

## 3 NEW WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS APPROVED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 17 (JTA)—The Ministerial Settlement Committee decided today to go ahead with the establishment of three new settlements on the West Bank. All three, officials stressed, were approved by the previous government. The Committee today had merely decided to translate that earlier approval-in-principle into action, officials said.

But privately, government sources acknowledged that the move would very likely occasion negative reaction from Washington which only last month protested sharply at Israel's decision to formally legalize three West Bank settlements already in existence.

The three new ones now to be built are: Yatir, between Hebron and Beersheba, to be settled by Gush Emunim; Zur Natan, just across the Green Line from Petach Tikva, to be settled by a Hashomer-Hatzair group according to Israel Radio; and Mevo Haran Gimmel, across the Green Line near Ramle, to be settled by Poalei Agudat Yisrael which already has a number of settlements in that area on both sides of the Green Line.

## U.S. ENVOY IN ISRAEL INSTRUCTED TO RESTATE ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION ON ESTABLISHING WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (JTA)—Samuel Lewis, the U.S. Ambassador to Israel, has instructions to "clearly restate our position" to the Israel government over its intention to establish three additional civilian settlements on the West Bank, the State Department said today. When the Israelis announced a month ago they would legalize three settlements, the United States described that action as an "obstacle to peace." President Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance assailed the move.

Today, however, State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said he was "not going to characterize" the Israeli decision while pointing out "our position is unchanged" regarding the West Bank. Asked whether Lewis would criticize or complain about the Israeli action, Carter said Lewis was "bound to state what our position is." Carter said the U.S. would not discuss the subject with the Israeli Embassy here. He also said it is "a fair assumption" the U.S. did not know of Israel's action in advance.

## U.S. Condemns Bus Bombing In Afula

Meanwhile, the State Department condemned today the bombing yesterday of a bus in Israel in which eight persons were injured, but did not specifically name the Palestine Liberation Organization as the perpetrator. The PLO took credit for the explosion in the Afula bus station in central Israel.

Spokesman Hodding Carter said that "whoever is responsible is to be condemned." He agreed with a statement in a question from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that this act of terrorism is "an obstacle to peace," the phrase used by the Carter Administration in reference to Israeli settlements in the West Bank. Carter said he would not specify responsibility for the bombing pending special U.S. reports.

## ISRAEL OUT OF ANTI-APARTHEID PARLEY

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 17 (JTA)—Israel announced today that it will not participate in the

United Nations-sponsored World Conference for Action Against Apartheid in Lagos, Nigeria Aug. 22-26 because the World Jewish Congress was excluded from the conference while the Palestine Liberation Organization and a pro-PLO UN committee were invited.

Israel's decision was officially announced yesterday in a letter from its UN Ambassador, Chaim Herzog, to UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim. Herzog noted that the WJC, which has consultative status since 1947 with the UN Economic and Social Council, as well as the International Labor Organization, the Organization of American States and the Council of Europe, was not told of the selection process or why it was rejected and others approved. He pointed out that the WJC has "a commitment to work for human rights generally."

At the same time, Herzog said, the PLO was invited despite its "anti-Semitism" and at its request the Committee for the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has also received an invitation "even though its mandate is in no way connected with the conference and it was originally not invited for precisely that reason."

Herzog stressed that the Israeli decision to withdraw was done with "reluctance" since it was opposed to apartheid and any form of racism or racial discrimination. He also stressed that Nigeria had been cooperative in providing facilities for Israeli participation at the conference.

"Once again a conference of great importance not only to Africa, but to all states, is under threat of emasculation by Arab extremists for their own partisan purposes," Herzog declared. "The government of Israel can neither ignore such behavior, nor let it be ignored."

## WIESENTHAL SAYS MENGELE, 'THE DEATH DOCTOR OF AUSCHWITZ' IS IN PARAGUAY

By Maurice Fine

VIENNA, Aug. 17 (JTA)—Simon Wiesenthal, head of the Jewish Documentation Center in Vienna, said today he had evidence that Josef Mengele, one of the most notorious war criminals, is living in Paraguay. Wiesenthal said Mengele, who was known as the "death doctor of Auschwitz" and was responsible for the deaths of thousands of Jewish camp inmates, lives the life of a wealthy private citizen in the South American country.

The famed Nazi-hunter said Mengele was granted Paraguayan citizenship by a special government decree in 1959. Several extradition demands by West German authorities were turned down by Paraguay because Mengele was "not available," Wiesenthal said. He speculated that Mengele was under special protection by the Paraguay government and said the former Nazi usually lived in military zones which are exempt from ordinary police jurisdiction.

According to Wiesenthal, Mengele had lived in Buenos Aires under the name Helmut Gregori until the kidnapping of Adolf Eichmann by Israeli agents, where he worked as a general practitioner. Then Mengele fled to Paraguay, Wiesenthal said.

However, he makes regular trips abroad, according to Wiesenthal, using such pseudonyms as Sebastian Alvez, Friedrich Edler von Breitenbach, Heinz Stobert, Walter Haschek, Jose Aspiazi, or

Lars Ballstroem.

Wiesenthal said Mengele obviously lives on money his family inherited from his father, owner of one of Europe's biggest factories for agricultural machinery. Although he was excluded from the heritage, he may over the years have been receiving payments from the South American agencies of the factory, Wiesenthal said. He also reported that Mengele drives a German Mercedes 280 SL, owns a yacht of the Viking type, and Mengele's wife lives in Merano, Italy.

Wiesenthal said he had no hope Mengele will be extradited. All German efforts so far failed, he noted, and that Poland, where Auschwitz is located, has not even tried to demand his extradition. According to the Nazi-hunter, it is impossible to get Mengele out of Paraguay "because the Germans established a powerful influence there." Wiesenthal said the Jewish community in Asuncion is under pressure by Paraguay authorities not to reveal any information about Mengele.

#### CARTER LETTER TO BEGIN

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 17 (JTA)—Sources close to Premier Menachem Begin profess themselves delighted with the tenor of a three-page personal letter to the Premier from President Carter delivered this week by U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis. "A real love letter" was how one top source described the missive.

The source said Carter reiterated in the firmest and warmest tones his commitment to Israel's security, and his personal manner of address to Begin gratefully bore out Begin's own repeated claim that the two men had established a real rapport.

But official sources were reticent as to the political content of the letter. Observers believed it dealt in part at least with the situation in southern Lebanon which has taken a turn for the worse in recent days. The fact that Damascus announced yesterday that President Hafez Assad of Syria had also received a letter from Carter—and also declined to disclose its contents—seemed to confirm the guess that Carter was appealing to both leaders to act with restraint and to restrain the warring parties in south Lebanon.

Begin last week became the first Israeli leader to acknowledge publicly that Israel extends direct military aid to the Lebanese Christians in their war with the Palestine Liberation Organization and leftist Moslems. Begin told an Israel Bonds conference in Jerusalem that Israeli artillery fires at Moslem guns when they open up on the beleaguered Christian villages in the border region. The Premier said that without Israeli aid the Christians would have been massacred.

#### EBAN, BALL DISAGREE ON U.S. ROLE TO ACHIEVE A MIDEAST SETTLEMENT

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Aug. 17 (JTA)—Former Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban and George Ball, Under Secretary of State in the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations, disagreed last night on whether American pressure is needed to bring about a Middle East settlement.

Appearing on the Public Broadcasting Service television's MacNeil/Lehrer Report, Ball said only U.S. pressure could bring about a settlement while Eban argued that the U.S. should confine itself to using its "good offices" to helping the Arabs and Israelis negotiate an agreement among themselves.

Ball, repeating the argument he made in a recent Foreign Affairs article, said the United States

has a "responsibility" to look after its own national interest and its principles. He said a settlement can be achieved in the Mideast only if the U.S. puts pressure on both Israel and the Arab nations.

Eban replied that if the U.S. were to try to force Israel to go against its convictions it would result only in the Jewish State taking a more stiff attitude since in the end it is Israeli blood that would be shed if things went wrong. He said the U.S. has to "respect the sovereignty even of small nations. The U.S. has not had much success in expressing its will on nations even weaker than Israel."

Eban also denied that the U.S. has the same leverage on the Arab states as on Israel. But Ball said Egypt has shown that it is leaning more to the U.S. and Saudi Arabia depends on the U.S. for defense against the Soviet Union, and perhaps Iran or Iraq.

#### Agree On Steps To Geneva

The two agreed that a Geneva conference should be prepared for in advance and that it would be better not to have a conference than to have it end in complete failure. But Ball said the conference must result in an overall peace settlement while Eban said partial agreements are still possible as a first step toward peace.

Both agreed that the Israeli government's announcement of extending equal social and welfare benefits to the West Bank and Gaza Strip is not a major setback to peace efforts. But Eban, who is in the U.S. to explain the policy of the new Israeli government, said that if he were in Israel he would agree with the criticism of the policy by members of the opposition Labor Alignment to which he belongs. He said this was not because it is "inherently wrong," but because it can result in "political rather than social or humanitarian interpretations."

Ball also said that it was not important except to point out that Israeli occupation for the last 10 years has prevented a million Arabs from achieving self-determination. Eban said he believes the "identity of the Palestinian Arabs" can be achieved in the context of Jordan. But he said Israel will not support the self-determination of the Palestinians if that means creating a state on its borders dedicated to the destruction of the State of Israel.

#### NO MORE SERVICE FLATS FOR MINISTERS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 17 (JTA)—With the exception of Premier Menachem Begin and Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, Cabinet ministers will no longer be entitled to service flats in the capital, Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich told a Knesset committee yesterday. Ehrlich said the flats that served Cabinet ministers until now would be sold or turned into government offices.

According to Ehrlich, at least 10 service flats have been empty since the new government took office or were used by their high-ranking tenants only once a week. Ehrlich suggested, therefore, that ministers in need of housing should use hotel rooms rather than an entire flat which is not fully utilized. The exceptions for Begin and Dayan were made because they must host overseas guests as part of their duties, Ehrlich explained.

#### GERMAN OFFICIAL CONFIRMS THAT NAZI WHO FLED ITALY IS IN GERMANY

By Jon Fedler

BONN, Aug. 17 (JTA)—Herbert Kappler, the 70-year-old former Rome gestapo chief who was serving a life sentence for ordering the shooting of 335 Italians and Jews is now in West Germany fol-

lowing his escape from a Rome Military Hospital. This was confirmed today by the State Prosecutor for the North German district of Lueneburg where Kappler is now hiding.

The prosecutor said that although Kappler had served 30 years—the maximum sentence in Germany for any crime—it would still be necessary for the German state to charge him for the murder of 335 Italians. But the central agency for dealing with Nazi war crimes said that since Kappler had been jailed for 30 years he could not be rejailed. Most observers see this as a technicality, since Kappler, who is reportedly suffering from intestinal cancer and weighs less than 100 pounds, would be able to delay a new trial indefinitely on grounds of ill health.

Bonn government sources confirmed that special security measures have been taken to protect both Kappler and his wife, Anneliese. Though no reasons were given, Bonn obviously fears the political repercussions of any attempt to kill or abduct the escapee or his wife. An attempt was made to kill Mrs. Kappler a year ago. Though the State Prosecutor did not disclose Kappler's exact whereabouts, he is believed to be staying at his wife's home in nearby Soltau.

#### Rome—Bonn Storm Brewing

Meanwhile, a major political row is brewing between West Germany and Italy over Kappler. A meeting planned this Friday between Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and Italian Premier Giulio Andreotti in Verona to discuss economic issues has been postponed at Rome's request to a "more suitable time," Bonn government sources said today.

Bonn government sources said a request for Kappler's extradition issued Monday night by Andreotti has not been received here. And they point out that with extradition of Germans from their home country expressly prohibited by the German constitution—no matter what crime they have committed—Bonn's hands are tied.

Meanwhile in Rome, about 250 Jews and non-Jews, many of whom were relatives of the 335 victims who were shot in 1941 on Kappler's order in reprisal for a partisan attack or who had themselves fought in the underground at the time, held a solemn demonstration and ceremony at the Ardeatine Caves where the victims are buried. A special section of the caves is reserved for the 70 Jews who were among the 335 killed.

Many of the demonstrators were skeptical of the official version of Kappler's escape. He reportedly escaped from the hospital carried in a suitcase by his wife. Mrs. Kappler, 52, described as a "rather robust woman," reportedly carried the trunk down three flights of stairs, placed it in a car, and drove to West Germany. Also present at the demonstration was Rabbi Piattelli of the Synagogue of Rome who recited a funeral homily. Fernando Piperno, president of Rome's Jewish community, demanded that Kappler be extradited. The organizers of the demonstration said they are planning other protests for later in the week.

#### ENCOURAGED BY SIGNS OF OIL FINDS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 17 (JTA)—Israeli oil prospecting companies' shares and stocks rose sharply in the Stock Exchange yesterday following a statement by Itzhak Modai, the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, that chances are better than previously believed for oil finds in three recent diggings.

Modai said indications of oil were especially encouraging in the off-shore drilling operations at El Arish where natural gas under high pressure was

found and in the Raffah area in northern Sinai and at Atour in the Gulf of Suez. However, oil experts said that in spite of Modai's optimistic statement it was too early to assume that there is enough oil at those locations to have any major significance. Only more drillings will determine if there is oil in workable quantities.

Nevertheless, Modai said there are sufficient encouraging indications which warrant continued searching for oil. The drilling at Atour, he noted, is financed by a foreign company and such an investment by a foreign firm would not have been undertaken unless there was a chance for an oil find. He concluded, therefore, that oil is present at Atour and the search for it will continue.

#### GOLAN TENTH ANNIVERSARY

TEL AVIV, Aug. 17 (JTA)—Merom Hagolan, the first Israeli settlement on the Golan Heights after the Six-Day War, is marking its 10th anniversary this month. It will also be the 10th anniversary of the beginning of the Golan Heights settlements. There are now 26 settlements on Golan with a population of 3600. Their agricultural output has already reached IL 240 million this year. This month also marks the beginning of the settlement of the Kazarin Township, the urban center of the Golan Heights.

#### POSTPONE ACTION ON ILO

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (JTA)—A Cabinet level meeting at the White House yesterday decided to put off final action on whether the United States will remain in the International Labor Organization after Nov. 5. That date marks the end of the two-year period of notice of intention by the U.S. to leave that United Nations body on the grounds that it has gone outside its charter and become politicized by its attacks on the U.S., Israel and others. The State Department said that for the "time being" the U.S. letter of withdrawal will stand.

AFL-CIO president George Meany, at the meeting with the Cabinet, pressed for an immediate decision for withdrawal. But Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and National Security Affairs Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski were said to have urged a delay of several more months.

#### FORMER UGANDAN OFFICIAL READY TO TESTIFY AMIN ORDERED BLOCH'S DEATH

LONDON, Aug. 17 (JTA)—A former Ugandan minister has agreed to testify that President Idi Amin ordered the death of Mrs. Dora Bloch if the British government takes the case to the International Court of Justice at The Hague. Henry Kiyemba, who was Uganda's Health Minister at the time of the Israeli rescue action at Entebbe Airport, has given this pledge to Greville Janner, MP.

Janner, who has been pressing for legal action against Uganda and for the recovery of Mrs. Bloch's body, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "We now have evidence from Mr. Kiyemba that President Amin ordered Mrs. Bloch's murder." It was, he added, now up to the British government to decide whether it wanted to take the matter to the International Court of Justice. Amin has maintained that Israel is responsible for Mrs. Bloch's disappearance.

The former Ugandan Health Minister, who has sought political asylum in Britain, will reveal more details of Mrs. Bloch's death and of the Entebbe rescue raid in a book to be published here next month.

CARTER'S ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (JTA)—President Carter today issued a Rosh Hashanah greeting to American Jews. The greeting stated:

"Rosalynn and I extend warmest greetings to our fellow Americans of the Jewish faith on the occasion of your High Holy Days, in which symbolically mankind passes in judgment before the heavenly throne."

"As you solemnly review and judge your own conduct during the past year, we are all reminded that we serve God most faithfully by showing concern for our friends and neighbors."

"In a world made small by modern technology, all peoples and nations have become closer together, and the concern for others has become more important than ever. This is the wellspring of our nation's commitments to human rights, and it is why we are determined that all of America's words and deeds will honor that commitment."

"Among the Rosh Hashanah prayers recited in the synagogue is one which looks toward the day when mankind will be joined in universal brotherhood. This is a prayer to which all of us add our heartfelt Amen as we wish each of you a happy and prosperous New Year."

ADL LEADER SAYS TIME IS NOT ON ISRAEL'S SIDE IN SEARCH FOR PEACE

CHICAGO, Aug. 17 (JTA)—The chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith cautioned the world Jewish community that time is not on the side of Israel in its search for peace in the Middle East. Burton Joseph of Minneapolis told the B'nai B'rith International Board of Governors meeting for its annual midsummer session that he is "terribly anxious" over the current diplomatic stalemate because of the apparent trends resulting from the huge reservoir of petrodollars flowing into and out of Arab coffers.

The Arab largesse of some \$80 billion annually has enabled the Arab states to enlarge their boycott against Israel to encompass the entire world, Joseph said. He added that despite the success of the American Jewish community, led by B'nai B'rith's ADL, in gaining legislation outlawing secondary and tertiary boycotts, the potential power held by the Arabs by virtue of these vast funds is likely to have an invidious effect.

"It is too much to expect" that all Western industrial and banking firms can—or will—resist the lure of the billions of dollars dangling before them, he declared. As a consequence, Jewish influence is likely to erode steadily as the Arabs continue to infiltrate the American economy, he said.

Joseph cited growing Arab toeholds and propaganda campaigns on both the college campuses and corporate boardrooms and said that Houston, Texas, —the oil center of the United States—is the "Arab capital in America." Yet, he added, peace in the Middle East cannot be imposed on the adversary states. It can come only from the nations whose lives are on the line.

SHCHARANSKY'S WIFE APPEALS TO CARTER TO HELP HER HUSBAND

NEW YORK, Aug. 17 (JTA)—Natalia Shcharansky, the wife of Anatoly Shcharansky, the Soviet Jewish activist who faces possible death on charges of treason, visited the Soviet Mission to the UN yesterday in an attempt to confront Soviet officials with a demand for her husband's release, but was rebuffed by Mission officials.

At the time, Mrs. Shcharansky, accompanied by a "Freedom Squad," issued a public appeal to

President Carter to immediately intervene on behalf of her husband, held incommunicado in a Moscow prison since March. With her was Bronx Borough President Robert Abrams, chairman, and other officials of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry which is sponsoring her visit to New York.

Mrs. Shcharansky said: "Anatoly must not come to trial. If that occurs, it is a certainty that other activists working for the human rights of Jews and freer emigration will follow him into the courtroom, and this will represent a severe blow to the Soviet Jewry movement inside the USSR."

She said further: "In their determination to build an iron-clad case against my husband, Soviet officials at the very highest level are interrogating Soviet Jews in cities across the Soviet Union for as much as eight and ten hours at a time. With every passing hour Anatoly's situation becomes more perilous. My husband has committed no crime. If he is to be free, the full force of world public opinion, and the intervention of world leaders concerned with human rights, must be brought to bear immediately."

Mrs. Shcharansky has visited nearly a score of countries since her husband was arrested on March 15 and accused of treason. She will confer here with top public officials and civic and religious leaders and also meet with community organizations throughout the city that have been active in the Soviet Jewry movement. Her husband, a 29-year-old computer specialist, was arrested after accusations in the Soviet press that he and other Jewish activists were agents of the CIA—an allegation that has been publicly refuted by President Carter.

HADASSAH-WIZO ASSESSES ITS ACTIVITIES IN ISRAEL

MONTREAL, Aug. 17 (JTA)—Two hundred members of Hadassah-WIZO from all over Canada met at the Four Seasons Hotel here in order to assess the activities of the child guidance clinic and research institute which it sponsors in Jerusalem. Numerous psychologists, sociologists and educators also participated.

Dr. Reuven Feuerstein, assisted by Malka Hoffman and Dr. Yaakov Rande of the Jerusalem Research Institute, explained how, through the enrichment program and the learning potential devices, handicapped children in Israel have become fully able and responsible citizens. Feuerstein, who pioneered the methods of developing the natural abilities in retarded children, explained how his methods achieved international success and are being applied in United States clinics and universities dealing with handicapped children.

The Hadassah-WIZO of Canada, whose 60th anniversary will be celebrated this year, holds its annual convention in Jerusalem from Nov. 6-16. "We shall dedicate the whole month of September to the distribution of information regarding the humanitarian role played by Hadassah-WIZO both in Canada and Israel," Mrs. Clara Balinsky, national president, said.

JERUSALEM (JTA)—The Israeli Pound was again devalued Tuesday night, making the exchange rate at IL 10.14 per dollar. The 1.96 percent devaluation took place 15 days after the previous mini-devaluation. There were four devaluations since the new government took office less than two months ago.

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Efforts were abandoned this week to find the body of Itzhak Pined, one of three pilots who was killed last month in a plane crash off the Ivory Coast.