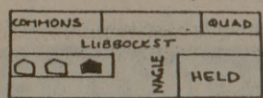


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Schultz urges approval of arms sale to Jordan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State George Shultz told skeptical senators Thursday that approval of the Reagan administration's \$1.9 billion arms sale to Jordan is an "absolute necessity" for ultimate success in the search for peace in the Middle East.

Testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Shultz said Jordan's King Hussein has taken "courageous moves" toward opening negotiations with Israel, and added that from the king's point of view, "You like to feel that peace has friends, and the friends of peace will stand with you."

But several members of the committee challenged Shultz's description of events in the Middle East.

"I disagree that the king of Jordan has made meaningful moves," said Sen. Rudy Boschwitz, R-Minn. "He puts a number of obstacles in the way of peace."

Shultz' 90-minute appearance before the committee represented the beginning of what is expected to be a

hard sell for the administration to win approval for its proposed sale of sophisticated aircraft and air defense missiles to Jordan.

Legislation to block the sale is expected to be introduced in both

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houses of Congress, and GOP leaders have cautioned the administration to expect a difficult fight.

Several members of Congress believe Jordan should not receive additional military equipment until Hussein begins direct negotiations with Israel.

In his testimony, Shultz signed one possible area of compromise designed to reassure critics of the sale. In response to a question by Sen. Thomas Eagleton, D-Mo., he said the administration wants Hawk missiles delivered to Jordan "in the area," but was willing to discuss possible restrictions to reduce arms to Israel.

Under questioning, Shultz said publicly for the first time that the United States would probably ask to pay a part of the cost of the arms sale, and added he expected the administration to submit a proposal for arms sale to Saudi Arabia "in the not-too-distant future."

In making the case for the Jordanian arms sale, Shultz said he has "legitimate defense needs" that the United States has been a country that Jordan historically turned to for support.

"To refuse to meet Jordan's needs would be a signal that the United States does not fully support King's peace efforts," he said.

Racial violence continues, whites celebrate holiday

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — Three more blacks were killed by fellow blacks in anti-apartheid violence while white South Africans celebrated a national holiday at beaches, barbecues and parades Thursday.

Kruger Day, which honors the memory of 19th-century Afrikaner leader Paul Kruger, gave many whites a chance to take a long weekend to enjoy the warm southern hemisphere spring at beach resorts near Cape Town and Durban.

Not far from those beaches, the rioting that has wracked black townships for 14 months flared again in black and mixed-race townships.

Police said Thursday that three people were killed in the disturbances, bringing to five the number of deaths in the previous 24 hours.

In Durban's Umlazi black township, a mob of arsonists hurled a gasoline bomb into a house during the night, killing a three-week-old baby and injuring two black women, police headquarters in Pretoria said Thursday.

In another arson attack in Umlazi, a black woman died when her house went up in flames. The police said

the residents appeared to be supporters of the United Democratic Front anti-apartheid coalition, indicating the attack was part of the black-against-black fighting that has torn Durban townships in recent months.

More than 750 blacks have been killed in anti-apartheid riots that began on Sept. 4, 1984. About two-thirds of the victims were shot by police and soldiers, with the rest killed by other blacks in disputes over suspected collaboration with the whites, and over how to conduct the fight against white rule.

Apartheid is South Africa's institutionalized racial separation, by which 5 million whites dominate 24 million blacks.

The Kruger Day celebrations gave ultra-right-wing whites, descendants of the mainly Dutch and German settlers who started arriving at Cape Town in 1652, an opportunity to recall their pioneer heritage.

President P.W. Botha, while dismissing the small far-right as reactionary, also has invoked Kruger's memory in recent speeches, declaring the National Party will share power with other races but won't abdicate white rights altogether.

Guerrillas hit army center in El Salvador

Associated Press

LA UNION, El Salvador — Up to 400 leftist guerrillas attacked the army's main training center Thursday, killing dozens of soldiers and wounding 68, the army said. It was the rebels' biggest operation in more than a year.

But the insurgents failed in their apparent objective of blasting the rows of barracks where about 2,000 trainees slept. Soldiers recovered several home-made bombs, which they placed in a large pile near the bodies of 10 rebels in a make-shift morgue at this sprawling base 113 miles east of the capital.

Lt. Col. Joaquin Cerna Flores, commander of the Military Training Center of the Armed Forces, said 40

soldiers died in the attack. An employee at nearby La Union hospital said it had received the bodies of 58 soldiers. The guerrillas' clandestine Radio Venceremos claimed government casualties were near 200, but did not give a breakdown of dead and wounded.

Cerna Flores said American military advisers at the base did not join in the fighting and were not injured. The colonel said there were 10 to 12 Americans on the base, but the U.S. Embassy in San Salvador put the number at five. The Embassy declined to say whether the Americans joined in the fighting.

Cerna Flores said the rebels began firing rockets and mortars at the base at about 1:30 a.m. and contin-

ued a steady barrage for about 10 hours.

"Considering the number of troops here it is fortunate that the loss was not higher," he said, noting that about three-fourths of the soldiers at the base have had very little training. "They were not able to fight yet."

The others, he said, were sent for advanced training. They were most of the fighting, and Cerna Flores said casualties were kept low because of their response, and arrival within 20 minutes of the helicopters from nearby San Miguel.

He estimated the number of guerrilla fighters at between 350 and 400. He said soldiers were scouting the area for assumed escape routes for the guerrillas.

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