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FORD ASSURES JEWISH LEADERS U.S. IS COMMITTED TO ISRAEL



PRESIDENT FORD GREETES B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN OUTGOING PRESIDENT HELEN SMITH OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, AT A WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION. MR. FORD TOLD THE GROUP THAT HE CONSIDERED IT IMPORTANT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO ISRAEL. SUSAN FORD IS IN BACKGROUND.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- President Ford has made it clear to Jewish leaders that his Administration will not back down from its decision to sell six C-130 troop transport planes to Egypt.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, who led the delegation of about a dozen leaders which met with Ford for 85 minutes at the White House, said that Ford asserted his Administration's policy is helping Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in order to encourage him and other Arab moderates. Rabbi Schindler added the President said "over and over again" that despite any disagreement with Israel, the U.S. is committed to the Jewish State.

Schindler declared that the American Jewish community is not opposed to economic aid to Egypt but opposes the projected sale of the six C-130s because it sees it as a "symbolic act" that will begin an arms supply relationship between the U.S. and Egypt. Schindler noted that Israel received \$1.3 billion in arms from the U.S. in 1975 while the Arab nations received \$14-15 billion, half of it from the Soviet Union and the rest from Western sources.

Rabbi Schindler said the President did not indicate whether the transport planes would be sold to Egypt as a military sale or as several Senators have recommended a direct commercial deal with the manufacturer, Lockheed Aircraft Company, thus avoiding a clash in Congress. But Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger has publicly stressed that he believes it should be done through a military deal. Kissinger told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the decision to sell Egypt the C-130s "cannot possibly affect the strategic balance with Israel."

Kissinger also told the committee that Sadat's decision, endorsed by the Egyptian Parliament, to abrogate the 1971 Egyptian-Soviet treaty of friendship has "gravely weakened, if not ended the Soviet connection without asking any-

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Bonnie Tell Outstanding
at Bat Mitzvah Ceremony.
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OUR RABBI

At our age emotion is practically a lost trait, but it came back in all its splendor and without any trace of reservation when we witnessed the Bat Mitzvah of our No. 1 granddaughter last Friday at Temple Beth Shalom.

From our center aisle seat in the first row, totally unaware of the reaction of the large audience to our rear, we were thoroughly entranced by the wisp of our Bonnie connecting the services in clear, unhesitant Hebrew and trilling her portion of the Haftorah in positive piquant voice. It was a gratification to be enjoyed by the most fortunate of grandparents, who was responsible not one whit for her religious enthusiasm and training.

Credit for Bonnie's beautiful performance had to be shared by her maternal grandparents, Morris and Bessie Friedman, her parents, Don and Rita Tell, and our dedicated religious leaders, Rabbi Philip Shnairson and Cantor Joseph Kohn. Collectively, they had brought to fruition an understanding and devotion to Judaism culminating in a Bat Mitzvah par excellence. We

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SYRIANS, DISGUISED AS PLO, IN LEBANON

NEW YORK -- A Lebanese soldier who had joined the newly-formed rebel Moslem Arab Army has charged that regular Syrian troops had entered Lebanon disguised as Palestinian As Saqai guerrillas in a move to force a showdown between the contending military units fighting for hegemony over the war-torn land.

This fact was disclosed in a dispatch sent to The

New York Times last week by correspondent James M. Markham who had interviewed a number of Lebanese soldiers, some of whom welcomed the "Syrians" while others opposed them.

One modern Christian politician "who has aspirations to succeed President Franjeh," Markham noted, presented this confusing picture:

"It's becoming a vaudeville act. The coup d'etat is not serious."

In a subsequent dispatch captioned Rival Lebanese Deploy for Showdown, Mr. Markham reported that "the choice of a successor to Mr. Franjeh has become extremely complex, with reported powerful backstage maneuvering by the Palestine guerrilla movement and by Arab countries.

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