

# Soviets Are Betting on Syria

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At America's expense, there are notes of gladness in Moscow and Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, these fine Spring days.

In the Kremlin, Yuri Andropov and his brain-trusters are rejoicing over the news that President Reagan is punishing Israel by holding up the delivery of 75 F-16 fighter jets. This makes the Russians doubly pleased with Moscow's recent decision to ship MIG 23 fighter planes, new tanks, rocket launchers, and anti-aircraft missiles to Syria.

In Saudi Arabia Yasir Arafat must have had a good laugh with Crown Prince Fahd over the report that the Saudis are thinking about weasling out of the \$8.5 billion AWACS deal as a portion of their determination to trim their \$20 billion defense budget. (Arafat stopped off in Riyadh on his way to Jordan.)

Remember the AWACS firestorm of late 1981? Opponents of the deal were told that providing all that radar, surveillance, and communications equipment was the cornerstone of America's Middle East defense program. In return for the hardware, the U.S. was promised by King Khalid that Saudi Arabia would give us valuable assis-

...tance in ending the Arab - Israeli conflict. The President's current decision to cut off the military sales to Israel took the State Department by surprise. Secretary Shultz and his staff had long been silent about the shipment delay. But Mr. Reagan, in one more move to push Israel into withdrawing its 30,000 troops from Lebanon, found Israel guilty of using U.S.-supplied equipment for offense. This is a conclusion difficult to understand in those Israeli families that have lost so many lives to PLO raiders striking from Lebanon.

In this same season, Moscow insists that Israel is planning a piratic strike against Syria. By upping the quality of the military hardware it is bestowing on Syria, the Soviets hope to compensate for the drubbing Israel gave less formidable armaments Moscow had invested in Syria. Refusing to budge from the Bekaa Valley, Syria is favored with Russia's Rocket launchers and the type of early warning and surveillance technology that gave Israel firm air control when her troops entered Lebanon last June to uproot PLO forces there entrenched.

One explanation of Moscow's bestowal of such bounty on Syria is a long-standing friendship between Yuri Andropov and Syria's Hafez Assad. This warm link whets the Soviet desire to keep a tight hold on Syria as a satellite. This, in turn,

opens the door wider for Moscow to try to outdo the U.S. as a Middle East power broker. Should all who yearn for Middle East peace be disturbed by this Syrian-Soviet coalition? Washington, troubled by the USSR's reported supply of arms to guerrillas in El Salvador, has sent a handful of advisers into that explosive countryside. Moscow has dispatched, not a few, but 4000 advisers to Syria. Advisers? Truly, a euphemism; the 4000 Russians are in Syria to operate the new and powerful armaments, predictably pointing towards Israel.

Time after time, Mr. Reagan has repeated his pledge of support for Israel. Even Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, in a rare moment, has identified Israel as a Washington asset. Perhaps it is time, then, for the U.S. to deliver those 75 F-16 fighter jets to Israel and to have a fresh look at the 1981 American - Israeli Memorandum of Understanding, a portion of which reads thus:

"This memorandum reaffirms the common bonds of friendship between the U.S. and Israel and builds on the mutual security relationship that exists between the two nations. The parties recognize the need to enhance strategic cooperation to deter all threats from the Soviet Union to the region....U.S. - Israel strategic cooperation, is designed against the threat to peace and security of the region caused by the Soviet Union or Soviet - controlled forces from outside the region introduced into the region."

## BAR MITZVAH AT TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM

James Levy, son of Mr. & Mrs. Howard Levy, will be called to the Torah and become a Bar Mitzvah during services at Temple Beth Sholom, 1600 E. Oakley Blvd., on Saturday morning, April 23, 1983.

Rabbi Kalman Appel, spiritual leader of the Temple, will officiate and conduct

the services which commence at 9:00 A.M. Cantor Simon Bergman will chant the liturgy.

The parents of the Bar Mitzvah will host the congregation to a Kiddush in the Temple's Entratter Social Hall immediately after the conclusion of services.

## VUCANOVICH GETS ALL CLEAR FROM DOCTORS

WASH., D.C. -- Nevada Congressman Barbara Vucanovich, (R-NV) who underwent surgery for breast cancer last week, was informed by physicians today that tests to determine if the cancer had spread indicated no more problems existed. Doctors said tests on Vucanovich's

lymph system showed no signs of cancer whatsoever thus prompting doctors to give her a "clean bill of health."

Vucanovich said she was relieved and excited about the good news. "It was a very anxious time for me," she said, "as I waited for these test results to come through. But thanks to my doctors, and the quick action they took to treat my condition, I'm alright and have no reason to fear any more problems."

Vucanovich was released from the Naval Hospital in Bethesda last Monday, just 6 days after entering.

As for what happens now, Vucanovich says

doctors have ordered her to keep her schedule "very light" for the next several weeks. "I'll not miss any votes," she said, "and I'll keep up with my work by taking things home, but this kind of surgery is really quite serious and I'm told it will take some time before I am able to resume a full schedule again." Vucanovich says she'll work "as much as I feel able" while undergoing her recuperation.

Doctors said Vu-

canovich will be asked to have periodic checkups in the future, but that additional therapy was not anticipated.

## BAT MITZVAH AT TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM

Elizabeth Sheld, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harrison Sheld, recited a portion of the Haftorah and became a Bat Mitzvah during services at Temple Beth Sholom, 1600 E. Oakley Blvd., on Friday evening, April 15, 1983.

Rabbi Kalman Appel, spiritual leader of the Temple, officiated and Cantor Simon Bergman chanted the liturgy.

# I KNOW WE SHOULD GO TO THE FUNERAL HOME



### BUT, I NEVER KNOW WHAT TO SAY.

The fact is that nothing can be said to express adequately our loss or make the bereaved family feel better. But that doesn't mean that a visit and an expression of sympathy won't be helpful. Bereaved persons tell us that it's not the words that are helpful but that someone cared enough to go to the funeral home and express their sympathy in person. Sometimes just a hug or holding your friend's hand briefly is a good way to say "I care." When a friend loses a loved one go to the funeral home. Express your sympathy and offer your assistance. You'll be appreciated for caring.

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