

JORDANIAN MILITARY BUILDUP

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The Israeli army has been alerted as to any possible surprise move as a result of the heavy build-up of Jordanian forces, including tanks and mobile units, near the Israeli border.

The massing of troops and armor can be seen clearly from the Israeli settlements in the Beisan Valley and it is causing concern and puzzlement in military and political circles. Defense Minister Shimon Peres, touring Jordan Valley settlements, referred to a "flirtation" between Jordan and Syria which could mean that Jordan might develop the more bellicose Syrian policy. At Kokhav Hashahar, a Nahal (para - military) settlement, Peres assured the settlers their status would not be affected by a future peace settlement with Jordan. "Regardless of the future political status of the area," Peres said, "the Jordan (River) will be the security boundary of Israel and Jewish settlements will continue to exist here."

While Israel is not sure what the new Jordanian moves mean, it was believed that Jordan would be a military threat to Israel if there was an all-out war with Egypt and Syria but she would not launch hostilities herself or with Syria alone.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger said in a press conference in Washington that the sale of U.S. "Hawk" missiles to Jordan was to make sure that Jordan stays in the moderate camp.

State Department spokesman Robert Funseth said he had no second thoughts about the sale despite reports that Jordan is receiving air cover from Syria. In Israel it is believed doubtful that Jordan would permit a significant number of Syrian troops on her territory.

But King Hussein said recently that "thanks to our brethren, we shall have protection from the air." One of the reasons Jordan remained on the sidelines in the Yom Kippur War is believed to have been her vulnerability to air attack.

URGE TO PRESS NAZI CRIMINALS

BRUSSELS (WNS) -- Nazi victims should help bring war criminals to trials by pressing charges against former SS men and other Nazi officers, Maurice Pioro, president of the Belgian Union of Deportees and Families, has urged. He said that West Germany has started civil action against four Nazi war criminals on information from Belgium but it is taking an inordinately long time because there is no outside pressure.

Meanwhile, the West Berlin Senate has pardoned and released two Nazi criminals serving life sentences for murder after each served 21 years. They are Otto Locke, 62, convicted of the murder of seven Jewish inmates of the

Birkenau concentration camp, and Gottfried Matthes, a 72-year-old doctor, who was convicted of murdering 23 mentally defective Germans.

ARAB DIPLOMATS JOIN ANTI-SEMITES

NEW YORK (WUP) -- The ADL of B'nai B'rith has charged that Arab diplomats in the U.S. have joined forces with notorious anti-Semites and right-wing extremists in a hate-fest which attacked American Jews, accused President Ford of treason, and proposed that the President and Vice President Rockefeller be "hung from the nearest tree."

According to John Goldwater, chairman of ADL's fact-finding committee, the diplomats were participants in a meeting at the Army-Navy Club, Washington, D.C., co-sponsored by a group called "Citizens for American Survival," described by ADL as being anti-Semitic and the Holy Land State Committee, headed by Havir Schieber, who has been the subject of deportation proceedings.

Mr. Goldwater named the Arabs present as Lebanon's Ambassador Nahabi Kabbani, envoys from the embassies of Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Iraq, Ayham Omari, an information officer of the Arab League, and Mohammed A. Rauf, director of the Islamic Center of Washington. "Their conspicuous



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presence," Mr. Goldwater stated, "is in direct contrast to Arab protestations that they are not anti-Jewish and is a flagrant example of Arab support of anti-American extremism."

A featured speaker at the confab was the anti-Israel Alfred

Lillienthal, notorious as a leading pro-Arab propagandist in the U.S. Also present was Curtis Dall, head

of the Liberty Lobby, a Washington-based, right-wing anti-Semitic organization.

NEW YORK -- A videotape report on a pioneering program for parent education has just been made available, it was announced today by Kenneth Roseman, director of the Institute for Jewish Life, 315 Park Avenue South, N.Y.C. 10010.



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