

THREATS TO ISRAEL'S PEACE

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is to rally the American Jewish community and other friends of Israel to defeat the arms sale to Jordan which the Administration may formally propose after the November Congressional elections. The intensity with which Israel is pressing its point of view recalled the bitter battle over the sale of AWACS reconnaissance planes to Saudi Arabia in 1981 which was vetoed by the House but narrowly upheld by the Senate over intense pressing from the Reagan Administration.

As part of Sharon's visit here, to the United States, he addressed the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations in New York. The Defense Minister told the Presidents Conference that in his talks the previous day in Washington with Weinberger and Secretary of State Alexander Haig, he raised the issue of U.S. "sanctions" against Israel whenever there is "misunderstanding" between the two countries. He was referring to when after Israel bombed the Iraqi nuclear research facility last June or Israel's annexation of the

Golan Heights, the United States suspended shipment of warplanes to Israel and in the latter case, the U.S. suspended the memorandum of understanding.

Sharon also said he told Haig and Weinberger that PLO terrorism is presently one of the major threats to peace in the Mideast. Noting that since last July, when an agreement to end hostilities across the Israel-Lebanon border was agreed to, at least 25 people were killed and 250 wounded as a result of PLO terrorism. He warned that any new attack by the PLO can lead to war in the region.

Meanwhile, Sharon appeared on the NBC-TV "Today" program prior to the Presidents Conference meeting and said that Israel has provided a small amount of military aid to Iran because it views Iraq, which is at war with Iran, as a major threat to peace. He said that by tacitly supporting Iraq, Washington might be supporting a new Iraq-Arab coalition that included Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Egypt. In his speech to the Presidents Conference, Sharon expanded on his remarks and warned that the fall of Iran to Iraq might bring the Soviet Union into a greater position of power on the Persian Gulf.

POLL SHOWS OPPOSITION TO ARMS SALE

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The American public is overwhelmingly opposed to the sale by the United States of sophisticated weapons to Jordan and believes that such a sale if undertaken, should be made on condition that Jordan agrees to make peace with Israel, according to a national survey conducted for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith by Garth - Furst International/Penn & Shoen

Associates. The poll was conducted among 1,007 randomly selected Americans across the country. The results of the poll were disclosed at an ADL news conference at the organization's headquarters. The results of the poll show that 66 percent of the American public oppose the sale of American arms to Jordan, 21 favor it while 13 percent are undeci-

ded. At the same time, 53 percent said the sale should be based on Jordan's willing-

ness to move toward peace with Israel while 33 percent said this should not be a factor in arms sales to Jordan.

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