

ISRAEL WARNS AGAINST SYRIAN ADVANCE IN LEBANON, ATTACKS ON LEBANESE CHRISTIAN ENCLAVES ON THE BORDER

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 13 (JTA)--Israel declared last night that it would not "stand idly by" if Lebanese Christian enclaves adjacent to its northern border were attacked. Foreign Minister Yigal Allon made the warning public during a television interview. But it is understood that a similar message had been transmitted earlier, through United States auspices, to both the Lebanese and the Syrian governments.

Allon in his interview, noted that to date the Palestinian attacks on the Christians had been outside the Christian enclaves. He added, cryptically, that he would not be surprised if a ceasefire in southern Lebanon were soon achieved. At the Cabinet meeting earlier in the day, Allon outlined the four cardinal principles which molded Israel's stance towards the ongoing battles in southern Lebanon. His statement was later made available to the media.

Basis Of Israel's Stance

The four principles were:

- * Israel would not tolerate an advance of Syrian or "inter-Arab" forces southwards from the line they now hold. At present, Syrian forces are stationed about 20 kilometers north of the border, a line to which they withdrew after February's tense standoff with Israel. Israel television said last night that some 30,000 Syrian troops and 400 tanks were sited some 30-40 kilometers north of the border and "Israel's entire northern border was being prepared to meet the possibility of a Syrian thrust."

- * Israel would not tolerate hits by Palestinian terrorists, whether by infiltration across the border or by shooting or shelling from the Lebanese side.

- * "As Jews with so much experience of persecution," Israel would not tolerate attacks on the neighboring Christian villages, and would not permit a slaughter of friendly Christians "who are within our reach."

- * Israel would not tolerate any disturbance of its humanitarian aid efforts at the "good fence."

This morning there were already grateful reactions from Lebanese Christians on the northern border.

Fighting At Its Worst

After Allon's statement, the Ministers--sitting as the top secret Cabinet Security Committee--heard reports on latest developments in Lebanon from Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur.

Authoritative sources here say the fighting in southern Lebanon last week was the worst ever in that region. They have no confirmation, however, of reports that the Syrians actually stepped in on the side of the Palestinians, but they do feel that the Syrians did far less than they might have to keep the Palestinians in check. As a result, several hundred Palestinian terrorists, with some of their heavy equipment, were able to move south and reinforce Palestinian forces there.

GISCARD, JEWISH DELEGATION CONFER

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, April 13 (JTA)--A delegation of French Jews conferred today with President Valery Giscard d'Estaing at the Elysee Palace and later were his guests at an official banquet. It was the first time in post-war French history that a Jewish delegation has been officially entertained at the Elysee Palace. Historians said it was the first time in history that a kosher meal had been prepared and served at the Presidential palace.

The nine French Jews who met Giscard included Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan; Baron Alain de Rothschild, president of the Representative Council of French Jewish Organizations (CRIF), and Prof. Ady Steg, former president of CRIF.

After the meeting, de Rothschild said the delegation raised issues such as the existence of anti-Semitism in France, the situation of Jews in the Soviet Union and Syria and the Middle East. The Elysee Palace said the President "was mainly a listener" asking questions on Jewish life, religion, organizational structures and even ties with Israel. Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing attended part of the reception.

The President, who reportedly remained non-committal on matters of foreign policy, indicated, however, that he will use "the best available means" to further the cause of persecuted communities whether in Syria or the Soviet Union. He did not specify what these methods were but last night during a television address he said he believed quiet diplomacy was the most efficient method, although France "will always speak out on behalf of human rights."

Observers in Paris believe the meeting is part of a government campaign to try and woo the Jewish voters in preparation for next year's general elections.

BRITISH JEWISH LEADERS MOUNT EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN ON HOLOCAUST

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, April 13 (JTA)--Leaders of Anglo-Jewry are about to begin a long-term campaign to spread knowledge of the Nazi attempt to wipe out the Jewish people. The campaign, sponsored by the Board of Deputies of British Jews, is intended to counteract ignorance about the Holocaust and the attempts of present-day anti-Semites to minimize it or claim that it never happened.

A two-tier working party has been set up to supplement the educational work carried out in Israel by Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial Foundation in Jerusalem. One committee, headed by Prof. Chimen Abramsky, head of the Hebrew and Jewish Studies Department at University College, London, will work in the universities. The other, headed by Henry Lewis, an executive of Marks and Spencer, will operate within the Jewish community.

Prof. Abramsky told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that his committee hopes to arrange for a leading Israeli scholar in Holocaust studies to take up an appointment in Britain next October.

for a semester. It also plans a series of seminars, lectures and film-shows in universities during the next academic year. At present, the main public memorial for victims of the Holocaust is the annual public remembrance of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising held every April. Abramsky supports it but believes that it is "marginal."

Both among Jews and non-Jews in Britain, he says, there is insufficient awareness of what Nazi Germany did to the Jewish people in Europe. Few even realize that the Nazis had their own well-advanced plans for dealing with the Jewish population in Britain once they had invaded it.

Similar Holocaust committees have been set up recently in the United States, Canada and Australia. The original impetus for all of them came from Yad Vashem, in Jerusalem.

Other members of Abramsky's committee of academicians include Judge Israel Finestein, vice-chairman; Dr. David Patterson; and Prof. Bernard Wasserstein of Oxford University. Two non-Jewish historians are Dr. John Fox and Dr. Gisela Lebzelter-Volz, a West German. They will hold their first full meeting at the end of April.

DEMAND FOR PROBE INTO LAND DAY EVENTS IS REJECTED

JERUSALEM, April 13 (JTA)--Demands for an investigation of the alleged use of unwarranted force by police against Arab villagers in Galilee on March 30--Land Day--were sharply rejected by Police Minister Shlomo Hillel at yesterday's Cabinet meeting. The investigation was urged by Health Minister Victor Shemtov of Mapam and Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol of the Independent Liberal Party.

They said they had information from the villagers of Jatt and Baka Al-Gharbiye that police reaction to demonstrations in those villages was out of proportion to the nature of the Land Day disturbances. Land Day marked the first anniversary of Arab riots on March 30, 1976 to protest government land expropriations in Galilee. In Jatt and Baka Al-Gharbiye, apparently the only Israeli Arab villages where Land Day demonstrations led to violence, some 14 Arabs were injured in clashes with police. None required hospitalization.

Hillel said he regretted that the public was ready to criticize police behavior before ascertaining the facts. He said police had advance information of possible trouble at the two villages and made several preventive arrests. He said that although the police were under orders to stay out of Arab villages on Land Day, the orders had to be changed when unruly elements blocked the road into the village. The Cabinet decided to discuss the matter again at its next session.

NEWSPAPERS CALL FOR LAW AMENDMENT TO FACILITATE RABIN'S RESIGNATION

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 13 (JTA)--Two leading newspapers, Haaretz and the Jerusalem Post, called today for an immediate amendment to the existing law in order to facilitate Yitzhak Rabin's resignation as Premier. Under the present legal situation, Rabin is virtually barred from stepping down until after a new government is formed following the elections, because no member may resign from a caretaker government.

Rabin has declined to use the one legal loophole available to him--declaring that he is "unable" to continue in office--because, according to sources close to him, he does not feel that he is, in fact, "unable." Justice Minister Haim Zadok promised yesterday that a committee would be set up to review the law and suggest changes, but said this should wait until the new Knesset is elected. The Post and Haaretz demanded today that this be done right away.

Such an amendment would serve the interests of both the Labor Party and the State as a whole, the Post wrote editorially. "This would appear to be one instance in which Labor's welfare fully coincides with the national interest."

The paper noted that the Likud had called the Knesset into session (next Tuesday) to discuss the legal situation. "Does the Premier propose to reject the Likud's helping hand and turn down its offer or cooperation? This is one of the several disturbing questions pointed up by the course of action chosen by Mr. Rabin... Has Mr. Rabin now decided that... since his offense was trivial, he should remain strategically located at Labor's top, not only in the Knesset but also in the Cabinet, in order to be able to challenge Mr. Peres in due course?..."

Haaretz wrote the present situation was "intolerable." The administrative fine levied on the Premier "is not a purification of Rabin's name," the paper continued. Rabin's public image has not been cleansed by the Treasury, which imposed the fine, and the Labor Party, too, which put him on its Knesset list, is not able to cleanse his image, Haaretz asserted. "...Zadok's opinion that the required amendment of the law must wait till the next Knesset is unacceptable," Haaretz declared.

MERCHANT MARINE HIT BY STRIKE

JERUSALEM, April 13 (JTA)--Israel's merchant marine was paralyzed today by a strike that caught the shipping companies in a squeeze between the two main maritime unions. Licensed officers struck in support of demands for increased differential payments. The Seaman's Union went on strike to prevent the increase lest it further widen the wage gap between the officers and themselves. Whatever course the shipping companies adopt, they will be in conflict with one or the other union.

The strike has idled 20 Israeli ships at Haifa, Ashdod and Eilat. Israeli vessels bound for Israel have dumped their cargoes at Cyprus and export cargoes have been transferred from Israeli ships to foreign vessels. Both unions are threatening to call a general strike that would affect Israel-flag vessels now at overseas ports.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Radio Cairo is broadcasting in the Russian language to Jews in the Soviet Union in an attempt to deter them from applying to emigrate to Israel. Until recently, Egyptian propaganda broadcasts have been limited to Hebrew and designed to undermine Israeli morale. According to reports reaching here from the Soviet Union, Jewish aliya activists are appalled by the content of the programs from Cairo. They usually contain interviews with Jewish immigrants who returned from Israel and letters of complaint from Soviet emigres in Israel to their relatives in the USSR. These are probably supplied to the Egyptians by Soviet authorities.

SOVIET EMIGRE ARTIST RAPS RUSSIAN ART SHOW AT METROPOLITAN AS A LIE

NEW YORK, April 13 (JTA)--A leading Soviet emigre artist charged yesterday that the exhibition of Russian paintings opening at the Metropolitan Museum of Art this week was a "lie" because it showed Russian art that could not be seen in the Soviet Union or was no longer permitted to be done there.

Ernst Neizvestny, regarded as the most important Soviet visual artist to quit the USSR since Kandinsky and Chagall, made the statement at a news conference and press preview of works by four Soviet Jewish artists now in the United States. The showing, described as a "counter-exhibition" to the official Soviet paintings at the Metropolitan, is sponsored by the American Jewish Congress and titled "The Art of Freedom." It opened today at Stephen Wise Congress House.

A spokesman for the Metropolitan told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that it would be "inappropriate" for the museum to comment since the exhibit is on loan from the Soviet Union. He said the exhibit was assembled by the Soviet Ministry of Culture.

Designed For Foreign Consumption

At the AJCongress news conference, Neizvestny said the Russian paintings in the Metropolitan Museum exhibit were "designed for foreign consumption--like the stores in Moscow where foreign citizens with foreign currency can buy caviar that the people cannot." He continued:

"The icons in the Metropolitan Museum show are beautiful, but the art of icon painting is banned and icon painting has been persecuted for decades. The paintings of the Russian renaissance proudly displayed in the Metropolitan have been condemned and vilified for decades in the USSR.

"The modern Russian paintings in the Metropolitan Museum shown under the official auspices of the Soviet Ministry of Culture are either by artists who are dead--such as Drevin, who died in a Stalin prison camp--or by living artists like Plavinsky and Kandaurov, whose works have never before been officially exhibited in the USSR. What you see in the Metropolitan is a lie."

Neizvestny, 51, first gained international attention in 1962 following a shouting match with Nikita Khrushchev, the late Soviet Premier, at the first and last exhibition of modern art in Moscow. Neizvestny had already achieved a reputation as a sculptor of major talent. After his works were denounced by Khrushchev, the two men became friends and when the Soviet leader died, Mrs. Khrushchev commissioned him to create a monument and bust at her late husband's tomb.

The other artists represented at the "counter-exhibition" in addition to Neizvestny are Igor Galanin, Alexander Richter and Ilya Shenker.

CONCERN OVER QUEBEC WHITE PAPER REDUCING USAGE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, April 13 (JTA)--The five-month-old separatist government of Quebec, the Parti Quebecois, has recently released a White Paper outlining precisely how it plans to make Quebec unilingual. The White Paper of April 1 has caused great concern in Quebec's overwhelmingly

English-speaking Jewish community because it proposes to severely reduce the usage of English in schools and other public institutions.

The Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec Region (CJC), announced in an April 6 telegram to Premier Rene Levesque, that the Jewish community "views with dismay" the White Paper with respect to its "diminution of English and the severe encroachment on the rights of all non-Francophones." The telegram charged that the proposals are "discriminatory in intent and coercive in nature."

At the same time, the CJC reaffirmed its support for the "widest use of French" in the province. It emphasized, however, that the "inequities of the past" (visited upon Franco-phone Canadians) cannot be corrected by the introduction of discriminatory legislation which will jeopardize the rights of minorities and "create two classes of citizens--Francophones, and those who will have an increasingly diminished status within the province."

The telegram, which declared that the Jewish community views the proposals as unacceptable, indicated that the CJC will be making representations to the government of Quebec with regard to the White Paper.

RAMAZ SENIORS INTERNING AT JTA

NEW YORK, April 13 (JTA)--Adena Berkowitz and Roxanne Kleiman, Ramaz High School seniors, are interning at the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in its editorial department as part of the school's work-study program. Dr. Noam Shudofsky, Ramaz administrator, noted that this is the eighth consecutive year that the school is conducting a community-oriented program for senior class students during April and May. The purpose of the program, he pointed out, "is educational and it affords the student the opportunity to work on a volunteer basis in an area of interest of his (or her) own choosing."

Berkowitz, 17, is a correspondent for the school newspaper, The Ram Page, and editor of the Yiddish Pioneer, a literary section of the 1976-77 school yearbook. Kleiman, 17, is editor of the English Pioneer, also a literary section of the yearbook. Both said they chose the JTA as their project from among a variety of options because they felt that by working there they could best combine their interest in journalism and the Jewish community. Since the program began at Ramaz, a number of its seniors interned at the JTA.

STATE DEP'T. ON LEBANON SITUATION

WASHINGTON, April 13 (JTA)--The State Department said today that it has made known to all parties concerned with events in southern Lebanon that "the situation must be stabilized and a way found to bring all of southern Lebanon under the authority of the central Lebanese government of President Elias Sarkis."

The Department's chief spokesman, Hodding Carter, said "Our general attitude, as it now exists, is that the situation is extremely complicated and we are watching it with deep concern." He said the U.S. is in contact with the governments of Lebanon, Syria and Israel "as well as leading Lebanese personalities." He added, "We think all concerned are exercising restraint" and "we believe they have a responsibility to continue this restraint so that President Sarkis can be given a chance to bring the central authority and peace to the area."

BEHIND THE HEADLINES**ELECTION RACE OFFICIALLY ON**

By David Landau and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 13 (JTA)--The election race began officially at 10 p.m. last night when the heavy carved wrought iron gates of the Knesset swung shut and Supreme Court Justice Eliahu Many, chairman of the elections committee, announced that registration had ended. By that moment 23 lists, 10 old and 13 of them new, had registered and paid their IL 40,000 deposits.

There were scenes of high drama, tension, and much comic relief at the Knesset committee rooms as lists large and small conducted last minute squabbles right up to the ten o'clock deadline. Among the lists are French financier Samuel Flatto-Sharon's one-man party; a new breakaway group headed by ex-Laborite Mordechai Ben-Porat, and Ariel Sharon's Shlomzion party running alone after efforts to splice it into the Likud list ran aground yesterday.

Sharon's all-day negotiations with Likud broke down when Liberal leader Simcha Ehrlich delivered an ultimatum to his Likud partner, Herut's Menachem Beigin, saying "either Sharon or us." Sharon later lashed out at "Likud politicians, other than Beigin himself, who are only interested in themselves, not in the greater good." Sharon had reportedly demanded the 40th through 45th spots on the Likud election list for his movement, with himself in the 45th place. Likud, instead, offered Sharon sixth place on the ticket with other Shlomzion members getting places 47, 49 and 51 on the list.

The Labor Alignment itself submitted its list right on the deadline and observers were interested to note that the expectation that Golda Meir would take the traditional place of honor--the 120th spot--had not materialized. There was immediate speculation that this reflected her dissatisfaction with the fact that Shimon Peres was elected leader. She has never hidden her lack of affection for the Defense Minister.

The 120th place on Likud's list went to veteran MK and economic expert Dr. Yohanan Bader of Herut. Another Herut man who has stepped down from active Knesset life and takes a position of honor at the end of the list was Herut's Haim Landau, long-time chief lieutenant of party leader Menachem Beigin.

Druckmann High On NRP List

Rabbi Haim Druckmann, head of the Or Etzion Yeshiva in the Etzion bloc outside of Jerusalem, was given the number two spot on the National Religious Party list in an apparent effort to win support for the NRP from the Gush Emunim movement.

Druckmann, who is popular in the various Orthodox circles, was put on the list by the pressure of the NRP Young Guard led by former Welfare Minister Zevulun Hammer and MK Yehuda Ben Meir. Ben Meir said with Druckmann on the list and former Minister of Religious Affairs Gideon Raphael off, "we can be sure that Gush Emunim will support us." Raphael, who was denied a place on the list, lost a court challenge last week when a court refused to interfere in the party affairs.

Ben Meir's prediction appeared to be realized when Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook, considered the religious advisor of Gush Emunim, released a letter saying, "Well, now that our friend Rabbi Haim Druckmann is on the NRP's Knesset list, it is simply obvious that each one of us must vote for

the NRP and do his utmost for its success in the elections."

Giving Druckmann the number two spot meant that all the other candidates, except for former Interior Minister Yosef Burg who is number one, had to move down one slot on the ticket. This brought a brief protest from Mrs. Sara Stern-Katan, the representative of the NRP women, who was 10th and finally agreed to accept the 11th spot.

The Agudat Israel was also in trouble until the very last minute, with No. 3 man Shlomo Lorincz threatening to run alone because the Hasidic Rebbe of Gur, Rabbi Simcha Bunim Alter, had announced to his followers that they might, if they wished, vote for Poalei Aguda which has just broken away from Aguda itself. In the event, Lorincz withdrew his threat.

Last Minute High Drama

High drama occurred over Mordechai Ben-Porat's failure to provide a banker's draft for the IL 40,000 as the regulations provide. He sought to hand in his personal check instead. Hearing of his old friend's predicament over the radio, Moshe Dayan immediately phoned him at the Knesset and urged him to borrow the cash from East Jerusalem antique dealers who are among Dayan's Arab friends. But Ben-Porat's aides managed to collect the money from Jewish supporters in Jerusalem.

Party Lists In The Elections

The parties running are: Labor Alignment; Likud; Democratic Movement For Change (Yigal Yadin); National Religious Party; Independent Liberals; Aguda Israel; Poalei Aguda; Citizens Rights Party (headed by Mrs. Shulamit Aloni); "Sheli" (headed by Arye Eliav, Meir Payil and Uri Avneri); Rakah--The Democratic Front for Peace and Equality (which is the old pro-Moscow Rakah Communists plus Black Panther chief Charlie Biton); Freedom--Front of Workers and Black Panthers (Pantherite Shalom Cohen and former Ashdod port boss Yehoshua Peretz).

Also, Arab Reform Movement; Zionist Panthers; The Movement for Economic and Social Renewal (Ben-Porat); Coexistence in Justice (an Arab list); Renana (led by Mordechai Hoffman); "Kach" (meaning "Thus"--Meir Kahane's party); The Women's Party; The New Generation of Israel (led by hunger striker Zvi Saar); Shlomzion; The United Arab List (Labor affiliated); and Beit Yisrael Party (Yemenite list). Flatto-Sharon asked for and got the code letters Het Yod, which make the word "Hai" meaning life.

Every party will have code letters so that the less literate can easily recognize them in the voting booth.

BEIGIN LEAVES HOSPITAL

JERUSALEM, April 13 (JTA)--Likud leader Menachem Beigin was discharged from Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv today. He was hospitalized 3 1/2 weeks ago after a heart attack. His condition was complicated when he developed pneumonia, his doctors said. Beigin left for a two-week convalescence period. Afterwards, his doctors said, he could return to regular activity. On his last day in the hospital, Beigin was actively involved in efforts to persuade Ariel Sharon to rejoin Likud. But he finally had to give in to an ultimatum from the Liberals, who did not want Sharon on the Likud list.