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## FORD STRESSES ROLE OF UN AS A PEACE-KEEPING FORCE

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 18 (JTA)--President Ford stressed the United Nations' weight as a peace-keeping force in world trouble spots but referred only in passing to the Middle East in his speech to the General Assembly at noon today. The President said, "We will strive to heal old wounds re-opened in recent conflicts in Cyprus, the Middle East and Indo-China." He added, "Peace cannot be imposed from without but we will do whatever is within our capacity to help achieve it."

Ford stressed "The challenge before the UN is clear. This organization can place the weight of the world community on the side of world peace. And this organization can provide impartial forces to maintain the peace." The President stated that the U.S. would seek out and expand relations with all adversaries. In that category he mentioned by name only the People's Republic of China.

## Warns Oil Producers

The President referred to last year's Arab oil embargo when he warned that nations must not manipulate fundamental needs for national or bloc advantage, adding that any attempt by one nation to use a commodity for political purposes would invariably tempt other nations to do the same. He observed pointedly, "It has not been our (U.S.) policy to use food as a political weapon despite the oil embargo and recent oil price and production decisions."

Ford reiterated America's commitment to increase its agricultural aid to the needy countries as part of its overall food policy. He called on the Arab nations to respond to the U.S. food policy, saying, "Now is the time for the oil producers to define their conception of a global policy on energy to meet the growing need--and to do this without imposing unacceptable burdens on the international monetary and trade system." Runaway inflation, he added, "propelled by food and oil price increases, is an early warning signal."

Ford also admonished the wealthy oil producers to join the traditional donor nations to help poor countries that are overwhelmed by the rising cost of necessary imports. "It should be clear that by confronting consumers with production restrictions, artificial pricing and the prospect of ultimate bankruptcy, producers will eventually become victims of their own actions," Ford warned.

Departing from his prepared text, Ford reaffirmed his full support for Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, saying he had the full backing of the American people. Before the opening of today's General Assembly session, Ford, Kissinger and U.S. Ambassador John Scali met for 20 minutes with Secretary General Kurt Waldheim in the latter's chambers on the 38th floor, a UN spokesman announced. According to the spokesman, the Middle East was among the subjects discussed.

## NEW REFORM GROUP ORGANIZED

CINCINNATI, Sept. 18 (JTA)--More than 100

Reform rabbis have cited an "increasing pre-occupation" by Reform organizations "with appeasing the Orthodox and Conservative establishments" as a major reason for their decision to form an Association for a Progressive Reform Judaism. A precursor dissident group was formed in Atlanta on June 21, 1973, in protest against a resolution adopted by the 1973 convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the association of Reform rabbis, which opposed participation by CCAR members in mixed marriages.

Members of that group, meeting in St. Louis last week, voted to adopt the new name and a broader program. The new organization elected Dr. Eugene Mihaly, professor of rabbinic literature at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the Reform seminary, as its president.

The sponsors also asserted that there was a "tendency" in some organizations of Reform Judaism to "restrict the freedom which Reform Judaism came into being to promote and preserve," as well as "a widening intellectual and spiritual gulf between segments of the Reform rabbinate and the Reform laity." The un-named Reform organizations also were accused of failing to address "the problems and concerns of the Reform constituency: the men and women who have been instructed and confirmed in the Reform Temple and who seek religious fulfillment within the Reform community."

## Association Goals Outlined

The goals of the new association were listed as including efforts "to support and advance the freedom and creativity inherent in the genius of American Reform Judaism" and to "preserve and enhance the autonomy and self-determination of American Reform Judaism." Another goal listed was "to strengthen the role of laymen in the decision making process of Reform Judaism as regards education, liturgy, ritual and the like."

Upholding "the freedom of Reform Jewish religious expression within Jewish communities everywhere" and bringing "the fruits of the American Reform Jewish experience to world Jewry" also were listed as association goals.

## RIGHT-WING, ANTI-SEMITIC GROUP SAYS IT BOMBED PARIS DRUG STORE

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Sept. 18 (JTA)--A right-wing and self-avowed anti-Semitic organization today claimed responsibility for the Paris drug store attack last Sunday which caused the death of two people and seriously wounded 26 more. The organization, which calls itself "Group for Europe's Defense," said it had decided to take active action to protest against "lying Jewish propaganda" and other forms of "brain-washing."

In a communique sent to the French news agency (AFP), the right-wing underground organization said, "We are tired of all the brain-washing put out by the information media on (anti-Nazi) resistance, concentration camps, German war criminals, fascists, etc. The Group for Europe's Defense has decided to take active action."

The communique continued: "Enough of lying Jewish propaganda. Stop the resistance and Zionist control of the press. Reestablish the truth concerning Dresden and Hiroshima and (the post-war)

purges. Free Rudolph Hess. All the truth about Jewish plutocracy will be made known. Our fight continues."

### Jewish Owner Denounced

The communique also denounced the drug store owner, Marcel Blaustein-Blanchet, for "poisoning public opinion." Blaustein-Blanchet, a Jew, is also president of one of France's largest advertising agencies, "Publicis." Another of Blaustein-Blanchet's drug stores burned down two years ago under mysterious circumstances. Police never found those responsible for the attack which practically gutted the eight-story building.

Police sources in Paris said that they had no previous knowledge of the group's existence, and noted it could be one of a number of small extremist right-wing organizations known to exist in Western Europe. These sources added that the communique could also be a fake produced by a mentally deranged person.

The explosion last Sunday occurred inside the drug store situated at the heart of the busy "Saint Germain des Pres" Square on the Left Bank. Thousands of people walked along the sidewalk or were window-shopping when a young man was seen to throw a grenade from the drug store's mezzanine. It exploded on the ground floor where most of the shops are situated. The assailant escaped in the confusion but numerous people were hurt by the blast. A witness described the scene as "horrible. Women and children ran screaming, blinded by the blood and dust. People trampled over the wounded and the dying."

Among the two people killed by the blast was a Jew, 49-year-old David Greenberg. His widow said that they had taken their eldest daughter to "Saint Germain des Pres" for window-shopping to choose a winter coat for her in preparation for the new school year. The drug store is a combination of a cafe, restaurant, pharmacy, newspaper stand, luxury boutiques, book shop and cinema. It is across the street from several famous Paris cafes.

### Police Blind To Motive

At the time of the attack, police refused to see any possible indication as to the motive in the fact that the blast had been carried out practically on the eve of Rosh Hashana or in the fact that the shopping center belonged to a prominent member of the Jewish community. Paris chief of police, Jean Paolini, said at the time that "only a madman or a coward could have dropped an explosive device amid women and children."

Last month, bombs were exploded near the central French Jewish welfare organization, Fonds Social Juif Unifié, and a number of papers. Police thought at the time that these attacks had been carried out by extreme left-wing organizations.

### REPORT BULGARIA IS TRYING TO GET RID OF ITS 4000 JEWS AS THREE MORE JEWS ARE PLACED UNDER ARREST

LONDON, Sept. 18 (JTA)--Jewish sources in Eastern Europe have indicated that the Bulgarian government is trying to get rid of that country's 4000 Jews. That is the hidden intent behind the recent secret trials and conviction of two prominent Bulgarian Jews, both of them members of the Communist Party, the sources said. They reported that three more Bulgarian Jews have been placed under arrest and are expected to be brought to trial shortly.

The sources referred to the cases of Dr. Heinrich Spetter, a government statistician, and Solomon Ben-Yosef, a chemical engineer employed by a government enterprise. Dr. Spetter was sentenced to death for alleged espionage but was released last month after international protests. He is now in Israel. Ben-Yosef just received a 15-year sentence at hard labor for alleged "economic crimes" which were never specified.

According to the sources, many of Bulgaria's 4000 Jews occupy high positions in government and society. The Sofia regime, however, does not consider them completely "reliable," even those with Communist Party credentials. Recent developments in the Soviet Union over exit visas have made the Bulgarian authorities suspicious, the sources said. Their present policy seems to be to warn the Jews through the trials that they had best leave the country. The Bulgarians are quite willing to issue exit visas for emigration to any country that will admit the Jews. They know that only Israel will admit them without difficulty, the sources said.

### U.S., CANADIAN JEWISH LEADERS STRESS COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 18 (JTA)--The commitment of the North American Jewish community to Israel's social and human needs was stressed by four American and Canadian Jewish community leaders at a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Saturday night. Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin addressed the dinner which was jointly sponsored by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in conjunction with its regular quarterly board meeting, and the United Jewish Appeal. (See the Sept. 16 issue of the Daily Bulletin.)

Raymond Epstein, CJF president, reported to the 750 Jewish leaders at the event that the four-day quarterly board meeting had been "largely devoted to an exploration of the needs and potentials of the 1974-75 campaigns." He said that the community leaders had "pledged themselves to make it the most successful in the history of fund-raising in the United States and Canada."

American aid to Israel, Epstein observed, "has been unfailing and we reiterate our pledge to see that it continues in this troublesome era, when the needs are so great and at a time when we hope to effect the rescue and immigration to Israel of tens of thousands of Jews from Soviet Russia and other countries of oppression and need."

Stating that "the union between the people of Israel and the American Jewish community is unbreakable and indivisible," Paul Zuckerman, UJA general chairman, said that "as we go into 1975, we remember the tragedies that took place in 1974. And we look forward to a year in which we, the Jews of the world, shall be the masters of our destiny. But this can be so, only if our unity survives and becomes even stronger."

Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, pledged "the economic, military and diplomatic support not only of the Jewish community," but of the entire American community, until we achieve the firm and durable peace for which we all aspire." Speaking for the Canadian Jewish community, Thomas O. Hecht, of Montreal, president of the United Israel Appeal of Canada, said that it is "not only arms, not only disengagement, but peace to which we all aspire."

### STATE OF HIGH ALERT MARKS ROSH HASHANA IN ISRAEL

By Yitzhak Shargil and Gil Sedan

TEL AVIV, Sept. 18 (JTA)--Israelis observed Rosh Hashana in an unprecedented state of alert

possible terrorist acts. In northern townships such as Safad, Tiberias and Kiryat Shmona which are uncomfortably close to the Lebanese and Syrian borders, worshippers carried rifles and hand guns to the synagogues at the suggestion of security authorities. The same precautions were taken in other parts of the country. Soldiers on leave and Hagana veterans were urged to arm themselves. The violation of religious custom was justified by the Biblical injunction "And thou shalt guard your life."

The police increased precautionary measures on two fronts—against criminal activities, usually up when vacationers are out of town, and against possible terror activities. A senior police officer said that during the holiday an increased fleet of patrol cars worked in residential, industrial and commercial areas, and near banks.

The police were placed on top alert to prevent terrorist actions. They distributed special instructions to synagogues, asking holiday visitors to be especially aware of suspicious objects, and urged citizens to call the police whenever they find anything suspicious.

#### Major Disaster Averted

The alert averted a possible major disaster Monday morning when two supermarket employees in the Yad Eliyahu quarter in southeast Tel Aviv spotted a suspicious-looking pair of Arab youths among a crowd of women shoppers. They summoned a security officer who searched the suspects and found a home-made bomb in their shopping bag. The device consisted of a 12-inch iron pipe filled with explosives and iron fragments. A detonating mechanism was timed to go off about 20 minutes after the device was discovered. Police dismantled the bomb and arrested the suspects for questioning. No other bombs were found in a search of the market.

Traffic was exceptionally heavy on Rosh Hashana eve as tens of thousands of Israelis left their homes to spend the holiday with relatives, at resort hotels or camping sites. Security precautions were strict at all public places. Both foreign and domestic tourism increased during the last few days before Rosh Hashana, the Tourism Ministry reported.

A Ministry spokesman said that in the 10 top tourist centers there was an average of 90 percent hotel occupancy. Most Tel Aviv hotels were filled with overseas tourists, but hotels in other parts of the country, mainly in resort towns, were filled with Israelis who traditionally use this time of the year as their vacation period.

Synagogues did a booming business. Hardly a seat was unsold despite prices that ranged from \$20-\$100 a ticket. But high prices reduced by half the sale of shofars. Special buses were operated Monday to military and civilian cemeteries where families paid tribute to their dead on the holiday eve.

#### BOUTEFLIKA MOUNTS VIGOROUS DEFENSE OF SO-CALLED 'FREEDOM FIGHTERS,' INCLUDING THE PALESTINIANS

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 18 (JTA)—The long-honored understanding that presidents of the General Assembly eschew political remarks when addressing that body was broken by Foreign Minister Abdelaziz Bouteflika of Algeria whose opening speech yesterday was an unabashed attack on the big powers, notably those of the West, and vigorous championship of the cause of the non-aligned nations and so-called "freedom fighters" among which he included the Palestinians.

UN delegates and observers who had expected adherence to the tradition of neutrality on the part of the unanimously elected president of the General Assembly's 29th annual session were more than mildly surprised by his strident references to the Middle East.

#### Sounds Warning About The Mideast

Bouteflika said, "No one could ask us to be optimistic as long as the conquered territories have not been restored and, since the Palestinian homeland has been given up in the circumstances we are aware of, no one can expect the international community to bargain with its solidarity with the Palestinian people until, in accordance with the principles of the Charter and the pertinent resolutions of the United Nations, it has had, like other peoples, the opportunity to exercise its right to self-determination."

He added, "The events in Cyprus have added further anxiety as far as the situation in the Middle East is concerned." Bouteflika noted that less than ever can the Mediterranean "now be regarded as a lake of peace, because the Middle East has become the stake for major rivalries. The repercussions of events in that region which is a nerve center will undoubtedly be felt even beyond adjacent continents. Already, the attention which is being paid by Africa, Asia and Europe to the development of the struggle of the Arab peoples is a harbinger of developments of which it is difficult today to measure in full impact."

The GA session, over which the 37-year-old Algerian diplomat will preside, has on its agenda a debate on the Middle East and a request for granting the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) observer status. Bouteflika made no direct references to Israel in his speech which ranged from the Cyprus situation to Indo-China. The Israeli delegation was absent due to the Rosh Hashana holiday.

#### JULIAN BREEN DEAD AT 62

GENEVA, Sept. 18 (JTA)—Julian Breen, 62, director of the department of budget and finance of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, died Sunday at his home here. A graduate of City College, he joined the overseas staff of the JDC in 1947. He was involved in arranging and planning for the financing of relief and rehabilitation programs for more than 300,000 Jews in Israel, Europe, the Middle East and North Africa.

Edward Ginsberg, chairman of the JDC, and Samuel L. Haber, JDC vice-chairman, said the officers and staff of the JDC were deeply saddened by the death of Mr. Breen. "He was a vital force in our overseas operation," they said. "His absence in our general headquarters will be deeply felt."

#### ZALMANSON THANKS PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Sept. 18 (JTA)—Silva Zalmanson cabled thanks to Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, for the Conference's efforts which led to her release from a Soviet prison. Her message from Israel, which Rabbi Miller read to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, said: "Happy to express my endless gratitude. Essential to continue effective struggle. Thanks. Silva Zalmanson."

GENEVA (JTA)—Enrollment in ORT's worldwide vocational education program in the 1974-75 school year will be considerably higher than it was last year according to M.A. Braude, World ORT Union Director General. He made the prediction at ORT's executive committee meeting last week.

**BEHIND THE HEADLINES****THE FIRST 100 DAYS OF RABIN**

By Uzi Benziman

JERUSALEM, Sept. 18 (JTA)--In the middle of September Premier Yitzhak Rabin marked 100 days of his Premiership. He was in Washington at the time discussing with President Ford and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger the next steps to be taken in the Middle East peace efforts, and probably too busy to look back on his first 100 days as Premier. However, in Israel the political community is beginning to evaluate Rabin's government. The 100-day anniversary brought an expected spate of articles in the press, dealing with the way Rabin is functioning as Premier.

Until now, the Israeli press and public showed a rare measure of tolerance towards the Rabin Cabinet. After the shock of the first few days--the result of the sudden disappearance of the previous leadership--the Israeli press demonstrated a positive attitude towards the new government. Most of the Cabinet's decisions--whether on security or economic issues--were accepted with little criticism. Now, however, there are signs that the "honeymoon" between the Cabinet and the press is slowly coming to an end. Recently the three largest dailies published articles criticizing various aspects of Rabin's Premiership.

Commentators observed that Rabin has established neither a National Security Council nor a Ministerial Committee for Security Affairs. The establishment of these two institutions was warmly recommended by the Agranat Committee which is investigating the functioning of the government and the army before and during the Yom Kippur War. The Agranat Committee concluded that there was an acute lack of multiple assessment of intelligence data in the previous government. The Golda Meir Cabinet gathered its intelligence information and evaluation essentially from a single source: the army intelligence service.

**Recommendations Not Implemented**

The Agranat Committee (which is headed by Dr. Shimon Agranat, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court) suggested as a remedy the creation of a multi-disciplinarian forum of experts to aid and advise the government. The Agranat Committee also recommended the creation of a small ministerial committee which would deal with daily security subjects. This recommendation was contained in the first report of the Agranat Committee, which implicitly criticized Golda Meir's "kitchen cabinet" system--the ad hoc grouping of Labor Party ministers in which major security and political decisions had been taken in the past.

Thus far Rabin has not carried out any of these recommendations. Neither have there been any basic changes in the pattern of the Cabinet work (although he brought to the office a new style and more easy-going atmosphere). The same departments that existed in the Meir government are functioning under the Rabin administration, too: he has not changed the twisted structure of the governmental administration; he has done little to streamline the governmental bureaucracy; he has even been reluctant to initiate any personal change in the Prime Minister's office.

Rabin is also criticized for the role he plays --or does not play--in the activities of his party. Many Labor Knesseters say the party is looking for a leader to guide and control its par-

liamentary activity. They claim that the party's various policy forums have not been summoned for too long a time. They feel that because of the lack of leadership many of the Labor Knesseters feel they can violate party discipline in the House. These Laborites ask why Rabin is reluctant to fill the vacuum created in the upper rank of the party after the departure of Golda Meir.

**Rabin's Style Similar To Dayan's**

In private discussions many Labor Knesseters warn that the paralysis of the party's institutions may lead to its ultimate destruction. The Labor Party comprises three factions: Mapai, Achdut Ha'Avoda, and Rafi. While the two latter factions are homogeneous groups, Mapai is amorphous. However, Mapai is the main factor in the Labor Party. It numbers two-thirds of the party's Knesseters. Yet, Mapai has no leadership. All the previous Premiers belonged to Mapai, but Rabin is an outsider.

Rabin did not come to the Premiership after a long period of activity in the Mapai faction (as did most of the Mapai members in the present Cabinet and as all the party's former Premiers did). In fact, he does not like the gray routine work of party worker. The frequent but necessary meetings with the various party branches and key workers bore Rabin. In this sense his style and personal predilections are reminiscent of those of former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan who feels the same on this issue.

Yet, the political fate of Dayan demonstrates the crucial need of a party's backing. Dayan has no support in the Labor Party because he failed to accumulate political power by doing the gray and boring work of a politician who had to constantly woo his constituency. Members of the Mapai faction say that Rabin must avoid Dayan's fault. They stress that active participation in the life of the party is essential not only for the personal future of Rabin as a politician but for the fate of the party itself. They blame him for ignoring the party's needs, noting that he shows a dangerous hesitation to act as its leader.

**ELECTRONIC WARNING SYSTEM****DEVELOPED BY ISRAEL DISPLAYED FOR FIRST TIME IN THE U.S.**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (JTA)--An electronic fence warning system, developed by Israel Aircraft Industries, was displayed for the first time in the United States at the American Society for Industrial Security Seminar (ASIS). A working model of the system featuring both civilian and military type control units, was demonstrated to hundreds of government, military and industrial security specialists who are attending the three-day seminar devoted to the latest techniques in security methods. The seminar ended today.

Officials of IAI announced that more than \$5 million in export sales of the warning system has been achieved since commercial sales were initiated several months ago. Displaying of the fence at the ASIS meeting marked the initial attempt to market the fence in North America.

One of the main features of the fence, which is now in use in Israel, is that when an intrusion occurs, the exact location is pinpointed on a master control panel. In addition, the electrical portion of the system can be easily and quickly added to any existing wire or chain link fence, thus greatly reducing installation costs. The warning system has been designed to meet applicable military standards and specifications.

**ATTENTION:** There will be no Bulletin dated Sept. 26 and 27 due to Yom Kippur.