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NEW YORK -- THE ROGISON HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM FROM KIRYAT ATA, ISRAEL, CHAMPIONS OF THE COUNTRY AT THE SECONDARY LEVEL, HAVE BEEN TOURING THE EASTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES WITH REMARKABLE SUCCESS. THE ABOVE LISTED GROUP HAD TO PLAY COLLEGE VARSITY CLUBS IN ORDER TO GET COMPETITION AND STILL MANAGED TO COME UP WITH AN UNDEFEATED TOUR. THE MOST OUTSTANDING VICTORY WAS OVER THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT WITH THE ROGISON HIGH YOUNGSTERS FELLING THE CADETS 3 GAMES TO 1 IN A COMPARATIVELY EASY MATCH.

AWACS BRING OUT ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Allegations that anti-Semitism had surfaced among some U.S. Senators' constituents during the heated AWACS debate last month, was supported by a report released Nov. 15 by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Of the pro-AWACS mail received by Senators, 7.1 percent was anti-Semitic and 32 percent was critical of Israel for alleged "interference" on the "interference" in the controversy, the report said. At the same time, the report revealed that the mail ran more than 2-1 against the sale. Seventy-two Senatorial offices provided the ADL with data on their anti-Semitic mail and 61 of these provided data on letters critical of Israel.

The ADL survey revealed that the 72 Senators had received approximately 166,000 pieces of mail of which some 15,000 spoke of Israeli "interference" and 3,300 contained anti-Semitic references. "The volume, tone and language of the 3,300 letters suggested that they originated mostly with fringe elements rather than with mainstream Americans," Nathan Perlmutter, ADL National Director said in announcing the finding. He added that "any injection of anti-Semitism into

an American public debate, on any issue, is abhorrent and should be promptly and resolutely condemned.

Since the dates of the letters were not available, the ADL official continued, no conclusion could be drawn as to whether the anti-Israel mail was influenced by President Reagan's comment that "it is not the business of other nations to make American Foreign policy." Nor was it possible to assess the impact of former President Nixon's remark singling out Jews as an obstacle to the AWACS sale, Perlmutter noted.

NO CONDITIONS IN SINAI PATROL

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Premier Menachem Begin reiterated Israel's demand that no additional conditions be set by nations joining the Multi-National Force and Observers (MFO) to patrol the Sinai, a reference to the 1980 Venice Declaration of the European Economic Community (EEC) which includes a clause calling for "association" of the Palestine Liberation Organization in the Middle East process. Speaking at the weekly Cabinet meeting, Begin demanded

that no mention be made of the Venice Declaration in connection with participation in the MFO. Begin was responding to comments made by Lord Carrington, British Foreign Secretary which linked EEC participation in the MFO to the Venice Declaration and to the need to "supervise" Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai next April.

The Premier said the MFO was not intended to supervise Israel's withdrawal. According to a Cabinet communique, Begin did not specify which MFO documents should avoid any reference to the Venice Declaration. It was reported however, that he had in mind the forthcoming official EEC announcement on sending troops to the force.

In London, speaking on British Independent Television Carrington said that there was a "good chance" that PLO chief Yasir Arafat would agree to guarantees for Israel's security in a Middle East peace settlement. He said that any Arafat statement to that effect would have to be "good words" if they were to remove Israel's "legitimate fears" that the PLO's ultimate goal was Israel's destruction. He said mutual recognition of each other by Israel and the Palestinians was indispensable.

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