

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

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pondent Batsheva Tritto Shafir of the "Kol Netania" magazine staff -- may be taken as the first important step towards a finalized peace treaty is deduced from Article 1 which reads, in part:

"The parties confirm that the state of war between Lebanon and Israel has been terminated and no longer exists..."

What stands out as most significant in the Agreement is found in Article 4 which declares that "the territory of each party will not be used as a base for hostile or terrorist activity against the other party, its territory or its people."

The same clause contains this definitive warning aimed at the PLO:

"Each party will prevent the existence or organization of irregular forces, armed bands, or organizations, bases, offices or infrastructure, the aims and purposes of which include incursions or any act of terrorism into the territory of the other party and safety of its people. To this end all agreements and arrangements enabling the presence and functioning on the territory of the other party of elements hostile to the other party are null and void."

This means that the PLO, which maintains offices not only in all other Arab states and in numerous countries, cannot operate an office in Beirut any longer.

Article 6 states that "each party will prevent entry into, deployment in or passage through its territory, its airspace and, subject to the right of innocent passage in accordance with international law, its territorial sea by military forces, armaments or military equipment of any state hostile to the other party."

That a joint Israeli - Lebanese security zone extending far beyond the Litany river and running above Zidon right through the south of the Bekaa Valley is highly significant. Generally, on matters of security, a joint committee has been established composed of an equal number of Lebanese and Israeli representatives headed by senior officers. Participating at the meetings of this committee will be an American representative, invited at the request of either party. The U.S. role must not be underestimated.

Commenting on the Agreement -- ironically opposed by Shimon Peres and his whole Labor party - the Israeli Consul General here in New York summed up the four essential elements of the text on which both countries see eye to eye, as follows:

1. Termination of the state of war between Israel and Lebanon;
2. Respect for each other's sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and right to live in peace, within secure and recognized boundaries;
3. Withdrawal from Lebanese territory -- as a natural corollary of the previous proposition -- of all external forces, and
4. Agreement that Lebanon must not again become a base for hostile activity against Israel, and that measures will be undertaken to prevent such a development.

The Agreement has enraged the radical Arab states to the point of hysteria and here at the UN they maneuvered the chairman of the Arab group to request an urgent security Council meeting.

FARMERS MARKET TO INSTALL IMPRESSIVE COMPUTER SYSTEM

Beneath the old world atmosphere of the Farmers Market of Nevada, scheduled to open sometime this summer, a heart as modern as tomorrow will pulse through the 75 some - odd stores.

Each store within the market, although a separate entity within themselves, will be tied together electronically by one of the largest computer systems of its kind in the world today.

The system, being installed by the Las Vegas based E.C.R., Inc. is being engineered specifically for the Farmers Market. "We started with a concept which was unique," according to Robert Godorov, the spokesman for Farmers Market. "To satisfy this concept, it was necessary to reach into areas where technology has not yet ventured. We talked to numerous electronic firms, scores of computer companies and several other cash register companies, we were told it could not be done."

"Anywhere you have scores of people lined up at a cash register you always have the problems associated with money exchange. In some instances, it's out and out theft, in other instances it's simply a question of improper change," Godorov said. "We wanted as much protection as possible for both the customer and the merchants."

"They wanted a chunk of the moon served on a platinum platter," said Allan Pearce, the systems engineer at E.C.R., Inc. who is putting the system together. "To accomplish what the Farmers Market management wanted, we had to call upon the expertise of manufacturers around the world."

"In computer technology, there is this thing called compatibility. It means simply that compatible equipment is easy to hook together; non-compatible equipment is difficult. Computers have different languages, different operating systems; hooking some equipment together is like putting a gentleman from Japan in the same room with a person from Germany and expecting them to discuss the Einstein theory without a trans-

later."

Pearce explained that the objectives of the Farmers Market, "put a whole group of people in one room, all of them speaking a totally unrelated language."

There are several computers involved, at least one will be connected via telephone lines out of Nevada, Pearce said. Nearly 100 cash registers will be connected to a host computer. To further complicate the installation, several different types of cash registers have to be provided to satisfy the distinctly different requirements of the distinctly different stores within Farmers Market.

Harry Lafavor, president of E.C.R., Inc. said, "Different stores have different cash register requirements. An ice cream store, for example, doesn't need an overwhelmingly complicated machine; a supermarket does. We will be installing at least four different types of registers, manufactured by two different companies."

"The different registers must be programmed differently, using different types of languages. All these languages must be translated into something the computers can understand," Lafavor said.

When installed, the system will not only provide all the various accounting requirements for Farmers Market; but also will automatically calculate the individual monthly rent of each tenant, based on accumulated totals within the cash registers and passed to the host computer," Pearce said.

The computers throughout the store can immediately detect incorrectly priced merchandise; which cashier made the mistake and generally determine if it actually was a mistake, or a theft attempt. Additionally, it will be possible to determine which hours of the day are busiest and arrange employee schedules accordingly.

"Having completed the basic engineering, we are learning that what we eventually will be able to do at Farmers Market is virtually unlimited," Pearce said.

ISRAEL WARNS SYRIA

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Following a Syrian air - to - air missile attack on Israeli planes on patrol in Lebanon Israel warned Syria against further provocative incidents in Lebanon and declared that the Israeli army would "protect its men and also protect the agreement" Israel signed with Lebanon. The stern but carefully worded warning was reportedly drafted by Premier Menachem Begin and Defense Minister Moshe Arens after Israeli officials initially played down the importance of the recent incidents in Lebanon, apparently in order to avoid an es-

calation of the tense situation there.

The statement, issued by a military spokesman referred specifically to the air confrontation and called the incident "a clear violation of its ceasefire" in Lebanon and expressed concern over the mounting incidents caused by "Syrian provocation (which is) not accidental" but an attempt to sabotage the Israeli - Lebanon accord. The statement noted however that Israel "hopes and desires to avoid violent clashes" and was watching developments in that spirit. Military sources reported after the air confrontation that there had been other incidents in past days including an exchange of machinegun fire across the Israeli-Syrian line near Bei-

rut and that an Israeli helicopter had been fired upon from behind lines.

Sources here said that Israel is in close contact with Washington over events in Lebanon and has been urging the Americans to press the Soviet Union to exercise a restraining influence on the Syrians. Earlier, Begin expressed Israel's anxiety over the tense situation with the Syrians in Lebanon in a letter to President Reagan. The letter thanks the President for Secretary of State George Shultz's recent mediation efforts which helped bring about the Israel-Lebanon agreement.

The Israeli media meanwhile is stressing reports that the U.S. is confident Syria does not want war with Israel, certainly not all-out war, and that Syria will agree eventually to pull its

own forces out of Lebanon. According to informed sources, the U.S. finds significant the fact that President Hafez Assad of Syria has not shut the door on a Syrian pull - out although he continues to blast the Israel - Lebanon agreement in the harshest terms. The U.S., it is understood here, hopes that inter - Arab influences brought to bear on Damascus will ultimately produce a withdrawal agreement, although the Syrians are expected to demand tough terms. The Americans are said to reason that Syria has nothing to gain militarily from new hostilities with Israel and that its Soviet arms suppliers are loathe to risk a test of strength against Israel's American-supplied weaponry.

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