

Cuomo Says Waldheim Should Be Barred From Entering The U. S.



EXPLORING FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES -- Governor Mario Cuomo of New York (right) engaged in a wide-ranging discussion on foreign policy and domestic affairs with Rabbi David B. Kahane, spiritual leader of the Sutton Place Synagogue, in the opening session of the synagogue's annual Jewish Town Hall Series this week. Before an audience of more than 3,000 gathered in the synagogue's main sanctuary and watching on closed-circuit television, Governor Cuomo expressed his opposition to the sale of Stinger anti-aircraft missiles to Saudi Arabia, derided the effectiveness of the United Nations and supported the use of force to combat international terrorism.

NEW YORK — Governor Mario Cuomo of New York told a cheering Jewish audience that the Justice Department should bar Kurt Waldheim from entering the United States -- even if he is elected President of Austria -- if an investigation confirms charges that he was involved in Nazi war crimes.

In a dialogue with Rabbi David Kahane in the Sutton Place Synagogue's Jewish Town Hall series, Cuomo said he regretted that the Waldheim issue had not "become an international issue. I am not sure," he told some 3,000 persons watching the discussion in the synagogue and on closed-circuit TV, "that there is sensitivity outside Jewish strongholds" on the question of Waldheim's role during World War II.

The United States, he said, "should speak out as clearly as possible" and should state that if the allegations against him are confirmed, "he is not welcome here."

Asked by Kahane for his views on the Reagan Administration's proposed sale of Stingers and other advanced American weapons to Saudi Arabia, Cuomo said: "I'm against it. This is the country that feeds and pays for the PLO. What do we need them for? What if there's a coup and the Stingers fall into the wrong hands?" I was against the AWAC's sale and I'm against the Stingers

Cardinal Lustiger Addresses American Jewish Leaders



Jean-Marie Cardinal Lustiger, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Paris, addressed Jewish leaders at American Jewish Congress headquarters in New York. The prelate, a convert from Judaism, was in the United States on a brief visit. He said that despite his conversion, "I am a Jew because I was born a Jew and will die a Jew." To right of Cardinal Lustiger is Henry Siegman, executive director, and Howard M. Squadron, honorary president of AJCongress.

Jean-Marie Cardinal Lustiger, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Paris, told a group of American Jewish leaders that he hopes the Vatican will establish full diplomatic relations with Israel.

"I hope it will come," the church official, a convert from Judaism, remarked when asked about Vatican recognition of the Jewish State. This is believed to be the first time a Roman Catholic cardinal has expressed such a view publicly, although many members of the Church have voiced it in private.

The prelate, in the United States on a brief visit, spoke to some 30 leaders of American Jewish organizations at a meeting arranged by the American Jewish Congress' Institute for Jewish-Christian Relations. Henry Siegman, executive director of AJCongress, served as chairman. The meeting took place at AJCongress headquarters in Manhattan.

While declining to discuss the theological implications of his identity as a Roman Catholic who also considers himself a Jew, Cardinal Lustiger, whose mother died in a Nazi concen-

sale. Let the Arabs recognize Israel before we sell them any American arms.

On the recent bombings of Libyan military headquarters in Tripoli and Benghazi, Cuomo said he supported the principle of retaliation. "The President did the right thing," he said. "I only hope that he has thought through his next moves against terrorism." He said Israel's policy of prompt and vigorous response to PLO terrorist attacks was something the United States should and could follow.

tration camp, said that "if I tried to tell myself I am not a Jew, I simply would not be honest with myself."

At one point he noted that he was "troubled by how to say I am still a Jew without offending other Jews." He also observed wryly that "some Rightist newspapers in France call me 'the Jew,' and that's fine."

Cardinal Lustiger characterized the American Jewish community as the strongest and most influential in the world, and said it therefore had "a special mission" to deal with current issues facing the Jewish and broader communities such as anti-Semitism, Middle East peace and the promotion of closer Jewish-Christian relations.

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