

## KNESSET TO CONVENE ON FOREIGN POLICY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29 (JTA)--The Kneset will interrupt its summer recess to convene in special session Thursday at the government's request, to hear a policy statement by Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan. His statement will be followed by a scheduled four-hour debate.

Premier Menachem Begin, who will be back from Rumania by then, is expected to renew his efforts to push through a resolution supported by all parties other than the Democratic Front for Peace (Rakoh) reiterating Israel's refusal to talk to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Although last week the Labor Alignment and the Democratic Movement for Change repulsed Begin's bid, the PLO's Central Council's rejection in Damascus last Friday of Security Council Resolution 242 may give Begin more ammunition. The Alignment and DMC had planned to submit a demand for a special session on motions of their own about Israel's foreign policy, but failed to move before the government did.

## FRENCH GOVERNMENT RENEWS DIALOGUE WITH NATION'S JEWISH COMMUNITY

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Aug. 29 (JTA)--The French government today renewed its dialogue with France's half-million Jews as Premier Raymond Barre played host to a five-man Jewish delegation led by Baron Alain de Rothschild. After the meeting the two sides described the discussions as "cordial and frank."

Barre invited the delegation to lunch at his official residence in Hotel Matignon. A similar delegation was hosted by President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing last spring at the Elysee Palace.

A member of the delegation said "all subjects" were discussed. Among these were the anti-boycott law voted by the French Parliament in June and shelved by the government one month later, the European stand on the Middle East and France's own diplomatic initiatives in the area.

Observers eye the meeting as an attempt by the government to try and woo the Jewish electorate six months before the forthcoming Parliamentary elections. Recent public opinion polls show that should the elections be held now, the Socialist-Communist coalition would win by a 54 percent majority. The government, according to these observers, is trying to woo the Jewish electorate before the confrontation at which every vote will count.

Most major French Jewish organizations were represented at today's lunch. These include the Alliance Israélite Universelle, the Franco-Israeli Alliance, the CRIF (Representative Council of French Jewish Organizations) and the French Consistory.

## U.S. MOVES TO REVOKE CITIZENSHIP OF FORMER TREBLINKA CAMP GUARD

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29 (JTA)--The civil suit filed in federal District Court in Cleveland Aug. 24 to revoke the U.S. citizenship of a 57-year-old Ford Motor Company mechanic for alleged atrocities at the Treblinka concentration camp in

Poland during World War II, marks the seventh such case brought by the U.S. government against suspected Nazi war criminals in this country.

John Demjanjuk, born in the Ukraine and a resident of the U.S. since 1952, is accused of the atrocities while serving as a guard at Treblinka. Demjanjuk, according to an affidavit filed by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, is said to have used swords to push Jews into gas chambers and stabbed or severed parts of their bodies before pushing them into the chambers.

Demjanjuk and the other six face deportation suits if the government is successful in revoking their citizenship. The others are Feodor Fedorenko, 70, a Ukrainian, charged in Miami; Mike Posker, 76, a Lithuanian, charged in Los Angeles; Serge Kowalchuk, 57 and his brother Mykola Kowalchuk, 52, both born in Poland, charged in Philadelphia; Frank Walus, 55, born in Germany; and Bishop Valerian Trifa, 63, who led the fascist Iron Guard in Rumania.

Deportation proceedings have been started against four permanent resident aliens who are not naturalized citizens. They are: Velis A. Hazners, 72, Albany, N.Y.; Bronius Kaminskas, 74, Hartford, Conn.; Boleslav Matkovskis, 73, New York and Karlis Detlavs, 66, Baltimore.

## Charges Against Demjanjuk

The Justice Department suit charged that Demjanjuk, who lives in the Cleveland suburb of Seven Hills, lied on his 1951 application for an immigration visa when he denied that he had taken part in the persecution of any person because of race, religion or national origin. The suit also said he had withheld the fact that he had been a member of the Ukrainian Guard which served with the German SS guards in Treblinka. The INS has also filed an affidavit charging that at the time of the atrocities Demjanjuk was 22 and was known as Ivan Grozny.

The government said that Demjanjuk entered the U.S. under the Displaced Persons Act in 1952 and became a citizen in Cleveland on Nov. 14, 1958.

## BEGIN'S MEETINGS IN RUMANIA SEEN AS A 'LIMITED SUCCESS'

By Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29 (JTA)--As Premier Menachem Begin's five-day official visit to Rumania was ending today, political observers in Jerusalem were asking whether the journey had been worth it. As reports started to flow in here tonight about Begin's five-hour meeting earlier in the day with Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, the consensus was that it was a "limited success."

The very fact that a joint communique was being prepared by Begin and Ceausescu was seen as an achievement. The visit which started off Thursday with a cold reception from Rumanian Premier Manea Manescu turned warm when Begin had his first meeting with the Rumanian President on Friday and continued so for the rest of his stay.

It is stressed here that in spite of the open clash at the state dinner between Begin and Manescu over the Palestine Liberation Organization, Rumania is still the only country in East Europe that maintains diplomatic relations with Israel.

It was further stressed here that divergent opin-

ions are not only legitimate but natural, and that at least up until now Rumania has not broken diplomatic relations with Israel because of the differences on key political issues in the Middle East area.

#### Role Of Rumania Assessed

It is also assumed that at one point or another, Rumania still aspires to assume a role of intermediary in the Mideast conflict. It was recalled today that former Premier Golda Meir notes in her memoirs, "My Life," that when she visited Rumania while she was Premier, there was a top secret plan to arrange a meeting for her with "a highly important leader" in the Arab world. Though Mrs. Meir never mentioned the name of the leader whom she was to meet, it is assumed that it was Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

The fact that Rumania had once made an attempt to play an important role in the efforts to bring about an agreement in the area was seen here today as an indication that she might still want to play such a role.

This assumption is given further weight by reports from Rumania that Begin has asked Ceausescu to brief the Soviet Union and the Arab countries about their talks. However, observers tend to doubt the importance of the role which Rumania can play in the conflict, though the idea is not altogether rejected.

Meanwhile, the reports which claimed a "mystery" over Begin's disappearance for a few hours yesterday and assumptions that secret talks might have been held somewhere were firmly denied. Dan Patir, the Premier's press advisor, said that no secret talks with anyone were held when the Premier's motorcade was separated from the bus carrying newsmen for several hours while touring Transylvania. Upon Begin's return, his trip will be evaluated after he gives the government a report of his visit and the talks he held in Rumania.

#### GROWING HOSTILITY BETWEEN RABIN, PERES

By Tuvia Mendelson

**JERUSALEM, Aug. 29 (JTA)**--The hostility between former Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres, the leader of the Labor Alignment, has reached a new peak, informed sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today. The growing tension between the two Labor leaders is causing the party great damage and is one of the major reasons the party is unable to recover from the devastating defeat it suffered in the last general elections, observers and politicians here believe.

The new source of tension between Rabin and Peres stems from an interview given by the former Premier last Friday to Haaretz in which he attacked Peres. Although he did not mention Peres by name, Rabin talked throughout the interview of the "powers" within the Labor Party which constantly schemed against him. Rabin told his interviewer that his chances to succeed as Premier were slim because of the constant actions against him and his policy.

In the view of political circles here, Rabin's interview indicated that he is haunted by his former Defense Minister. Those circles note that Rabin's answers throughout the interview indicated that he was absolutely convinced during his term as Premier that the "powers" in the party were moving to bring about his failure.

Although Peres has refrained so far from any public response in the wake of the Rabin interview, a few of his aides have already charged that Rabin's statements are damaging to the party and a barrier to the party's effort to rehabilitate itself. Some

Labor Party members expressed concern during the last few days that the Rabin-Peres split and the prominent space given to it in the Israeli media could harm any efforts to restore the party to what it once was.

Some observers here regard the "war" between Rabin and Peres, as well as other phenomena within the party, as symptoms of the ongoing trauma the Labor Party suffered as a result of its defeat in the recent election. "There is no attempt as yet to rehabilitate the party," one Labor official told the JTA. "This is a process which will take some time. The latest events were part of the undercurrent before the elections, and now they have come out into the open."

While party members consider the present situation to be intolerable they still express concern that there is no possible way to stop it, at least not until the Labor Party gets over its "trauma" and starts structuring itself as a firm opposition party to the Likud-led government.

#### YOUNG CONSERVATIVES BACK ISRAEL

**NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (JTA)**--In a move that surprised some observers, Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) the nation's largest conservative youth organization, went on record voicing overwhelming support for Israel at its ninth biennial convention which ended yesterday, it was reported by Steven Loewy, a delegate to the convention.

Nearly 1000 members of YAF--which claims 50,000 followers around the country--gathered at the Statler Hilton Hotel to hear nationally known speakers, elect officers and pass resolutions on various topics.

In one of its resolutions, the right-wing group affirmed its "fundamental support for a militarily strong Israel capable of preserving peace by resisting attack" and for "continued ties with moderate anti-Communist Arab countries," and claimed that "the forced return of Israel to its pre-1967 borders would only encourage Arab and Communist aggression."

In addition, the delegates called for the United States to withdraw from the United Nations, in part because the majority of UN member states "have taken a fanatical line contra to the U.S. ally of Israel, and that such states are dedicated to the destruction of the Jewish republic." The youth group branded the PLO as a "Marxist terrorist organization determined to create a Marxist state, and to destroy the state and people of Israel."

#### Will Lobby For Aid To Israel

Newly elected chairman John Buckley, a cousin of former Senator James Buckley, pledged that YAF--which has an advisory board of 100 members of Congress--would lobby vigorously in support of foreign aid legislation to bolster Israel's defense capability.

Ronald Reagan, who addressed the convention, at a banquet Thursday evening, said he was "very happy to see Menachem Begin become Israel's Prime Minister." He echoed the views of two of the other dinner speakers, Congressman Philip Crane (R.Ill.) and Congressman Robert Dornan (R.Cal.) who last week were quoted in Israeli papers as hailing Begin's domestic and foreign policies.

Lakewood Yeshiva alumnus, Rabbi Abraham C. Nussbaum, after delivering an invocation and benediction at the dinner featuring Reagan, remarked, "It was a pleasure to view such a large Jewish representation in the leadership echelons of YAF, as well as the organization's support for tuition credits for yeshiva students, and opposition to abortion

and the Equal Rights Amendment."

One additional development at the convention was the announcement by Boro Park architect Ira Streifeld of a new national body calling itself Conservatives for a Just Peace in the Middle East. According to Streifeld, the group plans to "mobilize national conservative opinion behind Menachem Begin's sensible foreign policy initiatives." Streifeld said that the initial response to the group was "extremely positive."

#### **JEWISH LEADERS TELL CARTER THEY ARE APPREHENSIVE OVER HIS STAND ON PLO** By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (JTA)--The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations has expressed "deep apprehensions" to President Carter that he is weakening the United States stand on the Palestine Liberation Organization. This was conveyed to the President in a letter from Rabbi Alexander Schindler, chairman of the Presidents Conference, during a White House meeting Friday, according to Yehuda Hellman, executive director of the Conference.

Hellman said today that only the President, Schindler and himself were at the meeting which was off the record and of which reporters were not notified. Schindler told the JTA that the press was not notified because the Presidents Conference wanted to keep the issue low keyed and was principally interested in letting the Administration know how the Jewish community felt on the PLO issue. Schindler said he had expressed similar views to Undersecretary of State Philip Habib 10 days earlier.

He said the letter was written after it was authorized by a meeting of the Presidents Conference Thursday night. He said he asked for a meeting Friday morning and it was scheduled at short notice Friday afternoon. At the time he did not know the President himself would accept the letter from him. Carter did not read the letter in the presence of the two Conference officials during what Hellman described as a "brief meeting." He said the President only stated he would give it his fullest consideration.

#### **Content Of Letter Revealed**

The letter, which was signed by Schindler and obtained through independent sources today by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, noted that the United States since Sept. 1, 1975 has a commitment not to deal with the PLO unless it recognizes Israel's right to exist and accepts United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. But Schindler said that Carter in his recent press conference in Plains, Ga. seemed to be backing away from this commitment.

"We were concerned that your recent remarks in Plains to the effect 'if the Palestinians should say we recognize 242 in its entirety but we think the Palestinians have additional status other than just refugees, that would suit us okay,' may represent a reversal of long-standing government policy," Schindler wrote.

"The statement appears to imply that the PLO will no longer be required to accept Israel's right to exist as an essential condition of American recognition. Equally troubling is the seeming willingness to permit the PLO to modify the terms of Resolution 242 in accepting it."

The letter stressed that such a policy "would represent a discouraging retreat from earlier commitments and from your own Administration's earlier policy. The basic concept of Resolution 242 is the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East through agreement between the states

concerned. The PLO is not a state; it does not, in our judgement, represent the Arabs of the West Bank; it was not a party to the original Geneva conference called under Resolution 338. For the PLO to simply 'recognize 242,' therefore, is not enough."

The letter was written and given to Carter before the Presidents Conference officials were aware that the PLO Central Council meeting in Damascus on Friday again rejected Resolution 242 and called for "continuous armed struggle against Zionist occupation."

Schindler also stressed in his letter that "as your Administration has previously indicated, there can be no greater peril to America's interest in a stable and peaceful Middle East--nor a more direct peril to Israel's survival--than to hand over the West Bank and Gaza territories to the most radical element in the area. Any American flirtation with the PLO would lead inevitably, we fear, to just such a dangerous result."

In the letter, Schindler noted that while in Israel recently he saw the eight victims of a bomb which exploded on a bus in Afula, "the most recent example of PLO terror."

#### **NON-JEWISH CERTIFICATES CONDEMNED**

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 29 (JTA)--More than eight percent of Dutch municipalities are still willing to supply certificates stating that a person is not Jewish, according to a survey taken by the Israel Committee of The Netherlands. Such a statement is needed by many Dutch citizens working or traveling in the Arab countries, especially Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf states where many Dutch firms now operate.

The Committee says that such a statement is in violation of the international agreement against racial discrimination and it will ask the Ministry of Interior to ban the practice. The number of municipalities issuing certificates may be actually higher since 16 percent refused to answer the question.

#### **RULING ON ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION**

TEL AVIV, Aug. 29 (JTA)--The Haifa Rabbinical Court has ruled that artificial insemination with sperm from an anonymous donor is not adultery if the woman's husband had consented in writing for the procedure to take place. The same court had ruled a few years ago that a woman was committing adultery by receiving artificial insemination unless the donor was her husband.

The new ruling involved a divorce case in which the husband claimed his wife had committed adultery by having a child through artificial insemination. He said that since the child was not his he should not have to support the child. The court ruled that his wife did not commit adultery since he had consented to the procedure after he found out that he was sterile and ordered him to pay IL 5000 a year for the upkeep of the child.

NEW YORK (JTA)--A record level was achieved this summer when approximately 6000 young people traveled to Israel on programs affiliated with the American Zionist Youth Foundation. The number represents a 50 percent increase over last summer's total of 4000 as well as an increase of more than 1000 people over AZYF's previous record total, the agency said. Donald Adelman, AZYF executive director, stated that the rise in numbers is "part of the growing acceptance of trips to Israel as a component in the formation of Jewish identity among young adults. Contact with Israel has become an essential element in North American Jewish life."

**On JTA's 60th Anniversary:****CARTER: SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC...**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29 (JTA)--The Jewish Telegraphic Agency received messages from President Carter in Washington and from Premier Menachem Begin in Jerusalem praising the JTA for its role since it was founded in 1917. Carter, in his message, stated:

"For sixty years, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency has served readers with detailed and accurate news reports on matters of concern to Jewish communities. In this 60th anniversary year of the founding of JTA, I extend my congratulations to you for the Agency's two generations of service to the public. May you continue to serve in the same high journalistic tradition for generations to come."

**...BEGIN: CHRONICLE OF JEWISH EVENTS**

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29 (JTA)--Begin, in his statement, said:

"I extend my warmest greetings to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on its 60th anniversary. The JTA has proved to be a living chronicle of the Jewish people. It is a mirror of the destruction which befell our people in our generation and of the unfolding redemption. Both are the decisive Jewish experience of our time."

"The JTA is an important instrument of Jewish education serving not only as a non-partisan avenue of communication between the communities but also a living link between the people of Israel and Jewry the world over. I wish the editors, the staff and the readers of the JTA my heartfelt greetings. May your news-service always bring good tidings to the Jewish people."

**JEWIS OF DIFFERENT MODES OF OBSERVANCE SHARE EXPERIENCES OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL AT JOINT SABBATH CELEBRATION**

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Aug. 29 (JTA)--One of the largest--and probably the most diverse--joint Sabbath celebration by Jews representing different modes of observance occurred last weekend at the Second Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education, convened on the campus of the Rochester Institute of Technology Wednesday through Monday, it was reported by Edith K. Schapiro, staff writer, The Jewish News of Metropolitan New Jersey.

The great majority of the approximately 700 educators--teachers, principals, supervisors and community workers--whose personal customs vary from non-observance to practice of the most Orthodox ritual, shared experiences of spiritual renewal.

Emphasizing respect for differences and urging recognition of the authenticity of various means of observance, the Conference planners arranged for eight different minyan, varying from Orthodox to "Alternatives to Prayer" and a "Teaching Service." Included also were halachic women's davening, a havurah minyan and an egalitarian minyan, described as "following halachic principles in a style that recognizes equality of the sexes," Ms. Schapiro reported.

The Conference Shabbat, in its planning and smooth realization, "could serve as a model for people of different backgrounds organizing communal events and encourage them not to shy away from spending Shabbat together," according to Dr. Seymour Epstein of Montreal, a member of the Conference's continuations committee.

Having had experience with Shabbat observance at other large conventions of Jewish organizations, Epstein stressed the uniqueness of the Alternatives Conference approach. He said that for this Conference, the Sabbath was viewed as a unifying

force, as it should be in Jewish life, and not as a complication to communal gatherings because of diverse practices.

**Symbol Of Unity Emphasized**

This theme of the Sabbath as a symbol of unity was given further emphasis by the presence and participation at the Conference of Menachem HaCohen, a member of Israel's Knesset representing the Labor Party. He has been, both in Israel and speeches he has made throughout this country, an outspoken critic of the intransigence of the National Religious Party and others of Israel's Orthodox establishment. He believes that religious and secular antagonisms must be gradually eliminated for the sake of the unity and strength of the State and its people, Ms. Schapiro reported.

At the Conference, people with divergent sets of belief either celebrated in ways they were accustomed to, or tested themselves in new situations. Epstein described the scene, as it unfolded throughout the Sabbath day, as an expanded diaspora version of the atmosphere at the Western Wall, where Jews get the opportunity to see the various ways of prayer. The result is "to heighten people's sensitivity to the spiritual needs of others," he said.

The preparations for Sabbath observance began in early afternoon with the construction of an eruv, delineating an enclosure around most of the Conference area so that the Orthodox could carry prayer books and many families with young children could push their carriages. On Friday evening, many of the women, each in her own way, lit candles and the dining hall was aglow as streams of people left to make their way to the sites of the various minyan.

Following the special Sabbath meal, at which all were again united, many attended a D'var Torah by Rabbi Irving J. Rosenbaum, president of the Jewish University of America, Skokie, Ill., on "thoughts of T'Shuva in the month of Elul." T'Shuva, return and repentance, was also the subject discussed in the study groups held in informal settings on the Sabbath afternoon. They were led by several of the rabbis in attendance as well as lay leaders.

The various morning services had been followed by a Great Kiddush, the festivity of which was enhanced by the large number participating and their enthusiasm for the shared Shabbat. A similar atmosphere pervaded the Havdalah service held in a large courtyard at the Institute campus as three stars appeared in the darkening sky, signifying the end of the Sabbath.

**KATZIR URGES WEST GERMANY NOT TO PROVIDE SHELTER FOR KAPPLER**

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29 (JTA)--Israeli President Ephraim Katzir today urged West Germany not to provide shelter for former Rome gestapo chief Herbert Kappler, who is hiding in Germany after escaping from a Rome military hospital. Katzir made his plea during the ceremony in which Klaus Schuetz, the new West German Ambassador, presented his credentials.

"The shadow of the past is still with us and will remain with us forever," the President said. "Some Nazi criminals are still at large." Referring directly to Kappler, Katzir said, "We are sure the West German government will deal with this problem appropriately."

Schuetz, the former Mayor of West Berlin and the fourth German Ambassador here since diplomatic relations were started 12 years ago, said that his country places "great importance on the relations with Israel. My government is content that in the 12 years of diplomatic relations" mutual respect and confidence has been maintained.