

BEGIN COMING TO U.S. WITH MANDATE ON IDEAS HE WILL PRESENT TO CARTER

By Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM, July 13 (JTA)--Premier Menachem Begin said after a special Cabinet meeting today that he will be going to the U.S. with a clear mandate from his government with respect to the ideas he will present to President Carter at their White House meetings July 19-20. He said that the Cabinet, which convened to hear his briefing, agreed unanimously on all points that will be raised with Carter.

In a radio interview this evening, Begin said that he was going to the U.S. "with a good feeling" although not without a certain amount of concern because of the importance of his mission. He said that out of respect to Carter he could not disclose the content of the ideas he discussed with his Cabinet today but they were not secret and would be revealed to the public "in due time." It was learned that virtually all members of the Cabinet, which is comprised only of Likud and the National Religious Party (NRP), took part in the discussion.

The wall of silence that Begin has imposed on his Cabinet held fast. The Premier and his fellow ministers emerged tight-lipped from their three-hour session, much to the chagrin of the media which immediately plunged into an orgy of speculation as to what concepts for peace Begin will be taking to Washington.

Media Speculation Rampant

In the absence of hard facts and no hints from the apparently leak-proof Cabinet, the media speculation was general and often contradictory. Some papers said Begin will insist on an overall, comprehensive peace settlement and would reject ideas for more interim agreements. Others assumed that the Premier is going to Washington with several options, including possible new interim accords in Sinai and on the Golan Heights.

With respect to the Judeaea-Samaria regions, expected to be the focal point of the Carter-Begin talks, one source said Begin would not deal in specifics but merely express Israel's readiness to resume negotiations with no pre-conditions. Other sources said Begin would suggest "a functional solution" that would grant civilian autonomy to the Arabs in Judeaea-Samaria who would be allowed to vote for the Jordanian parliament while matters of defense and security would remain under Israeli control.

But still another source said that in "a closed forum" Begin rejected any territorial concessions on the West Bank and did not share Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan's views in favor of increasing Jordanian involvement there by "a functional arrangement." Meanwhile, technical preparations are being concluded for the Begin trip. He is expected to be accompanied by the largest entourage of officials that ever joined an Israeli Prime Minister on a visit to the U.S.

SURPRISE EXPRESSED OVER EGYPTIAN ANNOUNCEMENT ON RETURN OF BODIES

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, July 13 (JTA)--Israeli circles expressed surprise and some skepticism over the an-

ouncement in Cairo yesterday that Egypt would return the bodies of 19 Israeli soldiers killed in the Yom Kippur War whose remains were discovered recently during excavation work to widen the Suez Canal. The announcement was referred to by President Carter at his Washington press conference yesterday as "an inclination... toward an alleviation of tension" in the Middle East.

Surprise stemmed from the fact that Israel has been making approaches to Egypt for the return of still missing soldiers but has never received a reply. News that the bodies were found reached here only a short time before it was made public in Cairo and Washington. Moreover, the Israelis say they have no idea when the Egyptians will return the remains and what "price" they may demand. Egypt last April returned the remains of seven soldiers and two Jews executed for espionage more than 20 years ago. In exchange, Israel released to Egypt a much larger number of Arab prisoners, including some serving sentences for terrorist acts.

Israel also says that it knows of only 14 Yom Kippur War dead still missing. The Egyptian figure of 19 may be the result of a mixing of remains, sources here said.

SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER SOVIET TREATMENT OF DISSIDENTS

WASHINGTON, July 13 (JTA)--The Senate passed a resolution yesterday expressing its desire to indicate to the Soviet Union and other states represented at the Belgrade conference the "official concern of the United States over the treatment of Anatoly Sharansky, who has been charged with treason, Yuri Orlov and others who sought to monitor compliance with the Helsinki accords." The resolution was sponsored by Senators Edward W. Brooke (R.Mass.), Hubert H. Humphrey (D.Minn.) and Clifford P. Case (R.N.J.).

In a speech to the Senate, Brooke said that many in Congress shared "a deep concern over the Soviet Union's increased efforts to suppress expressions of dissent." He added: "The Kremlin's actions are in direct contradiction to the first paragraph of the principles adopted by the Helsinki signatories."

The paragraph cited calls upon "participating states" to "respect human rights and fundamental freedoms including the freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion."

These would be no more than "hollow words," Brooke said, unless the U.S. and others called attention to the flagrant human rights violations connected in the jailing of Sharansky, Orlov and others.

ISRAELI JURIST REJECTS SUGGESTION FOR INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE IN ISRAEL

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, July 13 (JTA)--The call for an independent inquiry into allegations of torture by the Israeli authorities was indignantly rejected today by a member of the Israeli Supreme Court. Justice Moshe Etzioni described the call by the Sunday Times as "an insult to the Israeli judiciary." It was also an insult to the English judiciary on

which the Israeli legal system was closely modeled; he said.

Etzioni, who is in London for the World ORT Union Council meeting, made his comments at a specially convened press conference at the Israeli Embassy. He stressed that he was not replying on behalf of the government to the Sunday Times' allegations. He specifically rejected that paper's suggestion of an inquiry by the International Red Cross, since that was not its function and it did not have the ability to carry one out.

He also opposed an inquiry by left-wing members of the Israeli parliament, saying the only way to examine allegations of torture was in open court in Israel. He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency later that leading members of the Anglo-Jewish community had suggested an independent inquiry by leading British judges.

He said he was shocked by this suggestion, too, seeing in it an affront to Israel's national sovereignty and her judiciary. British judges themselves would be embarrassed by such a proposal and would reject it, Etzioni said.

Explains Israeli System

The jurist explained that Israel, like Britain, observed the rule that a man is innocent until proven guilty. On the question of confessions, Israel went even further than Britain, since Israeli judges were not allowed to read alleged confessions until satisfied that they were made freely. The police have often been severely censured for presenting inadmissible evidence.

Etzioni also said that members of the Israeli Supreme Court make a frequent practice of visiting prisons and remand centers often without advance notice to the prison authorities. Prisoners are able to air their grievances to the judges in private. Lawyers and the Red Cross also have free access to prisons and trials are held only in open court except when they involve national security.

Denies Existence Of Torture Chambers

Etzioni expressed incredulity at the Sunday Times suggestion that there were top secret torture chambers—so-called X-cells—in certain Israeli prisons. Israel is a small country and such things could never have been kept secret for long, he said.

He did not deny that terrorist suspects were sometimes roughly handled during capture and subsequent interrogation, especially if people's lives were thought to be in immediate danger because of terrorist bombs. Just as in other countries, the police and army were only human and could abuse their authority. However, the Israeli judges had creditable records in stemming such abuses, he said.

DAYAN APPROVED AS INDEPENDENT MK

JERUSALEM, July 13 (JTA)—A majority of the Knesset House Committee voted yesterday to approve Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan's request for recognition as an independent Knesset member. Angry Labor Alignment members who denounced Dayan for political opportunism, walked out of the session. Dayan's request was approved by 12 votes of Likud, the National Religious Party, the Aguda bloc and Meir Zorea of the Democratic Movement for Change. Akiva Noff of the DMC abstained.

Dayan was not present. His absence was seized upon by Labor Alignment Whip Moshe Shahal who said there was no precedent for recognizing an independent MK who did not first appear before the committee to explain the request. Shahal was overruled by committee chairman Yitzhak Berman of Likud after another Likud member put in a telephone call to Dayan and returned with the latter's ex-

planation.

Dayan claimed that he did not resign from the Labor Party but was "expelled" because he headed Premier Menachem Begin's request that he "serve the nation in this most critical hour." Shahal said that Dayan left Labor the day after the elections "in circumstances that gained him political benefit." Another Labor MK, Yossi Sarid, noted that Dayan applied for recognition as an independent on June 12, two days before he took the Knesset oath of office.

LEGISLATION SOUGHT TO BAR EXTRADITION

JERUSALEM, July 13 (JTA)—Premier Menachem Begin will seek legislation barring the extradition of Israeli citizens for alleged offenses committed abroad. He has asked Attorney General Abaron Barak to prepare such a measure which would provide for trial in Israel of such defendants, it was learned.

Begin apparently wants to institutionalize a fundamental principle in some circles that no Israelis should stand trial in a foreign country. Precedents exist in the case of Switzerland and other countries that do not extradite their citizens. Israel, at present, may extradite citizens to Switzerland for crimes committed there even though there is no reciprocity.

But the extradition process in Israel is political rather than legal. The decision as to whether a citizen is extraditable is made by the Minister of Justice rather than the Attorney General. Many legislative changes would have to be made in order to try suspects here for offenses committed abroad. The legal codes and laws of evidence that prevail in Israel would have to be brought in line with those of the other country. It was noted that Switzerland has become involved in complex legal tangles when it tried citizens for crimes committed abroad.

ILLINOIS COURT RULES ON NAZIS

CHICAGO, July 13 (JTA)—The Illinois Appellate Court yesterday issued a ruling which in effect would halt a proposed Nazi march in the predominantly Jewish suburb of Skokie. In both upholding and reversing parts of a temporary injunction secured by the Village of Skokie against the National Socialist Party of America, the court said the Nazis could march in uniform, but not while wearing or using the swastika symbol because it constitutes "fighting words" unprotected by the Constitution.

In effect, the court upheld a Cook County Circuit Court ruling that the wearing of the swastika could constitute a "grave and serious threat to the peace of the citizens of the Village of Skokie" which include an estimated 7000 survivors of the Holocaust.

Michael Whalen, a Nazi spokesman, said the group would not yield on the use of the swastika. He claimed that doing so "would be giving up our right to free speech. It distinguishes us from other groups." David Goldberger, the American Civil Liberties Union attorney representing the Nazis, said the Appellate Court ruling would be appealed.

The court decision specifically noted that the ruling did not affect three Skokie ordinances which also would effectively prohibit the Nazis from marching. The ordinances include posting a \$350,000 bond, obtaining a permit and a ban on the wearing of military-style uniforms "repugnant" to residents of Skokie.

Jerome Torshev, attorney for Sol Goldstein, a Holocaust survivor, said he was "very pleased"

with the court's decision because it anticipates the basis of Goldstein's class suit against the Nazis. Goldstein is a leader of the Jewish Federation and Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago and a member of the Januz Korczak Lodge of B'nai B'rith, a survivors group.

Goldstein's suit filed on behalf of all Holocaust survivors living in Skokie, seeks a permanent injunction against a Nazi-style march on the grounds that it would cause the survivors "severe emotional distress." The case is due to be heard July 29.

Torshen said he was "hopeful that the injunction would be made even broader" after evidence in Goldstein's case is presented in court. Earlier, Torshen had stated that he plans to present evidence "as obscene and horrendous as any ever presented in court." Torshen heads a committee of lawyers from major Jewish organizations and law firms who are working on the case.

BRITISH MP URGES BRITAIN, EEC NATIONS TO TRANSFER EMBASSIES TO JERUSALEM

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, July 13 (JTA)--A suggestion that Britain and other European Economic Community (EEC) countries should transfer their embassies in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem was made here yesterday by Jeremy Thorpe, MP, the Liberal Party's spokesman for foreign affairs.

He told a luncheon organized by B'nai B'rith that such a step could be taken as a balancing gesture on the next occasion that Britain, together with European community nations, made another statement calling for a Palestinian state, such as that issued at last month's EEC summit. He said his proposal had the full agreement of David Steel, the Liberal Party leader.

Thorpe associated himself with the anti-Arab boycott bill introduced in the House of Lords yesterday and said that the British government should immediately cease cooperating with the Arab boycott by refusing to give certificates of non-Israeli origin to any British exports or re-exports.

Says Anglo-Jewry Is Too Sensitive

Referring to the Sunday Times' allegations of torture by Israel, Thorpe said that even if the paper's investigations were proved to be true--"which I do not believe"--Israel's record compared with almost every other conqueror in war "would stand as an example of restraint and of mercy."

At the end of his prepared speech, Thorpe, who is the patron of the Liberal Friends of Israel, chastized Anglo-Jewry for being "far too sensitive" in its reaction to criticism of Israel. Although it wielded great influence in all three main British parties, it sometimes behaved as if it was an oppressed minority, he said.

"Your case is far too strong. Argue it on logic. After all, you are talking about the right of a nation to survive, one which in its struggle for survival owes nothing to any other nation," Thorpe said.

JEWISH GROUP DENIES THAT ITS PATROLS HARASS BLACKS IN CROWN HEIGHTS

By Brian Lipsitz and Nancy Chanin

NEW YORK, July 13 (JTA)--The Crown Heights Jewish Community Council held a press conference today to deny allegations by the Black community that Jewish crime prevention patrols in the neighborhood have been harassing Blacks.

Speaking to reporters at the patrol headquarters in Brooklyn, Rabbi Samuel Fogelman, a member of the executive committee of the Community Council, said that "At no time did any member of

the patrol intimidate or attack any member of the Black community. There were incidents in which members of the patrol were forced to defend themselves," he said. But he denied that patrol members were behaving as vigilantes. He said the patrol existed "to show their physical presence" and to deter crime by reporting it to police.

Last Saturday about 500 Blacks demonstrated outside the local police precinct and marched to the nearby world headquarters of the Lubavitcher Hasidic movement to protest alleged harassment by the Crown Heights Community Patrol and demand that it be disbanded. They handed out flyers with the slogan "Never again: Stop Hasidic attacks on Blacks."

Blacks Invited To Join Patrol

Fogelman said that "a huge segment of sensitive Blacks recognized the fallacy of both this hate literature and the demonstrations" last Saturday. He said that "the nominal few hundred Blacks that attended the demonstration on a beautiful Saturday afternoon gave proof to the lack of its support."

He said that "many Blacks interviewed by the media and many who called in to radio talk shows, stated that they saw no reason for this Black uprising. They realized that the Jews in Crown Heights were in effect maintaining their own community and that the citizens patrol protected them no less than the Hasidim."

In response to questions, Fogelman said, "We have invited Blacks to join the patrol and we expect them to join. They will be treated as equal members of the patrol."

Meanwhile, Marian B. Logan, chairperson of the New York City Human Rights Commission, said, in a statement released today, that the Commission will make an effort to help reduce tensions in Crown Heights. She said "The Commission will make itself available to the community's Black and Hasidic leadership to assist them in developing a solution to their common problems."

YITZHAK DANZIGER DEAD AT 61

TEL AVIV, July 13 (JTA)--Funeral services were held in Haifa today for Prof. Yitzhak Danziger, a noted sculpturer and parks planner. Danziger, 61, was killed last night when his car was struck by a truck. His son and the driver of the truck were seriously injured. Born in Berlin, Danziger came to Palestine at the age of nine. He studied at the Bezalel Art School in Jerusalem and completed his art studies in London. He was an associate professor in the architecture department of the Haifa Technion.

SVERDLIN RECEIVES EXIT VISA

NEW YORK, July 13 (JTA)--Leningrad activist Vladimir Sverdlin has received an exit visa to Israel, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and Union of Councils for Soviet Jews learned from cables sent to his Western supporters. The 36-year-old engineer had recently been given a one-year suspended sentence following a police search of his home last August which uncovered several 18-year-old bullets he had forgotten from the time he was a student sportsman. Sverdlin was a founder of the "Shalom Club," a group of young Jews who met on the Sabbath to learn about Judaism and Israel, which had to be disbanded due to official pressure.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Premier Menachem Begin has been invited officially to visit Paris, possibly next fall, the Foreign Ministry reported.

HANAFI LEADER SAID SEIZING OF BUILDING IN WASHINGTON LAST MARCH WAS 'HOLY WAR' AGAINST 'ZIONIST JEWS'

By David Ettinger

WASHINGTON, July 13 (JTA)--Hanafi Moslem leader Khalifa Hamaas Abdul Khalis testified yesterday that he and 11 other members of his sect were acting as "servants of God" who had undertaken a "holy war" against the "Zionist Jews" in seizing hostages at three buildings here last March.

Khalis, on trial here for the takeover of the buildings which included the headquarters of B'nai B'rith where more than 100 persons were held hostage for 39 hours, accused the "Zionist Jews" of plotting the death of his children through "letters used by the Black Muslims." He said Elijah Muhammad, the late leader of the Black Muslims, was a "Zionist Jew." Asked whether he was aware of the illegal nature of his actions, Khalis replied: "My faith and my country come first. What the Zionists are doing exceeds anything that was done. It had to be done."

In addition to holding the hostages at the B'nai B'rith building at gunpoint, the terrorists also verbally and physically abused their victims, wreaked havoc in the offices and left the place in a shambles with damage estimated minimally at \$250,000. The gunmen also seized the Islamic Center and the District Building (City Hall) where another 27 hostages were held. During their rampage the Hanafis fatally shot Maurice Williams, a 22-year-old reporter for the Howard University radio station when he entered the District Building and surprised one of the terrorists.

NAZI EFFORTS IN SEATTLE

By Avraham Feinglass

SEATTLE, July 13 (JTA)--There has been concern here recently over a proposed "organizational meeting" of the Nazi Party, advertised in the University of Washington newspaper on June 30. Local newspapers and television news programs gave the story wide coverage and students at the university staged an anti-Nazi demonstration on campus July 7. Apparently fearful of the kind of riots that took place at the KKK rally in Ohio on the Fourth of July, university officials decided "to postpone indefinitely" any Nazi meeting on the university campus.

The incident started when a local Nazi, John Voorhees, a student at the university and son of Donald S. Voorhees, United States District Court judge in Seattle, placed an announcement in the campus newspaper, "The Daily," which stated: "SS and Nazi Party organizational meeting will be held July 7 at 8 p.m., to discuss the subject 'Can the declining West be saved?' Vietnam veterans are particularly encouraged to attend."

John Voorhees, who owns a record store near the university, said in an interview that he wants to start a paramilitary organization comprised mainly of Vietnam veterans who will act as shock troops to maintain the supremacy of the white race in America. The enemies of the white race, Voorhees said, are Blacks, Asians and "especially Jews" who control the media and have too much money and power in the country.

BEGIN TO MEET WITH RELIGIOUS LEADERS

NEW YORK, July 13 (JTA)--Israeli Premier Menachem Begin's visit to the United States will not be limited to meeting with government officials and Jewish communal leaders. He is also scheduled to meet with Jewish religious leaders. These include Rabbi Menachem Schneerson; Rabbi Moshe Feinstein,

Rabbi Joseph Soloveichik, leaders of Agudath Israel, members of the Rabbinical Council of America as well as with representatives of the Conservative and Reform movements.

In addition, Begin will attend the Tisha B'Av services and the reading of the "Eicha" at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun July 23. The following morning he will appear on NBC-TV "Meet the Press" and on ABC-TV "Good Morning America." Begin will also meet with Governor Hugh Carey and Mayor Abraham Beame.

TRADE WITH RUMANIA

WASHINGTON, July 13 (JTA)--The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations has sent to Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D.Conn.), chairman of the Senate Finance Committee's subcommittee on international trade, recommendations for eliminating existing obstacles to Rumanian Jewish emigration to Israel. It was reported here today. The recommendations supplement testimony given before the subcommittee on June 27 by William Korey who was representing the Conference. The hearing dealt with the most favored nation status for Rumania.

The recommendations include: allowing everyone who wants to leave to apply for an application for an exit visa and eliminating the pre-application screening process; ending punitive actions, such as job dismissal, taken against visa applicants; establishment of an appeal process for those denied visas; shortening and facilitating the application process; permitting an emigrant to take his money and personal effects with him when he leaves; and reducing the fees required in the application process.

At the June 27 hearing, Korey said the American Jewish community could go along with President Carter's qualified recommendation to extend MFN to Rumania for one more year. He pointed out, however, that if significant improvement in Jewish emigration figures does not occur during the next 12 months, the American Jewish community will support action by the Administration and Congress to eliminate MFN status for Rumania.

The JTA, in its initial report, had instead noted that representatives of American Jewish organizations had urged the subcommittee to withhold the most favored nation status for a third year pending a further examination of that country's emigration policy.

Jacob Birnbaum, national director of the Center for Russian and East European Jewry, told the June 27 hearing that the sharpening of facilities for monitoring what the Rumanians were doing, accompanied by detailed discussions with them about the various types of institutionalized emigration harassments, were critical to future progress. Ribicoff agreed with this contention and reportedly instructed the subcommittee staff to consult closely on Birnbaum's recommendations with officials of the White House and State Department.

MEXICO CITY (JTA)--Mexico has presented a gift to Israel, a tapestry by the Mexican-Jewish artist Leonardo Nietman, titled "Bible Fire." The presentation was made by President Jose Lopez Portillo at a farewell reception for Israeli Ambassador Hanan Aynor who completed a three-year tour of duty here. The Ambassador said that the gift would be displayed at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. Aynor's successor is Shaul Rosolio, former Israeli police chief, who has already arrived in Mexico.