

GRAHAM SAYS MAJORITY OF EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS SUPPORT ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST; URGES CHRISTIANS, JEWS UNITE FOR 'PEACE OF JERUSALEM,' ENDING TERRORISM

ATLANTA, Oct. 27 (JTA)—The Rev. Dr. Billy Graham, in remarks prepared for delivery tomorrow at the annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee's National Executive Council, declared that "the vast majority of evangelical Christians in this country and abroad support the State of Israel's right to existence," and called on evangelical Christians and Jews to work together for "the peace of Jerusalem" and to end terrorism.

In his address, his first at a major national Jewish organization in an open meeting, Graham also stated: "In biblical history and secular history Israel has every right to exist as Syria, or Egypt, or Russia or the United States. The Palestinians also have a right to existence under legitimate leadership committed to the peace of the Middle East."

Prior to his address to the AJ Committee leaders who are meeting here at the Omni International Hotel through Sunday, Graham is to receive the organization's National Interreligious Award for "his contribution to human rights, the support of Israel, combatting anti-Semitism, and strengthening mutual respect and understanding between the evangelical and Jewish communities."

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, the AJ Committee's national interreligious affairs director, who is to make the presentation, described Graham as "one of the greatest friends, next to Pope John XXIII, of the Jewish people and of Israel in the entire Christian world in the 20th Century."

Graham, in referring to Israel's right to exist, cited in particular the Book of Isaiah (49:25), which states: "Whom the Lord of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance," but added that the Scriptures made many other references to the right of Israel to exist as a State. In addition, he pointed out that the Bible contains instructions to "pray for the peace not only of the world, but especially of Jerusalem," which, he prophesied, would be "the capital of the world" in the end of days.

Urges End To Terrorism

Calling on the Palestinians to create a "legitimate leadership committed to the peace of the Middle East," Graham urged them to renounce terrorism as a political tactic. "Human life, created in the sacred image of God, should never be used as a means to realize any group's ideology or political program," he declared, adding: "Peace is not enhanced by a policy of terrorism, whether in the Middle East, Ireland, Africa, America or anywhere else."

He deplored such examples of terrorism as "the hijacking of planes, the wanton slaughter of tens of thousands in central Africa, the kidnappings in Italy, the hijacking of a train in The Netherlands, and the killing of children at Maalot," and stated: "Lasting justice and peace for the State of Israel, as well as the Palestinian people... demand an end to killing, an end to the shedding of blood."

Graham condemned anti-Semitism, saying, "the institutional church has sinned through much of its

history and has much to answer for at the Judgment, especially for the anti-Semitism practiced against the Jewish people." He declared that those Christians who practiced anti-Semitism were "false Christians, who dragged the name of their Master into the mire of bigotry, anti-Semitism and prejudice."

Graham called on Christians and Jews to work together toward establishing better race relations and higher ethical and moral codes and strongly criticized "the zeal of some clergymen—Catholic, Protestant and Jewish—to secularize America." While asserting that he would "stand and fight to the last for the separation of church and state," he warned that the "push toward secularism must be halted and reversed, otherwise democracy and freedom will not survive in this country. Total secularization will lead to a rising tide of both anti-Semitism and anti-Christianity," he declared.

BONN OFFICIAL BREACHES GOVERNMENT POLICY NOT TO HAVE CONTACTS WITH PLO By Jon Fedler

BONN, Oct. 27 (JTA)—Breaching the government's policy of no official contact with the Palestine Liberation Organization, Undersecretary of State Hans-Juergen Wischniewski, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's right-hand man and the highest ranking official in the Chancellery, recently held a meeting in West Germany with Ahmed Sukki Dajani, a PLO executive member.

The meeting took place June 20 but only came to light this week when Dajani mentioned it in passing during a Brussels press conference on the eve of the new European-Arab dialogue. A government spokesman confirmed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the meeting took place, but insisted the two met in their capacities as joint vice-chairmen of a working committee of the Euro-Arab talks.

But diplomatic observers are nonetheless surprised that such a meeting should take place—let alone, in the Chancellery—in view of repeated Bonn assurances that it would not recognize or negotiate with the PLO, and by implication its individual representatives, until the PLO recognized Israel's right to exist. The observers also say the meeting will inevitably enhance the PLO's "status" and lend it "respectability" even if this wasn't Bonn's intention.

JEWISH LEADERS MEETING VANCE AGREE THAT U.S. COURSE FOR A MIDEAST SETTLEMENT PERVERTS ITS PURPOSE By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (JTA)—Eighty American-Jewish communal leaders from across the country, venting anger at trends in U.S. Middle East policy, made clear, in complete harmony yesterday that the Carter Administration's course for an Arab-Israeli settlement is "perverting" its express purposes.

After meeting for more than 90 minutes with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and his chief Middle East expert, Assistant Secretary of State Alfred L. Atherton at the State Department, participants who talked with reporters emphasized solidarity with Israel's requirements for security—no Palestinian state and no role for the PLO in peace

negotiations. Vance sought to reassure the Jewish leaders that U.S. goals preserve Israel's security. Rabbi Alexander Schindler, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, who was chosen to brief reporters later on the views expressed by the Jewish leaders, said the Jewish community appreciated the Secretary's courtesy in arranging the meeting and his statements.

Schindler added, "We certainly appreciate the sincerity of his purpose--to achieve a lasting peace in the Middle East, a peace moreover which will not be a 'peace of death' for Israel. Our issue is with the policy which the Administration has chosen to achieve these goals because it is our conviction that these policies, these procedures and these tactics, far from bringing about peace, are actually impeding the march toward peace," Schindler said.

He said that "the frustration and anger are the result of the fact that we perceive certain policies on the part of this Administration which, in our judgment do not achieve those high and noble purposes but, in fact, pervert them."

About 90 leaders of national Jewish organizations, including welfare funds and 20 community-wide councils were invited to attend the meeting which the State Department described as a background briefing, meaning that the remarks by Vance and other U.S. officials present were not for disclosure. Schindler said that 81 leaders accepted the invitations and all but one of them appeared. He noted that those present represented 80-85 percent of the American Jewish community and that they had expressed themselves at the meeting.

Exploring Differences

Schindler said he could not disclose what Vance said at the meeting. Other sources reported, however, that the Secretary promised there would be no economic or military pressure on Israel or an attempt to impose a settlement on Israel. He also reportedly said that the State Department would not seek to reduce military and economic aid to Israel, currently in the amount of \$1.8 billion. Israel is seeking \$2.3 billion for the new fiscal year.

Asked if any Jewish leader at the meeting took a view different from those he was expressing, Schindler said that all expressed "disappointment" and "outrage." He said the "concern, frustration and anger" came from "the national leadership and the grass roots." He noted that one speaker, identified later as the Agudat Israel representative Moshe Sherer, had declared that this Administration is "the greatest unifying force in Jewish life." Schindler added, "Obviously, we appreciate the dialogue and the Secretary's courtesy and the effort for peace."

Schindler said that the meeting had "no particular conclusion. It was a dialogue that was not meant to solve anything but to explore differences of views that most assuredly were there. These differences came to the fore and most assuredly were there at the end" of the meeting, Schindler said.

He said the Jewish leaders raised the PLO issue and that the Administration was "making it more and more possible for the PLO to be involved (in the political process) even though the PLO is at the heart and center of a world-wide conspiracy against the Jewish people" and the civilized world. Asked if the leadership felt they were misled by President Carter in his election campaign, Schindler said "I wouldn't go that far." He said Jews are

"optimistic" and "we have never given up hope that President Carter will live up to his commitments."

According to Schindler, "Israel has bent itself into a pretzel to accommodate itself to U.S. policy and this from a government of Israel that was heralded by the media as the most intransigent of governments." He said he did not know if the differences brought out in the meeting remain. "The Jewish community will judge not on sweet words but by the actions of the Administration," Schindler said. (See related story P. 3.)

CANADIAN LEADER SAYS ISRAEL SHOWS FLEXIBILITY IN PURSUIT OF PEACE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27 (JTA)--Canadian Minister of External Affairs Donald Jamieson told Israeli leaders today that there is "a universal commitment in Canada to Israel's survival" and declared that if the Arab nations were as flexible as Israel the Geneva peace conference could be reconvened. Emerging from a meeting with Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, Jamieson said the Israeli leader had made it clear that Israel is prepared to take a flexible approach but there are some points which Israel cannot surrender.

"The general mood as outlined to me by Mr. Dayan is one which gives me ground for optimism that if all the parties are prepared to accommodate in like fashion then Geneva can in fact proceed," Jamieson said. He said the possibility of starting peace talks by the end of the year depended on the Arab response to the Israel-U.S. "working paper." The Canadian official also conferred for 90 minutes with Premier Menachem Begin and said afterwards that Canada and Israel shared the common view that an overall peace settlement must now be achieved rather than additional interim accords.

Dayan, in greeting Jamieson at a dinner in his honor last night, said Israel had to distinguish between friendship of nations and the understanding of nations. He cited as an example the visit earlier this week of U.S. Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal who was under instructions from the American Embassy not to visit East Jerusalem accompanied by Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek.

"We got our lesson in maturity during the 1948 war when we won part of our country and we had our defeats and losses. What is holy is the fact that we lost it (Jerusalem) in one war and got it back in another. No other people wanted this city to be its capital. For a President (President Carter) who believes in the Bible to believe that the Western Wall and Mount Scopus are out of bounds to us is not understandable to us," Jamieson arrived here yesterday on a five-day official visit.

REPORT FIFA STRIPPED ISRAEL OF ASIAN FOOTBALL FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Oct. 27 (JTA)--The president of the Tunisian Football Federation, Salim Aloulou, said yesterday that the International Football (Soccer) Federation (FIFA) last week decided to strip Israel of membership in the Asian Football Federation. According to a report by the Tunisian Press Agency, Aloulou said the FIFA decision was taken at a secret meeting of its Emergency Committee last week in Munich.

Aloulou, as quoted by the Tunisian Press Agency, said "This decision takes effect at once though it will have to be ratified by the FIFA executive bureau." FIFA officials questioned by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, refused to comment before the executive committee meets. They indicated

privately, however, that the Asian Federation has taken "some action" along the lines of the report.

Aloulou is reported to have also said that he received assurances from FIFA president Joao Havelange that the Palestinian Soccer Federation will soon be admitted to the world body and would take part in international games. FIFA's Emergency Committee, which according to the Tunisian report, recommended Israel's exclusion from the Asian Games, consists of FIFA president Havelange, Russia's Valentin Graotkin, Kuwait's Ahmed el Saadoun, Mexico's Guillermo Canedo, Italy's Artemio Franchi and Egypt's Gen. Abdelaziz Mostafa.

Should the FIFA executive ratify the recommendation, Israel will remain a FIFA member but will no longer belong to the Asian region. It might join another region such as Europe in a situation similar to that existing at UNESCO.

STATE DEPARTMENT INDICATES SCHINDLER SHOULD NOT HAVE BRIEFED REPORTERS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (JTA)—The State Department said today that yesterday's meeting between Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and 80 American Jewish communal leaders was "off the record" and strongly implied that the Jewish spokesman, Rabbi Alexander Schindler, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, should not have talked with reporters about it afterwards.

The issue raised at today's State Department briefing by spokesman John Trattner opened a flurry of questions about why the Department called yesterday's meeting and the meeting with American Jewish journalists called for tomorrow. It also brought into focus the widely held perception that the U.S. government is engaged in a campaign to weaken the Jewish community's support for Israel and gain a more favorable Jewish outlook toward the Administration's Middle East policies.

When a French correspondent suggested that the meeting was, at least in part, a "campaign of persuasion to sell it (U.S. policy) to a group of people," Trattner said it was up to the reporters to make that judgment, adding, "I won't agree or disagree with the characterization."

Trattner said yesterday's meeting was "a dialogue" the purpose of which was to "inform" Jewish communal leaders of U.S. policies and obtain the leaders' views. "The Secretary found it useful" and will continue "to do the same sort of thing," he said. Replying to an Arab correspondent, Trattner said he knew of no plans for a similar meeting with leaders of Arab-American groups.

Reporters wanted to know if tomorrow's meeting to which 80 journalists representing the American Jewish press have been invited would be open. He replied that the meeting would be on "background" and is "part of the same dialogue as yesterday." He said the purpose was to give the journalists something to write about without direct attribution. He rejected a request for a pool reporter for the general press at tomorrow's meeting, noting that other reporters have a number of opportunities to meet with the Secretary of State. "These are special meetings for the Jewish community," Trattner said.

ISRAEL WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN SECURITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON REPORT DEALING WITH PALESTINIANS

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 27 (JTA)—Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, said today that Israel will not participate in the

meeting of the Security Council which opened this afternoon to discuss the report of the "Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People." In a statement issued here prior to the meeting, Herzog stated: "Israel does not recognize this committee, which merely echoes the policy of the PLO, an organization committed to the destruction of Israel, and will not cooperate with it in any way, and will therefore not participate in the meeting of the Security Council today."

The report of the committee and its recommendations were endorsed by the General Assembly last year. The recommendations set a time-table for Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories and called for the return of the Palestinians to their homes and the establishment of a Palestinian entity.

In his statement today, Herzog said that "The report's recommendations are nothing but a prescription for the dismemberment of the State of Israel.... These recommendations... are simply a re-casting of the PLO's statement before the committee." Pointing out that 19 of the 23 members of the committee have no diplomatic relations with Israel, the Israeli envoy declared:

"The recommendations conflict with Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, and are designed to by-pass these resolutions which form the only agreed basis for the solution of the Arab-Israel conflict in all its aspects, including the question of the Palestinian Arabs. In fact, nowhere in the entire report, including the recommendations, are Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 mentioned even in passing."

SPECIAL TO THE JTA REPORT GRAVE OF THE BAAL SHEM PROVIDED WITH MONUMENT

ELIZABETH, N.J., Oct. 27 (JTA)—Rabbi Pinchas M. Teitz reported that he received a phone call yesterday from Kiev, informing him that a monument on the grave of the Baal Shem, founder of the Hasidic movement, has been restored with a brief and simple inscription on it: "Here rests the Baal Shem Tov, Z"tzl." Rabbi Yisroel Baal Shem Tov died on the first day of Shavuot in 1760.

This, Teitz said, culminates three years of activity since his visit to the Soviet Union in 1974, when he received special permission from the Ukrainian authorities to visit the city of Medzibuz, 200 kilometers from Kiev. There are now three Jews remaining in the city which once was the center of Hasidic life in all of Russia, Teitz reported. Eliyahu Lapitsky and his son, Hillel, both Soviet engineers, were engaged to restore the burial site which had deteriorated due to neglect. Lapitsky phoned Teitz to inform him of the completion of his work.

During Teitz's last visit to the Soviet Union in August, 1977, he met with the Lapitskys and final plans were drawn for placing a monument on the Baal Shem's grave and also restoring the graves and monuments of three other Hasidic giants: Rabbi Moshe Chaim Efraim, author of the Hasidic classic "Degel Machne Efraim," a grandson of the Baal Shem, who died April 29, 1801; Rabbi Boruch of Medzibuz, another grandson of the Baal Shem, who died on Nov. 22, 1812; and the Rabbi of Aptá, Poland, known as the "Ohev Yisroel," Rabbi Avrohom Yehoshua Heshel, who died March 24, 1825. Teitz spoke with Sholom Kleinman, president of the Moscow Synagogue, who confirmed that the monument had in fact been restored upon the Baal Shem's grave Tuesday.

CALLAGHAN'S CALL FOR PALESTINIAN STATE, ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM AREAS RAPPEL BY BRITISH JEWISH LEADERS

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Oct. 27 (JTA)—Prime Minister James Callaghan's reiteration of Britain's position in favor of a Palestinian state, which drew a chilly reception from the Board of Deputies of British Jews when he addressed its Sunday meeting marking the 60th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration, continued to have unfavorable reverberations throughout the Anglo-Jewish community during the week. The address was broadcast live here and was televised for Israeli audiences.

Despite giving him a warm personal reception, the crowded meeting heard his call for an Arab "homeland" in silence. Later speakers ignored it completely, while taking issue with his implied call for almost total Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories.

"We believe that the way to solve the problem is by setting up a homeland of some kind for the Palestinian Arabs," Callaghan said. What form the homeland should take was a matter for the parties concerned, but it "obviously" could not just be in Jordan. The one million Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip would neither be absorbed by Jordan nor would they wish to be uprooted from their homes, the Prime Minister said.

Most of those people were not refugees and some means of satisfying their aspirations without posing an unacceptable threat to Israel's security had to be found if peace was to come, he added.

Warns Against Illusion

Callaghan warned against the belief that Israel could guarantee her security indefinitely by the occupation of territory. "That is a standing invitation to continuing tension and the danger of renewed war." While borders must be geographically relevant, possession of territory was no longer the only security factor, he said.

The experience in Sinai had shown that demilitarized zones and advance early warning systems could also enhance security without the occupation of territory and these should all play a part in a final settlement, Callaghan said. In return, however, Israel should secure commitments to peace and to the establishment of normal commercial and cultural relations with her Arab neighbors. Such commitments must be complemented by solid guarantees in which Israel could have full confidence.

Sharp Differences Expressed

The speakers who followed did not disguise the gap between Britain's policy and the view of the Anglo-Jewish community as regards new Israeli borders. But none of them referred to the call for a Palestinian Arab homeland.

Lord Janner, chairman of the Board's Eretz Israel Committee, said Israel and the Jewish people did not want any other people to lay down their lives on behalf of the Jewish State. In order that this should not happen, Israel must be secure. Dr. S. Levenberg, the Board's vice-president, said that Israel's apparent obsession with security was understandable to all who knew the history of the Jewish people.

Further comments on the Prime Minister's speech were made after the luncheon which followed the Board's meeting. One of the speakers was Jacques Torczyner, former president of the Zionist Organization of America, who praised efforts for a just peace but warned against any tendency to sacrifice Israel's vital interest.

The only person to express whole-hearted agreement with everything the Prime Minister had said was Lord Boothby, president of the Anglo-Israel Association, who said he had made a "characteristically brave and wise speech to an audience which he knew would be critical."

The Israeli Ambassador, Avraham Kidron, refrained completely from commenting on Callaghan's Middle East policy, preferring to refer to the Balfour Declaration. He revealed that when he had presented his credentials to the Queen, he told her that in Jewish history the Declaration was one of two shining beacons. The other was the Decree of Cyrus, the Persian ruler, more than 500 years BCE.

During the week, others continued to express criticism. Michael Fidler, the immediate past president of the Board, said that he had been "greatly dismayed and deeply disappointed" by the Prime Minister's reference to the Palestinian problem and said that the Board should express its criticism of certain parts of the speech.

Eric Graus, president of Herut in Britain, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Callaghan had shown "bad taste" in espousing an Arab homeland in Palestine on an occasion recalling Britain's historic support for a Jewish national home there.

SAUDI LEADER ASSAILS ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (JTA)—Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal, who met with President Carter at the White House Tuesday, advised the United States yesterday to deliver Israel into a "just and lasting settlement."

His terms for a settlement, as outlined in his remarks and in responses to questions at a National Press Club appearance, embraced concepts usually associated with the Palestine Liberation Organization. Knowledgeable observers of the Middle East scene saw no visible glimmer of compromise for a safe and secure Israel in his statements.

The Prince, whose country's leadership is touted as "moderate," welcomed the suggestions in the current edition of the Armed Forces Journal to reduce U.S. assistance to Israel. He quoted the article's assertion that Israel "is a militaristic state whose military build-up has gone far beyond the requirements of defense."

The Prince said in his text that "It is the Israelis who three decades ago intruded into Palestine, and it is the Israelis who, since then, have systematically seized still more Arab lands."

Asked why a Palestinian state was not considered by the Arabs in the 19 years before Israel entered the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the Six-Day War, the Prince replied that question "leads to 1948 and not 1967" and said the partition of Palestine was never implemented because Israelis occupied "many parts for the Palestinians."

Asked whether Israel's Begin government is "preparing for war," as the Armed Forces Journal and some others have reported, he replied to some applause, "If you believe your papers, they are." However, he skirted questions on the chances for a Middle East war, whether the PLO should establish a provisional government, and the use of oil to further Arab views in the political arena.

WASHINGTON (JTA)—The government of Israel has awarded a Belgian woman, Mrs. Georgette Piron, and her mother, Mrs. Alice Goossens, now living in nearby Fairfax, Virginia, medals and certificates in recognition of helping to enable 38 Jews and non-Jews to elude deportation to work camps in Germany during the five years the Nazis occupied Belgium.