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YOUNG ISRAEL LEADERS IN CEREMONY

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The following are Premier excerpts of Menachem Begin s statement to U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis which was read out after the Cabinet meeting by Secretary Arye Naor:

"Three times during the past six months the U.S. government has punished Israel.

"On June 7 we destroyed the Iraqi reactor Osirak near Baghdad, 1 don't want to mention to you today from whom we received the final information that this reactor was going to produce an atomic bomb, We had no about that, doubt Therefore our action was an act of salvation an act of national self - defense in the most lofty sense of the concept. We saved the lives of hundreds of thousands of civilians, including tens of thousands of children.

"Nonetheless Vou announced that you were punishing us -you revoked a and signed and sealed contract that included specific dates for the supply of (war) planes.

"Not long after, in a defensive act -- after a slaughter was comagainst our mitted people leaving three dead (including an Auschwitz survivor) and 29 were injured hombed the -- we PLO headquarters in Beirut.

"You have no moral right to preach to us about civilian casualties. We have read the history. of World War Two and we know what happened to civilians when you took action against an enemy. We have also read the history of the Vietnam war and your phrase 'body - count.' We always make efforts to avoid hitting civilian populations, but sometimes it is unavoidable -- as was the case in our bombing of the PLO headquarters.

"Nonetheless Vou punished us you suspended the delivery of F-15 planes A week ago at the instance of the government the Knesset passed on all three readings by an overwhelming majority of two - thirds Heights the Golan law. Now you are once again boasting that you are punishing Israel.

What kind of expression is this -- punishing Israel? Are we a vassal - state of yours? Are we a banana republic? Are

we youths of fourteen who, if they don't behave properly, are slapped across the fingers?.. You will not frighten us with punishments. He who threatens us will find us deaf to this threat. We are only prepared to listen rational arguments. You have no right to punish Israel -- and I protest at the very use of this term ...

HERE ARE EXCERPTS OF BEGIN'S STATEMENT

"You want to make Israel a hostage of the memorandum of understanding. I regard your announcement suspending the consultations on the memorandum as the abrogation (by you) of the memorandum. No sword of Damocles is going to hang over our head. So we duly take note of the fact that you have abrogated the memorandum of understanding.

"The people of Israel have lived 3 700 without vears a memorandum of understanding with America -- and it will continue to live continue to for without one another 3,700 years. eyes it In our (the U.S. suspension) is an abrogation of the memorandum ...

financial upon us punishments -- and you have (thereby) violated the word of the President When Secretary (of State Alexander) Haig was here document the about its rescision. ten words of President Reagan that you would purchase for \$200 million Israeli arms

and other equipment, This is therefore a violation of the President's word. Is it customary? Is it proper? You cancelled an dditional \$100 million. What did you want to do -- to hit us in our pocket? Now Lunderstand why the whole great effort in the Senate to obtain a majority for the arms deal with Saudi Arabia was accomplished by an ugly campaign of anti-Semitism.

"Mr. Weinberger (Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger) -and later Mr. Haig -said that the law contravenes (adversely affects) Resolution 242. Whoever says that has either not read the resolution or has forgotten it or has not understood it. "The essence of the

resolution is negotiadetermine tion to agreed and recognized borders. Syria has announced that it will not conduct negotiations with us that it does not and will not recognize us -- and thus removed from Resolution 242 its essence How, therefore could we con-"You have imposed travene 242. As regards the future please he kindenough to inform the Secretary of State that the Golan Heights law will remain valid. There is no force on he read from a writ- earth that can bring

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THE LEADER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF YOUNG ISRAEL WERE PRESENTED WITH A FLAG WHICH FLEW OVER THE CAPITOL AT A SPECIAL CEREMONY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. WHICH MARKED THE MOVEMENT'S 70THANNIVERSARY, HAROLD M JACOBS (EXTREME RIGHT), PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF YOUNG ISRAEL, ACCEPTED THE FLAG FROM CONGRESSMAN BILL GREEN (R. N.Y THIRD FROM R GHT). IN THE PRESENCE OF OVER 120 YOUNG ISRAEL LAY LEADERS WHO HAD TRAVELLED TO WASHINGTON FOR A SPECIAL ONE DAY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. OTHER YOUNG ISRAEL LEADERS (LEFT TO RIGHT) PICTURED ABOVE INCLUDE DAVID LOVE, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL: DAVID SCHNECK, LIAISON VICE PRESIDENT; RABBI EPHRAIM STURM, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT; MARTIN LASHER, CHAIRMAN OF THE NCYL PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. AND (SECOND FROM RIGHT) SIDNEY WINTER, NCYI FIRST VICE PRESI-DENT.

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