

Israeli wary of Syrian invasion

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There is a "thin, red line" beyond which Syria should not go in its dealings with Lebanon, the Israeli consul general in Philadelphia said yesterday.

Emanuel Shimoni, "on campus yesterday, said that the recent incursion of a branch of the Palestinian Liberation Organization into Lebanon was "in fact a Syrian intervention by proxy."

"We will not interfere with the domestic problems of a neighboring country as long as our security is not threatened. We have watched painfully — our patience has been tried," he said.

Shimoni said he could not reveal what the Syrians would have to do to force the Israelis to take action. He said the situation in Lebanon concerns the Israelis because, "It is one thing

having a fence-sitting Lebanon to our north; it would be very difficult having a hostile, active border."

Shimoni said the war in Lebanon is a "classical case" which proves that "the instability of the Mideast is not necessarily the result of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The chief element is the Palestinians — rather, the terrorists — who foster instability wherever they are."

The area's future stability will depend on the creation of defensible borders for Israel, Shimoni said.

"It makes a tremendous difference if the boundary is 30 miles from Beersheba or 5 miles from Beersheba. Israel's ultimate security must be based on, among other things, defensible borders," he said.

Although he said the Israelis were willing to discuss the return of some conquered land to the Arabs,

Shimoni said all borders will not return to the lines that existed before the 1967 Six-Day War. He said Israel is willing to abandon settlements which have since been built in the conquered lands, providing that an acceptable peace treaty is written.

If and when the settlements are ceded, Shimoni said the Jews may decide to stay.

"We don't accept the concept that Jordan must be Judenrein (free of Jews) any more than we accept the idea that Israel should be Arabrein," he said.

Shimoni defended Israel's treatment of the Arabs within its borders, claiming that there is no official discrimination in Israel. "We Israelis will be judged from a moral point of view by the way we treat our minorities," he said.

Still he said many minorities in Israel are dissatisfied, citing the election of a Communist mayor in Nazareth and the riots that followed in Arab villages. He said that the Jews and Arabs in Israel could "live in happy coexistence" if there were no conflict between Israel and

the Arab countries.

Shimoni, who is ending a tour of duty in Philadelphia that began in 1972, termed his position as "a public relations job," and said he also serves as a listening post for the Israeli government. He said he has not been asked to report much information to Jerusalem on the elections, which he said "doesn't really effect policy or planning on a day-to-day basis."

"But the average Israeli is very conscious of the significant role the United States plays in the Mideast," he said. They look at each of the candidates and decide if they are good for Israel or bad for Israel. There is much coverage of the United States, much more than of any other country in the world."

Shimoni said the United States' backing of Israel was based, not on the support of the American Jewish community, but on the "basic interests of the United States."

"Let's no kid ourselves. We know we're a good customer, in terms of repayment," he said, noting that there is also an ideological tie with Israel that would prevent the two countries from drifting apart.

House passes vet funds

By MARK GRIFFITH
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Veteran benefit increases moved closer to final approval yesterday when the House voted to add \$1.8 billion to fiscal 1977's Veterans Administration (VA) budget.

Dwayne Fagan, second vice president of the Penn State Veterans Organization (PSUVO), said vets should push for the passage of an additional amendment, to be introduced by the end of this week, which would add \$500 million more to the VA budget.

The passage of yesterday's amendment may have paved the way for the passage of the additional amendment, which has already been passed by the Senate, Fagan said.

Fagan and Bob Daughenbaugh, chairman of PSUVO's Legislative Affairs Committee, had just returned from Washington, D.C., where they have been involved in a last minute attempt to aid the passage of the amendments.

Obstacles to be overcome include the budget conference committee, which will attempt to iron out the differences between the House and Senate versions of the fiscal 1977 budget, will be the first obstacle for the amendments' sponsors to overcome. Then, authorization and appropriation bills will have to be drafted, introduced and passed before veterans will be able to benefit from the budget increases, he added.

The major areas of concentration for veterans affairs in Washington, Fagan said, are the extension of the delimiting date and the continuation of the Veterans Cost of Instruction Payment (VCIP) program.

The delimiting date is the date when a veteran's educational benefits expire — currently 10 years after his date of discharge.

The VA budget amendment passed yesterday allocated \$610 million for the extension of the delimiting date.

The VCIP program pays participating colleges and universities a set amount for every veteran enrolled. The money received by Penn State is used to maintain the Veterans Affairs Office in Boucke.

In other action, Barry Lasky defeated Chuck Allen for the position of fourth vice president in charge of membership - 20-12. Lasky replaces Carl Lepping, who had to resign before the normal end of his term because of his re-entering the armed services at the end of Spring Term.

Also, PSUVO will hold a block party May 15, the last Saturday before the end of the term. The party, which will run from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m., will feature five live bands

and booths sponsored by area disabled veterans organizations and the American Legion.

The party will be open to the public and proceeds will be used to aid disabled veterans.

PSUVO president Frank Quinn announced that the club will be sponsoring a bus to Washington, so that interested vets may participate in "Impact Day" May 10. Impact Day is the first day in a week of programs coordinated by the National Association of Concerned Veterans for the education of legislators about the needs of veterans.

Fagan added that a good showing at Impact Day will aid the passage of necessary veterans legislation. Interested vets can sign up at the PSUVO table in the HUB tomorrow and Monday.

UN policy called racist

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The United Nations has degenerated into a voicepiece for certain power groups, Israeli Consul General Emanuel Shimoni said to a HUB audience last night.

He said the current principle at the United Nations seems to be that "things are never so bad that they can't be made worse."

"We have seen the head of a terrorist organization, with a holster at his hip, being given red carpet treatment," Shimoni said.

He said that it should be "a matter of concern for all people in the civilized world" when the General Assembly of the United Nations adopts a resolution that Zionism is a form of racism.

Zionism, Shimoni explained, underlies the "law of return" instituted in 1948, when Israel became an independent state. Israel was established in the Jews' ancient homeland to receive Jews who chose to emigrate after the Nazi genocide of World War II, Shimoni said.

"Israel was to be the one place in the world in which Jews might not be a minority," he said.

Shimoni said that since

1948, the Arab-Israeli conflict has existed because of terrorist efforts to "undermine the credibility, and indeed, very physical existence of Israel."

They chose to undermine militarily through war, economically through blockades and pressure on Third World allies of Israel, and politically by trying to isolate Israel from the United Nations, Shimoni said.

When these methods failed to destroy Israel, he said, Israel's enemies "did the next best thing — they tried to blacken Israel in the minds of people of the world with the worst possible name — racists."

As to whether, Israel was racist in practicing genocide against its non-Jewish citizens, Shimoni replied that the question was ludicrous — Israel's native non-Jewish population has been "reduced" from 200,000 to half a million since statehood.

Stressing that the term racism has been unfairly applied to Israel, Shimoni said that a Jew is no better before the law than any other Israeli citizen who may not be Jewish.

Shimoni said that Israel

depends on the United States to maintain the balance of power in the Mid East and to promote peaceful negotiations.

"Maintaining the balance of power" would require the United States to continue to help Israel militarily, Shimoni said.

"This is not so that we can win the next war," he said. "Israel would like very much to avoid the next war."

If Israel acquired even one-fourth the weapons the Arab states possess, it could convince the Arabs that they can't win the next war either, he said.

Israel's use of nuclear weapons is highly improbable, Shimoni said. "We will not be the first to introduce nuclear weapons into the Mid East."

Shimoni said U.S. aid would not lead to "another Vietnam" because Israel does not request American soldiers.

"Not a single American has been asked to fight for Israel and not a single American has died for us," he said.



Emanuel Shimoni
Photo by Amy L. Maxwell

Nuclear safety viewed

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rejecting popular views that the nuclear fast breeder reactor poses new dangers, safety experts said yesterday the breeder may be less accident-prone than light-water reactors used in existing atomic power plants.

W.R. Stratton of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in New Mexico said the breeder — viewed as the reactor for the 1990's and beyond — will have so many built-in safeguards that the worst accident it is designed to handle probably could never happen.

Another expert, Richard Wilson of Harvard University, said the

breeder has a safety edge over light-water reactors because liquid used to cool it will not be under pressure and the problem of a burst cooling pipe is not so great.

The views presented by Stratton, Wilson and other experts at an American Physical Society conference contradicted the assumption that the fast breeder is more dangerous.

"It would be a strikingly significant breakthrough to think that the breeder design reference accident might not be possible," Stratton told UPI.

"This has been kind of creeping up on those of us in the business for some time, and I think we are

close to being able to say it. We don't have 100-per-cent agreement yet, but the number who agree is growing. It is a significant development."

The Energy Research and Development Administration is building a prototype fast breeder reactor, so called because it produces more fuel than it burns, at Oak Ridge, Tenn., to test its commercial potential in the 1990's and beyond.

Unlike present reactors, which are cooled by water under high pressure, the breeder will be cooled by molten sodium metal at atmospheric pressure.

Divers 'monopolize' in water

About 100 certified scuba divers will sink or swim this week as they attempt to break a 300-hour Guinness record of playing Monopoly — underwater.

The Nittany Divers Club will begin its underwater Monopoly game in the Natatorium's diving well today and will finish May 16, 17 days later (about 400 hours).

Dave Prutzman, president of the club and manager of the event said that the members are waterproofing the actual Monopoly game board by placing it between two pieces of unbreakable glass with water tight seals.

Prutzman said the Nittany Divers Club hopes to out-play the University of Iowa club, which is currently attempting

350 hours of play.

Television monitors will be posted for viewers to watch the game live.

The free event will be open to the public 24 hours a day. All donations will be given to the Red Cross Water Safety Program and to the Pennsylvania Association for Retarded Children for water activities.

Residence Hall Week '76

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— SUNDAY, MAY 2 —

South Halls presents . . .

7:00 pm The Water Battle of Bunker Hill at the hill between Hoyt & Cross, with water balloons

9:00 pm "The Great Escape" free film in the Redifer Hallway

— MONDAY, MAY 3 —

North Halls presents . . .

7:00 pm The Buck-Buck Championship of the World in the North Halls Quad

— TUESDAY, MAY 4 —

West Halls presents . . .

1:00 pm Funtime Tournaments

Air Hockey, Pinball and more! in Waring

7:00 pm Mattress Contest

How many people can fit on a Residence Hall Mattress?

8:30 pm Terry Beard . . . in the Waring Lounge

— WEDNESDAY, MAY 5 —

Centre Halls presents . . .

6:30 pm Scavenger Hunt . . . Campus-Wide Fun!

Sign-up your team in the CHRA office — 102 Simmons

8:30 pm Coffeehouse in the HUB Ballroom featuring the Britton Sisters, free coffee & tea

— Thursday, May 6 —

East Halls presents . . .

6:00 pm Steeple chase '76 . . . a challenging obstacle course. Sign-up in the ERA office, 124 FUB

8:00 pm Square Dance in the FUB Rec Room

★ 9:00 pm ARHS presents . . . at the IM Field near the stadium.★

FIREWORKS!

— FRIDAY, MAY 7 —

Pollock-Nittany Halls presents . . .

An Evening in the Quad

7:30 pm Celebrity Auction . . . bid for the personal items of your favorite stars. Proceeds to Charity

10:00 pm "Woodstock" free film in the quad.

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