

NO LONG-RANGE MISSILES
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range and nuclear war capability, could reach Egyptian targets from Israel. Ford said the F-16's and the "Pershings" are "on the shopping list between the U.S. and Israel and they will be discussed with representatives of the Israeli government." The President said the arms that have been supplied to Israel and will be in the future are to assure Israel's survival.

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger in a press conference in Cincinnati reaffirmed that the U.S. had only agreed to discuss the possibility of supplying Israel with F-16's and the "Pershing" missiles. However, when asked if Israel would have signed the accord without the prospect of the two weapons, Kissinger said, "That is hard to say."

Israeli Defense Minister Shimon Peres, who arrived in the United States for talks on Israel's arms requests, said he did not want to talk about what Israel will be asking for. "Ground-to-ground missiles are already in the Mideast," Peres said noting that the Soviet Union has supplied Egypt with the "Scud" and "Frog" missiles and that Israel will be getting the "Lance" missile from the U.S. along with F-15 fighters. But Peres emphasized that Israel will not ask the U.S. "for anything that has nuclear potential and capability."

Later, speaking at the National Press Club, Peres said that Israel was ready to guarantee that it will not put nuclear warheads on any U.S. weapons it receives that is capable of delivering such warheads.

"HAWKS" TO JORDAN APPEARS LIKELY

WASH. (WNS) -- The Administration's proposal to sell 14 "Hawk" anti-aircraft missile batteries to Jordan appears to be on its way to approval in Congress with the Administration's assurances that the missiles will be used only to defend the Jordanian capital of Amman.

Sen. Clifford P. Case (R, NJ) who had led the opposition to the sale, said that President Ford sent a letter to the leadership of the House and Senate containing assurances that the missiles "will be permanently installed" in the Amman area as "fixed defensive and



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non-mobile anti-aircraft batteries." Case stressed that Israel is still the dominant power in the Middle East and will remain so.

But Rep. Jonathan Bingham (D, NY) said "the sale will substantially change the military balance between Jordan and Israel to Israel's sharp disadvantage."

Case noted that while the majority in Congress felt it was wrong to sell 14 batteries to Jordan, the agreement

to install them as defensive units that "cannot reach Israeli air space" brought the issue to a compromise.

Meanwhile Rep. Benjamin S. Rosenthal (D, NY) said he is still adamantly opposed to the sale despite the Administration's latest assurance. He said the assurances are "not binding on (King) Hussein and cannot be effectively monitored."

Israeli Defense Minister Shimon Peres, who is in the United States, termed as "dangerous" Jordan's desire to acquire the "Hawk" batteries.

FORD URGES US AID TO ISRAEL

WASH. (WNS) -- President Ford urged Congress to approve the military and economic aid for Israel which is part of the Sinai agreement.

Speaking at a White House press conference, Ford noted that 76 Senators sent him a letter last spring "urging that I recommend to Congress more money for Israel and no guarantees of peace, whereas, at the present time we have made this agreement -- that is Israel and Egypt have made this agreement -- and the prospective cost to the United States is less than what the 76 Senators recommended. So we not only have peace and a step toward a broader peace, but a lesser cost than what the 76 Senators promoted."

Ford also said that he believes that U.S. sources available to Israel will provide that country with adequate oil supplies after Israel returns the Abu Rodeis oilfields to Egypt. "We're not concerned that these (Israeli Oil) supplies will be turned off," he said, and "therefore it will have no adverse impact as we see it on our own supplies."

However, Under-Secretary of State

Joseph Sisco, testifying before the House International Relations Committee said the U.S. has not given Israel "a guarantee" of oil supplies in the event of an Arab embargo. According to the text of a secret U.S. - Israel memorandum disclosed in the press, the U.S. "will promptly make oil available for purchase" by Israel if that country is unable to purchase its oil needs. Sisco told the committee "It is one thing to assist in making (oil) available for purchase and a guarantee. There is a distinction."

Sisco also said that the U.S. was "not precluded" from contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization although there was no intention to make them "on a politically significant level." Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger had disclosed earlier that the U.S. had given Israel a written undertaking not to recognize or deal with the PLO as long as the PLO refuses to recognize Israel's right to exist. Sisco said that "over the years on a lower level technical contacts have been made but not political contacts on politically significant levels."

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