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ternational foreign policy experts, Yohanan Ramati -- discussing the current perplexing situation in Lebanon in the January issue of *Midstream* -- makes reference to the "full-fledged Treaty" Syria has entered into with the Soviet Union and notes that "the Russians need Syria to exert pressure on Turkey from the south. Given the conventional military superiority of the Warsaw Pact over NATO in Europe," he adds, "the Syro - Soviet Pact has made Turkey's position very difficult." He then goes on to say that "the existence of a strong Israel, largely neutralizing Syria's forces, is one of the factors enabling the Turks to resist these pressures."

Take note, America!

Ramati continues: "Israel's powerful forces are and will remain pro - Western, but can only continue to safeguard Turkey's southern flank if Israel is not forced by Western pressures into territorial concessions -- to the PLO or to Jordan. The Lebanese Christians have remained pro - Western though the West virtually abandoned them in their hour of need. Not a single Arab state, with the possible exception of Egypt, can be relied upon to maintain an anti-Soviet stance under conditions of Western military impotence and remoteness from the Middle Eastern scene. This applies with particular force to Saudi Arabia -- whether it receives Western arms or not."

When Syria first brought its complaint to the Council in mid - December against Israel's decision to invoke Jerusalem's law over the Golan Heights, Ambassador Yehuda Z. Blum, faced with a hostile gang of modern Hamans, told the fifteen - member body that "any action or decision taken by the Council in the present matter will inevitably have to be seen and weighed against its inactivity with regard to the real threats to international peace and security which I have mentioned." And what did he mention?

The eloquent Blum, after reprimanding the Council for having lost no time in convening its session versus Israel, mentioned "the sad fact that in the course of the year the Security Council had not met even once to discuss the ongoing threats to international peace and security in, for example, Afghanistan and Kampuchea; it has never met to discuss the situation in Poland; it has not met once this year to consider the unabated hostilities between Iraq and Iran and it did not bother to deliberate openly on Libya's invasion of Chad and its direct attacks on Sudan. Similarly, it evinced no public concern about Syria's unending rape of Lebanon...."

One thing is certain, whatever develops, Am-

erica and Israel are fated to endure a common destiny. May Turkey and Egypt enjoy a similar fate.

VALLEY HAS RN GRADUATE PROGRAM



EDUCATION NEVER STOPS -- STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR MICHELE BONNEE, RN (SECOND FROM RIGHT) REVIEWS THE PROCEDURE FOR ADMINISTERING CPR TO NEW RN GRADUATES, FROM LEFT, SHELLY MANDELLO, TERI GALLION, AND GAIL VRANESH. THESE LADIES GRADUATED FROM VALLEY HOSPITAL'S NEW RN GRADUATE PROGRAM, A TWO-MONTH ORIENTATION PROGRAM TO MAKE THE TRANSITION FROM STUDENT TO STAFF NURSE LESS TRAUMATIC. ALSO GRADUATING FROM THIS PROGRAM BUT NOT PICTURED WERE LIZ HALL AND LINDA POSTAL. THE PROGRAM IS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MICHELE BONNEE.

PARIS (WNS) -- President Francois Mitterrand will make a trip to Israel in early March, the Foreign Ministry said.

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