



## MINISTERS QUERY OFFICIAL 'OPTIMISM'

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11 (JTA)--Several ministers queried the "optimism" that has been reflected by Israeli media this past week in connection with the interim settlement negotiations. At a five-hour Cabinet session last night, these ministers--mostly on the "hawkish" wing of the Cabinet--said the optimism was not borne out by the facts as they now heard them. Furthermore, it was tactically unwise to evince optimism when the talks were still unconcluded.

The criticism of the media was by implication a criticism of Premier Yitzhak Rabin and the ministerial negotiating team since it was apparent to all that the media's optimism had been guided by official briefings. Some "dovish" ministers, on the other hand, seemed comfortable with the expressions of optimism--and indeed felt confident that the settlement talks were nearing a successful conclusion.

The Cabinet unanimously approved the Israeli responses forwarded earlier by the negotiating team through Washington. But Cabinet sources warned that the differences over tactics could become differences over substance as the talks moved into their crucial phase. Both "hawks" and "doves" predicted, however, that if there were a split, Rabin and the Cabinet majority would side with them. They noted, too, that at yesterday's session no differing positions had explicitly been adopted, either by members of the negotiating team or by other ministers (beyond the criticism of the undue "optimism.")

### The Imaginary And The Real

One "hawk" said he felt the "movement" by Egypt referred to with enthusiasm by some Israeli officials was more imaginary than real. There had been a climbing-down--but from positions which had been deliberately formulated to be excessive and near-ridiculous. Wide gaps still remained on crucial issues, this "hawk" insisted. Listing some of these, he noted:

Israel and Egypt are still far apart on the question of an Israeli presence at Umm Hashiba, the main Sinai listening station; Egypt still rejects Israel's proposal for a substantial American force at Umm Hashiba and other stations; Egypt prefers a small American contingent with severely limited functions; Egypt insists on a small force of its soldiers being stationed inside the Mitle and Gidi Passes; Egypt demands that its front line be advanced several kilometers east of the present buffer zone (which Israel has rejected); and Egypt still demands a wider corridor along the Gulf of Suez coast than Israel has offered.

### Talks Not Yet 90% Certain

The Cabinet did not discuss Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's widely reported desire to begin a shuttle trip to wind up the negotiations on or about Aug. 20. There was apparently some concern that the talks would not yet have reached the "ninety percent certainty" stage by then that Kissinger has demanded before he undertakes a shuttle. One well-placed observer noted that if

Kissinger decides to come, Israel can hardly demur.

But officials here stressed that the assessment of the situation--in percentage points of success likelihood--must be the Secretary's own. There is plainly a sense of apprehension here lest Kissinger come, shuttle, depart without an agreement, and again blame Israel for the failure.

### Aim Of Mission To Washington

Meanwhile, Jerusalem is awaiting word from Cairo, through Washington, of Egypt's response to Israel's latest "clarifications" transmitted over the weekend. Officials say they will be able to better predict the Kissinger trip once these responses are known. The mission by Mordechai Gazit, director general of the Premier's Office, and Meir Rosenne, legal advisor to the Foreign Ministry to Washington, revealed in the U.S. capital over the weekend, is intended to work on formulations in the agreement, mainly with regard to the legal and political aspects (rather than the military and territorial) of the pact.

Gazit and Rosenne will also draw up a number of accords with the U.S.--some of them to remain unpublished--which are seen here as the more significant part of Israel's quid pro quo for its sacrifices in Sinai.

Before yesterday's Cabinet meeting, ministers and officials drank a toast to Gazit--who is ending his term as the Premier's director general and political advisor, and to his successor, 39-year-old Amos Eran, who takes over this week. Gazit is expected to be named Ambassador to Paris.

### PROTESTS AGAINST VISAS FOR PLO

LONDON, Aug. 11 (JTA)--Protests are mounting in Britain following official confirmation that representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization received entry visas from a British Embassy in the Middle East to attend the Inter-Parliamentary Union conference here next month. The visas were granted despite protests by Jewish and non-Jewish personalities and organizations. The British Embassy issuing the visas was not identified but it is presumed that it was the Embassy in Lebanon. One hundred MPs of all three leading parties have already signed a petition presented to the House of Commons deploring the British move.

The Home Office said Friday night that the Palestinians had approached the British government about the entry visas but that "While this approach was being looked at, some of the people were granted visas overseas." The visa grants are regarded here as a victory for the terrorists.

### SAMUEL BRONFMAN'S ABDUCTION NOT LINKED BY DA OFFICE, FAMILY TO FATHER'S JEWISH, ISRAELI ACTIVITIES

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Aug. 11 (JTA)--An agency investigating the disappearance of Samuel Bronfman, 2nd, the 21-year-old son of world Jewish leader Edgar M. Bronfman, and a spokesman for the family told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today there was no evidence that young Bronfman's reported kidnapping was connected with his father's

Jewish and pro-Israeli activities. Edgar M. Bronfman is North American chairman of the World Jewish Congress and head of the WJC's international committee combatting the Arab boycott.

The kidnapping, which occurred in suburban Westchester County north of New York City, is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Westchester County District Attorney's office, and police in Yorktown Heights where Edgar Bronfman lives.

The FBI's New York office today would only say it was conducting an investigation into the kidnapping. The disappearance was announced last night by the FBI's headquarters in Washington which said that young Bronfman had called his father at 2 a.m. Saturday and said he had been kidnapped by three men "and he or they would be in contact with his father later."

#### Called To Say He Was Kidnapped

The Westchester County District Attorney's office said that young Bronfman had left his father's house at 11:30 p.m. Friday to drive back to his mother's home, in Harrison about 20 miles away. At about 2:45 a.m. Saturday his father received the call from young Bronfman saying he had been kidnapped. The FBI announcement said young Bronfman had been on his way to a party.

The District Attorney's office told the JTA there was "no evidence at this time" that the kidnapping was related to the elder Bronfman's Jewish activities. A spokesman for the family said the same thing when reached at the Bronfman residence. Samuel Bronfman, the oldest of Edgar Bronfman's five children is 6 foot 3 inches tall and weighs about 190 pounds. He graduated from Williams College in Williamstown, Mass. in June. He was named after his late grandfather Samuel Bronfman, founder and president of Distillers-Seagram Ltd., Montreal.

Edgar Bronfman, who succeeded his father as president of the liquor company in 1971, is active in the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, president of the Samuel Bronfman Foundation, and a trustee of the National Urban League.

#### DAYAN CALLS FOR SIMULTANEOUS ACCORDS WITH EGYPT, SYRIA AND THE USSR

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11 (JTA)--Former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan has declared that Israel should seek simultaneous agreements with Egypt, Syria and the Soviet Union or remain in her present position. Speaking at Kibbutz Givat Haim Friday night, Dayan said Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's step-by-step approach will not bring a solution since it is only a withdrawal followed by a temporary cooling-off period.

Repeating his opposition to the interim agreement, Dayan, who is still a Labor MK, said even if the agreement is reached with Egypt, Syria will not sit by idly and the Soviet Union will continue to meddle in the region.

He said that if the Arab states are not ready to sign a peace agreement with Israel then Israel should strive for a non-belligerence accord. For this, Dayan said, he would be willing to give up half the Sinai and some areas of the Golan Heights. He said there was no difference between withdrawing from the Abu Rodels oilfields or from a settled area on the Golan Heights if that meant peace.

The former Defense Minister also criticized what he called a lack of Zionist activity in Israel.

He called for programs to advance Zionism, for an economic plan to attract Jewish investment and for increased aliyah.

#### MIKI SAYS ISRAEL'S SOVEREIGNTY MUST BE RESPECTED; STATES JAPAN WILL OPPOSE MOVE IN UN TO OUST ISRAEL By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (JTA)--Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Miki, declaring that Israel's sovereignty "should be respected," said here yesterday his government will oppose a resolution for "suspension" from the UN General Assembly. "We will be opposed to that kind of resolution," he said.

Miki was responding to a question in an interview on ABC-TV's "Issues and Answers" on "perhaps the most pressing issue coming up in the near future" in the General Assembly. The Arab states have been campaigning among the Third World and Communist countries to expel or suspend Israel from the UN when it meets in special session on economic issues in September in New York.

A transcript of the program was made available to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and showed that Miki was asked if he has "experienced any pressure from the Arab governments" regarding the Arab move to oust Israel. Miki replied: "Of course, the national sovereignty of Israel should be respected and unless the national sovereignty of Israel is respected we will not be able to realize permanent peace in the Middle East."

Miki then went on to say that no pressure was exercised by the Arab states upon Japan. He also said President Ford and he did not discuss whether Japan could depend on the U.S. for oil if there were another Arab oil embargo.

#### WEST BANK LEADERS TO DISCUSS NEW REGULATIONS AT TOMB OF PATRIARCHS By Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11 (JTA)--Arab leaders in the West Bank plan to hold an emergency meeting to discuss the new regulations at the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron which give Jews equal prayer time with Moslems. Defense Minister Shimon Peres announced the new regulations last week after members of the Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba on the outskirts of Hebron, demonstrated against the seven-hour-a-day time limit for Jewish prayers at the tomb.

Sheikh Mohammed Ali Al Jaabari, Hebron's mayor, called for the meeting following a demonstration outside the tomb Friday night. Jaabari was attacked during prayers by young Moslems who shouted that he was not a true Moslem leader.

When the young Moslems failed to provoke the mayor or to convince others to start a sit-down strike at the tomb, they went outside and threw stones at a truck belonging to a Kiryat Arba resident and hit the driver, Ephraim Rosenberg, with a stick. Israeli army units did not intervene but tried to persuade the Arab demonstrators to leave. They did after an hour. Gen. Yona Ephrat, commander of the central region, visited the area later and promised Kiryat Arba residents to investigate the incident.

The new regulations announced by Peres set aside the large "Isaac and Rebecca" hall for Moslem prayers and the smaller "Abraham and Sarah" and "Jacob and Leah" halls for Jewish prayers. On Fridays, the Moslem Sabbath, the tomb is restricted to Moslem prayers.

Meanwhile, Defense Ministry sources said the

new regulations were shown to Jaabari by Peres before they were announced. The sources claimed that the Hebron mayor and other Arabs who met with Peres understood the aims of the new regulations and expressed their gratitude that Moslem feelings were taken into consideration. The new regulations followed an attempt by Kiryat Arba residents to force their way into the tomb during the time reserved for Moslem prayers.

#### ISRAELI-U.S. ECONOMIC, POLITICAL TALKS BEGIN THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (JTA)--A climax to the negotiations for a second Israeli withdrawal in the Sinai and the reopening of Israel's case for financial support from the United States are to take place this week at the State Department. Two top officials will meet tomorrow with Undersecretary of State Joseph J. Sisco to put what amounts to the finishing touches on the legal aspects covering Israel's expected return of the Gidi and Mitla Passes and the Abu Rodeis oilfields to Egypt.

Starting on Wednesday, another Israeli team will present Israel's requirements for economic and military financial support in the coming year. Sisco will lead the American officials in these sessions too. Ambassador Simcha Dinits will head both Israeli delegations. Mordechai Gazit, director general of the Premier's Office, and Meir Rosenne, legal advisor to the Foreign Ministry, are arriving here tonight.

The four-member economic team which already is in New York, will arrive here tomorrow and make its presentation beginning Wednesday. Thus, once the political arrangements are discussed, the economic support phase will begin. The Israelis outlined their requirements totaling about \$2.5 billion early last winter but it was put on ice by American authorities pending an Israeli agreement to retreat further in the Sinai.

The Israeli economic team includes Ephraim Dovrat, economic advisor to the Ministry of Finance; David Kochav, economic advisor to the Defense Ministry; Yitzhak Elrom, the Defense Ministry's budget director; and Arnon Gafni, director general of the Finance Ministry who heads the quartet.

#### Talks Part Of Reassessment

State Department spokesman Robert Funseth, said today that officials of the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) began technical talks several weeks ago with Israeli officials regarding Israeli "projections" for the coming year. They would be used, he said, to provide a basis for recommendation to Congress. Specific military requirements will not be part of the talks but financial military needs as part of the "overall financial situation" will be, Funseth said.

Asked by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency if the meetings mark the end of the "reassessment" that President Ford ordered last March 24 after Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger had failed to bring about a second Israeli-Egyptian agreement in the Sinai, Funseth said, "No, this is all part of the overall process we have been engaged in." He cautioned not to draw "far-reaching conclusions" from the meetings, noting that "hard decisions" remain for Israel and Egypt.

Asked by the JTA if the U.S. also had "hard decisions" to make, Funseth replied smilingly, "From time to time." Funseth said he did not know whether U.S. Ambassador to Egypt, Hermann Eilts, will return to Washington with Egyptian

views on the Israeli-U.S. meetings.

The AID program still does not have allotments for Egypt, Syria and Jordan whose economic support by the U.S. exceeded that given to Israel last year. One American official when asked what the three Arab countries sought, told JTA "you have to ask Henry (Kissinger). He's master-minding the whole thing."

#### Technical Consultations, Not More

Independent sources here cautioned that the economic meetings at least are "technical consultations, not more." They said that to attach political indications would be an exaggeration. The purpose is to have U.S. officials understand Israel's needs. "That is the target and aim of the mission," one said.

This meeting, according to the sources, was agreed upon in Bonn in July by Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Kissinger. Both felt, it was said, that a clarification of Israel's economic needs was useful "before an interim agreement was achieved" with Egypt. But the timetable of the meetings this week would imply that the political essentials precede the economic clarification.

#### KISSINGER CALLS ON INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO COMBAT TERRORISM

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (JTA)--Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger called on the international community today to "vigorously" combat the "plagues" of aircraft hijacking, international terrorism and new techniques of warfare. He also urged the United Nations "once again" to adopt anti-terrorism proposals "as a matter of the highest priority." Kissinger was speaking on "International law, world order and human progress" before the American Bar Association at its annual convention in Montreal.

He told the lawyers that "the U.S. is committed to the principle that fundamental human rights require legal protection under all circumstances; that some kinds of individual sufferings are intolerable no matter what threat nations may face. The American people and government deeply believe in fundamental standards of humane conduct. We are committed to uphold and promote them. We will fight to vindicate them in international forums."

The U.S. in 1972 proposed to the UN a convention for the prevention or punishment of certain acts of international terrorism. Last June, the U.S. offered a resolution to the ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization), recommending mandatory compliance with suggested regulations to ban unauthorized weapons in aircraft. This resolution, the State Department said, is being circulated among ICAO member governments. A proposal against "safe havens" for hijackers was offered to ICAO in 1973.

Kissinger, in his speech today, made no mention of the Arab boycott nor did he say anything about enforcing the Universal Declaration of Human Rights upon which the Jackson-Vanik legislation affecting Soviet emigration is based.

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--After the great success of the London Royal Shakespeare Company's performances in Jerusalem and Haifa a few months ago, negotiations between the Jerusalem Theater and the Royal are presently underway. And it is possible that the British theater will visit again in the coming "Jerusalem Spring Festival."

## NAZIS, JEWS CLOSE THEIR BOOTHS AT WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

By Marlene Lerner

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 11 (JTA)--The local Nazi Party and the Zionist Organization of America have both agreed to close their booths at the Wisconsin State Fair after visitors engaged in bitter arguments with the Nazis last Thursday, the first day of the fair. Officials of the fair said discussions with organizers of the Nazi booth began after a Milwaukee man jumped across the table at the booth and allegedly tried to strangle one of the Nazis. Fair officials in a separate meeting with the organizers of the Jewish booth asked them to close their exhibit as well.

The ZOA, which had its booth at the opposite end of the exhibit hall, agreed to close their booth Friday, the same day the Nazis closed theirs, because their booth had been set up primarily to counter the Nazi exhibit. The ZOA booth, which was operated jointly with Milwaukee chapters of Concerned Jewish Citizens, showed films and slides of Nazi atrocities against Jews. A number of Jews and Blacks hurled insults and epithets at the Nazis as they strolled past their booths.

Earlier in the week State Attorney General Bronson La Follette and Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union Executive Director William Lynch ruled that closing the Nazi booth would be an infringement of free speech. The ruling was made after local county supervisors and state representatives had urged the State Fair Board to void the fair's contract with the Nazis. Fair officials subsequently issued a statement saying the Nazis had agreed to close their booth "for the good of the State Fair."

## BRITISH CHURCH DOCUMENT ON MIDEAST

By Mark Segal

LONDON, Aug. 11 (JTA)--The British Council of Churches has produced a document on the Middle East, which the JTA understands is the British-Anglican contribution on this subject in advance of the forthcoming assembly of the World Council of Churches in Nairobi--the supreme body of the Protestant and Anglican faith.

It is understood that the British church is producing its own draft documents to counter material emanating from the World Council of Churches head offices in Geneva. Recently British church publications have attacked the Geneva center as having left-wing bias, condoning so-called liberation movements and use of power. The World Council, it will be recalled, gave a million dollars to "Arab refugee organizations," and there was no way of knowing whether the money reached the PLO. In the 1930s the World Council's counterpart gave nothing to Jewish-refugees from Nazism.

The Mideast document was actually produced by the division of international affairs, jointly responsible to the British Council of Churches and the Conference of British Missionary Societies.

An entire section is entitled "Through Jewish Eyes" and it says, "The Jews as the people of God came to inherit a land promised by God." It recapitulates Jewish history and suffering from religious prejudice and political anti-Semitism, and stresses the centrality of the land of Israel in Judaism as evinced in the phrase: "Next Year In Jerusalem."

## Goes Further Than Catholic Document

The Anglican document goes much further than

the Catholics' on the Jews. It sees Israel as "the place aimed at providing both a secure home for fugitives from persecution and a focal point for the Jewish sense of peoplehood." It speaks of Jewish attitudes toward Israel ranging from Soviet Jewry wishing to settle there to those "who under no circumstances short of complete disaster would wish to uproot themselves."

The church document holds that Jews everywhere feel a sense of close affinity with, and responsibility for the State of Israel "whose roots are deeply embedded in their own remarkable history." Looking at the Mideast through Arab eyes, the Anglican authors maintain that "the British under the Mandate tried to reconcile the irreconcilable." In surveying Arab attitudes, it notes their wish to oblige Israel to return to the 1949 armistice lines.

They also noted "the Arabs accepted neither the legality of the political partition of Palestine, nor the establishment of Israel, and resorted to force to prevent it." Later, in discussing the PLO and its use of terrorism, the church document's authors accept the prognosis that "the Jewish refugee problem led to the creation of the Arab refugee problem."

## RABIN: ISRAEL IS NOT A NUCLEAR STATE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin, fielding persistent questions about Israel's nuclear weapons status from Mexican newsmen accompanying visiting Mexican President Luis Echeverria, said Israel has said time and again that it would not be "the first state to introduce nuclear weapons into the Middle East conflict."

He gave that reply to the first question directed at him yesterday during a joint press conference with the Mexican President as to whether Israel was or was not in possession of nuclear weapons and how Israel squared such weapons with its declared desire for peace.

Subsequently, another Mexican journalist tackled the issue with a blunt question: "Does Israel have a nuclear bomb--yes or no?" Rabin, barely concealing a smile at the sharpness of the question, replied, "Israel is not a nuclear state."

## EXPLOSION RIPS EGGED BUS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11 (JTA)--An Egged bus was severely damaged yesterday in Dimona when an explosive charge was detonated in its rear. There were no passengers on the bus at the time. The bus had brought a group of construction workers from Hebron and neighboring villages to Dimona. After the passengers left the bus, the driver parked the vehicle near a construction site and went to a nearby kiosk. It was then that the explosion occurred. Police rounded up all the passengers and after brief questioning held 10 for further interrogation. An examination of the explosive charge showed that it could have caused fatalities.

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--To mark the 100th anniversary of the death of Danish writer Hans Christian Andersen the Jewish National Fund will plant a forest at the outskirts of Nazareth in the Galilee to be named after him. The JNF in Denmark has organized a fund-raising campaign for the forest, and the reaction of both Jews and Gentiles in Denmark is positive. The dedication of the forest will take place at the beginning of October. The Danish education minister is expected to take part in the ceremony. Andersen's stories for children have almost all been translated into Hebrew.