

STATE DEPT. MUM ON LATEST PLO MOVE

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 (JTA)—The State Department refrained from any criticism this week-end of the latest resolution adopted by the 55-member Palestine Liberation Organization Central Council which condemned "all of the United States and Zionist maneuvers," again rejected UN Security Council Resolution 242 and called for "increasing our continuous armed struggle against Zionist occupation."

At the same time, President Carter continued to voice optimism about chances for peace progress in the Middle East and affirmed that any country which "proved to be intransigent or an obstacle" to such progress would suffer "the condemnation of the rest of the world."

The PLO resolution, adopted Friday at the Council meeting in Damascus, reiterated "that the Palestinian cause is the crux of the Middle East conflict and warns against giving credence to imperialist and Zionist promises and that it is impossible to achieve a just and lasting peace but on the basis of securing the rights of our people."

PLO Urges Confrontation With Israel

In addition, the resolution appealed "to the Arab nations on both official and popular levels to live up to the national responsibility and confront the plot forged by those powers that are the enemy of our people, such as Zionist and American imperialism, and to extricate themselves from the confines of hesitation into confrontation." According to reports from Damascus, the resolution was adopted unanimously at the end of the Council's two-day meeting.

While the State Department declined to discuss the PLO's resolution it did comment that Carter's statement of Aug. 8 "stands" as the U.S. position. At that time, Carter said in Plains, Ga. that if the PLO would accept Resolution 242 and express the view that the Palestinians have additional status other than refugees, it "would suit us fine." The State Department noted also that Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's talks with the Mideast foreign ministers in New York next month are "continuing no matter what the PLO position is."

(In Jerusalem, Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres said today that the PLO has proven once again that it is a violent organization whose main objective is to annihilate Israel and that it is incapable of any change even for the limited purpose of improving its public image.)

U.S. May Reduce Its Mideast Involvement

Meanwhile, Carter, in his remarks Friday to a group of visiting editors expressed "doubt that our government would continue to spend as much time and effort ... on a continuing basis" on the Mideast problem unless all the parties involved in the conflict demonstrate that they genuinely want a comprehensive settlement. He said he had found a growing impatience among European and other countries at the lack of progress toward peace.

The President pledged, however, to maintain a search for Mideast peace but added, according to a text of his remarks released yesterday, "I have to say there is going to be a great deal of disillusionment on our part and around the world if some progress is not demonstrated within this year."

Carter contended that Vance's recent Mideast trip was "very successful and that the Secretary found 'a much more compatible relationship among Arab leaders. I think we still have a chance for progress there.'"

BEGIN, CEAUDESCU FOCUS ON MIDEAST

PEACE PROSPECTS, ROLE OF PLO

By Gil Sedan and Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28 (JTA)—Premier Menachem Begin, who is visiting Rumania, is scheduled to have a second meeting with President Nicolae Ceausescu tomorrow in which they will concentrate on the prospects of a Middle East settlement and the role of the Palestine Liberation Organization in negotiations.

The two leaders discussed these issues, along with the problem of reuniting Rumanian Jews with their families in Israel, during their first meeting Friday. But the issue of the PLO appears to be the main point of difference between the Rumanians and the Israelis.

Rumanian leaders constantly stressed to Begin their belief that the PLO must be included in the settlement process. Begin in turn emphasized that the PLO wanted to destroy Israel and cited the PLO's rejection Friday of United Nations Resolution 242 as an example of the terrorist organization's true character.

Begin Clashes With Manescu

Despite the differences, Begin's meeting with Ceausescu was considered much warmer than the cool reception he received on his arrival in Bucharest Thursday followed by a public clash with Rumanian Premier Manea Manescu. The clash occurred at a state dinner Thursday night when Manescu, in his toast of welcome, urged the PLO's participation at Geneva and called for total Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories and the creation of a Palestinian state. Departing from his prepared text, Begin said "it is my sad duty to inform you that the PLO wants to annihilate the Jewish State. No country would conduct negotiations with such an organization."

Manescu had also expressed Rumania's concern "at the giving of legal status to, and the establishment of, new Israeli settlements in the West Bank as well as the extension to the West Bank and Gaza Strip of the Israel Public Service legislation." To this Begin replied that the Six-Day War had been a war of self-defense and that such wars do result in boundary changes under international law.

During the picture-taking session between Begin and the Rumanian President on Friday, reporters were allowed to hear the conversation between the two which centered on the sacrifice that the Rumanian and the Jewish people had made against Nazism. "In 1944 you had to liberate yourself from the Nazi yoke and we, too, had to fight for national liberation in our country," Begin said. Ceausescu said millions died in the war, "therefore now we must do everything we possibly can to avoid another war, to build peace."

The Jerusalem Post reported that Begin spent the Sabbath with the Bucharest Jewish community and attended services in the synagogue, which he termed

as "the most moving day in my life since the day Israel declared her independence." When a choir of boys and girls sang the popular song, "Jerusalem of Gold," composed shortly after Jerusalem was reunited in 1967, Begin wept openly.

The Sabbath was brought in early at the huge synagogue on the instructions of Chief Rabbi Moshe Rosen, to enable the Israeli and American TV crews covering the visit to record the Premier's address to the congregation. During the address, Begin choked up as he spoke to the packed synagogue "in the language that my mother spoke to me—Yiddish."

He dwelt on the Holocaust, and on the meaning of Israel's independence—the reassurance that Jews would not be led defenseless to the slaughter ever again. "We have a broad and beautiful country," Begin said, "big enough for all the Jews who want to come and live in it."

Yesterday, Begin also attended synagogue services where he was called up for the maftir and read in firm and dramatic voice the haftara from Isaiah prophesying redemption for Zion and the ingathering of the exiles. At a kiddush after the service Begin spoke again in Yiddish, assuring the congregation of better days ahead.

Religious, State Officials At Reception

The Rumanian Orthodox Patriarch Justin Moisescu was among the guests at a reception last night at the Jewish Community Center in honor of Begin. Greek Catholic, Roman Catholic and Protestant prelates were also present, as well as the city's Moslem Imam Regups Ali, and the director of the government's Department of Culture.

Begin invited them all to visit Jerusalem, assuring the Moslem dignitary of true Oriental hospitality "in the spirit of our common ancestor, Abraham." Begin went out of his way, the Post reported, to praise the Rumanian government, singling out Ceausescu for his policy of tolerance toward religious practice. Begin spent today touring the countryside accompanied by the Rumanian President.

WHITE HOUSE INAUGURATES WEEKLY SUMMATION OF AMERICAN JEWISH NEWS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 (JTA)—In addition to the usual methods of keeping informed on views of leaders within the various segments of the American citizenry, the White House has inaugurated a weekly summation of American Jewish news developments and commentaries for the use of the President's senior advisors.

The first such summary, dated Aug. 15, contained a dozen legal size pages. It reported on the contents of various American Jewish weeklies and the English-language Jerusalem Post. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency's Daily News-Bulletin is received directly by one Presidential advisor. Reports on the Hebrew-language dailies in Israel are made available separately to the White House by the State Department which receives them from the American Embassy in Tel Aviv.

Up to now, the White House has followed the traditional means of keeping abreast of the views of American Jews—meetings of officials with Jewish leaders, telephone calls and letters to the White House, and reports in publications of general circulation.

The addition of the special Jewish press summary prepared at the White House was seen as indicating that the White House regards the Jewish publications as essential to a more profound and comprehensive understanding of the Jewish com-

munity's views on U.S. policy as it unfolds in its attempts to formulate a Middle East settlement.

U.S. JEWISH BOOK PUBLISHERS SENDING DELEGATION OF FOUR AND AN EXHIBIT OF 200 JEWISH BOOKS TO MOSCOW BOOK FAIR

NEW YORK, Aug. 28 (JTA)—The Association of Jewish Book Publishers has disclosed it was sending a delegation of four persons and an exhibit of more than 200 Jewish books, published in the United States, to the first International Book Fair scheduled in Moscow Sept. 6-14.

Jacob Steinberg, Association president, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the announcement had been withheld until the delegation members had received their visas and until the books were shipped to Moscow. Steinberg, founder of Twayne Publishers and now with Bobbs-Merrill Co., and David Olivestone, senior editor of the Hebrew Publishing Co., head the delegation. Steinberg said the names of the other two members were being withheld for the present.

Some of the publishers whose books were shipped to Moscow for the fair are the Jewish Publication Society, Schocken Books, Bobbs-Merrill, Ktav Publishing, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. The latter is the central agency for Reform synagogues.

Steinberg said the exhibit was meant to exemplify the wide variety of books of Jewish interest published in this country and to provide a basis for the discussion of publishing rights and related matters with publishers in the USSR and other countries to be represented at the fair.

He said that, according to the Moscow fair rules, the exhibits will be open to the general public as well as to publishers, librarians and other professional book personnel. He said the American delegation will leave Sept. 3. Steinberg said the Association did not expect any problems in regard to acceptance of the Jewish books it had sent for exhibit. He said the Association's exhibitors will observe the Sabbath and the High Holy Days in Moscow and hoped to attend synagogue services on those days.

JACOB ARVEY DEAD AT 81

CHICAGO, Aug. 28 (JTA)—Funeral and burial services were held Friday for Jacob M. Arvey, a Democrat Party leader in Chicago for many decades and widely active in Jewish affairs, who died of heart failure last Thursday at the age of 81.

The son of poor Russian Jewish parents, he grew up on Chicago's West Side and engaged in politics during the day while working his way through law school at night. From 1946 to 1953 he was considered the undisputed Democratic leader of Chicago.

Arvey was a member of the board of Brandeis University, the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, Mount Sinai Hospital of Miami and the Jewish Home for the Aged in Chicago and Miami. He was active in the American Friends of Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University, the Joint Distribution Committee, B'nai B'rith, the United Jewish Appeal, the Jewish National Fund, the National Jewish Hospital of Denver, the American ORT Federation, the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science.

Among his many honors were the United States Legion of Merit, Man of the Year of the JNF of Chicago in 1957 and the Israel Bond Organization Man of the Century in 1964. He was assistant State

Attorney of Cook County, Master of Chancery in Circuit Court of Cook County, and Democratic national committeeman from Illinois. He won the rank of Colonel in World War II.

Arvey had served as special gifts chairman for the Combined Jewish Appeal, predecessor to the Jewish United Fund. He had also been a board member of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. Marvin N. Stone, president of both agencies, and James P. Rice, executive vice-president of the two agencies, issued a statement declaring that "we of the Jewish community of Chicago recall his memory and his shared concern with deep affection and great respect."

STATE DEPARTMENT OPENS DOOR FOR PLO MEMBERS TO ENTER THE U.S.

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 (JTA)--The State Department made it clear Friday that while the United States continues to regard the Palestine Liberation Organization as "proscribed," it will allow members of the group to enter the United States and represent the PLO if they are "not bent on sabotage" or are not "terrorists." Each applicant will be examined on an individual basis.

The road appeared to be cleared of most obstacles for the PLO to conduct "information offices" in the U.S. since it had registered last Nov. 18 with the Department of Justice as a foreign agent and has official authorization to meet members of Congress and Administration officials, among others.

At that time, the State Department declared the opening of a PLO office in Washington was "not propitious" and found the visa application of one of the proposed officials, Sibri Jiriyis, as having had false information. He was directed to leave the country.

Basis For Change Explained

However, John Tratfner, a State Department spokesman, disclosed the new U.S. position at a media briefing last Friday. He pointed to the inclusion of the McGovern amendment to the State Department's authorization legislation which President Carter signed into law Aug. 17 as the basis for the change.

This amendment, introduced by Sen. George McGovern (D. SD), who has strongly advocated U.S. communication with the PLO, said its purpose is to achieve "greater U.S. compliance" with the Helsinki agreement and to encourage other signatory countries to comply with it.

The law allows the Secretary of State, "within 30 days of receiving an application for a non-immigrant visa by any alien who is excludable from the United States by reason of membership in or affiliation with a proscribed organization but who is otherwise admissible to the U.S.," to recommend that the Attorney General grant the approval necessary for the issuance of a visa to such an alien "unless the Secretary determined that the admission of such alien would be contrary to the security interests of the United States."

The Secretary would have to certify this determination to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman. Tratfner said "the new legislation does not change the fact that there are certain proscribed organizations, including the PLO."

He said that applications for visas from PLO representatives will be examined on "an individual basis," adding, "We do not intend to allow terrorists or those bent on sabotage to enter the

country." He said that a visa application from a PLO member is pending in the State Department but that he could not identify the applicant. The PLO, which has an office in New York, holds observer status at the United Nations.

HEARING SET ON COMPLAINT THAT VOTING DATE CONFLICTS WITH ROSH HASHANAH

NEWPORT, R.I., Aug. 28 (JTA)--A hearing has been set for Tuesday in federal court here on a complaint that Newport's several hundred Jews have been denied an opportunity to vote in the municipal election set for Sept. 13, the first day of Rosh Hashanah, violating the federal Civil Rights Act. The Attorney General asked that the election be postponed.

Newport Jewish leaders, noting the election date conflict, had appealed to Gov. Philip Noel, who asked the state Supreme Court to issue an opinion postponing the vote. The court said it was bound by the wording of the law, which permits postponement of primaries but not municipal elections, and rejected the request.

The Newport Board of Canvassers suggested they would look the other way if Jewish voters mailed in absentee ballots, created for residents out of state on election dates. But Jewish leaders, led by Rabbi Theodore N. Lewis, rabbi of the 214-year-old Touro Synagogue, rejected this as a subterfuge.

At that point, the Attorney General filed suit, acting on his "common power" to prevent "a public wrong." Lewis said that if the Attorney General's suit failed, "at least, we will have the satisfaction of knowing we tried everything." He added that he was "very distressed" at anything in the United States "that even has the aroma of Jewish people being denied their rights."

Lewis said the date conflict was forcing Newport Jews "to choose between our religious beliefs and our constitutional rights," adding that "if we cannot vote, that will make us less American."

YOUNG SUPPORTS GOALS OF SOVIET JEWRY

NEW YORK, Aug. 28 (JTA)--Andrew Young, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, has sent a letter to the International League for the Repatriation of Russian Jews supporting the goals of the Soviet Jewry movement, it was announced by Rabbi Benjamin Blech, League president. The communication was sent to the League in conjunction with its Tenth Annual Solidarity Dinner for Russian Jewry to be held Saturday evening, October 22 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, honoring Ms. Gloria Wang of Great Neck, Long Island.

In his letter, according to Blech, Young said: "We cannot seek any more important goal than to foster respect for the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all individuals. Among these basic principles is that contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which states that all people have the right to leave any country including his own, and to return to his country... I commend all of you for the work you have done to impress upon the Soviet authorities the need to permit the emigration of those Soviet citizens who wish to leave their country, and I hope you will continue to be successful in pursuit of this cause."

The League, which claims to be America's oldest Soviet Jewry organization, is committed to securing the right of repatriation for the Jews of the Soviet Union and East Europe.

ORTHODOX JEWISH TEACHERS PROTEST VETO OF RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY BILL

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, Aug. 28 (JTA)--A spokesman for Gov. Hugh Carey said that the governor had vetoed a bill to permit New York City public school teachers to deduct from their cumulative absence reserve absences for religious reasons because of technical problems but that the Governor intended to seek ways to resolve the problem.

Carey responded to a protest from the Association of Orthodox Jewish Teachers (AOJT), which declared that the veto of the Stavisky-Silverman-Lewis bill had caused "dismay" to "the thousands" of Orthodox teachers in the city public school system and to the "Orthodox community in general." The AOJT said that it was "especially significant" that both Houses of the State Legislature passed the measure this year, after it had been introduced several times previously, because it was opposed by the New York City Board of Education.

Phil Kipust, former president of the AOJT, declared that the measure would not lead to increased teacher absence or cost the city extra money but would eliminate "a form of discrimination against religiously observant teachers and place them on a par with most public and private employes throughout the country."

Explains Reason For Veto

In his veto message, Carey said the bill "addresses a continuing concern of public employes who belong to religious denominations that require the abstinence from work on days of religious observance." He noted that because teachers employed by the Board of Education in New York "can only charge up to three days of their religious observance against personal business or leave days, a limited number who are required to be absent more than three days during the school year because of their religious beliefs are placed in a position of conflict."

Agreeing that the vetoed bill "provides those teachers with the opportunity to meet both their obligations to their employer and their faith," the Governor said, however, that "it does so in a manner which undermines the state's Taylor Law" which governs labor relations between the state and public employes.

Carey declared, in his veto message, that "leave benefits for public employes are proper subjects for negotiations and are to be determined by collective bargaining. This legislation removes the issue from the collective bargaining process by statutorily requiring benefits which should be left to agreement between the parties pursuant to the Taylor Law."

Carey added that "little justification" had been given "for limiting the application of the bill not only to one geographic area of the state but to the class of public employes. In doing so, it discriminates against all other public employes."

He said disapproval of the measure had been recommended to him by the State Department of Education, the City Board of Education, the Conference of Large City Boards of Education, the State Office of Employee Relations, the civil service department, the New York Conference of Mayors and the Emergency Financial Control Board for New York City, among other agencies.

A spokesman for Carey said "we will continue to seek ways to alleviate the problem." The bill Carey vetoed was introduced by three New York City Democratic state legislators: Sen. Albert Lewis, Assemblyman Leonard Stavisky and Assemblyman now judea—Leonard Silverman.

NEO-NAZIS BARRED FROM MARCHING

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 (JTA)--A lower court order in Illinois barring neo-Nazis from parading with swastikas in Skokie, a Chicago suburb where 7000 Nazi death camp survivors reside, was allowed to stand Friday by Supreme Court Justice John Stevens.

The National Socialist Party had asked Stevens to issue a stay of the lower court order, which would have permitted such Nazi marches, while the state lower court ban was being appealed. The Illinois State Supreme Court, under an order from the U.S. Supreme Court, has set Sept. 20 as the date for hearing arguments for appeal of the order. The American Civil Liberties Union is representing the Nazis.

Stevens said he was "confident" the Illinois Supreme Court would make its decision without "unnecessary delay" and that because giving the stay the Nazis asked for would be "tantamount to a decision on the merits in favor" of the Nazis, and that he therefore would not grant the requested stay.

SERIOUS FINANCIAL DEFICIT HITS BUDAPEST JEWISH COMMUNITY

BUDAPEST, Aug. 28 (JTA)--The Budapest Jewish community is faced with a serious financial deficit which could jeopardize its communal services. The community's President, Imre Heber, told the community's annual general assembly that the financial problems to be faced "are very serious".

Heber said that while expenses have soared because of rising prices, the community's income has remained unchanged. The community operates 30 synagogues, a kosher restaurant, a school, a communal center and a home for the aged.

Heber said that this infrastructure, "the largest in this part of the world," is now being endangered by financial considerations. He called upon all community members to increase their contributions to the community fund. The President of the Orthodox community, Herman Fixler, who attended the meeting, launched a similar appeal. He said that Hungarian Jewry "will overcome all difficulties" and continue operating all its services.

VANCE TO MEET WITH KREISKY, GROMYKO

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 (JTA)--The State Department has announced that Secretary of State Cyrus Vance would meet in Vienna with Chancellor Bruno Kreisky on Sept. 6 and with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in Vienna on Sept. 7-8.

The Department said the principal topic of talks between Vance and Gromyko would be SALT negotiations but that the Middle East would be touched on. The Department spokesman declined to say what Vance and Kreisky would discuss. However, Kreisky has long been an advocate of the Palestine Liberation Organization participation in any reconvened Geneva Mideast peace conference.

BOMB BLAST INJURES ARAB

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28 (JTA)--A bomb went off in the crowded Gaza vegetable market yesterday seriously injuring an Arab. The small explosive charge was hidden under a cart in the market, the largest in the Gaza Strip, according to security forces. Another bomb also went off yesterday near the Jaffa Gate in Jerusalem. Nobody was hurt and there was no damage.

There will be no Daily News Bulletin dated September 5 due to Labor Day, a postal holiday.