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## ISRAEL REJECTS AS 'UNJUSTIFIED' U.S. CRITICISM OF WEST BANK POLICY

By David Landau and Yitzhak Shargil

JERUSALEM, Aug. 21 (JTA)—Israel rejected today as "unjustified" criticism by the United States of the decision by the government of Premier Menachem Begin to establish three new settlements on the West Bank. In a statement issued following the weekly Cabinet meeting, the government denied the assertion by the State Department last Thursday that the move created "obstacles to constructive negotiations."

"The government of Israel expresses regret at the unjustified remarks made in the name of the U.S. government by the State Department spokesman concerning the carrying out of an Israeli government decision adopted on April 19, 1977 (by the former Rabin government), relating to the establishment of three settlements in Judea and Samaria," the Cabinet statement said.

"The government of Israel cannot accept the assertion that Jewish settlement in the Land of Israel is regarded as illegal. The government of Israel reaffirms and states that settlement is not an obstacle to peace and will be no obstacle whatever in any negotiations for peace treaties." Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor refused to answer any questions by reporters after reading them the statement.

The State Department last week not only criticized the establishment of the new settlements but also Israel's decision to extend equal services to the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. In this connection the State Department expressed "regret" that Naor, when announcing the equalization decision, said that "Israel cannot annex the land of Israel for the people of Israel since it already belongs to them."

### White House: No Collision Course

(In Washington today the State Department had no comment on the Israel Cabinet statement. "Our statement of last week speaks for itself," a Department spokesman said. "We have nothing to add to it." But the spokesman did add: "As the President and other spokesmen have noted in the past, we do not believe that the long-standing close and friendly relationship between the United States and Israel are affected by disagreements of this type.")

(The White House said Friday that the U.S. and Israel are not on a "collision course" and that the Israel-U.S. discussions about the West Bank should not be seen as destroying their relationship. Presidential news secretary Jody Powell, who made the statement in response to reporter's questions about the consequences of the discord over the new settlements and the equalization policy, said "we expressed through diplomatic channels our concern, namely about recent steps in the West Bank.")

Meanwhile, Samuel Lewis, the U.S. Ambassador to Israel, in a meeting with Druze leaders in the Western Galilee, said that the U.S. will do nothing that would harm Israel or jeopardize its independence. He said Carter was ready to do anything needed to achieve peace in the Mideast.

### New West Bank Settlements Pending

Shmuel Katz, an advisor to Begin on informa-

tion and publicity, asserted in an Israel Radio interview yesterday that "In the case of Judea and Samaria and Gaza, territory that is part of our national heritage and belongs to the Jewish people, we do not want to give up any part of this territory. But, as we have said, if we shall find that in formulating a peace treaty—a real peace treaty, with all the paraphernalia of a peace treaty—that it is desirable or necessary to give up a part we shall naturally consider doing so. I think this is as far as we can go at the moment." Katz said he believed this was also Begin's view.

In newspaper interviews Friday, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan asserted Israel will continue to establish settlements on the West Bank. "The question is, how many and where?" he asked.

Dayan was asked about reports that he was for a slower pace on settlements than Agriculture Minister Ariel (Arik) Sharon, who heads the Ministerial Settlement Committee. "Like Arik, I also want unrestricted settlement wherever suitable land is available and there are settlers who want to take up residence there," Dayan said. "Like me, he (Sharon) is also aware of the political implications. But as for the principle of settlement, I do not think the government will stop new settlements. The question is, how many and where?"

Dayan said while the U.S. attitude toward the Palestine Liberation Organization is changing it has not reached the point where the U.S. is "trying to force Israel to negotiate" with the PLO. He said he does not expect to meet the Arab foreign ministers directly when he goes to New York but will talk to them through his meetings with Vance and President Carter. He said that as long as negotiations—even indirect negotiations—continue, a new war will not erupt in the Mideast.

### FRANCE ASSAILS ISRAEL

PARIS, Aug. 21 (JTA)—The French government has charged Israel with contravening "all United Nations resolutions on the subject" by extending Israeli services to the Gaza Strip and the West Bank and by establishing new Israeli settlements in this area. A French Foreign Ministry spokesman, who made this declaration at a regular press briefing Friday, added that these Israeli initiatives have "introduced new difficulties" in the search for peace.

The spokesman said "They are viewed with deep concern by the French government". He added, "at a time when negotiations seem to be progressing, such unilateral decisions can only introduce new complications and compromise chances for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East".

French diplomatic missions in West European capitals have reportedly been in touch with France's eight European Economic Community partners urging joint action on this subject. French officials say "the general response has been positive" to the French request.

### HERZOG REJECTS CHARGES THAT JEWISH SETTLEMENTS ON WEST BANK CONSTITUTE AN OBSTACLE TO MIDDLE EAST PEACE

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Aug. 21 (JTA)—Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, strongly rejected the charge that Israel's establishment of

Jewish settlements on the West Bank are an "obstacle" to peace.

"Let me remind you that for 19 years from 1948 till 1967 Israel was not establishing settlements in the West Bank" during the period the area was under Jordan, Herzog said in a speech scheduled to be delivered tonight at the 63rd annual national convention of Hadassah at the New York Hilton. "Did the Arabs talk of peace? Did the Arabs negotiate peace?"

The Israeli envoy declared that the "obstacle to peace is the Arab refusal to recognize the Jewish people's right to sovereignty in its ancient homeland. The obstacle to peace is an implacable Arab refusal to recognize Israel, to negotiate with Israel, to make peace with Israel. The obstacle to peace is the refusal of the Arab countries to sit down at the negotiating table with Israel."

Herzog also contended that the main issue in the Middle East is not the Arab-Israeli conflict but intra-Arab disputes as seen in Lebanon, North Africa and what he called Somalia's aggression against Ethiopia, among other conflicts. "The major problem facing the world in our area today is the Arab world, torn, disunited, working at cross purposes, conniving, conspiring one against the other, unstable, and prey every day in each country to the personal ambitions of some aspiring colonel or general," he said.

#### Reaffirms Opposition To PLO

Herzog reiterated Israel's opposition to any dealings with the Palestine Liberation Organization whose record he stressed "is based on the most brutal terrorism." He said there is no other example in the world except the PLO of an organization calling for the destruction of a nation and a people.

He said while the PLO has brought terrorism into the international arena "there are responsible leaders and statesmen in the world today who believe that by reading implied interpretations into alleged statements of leaders of the PLO, statements that have incidentally never been made by them but are reported by a third party or tendentious newspaper reports, they will solve the problems in the Middle East and bring peace to the world."

Herzog noted that those who say the PLO has changed are ignoring the statements of the PLO leaders themselves which still call for the elimination of the Jewish State.

#### Role Of Hadassah Stressed

Praising the work of Hadassah itself, Herzog noted that in contrast to the steady stream of abuse heaped on Israel from Arab countries, "is the constant stream of Arabs arriving from all over the Middle East in Israel in order to receive medical treatment in Hadassah hospitals. It is indeed as natural for the Arabs to discriminate against the few Jews who remain in the Arab countries as in the case of Syria . . . as it is for Hadassah to minister to the welfare of Arabs not only in Israel and territories administered by Israel but from the Arab world, and as it is for the State of Israel to give equal rights to its Arab population."

#### HISTADRUT URGES WEST GERMAN UNIONS TO SUPPORT KAPPLER EXTRADITION

TEL AVIV, Aug. 21 (JTA)--The Histadrut has appealed to the West German trade union movement to take a firm stand and support the extradition to Italy of Herbert Kappler, the former Rome Gestapo chief who escaped last week from a Rome military hospital. The Histadrut recalled that the Nazis persecuted the German trade union movement and sent many of its leaders to prison.

The West German government has refused to extradite Kappler, who was serving a life sentence for ordering the reprisal shooting of 335 Italian Jews and non-Jews during World War II.

The Israeli Labor Party, which is a member of the Socialist International along with the ruling German Social Democratic Party, has also urged Bonn to extradite Kappler. The World Federation of Jewish Fighters, Partisans and Camp Inmates has sent a cable of protest to Bonn.

(In Paris, a bomb exploded outside the Italian Consulate early this morning "in reprisal" for Italy's request for Kappler's extradition. A note was found outside the building signed by an organization calling itself "SS-France". The bomb caused little damage.)

#### DAYAN ASSESSES VANCE, KISSINGER

TEL AVIV, Aug. 21 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan finds Secretary of State Cyrus Vance more straightforward to deal with than his predecessor, Henry Kissinger. Asked for an assessment of the two, in an interview with Yediot Achronot last Friday, Dayan said: "Mr. Vance deals with problems in a far sharper and clearer way than Dr. Kissinger, less complicated and sophisticated. With Mr. Vance you know exactly where you stand. His word is a word. Dr. Kissinger, who is more complicated, leaves openings and strings which can be grasped. There is an incentive for parties to use these strings to proceed further. That is not so with Mr. Vance. You have to give him a yes or no."

#### NEW DOVISH GROUP FORMED

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 21 (JTA)--Members of the Labor Alignment, the Democratic Movement for Change and Sheli held a meeting yesterday to launch a new opposition grouping called the "Movement for Other Zionism" which its organizers described as an alternative to the hawkish line of Likud.

Participants gathered in a grove overlooking Jerusalem and displayed placards reading, "The Allon Plan died. The Green Line died. What will be the next victim?" Referring to the policy announced last Sunday that the government will provide services to residents of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip equal to that of Israelis, speaker after speaker demanded to know why the government decided to begin with "equalization of services" in the administered territories before it did so in Israel itself.

Yoram Alster, of the DMC, said Premier Menachem Begin did not receive a mandate from the electorate to implement his hawkish views, but came to power merely as a result of internal disunity within the dovish camp. Uri Sella, of the Alignment, warned that the Likud government represented a threat to Israel and therefore had to be fought "with all possible means". Eliezer Ronen, also of the Alignment, declared: "We should not be called sane Zionists, but rather those who are crazy enough to fight for our cause."

#### SLIGHT TREMOR IN JORDAN VALLEY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 21 (JTA)--The Seismological Institute of Israel's Institute of Geology reported that a minor earth tremor measuring four points on the Richter scale was felt in the Jordan valley last Thursday night. The epicenter was reported to have been some 30 miles northeast of Jerusalem. The shock was felt in some high-rise buildings in Jerusalem. Furniture was shaken but there was no damage, according to the report. The Jordan valley, part of the Syro-African rift, is known for seismic activity which caused a great deal of destruction in

past. The last severe quake was in 1927, during which there was loss of life and heavy damage.

**U.S. RABBIS ASSURED BY LIBERAL PARTY  
LEADERS LAW OF RETURN AMENDMENT HAS  
LITTLE CHANCE OF KNESSET PASSAGE**  
By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 21 (JTA)—Four American Conservative and Reform rabbinical leaders were assured today by two leaders of the Liberal Party, Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich and Jewish Agency treasurer Leon Dulzin, that an amendment to the Law of Return which would nullify non-Orthodox conversions had little chance of being adopted in the Knesset.

Ehrlich told the rabbinical leaders that his party, which together with Herut comprise the major components of Likud, would allow its Knesset representatives to vote their conscience on the issue. He added that since most of the Liberal Party Knesseters would vote against such an amendment, it was unlikely to pass.

The four rabbis—Stanley Rabinowitz, president of the (Conservative) Rabbinical Assembly; Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, RA executive vice-president; Rabbi Ely Pilchik, president of the (Reform) Central Conference of American Rabbis; and Joseph Glaser, CCAR executive vice president—were part of a delegation which met in New York with Premier Menachem Begin during the Premier's visit to the U.S. last month to discuss Begin's pledge to the National Religious Party and the Agudath Israel bloc that he would introduce an amendment which would change the Law of Return to require conversions "according to halacha."

After the discussion in New York, Begin invited the delegation to visit him in Jerusalem for further talks on the issue. The four rabbis arrived in Israel last Sunday for a 10-day visit but have not yet had their meeting with Begin. Meanwhile they have had meetings with former Defense Minister Shimon Peres, former Justice Minister Chaim Zadok and Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef.

**Alignment To Oppose Amendment**

Peres, now the leader of the opposition Labor-Alignment, told the four rabbis his party would vigorously oppose an amendment to the Law of Return, asserting it would "amount to a split in the Jewish people." Peres and Zadok, who met with the four rabbis last Thursday, told them they welcomed cooperation between the various denominations in Judaism but that the Labor Party would insist on retaining the status quo in the Law of Return on conversions.

The four rabbis met last Tuesday with Yosef. Despite the pleasant atmosphere of the talks, it was clear that Yosef and his guests did not have a common language. Yosef said conversions had been done according to halacha from the days of Moses and that this could not be changed. Declaring that "we are all brethren and there is one Torah for all of us," he urged his guests to work in other areas of concern in the Jewish community.

**DMC LEADERS RALLYING SUPPORT FOR  
DULZIN AS JEWISH AGENCY CHAIRMAN**  
By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 21 (JTA)—Another meeting was held today between Yigael Yadin, leader of the Democratic Movement for Change (DMC), and Likud leaders Leon Dulzin, who is treasurer of the Jewish Agency, and Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich but the topic was not possible renewed negotiations for the DMC to join Premier Menachem Begin's Likud-led government, but on rallying support from the DMC

for Dulzin's nomination to be chairman of the Jewish Agency. The subject of renewed negotiations was mentioned in passing.

Dulzin's backers believe he already has a majority for the post in the upcoming World Zionist Congress but they believe that the wider the support, the better. A suggestion was floated that the Likud approach the Labor Alignment to create a "wall-to-wall" coalition for Dulzin as Jewish Agency Executive chairman.

Dulzin and Ehrlich, who are leaders of the Liberal Party component in the Likud, reportedly suggested that, in exchange for support for Dulzin, the DMC would be given a portfolio in the World Zionist Organization Executive. The DMC was expected to meet and react favorably on condition the DMC received the portfolio which deals with the return of yordim—an area hitherto dealt with by the Agency Executive chairman.

The Labor Alignment is considering submitting the name of Itzhak Navon as a candidate for the post but Navon has said he would reject the proposal if he was not assured in advance of majority backing.

**ISRAEL WANTS INFORMATION ON  
ISRAELI CRIMINALS ABROAD**

JERUSALEM, Aug. 21 (JTA)—Israeli police have contacted recently several foreign police services for information on Israeli underworld figures sentenced in those countries during the last seven years. The Israeli information request came at the initiative of the special commission appointed earlier this month by Police Inspector General Haim Tavori to investigate organized crime in Israel.

The request was forwarded through Interpol to several police services both in Europe and the U.S. It was apparently made as part of the commission's effort to draw a profile of the scope of organized crime in Israel and its overseas connections.

A separate investigation, conducted by a senior police officer, is looking into allegations that a senior police officer served as a double agent, supplying organized crime in Israel with highly secret information from police headquarters. The allegations were made in one of the articles carried almost daily by Haaretz on organized crime in Israel.

In another development connected with organized crime, building contractor Bezalel Mizrahi filed a libel suit for IL10 million in a Tel Aviv court against Haaretz, its editor Gershon Shochen and reporter Avi Valentin, for allegedly slandering him by publishing articles claiming that he was one of the leaders of organized crime in Israel. This is the largest libel suit ever filed in Israel.

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NEW YORK (JTA)—Rabbi Alexander Schindler, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, announced the Conference would hold a policy review and planning session Thursday. He said the meeting would be limited to presidents and executive directors of the Conference's constituent members.

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AMSTERDAM (JTA)—The trial of Pieter Menten, charged with mass murders in the Lemberg area in the summer of 1941, will be resumed on Aug. 25. The special tribunal of the Amsterdam district court will then hear four witnesses from what is now Russian territory, who will come to Amsterdam at the request of the public prosecutor.

## HADASSAH PRESIDENT: WEAK NATIONS NEED 'PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT'

NEW YORK, Aug. 21 (JTA)--"If Israel is to hold its own against the united Arab world--rich in geography, rich in people, super-rich in oil and money--the United States cannot realistically be even handed. It must favor Israel," Bernice S. Tannenbaum, president of Hadassah, said tonight at the opening plenary of Hadassah's 63rd annual national convention meeting at the New York Hilton Hotel. This was her first major public address since assuming the presidency last August.

Mrs. Tannenbaum declared that "In order to protect the rights of smaller, weaker nations, they must receive preferential treatment--call this the 'righting of the diplomatic balance of power'. The Helsinki Accord illustrates 'that might makes right' despite the constitutions, amendments, resolutions and the Declaration of the United Nations guaranteeing the integrity and sovereignty of nations, Russia's total absorption of Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia, and its annexation of large parts of Finland, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Rumania--was legitimized."

Furthermore, she said, "the recent Belgrade meeting confirms that despite President Carter's valiant efforts, the Soviets have no intention of being held accountable for the human rights provisions to which they agreed in Helsinki."

### Issues Of Jobs, Energy Self-Sufficiency

Linking human rights abroad to the United States' responsibility for the social and economic rights of its own citizens, Mrs. Tannenbaum said: "Only too recently we, in New York, experienced what happens in a blackout. Doctors took over for machines in intensive-care units. Autos couldn't get gas from pumps that depend on electricity, the entire railway transportation system--our security life-line--was immobilized. What happened in New York can happen here again and in other parts of the country as well."

Noting that the Hadassah convention, which ends Wednesday, will devote "an important part" of its sessions to the question of energy conservation "because that is a national concern," Mrs. Tannenbaum stated: "However, the other part of the blackout story in New York is equally important, and that has to do with the looting of small business in the ghettos by ghetto people. This, too, could happen anywhere in the United States where the long-time deprivation has been neglected. It is a warning which must be heeded."

Last year when Hadassah held its convention in Washington, "a survey of our leadership revealed the two issues that concerned them the most were (1) jobs, even before the control of inflation, and (2) energy self-sufficiency," the Hadassah leader said.

"President Carter in his campaign also identified these two issues as his top priorities. In January of 1977, just before the inauguration, I repeated to the press in Israel, in response to questions about President-elect Carter, these two prime concerns of our members and I added, 'The United States must be economically and socially sound if it is to be an effective leader of the free world. We hope therefore, that Mr. Carter will give top priority to these two challenging problems which are basic to peace at home and in the world. We still believe this.'"

Returning to the energy issue, Mrs. Tannenbaum concluded: "We are an organization of 360,000 women, representing with their families

and friends, millions of American citizens. We are prepared to cooperate with the President's energy program. However, car pooling, turning off TV one day a week, and restricting the use of appliances, are not enough. We look to President Carter to lead the Congress and the people with bold and innovative programs."

## WJC'S FIGHT AGAINST RACISM WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY LAGOS CONFAB'S REFUSAL TO INVITE JEWISH GROUP

NEW YORK, Aug. 21 (JTA)--Philip M. Klutznick, chairman of the Governing Board of the World Jewish Congress (WJC), said the denial of permission to attend the United Nations-sponsored World Conference for Action Against Apartheid being held Aug. 22-26 in Lagos, Nigeria, will in no way diminish the WJC's fight against racism. In a statement issued here, Klutznick declared:

"We very much regret that our efforts as an international Non-Governmental Organization in consultative status with the UN since 1947 to be helpful at a UN-sponsored conference in whose purposes we have a very real concern, have been rejected. Many observers will conclude that there has taken place an act of discrimination unworthy of a conference held under the auspices of the UN. The refusal to permit our participation created a situation that led Israel to feel compelled to withdraw from the Lagos conference."

"The efforts of the World Jewish Congress to strengthen human rights and advance human freedom date back to its establishment in 1936. We contributed actively to the drafting of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. Our disappointment at the action of the conference organizers will in no way diminish our efforts to promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, regardless of race, color, religion or ethnic origin, nor will it affect our commitment to the struggle against apartheid and all forms of racism and racial discrimination."

The meeting in Lagos is being sponsored by the UN, the Organization of African Unity and other organizations. About 50 countries, most of them Third World or Communist, are due to attend. Israel, which can attend as a member of the UN, announced last week that it would not do so in protest against the exclusion of the WJC, while the Palestine Liberation Organization and a pro-PLO UN committee were invited.

### ISRAEL'S UN DELEGATION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 21 (JTA)--An equal number of Likud and Labor Alignment Knesseters will comprise the Israeli delegation to the United Nations General Assembly when it reconvenes next month. Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan will head the delegation.

According to a report here today, Likud has thus far only named Zalman Shoval. Other members are due to be named shortly. The Alignment members will be Gad Yaacobi, Adi Amori and Ora Namir. The Democratic Movement for Change, with one representative, has selected David Golomb. The National Religious Party, also with one representative, has not yet announced its delegate.

In addition to the UN delegation, a Knesset delegation will also be present at the European Parliament session in Luxembourg which begins in October. It will be comprised of Yosef Tamir, Eitan Livni and Menachem Savidor, all of Likud; Chaim Barlev and Danny Rosolio, of the Alignment; Binyamin Halevy, of the DMC; and Avraham Melamed, of the NRP.