against Israel, the King has mounted a new drive aimed at ousting the fedayeen from north Jordan.

development along the Jordanian frontier has created a headache and potential embarrassment for Israeli authorities. The surrendering terrorist must be quartered, fed and heavily-guarded. Yet, denying them entry to Israel would mean delivering them to almost certain death at the hands of Hussein's troops.

The mass arrests were discussed at an extra long session of the Israeli Cabinet Sunday, July 18, at which Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and Army Chief of Staff Haim Bar Lev gave classified reports. Observers here maintain that this latest


Reports from Amman, Sunday, July 18, told of mass executions of guerillas. Israel wants to avoid any act that might be interpreted as interfering in Jordan's internecine fighting. But it also does not want to inhibit Hussein's drive against the terrorists. This has been going on since the Jordanian civil war last September, and it has taken considerable pressure off Israel's long frontier with Jordan.

ARABS DISAGREE ON "OPEN BRIDGE"

JERUSALEM (WNS)-- Two groups of West Bank dignitaries disagree over the policy which allows free traffic and trade between the West Bank and Jordan and opens the West Bank to visitors from the rest of the Arab world. One group is planning

to petition the Arab League Council convening in Cairo shortly to demand a closing of the bridges. It claims the current policy is tantamount to Arab recognition of Israel and helps Israel solve the economic and social problems of the West Bank.

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