

**CEASE-FIRE IN EFFECT IN S. LEBANON;
8 ISRAELIS INJURED IN LAST MINUTE
ROCKET ATTACKS ON NORTHERN TOWNS**

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Sept. 26 (JTA)—A cease-fire went into effect in southern Lebanon at ten o'clock local time this morning but not before last minute Katyusha rocket attacks by terrorists on Kiryat Shemona and Safad wounded eight Israelis. A 26-year-old mother and her child were seriously hurt. Two other persons sustained moderate injuries and four were released from the hospital after treatment.

The cease-fire was arranged through the good offices of the U.S. Embassies in Tel Aviv, Beirut and Damascus which had made intensive efforts to end the warfare in southern Lebanon. Israel was a signatory of the documents exchanged with the Americans as were Lebanon and Syria which represented the Palestinians. Israeli officials stressed that the latter were not a direct partner in the agreements and that Israel had no dealings whatsoever with them. Some observers here suggested that this might be a serious flaw because the terrorists could claim the agreements were not binding on them.

The cease-fire confirmed long standing reports—vigorously denied by Israel in the past—that Israeli forces were stationed inside Lebanon. Those forces were in fact deployed in the Lebanese Christian enclave north of the Israeli border town of Metullah for at least the past several weeks. This morning they crossed the border back to Israel. Crowds lined the streets of Metullah as an Israeli armored unit consisting of 6-7 tanks and an infantry unit on half-tracks and in jeeps passed through the open fence.

Israel Protected Christians

It was learned that the Israelis had entered Lebanon on the orders of Defense Minister Ezer Weizman with the agreement of Premier Menachem Begin. Officials here said the sole objective was to protect the Christians from attacks by Moslems and Palestinian terrorists. The officials insisted that the Israeli armor and infantry took no part in the battles but rather provided security for Christian forces. They did not explain how that was accomplished without entering into combat.

The officials also said it was the Defense Minister who, with Begin's approval, initiated the talks that resulted in the cease-fire. It came at a time when Christian forces were hard pressed in the Marj Ayoun area and were unable to dislodge the Palestinians from the Khyam area. Christian morale was also at a low point. The Syrians were said to have agreed because they feared increasing Israeli involvement would lead to clashes, the officials said.

The cease-fire requires the Palestinians to withdraw at least 10 kilometers from the Israeli border. Syrian forces are to remain north of the Litani River. Lebanese troops will take over the positions evacuated by Israel.

Israeli sources noted that today's agreement was a sequel or annex to the all-Arab Stoura agreement that provided for a cease-fire throughout Lebanon. That agreement, in which Israel had no part, never took hold in the southern region of the country.

**ISRAELI STAND ON PALESTINIANS
AT GENEVA IS CONDITIONAL ON
NO CHANGE IN RESOLUTION 242**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Sept. 26 (JTA)—Officials here stressed today that Israel's agreement to a Palestinian presence at the opening session of the Geneva conference is contingent upon continued American opposition to any change in Security Council Resolution 242. That point, explicitly stated by government secretary Arye Naor after yesterday's Cabinet meeting, was re-emphasized by other officials apparently because of reports from New York and Washington that there has been some "erosion" in the American position on this question.

According to one report today, the U.S. might countenance a move to add to the text of Resolution 242 while leaving the original wording intact. It would do so by not vetoing additions referring to the political and national dimensions of the Palestinian question, the report said.

Last night's Cabinet statement listed four conditions that Naor said were embodied in the American proposal for reconvening the Geneva conference which made it acceptable to Israel. These were: "A united delegation representing all of the Arab states participating in the Geneva conference will take part in the opening session; the Arabs of Eretz Israel who are not known members of the PLO may participate in this united delegation. Palestinian Arabs will not participate in the opening session as a separate body but as part of the Jordanian delegation; no negotiation will be conducted with the united delegation; after the opening session the united delegation will split up into delegations representing the various states in order to conduct negotiations on the matters pertaining to each of these states separately."

Premier Menachem Begin described Israel's acceptance of these conditions as a potential "breakthrough" toward reconvening the Geneva conference. He hinted that both Egypt and Jordan have already consented unofficially to the U.S. plan but that Washington is still trying to persuade Syria to go along with it. Sources here said that would be a lengthy process, given President Hafez Assad's tough stand on the issue of the Palestinians. But they found encouragement in the fact that no official Syrian spokesman has rejected the American proposal.

**U.S. PLEASED BY ISRAELI ACCEPTANCE,
BUT MANY QUESTIONS REMAIN**

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 (JTA)—The United States expressed itself as "pleased" with Israel's conditional acceptance of a "unified Arab delegation" opening a Geneva peace conference. But left unanswered were a host of questions about this development.

Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance, after testifying before a Senate committee on the Panama Canal treaties, left for New York to continue conversations there with Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan about the formula for starting Arab-Israeli talks. Dayan and Vance were scheduled to meet tonight.

At the State Department, spokesman John

Trautner would not even acknowledge the Israeli Cabinet's announced decision was officially received by the United States. He refused to say what parties would make up the united delegation, who proposed it or had doubts about it, and whether the Soviet Union as Geneva co-chairman with the U.S., accepted it. Nor would Trautner say whether the United States government considered the move by Israel a conciliatory one. "We have taken note of that decision," he said of the Israeli Cabinet's action.

After reporting that Vance and Dayan would discuss it further, he added from a written statement "the idea of a unified Arab delegation was suggested not only by us but also by some other countries. We have been exploring and will continue to explore with the parties and the co-chairman (Soviet Union) whether the idea is acceptable to all concerned and if so how it can be worked out. We are pleased at the report that Israel has accepted the united Arab delegation idea."

It was presumed that Vance discussed the idea Saturday with the Jordanian representative, Abdul Harri Sharaf, who is chief of Jordan's Royal Court, and will take it up here Wednesday with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel Khadem. He said the idea was discussed Friday with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko but would not hint at his reaction. Trautner repeatedly said he was not in a position to go into details of the formula for the delegation or any other phase or future possibility concerning it. On a question by the JTA whether the delegation would consist only of Egypt, Syria and Jordan, he said that the individuals in the delegation are "all part of negotiation." He said "the idea of a united Arab delegation is deserving of the most serious consideration of the various options."

Trautner insisted that the U.S. position towards the Palestine Liberation Organization is unchanged and that the U.S. "would oppose any efforts to amend or change" UN Security Council Resolution 242. He added that "if a new resolution were proposed we would of course have to study the exact formulation before determining our position." This appeared to leave a loophole for the U.S. ultimately to join in the pro-Arab movement in the United Nations to adopt a new resolution that would enable the PLO to write its own ticket for legitimacy as a party in Middle East negotiations.

3 EX-SS OFFICERS GO ON TRIAL

By Jon Fedler

BONN, Sept. 26 (JTA)—Three former SS officers have officially gone on trial in Hannover on charges of murder and complicity in the murders of at least 19,500 Jews in Cracow, Poland between 1942-44. But chances that the defendants will be brought to justice are slim. One of the accused, Rudolf Koerner, 70, was granted a separate trial after he failed to appear in court for alleged reasons of health.

His co-defendants, Kurt Heinemeyer and Max Olde, both 69, claim they are medically unfit to stand trial. More than 100 witnesses have been called and if the trial ever gets underway it could last for more than two years.

The three men are alleged to have committed individual acts of murder and other crimes of their own accord because of their pathological hatred of Jews and zealous support of the Nazi leadership. The charges against Koerner include shooting an eight-year-old child and his parents in the back as they tried to escape from a convoy bound for a concentration camp. Koerner and Heinemeyer are also accused of murdering at least eight children who

were hidden by their parents in suitcases to prevent them from being separated enroute to a concentration camp. The defendants allegedly fired into the suitcases.

They are charged with torturing a salesman to admit he was Jewish and then sending him to a death cell at an SS prison and ordering the shooting of 30 Jewish women at a forced labor camp at Plaszow.

ISRAELI TOURIST BOOM...

JERUSALEM, Sept. 26 (JTA)—Israel is enjoying a tourist boom. A 27 percent increase in the number of visitors from abroad was recorded during the months of June, July and August compared to the same period last year, according to official statistics released today.

The tourist figures for the three summer months of 1977 are 294,900 compared with 232,900 during the summer of 1976. As of Aug. 31, the total number of tourists for the year stood at 674,000, a 25 percent increase over last year. More than 50 percent of the increase was represented by tourists from Germany and Austria. The lowest increase was from the U.S. for which figures were not released.

...U.S. TOURISTS TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 26 (JTA)—Forty-three percent more Americans visited Israel during Aug. 1977, compared with the same month in 1976, Israel's Zuriel, Israel's Commissioner for Tourism in North America announced here.

In the first eight months of 1977, more than 178,000 Americans visited Israel, 24 percent more than visited the country during the same eight months of 1976. "The eight-month 1977 figure is more than the total number of tourists who visited the country in the whole of 1975," Zuriel pointed out.

ROAD TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO CAVE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 26 (JTA)—The Jewish National Fund is paving a 1.5 mile road to give the public access to a stalactite cave in the Judean hills that was discovered by accident 10 years ago. It is also building a parking lot at the cave.

The cavern was first exposed when blasting at a quarry uncovered a small opening in the rocks. The opening led to a chamber 276 feet long by 180 feet wide and from 30-36 feet high. The walls are covered with thousands of multi-colored stalactites. These are now bathed in lights installed by the national nature preserve.

Near the cave the JNF is completing a four mile road to the American Bicentennial Park which covers 1250 acres. The park, financed by American Jews, will be planted with several million trees.

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Gen. Omar Torrijos, the President of Panama, who arrives here on an official visit Tuesday night, will be the guest of honor at banquets tendered by President Ephraim Katzir and Premier Menachem Begin. Both will be held in the sukkah at the Jerusalem Plaza Hotel, it was announced Monday. Torrijos will tour Jerusalem and northern Israel and will attend the official opening of the "Panama Road" in a suburb of Jerusalem.

UNITED NATIONS (JTA)—Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan has rescheduled his address to the General Assembly from Oct. 6 to Oct. 11. He is reportedly planning to speak first to major American Jewish communities among which are Los Angeles, Chicago and Atlanta.

YOUNG SAYS THIRD WORLD AIMING AT U.S. IN ATTACKING ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 26 (JTA)—Andrew Young, the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, said here last night that he did not believe "there was ever any real hostility in most of the Third World toward the State of Israel" but rather that those countries were venting their frustrations against the United States when they supported anti-Israel measures at the UN. He said he doubted "that we will have very much of that from African nations or from the Caribbean" during the current session of the General Assembly, although he predicted that the session "may be very, very rough" and "largely focussed on the Middle East."

Young made his remarks to 1000 guests at a dinner given by the Synagogue Council of America which awarded its Covenant of Peace Prize to Mrs. Lillian Carter, mother of President Carter. The presentation was made by Philip M. Klutznick, a former U.S. Ambassador to the UN, who noted that "Miss Lillian's" life exemplifies the values and sensibilities that give meaning to the terms justice, compassion and peace.

Young, who delivered the major address of the evening, said, "I don't think there was ever any real hostility in most of the Third World toward the State of Israel. What there was, was hostility toward the United States because we were insensitive to the problems that they felt most crucial. And because of our insensitivity and because of our strength and the fact that we seemed almost invulnerable they began to pick on the ally that they thought was most vulnerable."

"And so much of the hostility of the racism and Zionism period was not a frustration and hostility toward Israel at all, but a frustration and hostility toward a powerful nation, such as the United States, that seemed insensitive to complications like the Panama Canal or the price of sugar in the Caribbean or the means of pursuing justice and freedom in southern Africa."

Young added, "But now that we are concerning ourselves with those problems, we're finding that all over the world people are being more rational and logical, not only about their own problems but also about the problems of the Middle East as well."

Sees Good Atmosphere

The American envoy said that he talked with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance after the latter's meeting with Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and "there did seem to be a kind of rapport, the atmosphere that we talk about, that was very, very good. And people went away from that meeting thinking that we could work together to solve the very complicated and complex problems that are involved in a settlement in the Middle East."

Young said he had received "the same news about the meeting with Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy of Egypt—that there again, things seemed to be very good and that there is a sense of moderation that has seldom existed in the Arab world."

Young noted that "there can be no peace without strength; there can be no peace without the basis of security, and that's the reason the United States, in every administration of our lifetime, has pledged itself not only to the peace of Israel but to the security of Israel."

Rabbi Saul I. Teplitz, president of the Synagogue Council, the umbrella organization of Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Judaism in America, said that the organization "has applauded the Administration's resolve to finally move the Arab-Israeli dispute to a peaceful resolution." He said "The

Administration can count on our continued support of initiatives intended to further flexibility and openness. But we must warn that these initiatives lose their moral justification when they ignore Israel's unique vulnerability, a vulnerability not shared by any of its neighbors."

U.S. EXPRESSES CONCERN TERRORIST GROUPS WILL NOT ACCEPT CEASE-FIRE

By Joseph Palakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 (JTA)—The State Department, in a rare assertion of condemnation of any Arab grouping, assailed today a key element of the Palestine Liberation Organization for its refusal to abide by the cease-fire arranged in southern Lebanon.

"We are gratified that the situation is calming down," spokesman John Trattner said in a prepared statement, "but we view with concern acts and statements we have seen reported by the so-called Palestinian Rejectionists who say they oppose the cease-fire. We strongly condemn such attacks."

He said the U.S. "basic objective" is to achieve "a true stability in the area and to extending the authority of the government" of Lebanese President Elias Sarkis in the area adjoining northern Israel. Trattner acknowledged that an Israeli force had returned from Lebanon. When he was asked what "legal position" it had there, he pointed out "the important thing in all this is that the fighting has died down." He also said he had "some factual doubt" that the rejectionists include the PLO. He did not answer the question of legality of either the Israeli or the Palestinian forces in Lebanon.

A dispatch from Beirut received here quoted a PLO spokesman as saying that the cease-fire could take place with the "isolationists" but not with the "Zionist enemy." The "isolationists" is the name now being given by Arab propagandists to mask the fact that Christians are being assaulted by the Palestinians in Lebanon and that Israel is helping the Christians to maintain their rights in Lebanon against the Palestinian forces.

The Radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) which has rejected the cease-fire is a member group in the PLO.

SCIENTISTS URGE 'SHMA' RECITALS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 26 (JTA)—A group of 100 scientists have signed an advertisement published in Israeli newspapers today urging everyone to recite the "Shma Israel" prayer twice a day as required by religious law. The scientists recommended regular recital of the prayer for spiritual uplift in these troubled times.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned that a veteran Jerusalem scholar, Rabbi Menahem Kasher, was the initiator of the ad and a similar one at this season last year which was signed by 40 scientists from the country's universities. Kasher insisted that only the names of men of science appear. He claimed that reactions from the public showed that the appeal struck a responsive chord.

RIO DE JANEIRO (JTA)—After eight years of construction, the nearly 100 Jewish families in Brasilia have a synagogue. Dr. Benno Milnitzky, of Sao Paulo, president of Brazil's Jewish Confederation, journeyed to the Brazilian capital for the inaugural ceremony. Also participating in the ceremony was the Israeli Ambassador Moshe Erel. The area for the synagogue building, which includes a community center, was donated by the city government. The building cost about \$200,000.

TALK OF U.S. NAVAL BASE AT HAIFA SEEN BLOWN OUT OF PROPORTION

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 (JTA)--Talk of a possible U.S. naval base in Haifa has blown far out of proportion the realities of such an establishment coming to pass, both United States and Israeli sources agreed here. Some major newspapers prominently reported scraps of information from the meeting Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan held with the House International Relations Committee Sept. 20 with the implication that it was Dayan's idea.

Rep. Clement Zablocki (D. Wis.), the Committee chairman, angered by leaks from the closed door meeting, demanded silence from all those present but it is known, since the initial leakage occurred, that it was not Dayan who brought up the subject, but "one or more Congressmen," attending, a Capitol source told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Dayan, the source said, was responding to initial questioning about such a possibility when he reportedly commented that if the U.S. sought a base for its Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean, Israel would be ready to cooperate to show its dependability as an ally.

The State and Defense Departments both said no serious considerations are being given to such a base. The Israeli Embassy, noting Dayan was responding to a hypothetical question, said Israel has never asked for military support from any country and will not ask for it. Israel's policy opposes foreign interests or military personnel fighting for Israel, a spokesman said.

The Haifa idea is understood to have arisen from an eight-point plan for an Arab-Israeli peace settlement offered by Rep. Paul Findley (R. Ill.), who had attended the meeting with Dayan. An aide said Findley did not mention Haifa but pointed out the best way for the U.S. to fulfill its security guarantee for a peace settlement would be to establish a base in Israel. Findley, one of a handful of Congressmen who has been consistently critical of Israel over the years, is circulating his proposal widely, including all the embassies in Washington.

EHRlich SAYS U.S. JEWS HAVE FINANCIAL RESERVE EQUAL TO ARAB OIL, MONEY

NEW YORK, Sept. 26 (JTA)--Israeli Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich has urged American Jews to "mobilize the tremendous reserves of Jewish financial strength which are no less significant than the reserves of Arab oil and money." He made that appeal at a luncheon given in his honor here by the Board of Governors of the Greater New York Committee for State of Israel Bonds.

Responding to a question on the importance of Arab oil to Mideast peace prospects, Ehrlich observed that "the energy crisis will not prevent the coming of peace. The Arabs took advantage of the situation following the Yom Kippur War to raise the price of oil. If the free world were more energetic, we would never have reached the energy crisis," he said.

Ehrlich continued: "We must mobilize the tremendous reserves of Jewish financial strength which are no less significant than the reserves of Arab oil and money. One of the most meaningful ways of celebrating the 30th anniversary of Israel's independence would be a specific campaign to make every Jew a partner in Israel through Israel Bonds."

Describes Israeli Efforts

Ehrlich stressed that Israel is doing its part to

solve its economic difficulties and promote direct investments. "We have reduced the budget by some seven billion Pounds by reducing subsidies, freezing civil service and cutting defense spending," he said. "Nevertheless, continued sacrifices will be demanded of the Israeli public. The tax burden on our citizens will remain the heaviest in the world. The standard of living of the average Israeli family will not rise in the near future. The young and the not so young will have to continue serving years in the regular army and long months in the reserves."

Nevertheless, Ehrlich said, "We shall need the help of friendly countries and especially the continued substantial help of the U.S. government. As for the role of the Jewish people, I am sure that Bonds, besides providing a return in satisfaction, pride and safety of principal and interest, also nurture your and your family's Jewish awareness and sense of belonging and partnership in the building of the Jewish homeland," he said.

AZF ADMITS REFORM ZIONISTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 26 (JTA)--At a specially convened meeting of the American Zionist Federation national board yesterday, the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARTZA) was officially welcomed to the ranks of the AZF by a vote of 40-19 with 6 abstentions. The national board, according to AZF president Faye Schenk, was called into special session in order to permit ARTZA to submit its own slate of candidates for election to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress. The slates of each member organization must be in by Oct. 13 and elections for delegates will take place in early December.

While the World Union of Progressive Judaism already belongs to the World Zionist Organization, this is the first time that American Reform Judaism on an individual Zionist membership basis will have a voice in Zionist affairs. The acceptance of ARTZA to the AZF is expected to precipitate applications by other organizations including the Conservative movement and the American Sephardi Federation which is an AZF affiliate.

"The World Zionist Congress is perhaps the most democratic institution in contemporary Jewish life," Mrs. Schenk said. "It is therefore especially important for Jewish movements with strong Zionist sentiments to take their rightful place in this quadrennial forum."

Carmella Carr, AZF executive director, said "The addition of ARTZA on the American Jewish scene will provide a broader base for the Zionist movement in the U.S. particularly in areas rooted in Reform Judaism outside the New York Metropolitan area."

GIVENS NAMED POLICE COMMISSION HEAD

TORONTO, Sept. 26 (JTA)--Philip Givens, 55, former Mayor of Toronto and currently president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, has been appointed Chairman of the Police Commission of Metropolitan Toronto by Roy McMurtry, Ontario Attorney General. Shortly after the announcement was made, a group of Arab Canadians protested the appointment on the grounds of Givens' Zionist connection. Givens, who was appointed a provincial judge to make him eligible for the police commissionership, is the first Jew to hold such a position in Canada. He has been an alderman, controller and mayor municipally, a Member of Parliament and a member of the Provincial Parliament. Though a Liberal, his appointment was made by a Conservative government.