FRIDAY, AUG. 8, 1975 FORD WITHDRAWS ARMS SALE TO JORDAN

WASHINGTON (WNS) The Ford Administration withdrew its letter to Congress detailing the proposed sale of a \$350 million air defense system to Jordan, but then announced it may resubmit the same proposal in September.

At the same time the State Department indicated that it would be discussing the matter with Congressional critics who feel the arms sale which includes 14 "Hawk" ground-to-air missile batteries is too large and with King Hussein of Jordan who has rejected any cut in the

proposal. State Dept. spokesman Robert Robert Anderson said the Administration's with drawal of the letter was "to afford further time following the (Congressional) recess to work out this problem with the Jordanian government and with top co-Congress-ional officials."

The Administration's with drawal was announced by Se. Clifford P. Case (R. NJ.), a member of the Senate Relations Foreign Committee, only hours before the committee was to vote on whether to object to the arms sale. The House Int-

ernational Relations Committee had earlier voted to reject the sale. Case called the Administrations move "wise" since both the House and Senate committees had heard testimony that the sale of Hawks was ex-cessive, "I hope that any new notice sent to Congress after the August recess will reflect what I see as the overwhelming concern in Congress that the proposed sale in Jordan was larger than her requirements for purely defensive purposes," Case said.

Case who led the negotiations with the State Dept. in an effort to reduce the number

LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE of "Hawk" batteries from 14 to six, noted that Joint Chiefs of Staff agreed with this assessment. -But Anderson demied reports that Gen. George S. Brown, chairman of the Joint Chiefs, said the U.S. military commanders felt that six batteries were suffibatteries were suffi-cient for Jordan's defensive needs, And-erson said that "if necessary" the Ad-ministration is "prepared to resubmit the same letter of offer."

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