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## GISCARD'S OFFER TO SEND FRENCH ARMY TO LEBANON AS PEACE-KEEPING FORCE MEETING WITH OPPOSITION

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, May 24 (JTA)--President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing's offer to send a French army peacekeeping force to Lebanon promptly came under criticism from the opposition in France and from most countries in the Middle East. The Lebanese left, led by Kamal Jumblatt, has warned that French intervention in Lebanon is doomed to failure and that France would find itself "in a snare's nest."

In spite of this opposition, France is going ahead with plans to move "if necessary" a force of some 5000 men and a formidable array of firepower to Lebanon within 6-12 hours. A naval task force which includes the aircraft carrier "Clemenceau," the helicopter carrier "Jeanne d'Arc" and several cruisers and missile-carrying frigates could also reach Lebanese waters in a matter of hours, French sources say.

The President, who first made his offer known on the eve of his return to France from the United States, is reportedly waiting for an official Lebanese request before ordering the force to move. The French task force, sources here say, would actually "prevent the fighting and separate the combatants" and not resign itself to an observer role.

French official sources believe that such a task force could bring the Lebanese fighting to a stop "within a couple of days." The sources say, however, that France wants to obtain the agreement of all the warring parties before moving in. It is unclear whether this definition covers Syria.

### Warning Against Gunboat Diplomacy

First reports from abroad have been generally unfavorable. Most Arab countries have already expressed their opposition to the use of foreign troops in Lebanon. Israel has also indicated that it is against the arrival of foreign troops in the area. The French press has extensively quoted Israeli editorials opposing such a move.

Inside France itself, the opposition parties have warned the government against "gunboat diplomacy" and said "we know where a military adventure starts, we do not know where it ends." The Communist Party also indicated suspicion that Giscard d'Estaing's move was undertaken at "the request of the United States in order to serve its interests."

Gaullist circles in Paris rallied to Giscard d'Estaing's suggestion. Many Gaullists viewed his offer as "a sign of France's independence" and also as one of "responsibility for Lebanon's fate." Lebanon was a French mandate from 1920 until that country's independence after World War II.

## HERZOG, WALDHEIM CONFER ON UNDOF EXTENSION ON THE EVE OF THE UN CHIEF OFFICIAL'S VISIT TO DAMASCUS

By Yitzhak Rabin

UNITED NATIONS, May 24 (JTA)--Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog met with Secretary General Kurt Waldheim today to convey the Israeli government's position with respect to renewal of

the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) mandate on the eve of Waldheim's visit to Damascus. Herzog reportedly reiterated that Israel is ready to extend the UNDOF mandate, which expires May 30, with no conditions attached and on the basis of the disengagement agreement signed between Israel and Syria two years ago.

Waldheim, who had an earlier meeting with Herzog on the same matter last Friday, will leave for Damascus tomorrow and is expected to return here Thursday. According to diplomatic sources, the Secretary General believes that Syria needs the excuse of a personal appeal from him to agree to an extension of UNDOF on the Golan Heights. Although the Syrians have not yet indicated their intentions, it is believed here that they will agree at the last moment to renew UNDOF.

Herzog also reportedly told Waldheim today that Israel supports reconvening the Geneva peace conference with the participation of the original parties that were invited by the conference co-chairmen, the U.S. and USSR, on Dec. 18, 1973.

### Impasse On West Bank Statement

It was learned, meanwhile, that Security Council members have reached an impasse in their consultations over a consensus statement that would deplore Israel's occupation practices on the West Bank. Sources here said the U.S. had expressed dissatisfaction with the phrasing of the statement. While a consensus statement is not subject to veto, it requires unanimous endorsements by Security Council members.

Sources said that in view of the American objections, the Arab states are likely to press for an earlier Egyptian draft resolution condemning Israel despite the risk of a U.S. veto. The debate over the West Bank, which began more than three weeks ago, remains suspended and there was no indication here today when the Security Council will reconvene.

### 5 INJURED DURING RIOT BY SLUM DWELLERS IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, May 24 (JTA)--Five persons, including three policemen, were injured by a hand grenade thrown during a riot today in a slum quarter of southeastern Tel Aviv. The rioting by slum-dwellers, which began last night and resumed this morning, was aimed against the demolition of buildings erected without a municipal license.

About 300 helmeted policemen, re-enforced by border police units and fire brigades with water hoses, surrounded the area after local residents blocked demolition equipment with piles of burning tires and water-filled trenches.

The police, wielding truncheons and protecting themselves with plastic shields closed in on the rioters and were pelted with rocks and Molotov cocktails. A bull-dozer attempting to knock down a locksmith's workshop allegedly built without license on a public lot, became stuck in a water-filled ditch. Police who surrounded the vehicle to protect it were attacked with a grenade and retreated. After the injured were removed,

police closed off the demolition site permitting municipal workers to tear down the building by hand.

The local residents claim that demolition orders, issued some time ago by Mayor Shlomo Lehat, were being carried out only in poor neighborhoods while illegally built houses in the wealthy northern districts of Tel Aviv were allowed to stand. Lehat said today that illegal structures would be demolished no matter where they are located.

#### ADL WARNS ARAB LEAGUE HAS 5-YEAR \$30 MILLION WORLD-WIDE PLAN TO ISOLATE ISRAEL DIPLOMATICALLY

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., May 24 (JTA)--The League of Arab States, headquartered in Cairo, has set 1980 as the target date for isolating Israel politically and diplomatically and is carrying out a five-year, \$30 million world-wide propaganda master plan to do the job, an official of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith said today.

Jerome Bakst, ADL's national director of research and evaluation, said the master plan is being implemented in the United States, Western Europe and Latin America. Bakst was the principal speaker at the ADL Seminar of the B'nai B'rith Mid-Atlantic region's 124th Annual Convention which opened last night at the Concord Hotel.

"In the United States," Bakst said, "the pro-Arab tilt in American Middle Eastern policy, evident for many months, has generated a climate that is far more favorable to the propaganda activities of the Arab League, its Palestine Liberation Organization clients, and their American allies than at any time since the Six-Day War."

The most noticeable evidence of the new climate of opinion in the U.S. with respect to the Mideast, he added, "is a growing trend toward acceptance of the notion that the Palestinian issue is the core of the Middle East problem, rather than the refusal of the PLO and its Arab League sponsors to end their 30-year war to destroy Israel, make peace, and recognize Israel's right to exist as a sovereign and independent Jewish State in the world community of nations."

#### Finding Wider Acceptance In U.S.

Bakst told the B'nai B'rith delegates that this trend had been noted in a major ADL report on the Arab propaganda campaign in the United States, issued last November which showed that "the Arab propaganda theme--that the Palestinian issue, rather than Israel's right to existence and legal recognition by the Arabs, is central in the Middle East conflict--had found ready acceptance in certain intellectual, academic and church circles whose Third World sympathies and leftist ideologies incline them toward a pro-PLO position."

More recently, however, Bakst stated, "there is growing evidence that other influential segments of the American establishment are also coming to view the Palestinian issue, not the ongoing Arab war to destroy Israel, as the crux of the Middle Eastern conflict." These influential segments, Bakst said, "include some government officials, leading newspapers, widely read columnists, and magazines. The 'op-ed' pages of leading newspapers devote increasing space to articles by PLO and pro-PLO writers."

Meyer Buchman, the ADL national commissioner chairing the session, said "the \$30 million now earmarked by the Arab League for its five-year, world-wide master plan does not include

additional sums being spent for propaganda by individual member states of the Arab League, by the PLO from its \$200 million Arab League subvention, or outlays by sympathizers of the Arab League and the PLO in the United States and other countries."

#### TEKOA, PALESTINIAN PROFESSOR HOLD TV DEBATE ON MIDEAST, ZIONISM

Tekoa Optimistic About Mideast Peace  
By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, May 24 (JTA)--Yosef Tekoa, Israel's former Ambassador to the United Nations, said last night that he was optimistic about peace prospects in the Middle East. He noted that Israel and its neighbors have already concluded agreements, and that "there is no reason" not to continue in that direction. He was referring to the second interim Sinai accord with Egypt and the UNDOF agreement with Syria.

Tekoa, who is president of Ben Gurion University in Beersheba, made his remarks in the course of a 90-minute television debate with Prof. Ibrahim Abu-Lughod, a Palestinian who teaches at Northwestern University. The debate was broadcast on the David Susskind Show on Metromedia TV. Lughod claimed that no peace would be achieved until the Palestinians were given their rights and the "Zionist racist state" is dismantled.

Tekoa declared that Israel "refuses to become a second Lebanon" and will not negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization which, he claimed, was responsible for the bloodshed in Lebanon and whose stated goal is the destruction of Israel. He said, however, that Israel is prepared to negotiate with the Arab governments without pre-conditions. But, he added, peace will materialize only when the Arab governments become reconciled to the idea of Israel's independent existence.

In reply to Lughod's allegations that Israel mistreated the Arab population on the West Bank, Tekoa said that during the 19 years of Jordanian rule over the West Bank "many people were killed" when Jordanian authorities used "tanks, troops and other forces" to quell disturbances on the West Bank.

#### Sharp Exchange On Zionism

Lughod kept insisting that Zionism was and is a colonial movement and that it, with the aid of British imperialism, displaced the "Palestinian people" from Palestine. Tekoa effectively demolished this statement and explained that Zionism is not only the national liberation movement of the Jewish people but the oldest liberation movement. "Some national liberation movements are 100 years old, 150 years old, but the national liberation movement of the Jewish people is 2000 years old. It began as a liberation movement against the imperialism of the Roman empire and has continued to be that in all countries where the Jews were dispersed."

Lughod contended that in the type of state he visualized for what he continued to refer to as "Palestine," individual Jews would be permitted to live in peace with the Palestinians. Tekoa asked repeatedly if the Jewish people, not merely individual Jews, would be granted their rights to live as a people, but Lughod dodged this question.

When Lughod said that the United Nations had voted to condemn Zionism as a form of racism and that this represented the sentiment of "the international community," Tekoa replied that the

72 UN-member states that voted for the anti-Zionist resolution did not have the moral authority to judge Zionism. These states, he declared, have no freedom or rights for their own people, do not know the meaning of democracy and are characterized by the oppression of their own people.

#### ORTHODOX RABBIS ASSAILS SECULAR JEWISH AGENCIES WHO ARE INVOLVED IN CHRISTIAN-JEWISH DIALOGUES

FALLSBURG, N.Y., May 24 (JTA)--Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, the nation's largest Orthodox rabbinic body, today sharply criticized secular Jewish agencies who had undertaken to be in the forefront of Christian-Jewish dialogue and who speak in the name of religion which they themselves fail to practice.

In an address at the 40th annual convention of the organization at the Pine View Hotel, Schonfeld declared: "Religious dialogue can only be engaged by people who are themselves spiritually committed to faith and practice and who are competent in areas of theological scholarship. Jewish secular agencies have arrogated to themselves the right to render pronouncements on matters of religious import and have become the self-appointed spokesmen of the Jewish faith."

Only knowledgeable and practicing Jews are therefore qualified to represent the Jewish outlook, Schonfeld stated. "It is impossible for someone who is not himself totally committed to his faith to be able to transmit the meaning and depths of the Jewish faith to another faith community."

#### Urges Re-Evaluation Of Relationships

Schonfeld also called for a re-evaluation of Christian-Jewish relationships in general and especially as they effect the Western world's attitude to Israel. "We are deeply frustrated by the apparent inability of Christian theologians to grasp the unique relationship of the Jewish faith to the Land of Israel," he said. "The centrality of the land in the faith of Israel is clearly apparent to anyone who reads the Bible."

He called upon Christian leadership to "acknowledge this special link of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel and to manifest their understanding through their support of Israel in her present plight of isolation."

As an example of the bankruptcy of the Christian-Jewish dialogues, Schonfeld cited the failure of the Vatican to establish diplomatic relations with Israel while on the other hand speaking sympathetically of those Palestinian terrorists whose program is to dismember the Jewish State. "Thousands of Christians are being murdered in Lebanon," the rabbi declared, "without evoking the protest of the Christian community. This is shockingly inexplicable. At the same time, however, voices are heard from high ecclesiastical sources denouncing Israel when, in self-defense, it resorts to methods which seek to control violence in the Western Bank and to ensure the tranquility of the population."

#### Attacks Jewish Pressure On Israel

Schonfeld was also critical of secular and liberal American Jewish leaders who are pressuring Israel to make drastic territorial concessions. "It is only within the general framework of direct negotiations between Israel and her Arab neighbors that the solution to the disposition of these lands can be found," he said. "Whether or not certain

territories will be returned is not the issue. The issue is whether the world will understand that the West Bank has historically been part of the Jewish nation.

"It is a serious mistake and an historic distortion to speak of the West Bank as occupied territory. One can speak of it as disputed land which is also claimed by Arabs. But Jews ought never to speak of Bethlehem, the birthplace of King David; Hebron, the burial place of the Patriarchs; and Shechem (Nablus), where much of the Torah was given and where the grave of Joseph is found, as occupied land."

Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, chairman of the convention, called upon President Ford and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger to continue the traditional American solidarity with Israel in strengthening the only functioning democracy in the Middle East.

#### HARRIET ZIMMERMAN, ACTIVE IN JEWISH GROUPS AND IN AIDING ISRAEL, NAMED ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF CARTER'S CAMPAIGN By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, May 24 (JTA)--Mrs. Harriet Morse Zimmerman, who is active in Jewish organizations with nation-wide memberships and in aiding Israel, has been appointed associate director of the Jimmy Carter Presidential campaign to work on national issues of concern to American Jewry, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed today.

Carter campaign headquarters in Atlanta announced that Mrs. Zimmerman, who volunteered to help Carter last week, will serve full time in her position. Mrs. Zimmerman herself told JTA that she will seek to communicate better understanding of Carter within the Jewish community.

"To be ignorant about a major political candidate is a mistake," she said in a telephone conversation with the JTA bureau here. Noting that Carter has been "quite specific on Jewish issues," Mrs. Zimmerman said that nevertheless there has been a "gross misconception" in northern areas about Carter, southerners and Southern Baptists in particular. "It's just a lack of knowledge," she said.

Mrs. Zimmerman, mother of three children by her first husband, was born in Providence, R.I., the daughter of Annette and Alfred Morse. The family moved to Boston when she was five.

In Boston, as Mrs. Harriet Altschuler, she was full-time coordinator as a volunteer of the Middle East Policy Committee that was set up after the Yom Kippur War. She also was a member of Boston's Crisis Committee to help Israel at that time. She lived in the Boston area until a year ago when she moved to Atlanta and married Jerome Zimmerman, who is in the lumber business there.

Mrs. Zimmerman, well known in national organizational Jewish life, has been in Israel nine times. She is a graduate of Brookline, Mass. High School and holds Bachelors and Masters degrees from Boston University, where she specialized in Judaica and was a Phi Beta Kappa. She was attending Harvard in a doctoral program on the Old Testament when the Yom Kippur War inspired her to devote full time to aiding Israel.

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--Hebrew University has banned political demonstrations on its campuses following the clash last week between Arab and Jewish students in which six students were injured, one of them seriously.

**REVIVAL OF JEWISH CULTURE IN USSR  
URGED BY SOVIET JEWISH ACTIVISTS**

NEW YORK, May 24 (JTA)--In what the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry termed "a major new policy statement by leaders of the emigration movement," 77 Jewish activists from 13 Soviet cities have called for "the revival of Jewish culture in the USSR" as an antidote to anti-Jewish pressure so severe that in one generation "one million Jews will disappear."

The activists contend that they are not replacing emigration to Israel but are seeking "a cultural autonomy of Soviet Jews inside the USSR" at a time when the Kremlin's "anti-Semitic campaign has the greatest effect precisely on those Jews who do not know their past, do not have a present and, under the press of propaganda renounce their future," the SSSJ reported. "Only under conditions of a freer emigration is it possible to create inside the country an atmosphere that would assist the restoration of Jewish culture."

The program of the activists for both Soviet Jews who choose to stay or wish to leave include a system of Jewish and Hebrew education; access to or publication of Jewish books in Russian, including religious works; publication of Jewish journals in Russian; and the establishment of Jewish cultural performing groups.

This program, the activists said, according to the SSSJ, would stimulate Jewish identity and education in the diaspora, will be "a strengthening of the basis for emigration as well as a serious improvement in the absorption process in Israel," and might lead to "normal and mutually-useful" Soviet-Israeli diplomatic relations. "Today," the activists declared, "Soviet Jewry is approaching a decisive moment in its history. It can become a turning point for the future of Russian Jews, Israel and world Jewry. Soviet Jews must obtain the chance to be Jews."

**JUSTICE MINISTRY TO ASK COURTS TO  
DECIDE IF ISRAEL SHOULD COMPLY WITH  
U.S. REQUEST TO EXTRADITE AMERICAN**  
By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, May 24 (JTA)--The Justice Ministry may ask the courts to decide whether Israel should comply with an American request for the extradition of 23-year-old Tuvia Schwartz to stand trial for a crime he allegedly committed two years ago. Schwartz, now a soldier in the Israeli army and a resident of Beersheba, immigrated to Israel from Los Angeles.

He and a friend, David Whitlaw, were charged with fire-bombing a car belonging to John Artukovic, a San Francisco contractor who is the brother of Andrea Artukovic, said to have served as Interior Minister of the Nazi puppet government of Croatia during World War II.

The latter is held responsible for the deaths of large numbers of Jews, Croatsians and Gypsies during the Nazi occupation. His brother allegedly gave him refuge in the U.S. which provoked the fire-bombing of his car.

Whitlaw stood trial and was imprisoned. Schwartz fled to Israel where he married a kibbutz girl and joined the army. His case has created a public furor here. Six Knesset members have submitted an urgent agenda motion against extradition and the issue is expected to be debated in the Knesset shortly. If the courts rule that Schwartz could be extradited, the Justice Minister can nevertheless decide otherwise. The affair, however, has created a conflict between Israel's

Law of Return and its extradition agreements with other nations.

Meanwhile, Bob Hecht, a Houston, Texas businessman and friend of Schwartz's family in the U.S., has reportedly taken legal measures aimed at blocking extradition.

**WORKMEN'S CIRCLE URGES UNESCO TO  
MAKE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO JEWISH  
COMMUNITIES IN THE SOVIET UNION**

TAMIMENT, Pa., May 24 (JTA)--Harold Ostroff, in his farewell assessment as outgoing president of the Workmen's Circle, told 1000 delegates to the organization's national convention here this weekend that UNESCO, which grants funds for intercultural activities, "should make funds available to the Jewish communities within the Soviet Union to re-establish their theaters, cultural institutions and literary societies."

Ostroff noted that while the Workmen's Circle has sharply disagreed with UNESCO's recent history with regard to Arab boycott influences, "the time has come for some unorthodox realism. Our determination is to see that Soviet Jews are permitted to live within Russia as free citizens. This means that if private channels cannot be utilized to reopen padlocked Jewish cultural institutions, then an agency of the United Nations, of which Russia is part, must be called upon to play its proper role."

He said that those Jews who choose to remain in the USSR are entitled to continue their secular cultural activities, "and UNESCO is the proper medium of assistance, one which the Soviets cannot claim is tainted by Western influence."

In another action, the convention urged the International Red Cross to give full recognition to Israel's Red Mogen David as it does to the Red Crescent of the Arab lands, the Red Lion and Sun of Iran and Red Cross units in other nations. "Humanitarianism should know no frontiers of land, people or religion," the delegates declared.

**Backer Succeeds Ostroff**

Bernard Backer of Merrick, Long Island, was elected the new president of the Workmen's Circle, succeeding Ostroff. Backer, a businessman, was born and raised in Philadelphia and is a graduate of Temple University and the Jewish school movement of the Workmen's Circle in that city. Ostroff, who served four years in the post, is the manager of the Jewish Daily Forward and president of the United Housing Federation.

**URGE SUPPORT FOR DAVIDOVICH  
MEMORIAL GROVE IN ISRAEL**

NEW YORK, May 24 (JTA)--Strong community support for a memorial to Col. Efiim Davidovich, a Soviet Jewish war hero who died in Minsk on April 24 after suffering his eighth heart attack, was urged today by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. Malcolm Hoenlein, Conference executive director, said that to commemorate his deep love for Israel, a memorial grove has been set aside in Davidovich's name in the Soviet Jewry Freedom Forest.

By arrangement with the Jewish National Fund, certificates for trees in the grove may be purchased through the Greater New York Conference at \$3 per tree. Hoenlein said that "as a demonstration of our sympathy, and to let the Soviets know that we will never forget this martyr of the Jewish people, we urge that the certificates be sent to Davidovich's family in Minsk. They should be sent via air mail to Mrs. Maria Davidovich, Kuybysheva 55-77, Minsk, Belorussia, USSR."



renewal, the feeling here is that a tough diplomatic struggle will take place during the next few days. Officials admit there is little Israel can do to prevent Waldheim from writing a letter at Assad's behest. They say that the Secretary General is thoroughly familiar with Israel's position and this should influence him in the drafting of his letter.

#### Struggle Expected In Security Council

The real struggle is expected to be in the Security Council if Syria presses for the Council's renewal resolution to refer to the Waldheim letter and Israel fights against any such reference.

The letter will doubtless contain passages of "political" import which Israel has said all along must not be linked to the mandate renewal. Israel has pledged to fight against any Syrian attempt to make political capital out of the six-monthly renewals. Last time Syria succeeded in linking the renewal to the holding of a Security Council debate on the Middle East to which the PLO was invited.

Israeli officials are hoping that this time the U.S. will stand firm against any Syrian effort to introduce political "linkage," such as references to Waldheim's letter into the renewal resolution.

It is understood that the question of Syria's demand for a letter was the main subject of Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog's talk with Waldheim yesterday. Herzog told the Secretary General that Israel would not consider itself bound by anything he might write to Assad, and would fight against the letter serving as a basis for the Security Council's mandate renewal resolution.

#### SECURITY COUNCIL TO MEET FRIDAY TO EXTEND UNDOF MANDATE IF WALDHEIM'S TRIP TO DAMASCUS IS SUCCESSFUL

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, May 25 (JTA)--If UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's trip to Damascus is successful the Security Council will meet Friday to extend the mandate for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) on the Golan Heights for another six months.

Waldheim left today for Damascus to seek Syrian consent for the extension of UNDOF. He is expected back in New York on Thursday night. Diplomatic sources here expressed confidence that the Syrians will agree to the extension.

Meanwhile, Waldheim issued here a report expressing a positive view of UNDOF's activities from Nov. 25, 1975 through yesterday. The report underlined the contributions of UNDOF to the maintenance of the cease-fire between Syria and Israel and cited the cooperation of both countries with UNDOF. According to the report, the composition of 1194 UN troops is as follows: Austria, 515; Canada, 126; Iran, 391; Poland, 84; and UN military observers, 78.

The report states that during this six-month period there were three complaints of small arms fire, two by Syria and one by Israel. "UNDOF confirmed firing activity in two cases. Neither incident could be regarded as serious and no loss of life or injury resulted," the report states. The report also said that UNDOF has suffered no fatal casualties during the last six months.

The report warns that "there are still many unexploded shells and mines in the area of separation" and noted that Syrian civilians continue to be injured by mines. Two UNDOF personnel also received minor injuries. The report concluded by stating that in view of Waldheim's visit to Damascus his observations regarding this report will

be issued later.

The Security Council was scheduled to meet today on the Israeli administration of the West Bank. But the meeting was postponed because an agreement has not been reached between the Council members on a consensus statement. It is possible it may meet tomorrow.

#### UNESCO RESOLUTION CONDEMNNS ISRAEL

U.S. Casts Sole Negative Vote; Belgium, Italy, France, Japan Support Resolution  
By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, May 25 (JTA)--The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), yesterday adopted a resolution charging Israel with preventing Arabs in the occupied territories "from freely exercising their inalienable rights to the education and culture necessary to the preservation of their national identity." The resolution was adopted by the executive board by a vote of 26-1 and 10 abstentions. The U.S. cast the sole negative vote. Israel is not a member of the board.

The resolution, described by Western diplomats as "more moderate than originally expected," will be placed before the general conference at its next meeting in Nairobi, Kenya this autumn.

The resolution also accused Israel of "hampering efforts by UNESCO's Director General" in his attempts to carry out a decision taken by the general conference in November 1974 "to exercise full supervision" of schools and other cultural institutions in the occupied territories. The resolution invited the Director General to continue these efforts in cooperation with "all the states involved and with the PLO." The PLO was granted observer status in November 1974.

The Arab countries apparently agreed to tone down their resolution in order to obtain as many favorable votes as possible. They partially succeeded as Belgium, Italy, France and Japan supported the resolution. It is the first time that usually friendly Belgium voted in favor of an anti-Israeli resolution.

Among those abstaining were West Germany, the United Kingdom, Norway, Chile, Austria, Uruguay, Brazil and Australia. There are 40 members on the executive board which serves as the organization's steering and managing body.

#### Tougher Offensive Feared

The chief Israeli delegate, M. Bar Yaakov, told the delegates that Israel had been deeply hurt by the November 1974 resolutions and that it continues to apply its decision not to cooperate with UNESCO in applying its anti-Israeli resolutions. This declaration was made to explain why Israel has not replied to the UNESCO Director General's queries prompted by the 1974 Arab-sponsored resolutions.

Bar Yaakov added that almost 100 percent of all children of school age on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip were attending classes. He said Egyptian and Jordanian text books were in use with the exception of 14 which UNESCO had judged anti-Semitic after the Six-Day War. The Israeli delegate stressed that "Israel carries out its responsibilities as defined by international law and will continue to do so."

Israeli diplomats fear that the Arab states will try to unleash a far tougher offensive at the general conference and call for concrete measures against Israel which only the conference can adopt.

## ORTHODOX RABBI DEPLORES WIDESPREAD BREAKDOWN OF THE JEWISH FAMILY

FALLSBURG, N.Y., May 25 (JTA)--Rabbi Walter S. Wurzbarger, the newly-elected head of the Rabbinical Council of America, today deplored the widespread breakdown of the Jewish family which he claimed has reached catastrophic proportions. "This is the most formidable threat to Jewish survival facing us today," he declared. Wurzbarger, of Far Rockaway, N.Y., was unanimously elected as president of the Orthodox organization which is holding its 40th annual convention at the Pine View Hotel. He succeeds Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld.

In his acceptance address, Wurzbarger cited studies which indicated that alarming numbers of Jewish marriages are being dissolved, in some areas of the country approaching the shocking rate of four out of 10 marriages.

"This weakening of marital bonds is also surprisingly manifest among young Orthodox couples, though admittedly in lesser numbers," Wurzbarger stated. "That religiously observant and knowledgeable young people should be similarly affected is a shocking development. We have obviously failed in some vital areas of religious inculcation."

"That marriage as an institution is being rejected by increasingly large numbers who are choosing to remain single is an even graver problem. The very concept of an enduring marital commitment is under attack. Our social agencies have lately developed new programs to service this newly-developed group within the Jewish community, namely, the 'Jewish singles.' In the past, singlehood was regarded as a personal tragedy. Today, many choose it freely."

### Raps Zero Population Program

Even many who marry, Wurzbarger pointed out, "are failing to have children in appreciable numbers. The zero population program is being disproportionately observed among Jewish couples. The pursuit of personal careers and other indulgences are taking precedence over the traditional joy of family life and the transmission of the Jewish heritage to the next generation. This depletion of our ranks is a form of self-inflicted genocide."

Wurzbarger also called upon all segments of the Jewish community to join forces in an all-out campaign to combat the critical problem of intermarriage. "On many college campuses intermarriages have reached the astronomical proportion of 50 percent," he said. "This trend must not be allowed to continue, lest the very fabric of Jewish life be uprooted."

Recently-reported trends about intermarriages being condoned in the hope of retaining the goodwill of the Jewish partner are exceedingly disturbing, Wurzbarger said. "It is an abdication of leadership for some liberal rabbis to participate in the consummation of such marriages, and thereby, to lend their sanction and encouragement to this betrayal of Jewish identity. There can be no Judaism without Jews and intermarriages are inevitably destructive. To condone such marriages is to issue a license for group suicide."

### ALLON WARNS AGAINST STRINGS BEING ATTACHED TO UNDOF RENEWAL

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, May 25 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Yigal Allon warned today that Israel may reconsider its agreement to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) mandate renewal if current negotiations between Syria and UN

Secretary General Kurt Waldheim produce unacceptable political strings attached to the renewal.

Speaking here, Allon voiced Israel's dissatisfaction with Waldheim's visit to Damascus. He spoke of the draft letter which Waldheim has been requested to submit to the Syrians and said that Israel would have to carefully examine the letter.

Allon's public statement was plainly intended, observers said, to influence the Secretary General on his Damascus mission, not to agree to Syrian demands to link the renewal of the mandate with broader Middle Eastern issues.

In Tel Aviv it was learned that the officer commanding the northern command, Gen. Rafael Eytan, said that while there are indications Syria will renew the mandate, this in itself gives no assurances that the northern border will be quiet. He indicated that the Syrians continue to build fortifications and their army occupies positions easily convertible from defensive to offensive.

Eytan also said the presence of many thousands of Arab terrorists in Lebanon would become a problem with far reaching consequences once the troubles inside Lebanon end.

### LATE NEWS DEVELOPMENT

#### AIRPORT DEAD IDENTIFIED

TEL AVIV, May 25 (JTA)--The man who was killed when an explosive went off in a suitcase at Ben Gurion Airport today has been identified as a Dutch national, Hugo Mueller, 30, who was carrying the lethal baggage. Mueller arrived aboard an Austrian Airlines plane from Vienna. The airline claimed that both he and his baggage had been thoroughly searched at Schwechat Airport. The other person killed in the explosion was identified by police late today as Micki Ben Ishai, a woman security officer.

Late today police provided details on what had occurred. They said Mueller had been spotted by Ms. Ben Ishai acting in a suspicious manner while holding one suitcase and waiting for others to arrive. He was taken to a special inspection room adjoining the arrival hall and as the suitcase was being opened it exploded killing Mueller and Ms. Ben Ishai and seriously wounding another security officer. The other injuries were the result of flying pieces of glass or shock.

#### SAMUEL MOSKOVITCH DEAD AT 71

COTE ST. LUC, Quebec, May 25 (JTA)--Samuel Moskovitch, 71, Mayor of this Montreal suburb and a long-time leader in B'nai B'rith, died here Sunday. He was stricken while addressing a local audience. Moskovitch was prominent in B'nai B'rith affairs for almost 50 years, was president of B'nai B'rith District 1 in 1951-52 when it embraced New York, New England and eastern Canada.

He helped to establish a separate Canadian district which he represented from 1959 to 1965 as a member of B'nai B'rith's International Board of Governors. Moskovitch was a past campaign chairman of Montreal's combined Jewish Appeal, a founder and chairman of the city's Council of Jewish Health Agencies and active in many Jewish communal agencies. A popular civic figure in Cote St. Luc, he was several times elected Mayor without opposition. ...

JERUSALEM (JTA)--The quiet that has prevailed on the West Bank for the past several days provided a congenial backdrop Tuesday for a friendly visit by Defense Minister Shimon Peres to Jericho and Bethlehem.

## AGNEW RAPPED FOR HIS VIEWS ON JEWISH MEDIA INFLUENCE, ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 25 (JTA)--Two major American Jewish organizations have responded sharply to allegations by former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew that American Jews control the most important segments of the media and exert undue influence on United States policy, especially in the Middle East. Agnew has been making these remarks in appearances on various television talk shows promoting his novel "The Canfield Decision." Similar charges against American Jews are contained in the book.

In an interview published Sunday in the Washington Star, the former Vice President contended that half of those in the "ownership and management policy posts" in the "national impact media" are Jewish. Agnew conceded to Washington Star staff writer William Delaney that his view about Jews in the media and his view that Israel "has now embarked on an imperialistic exercise occupying Arab lands" and "bringing about a police state in these areas" was not recently arrived at.

"When I was in office" it "wasn't obviously to my advantage to say these things," but "I still took this point of view," Agnew told Delaney that he visited the Middle East because he felt the U.S. policy was so uneven that he went to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia but not to Israel.

### Real Situation Of Jews In Media

Elmer L. Winter, president of the American Jewish Committee, charged today that Agnew's anti-Semitic statements on television in recent weeks were "untrue, callous and pernicious" and "totally unworthy of a man who once held the second highest position in this country."

Addressing himself to Agnew's charge of Jewish influence in America's media, Winter said, "Mr. Agnew should know that few American media are owned by Jews (only about 3.1 percent of the 1748 newspapers in the United States), that fewer than 20 of the approximately 800 members of the American Society of Newspaper Editors are Jewish, and that no Jew has ever served in a top capacity in either of the two major American news agencies--Associated Press and United Press International."

Winter pointed out that "The former Vice President, who had to resign in disgrace and who has now emerged as a novelist, is today also a business representative of certain Arab interests in the United States. His statements should be examined most carefully by all concerned citizens."

### TV Station Chided

Ivan M. Schaefer, president of the Washington, D.C. chapter of the American Jewish Congress, released a statement yesterday that Agnew's "mean spirited, false and despicable statements about Israel, Zionism and the American Jewish community...firmly place him within a tradition of anti-Semitism and hate-mongers that has been repudiated by the overwhelming majority of the American people."

Schaefer's statement was issued in response to an interview with Agnew by Maury Povich on WTTG-TV in Washington in which Agnew had "chosen to repeat vicious canards about Zionist influence at home and Israeli imperialism abroad."

Schaefer said the AJCongress was "distressed but not surprised" by Agnew's canards. However, he chided WTTG-TV for repeating the interview which was broadcast last Wednesday and re-broadcast Friday. He questioned what public inter-

est was served "by re-broadcasting an interview filled with such hostile, devious and unsupportable statements by a disgraced former public official."

## ISRAELI WARNS THAT SOVIET JEWS WHO EMIGRATE TO U.S. ARE JEOPARDIZING CHANCES OF OTHERS TO GO TO ISRAEL

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., May 25 (JTA)--Emanuel Shimon, the Israel Consul General in Philadelphia, declared yesterday that Soviet Jews who emigrate to the United States are jeopardizing the chances of thousands of other Jews in the USSR of going to Israel.

Shimon told an international forum at the annual meeting of the B'nai B'rith Middle Atlantic Region at the Concord Hotel that failure of Soviet Jews to go to Israel provides the Soviets with an excuse to close the gates to Jewish emigration still further. He urged Americans not to offer Soviet Jewish emigrants more aid and assistance than they would receive in Israel.

William Korey, national director of B'nai B'rith's International Council, told the 700 delegates and guests, that a new "pulverization" of Soviet Jews--systematically excluding high school graduates from the universities--will provide greater impetus for emigration. Korey described the new assault on Soviet Jews as one more step in Kremlin policy of wiping Jews from the Soviet consciousness.

Herman Edelsberg, advisor to the International Council, warned on the danger to Israel from the United States role as mediator in the Middle East. "A mediator is concerned primarily with ending an impasse and traditionally accomplishes this by pushing the weak into the arms of the strong, no matter who is right," he said. He added that sentiment to push Israel into the arms of the Arabs is growing in the U.S. "But what is the use of America's being number one in the world if it doesn't serve justice and morality?" he said.

## PETITION CAMPAIGN SEEKS TO END HELSINKI VIOLATIONS

LOS ANGELES, May 25 (JTA)--A petition campaign, seeking human rights for Soviet Jews was launched by the Community Relations Committee's Commission on Soviet Jewry when Dr. Alexander Luntz, one of the activists who initiated the petition in Moscow, visited here last month. The campaign is part of a world-wide movement to stop Soviet violations of the Helsinki accord.

Luntz, a distinguished scientist and a key spokesman for activists when he was in the Soviet Union, was released last February and is currently touring key cities in the U.S. to mobilize support for the "refuseniks."

The petition campaign, launched at a special meeting of the Commission, was signed by Sen. John Tunney (D, Calif.), Mayor Tom Bradley, and members of the Los Angeles City Council, led by Councilmen John Ferraro and Zev Yaroslavsky. Leading members of the Christian clergy, who met with Dr. Luntz at a meeting arranged by the American Jewish Committee, also signed the petition and indicated they would seek support from the Christian community.

The petition, addressed to Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid Brezhnev, calls on the USSR to carry out specific positive actions with regard to the human rights of Soviet Jews. One million signatures are being sought nationwide.