

Senator Helms Assails Syrian Role In Terrorism In Major Speech Before Jewish And Conservative Leaders

WASHINGTON — Senator Jesse Helms accused Syria of being responsible for "at least half the terror and tension now coming out of the Middle East" at a major speech attended by 150 prominent Jewish and conservative leaders at the Capitol Hill Club.

Senator Helms, making his first appearance ever before a major Jewish organization since his election to the United States Senate, lambasted the State Department notion that Syria is somehow a "workable" ally and called the state of Israel "vital to the survival of Western Civilization."

The event was co-hosted by Richard Fox and the National Jewish Coalition and New Right leader Paul Weyrich's Coalitions For America.

Dick Fox, National Chairman of the National Jewish Coalition, began the evening by speaking of the importance of a relationship between the Jewish and conservative communities. He acknowledged that "although differences remain, we have agreed that, on those issues, we will disagree."

Fox noted that the major area in which conservatives and Jews are united is in a common world view that the Soviet Union poses a major threat to cherished values and that only a strong America willing to project power can protect and promote freedom around the world.

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) — The exhibition "Auschwitz -- A Crime Against Mankind," on display in the visitors lobby of the United Nations, will be open to the public for an additional month and did not close on January 31, as originally planned, but will close on February 28.

Murphy Says Hussein Won't Move Without PLO Approval

WASHINGTON (WNS) — Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy told a Congressional subcommittee that while Israel and Jordan have narrowed the gap on how to reach the negotiating table, Jordan's King Hussein will not move into negotiations without "acquiescence" from the PLO.

Murphy, who appeared before the House Foreign Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East, urged the approval of plans to sell Jordan a \$1.9 billion arms package that faces continued opposition in both Houses of Congress. A resolution passed by the House and Senate last fall barred the sale until March 1, unless "direct and meaningful peace negotiations between Israel and Jordan are underway."

There had been suggestions that Hussein was on the verge of abandoning his PLO partner, Yasir Arafat, unless the latter agrees to accept United Nations Security Council

Resolutions 242 and 338, which implicitly recognize Israel.

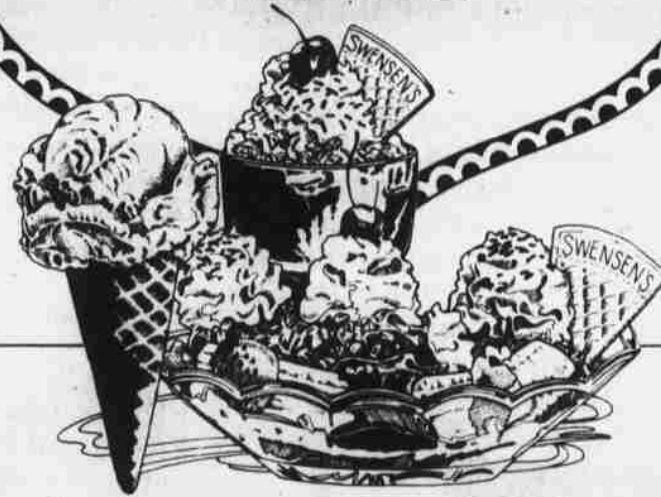
But Murphy acknowledged in response to a question from Rep. Stephen Solarz (D. N.Y.) that Hussein still regards the PLO's "acquies-

cence" in a negotiations formula, as "the minimum" to enable the Jordanian ruler to move into peace talks with Israel.

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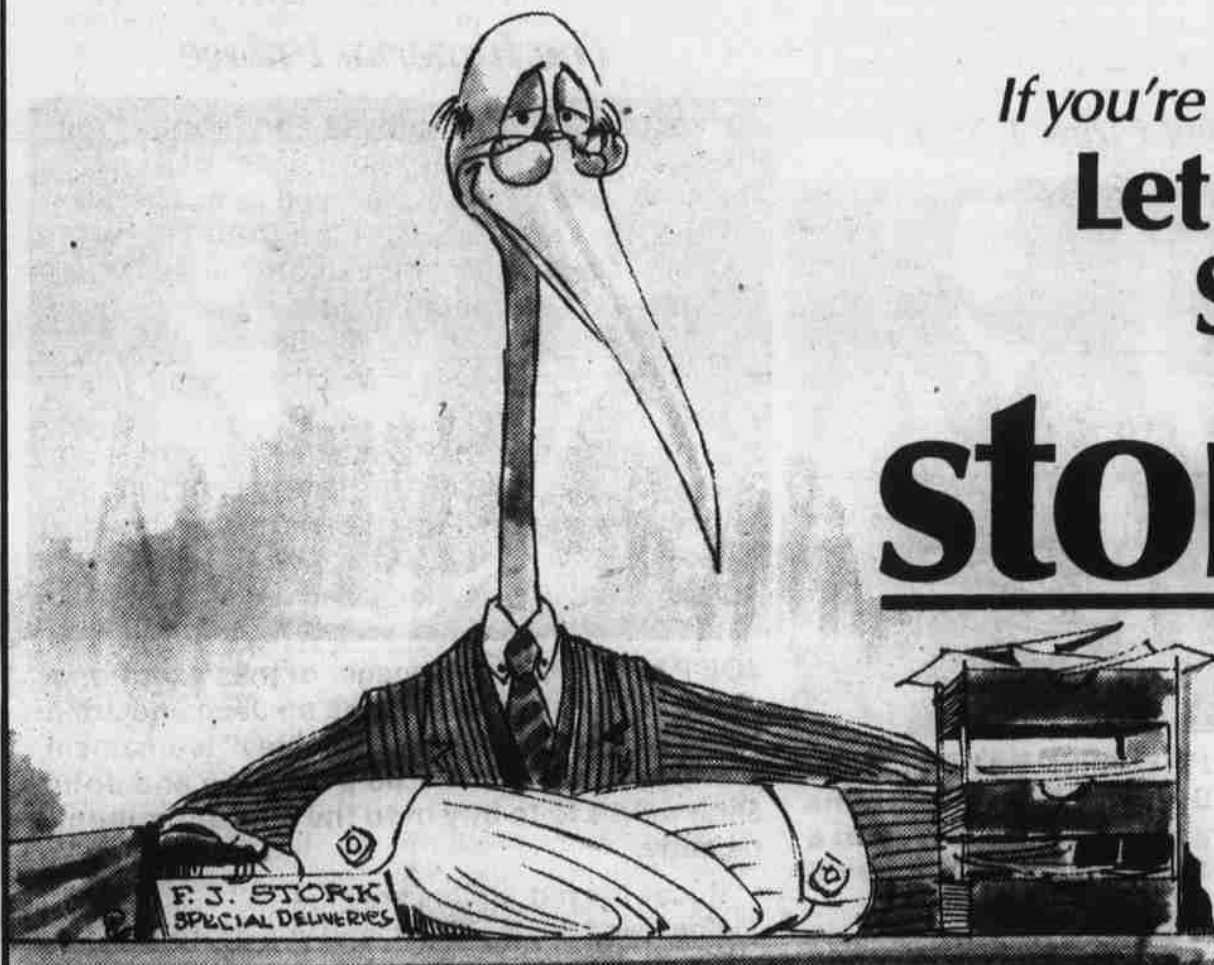
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