

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. Wurzburger, 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. Wurzburger, 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, Wurzburger 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," Wurzburger 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 education."

"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, singleness was regarded as a personal tragedy. Today, many choose it freely."

Raps Zero Population Program

Even many who marry, Wurzburger 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."

Wurzburger 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, Wurzburger 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.