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NBC-TV's "Meet the Press" program and said that in his talks with Reagan, Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, he "never heard even an allusion about such a possibility." Begin refused however to go into details of what the new strategic agreement will include.

He said that would be worked out when Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, who met with Weinberger returns to Washington in November. Begin said he hoped by then, a written memo will be worked out between the two defense officials, something the Reagan Administration has apparently refused to give Israel up to now. Begin did say that stockpiling of U.S. weapons in Israel may be one of the items under the new arrangement.

Begin said he didn't know if Haig was correct when he told Saudi Arabian Prince Fahd in Spain that the Secretary expected the AWACS sale to go through. "We shall see when the vote is

taken," Begin said. He denied strongly that he had been "lobbying" against the sale while in Washington. He said he presented the Israeli "case" to Reagan and his advisors that what he called the "double deal" would be a "grave danger" to Israel.

By double deal, Begin explained, he meant not only the AWACS were a danger to Israel but so is the other major part of the proposed sale of "offensive" enhancement equipment for the 16 F-15 fighter bombers bought from the U.S. by the Saudis.

Begin while in the U.S. also met with Moral Majority leader, the Rev. Jerry Falwell, and said, according to Falwell, that he rejected the idea that he should separate himself from the conservative movement. "Mr. Falwell, there are those who work very hard to separate us," Falwell quoted Begin. "We are not going to be separated. We need each other."

Falwell told reporters after his meeting with the Israeli Premier that

fundamentalist Christians support Israel's right to exist. There is "no question in our minds that God did deed the land to Abraham and his descendants," he said. "We believed that God deals with nations in relation to how nations deal with Israel." He said on this basis the Soviet Union's major mistake is not its enmity to the United States, but its harsh treatment of Jews and the State of Israel.

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hands of enemies," Cannon said.

"We have seen how supposedly friendly countries like Iran can be turned into rabid anti-American states through revolution. Losing AWACS to an unfriendly power in the crucial Persian Gulf area would pose grave security problems for the U.S."

Congress has the authority to veto the sale following official notification by the White House. Notification has not been made as yet.

JEWISH REPUBLICANS OPPOSE AWACS

NEW YORK (WNS) -- 38 leading Jewish Republicans joined in a public statement "strongly" opposing the Administration's proposal to sell Saudi Arabia five AWACS reconnaissance planes and other sophisticated weaponry. Among the signers were Max Fisher of Detroit, Richard Fox of Philadelphia, George Klein of New York, and Gordon Zacks of Columbus, Ohio, four of the most prominent Jewish supporters of Ronald Reagan and George Bush during the 1980 Presidential campaign.

The statement said in part that the sale "would be contrary to national security interests in the United States because it would place our most advanced sophisticated weapons systems and technology in the hands of an unstable regime. These weapons systems could become compromised as a result of defection, insurrection or invasion and could fall into the hands of the Soviets or their clients."

The statement

continued, "The proposed arms sale to Saudi Arabia will tend to further destabilize the Persian Gulf without assuring protection of the vital strategic interests of our allies and ourselves. Furthermore, this sale threatens the security of Israel, the only reliable and steadfast ally that the United States has in the region. Saudi officials have stated that they view Israel, not the Soviet Union, as their number one enemy. To protect America's vital interests, the United States must establish a strong military land presence in the Persian Gulf region. We are dedicated supporters of President Reagan but feel we must actively oppose this sale of sophisticated weapons to Saudi Arabia."

TERRORISTS RAID ISRAEL

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- A terrorist hand grenade attack in the Old City fatally wounded a 65-year-old Italian visitor and injured 28 other

persons, most of them Roman Catholic tourists on a religious pilgrimage.

Three of the wounded were listed in poor condition at local hospitals. The others sustained only slight wounds. According to police, a group of 47 Catholic pilgrims were returning from mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and had stopped at a gift shop in an alley leading to the New Gate in the northern wall of the city. Two assailants hurled grenades from a rooftop, a senior police official said, but an eye-witness said two men threw grenades from a corner of the alley and fled.

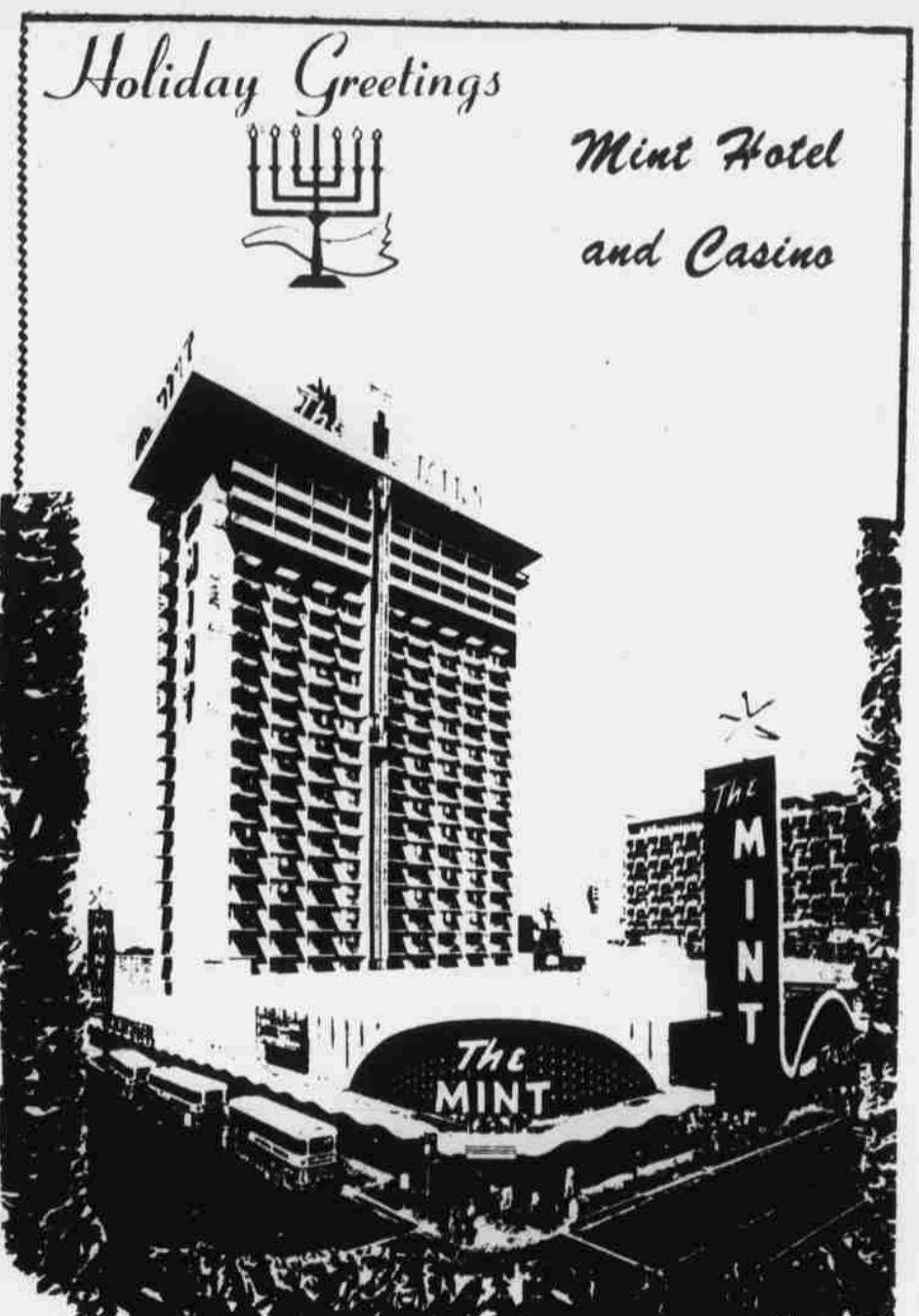
The injured included three Arabs, two Dutch tourists, a French tourist and an American soldier. The fatally wounded man died shortly after arrival at a hospital. His name was not immediately disclosed but he was reported to be from Milan and was a member of the Catholic Party which arrived in Israel on a five-day visit.

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