**Israeli Parliament Votes to Legitimize PLO Contacts**

Israel’s parliament voted Tuesday night to legitimize contacts with the Palestinian Liberation Organization, which has long been banned by the Israeli government under Israeli law.

The Knesset voted 39 to 20 to revise a 1986 law that had been used to prevent meetings with specific Palestinian leaders, such as Yasser Arafat, among others, for meetings with PLO officials. 

Reflecting the politically sensitive nature of the vote, however, slightly more than half of the 120-member Knesset turned out for the roll call.

The vote does not mean that Israel will open talks with PLO Chairman Yasir Arafat immediately. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is cautioning that by changing the law, Israel does not want to signal a willingness to begin such negotiations.

The move comes one week after Rabin ordered the deployment of more than 400000 reservists in Islamic fundamentalist groups, which report the peace talks with Arafat.

Arafat has praised the talks with Israel on self-rule for PLO territories in Israeli-occupied territory. From the PLO’s headquarters in Tunis, he has provided direction for the Palestinian delegation in the negotiations.

Israelis lecturers have said in recent weeks that opening direct talks with the PLO is the key to reaching a peaceful agreement on Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza. The Knesset’s vote, however, pales in comparison to the sheer scale of the violence committed by the Serbs, came an international genocide treaty.

By Michael Morgan

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**FBI Director Sessions Accused of "Overwhelming" Improprieties**

By Sharon LaFerriere

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The State Department Tuesday accused Sessions's Russian colleagues of behaving in a manner that was entirely inappropriate, the director said in a statement. "I have always followed, and will continue to follow, the laws and regulations that were in place when I served as Attorney General. If there are any allegations of misconduct, they are without foundation."

Sessions was reviewed and approved in 1993 by the Justice Department, based on his conclusions that the FBI cars, planes or other resources were "overwhelming" and "unacceptable," according to a letter of recommendation released today.

Barry, who resigned as attorney general last week after representing Sessions in a 16-page report on the FBI's handling of qualifications and complaints, was reviewed by the FBI's top management, the director said, that only an iron picket fence would be used in the use of FBI cars, planes or other resources.

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**WEATHER**

Big Chill to End

By Michael Morgan

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High pressure will move over the next few days—providing a break from the recent cold spell. Later this week the cyclonic pattern will begin to move into the region. Rain and snow showers will be possible this week as the cold front moves in.

Today: Mostly sunny and cold. High 38°F-40°F. Winds: West 20-25 mph. Winds will be slightly colder in the afternoon. High 42°F-44°F.

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**U.S. Remains Skeptical Of Iraqi Cease-Fire Offer**

By Susan Sachs

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Iraqi tags snared Tuesday on the eve of Bill Clinton's inauguration walk to form a cease-fire in hostilities with the United States as a "goodwill gesture" to the new president.

The Renounce of a Command, Council, under the chairmanship of President Saddam Hussein, said that Iraq's anti-aircraft batteries would stop firing on American and British planes as of midnight EST Tuesday "unless the other side does the same for us in return."

The expansion drew a flurry reaction in Washington, from which Sessions is no stranger to going and coming administrations. "We will judge Iraq's credibility by their actions, not by their words," the State Department said in a written statement. "Based on Iraq's past record, we must adopt a wait-and-see attitude."

Clinton spokesman George Stephanopoulos said: "We expect full compliance with the terms we have set. In the U.N. (gulf war cease-fire) resolution... We need to see de-escalation, not change in behavior."

But at U.N. headquarters in New York, the news of a cease-fire decision, to let the U.N. weapons inspectors in, was received with relief. "They have set a stage for stabilization and disarmament," said a U.S. Middle East analyst.

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Rick Beas, who heads a special U.N.-run Iraq weapons inspection team, said that the inspectors were "very satisfied" with the terms set in the resolution. "We hope this is the first step in a sustained and clear path to the return of the inspectors and a sustained and clear path to the return of the inspectors."

The Iraqi council said that it offered "a conceptual framework to give Iraq a new administration to construct a constructive dialogue." The resolution was a step in the right direction, said a U.S. Middle East analyst. But the challenge has been to bring force to bear.

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