

**ISRAEL HAS NO CONFIRMATION THAT
SYRIA IS SUPPORTING MOSLEMS
AGAINST CHRISTIANS IN SOUTH LEBANON**
By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 5 (JTA)--Israeli military sources said today that they had no confirmation of reports that Syrian forces in Lebanon were supporting a major counter-attack launched by Palestinian Moslems against right-wing Christians in southern Lebanon yesterday. The sources stressed, however, that there was no confirmation "so far," indicating that Israel did not rule out possible Syrian involvement in the renewed fighting.

The fighting took place around Taibe, a Moslem village south of the Litani River only three miles from Israel's border. Palestinians also attacked in the vicinity of Qlaia, Merj Ayun and Khiam, Christian strongholds. According to reports from Beirut, the Palestinians were operating in close coordination with Syrian peace-keeping forces deployed just north of the fighting area.

Yesterday Israeli artillery fired at "terrorist targets" in southern Lebanon. Military sources said a terrorist mortar position was silenced after several shells landed near Kibbutz Misgav-Am near the Lebanese border.

Fighting Revives Concern

The resumption of fighting between Moslem and Christian forces in Lebanon has revived concern that Israel and Syria once again may be moving toward a confrontation in southern Lebanon. Syrian troops comprise the bulk of the Arab peace-keeping force in Lebanon but the Syrians also control Al Saqa, a Palestinian terrorist organization, through which they provide military support for the Moslems.

Any direct Syrian involvement would be viewed by Israel as a violation of the understanding with Damascus that Syrian troops would respect the "red line" in Lebanon. The "red line" represents a point, usually identified as the Litani River, beyond which the presence of Syrian troops would not be accepted by Israel. It is also said to represent any deployment of Syrian forces that Israel saw as a threat to its borders.

The Moslem counter-attack followed recent military moves by the Christian militia to create a buffer zone in southern Lebanon adjacent to the Israeli border. The Christians almost succeeded but the Moslems appear determined to regain control of southern Lebanon, Israeli sources said.

**GUSH EMUNIM, SHELI LAUNCH OFFENSIVES
ON THE FUTURE OF THE WEST BANK**

JERUSALEM, April 5 (JTA)--The militant right-wing Gush Emunim and the doveish left-wing Sheli faction both launched political offensives today in support of their diametrically opposed views on the future of the West Bank. The Gush, which is supported by Orthodox religious and ultra-nationalist elements, staged a march through the Samaria region to mark 10 years of Israeli occupation.

Leaders of the recently formed Sheli group met with West Bank Arab leaders to stress that "there are other Israelis" who oppose the continued occupation of Arab territory. The latter

included Sheli leader Arye Eliav, Moked leader Meir Payil and Ruth Dayan, the former wife of former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan. They met with the mayors of Nablus and Tulkerem.

The Gush Emunim march, heavily guarded by Israeli troops, drew about 20,000 participants. It ended with a mass rally between Kalkilya and Nablus where the militants laid the cornerstone for a new town they hope to establish in the heart of Arab territory. The Gush leaders promised the army, however, that they would not use the occasion of the march to try to set up an illegal settlement.

The march was generally peaceful except near Nablus where some local residents protested and threw stones at the Israeli soldiers. Several protestors were arrested.

**WALDHEIM PESSIMISTIC ABOUT EARLY
RECONVENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE**

PARIS, April 5 (JTA)--UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said here today that wide differences over procedure and substance between Israel and the Arab states would delay reconvening the Geneva conference until "September, October, if we are lucky." Speaking to reporters after a meeting with President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, Waldheim stressed that the conference had to be carefully prepared in advance "otherwise it will be a failure and that would be counter-productive."

Waldheim said "We are still far away from an agreement on procedural matters and on substance. There is still a lot of difference as regards procedure, the question of the participation of the PLO and on the other hand, on the substance, the creation of a Palestinian state which is requested by the Palestinians as well as by the Arabs and rejected by the Israelis."

**SADAT DISCUSSES ARMS DEAL WITH
CARTER, ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS**
By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, April 5 (JTA)--President Carter and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat after three meetings at the White House appeared today, publicly at least, to be holding to their oft stated positions both on the procedure and substance of a Middle East settlement. The two leaders, who met privately last night after a working dinner hosted by Carter, met again this morning in Carter's office for what was scheduled to be their concluding session.

In addition, Sadat, who is seeking U.S. weapons including 250 fighter planes that carry Side-winder missiles and between \$5 and \$10 billion in American credits, met today at the Capitol with Senate and House committees dealing with foreign affairs and at Blair House with Secretaries of Defense and Treasury, Harold Brown and Michael Blumenthal, respectively.

Sadat told reporters after he left the White House where he held a 95-minute meeting with Carter that he had discussed an arms deal with the President but declined to disclose the outcome. Carter confirmed to reporters that military, economic and political matters were discussed and that Sadat was "helpful in making me understand more of the prospects for permanent peace." Sadat also presented his case for

U.S. arms at his meeting with Brown.

The President was overheard to say to Sadat as they were coming down the walk from the White House to Sadat's car: "If anything comes up I'd like you to please contact me directly because I think..." Carter's voice at that point trailed off.

Sadat Presses For Palestinian Participation

In his toast to Sadat at the dinner last night, Carter continued to honor the Egyptian as an individual but did not mention pathways to end the Arab-Israeli conflict. He alluded only obliquely to U.S. material support. Egypt is now receiving more than \$900 million in economic aid annually from the United States besides large sums through the World Bank and private American fiscal institutions.

Sadat, however, continued to press Carter for a U.S. endorsement of participation by Palestinians in the settlement process and for Israel's withdrawal to its pre-1967 lines. Neither leader has thus far mentioned United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 or 338 or the Palestine Liberation Organization. Sadat has spoken of a Palestinian "entity" but not a "state." Some believe this indicates a shift.

After the dinner, as they were preparing to hold their private meeting that Carter had requested, Carter was seen by a pool reporter placing his arm around Sadat and overheard telling him that the Egyptian leader had raised "tough" questions.

The consultation between Carter and Sadat came as PLO chief Yasir Arafat was in Moscow and PLO terrorists stepped up their attacks on Christian villages in southern Lebanon close to the Israeli border. Press reports here said that Syrian forces had switched tactics. Whether these moves in Moscow, Lebanon and Washington were part of a pattern also led to speculation that the Soviet Union was deeply involved in the Middle East in the wake of the setback in Soviet-American relations last week over nuclear disarmament.

Calls Sadat A Close Friend

In his toast, Carter spoke of Sadat as "one of my very close personal friends" and a "man of his word." He expressed hope that this year "might be a time when we can tap his superb judgement and leadership and make major strides toward permanent peace in the Middle East."

In an allusion to U.S. aid, Carter said that the "ties that bind Egypt and our country together can be strengthened even further in the weeks ahead." Responding to Carter, Sadat hailed the President's statement at Clinton, Mass. about a Palestinian "homeland," saying it was "welcomed by every Arab." Sadat emphasized "a dialogue" with the Palestinians "will reassure them and stimulate further moderation."

However, Sadat also pointed out that the Afro-Arab summit conference in Cairo last month was "a model for enlightened cooperation among nations." It was at this meeting that the PLO participated and continued to be supported although it refused to alter its charter which calls for the elimination of Israel.

Sadat also told Carter that "what remains to be done" is Israeli withdrawal from "all occupied Arab countries after '67" which he said "makes ending the state of war a foregone conclusion." Carter previously had spoken of peace, Israeli borders, and the Palestine issue as the

basic problems. He defined peace as meaning relations between Israel and her Arab neighbors on a basis recognized as normal among the nations of the world.

Dinner guests last night included Sen. Richard Stone (D., Fla.), Robert J. Lipshutz, Counsel to the President; and Stuart Eizenstadt, Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs and Policy. Also present was Rep. Toby Moffett (D., Conn.). A White House spokesman could not say why Sen. James Abourezk (D., SD), the most ardent backer in Congress of the Palestinians, was not among the guests.

SHLOMZION HOLDS FOUNDING CONFERENCE

JERUSALEM, April 5 (JTA)--Gen. (Res.) Ariel Sharon said yesterday that he would call for the establishment of a "national emergency" government in Israel consisting of a dozen "top men," the platform of which would be Israel's permanent retention of the West Bank. Sharon addressed about 600 delegates to the founding convention of his new Shlomzion movement which hopes to win Knesset seats in the May 17 elections.

The Yom Kippur War hero was elected by acclamation to head the list and 34 other Knesset candidates were selected by secret ballot. The convention was held out of doors at the new town of Maale Edumim on the West Bank, mid-way between Jerusalem and Jericho. A picnic atmosphere prevailed. The delegates and their friends listened to speeches under a hot sun while drinking soda pop and munching shashlik.

No prominent personalities were evident among Sharon's followers. A number of delegates were recognized as former soldiers who had served under Sharon in the 1950s when, as a captain, he commanded the crack 101st Unit that spear-headed reprisal attacks against Arab terrorists.

BEIGIN REPORTED BETTER, BUT FULL STATEMENT IS DEMANDED

JERUSALEM, April 5 (JTA)--Menachem Beigin, Likud's candidate for Premier, who has been hospitalized for almost two weeks, was reported "much better" today. He is now allowed to leave his bed and walk around the Ichilov Hospital where he was admitted suffering from what is now acknowledged to have been a heart attack.

According to unconfirmed reports from political sources, the Likud leader had one very critical night when his life was in danger. Bulletins about his health and progress have been vague and the Labor-leaning "Jerusalem Post" called today for "an authoritative and plainly intelligible statement" on his condition.

The paper said that while the Israeli press and public have traditionally respected politicians' privacy, a serious contender for the Premiership on the eve of an election is a special case demanding special treatment.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--The annual flower exhibition has opened in Haifa, with three million flowers from 25 countries on display. Some 70 percent of the flowers are grown in Israel. President Ephraim Katzir was given a wreath of flowers from the World Organization of Florists--Interflora--on the occasion of the organization's 50th anniversary.

SAN FRANCISCO GROUP TO COMBAT NAZISM By David Friedman

NEW YORK, April 5 (JTA)--Mayor George Moscone of San Francisco is heading up a city-wide committee of community and religious leaders to provide continuing education against Nazism in the schools there.

Earl Raab, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council in San Francisco, in a telephone conversation with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, said the committee is a direct answer to the opening of a Nazi bookstore across from a synagogue in a residential district at the southwest edge of San Francisco. He said up to now the efforts to provide education about Nazism had been mainly an effort of the Jewish community.

Raab said the bookstore today was boarded up following the damage inflicted last Friday night when a group of more than 50 angry Jews wrecked the store. The owner of the building, Nathan Green, an Auschwitz survivor who rented the store not knowing it was to Nazis, is in the process of having the group evicted. They have until April 15 to vacate the place.

Following the wrecking of the Rudolf Hess Bookstore, rocks were thrown at Temple B'nai Emunah across the street, smashing five stained-glass windows. Two persons were arrested in connection with the wrecking of the bookstore, Morris Weiss, a 55-year-old Auschwitz survivor and his son, Allen, 24, and charged with malicious mischief and assault.

Raab noted that most of the Jews who wrecked the bookstore, swinging tire irons and axes, were Holocaust survivors or relatives of survivors. Many of the members of the synagogue are also Holocaust survivors.

Rabbi Brian Lurie, executive director of the Jewish Welfare Fund of San Francisco, said the Jewish community felt it was "grotesque" that the Nazis would have opened a store with a swastika on the window in front of a synagogue which includes in its congregation many members who had come through the horrors of the Holocaust.

Raab said that the Nazis in San Francisco have only 10-20 members and usually have to bring in members from outside when they plan a major demonstration. He said most of their efforts are aimed against Blacks. He said the Nazis' last major public confrontation was about two years ago at the Board of Education when they protested busing to integrate schools in San Francisco.

POWELL SAYS CARTER WILL MAKE NO DECISION ON EGYPT'S ARMS REQUEST WITHOUT CONSIDERATION BY CONGRESS By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, April 5 (JTA)--The White House said today that the subject of U.S. supply of weapons to Egypt arose "in general terms" at the final meeting today between President Carter and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt but that Carter reserved his decisions. Presidential Press Secretary Jody Powell told reporters at a news briefing that "no commitments or decisions were anticipated and they would not be made without appropriate consideration of Congress."

Powell said that Carter declined to discuss "specifics" and that Sadat did not present any list of military requirements at his meetings with the President. It was understood, however, that Sadat's reported request for 250 fighter planes, electronic equipment and missiles was

submitted by him at his meeting with Defense Secretary Harold Brown. Sadat also indicated in interviews before he came to the U.S. that he wanted \$5-\$10 billion in U.S. economic credits.

But Powell stressed that "No attempt was made to arrive at a particular level of assistance," either military or economic. He noted that "the U.S. is not the only source of assistance in these matters" and reminded reporters twice during the briefing of Carter's review of U.S. arms sales abroad for the purpose of restraint and reduction of deliveries. He said the results of that review would have a "bearing" on Sadat's request.

Powell was asked about Carter's reference to a Palestinian "homeland" during a speech in Clinton, Mass. last month. He replied that the President "does believe in a homeland and has left the question of details open at this point to be discussed further." The Press Secretary added that he was being "very super-cautious" in his briefing because of developments in the Middle East over the past 30 years.

He declined to say what impression Sadat left with Carter with respect to the former's remarks about a Palestinian "entity" yesterday and his reference to a Palestinian "homeland" during his working dinner with Carter last night. Powell said he would not discuss Sadat's words.

Palestinian Homeland View Praised

Sadat said, in response to the President's remarks last night, "Your recent statement on the right of the Palestinians to a national homeland was welcomed by every Arab. It was regarded as a positive signal because it was the first time since 1947 that an American President has ever spelled out his conviction that the Palestinians should have their homeland where they could establish their state." Some observers saw Sadat's statement as a retreat from his recent remark that a Palestinian state should be linked with Jordan.

Powell disclosed that Carter will give "sympathetic study and consideration" to a U.S. hydrographic survey of the Gulf of Suez, essentially a mapping of underwater terrain to be made in view of oil drilling and increasing traffic in those waters. He said the project would take about six months at a cost of \$7.5 million. The U.S. is involved in a dispute with Israel over the latter's oil drilling in part of the gulf.

Powell also reported that Carter promised to encourage the inflow of U.S. private capital into Egypt and that a consulting group has been organized by the World Bank to "provide a demonstration of world-wide support for Egypt to strengthen its economy." Powell said Carter and Sadat discussed prior and current developments in Lebanon and expressed concern over the situation in that country.

LONDON (JTA)--The International Council of Jews from Czechoslovakia reported that according to reports it has received there are now some 6000 Jews in Czechoslovakia. This compares with 25,000 immediately after World War II and 15,000 in 1968 and 360,000 Jews before the war, the Council reported. Between 70,000 to 80,000 Czechoslovak Jews are now living in the West and Israel.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--There are now 30 parties in the running for the Election May 17.

ARABS WARN U.S. BUSINESSMEN AGAINST ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION

DETROIT, April 5 (JTA)--American businessmen were warned here that if Congress adopted legislation aimed at combatting the Arab boycott it would mean the loss of millions of dollars in business for the United States. The warning came from eight Arabs who addressed some 200 Arab-Americans and local businessmen at a meeting last week sponsored by the Wayne County Community College, the National Association of Arab Americans and the Bank of Commonwealth here, which is partly owned by Arab investors.

"The Saudi Arabian government plans to spend \$150 billion on economic development programs between 1975 and 1980 and we would like to see a good deal of that work done by American firms," Tarek Shawaf, head of the biggest engineering consulting firm in Saudi Arabia, told the audience. But he warned that Canadian, German and Japanese companies hope that Congress passes the anti-boycott legislation so that they will get the orders that would have gone to the U.S.

The same warning was made by Michael Saba, executive director of the National Association of Arab Americans. "The United States is the only country in the world which has introduced anti-boycott legislation," he said. He noted that at other seminars sponsored by his group, "We saw representatives from Germany, Canada and Japan" all hoping the U.S. would pass the legislation now pending in Congress.

Saba said the U.S. once accounted for 15 percent of the goods imported by Saudi Arabia but now supplies only 10 percent even though the Saudis are increasing their imports one hundredfold. Shawaf, who was one of the first Saudis to graduate from an American university, said his country no longer has to rely entirely on the U.S. for education and technology.

Other speakers included Samir El Khoury, Lebanon counsel general; Amin Hassan, Iraqi charge d'affaires, and representatives of the Embassies of Oman and the United Arab Emirates.

Dr. Reginald Wilson, president of the community college, said the meeting was organized as part of the college's efforts to provide education for Detroit's 150,000-member Arab community. He said he hoped his school and schools in the Arab countries could develop exchange programs for students and teachers.

INCREASED U.S. FUNDING FOR INTERPOL IS FACING MOUNTING OPPOSITION

WASHINGTON, April 5 (JTA)--Opposition is mounting here to increased U.S. funding for Interpol, the international police organization headquartered in Paris, which is alleged to have had a Nazi past and has been accused by some Israelis of having given the Palestine Liberation Organization access to information submitted to it by Israel. The matter of future U.S. relations with Interpol is the subject of hearings by the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship and International Law.

The subcommittee, chaired by Rep. Joshua Eilberg (D.Pa.), is considering whether the U.S. should authorize an increase in its dues to Interpol which serves as a clearing house for information about criminals and criminal activities between its 124 member countries. Attention has been given charges by Hugh Wilhere, chairman of the National Commission on Law Enforcement and

Social Justice (NCLE), a group that has been detailing Interpol activities over the years, that Interpol cooperates "with criminal terrorist organizations" and that the American police "have been duped into cooperation" with it.

The House panel is especially concerned with allegations that Interpol complied with "laundered" requests by certain Eastern European countries for information in a Western country about American citizens. Last year, Rep. Ed Beard (D.R.I.) introduced legislation to bring Interpol under the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts when information about U.S. citizens was said to have been circulated.

A recent report by the General Accounting Office (GAO) prepared for Rep. John Moss (D. Calif.) found that most requests from Interpol for information about American citizens "involved individuals with no prior criminal record." The GAO found that there is no absolute control over information disseminated abroad by Interpol.

Unanswered Questions

Assistant Attorney General Glen Pommerening was unable to satisfy the subcommittee last week when questioned by it on whether the PLO had access to information submitted to Interpol by Israel. Charges that Interpol has failed to track down wanted Nazi war criminals were also unanswered.

Former Secretary of the Treasury William Simon was reported to have said that Interpol could not enter into such searches because Nazism was a political matter. Three weeks ago, U.S. control over American participation was shifted from the Treasury to the Justice Department and thus came under the purview of Eilberg's subcommittee.

The NCLE charged recently that Interpol has refused to participate in efforts to combat aerial hijacking and other acts of international terror although repeatedly asked to do so by various countries. It also charged that Interpol was deeply involved with Nazism before and during World War II and during the war period worked virtually hand-in-hand with the Gestapo.

As recently as 1972, the president of Interpol was Paul Dickopf, described by the NCLE as a former Nazi SS officer. The NCLE pointed out that contrary to popular belief, Interpol is a private organization, not an international police force.

SALUTE TO ISRAEL PARADE JUNE 5

NEW YORK, April 5 (JTA)--The 1977 Salute to Israel Parade, which is set for Sunday, June 5, will focus on the 10th anniversary of Jerusalem's reunification, according to Dr. David Sidorsky, chairman of the board of the American Zionist Youth Foundation which is sponsoring the parade in cooperation with major Jewish organizations. Using the theme "If I Forget Thee, O Jerusalem," the parade will depict the many areas in which Jerusalem is significant to the Jewish people in particular, and the world in general.

Among the aspects covered will be the historical, the binding of Isaac; the cultural, Montefiore's windmill; and the religious, Jerusalem as the center for the three major religions. Floats and large props designed for the occasion will add to the colorful procession of the 75,000 expected marchers. Several bands from as far north as Canada will compete in the parade's Interstate Marching Band Competition.