

daily news bulletin

Publiahed by Jewish Telegraphic Agency 165 Hest 46th St. New York, N.Y. 10036
Contents copyright: Republication only by previous arrangement

Vol. XLII - 58th Year

Tuesday, December 9, 1975

No. 232

ISRAEL'S ENVOY TO SWEDEN RECALLED FOR CONSULTATIONS FOLLOWING SWEDEN'S VOTE FOR PLO PARTICIPATION AT UN By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 8 (ITA)—Foreign Minister Yigal Alion has recalled Israel's Ambassador to Sweden, Avner Idan "for urgent consultations," it was officially announced today. The recall was clearly a diplomatic expression of Israel's anger over Sweden's vote in the Security Council lastweek to invite the Palestine Liberation Organization to participate in the Council's deliberations over Israel's air raids on terrorist bases in Lebanon Dec. 2.

Sweden was the only Western European country to vote with the Arab, Communist bloc and Third World states to extend the unprecedented privilege to the PLO. It provided the crucial ninth vote. Under Security Council rules, the assent of nine of the 15 members is required to invite outside parties to attend its sessions.

Israel Firm On Boycofting Debate

Allon told yesterday's Cabinet meeting that there was no change in Israel's firm resolve to boycott the current Security Council meetings on the Lebanon raid and the Council's Middle East debate, set to open Jan, 12, to which the PLO was also invited. Allon indicated that there has been American pressure on Israel to reverse its position and attend at least some of the Security Council meetings. But Israel is resisting this pressure, the Foreigm Minister said.

Premier Yttzhak Rabin denied at the Cabinet meeting press reports of differences between him self and the Foreign Ministry on this issue. Rabin, who was acting Foreign Minister last week while Allon was abroad, reportedly rejected a proposal that Israel attend those sessions of the Security Council from which the PLO representatives would be absent.

The proposal, which would have permitted Israel to participate in the debate and defend its actions over Lebanon while avoiding proximity with the PLO was said to have been suggested by Israel's UN-Ambassador Chaim Herzog, Rabin said yesterday that the proposal was one of several options presented to him by Foreign Ministry officials while he was acting Foreign Ministry.

EVIDENCE AGAINST NAZI WAR CRIMINALS NOW IN U.S. TO BE GATHERED IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (JTA)--Department of Justice lawyers will go to Israel to gather evidence against some 56 alleged Nazi war ortiminals now living in the United States, according to Rep. Joshua Eilberg (D.Pa.), chairman of the House Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship and International Law,

Eilberg, in a statement yesterday, said that Attorney General Edward Levi gave "prompt action in his request after he had explained lawyers on the subcommittee staff were told in Israel "there are definitely witnesses in Israel and that our people would receive full cooperation from the Israell government." Although only 18 names on the list of alleged Nazis in the U.S. have been processed so far, Eilberg said "more than sixty witnesses

have already been located" about their alleged activities.

ILLEGAL SETTLERS IN SEBASTIA LEAVE AFTER GOVERNMENT AGREES TO PERMIT TOKEN NUMBER TO REMAIN ON SITE By Yitzhak Shargii

TEL AVIV, Dec. 8 (JTA) -- The government obtained the voluntary evacuation of Sebastia today by agreeing to permit a token number of would-be settlers to remain in the Samaria region under military authority and to reopen the issue of unrestricted Jewish settlement on the West Bank by the Cabinet in two or three months.

The compromise, which averted a confrontation between the army and some 2000 illegal squatters at Sebastia in central Samaria, was reached today between Defense Minister Shimon Peres and Rabbi Moshe Levenberg, leader of a deputation representing the militant Orthodox Gush Emunim movement, it was in line with yesterday's Cabinet decision that reaffirmed the government's policy to permit no settlements in the administered territories without official authorization.

But while the government achieved its immediate aim of avoiding the use of force to remove the squatters—a politically dangerous action in the present climate of bitterness over the string of diplomatic defeats suffered by Israel at the United Nations—the Gush Emunim appeared to have gained a victory. The squatters, who set up a makeshift tent village on the barren site eight days ago, will leave this afternoon. But some 30 families will be etitled at a nearby army camp with freedom to come and go as they please and jobs provided by the army.

Similarities With Kiryat Arba

There was no undertaking by the government to transform the army camp into a settlement at a later date. The Gush Emunim, who combine religious zealotry with intense nationalism, have nevertheless gained a foothold in Samaria, the northern district of the West Bank, much as they did some years ago at Hebron in Judaea to the south.

Rabbi Levenberg, leader of the Orthodox community of Kiryat Arbs which adjoins Hebron, commented on the parallel between today's compromise and the events that led up to the establishment of Kiryat Arbs which also had its start as an illegal squatters' movement,

He recalled that the original Kiryat Arba settlers were required to live for a time within a military government compound but eventually the government agreed to build an all-Jewish quarter next to Arab Hebron. Levenberg intimated that he expects the same sequence of events to occur in Samaria. According to some sources, Gen. Ariell Sharon, a former Likud leader and currently special advisor to Premier Yitzhak Rabin, persuaded the settlers to accept the compromise which was said to have been the idea of the Israeli poet, Chaim Goory.

Meanwhile, Arab anger over the compromise was manifested by violent demonstrations today in Nablus, the largest fown in the Samaria district. Security forces used water hoses and fired into the air to disperse the demonstrators.

SITUATION OF CZECH, SPANISH JEWS

LONDON, Dec. 8 (JTA).-Dr. Bendrich Bass, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Bohemia and Moravia, brought greetings from the Czechoslovak Jewish community to the meeting here of the European branch of the World Jewish Congress. This was the first time in year that a Czech Jewish representative came to the

West to attend such a gathering.
The Teader of the remnant of the once-great
Czech Jewish community, who attended the meeting here last week as an observer, said that the
7000 Jews currently residing in Czechoslovakia
receive religious, cultural and welfare services
from the Federation. He noted that four-fifths
of the Czech Jewish community perished in the
Holocaust, that most of the survivors had emigrated, that the middle-age generation was missing, and that the current Jewish population comprise mainly the needy aged and the very young.

Dr. Bass said that the Federation receives support from the Czech authorities who are urging the Federation to find a new rabbi. The community, he reported, has been without a spiritual leader since Rabbi Sloher died at the age of 95 more than five years ago. The Federation is also burdened with oaring for 400 cemeteries, most of which are in a state of neglect, Dr. Bass-said, They are situated in areas where Jews had long vanished.

Spain's Integration Into Europe Sought

Samuel Toledano, vice-president of the Madrid Jewish community, who attended the WJC meeting as head of the Spanish delegation, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Spanish Jews are deeply interested in having post-Franco Spain become properly integrated into Europe.

Toledano, a Morocco-born electronice businessman, said most Spanish Jews were relative newcomers, deriving from East Europe, North Africa and South America. A number of Jews came from Chile when the Allende regime took power, he reported. He said Spani's 10,000 Jews enjoyed prosperity and equality in religious rights They live in 11 communities, with Madrid the largest center with 3000 Jews.

The Spanish Jewish leader said they were profoundly interested in Spain's full admission to the European Economic Community (EEC) and the Atlantic Alliance in order to ensure its proper integration in Europe, Otherwise, he feared, a right-wing backlash might set in,

Juan Carlos Sympathetic To Jews

He reported that a Jewish delegation had received a warm welcome from Prince Juan Carlos when calling on him beforehe became king. They presented him with a set of Encyclopaedia Judalca The future king expressed profound sympathy for the Jewish people, as well as his deep interest in Israel, and also said he would like to visit the Jewish State, Toledano stated,

He also reported on previous visits to the palace when they were received by the late head of state, Generalissimo-Francisco Franco, who had always been receptive to calls for humanitarian ald for Jews in distress. Toledano recalled Spanish intervention on behalf of Egyptian Jews in the past,

The European Branch of the WJC ended its meetings here with the adoption of a resolution denouncing the UN anti-Zionist resolution, and another expressing regret at the non-implementation of the Helsinki agreement in regard to Soviet

Jewry. This concerned both the areas of freedom of movement, and of cultural and religious life. WJC Secretary-General Gerhard M. Riegner reported on preparations for celebrating the WJC's 40th anniversary next, year,

BELKIN INVESTED AS CHANCELLOR

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (JTA)--Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, was invested last night as the first chancellor in the institution's 90-year history at a ceremony witnessed by some 1500 persons at the Waldorf Astorfa.

Dr. Belkin, who resigned from the presidency this year, because of ill health warned that "private universities today are experiencing the most serious crisis of all times." He explained that even dùr-lêg the depression of the 1930s, universities managed to survive, but today heads of private colleges are warning "that they may close their doors because their income is far below their

doors because the continued to be continued to be continued to the private university is experiencing a financial risis in no way different from that of other private universities," Dr. Belkin said. "We are also confronted with large deficits and shortage of cash. But I am confident that Yeshiva University because of its uniqueness and as the creation of the entire Jewish community, regardless of its religious persuasions and affiliations will weather this storm and continue to pioneer in its commitment to excellence."

During a dinner which followed the investiture ceremony, announcement was made of a gift of \$1.5 million from the Maxwell R, Maybaum estate for scientific research, Jewish studies and scholarship and fellowships at Yeshiva University. It was among many gifts announced in response to Dr. Belkin's call.

Dr. Beikin, who joined the Yeshiva University faculty 40 years ago and became its president at the age of 32, traced the history of the institution from a college to a university which he said "maintains the most extensive Jewish studies program in the world today, including the State of Israel," is listed as one of the 100 major universities in the United States and is the 29th research-oriented university in the country.

Belkin's Lagdership Praised

Dr. Israel Miller, vice-president for student affairs and chairman of the executive committee for university affairs, praised Dr. Belkin's landership. He noted that under Dr.; Belkin's stewardship, Yeshiva attained university status and established the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Belfer Graduate School of Science, Stern College for Women, the Benjamin N, Cardozo School of Law which will open next year and a host of innovative schools and academic programs and community services. Dr. Belkin was installed by Max J. Etra, chairman of the Board of Trustees,

NEW YORK (JTA).-The National Conference of Soviet Jewry reported that Soviet Jewish activist Yuri Pokh was released last week from prison upon completion of his three-and-a-half year sentence. The NCSJ also reported that Eduard Kuznetsov, the Jewish activist sentenced to 15 years in the first Leningrad trial, has gone on a hunger strike, Kuznetsov, who has been reported seriously ill, is serving his term in the Potma camp. The NCSJ said that Felix Decker, a writer, was expelled from the Writers Union because his book, "Jews in the USSR," dealt with underground Zionist material.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS ON UNRWA BLASTED BY HERZOG, DORON By-Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Dec, 8 (JTA) -- Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly today to finance the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) were blasted by Israeli representatives. Ambasador Jacob Doron, speaking before the vote, focussed his attack on one of four resolutions that urged Israel to take immediate steps for the "return of the displaced inhabitants" and "to desist from further removal of refugees and destruction of their shelters."

Doron said this resolution contained untruths and made unreasonable demands on Israel. It did not, he said, reflect the real situation because the all-pervading enmity Arab countries · have shown toward Israel did not allow for the full return of the refugees. He said that construction was being undertaken by the Israeli government to provide proper housing for the refugees and Israel was not destroying the "shelters" mentioned in the resolution,

The measure was adopted by an 84-3 vote with 18 abstentions. The United States, Igrael and Swaziland cast the dissenting votes.

Speaking to reporters outside the Assembly hall, Israel's Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador Chaim Herzog, said of the UNRWA resolution: "Eight hundred thousand Jewish refugees left Arab lands over the past 28 years and were absorbed, housed and educated by the Jewish people in Israel and elsewhere, Would it not be appropriate for the Arab sheikhs to take some time off from the gaming tables at Las Vegas and Monte Carlo and allot one-half percent of their petrodollars to alleviate the position of their own refugees instead of relying on the charity of others.

Israel abstained from another of the resolutions which was adopted by a 121-0 vote. It called for all governments as a matter of urgency to make the most generous effort possible to meet the anticipated need of UNRWA, particularly in the light of the budgetary deficit. Resolutions appealing to governments, organizations and in-dividuals to contribute to UNRWA and commending the working group on the UNRWA finances were adopted without a vote,

Security Council Boycotted By Israel

In another development, the Security Council adjourned until late this afternoon after a onehour debate this morning on Israel's air attacks on terrorist strongholds in Lebanon last Tuesday. Israel boycotted the session to which the Palestine Liberation Organization was invited. A vote was expected this evening on the Council's draft resolution submitted last Friday which condemns the Israeli raids and warns that their repetition would bring "appropriate steps" by the Council.

By late afternoon no amendments had been offered to the original draft that would make the. language acceptable to the United States, U.S. Ambassador Daniel P. Moynthan said Friday that the Security Council must condemn not only the Israeli air attacks but terrorist assaults on Israel

that preceded them.

Interviewed yesterday on ABC-TV !Issues and Answers," Moynihan declared that the United States fully accepted Ismel's explanation that its Dec. 2 air attack on terrorist strongholds in Leb-anon was "a response in kind" in no way linked to anti-Zionist and pro-Arab resolutions adopted

recently at the UN. Mounthan stated:

"I absolutely believe" what the Israelis "have indicated to us -- that in no sense did these raids respond to actions here (at the UN). They responded to terrorist actions inside Israel. It was a response in kind. I cannot imagine that the Israeli government, a democratic society, a humane society, would strike out in that manner because of resolutions taken here or speeches made there, They would again respond in kind with speeches of their own and resolutions of their own. Let us be clear on that score, It is not events at the UN that caused this situation."

During this morning's debate in the Security Council, the Swedish representative, Olof Rydbeck, said that Israel's air attacks on camps in Lebanon must be condemned but PLO violence should be condemned as well. He said that violence in the Middle East only increased suffering in the area. He said peace in the Middle East reoutred Palestinian statehood as well as recognition of Israel's right to exist. He expressed hope that Israel would reverse its position and agree to participate, along with the PLO, in the Security Council's Middle East debate set for January 12,

Another speaker this morning was the French representative, Louis de Guiringdud, who noted that Israel described its altack on Lebanon as a preventive measure but warned that neither reprisals nor preventive attacks were acceptable, KOL ASSAILS SECURITY COUNCIL

CMICAGO, Dec. 8 (JTA) -- Israel Minister of Tourism, Mosho Kol, accused the Security Council of destroying the chances of peace negotiations. Kol, speaking at an Israel Bonds dinner here, said that extremist Arabs are beginning to believe they can achieve their aims by majority vote of the United Nations instead of by use of peace negotiations, "It is for that reason," said Kol, "that Israel will not participate in the Security Council meetings. The forum for peace negotiations for Israel is the Geneva conference," he said.

Kol held the Security Council membership accountable saying, "They will bear full responsibility for damaging the chances, of peace negotiations." Israel, said Kol, his little to hope for from the United Nations where a constant majority of the Communists, the Third World bloe and the Arabs can decide whatever they wish .-

ISRAEL INTERCEPTS CYPRUS PLANE

TEL AVIV, Dec. 8 (J/rA) -- Israel Air Force jets intercepted an unidentified plane in Israeli air space this morning and escented it to a land-ing at Ben Gurion Airport. The aircraft turned out to be a Cyprus Airways DC-9 bound from Athens to Larnaca in Cyprus with 52 passengers and crew members aboard. The pilot told Israeli authorities that he was unable to land at Larnaca because of bad weather and headed for the Israeli const. He said the Israeli jets intercepted him before he could identify himself to the Bon Gurion control tower and request landing permission. The passengers were treated to lunch at the Bon Gurion Airport terminal and the plane took off for Larmaca two-and-a-half hours later.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Education and Culture Minister Aharon Yadlin suggested that special sports patrols -- armed and given the same authority as policement keep law and order in the soccer. fields, Yadlin made the suggestion following the stabbing of a soccer player last Saturday.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

RAQ'S INVITATION FOR JEWS TO RETURN BRANDED AS DEMAGOGUERY By Uzi Benziman

JERUSALEM, Dec. 8 (JTA) -- An Iraq-born member of the Knesset has branded the Baghdad regime's recent invitations to Iraqi Jews in Israel to return to their country of origin a piece of "incredible demagoguery." Mrs. Shoshana Arbei Almostino, a Labor MK and chairman of the Knesset's labor affairs committee, told the Jewish Tel egraphic Agency in a special interview today that the Iraci authorities were apparently reacting to the recently organized movement of Oriental dews to press the claims of Jewish refugees from Arab countries

Mrs. Arbeli-Almosling, who escaped from Iraq in 1947 after she was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment for Zionist activities, said "I have nothing pleasant to remember from my life in Iraq and I am sure that no other Tragi Jew has either. She recalled her childhood in Mosul, in northern Iraq where she was born, where Jews lived in a ghetto and were terrorized by their Arab neighbors and "friends" whenever clashes between Jews and Arabs occurred in Palestine

She remembered in particular, 1941 when some 2500 Iraqi Jewa were massacred in Baghdad by the followers of the pro-Nazi Rashid Ali el-Kalaini. Jews were always discriminated against in Iraq, Mrs. Arbeli-Almoslino said, adding that she had turned to Zionism because of the humiliations she was subjected to in Mosul?

Campaign Condemned In Britain

The Iraqi campaign importuning Jews to return to that country surfaced recently in the British press where the Iraqi Embassy in London placed large advertisements promising the returnees a "safe and warm" welcome. The ads quoted the recent UN General Assembly resolution identifying Zionism as a form of racism. Their publication outraged the Anglo-Jewish community which picketed the offices of The Guardian in protest last week. The Times of London also published the ads but deleted certain offensive passages from the copy.

Mrs, Arbeli-Almoslino became aware of the Iraqi campaign last July when she attended the International Convention on Women's Rights in Mexico City as an Israeli delegate. Although the agenda item was equal opportunities for women, the Arab. Communist and Third World majority turned the gathering into an anti-Israel forum and pushed through a resolution in which Zionism was formally condemned, along with capitalism and racism, as a movement to be eliminated.

When Mrs. Arbeli-Almoslino was finally permitted to speak, she gave an account of her per-sonal experiences with racism, discrimination and persecution in Iraq. The Iraqi delegate, who followed her on the speakers' stand, announced that his government intended to enact legislation urging former Iraqi Jews to return to Iraq. Mrs. Arbell-Almoslino interjected, "Do you really believe that Jews will return to Iraq to be killed?" but she was shouted down by other delegates.

She told the JTA today that she was convinced that not a single Jew from Iraq would want to return to that country. The Iraqi campaign is viewed in some quarters here as an attempt to sow dissention between Oriental Jews and their fellow Israelis of Western background. Their aim is to aggravate the most serious division in israeli society -- the social and economic gap that

exists between Oriental and Western Jews. But most observers here believe it will backfire and have the opposite effect of drawing the two communities closer.

WCC BACKS ARAB DEMANDS

PARIS, Dec. 8 (JTA) -- The World Council of Churches today recognized the right of Israel and the Arab states to live in peace "within secure and recognized boundaries! and urged an end to military activity in the Middle East "both regular and irregular, including terrorism," according to reports reaching here from Nairobi, Kenya.

The Council, which has been holding its fifth assembly in Nairobi for the past two weeks, also recognized the Arab claims for the return of land occupied by Israel since 1967, called for a resumption of the Geneva conference and supported a total arms embargo in the Mideast.

(Meanwhile, the New York-based Research Center for Religion and Human Rights, sent a tel-egram to the Council asking it to "urge the United Nations and its members to rescind the resolution condemning Zionism as racism in order to save the peace in the Middle East and the United Nations from disintegration.")

The organization, made up of 286 member churches, is considering a draft resolution condemning racialism, sexism and the denial of human rights which mentioned specifically only South Africa,

HISPANIC PAPER, CONCERNED OVER CLASHES, URGES DIALOGUE WITH JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (TA) -- El Diario-La Prensa, the leading Spanish language newspaper in New York, has expressed concern in an editorial over the recent clashes between Hispanics and religious Jews'in the Borough Park section of Brooklyn and has announced it plans to "host a dialogue and purposeful exchange of ideas and opinions in order to heal the breach which currently exists between these two fine groups (Hispanics and Jews) who have so much to contribute to each other."

Borough Park, an area of one of the largest communities of Orthodox Jews in the world, has recently been the scene of several firebombings of synagogues and Jewish schools. The violence has been blamed on Hispanic youths

"The resort to firebombings, harassments, bully boy and mob tactics by extremists and hatefilled misfits as a means of settling disputes thatexist between these two communities is nothing more than a flagrant and obvious attempt to polarize decent family-centered and law-abiding Hispanics and Hasidics into believing that their respective differences are irreconcilable," the Nov. 30 editorial declared.

"It is ironic that these differences are, to a great extent, rooted in the common condition of insufficiency which is the plight of both groups: insufficient housing...jobs and equal opportunities health care; insufficient understanding from the larger community of their value system, life styles, oustoms and cultures." The newspaper urged both groups to cooperate by understanding each other and working together to obtain improved services for the entire community.

SAO PAULO (JTA) -- Mayor Olavo Setubal has signed a decree naming a square in the Butanta quarter of the city "Chanukah Square." The occasion, a Chanukah rally in tribute to the late Brazilian statesman Osvaldo Afanha, was attended by 6000 people.