

CARTER, WELCOMING BEGIN, HAILS ISRAELI LEADER AS MAN OF PRINCIPLE

Cites Common Interest, Sincerity Of Purpose
By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, July 19 (JTA)—President Carter welcomed Premier Menachem Begin on his first official visit to the White House this morning. He hailed the Israeli leader as a man of "independence and principle" just as the people of Israel constitute a nation of "independence and principle." He said that parallel was manifest in the writings and biography of Begin which the President said he has read.

The ceremonial greeting on the White House south lawn under a blazing sun was accompanied by a 19-gun salute for the visiting head of the Israeli government. The Marine Band played the American and Israeli anthems. Begin, looking vigorous and healthy in a dark gray suit was accompanied by his wife, Aliza, Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz and other members of his entourage. Carter, in a light gray suit, was accompanied by Mrs. Carter.

Vice President Walter Mondale, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Undersecretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Alfred L. Atherton and the U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Samuel Lewis, made up the official greeting party. Observing the spectacle from a White House balcony was the President's mother, Lillian Carter.

Encouraged By Begin's Statements

Carter and Begin stood together before the microphones, their wives directly behind them. Carter declared, "This is a very important day in the history of our nation and I think the future of the Middle East and perhaps the future of the world. We approach the conference with a deep common interest and sincerity of purpose that naturally binds us together." Saying that he "admires" Begin's "deep and unswerving religious commitments," Carter declared that he has been "encouraged" by the Prime Minister's statements that "all points of dispute with his Arab neighbors are negotiable."

The President remarked that "Although there may be deep differences of perspective" between them, the U.S. and Israel "have a common goal" of finding peace which will "inevitably bind us together." Carter said that Begin "represents a nation that has just demonstrated again the importance of a true democracy" by peacefully transferring the reins of government from one party to another.

Allusion To Palestinians Seen

He said one thing that "particularly impressed" him was Begin's first official act of admitting 66 Vietnamese refugees to Israel after they had been rescued at sea by an Israeli ship. He called that an "act of compassion and sensitivity."

Then, in what many observers saw as an oblique allusion to the Palestinians, Carter said the act was a "recognition of him (Begin) and his government about the importance of a homeland for people who are destitute and who would like to express their own individuality and freedom in a common way."

Begin responded that the admission of the Vietnamese refugees was "a natural act for us." He

referred to Jewish refugees turned away by many nations who later perished in the Holocaust.

Begin's Opening Remarks In Hebrew

Begin opened his remarks in Hebrew, saying: "Mr. President, I have come from the land of Zion and Jerusalem as a spokesman for an ancient people and a young nation. God's blessing on America, the hope of the human race. Peace to your great nation." Then, switching to English, Begin repeated that he is "a spokesman for an ancient people and a young nation" who, he added, "in our time" have "emerged from the depths of the pit" and then engaged in "an unequal fight for national self-liberation."

He said that Israel "yearns for peace, prays for peace and will do everything humanly possible... for a real peace." However, Begin added, peace is "inseparable from national security." He said that to Israelis, national security means a life free from terror that endangers every man, woman and child. He said there were certain circumstances under which Israel could be put in jeopardy. Begin's remarks indicated that he intends to stress national security in his talks with Carter to support Israel's position on territorial issues.

Begin called Carter the leader of the "free world" which he said has shrunken. He said that all people of the free world must work to ensure human liberty. He told Carter, "We shall never disagree, we will only agree to differ." The first meeting between Carter and Begin began shortly after the White House ceremony and this afternoon Begin participated in a working luncheon at the State Department hosted by Vance. (See related story P. 3.)

ANGER SUBSIDES OVER GOVERNMENT'S DRASTIC NEW FISCAL MEASURES

By Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM, July 19 (JTA)—The flare-up of anger over the government's surprise announcement of drastic new fiscal measures subsided today into stoic acceptance of what most Israelis seem to regard as necessary if distasteful economic medicine. Labor Alignment leaders in the Knesset and Histadrut have adopted a moderate stance and are obviously not inclined toward a showdown with the Likud regime at this time.

Labor's Knesset faction rejected a proposed no-confidence motion when the Knesset debates the new economic measures this afternoon. Members of the Labor-dominated Histadrut Central Committee turned down a proposed warning strike. But Histadrut will organize protest meetings during working hours at places of employment all over the country.

Observers said one reason Histadrut is backing away from a showdown is the fear that it will have no support from the Likud workers who voted in the Histadrut elections on June 21. Likud polled 28 percent of that vote and remains a sizeable minority within the trade union federation.

Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich claimed today that he had invited Histadrut Secretary General Yeruham Meshel to discuss the fiscal measures with him last month in secrecy. But Meshel refused on grounds that economic plans had to be treated openly before the entire Central Committee.

Ehrlich said that was the reason Histadrut was not informed or consulted in advance of his announcement Sunday night.

Most observers appeared to agree that secrecy was necessary to prevent the kind of wild buying sprees and hoarding that occurred in the past whenever the public had advance knowledge of pending price hikes. Ehrlich said the Bank of Israel would have had to print more money and pump it into the economy if the Treasury had failed to reduce subsidies. That would have sent prices soaring, he said. Former Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz described the new measures as a "correction of course." Basically, he said, the budget and program of the former Labor government remains and Likud has introduced no new economic program.

WZO EXECUTIVE SAYS ZIONIST CONGRESS WILL OPEN ON FEBRUARY 20, 1978

JERUSALEM, July 19 (JTA)--The Executive of the World Zionist Organization announced yesterday that the 29th World Zionist Congress will open here on Feb. 20, 1978. It will last nine days and will mark both the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Zionist movement by Theodor Herzl and the start of celebrations of the 30th anniversary of Israel's independence.

Only a partial agenda was announced. It will include a four-year program drafted by a team headed by Prof. Ranaan Weitz to deal with the structure of the WZO in Israel and abroad. Other items will be Zionism today and the progress made over the last eight decades.

The World Zionist Congress was originally scheduled to be held in January of this year. It was postponed because of the Israeli elections and is expected to reflect the major political change that the May 17 elections brought about. No one here doubts that Likud, represented in the WZO by Herut-Hatzohar and the General Zionists (Liberals), will gain much power at the Congress.

A key event will be the election of a new chairman of the WZO and Jewish Agency Executives. Incumbent Yosef Almogi of the Labor Party has announced that he will not stand for re-election. Jewish Agency Treasurer Leon Dulzsin is the Likud candidate for the dual office. Labor has not decided yet whether it will enter the contest but if it does the Labor candidate is virtually certain to be Yitzhak Navon, currently chairman of the Zionist General Council.

Some Laborites maintain that Navon would have a good chance of winning if he can rally the support of the American delegates. But others believe that neither the Americans nor any other Congress delegates from abroad would vote for a candidate who does not represent the governing party in Israel.

To do so, they said, would be to imply non-support of the government. The WZO chairman traditionally has been a member of the governing party which for 29 years was the Labor Party. (By Tuvia Mendelson)

LEVICH ORDERED TO LEFORTOVO PRISON FOR QUESTIONING BY SECRET POLICE

LONDON, July 19 (JTA)--Benjamin Levich told Western newsmen today that he has been ordered to Lefortovo prison tomorrow afternoon for interrogation by the KGB, the Soviet secret police, according to reports reaching here from Moscow. He told reporters that he had no idea why the KGB wants to question him. Levich, a 60-year-old physicist, was barred by the Soviet authorities from attending an international conference held in his honor at Oxford University last week.

The conference, attended by 100 scientists from 14 countries, including 20 Nobel Laureates, cabled the Soviet Academy of Science urging that Levich be allowed to attend. The conference covered physical chemistry and hydrodynamics, a field that has been greatly influenced by Levich's work. Levich applied for an emigration visa five years ago but was repeatedly turned down.

EGYPT RETURNS REMAINS OF 19 ISRAELI SOLDIERS KILLED IN YOM KIPPUR WAR

NORTHERN SINAI, July 19 (JTA)--Egypt today returned to Israel the remains of 19 Israeli soldiers killed in the Yom Kippur War. The remains were brought by truck convoy to a UN outpost in the buffer zone of the sun-baked Sinai desert and transferred with full military honors.

On hand to receive them were Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, Chief of Staff Gen. Mordechai Gur and the commanding general of the southern region. UN soldiers stood at attention as an Egyptian contingent presented the coffins to an Israeli honor guard. The chief chaplain of the Israeli army, Rabbi Gad Navon recited the kaddish.

The remains were taken to the Institute of Forensic Medicine in Tel Aviv for positive identification. According to the Egyptians, they were discovered during excavations to widen the Suez Canal. Some Israeli circles insist that only 14 Yom Kippur War dead are still missing and believe the figure of 19 may be due to an error by the Egyptians. The experts will try to solve the puzzle.

200 PRO-PALESTINIANS HOLD RALLY IN WASHINGTON...

By David Ettinger

WASHINGTON, July 19 (JTA)--About 200 pro-Palestinian demonstrators, wearing pink hoods, apparently to hide their faces, marched outside the White House chanting and carrying signs with anti-Zionist slogans this morning while President Carter and Israeli Premier Menachem Begin were holding their first meeting inside the Executive Mansion.

About a half block away, a smaller group of Begin supporters marched in front of the Executive Office Building. They carried signs saying "God Bless America and Israel" and "Four Arab Wars of Genocide are Enough." The two groups were in sight of each other but separated by large contingents of police.

The anti-Israel demonstration was sponsored by a group calling itself the Arab-African Change and Progress Society and the Socialist Workers Party. One of their signs said, "Israel Plus South Africa Equals Racism." Others proclaimed "Begin is a Zionist Terrorist" and "Zionists Out of Palestine." The demonstrators were mostly young people and few of them were Black. The apparent leader of the marchers was Dr. M. T. Mehdi, chairman of the Action Committee on American-Arab Relations.

About 50 young members of the Menorah Organization of the Silver Springs, Md. Jewish Center comprised the pro-Israel group. They issued a statement saying that they were there to "hail the solidarity and friendship between Israel and the U.S." and to "request the Carter Administration to pursue a policy of true and permanent peace in the Middle East by promoting face-to-face negotiations including Arab recognition of Israel's right to exist."

1500 IN PRO-ISRAEL RALLY IN N. Y.

By Nancy Chanin

NEW YORK, July 19 (JTA)--Between 1000

and 1500 persons of all ages gathered in Manhattan's garment center this afternoon in sweltering heat to pay tribute to Premier Menachem Begin and to express their solidarity with the Premier. The 100-degree temperature did not appear to faze the cheering crowd.

"Begin comes to the United States not only on behalf of Israel, but on behalf of all the freedom loving people in the world. He brings a message that has rung true for centuries. You cannot destroy and divide a nation to attain peace," said Harry Taubenfeld, chairman of the United Zionists Revisionists of America (UZRA), the organization which sponsored the rally. The Israeli Premier, he continued, "will remind the President and the free world that it was the Jewish people who have brought meaning to the words freedom, law and order. And President Carter will be unable to say anything other than 'You are right, Mr. Begin,' and together a strong Israel and United States will lead the world to peace."

"It is vital that Israel know we are with them. What you are doing today is a mitzvah," said Prof. Howard Adelson, chairman of the national council of the UZRA.

In a statement intended for Begin, H. Joseph Baer, chairman of membership of the executive committee of the UZRA, said, "We are with you in whatever you ask us to do. Stay firm as you yourself have for so many years." In a statement intended for Carter, Baer said, "You are a man of the Bible and you know who God gave the land of Israel to."

Several political leaders who spoke at the rally, including City Council President Paul O'Dwyer, said that Carter must honor President Harry Truman's commitment to Israel. Declaring his intention to "correct fallacies in the press," O'Dwyer questioned those who believe that Begin "is going too far to protect Israel." If the United States can have bases in Spain and Northern Ireland, "Israel needs protection 25 miles away from Jerusalem," O'Dwyer said. Oil interests and pro-Arab influences in the State Department were condemned by the City Council president.

Alternating between Hebrew and English, Comptroller Harrison Goldin said, "We will not forget the obligation the world has to maintain an indivisible Israel. We pray for peace on behalf of the United States, the State of Israel and all the peoples of the world."

CARTER-BEGIN DISCUSS 3 KEY ELEMENTS

By David Friedman and David Ettinger

WASHINGTON, July 19 (JTA)—White House Press Secretary Jody Powell said this afternoon that President Carter found the statements made to him by Israeli Premier Menachem Begin at their first meeting this morning to be "forward looking and worthy of consideration." Carter and Begin met for two hours, twice the scheduled time. Powell said the atmosphere was "decidedly not stiff," informal, yet "very frank but extremely friendly."

He said there was a full discussion of three key elements—secure and recognized borders, the nature of peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors and the Palestinian issue. He said that maps were used but only for illustrative purposes, not in relation to boundaries. Powell said that the discussion of the Palestinians dealt with the "procedural context" of the Geneva conference. Asked by an Israeli reporter if the issue of new Israeli settlements on the West Bank was discussed, Powell said "yes." But he declined to give any details.

He said there was "strong agreement on the importance of moving toward negotiations, moving

toward Geneva" and "maintaining the 'momentum' toward peace. Powell stressed that Carter told Begin at the outset of their meeting that the U.S. has no peace plan and has no intention of imposing a peace plan on the parties involved. He said that U.S. policy toward the Palestine Liberation Organization remains unchanged.

Powell said that the June 24 meeting in London between the former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations William Scranton and the PLO's UN observer, Basil Akli, was not a change of government policy since Scranton is a private citizen. However, Powell said that when Scranton returns to the U.S. he will brief the State Department on the meeting just as it is expected that Rep. Lee Hamilton (D. Ind.) will brief the Department on his meeting with PLO chief Yasir Arafat in Cairo last week.

The State Department confirmed Scranton's meeting with the PLO man which it said was at the PLO's initiative. Scranton took no message from the Carter Administration with him and was not representing the U.S. officially, the Department said.

Begin, who met with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance at the State Department this afternoon, said later that he hadn't known of Scranton's meeting. He observed, however, that "anybody who has contacts with the PLO harms Israel."

In addition to Powell's replies to questions at his press briefing, the White House released a prepared statement on the Carter-Begin meeting. It said that "the President and the Prime Minister agreed that their meeting and the others to follow here mark a good starting point for seeking ways toward a just and durable peace in the Middle East. They pledged their determination to achieve that peace, noting that imaginative and responsible statesmanship is essential to overcoming the challenge posed."

The statement also said that the two leaders "agreed that all the issues must be settled through negotiations between the parties based on UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 which all the governments directly concerned have accepted. They agreed that this goal would best be served by moving rapidly toward the reconvening of the Geneva conference this year, keeping in mind at the same time the importance of careful preparation."

The statement said Vance will be going to the Middle East soon for more talks with all leaders involved. Powell said he did not know when Vance would leave. The statement also stressed that "the President reaffirmed the enduring American commitment to the security and well being of Israel. He assured the Prime Minister that any differences that may occur from time to time would not obscure America's and his personal dedication to this historic American commitment. He asked the Prime Minister to express to the people of Israel the determination of the people of the U.S. to help them find true peace."

Powell disclosed that Carter and Begin talked privately for 15 minutes before continuing their discussions in the Cabinet room in the presence of their aides. He said he did not know what was discussed at the private meeting. As Begin arrived at the State Department for his meeting with Vance, the Premier said his meeting with Carter this morning was "very serious" and that he had disclosed to the President details of his plan "for the framework of the peace-making process" in the Middle East. He declined to give any details prior to his press conference here tomorrow at 3 p.m. Carter and Begin continue their talks at a White House working dinner tonight and at a further meeting tomorrow morning.

U.S. MACCABIAH CONTESTANTS LEAD IN THE TENNIS EVENTS

By Haskell Cohen

TEL AVIV, July 19 (JTA)—The biggest surprise of the 10th Maccabiah Games took place Sunday at the Ramat Hasharon tennis complex when petite Stacy Margolin of California upset number one rated South African Ilana Kloss in the semi-finals watched by 1000 net zealots. The fifth rated Margolin, America's eighth ranking 18-and-under player, completely controlled the match against the internationalist, defending champion, blasting her off the court in straight sets 6-4, 6-1.

Margolin meets another top flight U.S. junior in the finals, Dana-Gilberg, her doubles partner, who reached the finals by dominating teammate Donna Rubin 6-2, 6-0.

Americans continued to lead on the courts as Peter Rennett topped South Africa's third ranking male, Graham Silverman, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1. Rennett was rated 14th. Still another South African went down when Dick Mayer of New York knocked off Derek Segal 6-4, 6-3. Only Alan Blumberg of the South African squad remains in the quarter-finals.

Top rated Steve Krulvitz of the U.S. hung on to defeat Canada's Steve Rogul, but second ranked Joel Ross of the U.S. succumbed to fellow American, 15th ranked Larry Nagler 6-2, 6-4. The U.S. has been assured of all the medals in the senior tennis tourney. Tonight's all-American finals pit Alan Schwartz of Highland Park, Ill. against Dick Goldstein, a New York lawyer and Bernard "Buzzy" Franks, a Rochester lawyer against New York's Marvin Gimprich.

U.S. Dominates Swimming Meets

Americans continued to dominate the highest brand of swimming ever witnessed here by making a clean sweep of gold medals Sunday. Sam Franklin of Stanford University burned the waters with a 56.70 in the 100-meter butterfly to erase Mark Spitz's record. The world record is 54-27. Two teammates, Steve Pomerantz and Richard Davidson grabbed the silver and bronze medals behind Franklin.

Hilary Bergman of the University of Alabama, won the 200-meters free-style in 1:55:91, his third gold medal to establish himself as the best free styler in the games. Norma Barton, a 15-year-old Californian, beat out Olympic star, Wendy Weinberg of Baltimore in the 100-meter butterfly in a new Maccabiah time of 1:4:39. The other two victories, Maccabiah records, were turned in by Lisa Denaburg of Florida, in the 400-meters individual medley in 5:16:62 with U.S. Sue Grodsky, second. The fifth record fell to the American mgle relay swimmers.

The track and field events got underway with American athletes taking an edge in gold with five medals to Israel's four as France and Australia took one each. John Citron of the U.S. won the 110-meters hurdles, Buddy Kring high-jumped 2:05 meters, and Joe Gould, the shot putter, defended his title successfully. In the 3000-meter walk, Bob Rosenkrantz took the title away from Israeli veteran defending champion, Shaul Ladany who was disqualified for running on the last lap, after leading all the way.

The U.S. judo team won its second consecutive Maccabiah title with six gold medals gleaned by Greg Halpern, Glen Goren, Steve Cohen, Irwin Cohen, Ardy Blumenthal and Berbie Lepkover, competing in his fourth set of Jewish games. Altogether, the U.S. snatched 10 gold, two silver and two bronze medals. Israel won the men's table tennis

by beating the U.S. in the team event 5-1.

U.S. Ahead In Track And Field

Meanwhile, U.S. Maccabiah contestants continued to capture one gold medal after another in yesterday's competition in swimming and track and field. The swimmers finished their stint for the games here yesterday by adding four more golds to their staggering numbers. Three new Maccabiah records were created by the natators, including one by the 400-meter free-style men relay team of 3 minutes and 34.36 seconds, beating the 1969 time of Mark Spitz's quartet of 3:46.6.

Weinberg started the day with a win in the 800-meter free-style women's event in record time of 9:03.46 breaking Nancy Spitz's 1969 mark of 9:40.5. Weinberg headed a U.S. sweep that saw Gayle Berkowitz and Barton finish second and third. Pomerantz in 53.58 took the gold medal in the men's 100-meter free-style.

Bergman tied Mark Spitz's mark of six gold medals in one meet when he set a new record in the 400-meter individual medley in 4:39.31. The old record set by U.S.'s Roy Abramowitz in 1973 was 4:51.4. Michael Saphir of California took the silver medal in the event. The 400 women's medley relay unit of Denaburg, Barton and Weinberg smashed Israel's old time of 4:55.1 set in 1973 with a spanking 4:40 for the coveted gold medal. Weinberg, with six gold and three silver medals bettered her 1973 mark of four gold and three silver.

The runners and field men dominated the track events witnessed by 15,000 spectators. Dov Djerassi broke his own 1973 distance three times in ultimately winning the hammer throw with a toss of 218.2. Jay Pushkin of Arizona, led the U.S. in a sweep of the discus event, in creating a new games record.

Manny Rosenberg swept to a scintillating win in the 200-meter sprint with Michael Seitz taking down third place. In the 400-meter hurdle event John Citron came up with his second win of the meet as Richard Rothschild beat the field in the 1500-meter run.

FRENCH ACADEMY HONORS RABBI

By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO, July 19 (JTA)—A Montreal professor and rabbi has become the first Canadian to win the prestigious Broquette-Gonin Award for History, from the French Academy, for an 800-page work on the emancipation of French Jews. Dr. David Feuerwerker, 64, founder of the department of Jewish studies at the University of Montreal, was notified of the Academy's decision by letter several days ago. Feuerwerker said his book, "The Emancipation of Jews in France from the Old Regime to the End of the Second Empire," took 30 years to research. "It was during my 10 years at the University of Montreal that my work matured," he said, adding that the book, published in Paris, contained previously unpublished material from archives in France, Switzerland, Austria and England.

Feuerwerker, who came to Canada from France 11 years ago after teaching at the Sorbonne, said he was prompted to begin research during World War II when he came across a book on the subject. "I knew it was worth nothing, but it was the only book on the topic and everyone was quoting it." He fought in the French resistance in World War II and was decorated with the Croix de Guerre and the Legion of Honor. The award amounts to 2000 French francs, about \$450.