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First Planes, Then Guns

The proposal by the Ford Administration to sell six C-130 transport planes to Egypt has united American friends of Israel in opposition. As Israeli and American Jewish leaders have noted, opposition is not against the sale of the planes per se but that it will establish a precedent for American arms supply to Egypt.

Two major arguments against the sale have been stressed since the Administration first made known its intention to provide Cairo with the planes. It will upset the military balance because American arms will be an addition to the equipment Egypt received from the Soviet Union, and elsewhere, and not a replacement. Secondly, Israel's security has in a large part been dependent on the superiority of American weapons over Soviet, and Egypt would now be able to benefit from both sides.

No one objects to the American government's wish to improve its relations with Egypt. Nor is there much objection to the United States providing Egypt with economic and technological aid since there is a strong belief that if Egypt concentrates on its troubled economy it will be reluctant to engage in war.

But improving American relations with Egypt should not be at the expense of Israel. Providing U.S. weapons threatens Israel's security. But helping Egypt improve its economy will be of more benefit to both Egypt and the entire region in the long run.

American Jews and other supporters of Israel should make this clear to their representatives in Congress. Presidential candidates should also be made to state their views. This is an issue which the fight for the support of American public opinion is all important.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ

A World-Union Press Feature

Why U.S. Arms to Israel's Enemies

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- It's incomprehensible! While the Arabs and their pro-PLO conspirators here at the UN are currently debating how best to undo the Jewish State, the United States under Ford and Kissinger have set in motion a plan to supply Egypt with new weapons on top of the arms shipments which Washington is already sending to the several other Arab countries who still openly claim to be in a state of war with Israel.

Certainly, both Ford and Kissinger know only too well that any arms sent to Egypt or to anyone of the other Arab states can serve but one single purpose, and that is aggression against the Israelis who, as the whole world knows, have never posed a threat to their neighbors.

The argument given by the Administration against its opponents in Congress is that if we don't send them arms, the Soviets will. This argument has no validity in light of the fact that Moscow has been sending and continues to send massive arms shipments to most of the Arab



MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT STRUGGLE FOR SOVIET JEWRY AND BETAR DEMONSTRATED AT AEROFLOT RUSSIAN AIRLINES IN BRUSSELS IN SOLIDARITY WITH FIVE AMERICAN BETAR YOUTHS WHO SAT IN SIMULTANEOUSLY AT THE HEALTH MINISTRY IN MOSCOW TO OFFER THEMSELVES AS HOSTAGES FOR PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE DR. MIKHAIL STERN.

countries and especially to Syria which has recently entered into a military alliance with Jordan. As a result of this alliance, King Hussein has installed the perilous SAM-missiles along strategic points facing the Israeli borders. For what purpose? one may ask. The Hashemite Kingdom remains a recipient of American arms.

But the most important point to consider on this whole question of arms shipments is the stark fact that not a single Arab state, including Egypt, has had a change of heart with respect to Israel. Everyone of them supports the PLO whose avowed aim is the destruction of the Jewish State -- and this, apparently, is also the aim of the other Arabs.

Thus, there can be no doubt that should Syria, counting on its newly-established PLO-strength in Lebanon and on its pact with Jordan, attempt to move against Israel in a new outbreak of hostilities, Egypt -- not to speak of Saudi Arabia and the other Arab nations -- will undoubtedly join in the battle with all its newly-acquired American military might.

Indeed, despite the Sinai agreement, President Sadat has stated more than once that, in the event of a Syrian - Israel conflict, he would have to come to the support of Syria.

Let Ford and Kissinger take note of this fact as they contemplate giving arms to Cairo. Let them also take a good look at the massive stockpiles of Soviet weapons that have already been amassed by the Arab States and which have already upset the balance of military might in favor of Israel's enemies.

In one of his recent columns, the noted investigative reporter Jack Anderson presented the following comparative figures:

"The six leading Arab powers - Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Libya and Saudi Arabia -- have a combined strength that is overwhelming. Roughly, they have a 4 to 1 superiority over Israel in combat planes, a 3 to 1 edge in trained pilots, a 19 to 1 advantage in anti-aircraft missiles, and a 3 to 1 superiority in ships and submarines... They have a combined strength of 1509 supersonic fighter jets, Israel has only 426, of which 206 are supersonic."

Anderson went on to reveal that the six have 2530 trained pilots against Israel's 1100 and 78,600 airmen as opposed to only 19,000 for Israel. They have a formidable 15,285 SAM missiles, with 2678 launchers as against Israel's 800 anti-aircraft missiles, including short-range Chaparral, with 114 launchers.

Citing the latest Pentagon secret intelligence estimates, he concludes that "Israel can never again expect to win an easy victory over the Arabs." Surely, Ford and Kissinger must be aware of these Pentagon estimates.

This being an election year, the President and his Secretary of State may have some second thoughts about their reported plans to sell arms to Egypt. Especially so in the light of the growing opposition he is facing on this question not only by a great many members of Congress but also by all the Democratic presidential candidates.

In a Miami Beach address, candidate Henry Jackson declared, in effect, that the current U.S. Middle East policy is self-defeating. Referring to Arab intransigence, he made it quite clear "that there must be a change of heart; any change of boundary lines," he emphasized, "means nothing

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"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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the powers that be to work out. But we feel the union acted in haste in calling the actual walkout on the day after the contract expired. There could have been threats, loud talk, anything that may have led up to some feeling for arbitration. Who knows?

But the die is cast. Now there is nothing further for all of us to do, but pull in our belts and hope the solution is speedy, and fair. When the settlement comes, and it will sooner or later, we will wonder why it could not have been arrived at, before the hostilities. Think of the damage, and harm and suffering that could have been averted.

A handful of hotels have reached agreement and are open. So, too, are the establishments on Fremont Street, at least until their own contract renewal comes up April 1. But the world's largest hotels in the greatest resort city, members of the Nevada Resort Association, are standing firm. Of them, the Dunes and Circus Circus are continuing to operate, and Caesar's Palace will be open for guests with advance reservations. Remaining dark for the duration are Castaways, Desert Inn, Flamingo, Frontier, Hilton, Landmark, MGM Grand, Sahara, Sands, Silver Slipper, Thunderbird and Tropicana. Most of these have announced full weekly pay for all non-union employees.

Most conventions, junkets and party tours have been cancelled, delayed or postponed. Incoming air passage is off almost 50 percent, and this is just the beginning. Large and small businesses are starting to feel the effects. If the strike lasts, as each payless payday comes up for some 17,000 "wage earners" the diminishing buying power will hit home harder and harder.

Most severely stricken from the outset were the service businesses. From auto and television repairmen to taxi drivers and bootblacks, the cash flow was at near stand-still.

In 1971 a similar strike lasted five horrendous days. It was Hank Greenspun, when he realized his ads were suffering, who locked the representatives of the union and the Resort Association in a room and demanded they reach agreement, which they did. We doubt if he can do it again. The best we can expect from the Sun is re-priming editorials. His powers of persuasion have waned because of his questionable attributes.

That leaves just one man, Gov. Michael O'Callaghan, who can and must bring the parties to arbitration for an end to the strike. Regardless of protocol, which states request must be made by both sides for his intervention, Gov. Mike could and should find a way to become involved. He is the only one labor and management respects and with him there would be no alternative but success.

Labor bosses have circulated the rumor that Howard Hughes, who controls five hotels and a gambling casino in the Resort Association, is determined to break the unions. We do not believe this because the culinary, bartenders, bellhops and other service unions are more of an asset than a detriment to the billionaire's interests. He and the other hotel owners need and want them.

If it is not over by the time you are reading this, the damage already inflicted will be multiplied many fold. The tens of thousands of visitors per day, normally planning to come to Vegas, cannot be stymied forever. They will make other arrangements.

At least 98 percent of the inhabitants of Las Vegas, who live on a fairly high level, also live hand-to-mouth. Their savings are comparatively nil. Standards, without income will diminish. Some, if not most, will never recover.

We ask the hotels and labor bosses who brought this about, WAS IT WORTH IT?

without a change of heart."

And here lies the crux of the matter. Jackson called for the two sides in the conflict to enter into direct negotiations. No third party can solve the dispute, he stated. "We can't go on with a Mickey Mouse operation."