

LIKUD DISCLOSES PROBABLE COMPOSITION OF NEW CABINET

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, June 16 (JTA)—The probable composition of the next Israeli Cabinet that Premier-designate Menachem Begin plans to present to the Knesset for approval Monday was disclosed today. It contained a few surprises, further concessions to the National Religious Party (NRP) and several alterations that could be construed as inducements to Prof. Yigael Yadin's Democratic Movement for Change (DMC) to reverse its decision not to join the Likud-led coalition.

If no changes are forthcoming over the weekend, the line-up of ministers will be: Premier, Begin; Defense Minister, Gen. Ezer Weizman; Finance Minister, Simcha Ehrlich; Foreign Minister, Moshe Dayan; Minister of Commerce and Industry, Yigal Hurwitz; Minister of Interior, Yosef Burg; Minister of Education, Zevelun Hammer; Minister of Agriculture, Gen. Ariel Sharon; Minister of Energy, Itzhak Modai; Minister of Construction, Gideon Patti; Minister of Health, Eliezer Shostak; Minister of Religious Affairs, either Haim Druckman or Aharon Abu-Hatzeira; Minister of Absorption, probably David Levy of Likud if he is not elected Secretary General of Histadrut next week. The Interior, Education and Religious Affairs Ministers belong to the NRP.

Likud retained nine of the 13 ministries announced so far for itself and will have a tenth if Dayan officially joins Likud as expected. The NRP, which had two ministries when it belonged to the Labor-led coalition, demanded three in the next government and Begin gave in, apparently in order not to delay signing a coalition agreement with the religious faction. If the Ministry of Religious Affairs is incorporated into the Interior Ministry as suggested, a Ministry-Without-Portfolio may be created for the NRP.

Sharon Acquiesces

The major surprise was Sharon's agreement to take the Ministry of Agriculture. He had been slated to head a new ministry coordinating the various security services. The DMC objected to the creation of such a ministry and Begin's abandonment of that portfolio, for the time being, was seen as a gesture toward the DMC. Sharon told newsmen that he had acquiesced because the most urgent task now is to form a new government without delay.

Three ministries are being held open for the DMC—Social Betterment, Communications, which will include transportation, and Justice. Likud and NRP leaders are, in fact, still urging the DMC to join the government before it is presented to the Knesset. But Yadin is standing firmly by his position that his party will not participate in the new regime under present conditions. He said that so far, conditions have not changed and he will not resume negotiations with Likud.

The new government will be able to count on a slim majority of 63 Knesset seats. With DMC participation it would have 78 seats and would represent a far broader political spectrum.

BEGIN'S EMISSARY DESCRIBES POLICIES OF NEW ISRAELI GOV'T.

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, June 16 (JTA)—Shmuel Katz, the personal emissary to the United States of Israel's Premier-designate Menachem Begin, said today that when Begin comes to Washington next month he will try to persuade President Carter to change his policy on the requirements for a settlement in the Middle East.

Addressing a press luncheon at the American Jewish Committee headquarters here, Katz said that the emphasis of the Begin government will be on face-to-face negotiations with the Arabs. He said that President Carter's statement on Israeli withdrawals to the 1967 borders with minor adjustments and his call for a Palestinian homeland are not acceptable to the Likud-led government.

"There is a consensus in Israel that we shall not return to the 1967 borders" and that no Palestinian state be established east of Israel, Katz said. However, he added that the Begin government will have no objection to a solution of the Palestinian problem within Jordan.

Katz, who may have an important position in the Begin government, said that Begin will respect and abide by the international obligations undertaken by the previous Israeli government. He said that Israel is prepared to follow United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 but "we do not feel we should make promises of concessions" before the process of negotiations begins.

The Begin emissary said that at the moment no significant change in the Arab attitude toward Israel can be detected "apart from semantic variations." Asked about the Begin government's policy in the West Bank, Katz said "it will pursue a policy of settlements." He also said that Israel will not agree to partial agreements with the Arabs, noting that the previous partial agreements did not make progress toward peace. He said the aim of negotiations with the Arabs will be to achieve a full peace treaty.

SEN. STONE PROPOSES IMMEDIATE 'UNSTRUCTURED CONSULTATIONS' AMONG MIDEAST LEADERS WITHOUT DEADLINES

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, June 16 (JTA)—Sen. Richard Stone (D. Fla.) proposed today that the Carter Administration initiate "immediate face-to-face direct consultations" between the parties to the Middle East conflict. He said that such "unstructured consultations should take place without deadlines and without delays at the working levels to try to reach agreements about important practical problems, not only on the major divisive issues such as borders."

Stone, who is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's subcommittee on Near East and South Asian Affairs, announced his proposal at a press conference this morning. He had just completed reports to Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski on his two-week official fact-finding

tour of the Middle East from which he returned June 9. Stone said that in consultations "at this working-level, ambassadors, their deputies and other officials have no advance public rhetoric of their own to harden their positions."

The State Department said today that it had no comment on Stone's proposal. The Senator emphasized that the proposal was "my idea." He said he had discussed it with the leaders of Israel and the Arab states during his Middle East visit but that "it is premature to say I have the concurrence of any of the leaders." He said he regarded his proposal as a supplement to the Carter Administration's current efforts to bring about Mideast peace talks and that it "fits very well" into the Geneva conference concept. He recalled statements by Carter and Jordan's King Hussein who visited Washington last month that there would be no point in reconvening the Geneva conference unless there was a high probability of success.

Found Begin 'Flexible' On All Issues

During his Mideast trip, Stone met twice with Israel's Premier-designate Menachem Begin, with King Hussein, President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, President Hafez Assad of Syria and King Khalid of Saudi Arabia. He also visited Tunisia where he met President Habib Bourguiba. He said that he "heard very little in private that we have not heard in public." He also said "Arab expectations in a short time are too high" but that "there is a chance of agreement in all of the issues over a period of time." He warned that the chances for an agreement "would be less than bright" if the process is hurried and for that reason he proposed consultations "without deadlines" because "deadlines are deadly." He said "all the Arab leaders said they wanted peace on their own terms. The question is whether both sides will take less."

Stone was favorably impressed by Begin. He said the Likud leader "assured me of his flexibility and that he would be forthcoming on all issues on all fronts." When a reporter asked if that included the West Bank, Stone said it is within the "concept of everything." He said the PLO would not be a party to the consultations he proposed since they would be limited to those that have agreed to accept UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338.

SUPREME COURT RULING OPENS WAY FOR NAZI MARCH THROUGH CHICAGO SUBURB

By Nancy Chanin

NEW YORK, June 16 (JTA)—A Chicago Jewish community leader denounced today a planned July 4 march by the National Socialist Party in a heavily Jewish-populated Chicago suburb for which the way was cleared by a U.S. Supreme Court ruling yesterday.

Raymond Epstein, chairman of the Public Affairs Committee of the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago, said, in a statement read to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "We respect the Supreme Court decision and have always supported the constitutional rights of free speech and assembly," but that "we regret" yesterday's 5-4 ruling.

The ruling reversed a May 25 order of the Illinois Supreme Court refusing to lift, pending appeal, a lower court injunction forbidding the National Socialist Party, which has headquarters in Skokie, a suburb of Chicago, from staging demonstrations. The NSP scheduled its July 4 march in front of the Skokie village hall after the U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

Regrets 'Very Close Decision'

In his statement, Epstein said "the fact that

these self-acknowledged Nazis have chosen a predominantly Jewish area in which to demonstrate and promote their vicious and un-American program of group and racial hatred is clear evidence of their desire to provoke dissension and confrontation. We and all people of good will are opposed to having them carry on this activity in Skokie or anywhere else, and we regret the decision, the very close decision of the Supreme Court, to permit it."

The lower court imposed the injunction in late April at the request of Skokie officials. The party asked the State Supreme Court to issue a stay to block enforcement of the injunction while the party appealed the issue through higher courts. The party also asked the state high court to allow the appeal to be expedited but the state high court did neither.

The U.S. Supreme Court, declaring that the Illinois high court should have done one or the other, reversed the state high court May 25 order and sent the issue back to that court for "further proceedings not inconsistent with this opinion." While the U.S. Supreme Court did not itself issue a stay, the effect of its ruling was to permit the NSP to demonstrate.

RABIN SUGGESTS CARTER'S MIDEAST STATEMENTS MAY HAVE COST LABOR VOTES By Uzi Benziman

JERUSALEM, June 16 (JTA)—Premier Yitzhak Rabin urged the Carter Administration last night not to take any position on the specific elements of an overall or limited agreement in the Middle East lest it prevent an accord between the parties themselves. Addressing the closing session of the Conference on the Role of the Media in Political Conflict here, Rabin claimed that certain remarks by President Carter on the Mideast two weeks before the Israeli elections aroused confusion among the voters and decreased support for the Labor Alignment.

Rabin said many of Carter's recent remarks dismayed him because they aroused false hopes among the Arabs. "I cannot say the new American Administration, at least in certain utterances, has kept the same approach that we experienced in the past," Rabin said. He added, "I hope I'm wrong."

KATZIR PLEDGES ISRAEL WILL NEVER GIVE UP STRUGGLE FOR RIGHTS OF SOVIET JEWS

JERUSALEM, June 16 (JTA)—President Ephraim Katzir pledged yesterday that Israel will never stop fighting for the right of Jews to emigrate from the Soviet Union. Addressing a "Prisoners of Zion Day" rally at the Western Wall, Katzir said their struggle convinced him that the Russians will never be able to silence the aliyah movement.

Israelis view the granting of an exit visa to Moscow activist Mark Azbel, announced yesterday, as a Soviet ploy aimed to coincide with the opening of the 35-nation conference in Belgrade on compliance with the 1974 Helsinki agreement. Circles here noted that Prof. Azbel, whose wife and son live in Jerusalem, had been trying to get an exit visa for the past six years without success.

TEL AVIV (JTA)—The Foreign Ministry rejected demands to cancel the courtesy visit of a Chilean Navy training ship to Haifa next week on grounds that the vessel, the Esmeralda, is a former prisoner ship where political detainees were held and tortured.

SUPREME COURT INDIRECTLY AFFIRMS CONSTITUTIONALITY OF LAWS PROTECTING JOBS OF SABBATH OBSERVERS

WASHINGTON, June 16 (JTA)--The U.S. Supreme Court, in a ruling which inferentially sustained for the first time the constitutionality of a federal law protecting the job rights of Sabbath observers, held today that an employer cannot be expected to override a seniority agreement with his union to accommodate a Sabbath observer.

The case involved a Trans World Airlines worker, Larry Hardison, a member of the Worldwide Church of God, whose adherents observe the same Sabbath as do Jews. He was fired for refusing to work Saturdays after the International Association of Machinists refused to waive seniority rules on his behalf. Hardison sued under a 1972 amendment to the 1964 Civil Rights Act which provides that an employer must seek to "reasonably accommodate" to the religious practices of an observant employee or prospective employee, unless to do so would create "undue hardship" for the employer's business. The amendment was prepared by the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA).

First Time Union Rules Considered

A federal District Court upheld Hardison's dismissal on grounds that an employer could refuse to accommodate to an employee's religious needs if that employer's union contract provides for shift assignments on a seniority basis and if the union refused to waive such contract provisions to accommodate the observant employee. A federal Appeals Court reversed the ruling, and the airlines and the union then appealed to the Supreme Court. The court held, 7-2, that TWA was not guilty of religious discrimination for refusing to breach a union seniority system to give Hardison time off on his Sabbath.

(In New York, Sidney Kwestel, COLPA president, said the Supreme Court ruling did not deal directly with the constitutionality of the 1972 amendment but affirmed it indirectly in applying the provision exempting the airline on "undue hardship" grounds. Kwestel said that the impact of the "narrow" decision on Sabbath observer cases in lower courts will depend on how those courts will construe today's ruling. Noting that this was the first time the Supreme Court had considered the role of union rules in such situations, Kwestel said, pending more extended analysis of the ruling, COLPA was confident that the job rights of Sabbath observers under the 1972 amendment would continue to be protected in the courts.)

DEMONSTRATORS FOR SOVIET JEWS DESCRIBE EXPULSION FROM YUGOSLAVIA

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, June 16 (JTA)--The leader of an international group of Jewish women expelled from Yugoslavia yesterday claimed today that their trip there had been successful even though they had been prevented from holding a silent demonstration for Soviet Jewry outside the conference on European Security and Cooperation.

Mrs. Doreen Gainsford, chairman of the Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry, said that the women, who had come to Belgrade from 12 Western countries, had all contacted their countries' delegations there and asked them to raise the plight of Soviet Jewry during the forthcoming review of the 1975 Helsinki agreement. Because of their ouster they had not been able to unfurl their banners or deliver a letter to the chairman of the conference. The banners bore the slogan "Make the Helsinki

Agreement Mean Freedom for Sharansky, Begun and all Soviet Jews." They said the letter would be posted to Belgrade.

Accosted At Hotel

They also sent documents about Soviet Jewry to the heads of government of the participating countries. With Gainsford at a press conference today were Linda Isaacs and Pat Allin of Britain and Anna May Silver from Canada. Plain clothes police had approached them at their hotel and asked them to accompany them. They refused and were carried bodily to a lorry which drove them to the airport. The police would not allow them to contact their embassies. The British Embassy was alerted by a British businessman who witnessed the commotion in the hotel.

The women said they were held incommunicado most of yesterday and told they would not be allowed to leave the country until they had signed a form. They refused to do so. Late in the afternoon the British and West German consuls arrived. Shortly afterwards they were put on aircraft to their countries of origin.

U.S. WALKS OUT OF UN MEETING TO WHICH ISRAEL WAS NOT INVITED

UNITED NATIONS, June 16 (JTA)--The United States walked out of a meeting of all UN member states today to protest the failure to invite Israel. The American representative, James Leonard, made the gesture when he found out that Israel had been excluded by the Organization for African Unity (OAU) which called the meeting to mark the first anniversary of the shooting at Sowetho, South Africa.

Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Chaim Herzog asked Secretary General Kurt Waldheim for an urgent meeting to find out why Israel was not invited. Herzog told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "It is a sad but accurate commentary indeed on the United Nations today to see how the racist Arab states impose their will on every occasion on UN institutions and to note the moral cowardice and weakness of those who submit to such Arab pressures." The Sowetho incident, on June 16, 1976, touched off six months of bloodshed during which at least 600 Black Africans were killed.

ISRAEL SEEKS HAVEN FOR VIET REFUGEES By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, June 16 (JTA)--A drama of unwanted refugees on the high seas is taking place in Far Eastern waters. The refugees are 66 Vietnamese, including women and children, who were rescued by the Israeli freighter, Yoveli after their own craft capsized. No country will admit them and the Yoveli, a tramp owned by Yehuda Ofer, of Haifa, has suspended her normal pursuit of trade until a haven for her passengers is found.

The ship's owner, who already has lost a large sum of money on the voyage, had high praise for the Yoveli's master, Capt. Meir Tadmor. "We Jews know what it's like to be refugees and God forbid we should withhold aid from such unfortunate people or deliver them to the country they had escaped from," he said. The Yoveli incident has historical parallels in the Jewish refugee ships turned back from Palestine by the British and the tragic voyage in 1939 of the German liner St. Louis whose 900 Jewish passengers were refused entry by Cuba and were returned to Europe.

ARAB LEAGUE BOYCOTTS MASONS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, June 16 (JTA)--Will Arab strategists who have ordered a boycott of the Free and Accepted Order of Masons and urge the Arab nations to close Masonic lodges within their domains now refuse to handle American greenbacks bearing the likeness of George Washington and Andrew Jackson who were members of the Masonic fraternity?

The Arab boycott conference on June 9 banned the Masons because some of them reportedly plan to hold a conference in Israel this year. Masons here said they know of no specific Masonic conference but Masonic groups generally visit Israel on tours. Mohammed Mahgoub, Commissioner General of the Arab Boycott Office, said the Masons have refused to hold their conference outside of Israel. "This movement (Masons) worked for Israel and sponsors the Zionist movement under the cover of an international social movement," he said, claiming that the conference would draw thousands of visitors to Israel and help its economy. Masons here noted the peculiar linkage between the anti-Masonic ban coming from the Arab meeting in Alexandria, Egypt and the fact that Alexandria, Virginia is the site of the National Masonic Shrine to George Washington, a leading Mason in his day. Fifteen American Presidents have been Masons, including Jackson, both Roosevelts, James Monroe, Lyndon B. Johnson and Harry Truman, who was Grand Master of Missouri prior to going to the White House. Gerald Ford is a Mason but not President Carter, Masons here said.

The Masonic fraternity, which originated in Britain and has lodges in many nations, has numerous Jews in its membership. Jews have been long active particularly in the Shriners, a charitable organization that is part of the fraternity.

JEWISH EDUCATION FLOURISHING IN WESTERN EUROPE, JDC OFFICIAL REPORTS

NEW YORK, June 16 (JTA)--An official of the American Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) has reported an upsurge in Jewish education throughout Europe, despite a shortage of teachers and schools. According to Stanley Abramovitch, education director of the JDC, "There are today more pupils in Jewish day schools in Western Europe than at any other time before or since World War II."

Abramovitch said the key issues are the need to improve and enlarge educational facilities, increase funds for maintenance and overcome the critical shortage of qualified Jewish educators. He said that in France, about 7000 children attend full-time Jewish day schools. The Fonds Social Juif Unifié (FSJU), the Consoirette, Alliance Israelite Universelle, Ozar Hatorah, Lubavitch and ORT are expanding and improving their programs. The FSJU and the Jewish Agency have agreed to set up a multi-million dollar fund to double the enrollment in Jewish day schools, he reported.

Several new schools and yeshivas, including some for university students, have been opened by groups and by individuals from North Africa, many of them with the aid of Ozar Hatorah, Abramovitch reported. The Alliance has two schools and teacher training programs. ORT has a number of vocational schools and is starting a new program in Toulouse. The Lubavitch education program has expanded the girls' schools outside Paris.

Abramovitch reported that Stockholm has a primary day school with 175 students. In Copenhagen, which has the oldest Jewish day school in Europe, the Jewish community of about 6000 was

worried about the constant drop in enrollment 10 years ago. But today enrollment stands at 390, its highest in the last 25 years. Schools in Brussels and Antwerp are also expanding and new schools are being built in Amsterdam and Madrid. In Milan, there are about 1000 pupils in the Jewish school, of a Jewish population of 9500, while another 800 attend Jewish schools in Rome, which has 15,000 Jews.

MENTEN SUES JOURNALIST WHO EXPOSED HIS WAR CRIMES

AMSTERDAM, June 16 (JTA)--Pieter Menten, the millionaire Dutch art dealer on trial for the mass murders of Jews and others in Poland during World War II, has filed a libel suit against the Dutch-Jewish journalist whose articles last year exposed his Nazi activities. Menten, 78, is asking payment of 10 million Guilders by Hans Koop, editor of the weekly, *Accent*, and is also seeking "compassionate damage."

Menten went on trial earlier this year after fleeing Holland to escape arrest. He was captured in Switzerland and returned to Dutch jurisdiction. He is charged with responsibility for and participation in the killings of nearly 2000 persons, mostly Jews, in Uryce and Podhoradze villages in the Lemberg region of Poland, now Russian territory. The crimes occurred in July and August, 1941, when Menten served as an officer in an SS unit in that region.

He claimed in his suit that he has suffered damage to his reputation, anguish and severe financial losses as a result of Koop's articles. Menten was unsuccessful in a recent petition to the President of the Amsterdam District Court to bar the distribution of Koop's book on his case. Meanwhile, a delegation from the Amsterdam Public Prosecutor's Office has left for the Lemberg region to exhume a mass grave containing the remains of persons allegedly killed by Menten.

AMY DIDN'T DO IT

WASHINGTON, June 16 (JTA)--The White House said today that neither Amy Carter nor any other member of the President's family had written a letter to one of the children of Dr. Mikhail Stern, the Soviet Jewish physician who was released from a Russian prison last March and permitted to emigrate. The statement was in response to a flood of queries this week after a Paris newspaper quoted Stern as saying that during his imprisonment one of his children had received a "warm and encouraging letter" from Amy Carter, the nine-year-old daughter of the President. A spokesperson for Mrs. Carter said the First Lady had asked Amy if she wrote the letter and Amy said "no." (By Joseph Polakoff)

13 ARRESTED AT SHARANSKY RALLY

SAN FRANCISCO, June 16 (JTA)--Ten rabbis and a Presbyterian minister were among 13 persons arrested here yesterday after they chained themselves to the gate of the Soviet Consulate during a demonstration for Anatoly Sharansky. The demonstration, organized by the Bay Area Council on Soviet Jewry, drew some 300 persons who marched with placards denouncing Sharansky's arrest on charges of treason and demanding his release.

UNITED NATIONS (JTA)--A recording of speeches made at the UN last year to justify the Entebbe rescue raid will be produced by "Spoken Arts" of New Rochelle, N.Y.