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and its King in September 1970 did not hesitate to take all the military actions necessary to expel the terrorist PLO from Jordanian territory thus preventing it from subverting Jordanian sovereignty. It would appear that Jordan now is trying to deny the same right which it claimed for itself in 1970 and thereafter, namely, the right to exercise sovereignty over its territory unimpeded by the presence of a group of international terrorists bent on the destruction of the country's independence...

Inspired by acts of heroism as displayed by the Israeli youngsters in all the defensive wars against the enemy since 1948, Yiddish poet Wolf Pasmanik penned the following poem translated by the late Moshe Starkman:

**"The Jewish Warriors"**

Their countenances glimmering in white radiance, with piercing sky-colored eyes ashining, they record history, fiery words aflame, of yesterdays, todays. From the shores of the Kenneret, to the mountain heights of Jerusalem, they stand ever on guard and on the watch, that the enemy reach not the hills and valleys. The Jewish warriors, like the wild-radiant doves, they have here also Me, raised toward the heavens above. I see them from there --- The builders and the Watchmen. Blessed be their forward marching, to the Battle of Justice.

**JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS**

GENEVA (WNS) -- The Intergovernmental Committee for Migration reported that a total of 182 Jews left the Soviet Union during the month of June of whom 58 went to Israel.

TORONTO (WNS) -- Raoul Wallenberg, credited with saving more than 20,000 Jews in Hungary during World War II, was honored when the city of North York named a road in his honor, it was reported.

PARIS (WNS) -- President Francois Mitterrand has turned down a request by a PLO official for an audience. The President avoided a meeting with Farouk Kaddoumi, the head of the PLO's political department, by claiming that he had no time because he was departing that same day for Budapest. Mitterrand's refusal to meet the PLO was not unprecedented. No PLO leader has yet to be received at the Elysee Palace.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- President Reagan met with Albert Spiegel of Los Angeles, chairman of the National Republican Jewish Coalition, to discuss Lebanon and other issues during Reagan's California vacation, the White House has disclosed. The meeting was also attended by National Security Advisor William Clark, and Michael Deaver, the President's Deputy Chief of Staff.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Three children were killed and 18 were wounded when a mine blew up under a truck carrying 50 children in east Beirut, an Israeli military spokesman said. He said the Israeli army was investigating the incident near Jubb Janin.

RIO DE JANEIRO (WNS) -- The number of Jews living in Brazil has been officially listed at 118,991 -- far short of the 180,000 figure generally assumed to represent Brazil's Jewish population. The preliminary official figures, published in the recent issue of the Brazilian Institute for Statistics, a government agency, indicate 27,547 Jewish residents in Rio de Janeiro; 72,530 in Sao Paulo; 7,939 in Porto Alegre and 2,436 in rural areas of the country.

TORONTO (WNS) -- Three Canadian Jews were among the recipients of the Order of Canada at the annual Canada Day lists, it was reported. They are Edwin Goodman, 63, a Queens Counsel and prominent in the Progressive Conservative Party in Canada; Harry Veiner, 78, the former mayor of Medicine Hat, Alberta, and Abby (Abigail) Hoffman, a former track star and now director of Sports Canada, a government program directed from Ottawa.

**SHULTZ BECOMES SECRETARY OF STATE**

WASH. (WNS) -- George Schultz won unanimous approval from the Senate after receiving the confirmation from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to succeed Alexander Haig as Secretary of State in the Reagan Administration. He was sworn in by President Reagan last month.

In the hearings before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Shultz told the members that the situation in Lebanon has demonstrated the urgency of satisfying the "political aspirations" of the Palestinian people. He affirmed in the strongest terms his support of the U.S. commitment to Israel and his appreciation of Israel's preoccupation with its security. Shultz referred to Israel as "our closest friend in the Middle East" and a "strategic asset." But he made it clear that he regards "the legitimate needs and problems of the Palestinian people" as "a central reality of the Middle East" which "must be addressed and resolved -- urgently and all in their dimensions."

In his opening statement to the Committee, by which his appointment was relatively assured, Shultz stressed that he would make an effort to strengthen U.S. ties with Arab countries

because "it is from them that the West gets much of its oil; it is with them that we share in interest and must cooperate in resisting Soviet imperialism; it is with them, as well as Israel, that we will be able to bring peace to the Middle East."

Shultz came across during his confirmation hearings as soft spoken but firm in his views, totally at ease with himself and with the political establishment. He is expected to be a strong Secretary of State. His appointment to succeed Alexander Haig created misgivings in Israel and among many of its friends in the U.S. As President of the Bechtel group, a giant construction firm, Shultz headed a firm with billions of dollars in contracts in the Arab world, particularly Saudi Arabia. Asked by Senators if his relationship with Bechtel would have any effect on his conduct in office, he replied bluntly, "None."

In his prepared statement to the Committee and in replies to questions by Senators, Shultz gave cause for both hope and concern to Israel and its supporters. "The Lebanese situation," he said, "is ultimately linked to the vital question of Israel's security. Israel, our closest friend in the

Middle East, still harbors a deep feeling of insecurity. "In a region where hostility is endemic, and where so much of it is directed against Israel, the rightness of her preoccupation with matters of security cannot be disputed."

He added, "Nor should anyone dispute the depth and durability of America's commitment to the security of Israel or our readiness to assure that Israel has the necessary means to defend herself. I share in this deep and enduring commitment. And more, I recognize that democratic Israel shares with us a deep commitment to the security of the west."

On the other hand, Shultz spoke more strongly than any Administration official on the need to satisfy the Palestinians' aspirations and to bring the Palestinians, possibly including the PLO, into the negotiating process. He refused to characterize the PLO as simply a terrorist organization -- as Reagan did during the Presidential campaign. "They apparently have many

dimensions and there is a terrorist dimension," he said in reply to a question. "There tends to be terrorists and guerrilla aspects to protest movements typically. I don't say that to excuse these terrorist acts at all. I don't excuse them," he added.

On other matters, Shultz said he did not know whether the Soviet Jewry issue was being brought up by the Reagan Administration in discussions on the resumption of a grain agreement with the Soviet Union. But he said Reagan has ordered him that on all discussions with the Soviet Union, human rights problems be brought up of which one is Soviet Jewry. He also promised to take up the case of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who helped save Hungarian Jews from the Nazis during World War II and who is believed to have been held in a Soviet prison since January 1945.

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