

## BEIGIN RUSHED TO HOSPITAL AND PLACED IN INTENSIVE CARE UNIT

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By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, May 23 (JTA)--Likud leader Menachem Beigin was rushed to Ichilov Hospital last night and placed in an intensive care unit. His personal physician said at noon today that Beigin was feeling better but would undergo a series of tests before it is decided when he can leave the hospital. Beigin, who suffered a heart attack five weeks ago, fell ill last night at the Sharon Hotel at Herzliyah where he was resting after the grueling election campaign that brought victory to his party.

Likud said today that its negotiations with other parties aimed at forming a coalition government would continue in Beigin's absence. The negotiating committee will meet tomorrow with the leadership of the Democratic Movement for Change (DMC) which emerged from the elections as Israel's third largest political party.

Beigin, who is 64, recovered from his heart attack and was able to participate in the final stages of the election campaign. Last week he decided to vacation at the Sharon Hotel for several days before plunging into coalition talks. He said his physicians told him he was fit for his normal duties. His rest at the hotel was constantly interrupted by reporters, diplomats and his party colleagues. At noon yesterday he lunched with U.S. Ambassador-designate Samuel Lewis at Kfar Shmaryahu. He began to feel sick in the evening.

### Speculation On Future Moves

Beigin's hospitalization aroused speculation in political circles that his doctors may not permit him to undertake strenuous work for some time and that, for health reasons, he may not be able to form a government. DMC sources hinted today that the chances of it joining a Likud-led coalition would be improved if Beigin were ruled out as Premier. They cited the adverse image Beigin has abroad because of his leadership of the underground fighting group, Irgun Zvai Leumi, during the pre-State period.

Political sources also said that Likud without Beigin would be more acceptable to the Labor Party as a possible coalition partner. Some sources believe that Labor Party leader Shimon Peres might engineer a Labor-Likud coalition under those circumstances despite his repeated assertions that the gap between the two parties on domestic and foreign policy issues was unbridgeable.

Speculation was also current today as to who Likud might propose for Premier should Beigin be unable to assume that office. Some sources mentioned MK Moshe Arens, 52, a professor of aeronautics at the Haifa Technion as an acceptable choice. Others suggested that Likud may offer the Premiership to DMC leader Prof. Yigal Yadin, an internationally prominent archaeologist, while retaining all key ministries for Likud.

## FINAL ELECTION COUNT SHOWS LIKUD HAS 43 SEATS; LABOR, 32; DMC 15

JERUSALEM, May 23 (JTA)--The final count of the votes in last Tuesday's elections shows that

the Likud now has 43 seats in the Knesset, an increase of four compared to the previous Knesset, and that the Labor Alignment has 32 seats, a loss of 19 seats. The final count also shows that the Democratic Movement for Change has 15 seats and that Rakah has five seats, an increase of one.

The seats for the other parties according to the official results, along with the seats they had in the previous Knesset shown in parentheses, are: National Religious Party, 12 (10); Aguda, 4 (4); Sheli (a coalition of Moked and several other left-wing groupings), 2 (in the previous Knesset, Moked had 1); Shlomzion, 2 (0); Flatto-Sharon, 1 (0); Independent Liberals, 1 (4); Citizens Rights, 1 (3); United Arab List, 1 (3); and Poalei Aguda, 1 (1).

The final count, which included the army vote, also shows that some 74,000 Israelis eligible to vote could not cast their ballots because their names were not included in the voter registration list. Justice Elijah Manny, chairman of the central elections committee, told the Army Radio that "masses of voters could not cast their ballots because the Interior Ministry did not prepare a new voters' register." The votes were the equivalent of five Knesset seats.

## FOREIGN PRESS PORTRAYAL OF BEIGIN AS FORMER 'TERRORIST' DISTRESSES

### ISRAELIS OF DIVERSE POLITICAL VIEWS

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, May 23 (JTA)--Israelis of diverse political views are distressed by the portrayals of Likud leader Menachem Beigin as intransigent, unreasonable and a former "terrorist" which have appeared in foreign news media, particularly in the U.S., since Likud's victory in last Tuesday's elections. Premier Yitzhak Rabin said on a television interview Friday night that he strongly condemned the personal attacks on Beigin and urged all Israelis, whatever their party affiliation, to dissociate themselves from such "slander."

The attacks on Beigin in the foreign press stem not only from his hard-line political positions but from the fact of his leadership of the underground Irgun Zvai Leumi which fought the British Mandatory authorities in Palestine more than 30 years ago. Beigin himself is disturbed by the unflattering image projected abroad and has dispatched a close associate Shmuel Katz, to Washington to talk to members of Congress, other political figures and representatives of the news media.

Katz, who is the foreign affairs spokesman for Beigin's Herut party and a former spokesman for Irgun, will apparently try to convince the Americans that Irgun was a legitimate liberation movement and did not engage in terrorist acts. He will also explain Beigin's political positions. The attacks on Beigin are also a source of concern to the Foreign Ministry.

It was learned today that Foreign Minister Yigal Allon has instructed Israeli embassies all over the world to counter slanderous remarks about Beigin and to stress the working of the democratic process in Israel. Prof. Shlomo Avineri, Director General of the Foreign Ministry, promised to act accordingly. The Likud-government transfer committee met here today to consider streamlining the Cabinet.

The number of portfolios are expected to be reduced from 19 to 11 or 14 in a Likud-led government. The Ministry of Tourism will be merged with the Ministry of Trade and Industry and the Ministry of Transport with the Communications Ministry. A possibly controversial change would be the incorporation of the Police Ministry into the Ministry of Interior. The latter is traditionally held by the Orthodox National Religious Party (NRP). This party, which demands, among other things, enforcement of religious observances, would be in control of the police if the merger takes place. A new Ministry for Energy may be formed.

Civil Service personnel are worried over large scale dismissals under a Likud regime and their union has already made it clear that it will fight such a move. Meanwhile, Rabin surprised his countrymen when he announced on television Friday night that he would resume the Premiership when he ends his vacation and will retain it until a new government is formed. Rabin, not Labor Party leader Shimon Peres, will be the man to hand over the reins of power.

#### Coalition Talks To Begin This Week

Coalition talks will begin this week and are expected to be prolonged and difficult. Likud negotiators will meet tomorrow with leaders of the Democratic Movement for Change (DMC), Israel's third largest political party headed by Prof. Yigal Yadin. Among other things they are expected to discuss the allocation of Cabinet portfolios in a possible Likud-DMC coalition.

Likud has decided that it will hold the Foreign Ministry and Defense Ministry in addition to the Premiership. It may offer the DMC the Deputy Premiership and the ministries of finance and trade and industry originally earmarked for Likud.

#### BEIGIN SPELLS OUT HIS VIEWS

NEW YORK, May 23 (JTA)--Likud leader Menachem Beigin, who may be Israel's next Premier, expounded on his political views in some detail in an interview published in Time magazine today. He said that "Under no circumstances can we agree to a so-called Palestinian state," that the West Bank was an integral part of Israel and Arabs living there would be offered Israeli citizenship and that territorial changes in Sinai and on the Golan Heights could be worked out in peace negotiations with Egypt and Syria. He agreed that 1977 "might be the year of political negotiations."

Beigin stated that he was convinced that President Carter would not bring pressure to bear on Israel or try to coerce it into an unacceptable peace settlement by withholding military and economic support. He expressed the same views on the ABC "Issues and Answers" television program yesterday.

With respect to a Palestinian state, he told Time magazine that Likud's position represented a national consensus shared by virtually all political parties and 95 percent of the population. He said there were no differences between Likud and other parties on refusal to return to Israel's 1967 borders or the status of Jerusalem. He said Likud differed from the Labor Party insofar as the latter was prepared to return parts of the West Bank while "Likud is not ready to do so."

#### Objects To Word 'Annex'

Beigin objected to the word "annex" with respect to the West Bank because "You annex foreign land by international law. You wouldn't annex Tel Aviv.... The same applies to Bethlehem." He said,

in the interview:

"We are ready to give the people of Samaria and Judaea free option of citizenship. If they want Israeli citizenship, they will get it. If they prefer to keep their previous citizenship, they may. We are not going to force ours on them. They can have complete cultural autonomy and social and economic advancement, living in their homes. This is their homeland.... I believe we can live together. It is not an occupied country as people understand that horrible term. We let them live in their homeland."

Beigin also stated: "Within Sinai we can find a line of peace in the context of a peace treaty. The same principle would apply to the Golan Heights. But Judaea and Samaria cannot be given up in any part, not only because they belong to us, but because it would destroy our security and in my opinion destroy the chance for peace."

He intimated that he thought President Carter would understand Israel's Biblical claim to Judaea and Samaria. "He knows the Bible by heart. I also know some parts of the Bible. And he knows the land. Let him be the judge," Beigin said.

#### Doesn't See Imposed Solution

He added, "I value relations with America very much, provided they are mutual and with reciprocity." He said, "I don't think President Carter will try to impose a solution on Israel. He is not going to send Marines to coerce us. We are a sovereign state and to assume that President Carter, of all people, would withhold arms is the wildest fantasy."

Beigin referred to Carter's admonition to President Ford during the election campaign for trying to put pressure on Israel. He said a man who "claims that there must be morality between nations, that he of all people should try to bring Israel to her knees is inconceivable. If it happens, then we shall say, 'Mr. President, we are going to stand on our feet. We are not going on our knees.'"

On being referred to as a "terrorist," Beigin said, "I don't give a damn." But he said that when PLO chief Yasir Arafat is referred to as "guerrilla" when "I am called a terrorist... I think that is the apex of injustice."

#### WALDHEIM: MIDEAST SITUATION GRAVE, BUT CONFRONTATION NOW UNLIKELY

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, May 23 (JTA)--United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said today that he does not think that "there will be an immediate confrontation" in the Middle East. But he warned that the situation in the area is "grave" and that the outcome of Israel's election last week can delay the negotiating process and the resumption of the Geneva peace conference.

Addressing a press conference here, Waldheim, who has just returned from Geneva where he held talks with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, stressed that "we are confronted with a new situation" in the Middle East as a result of the Likud upset victory in Israel. He said that the parties to the Middle East conflict are still apart on the major issues of Palestine Liberation Organization participation in a Geneva conference, the question of a Palestinian state and the problem of mutual recognition between Israel and the Palestinians.

The Secretary General said that it remains to be seen how the new Israeli government will

approach the problem in the area. Until then, he said, "it is premature to make concrete comments." He said he hopes that contact will be resumed with the new Israeli government and expressed the hope that the Geneva conference "will take place before the end of this year."

Waldheim emphasized that to succeed, the Geneva conference requires first of all increased efforts in bringing the parties in the Mideast closer together. Only then, he said, "we can say when the conference can meet."

Asked about the extension of the UN Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) mandate on the Golan Heights, which expires at the end of this month, Waldheim disclosed that Israel has already agreed in principle to the renewing of UNDOF while Syria has not yet given an answer. The Security Council is expected to meet here either Thursday or Friday to vote on the extension of UNDOF.

### CARTER AND FAHD TO MEET THIS WEEK IN DIPLOMATIC TEST OF ARAB DEMANDS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, May 23 (JTA)--With the political eyes of the world focussed upon them, Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Fahd and President Carter will hold four, possibly five meetings in the next two days in a diplomatic test of Arab demands wrapped in a threat of another oil embargo against the President's commitment to the security of Israel.

In a weekend bristling with innuendoes and open threats, the Arabs have unsheathed their double-edged oil weapon--higher prices and the withholding of oil--as a means to frighten Washington into coercing Israel to capitulate to Arab terms. In collusion with the Presidents of Egypt and Syria, after the Israeli elections, Fahd declared his intention to use oil to persuade Carter to bring Israel to its knees. Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy baldly declared that this is the Arabs' aim.

#### Demand Issued By Saudi Arabia

Only a week ago, prior to the elections, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) had agreed to cancel a five percent oil price increase scheduled for July. But since the Arab tripartite summit in Riyadh, the monarch of the desert kingdom announced that Saudi Arabia is "prepared" to raise its price of oil.

"First and foremost," Fahd declared, "we want the United States to throw all its weight into the process" of reaching a Middle East settlement based on Arab terms. If the U.S. does not force Israel to withdraw quickly from the post-1967 territories and allows a Palestinian state on its border, an oil embargo will be instituted against the West by Saudi Arabia.

The Carter-Fahd conference, originally scheduled by Washington to cap the President's series of meetings with Mideast leaders in the U.S. initiative for a settlement now becomes even more significant and important to both the United States and the West as a whole. A facet of Fahd's visit that is intriguing analysts is that his Washington schedule, in addition to the now familiar routine of meetings with Cabinet officers and key Congressional figures, will be concluded with a visit to him at Blair House by Nelson Rockefeller, an old political, economic and personal friend.

Against this background of Arab oil politics, the Carter Administration seemed reserved--some said, cool--towards Israel and some pro-Israelis indicated uneasiness with the Administration's tactics.

While U.S. officials were reticent to make any public statements following the Israeli elections last week, Carter and Administration spokesmen have gone on record in the last several days indicating the U.S. attitude to Mideast events since the elections.

Last Friday, Carter told a group of 30 newspaper editors at the White House that he did not consider Menachem Beigin, Israel's prospective Premier, an obstacle to the pursuit of peace in the Mideast and that he will communicate with Beigin after he is formally designated as Israel's chief executive.

#### U.S. Expectations In The Mideast

Yesterday, at Notre Dame University, the President said the U.S. expected "Israel and her neighbors to continue to be bound by UN Resolutions 242 and 338 which they have previously accepted." He prefaced this statement by noting that he has tried to "suggest a more flexible framework for the discussion of the three key issues which has so far been intractable: the nature of a comprehensive peace, the relationship between security and borders, and the issue of the Palestinian homeland."

Carter emphasized "the historic friendship" between the U.S. and Israel as being "derived from our common respect for human freedom and from our common search for permanent peace." He also stressed that "our own policy will not be affected by changes in leadership in any of the countries of the Middle East." Carter added that this is "the most propitious time for a genuine settlement."

Today, White House Press Secretary Jody Powell said that Carter stands by his election campaign statements of stern opposition to the use by Arab countries of an oil embargo as a weapon in the Mideast political process. Earlier, however, State Department spokesman Hodding Carter declined to assess the threats voiced by Fahd and Fahmy.

In a statement read to the media, Hodding Carter said that "Quiet diplomacy offers the best prospects for progress." He noted that Carter, at Notre Dame University, "again repeated our commitment to help reach a peace settlement in the Middle East." The State Department spokesman added, "That is the focus of our policy and we are determined to continue our efforts to bridge the differences between the parties."

#### CONCERN OVER HIGH HOLIDAY CLASSES

NEW YORK, May 23 (JTA)--Talks are continuing between the office of Gov. Hugh Carey and James Kelly, acting chancellor of the State University of New York, over the decisions of officials of the State University (SUNY) at Buffalo to hold classes next fall during Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, a spokesman for the Governor said. The spokesman emphasized that the Governor has no control over the calendars of the schools of SUNY, which is independent of the state executive but that the Governor was "concerned."

Jewish students at Buffalo reportedly are protesting the administration's refusal to cancel classes on the High Holy Days because it is a school policy to be closed on Christmas and Easter, and they consider the school policy discriminatory.

There will be no Bulletin dated May 30 due to Memorial Day, a postal holiday.

## STRIKE ENDS AT JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTERS AND Ys; STRIKE CONTINUES AGAINST SEVEN SOCIAL AGENCIES

NEW YORK, May 23 (JTA)--The 450 unionized employes locked out on April 19 by 20 Ys and Jewish community centers in the Greater New York area will return to their jobs Wednesday, following the Shavuot holidays, after approving a new two-year contract, a spokesman for District Council 1707 said today.

But a strike by the same union against seven Jewish social agencies, also affiliated with the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, continued, with no break in sight, the spokesman said. Officials at the Ys, centers and social service agencies could not be reached for comment, either because of the holiday or because of the strike.

Some 1200 workers at the Altro Health and Rehabilitation Services, Jewish Association for Services to the Aged, Jewish Board of Guardians, Jewish Community Services of Long Island, Jewish Child Care Association, Jewish Family Service and Louise Wise Services, rejected a tentative new pact at a meeting on April 28 and struck the seven agencies.

The Ys and centers serve an estimated 50,000 children and older persons. The seven struck agencies serve more than 100,000 people, including orphans, senior citizens and emotionally disturbed individuals in residential and non-residential centers in New York City, Nassau and Westchester.

### Cites Terms Of The Agreement

The spokesman for District Council 1707 of the Community and Social Agency Employees Union said the agreement for the Y workers provided for annual increases of \$400 each for clerical and maintenance workers at the Ys and \$300 annually for professionals. But the union spokesman asserted that management had agreed to accept the Council's demand that 65 workers, who are funded separately, be included in the contract and receive the same wage gains and other benefits as the other workers.

Management negotiators had demanded that the 65 workers, funded under Title XX of the Social Security Act, be covered in a separate contract. The union spokesman said the Y workers would not have accepted the management proposal for a separate agreement for the 65 workers. The Y workers ratified the new agreement last Thursday, made a token appearance at the Y agencies Friday, and will return to full work schedules on Wednesday, according to the spokesman.

The Council said about 1200 members are on strike against the seven social work agencies, including social workers, psychologists, counselors, child care workers, teachers, clerical and maintenance staff. There has been at least one bargaining meeting between the Council and the Federation of Casework Agencies, an employer group, at the request of state mediator Sol Kreitman, but no progress was made. The union spokesman said there had been no real bargaining since the start of the strike in April.

### AVIAD YAFFE DEAD AT 54

JERUSALEM, May 23 (JTA)--Aviad Yaffe, the Director General of the Jewish Agency, died of a heart attack Thursday. He was 54. He was appointed to the post earlier this year succeeding Moshe Rivlin who, after 11 years in the job, was named world chairman of the Jewish National Fund. Yaffe suffered a major heart attack last year, but Jewish Agency Board of Governors Chairman Max Fisher, in announcing Yaffe's appointment, said he had

seen Yaffe's medical record and was advised by experts that he would be fit to take on the work.

Yaffe was born in Rehovot and brought up in Jerusalem. He fought in the pre-State Haganah and then entered the diplomatic service. From 1958 to 1962 he was Consul General in New York City. A close confidant of Premier Levi Eshkol, he served as director of the Premier's bureau from 1965 to 1969 when Eshkol died.

An accomplished fund-raiser with world-wide connections, Yaffe next went to work for Pinhas Sapir as manager of the "Sapir Fund" which is responsible for many educational and welfare projects in Israel. In 1972, Yaffe entered the Knesset and quickly gained respect and popularity there, becoming, under the Rabin government, faction whip of the Labor Alignment.

### HAROLD GORDON DEAD AT 69

NEW YORK, May 23 (JTA)--Funeral services will be held Wednesday for Rabbi Harold H. Gordon, executive vice-president of the New York Board of Rabbis, who died Saturday night after suffering a heart attack. He was 69 years old.

Gordon came to the Board of Rabbis, an association of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform spiritual leaders in the metropolitan area, in 1946 as general secretary and as the coordinator of chaplaincy. In 1960 he was named executive vice-president. During his years with the Board he traveled widely, organizing a delegation that visited the Soviet Union and other East European countries and he himself also visited many parts of South America. He was a co-founder of the International Synagogue at Kennedy International Airport here.

Born in Minneapolis, he received a B.A. at the University of Minnesota and continued his studies in Jerusalem, where he was ordained in 1934. As an Army Air Force chaplain, he traveled 250,000 miles by air in visits to bases of the Air Transport Command from Iceland to the Azores. In 1968, he helped to start the Brith Milah School to train ritual circumcisers, in cooperation with Mount Sinai Hospital.

### UJA CAMPAIGN CLOSING WITH FETE MARKING JERUSALEM'S REUNIFICATION

NEW YORK, May 23 (JTA)--Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek will join with the leadership of the American Jewish community at a United Jewish Appeal Reunion celebrating the 10th anniversary of Jerusalem's unity and the national closing of the 1977 campaign, UJA general chairman Frank R. Lautenberg announced today. The celebration, June 1 at the Pierre Hotel, will also bring together some of the 3000 participants in "This Year in Jerusalem"--last October's gala Jewish happening in Israel.

The luncheon marks the culmination of a fund-raising effort that began last January with a purpose of broadening the campaign base by involving an increasing number of American Jews in the work of the UJA. Most recently, an estimated 243,000 walkers in 133 communities across the country raised more than \$2 million in the first UJA National Walk-A-Thon, May 15.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--The Israel government will issue a special postage stamp honoring the Zionist Organization of America on the occasion of its 80th national convention in Israel July 6-13, according to Leon Ilutovich, ZOA national executive director. The stamp will be in the denomination of IL 4.