

KNESSET CONTROVERSY

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from Sinai.

He was supported by Defense Minister Ariel Sharon who has made no secret of his sympathy for the Sinai settlers. Begin, for his part, is said to want to avoid a confrontation with them at all costs. The sum is about 20 percent above what the government previously declared to be the ceiling. But the Sinai settlers have been exerting severe pressure for a better deal and civil disobedience has been rife in the region in recent weeks.

Shlomo Lorincz, chairman of the Finance Committee, said the members would insist that at least 20 percent of the sum must be paid in non-negotiable government bonds which may not be cashed for 5-10 years in order to cushion the inflationary impact, and that income tax should be paid on most of the balance. So far, Begin has rejected any conditions or modifications. But Lorincz who briefed the Premier Jan. 12 on the Finance Committee's position, said there were indications that he might reconsider.

The Sinai settlers themselves have not officially accepted the offer. The Yamit Residents Action Committee which disbanded earlier, charged that the distribution of the money was unfair to householders and businessmen. They claimed that residents of Yamit township would receive just over 2 million Shekels (about \$150,000) while even small farmers in the Sinai villages would be getting twice that amount. The settlers indicated that they would advise individual residents and shopowners committees to refuse the sums offered and to sit tight until the evacuation deadline in order to embarrass the government.

Meanwhile, Treasury officials considered ways to raise the 4.4 billion Shekels. The government could print more currency but that would only intensify inflation. Higher taxes would cause an angry public reaction and further budget cuts in the various ministries would mean

a bitter fight within the Cabinet.

Treasury sources said that there was no choice but to submit a supplementary budget to the Knesset to cover the additional expenditures to which the government has committed itself. These include not only compensation for the Sinai residents but hefty grants to the Agudat Israel yeshivas which Begin promised last summer and higher price support subsidies than originally anticipated.

Another source of trouble comes from the hundreds of Gush Emunim squatters and their supporters who have been infiltrating Sinai, taking over abandoned houses and reassembling equipment that had been dismantled for transport to relocation areas inside Israel. Their avowed purpose is to block withdrawal from Sinai at all costs and they appear to be deliberately seeking a violent confrontation with the government.

But by week's end the ultra-nationalists claimed a "victory" after the government reached a compromise with the Gush Emunim militants to halt the dismantling of buildings and equipment slated for relocation areas. According to the agreement, Jewish agency workers will remove farm equipment and green-houses already dismantled but will not further dismantle or remove any other structures of equipment. Hanan Porat, of the ultra-nationalist Tehiya Party, who has demonstratively moved to Yamit, hailed the compromise as "a great victory." The squatters' spokeswoman, Elie Weitzman, said: "This is a great victory. We have stopped the disgraceful withdrawal from Sinai."

BONN (WNS) -- An American neo-Nazi, identified by West German authorities as Gary Lex Lauck, of Lincoln, Neb., apparently left the country to avoid standing trial for spreading anti-Semitic material in the Federal Republic. A court in the town of Zweibruecken issued a warrant for his arrest after he failed to show up at a hearing. The authorities believe that Lauck, 28, who is of German origin, has returned to the United States.

REP. LONG SAYS SAUDIS INSTABLE

DALLAS (WNS) -- Rep. Clarence Long (D. Md.) chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations warned that Saudi Arabia maintains "an extremely delicate regime and could be easily overthrown." In an address to several hundred Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) leaders, Long, who initiated the bill in the House to stop the sale of AWACS radar planes to the Saudis said that "in recent years, American foreign policy has been wrong in the Middle East, for while trying to protect Israel, the sale of sophisticated weapons to Israel's enemies is counter to

helping Israel." Long added that since the passage of the bill in the Senate approving the AWACS sale, "The Administration has lost standing with the American people and that a couple of more 'victories' like that, and the Administration is dead." He told the ZOA leaders, attending the special National Executive Committee meeting that "the Israelis are a gallant people who had to guts to stand up to the poison of the world around them." Meanwhile, ZOA president Ivan Novick who said the special meeting had been called to express "great concern regarding U.S. Administration actions toward Israel."

NEW MEDICAL DIRECTOR AT ANIMAL MEMORIAL



Michael C. Brinkmann, D.V.M., has assumed the position of Medical and Surgical Director at Animal Memorial Hospital, 1914 East Sahara.

Dr. Brinkmann is a 1978 graduate of Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine in Alabama and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Sciences from the University of Kentucky in 1974.

Prior to his move to Las Vegas, Dr. Brinkmann served an 18 month internship at the prestigious Grady Veterinary Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. Upon moving to Las Vegas, Dr. Brinkmann became associated with Paradise Pet Clinic, where he practiced until recently.

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Surgical Director at Animal Memorial Hospital, Dr. Brinkmann will combine his training, talents and expertise with those of Dr. Glen Church to offer the best possible pet/animal care to the people of Las Vegas.

Animal Memorial Hospital provides complete medical,

surgical and nutritional services, and when necessary, the services of veterinary specialists. Dr. Brinkmann will be assisted by a staff of trained professionals including Carol Cahill, a Certified Animal Health Technician, and Susan Buchanan, a trained medical receptionist.

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