

## FIRST LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN BRITAIN TO COMBAT ARAB BOYCOTT

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, July 12 (JTA)--The first legislation designed to combat the effects of the Arab boycott of Israel on British firms was introduced today in the House of Lords by Lord Byers, a leading Liberal peer. Supporters of the measure in both houses of Parliament predicted that it would eventually be adopted, but not without a long battle during which it will be strongly opposed by the pro-Arab lobby.

As Parliament recesses shortly, the bill will have to be re-submitted at the next session in October. Arthur Bottomley, MP, who is chairman of the All-Party Committee to Combat Foreign Trade Boycotts, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he believes the government privately welcomes the bill which parallels legislation recently enacted in the United States and similar moves in France and Canada.

MP Greville Janner, another member of the committee, said the government would have to decide whether to grant the measure debating time. An alternative would be to put it in the hands of a select committee. He said it has a good chance of success in the long run.

### Elements Of The Legislation

Lord Byers, a former chairman of the Liberal Party, explained at a press conference this morning that his bill does not affect "primary boycotts" in which one country refuses to trade with another. He said it provides protection to British companies and individuals against so-called "secondary" and "tertiary" boycotts and prohibits negative certificates of origin. He noted that President Carter has signed federal anti-boycott legislation and quoted Canada's Trade Minister Jean Chretien as having said, "Our policy is to protect Canadians from being coerced into any undertakings which would be unacceptable as a matter of principle."

Bottomley told the JTA earlier that Lord Byers' bill was introduced only after all other attempts to persuade the government to curb the boycott by administrative means had failed. The bill makes it an offense for any person to seek or provide information concerning another person's religion, racial or national origin, business connections or membership in or connection with any organization if such information is sought because of a trade boycott.

It also requires those receiving a boycott request or demand to report it to the Trade Department within 28 days and requires the department to publish a register of requests quarterly. Penalties for non-compliance include fines of 5000 Pounds Sterling for first offenders and 10,000 Pounds for subsequent offenses. Companies or business organizations convicted under the proposed legislation would be subject to fines of 100,000 Pounds.

## DOLE SAYS HE IS CONVINCED ISRAEL IS READY TO NEGOTIATE

TEL AVIV, July 12 (JTA)--Sen. Robert Dole (R. Kan.) said here last night that he was "convinced after my visit (to Israel) that the Israeli government wants to negotiate but they don't want to say in advance what the conditions will be." Dole made his remarks in an interview on the Israel Radio

after a meeting with Premier Menachem Begin.

The 1976 Republican Vice Presidential nominee said he did not blame the Israelis for refusing to disclose their conditions for a peace settlement before talks begin. "I think President Jimmy Carter may agree after he hears the Prime Minister," he said. The Senator addressed the 80th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America in Jerusalem last week.

## AMERICAN ARAB DELEGATION VISITS WHITE HOUSE TO URGE PLO RECOGNITION

By David Ettinger

WASHINGTON, July 12 (JTA)--A delegation from American Arab organizations visited the White House this morning to urge President Carter to recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization, invite its chief, Yasser Arafat to the White House and to stop "pressing the Arab states to make peace with Israel."

The delegation, headed by Dr. William Small, president of the Federation of American Arab Organizations, and Dr. M.T. Mehdi, president of the American-Arab Relations Committee and executive director of the Federation, was received by William B. Quandt, a staff member of the National Security Council in charge of Middle East affairs.

They called on the President "to terminate discrimination against American Arabs." The group charged that by receiving only Jewish leaders, the President discriminated against Arab Americans in favor of American Jews. They asked for a meeting with the President.

The Federation submitted a letter addressed to Carter charging that he was pressuring the Arab states to recognize Menachem Begin, "a dangerous fascist and an outlaw." It accused the Administration of "blackmailing the Arabs" and demanding "too much for too little." In urging recognition of the PLO, Mehdi said that such a move "will encourage the Israelis to recognize the rights of the Palestinians and to learn to live with them." He claimed that recognition of the PLO would "be the first step toward real peace" in the Middle East.

The letter urged the President to press for "unconditional" Israeli withdrawal from Arab territories and to suspend all U.S. military aid and sales to Israel and the Arab states. There was no immediate comment on this from the White House.

## BEGIN TO PRESENT CARTER WITH SPECIFIC IDEAS; WEST BANK, BILATERAL MATTERS TO BE HIGH ON THE AGENDA

By Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM, July 12 (JTA)--Premier Menachem Begin told a closed meeting of the Likud Knesset faction that he will present President Carter with very specific concepts aimed at furthering prospects for a Middle East peace settlement when they meet in Washington July 19-20, it was learned today. Begin said that his ideas will be more than merely procedural aspects of peace negotiations. He said he would brief the Cabinet on them before his departure for the U.S. but that Carter will be the first to hear them fully and in detail. The Cabinet will meet tomorrow for the briefing.

The Jerusalem Post, quoting "well informed"

sources, said today that the future of the West Bank will be high on the agenda of the Begin-Carter talks. The Post observed that the emphasis on Judea and Samaria was urged by Carter who views the future of the West Bank as a focal point of the American conception of withdrawal and a "Palestinian homeland."

It was also learned that the Begin-Carter talks will deal with bilateral matters between the U.S. and Israel as well as the Middle East conflict. Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan met with U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis yesterday to wrap up the agenda of Begin's talks at the White House which will be part of his 10-day visit to the U.S. Dayan and Lewis were also reported to have discussed the planned Middle East tour of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance who is expected to leave shortly after the Carter-Begin talks.

The ideas and concepts that Begin will present to Carter are understood to have been drafted "in close cooperation" with Dayan and in consultation with Defense Minister Ezer Weizman.

#### Eban Accepts Dayan's Proposal

Meanwhile, former Foreign Minister Abba Eban, a Labor MK, has accepted Dayan's proposal that he visit the U.S. shortly as an information emissary for the government.

In his remarks to the Likud Knesset faction, Begin praised Eban's decision. He said the Israeli diplomat will speak in America on those points on which there is a national "consensus" in Israel but will not advocate withdrawal from Judea and Samaria, a controversial issue on which Eban is known to differ with Likud policy.

Last week when Eban was still considering Dayan's offer he drew an angry reaction from Labor Alignment MKs who opposed the idea of a Laborite undertaking an information mission on behalf of the Likud government. But some Labor Party figures favored the trip. They said that relations between the U.S. and Israel have deteriorated in recent weeks to a point where they are "worse than political factionalism and disagreements." They argued that Dayan's proposal reflected a realistic assessment of the situation and an appreciation of the fact that Eban, one of Israel's most eloquent spokesmen, is still one of the few Israelis who can make a persuasive case for his country's position.

Eban stressed that he would express his own views in the U.S. He consulted several times with Labor Party leader Shimon Peres before accepting the mission. Some observers said the selection of Eban indicated disappointment and dissatisfaction with the accomplishments of Shmuel Katz who visited the U.S. for a similar purpose last month as a personal emissary of Begin. Katz, a veteran of Likud's Herut faction, bitterly opposed the Eban trip.

#### BEGIN TO HAVE HECTIC U.S. SCHEDULE

NEW YORK, July 12 (JTA)--Israeli Premier Menachem Begin, who is due to arrive here Friday, will have a busy schedule during his week's visit to the United States. His first weekend will be spent in a round of private meetings in the city. On July 19-20 he meets with President Carter and high Administration officials. On July 21 he will be guest of honor at a national dinner under the auspices of the Israel Bond Organization in New York.

The following day, the Premier will have a breakfast briefing session with editors, be guest speaker at a special luncheon sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal, meet with United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim where he will be accompanied by Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog and address the Conference of Presidents of Major

American Jewish Organizations, all in New York. While Begin is in Washington there will be a rally of support for him.

#### 10TH MACCABIAH BEGINS

By Haskell Cohen

TEL AVIV, July 12 (JTA)--The 10th Maccabiah, the Jewish Olympics, opened at the huge Ramat Gan Stadium today with the ceremonial kindling of the Maccabi torch. The flame was run into the stadium by Mickey Berkowitz, former Nevada University basketball star, who is a member of the 350-member United States contingent.

The American athletes, coaches, trainers and officials marched into the arena led by Wendy Weinberg of Baltimore, an Olympic swimming bronze medalist, who carried the Stars and Stripes. David Itamim, of Indiana, a member of the U.S. soccer squad, carried the colors of the United States Committee Sports for Israel (USCSFI) which sponsors the American team. The 2800 competing athletes, representing 34 countries, took the traditional Maccabi oath. A highlight of the ceremonies was a parachute jump by members of an Israeli flying group who descended from 10,000 feet into the stadium.

The U.S. and Israel, with the largest contingents, are expected to win most of the medals in the variety of events to be held before the Maccabiah ends officially with ceremonies in Jerusalem July 21. It includes representatives of all sections of the Jewish community, among them a rabbi, Alex Sternberg, who coaches the karate team, and a cantor, George Lindelblat, who is a member of the water polo team.

#### Lewis Meets With U.S. Contingent

On the eve of the games, U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis met for two hours with leaders of the American contingent and their wives at his home in Herzliya. It was an informal session and the Ambassador, an avid sports fan, expressed regret that he would be unable to make his scheduled appearance at the games Tuesday. He is flying to Washington this week in connection with the visit of Premier Menachem Begin.

Lewis said he had especially wanted to watch the American soccer team in action because his 14-year-old son is a soccer player. The youngster attends the American School in Herzliya which does not have a soccer team. But Haim Glovinsky, the U.S. Committee Sports for Israel liaison officer here, offered to place him with an Israeli team in his age bracket. The delegation presented the Ambassador with a gold-embossed paper weight and wished the envoy the best of luck on his recently begun tour of duty in Israel.

#### RABBI INVITED TO DELIVER PRAYER AT CLOSING SESSION OF THE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, July 12 (JTA)--Dr. Israel Goldstein, Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, N.Y., has been invited to deliver the opening prayer at the closing session of the House of Representatives Thursday.

The invitation is in recognition of his 60th year of public service in the United States and in Israel. It will be the third time Goldstein will have performed the honor. The first time was on Feb. 21, 1960, the 100th anniversary of the first prayer delivered by a rabbi before Congress. The second time was when Goldstein was chairman of Israel's 10th anniversary observance in the United States.

Goldstein served for many years as a member of the Executive of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency, and was elected at the recent session of the Zionist General Council in Jerusalem to complete the term of the late Ezra Shapiro.

#### **CARTER SAYS BEGIN SENT HIM PRIVATE MESSAGE SAYING ALL ITEMS WILL BE NEGOTIABLE AT PEACE CONFERENCE**

By David Ettinger

WASHINGTON, July 12 (JTA)--President Carter said today that he has received a private message from Israeli Premier Menachem Begin that he will come to Washington next week with "an open mind and an ability to go to a possible peace conference with all items being negotiable." According to Carter, President Anwar Sadat of Egypt also has privately expressed his willingness to go to Geneva without "prior conditions."

Carter made the disclosures at a White House press conference this afternoon at which he said that "although I haven't changed my position, I want to re-emphasize that we are not going to go to the different nations involved (in the Middle East conflict) and say this is an American plan you've got to accept as a pre-condition to going to Geneva."

The President said that his own comments on the Middle East have been "deliberately general in nature and the ultimate results will have to be agreed to by the Arab and Israeli nations." He said that he has "seen an inclination in the Middle East in recent days toward an alleviation of tension."

He referred to private messages from Sadat assuring him that "he was going to make every effort to comply with the Sinai agreements" and in particular that excess Egyptian troops would be withdrawn from Sinai. Carter said that Sadat had authorized him to announce that Egypt "is returning with full military honors 19 Israeli bodies that had been left in Egypt."

(The official Middle East News Agency reported from Cairo today that the remains of 19 Israeli soldiers killed in the Yom Kippur War were discovered during excavation work to widen the Suez Canal.)

#### **View On Palestinian 'Entity'**

The President appeared optimistic about peace prospects in the Middle East. "There is a general inclination by all parties for success," he said.

Questioned about his statements concerning a Palestinian homeland, Carter replied: "My own preference is that a Palestinian entity, whatever form it might take and whatever area it might occupy, should be tied in with Jordan and not be independent. But I don't have the authority nor the inclination to impose that preference on the parties that will negotiate." Carter added, "We have never tried to define geographic boundaries for a so-called Palestinian entity."

In previous statements on this issue, Carter had referred to a Palestinian homeland. His reference today to "a so-called Palestinian entity," seemed to some here to be a softening of his previous formulation.

#### **SPECIAL TO JTA ISRAEL SIGNS EXCHANGE PROGRAMS WITH PERU, ARGENTINA AND URUGUAY** By Nissim Alcabes

LIMA, Peru, July 12 (JTA)--A cultural, scientific and artistic exchange program between Peru and Israel for 1977-78 was signed here last Friday by representatives of the two governments.

Israeli Ambassador Aba Gefen, director of the cultural and scientific affairs division of Israel's Foreign Ministry, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in an exclusive interview that it was the first time that representatives of the Peruvian and Israeli governments got together to elaborate a concrete program to implement the cultural accord both signed in 1962. At the ceremony last Friday, Ambassador Carlos Jimenez, director of the cultural affairs department of Peru's Foreign Ministry, signed the agreement on behalf of his government.

The provisions of the accord include: teaching the language and culture of the other; exchanging textbooks and materials related to the history, geography and culture to insure correct knowledge in each of these areas; participation of intellectuals, scientists and artists of each country in international events organized by the other; and exchanging of teachers, researchers, technical experts, artists and journalists.

Immediate actions agreed upon are the exhibitions of the "Gold of Peru" collection at the Tel Aviv Museum later this year and the dedication of the "Peru Room" in the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

#### **Spirit Of Cooperation**

Before coming to Lima, Gefen signed similar exchange programs with representatives of the Uruguayan and Argentinian governments in Montevideo and Buenos Aires. The agreement with Argentina includes sending a folk lore group from that country to Israel in 1978 as an expression of solidarity with the Jewish State during its 30th anniversary celebration.

Gefen told the JTA that in each of the three countries he visited "the parties manifested a spirit of cooperation and understanding." He noted that the three countries have a long-standing friendship with Israel and its people dating back to pre-Statehood days. "The links have been strengthened through the years with several and different exchange programs," he observed. All this contributes to Israel and the three countries getting closer and helps the cultural enrichment of all the countries involved."

#### **WORLD ORT UNION SEES GROWING JEWISH POVERTY IN THE U.S.**

LONDON, July 12 (JTA)--The fastest growing areas of Jewish poverty are not in Third World countries but in the United States, where 10 percent of the Jewish community of six million is below the poverty line. This emerged from this week's conference of the central board of the World ORT Union. David Young, chairman of British ORT, said last night that, as a result, the organization was broadening the geographical scope of its vocational training programs. He was speaking at a banquet in the City of London's Guildhall.

Young also said ORT was being asked to set up technical courses in established Jewish day schools in Britain and other Western countries. In Britain, too, ORT was engaged in a pilot study for unemployed Black youngsters in the London dockside district of Lambeth. It is financed by Queen Elizabeth's Silver Jubilee Fund.

Other speakers were Lord Goodman, president of British ORT, Dr. William Haber, president of the World ORT Union's Central Board, and M. Daniel Mayer, chairman of the World ORT Union's executive committee.

# SOVIET JEWISH ACTIVISTS TELL BELGRADE CONFERENCE THAT THE USSR HAS NOT OBSERVED HELSINKI ACCORD ON VISAS

NEW YORK, July 12 (JTA)—Jewish activists from six cities in the Soviet Union have sent an appeal to the 35 nations now meeting in Belgrade to review the Helsinki Agreement. They charged that "None of the points of the accord to aid the emigration process is being observed by the USSR," the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews reported today.

The appeal, containing 19 signatures, accused the Soviet authorities of seeking "to destroy the movement for emigration." It stated that "having signed the Helsinki Agreement, the Soviet authorities began a whole system of oppression, red tape, harassment and tyranny over emigration. Thousands of Jews are being held who already applied for exit." The signatories include Profs. Alexander Lerner and Naum Meiman; Dr. Eitan Finkelstein; Vladimir Shachnovsky, Doctors Isai and Grigory Goldstein; Col. Lev Ovissher, Vladimir Kislik, Aba Taratuta and Alexander Feldman. The latter is a recently released "prisoner of conscience."

In an unrelated matter, the SSSJ and the UCSJ have sent condolences to two Jewish families in the USSR whose 13-year-old daughters died recently. Galina Elkind, of Moscow, was killed in a traffic accident. Her family, having received exit visas, was preparing to leave. Ella Feinberg, whose parents are long term activists, died of asthma in Novosibirsk.

## 3 MAJOR U.S. FIRMS, 2 BANKS DENY PARTICIPATING IN THE ARAB BOYCOTT

NEW YORK, July 12 (JTA)—The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith today revealed that three American corporations and two banks named last month by the Arab Boycott Committee as having submitted proof of compliance with anti-Israel boycott rules "were being used as innocent pawns in an Arab propaganda effort to counter the new U.S. anti-boycott law."

According to Burton M. Joseph, ADL's national chairman, all five firms—General Electric, General Motors, Westinghouse, Barclays Bank and Bank of America—have informed ADL that they do not discriminate and that they maintain business relationships with both Israel and the Arab world.

The responses came in answer to the ADL's request for "what documentation, if any" had been submitted to the Arab boycott office in exchange for not being blacklisted. It had been announced at the Arab Boycott Committee conference in Alexandria, Egypt, that Barclays was removed from the blacklist and GE, GM, Westinghouse and Bank of America would not be put on because, following warnings, they had given proof of not having business ties with Israel.

Joseph said "the Arabs have often used the blacklist as a propaganda tool. Although we gave little credence to their latest announcement, ADL queried those named to see if there was any truth to the Arab Boycott Committee claims, and we were not surprised when the five firms disavowed the boycott office assertions."

Joseph said that ADL will continue to check Arab Boycott Committee claims and will also monitor compliance by American firms with the new U.S. anti-boycott law, which carries criminal penalties for complying with, furthering, or supporting a foreign boycott. The law is based, in part, on a Statement of Principles, developed last March by

the ADL and the Business Roundtable, which includes General Electric, General Motors and Westinghouse among the 170 corporations it represents.

## 1000 AMERICANS STUDY; TOUR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, July 12 (JTA)—One thousand Americans ranging in ages from 13 to 60 are presently in Israel participating in some 26 programs sponsored and conducted by the American Section of the Department of Education and Culture of the World Zionist Organization.

The youngest travellers are the 80 thirteen and fourteen year-olds in the Bar and Bat Mitzvah Pilgrimage, who will spend 42 days in Israel in a combined study, touring and camping program, highlighted by a special ceremony in the Old City of Jerusalem in the Western Wall area. Another group of 40 youngsters is the Chicago Board of Jewish Education Community Choir which will participate in the 1977 Israel Zimriah (Song Festival) in addition to touring Israel.

There are 14 high school groups, from Atlanta, Atlantic City, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Essex County, N.J., Framingham, Mass., Hillcrest, N.Y., Houston, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, New Orleans, and Waterbury, Conn., where the local bureaus of Jewish education in cooperation with the Department of Education sponsor programs of study and touring. The Houston and New Orleans youth groups spend several days in Warsaw and visited the former concentration camps in Auschwitz on their way to Israel.

On the university level, students of The City University of New York and the State University of New York will earn credit for their seminar on "The Land and Cultures of Israel." Brandeis University students are doing graduate work in Jewish communal service and Jewish education. Students of the Teachers Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary will be spending eight weeks at the Hayim Greenberg College in Jerusalem studying Hebrew, Bible and Jewish history.

## Other Programs Outlined

Other programs for adults include a four-week study tour by the Herzl Institute of New York; and a public school teachers group organized by the National Hebrew Culture Council which will spend five weeks in touring and study at the Hebrew University.

Also, a Hebrew Educators Seminar and an Early Childhood Teachers Seminar sponsored by the Chicago Board of Jewish Education and the Miami Central Agency for Jewish Education which will divide their time between study and tours of the country and a five-week Ulpan for Reform educators at Haifa sponsored by the Commission on Jewish Education of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Other programs conducted in cooperation with the Department are the Teachers of Volunteer Service, working on a volunteer basis in the development towns with underprivileged children, and the Adult Education Seminar from Miami. The Department of Education and Culture of the WZO-American Section is headed by Dr. Abraham P. Gannes. The summer projects are directed by Max Dunetz.

LIMA, Peru (JTA)—An exhibition was held last Thursday at the nearby Collique Airport of the "Arava" airplane manufactured by Israel Aircraft Industries Ltd. Government and aviation officials present were impressed by the capacity and maneuverability of the plane.