

Official asserts right to respond to attacks

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The United States and Israel both recognize the validity of countries discouraging irregular forces from infiltrating other countries, an Israeli information minister told a Southfield gathering.

Moshe Arad, minister of information, attached to the U.S. Embassy in Washington, discussed terrorist activities at a press conference at the Shiwasse Hotel on Sunday.

"While Israel will continue to work toward peace, we will not give up for one hour our inherent right to respond to terrorist acts," he said.

"Our actions in south Lebanon are extremely difficult to explain but are essential to make life possible along Israeli borders for our citizens."

ARAD SAID Israel must answer to these acts:

"We cannot act by sending in our gangs," he said.

"The human price for sending in land forces would be immense for a nation of just three million who suffered such great losses recently."

Arad said the next stage toward a Mid-east peace would not arrive "in the next few weeks or even months."



Moshe Arad

"WE HAVE to observe the effects of the opening of the Suez Canal and see whether it will be opened to all, even to Israeli shipping," he said.

Arad analyzed the basic changes that have brought about the current dialogue, particularly with Egypt.

He said the two major results of the Yom Kippur War were Egypt's successful crossing of the Suez Canal which was "important for a prestige point of view for the Arabs," and the fact that "in spite of the best preparation, military results for Egypt and Syria were frustrated."

"Both Israel and the Arabs remember best the first two days," he said. "Israel, for the great loss of and Egypt, for the first victories."

HE POINTED out Israel's armies eventually ended just 20 miles from Damascus and about 70 miles from Cairo.

"The Arabs are now trying to achieve diplomatically and politically what they couldn't militarily," he said.

"Sadat knows the United States is more valuable as an ally at this stage than the Russians."

The Egyptians were aiming for a total solution and as long as this was true, the Russians were their ideal ally.

"SINCE THERE is now a tendency for less than a total solution aimed for, the U.S. is the most natural ally of such a policy by Egypt."

Arad said there are also economic reasons for the new rapprochement between Egypt and the United States and a great need for technological know-how in Egypt.

"This combination of political and economic reasons re-shaped Arab and especially Egyptian policy," Arad said.

The minister said the United States and Israel have a common political goal now as both realize only a strong Israel that can answer to military aggression is a viable partner for peace of the United States.

"A WEAK Israel is not a realistic partner," he said.

Arad said economic aid to Israel has been proposed that will be "of a dimension yet unknown" in the bilateral relations between the two countries.

Concerning the U.S. granting of a nuclear reactor to Egypt, Arad said:

"This is a complex scientific endeavor and can mean a transfer of knowledge from civilian to military echelons."

"THE U.S. will adopt meticulous controls so that the station

will serve only its avowed purpose."

He said a report is being researched on the danger of this station to Israel and that the findings would be "shared with the government of the U.S."

"We are aware of the dangers and have misgivings, especially in the absence of a firm peace."

Concerning the question of the Palestinians, Arad said Israel is willing to help solve it as part of a move to peace.

"BUT IF THE solution is the establishment of a third state on the west bank, we see no reason for this and our answer is no," he stated.

"It is historically unwarranted, economically not viable, and militarily would only be designed to attack the Jordanians and us."

Arad was in Southfield to address the 30th annual Plenum of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

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House passes protection law

The house has unanimously approved a bill to require a noticed hearing for court-ordered repossession of goods or wage garnishment. If approved by the senate, the bill would correct a flaw in present law.

Presently, creditors do not have to give notice of an upcoming hearing on repossession or garnishment. The bill also contains a provision which would prohibit an employer from firing a person because of a wage garnishment.

Specifically, the bill requires a notice and a hearing for the debtor prior to the seizure of property under a writ of attachment (court-ordered repossession). Procedures for the notice and hearing would be established by the Michigan Supreme Court.

The creditor would be required to file a sufficient bond before the property could be repossessed. The purpose of the hearing would be to make a preliminary determination as to the validity of the claim for possession.

All other writs of attachment or garnishment could likewise only be issued after a noticed hearing.

In addition, the bill gives district, common pleas and municipal courts the same powers as the circuit court with respect to attachment, garnishment and civil actions concerning replevins.

THE BILL provides consumers protection from the seizure of property, the attachment of assets or the garnishment of wages without the proper notice and hearing on the claim. Creditors would not be allowed to initiate such actions against a debtor without the minimal judicial due process.

A pre-judgment notice and hearing would give the consumer an opportunity to present a valid defense for not paying a debt and would allow both parties to iron out their differences.

The possibility of a settlement between debtor and creditor would be greatly improved. Also, notice of impending seizure would persuade many debtors to catch up on their payments.

Employees are protected from disciplinary actions or discharge by their employer resulting from an action of garnishment or attachment. Thus, the bill would secure a person's job which is usually the sole means of paying off any debt.

After originally defeating it, the

house reconsidered, then passed a bill to establish a \$1 million pedestrian safety program. The program would be financed out of the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund which derives from gasoline and vehicle weight taxes.

The funds would be used to build pedestrian overpasses and provide other safety devices, particularly in areas of school children use and high traffic volume.

THE PROGRAM would make available financial aid to state, county, city and village governments, school districts and mass transit authorities. The funds could be used to pay for as much as 75 percent of the cost of a pedestrian safety project.

I voted for the bill, which passed by a narrow 56 to 48 vote.

Opponents objected to taking money from the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund at a time when gas tax collections are down.

Also approved, with my support, was a bill providing for a reimbursement increase of 50 cents a day for long-term nursing care. The cost of the increase would be shared by the state and federal governments.

The money would be divided between nursing homes (\$1.1 million), county and hospital units (\$122,400) and homes for the aged (\$84,000). It would help those facilities to meet rising costs of operation.

Beras is guilty of reduced charge

FARMINGTON — Southfield City Attorney Sigmund Beras pled guilty Tuesday in Farmington's 47th District Court to a reduced charge of driving while ability impaired.

District Judge Michael Hand fined Beras \$154.

Beras was arrested Sept. 9, 1973, at Nine Mile and Berg roads by Southfield Police and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol, according to police records.

He was taken to the police station shortly after 7 p.m. where his car was impounded.

A breath test administered by the police indicated that the alcoholic content of his blood was .25 percent. The law considers a person intoxicated when the alcoholic content of his blood stream reaches .10 percent.

Southfield District Judge Norman Feder ordered Beras released from custody at 8:15 p.m. on a personal recognizance bond.

On arraignment before Southfield District Judge Clarence Reid, Beras was granted a change of venue to Farmington.

Attorney John Bain represented Beras.

Building activity at near standstill

SOUTHFIELD — Building activity is suffering a case of the blues and the condition isn't expected to improve this summer.

In May, estimated cost of building starts plunged from the April total of \$1.1 million to \$387,460. The May 1973 figure was a respectable \$7.6 million when 82 permits were issued.

According to the department of building and safety engineering, 52 permits were issued last month compared to 62 in April.

Traffic hassles families

Three Southfield and Lathrup Village police cars were called to Lincoln Road at Continental west of Southfield Road Thursday evening to disperse a group of demonstrators complaining about the heavy traffic flow through the area.

According to reports from both police departments, approximately 25 persons who reside in the area parked cars along both sides of Lincoln, leaving only one lane open.

Southfield Police public relations officer John Hood said picketers were objecting to the heavy flow of east-bound traffic on Lincoln Road between 4 and 7 p.m.

Hood and Lathrup Village Chief Thomas Tellefsen said there were no arrests and protestors were advised to discuss their complaints with Southfield Traffic Engineer Roger Smith and Lathrup officials.

The incident occurred at approximately 5:20 p.m. Lincoln Rd. is the dividing line between the two cities.

For the first time in years, new single family residential building starts accounted for the lion's share of estimated value. Four permits were issued at \$161,700 last month.

THERE WERE no permits issued for multiple dwellings and seven commercial starts were estimated at \$27,700.

Southfield failed to make the top 10 list in 1973, based on total residential units authorized, according to a Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) report.

In 1971, Southfield topped the list with 2,955 units and slipped to eighth place in 1972 with 1,171 units.

The city was also missing from the 1973 list of units authorized in multiple dwellings. Again, Southfield topped that list in 1971 with 2,741 units and dropped to third rank in 1972 with 1,059 apartment units.

"RESIDENTIAL building permits in Southeast Michigan declined significantly in 1973," the SEMCOG report states.

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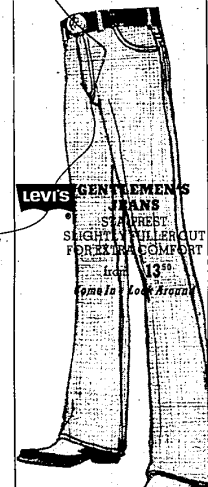
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