

and the United States Chamber of Commerce which comprise the American delegation to the ILO along with the government, had supported withdrawal.

Sen. Jacob Javits (R.N.Y.) said today he was one of a group of Senators who had opposed the move. "I think we have given... those who are the enemies of freedom a much greater opportunity," he said.

Blanchard told the press conference today that "I think it is very proper that the ILO deal with political problems only to the extent that those problems have to do with the specific task of the ILO, which is the improvement of the conditions of workers." Meanwhile, he said, he was working on a contingency plan to take into account the U.S. pullout, effective Saturday, which will mean an end to the \$20 million annual U.S. contribution to ILO, one-fourth of the organization's budget.

UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim expressed "deep regret and concern" over the American move. He criticized it as a "retrogressive step for the principle of collective responsibility and from the goal of universality in United Nations bodies."

William vanden Heuvel, the U.S. Ambassador to the European office of the UN, told the ILO in announcing the withdrawal in Geneva last night, that "the present disagreements are not beyond reconciliation." He said the U.S. will "strive to communicate our concern and listen to proposed solutions so that all of us can look forward to a stronger rededicated, more purposeful ILO in which the United States will be appropriately a member."

Israel Ambivalent Over U.S. Withdrawal

(In Jerusalem, officials seemed confused today over the U.S. withdrawal from the ILO and it appeared unlikely that Israel would do the same. A Foreign Ministry statement described the American pull-out as "significant" because it meant that the largest employer and "the largest workers unions" were leaving an international agency concerned with labor matters. The statement noted, however, that Israel has a different set of considerations with respect to the ILO.

(Even though Israel is still bitter over the ILO's 1975 decision to grant the PLO official observer status, Israel hesitates to withdraw itself. One source here said that to do so would achieve the main purpose of Israel's enemies in the ILO. Moreover, Israel needs every possible international platform to explain its positions, the source said. Another consideration noted was that while the U.S. may withdraw now but re-enter with ease in the future, if Israel pulled out it might find itself permanently barred from the organization.)

KIDNAPPED JEW RELEASED

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 2 (JTA)--Kidnapped Amsterdam Jewish millionaire Maurits Caransa, 61, was released early today. He was found in an Amsterdam square at 1:30 a.m. by a passerby and was taken by taxi to Amsterdam police headquarters. He was physically in good condition.

Caransa told police his family paid a ten million Guilders (\$4 million) ransom in new banknotes for his release. He was kidnapped five days ago when leaving the Amsterdam Bridge Club, by five men. Caransa said he was held in a dark room, some three-quarters of an hour ride from Amsterdam, handcuffed to a radiator. He said his abductors had not mistreated him nor threatened him physically. He said he himself had conducted the negotiations on the amount for his release which originally had been several times higher than the ten million Guilders eventually paid.

TRILBY-SVENGALI, ISRAELI STYLE

By Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM, Nov. 2 (JTA)--Is Samuel Flatto-Sharon playing Trilby to someone's Svengali? That question arose in the Knesset when it was reported this week that the French-born MK is learning Hebrew under hypnosis to save the time that would be consumed by more conventional instruction methods.

The matter was raised by Labor Alignment MK Moshe Shahal who wondered if Knesset members should be allowed to speak while under an hypnotic spell. "Will he be speaking of his own free will or mouthing words implanted in his mind, Shahal wanted to know. The question was referred to a subcommittee of the House Committee to find an answer. Flatto's first speech in Hebrew, delivered during the debate on the government's new economic plan, failed to mesmerize the Knesset.

CHAGALL, WILSON HONORED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 2 (JTA)--The Weizmann Institute of Science awarded honorary doctorates to Marc Chagall, the artist, and to Sir Harold Wilson, former Prime Minister of Britain. Chagall, who is 90, received the honor "in recognition of his eternal and unique art in which he immortalized with talent and sensitivity a Jewish world that no longer exists and his great love for Israel." The artist, responding, said, "All my life I just painted poor Jews looking for a place to live in peace. Now these poor Jews have finally come here and built this country with their own hands."

Sir Harold was awarded the doctorate in recognition of his "standing as a spokesman for the free world, his being a brilliant leader of Great Britain, the country which 60 years ago assisted the establishment of a Jewish homeland with the Balfour Declaration and in appreciation of his friendship and support for Israel ever since its establishment." The British Labor statesman told the audience: "In a period of great strain and anxiety for Israel, your friends in other countries will do all in their power to ensure that you enjoy peace and stability." The ceremonies took place last Sunday in Rehovot.

1000 ATTEND RALLY IN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL

WAYNE, N.J., Nov. 2 (JTA)--An outpouring of support for Israel and her people was loudly and dramatically expressed by some 1000 people who attended a "Rally for Israel" sponsored by the Jewish Federation of North Jersey last Sunday. Jews and non-Jews joined together to indicate to community leaders and the Carter Administration their displeasure with recent changes in U.S. policy on the Middle East. The spirit of the afternoon was summed up by the two main speakers, Chaim Landau, former Israeli Minister of Development; and Sister Rose Thering, of Seton Hall University.

Landau told the group, "We are in the midst of a confrontation with the American Administration," citing the recent U.S.-USSR joint statement as a violation of the United States pledge made in 1973 to take no actions unless it first consulted with Israel. "The PLO has written a new 'Mein Kampf' dedicated to purging Zionism from Palestine and finding the establishment of the State of Israel null and void," he said. "Our government does not intend to preside over the destruction of Israel but to secure the future of Israel for our generation and generations to come."

Sister Rose was equally emphatic as she asserted: "As a Christian and Catholic, I loudly, clearly and publicly must protest the recent action of the Ad-

ministration in issuing its joint statement with the Soviets as well as recent UN actions... we must protest any invitation to the PLO to the Geneva conference. To invite them is to reward murder and promote terror internationally... the State of Israel must be supported by all men and women of good will. All of us are inheritors of Israel's great moral ideals."

VANCE SAYS U.S. HAS INTERCEDED WITH USSR ON DISSIDENTS FACING TRIAL

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2 (JTA)—Secretary of State Cyrus Vance said today that the United States has "interceded" with the Soviet Union on behalf of Soviet dissidents facing trial. At the same time, he defended the Soviet-American Middle East statement.

In a news conference almost entirely devoted to Soviet-American relations and the Arab-Israeli conflict, Vance skirted a question whether the U.S. intercession would endanger the superpowers' bilateral relations and would not disclose Soviet reaction to Washington's protest. He said the U.S. regarded treatment of the dissidents "with great seriousness."

Vance was commenting on a report that President Carter and Vance have urged the Soviet leaders not to conduct pending trials of Anatoly Shcharansky, Alexander Ginzburg and Uri Orlov. The Shcharansky case has aroused Jewish groups since he faces treason charges because of his outspoken support of Jewish emigration from the USSR. Soviet media have linked Shcharansky to the Central Intelligence Agency, but Carter has publicly denied such connections.

Ginzburg is accused of anti-Soviet agitation and Orlov for heading a group monitoring Soviet compliance with the human rights provisions of the Helsinki agreement. As late as yesterday, government officials said Vance had discussed the matter of pending trials of dissidents with Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin.

Says U.S.—USSR Statement Is Constructive

Responding to the attacks on the Soviet-American agreement by Republican Senate Minority Leader Howard Baker of Tennessee, who in an address before the World Jewish Congress yesterday accused the Carter Administration of playing "Russian Roulette," Vance said that he "very deeply" believes that the joint statement of Oct. 1 is "a constructive step in moving toward a Geneva conference" on the Middle East.

Vance went out of his way to re-emphasize the Carter Administration's support of Israel. Going over the ramifications of his efforts for the Geneva conference, Vance said "In all of this I want to emphasize that we are committed to the security of Israel and there never has been a moment of doubt upon this. I have seen comment in the press which has raised questions about this and I therefore want to take this opportunity to lay this question to rest once and for all. There is no question at all that we are committed fully to the security of Israel." Vance emphasized "fully."

Vance said he is continuing to press for a Geneva conference before the end of the year but he did not plan to visit the Middle East. He said the "key questions which remain for resolution" for Geneva is the composition of the Palestinian element of the United Arab delegation and the final form of the working groups to carry out the actual negotiations after the opening session. "We have not completed our discussions with the parties on

these two issues," he said.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY CALLED ON TO CONDEMN ISRAEL FOR ALLEGED COLLABORATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 2 (JTA)—The UN Special Committee Against Apartheid has called on the General Assembly to "once again condemn the government of Israel" for alleged "collaboration" with "the apartheid regime in South Africa in the military, nuclear, political, economic and other fields" including sports and cultural exchanges. The report, submitted to the General Assembly on Oct. 28, was made public in a press release issued by the committee this afternoon.

The Special Committee Against Apartheid consists of 18 Communist bloc, Arab and Third World countries. Its report stated that the committee had "followed with grave concern the continuing and increasing collaboration by the government of Israel with the apartheid regime in South Africa," adding that "Israel's increasing collaboration, especially in the military field, has been one of deliberate choice and a hostile act against the oppressed people of South Africa."

The report stated further: "The Special Committee wishes to emphasize that the growing alliance between the government of Israel and the apartheid regime reflecting their common disregard of the UN, represents a challenge to the international community in its efforts to secure freedom and peace in southern Africa. It notes with concern the insidious propaganda by the government of Israel and its supporters against the UN, organizations and against governments which have advocated firm action against apartheid."

The committee report said, therefore, that "It considers that the General Assembly should once again condemn the government of Israel and demand that it forthwith cease collaboration with South Africa. It (the General Assembly) should promote maximum publicity for all relevant information and encourage governments and organizations to exert all their influence to oblige the government of Israel to desist from its disastrous course."

The report also charged that "South African Jewish families are reportedly emigrating to Israel as part of Israel's policy to create settlements in the occupied territories."

EXORCISING DYBBUK OF ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (JTA)—With white robes, black candles, and a large menorah, members of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry staged today an "exorcism" of the "dybbuk of anti-Semitism which is possessing the body politic of the Kremlin" at Aeroflot Russian Airlines' Fifth Avenue office.

Shofar blasts by young men and women clad with prayer shawls opened and closed the unusual ceremony, which attracted a large crowd of onlookers. Many demonstrators held up photos of Soviet Jewish Prisoners of Conscience; one bore a sign, "Let My Dybbuk Go!"

"We can only explain the latest wave of irrational anti-Semitism in the USSR, including Tass' announcement that imprisoned emigration spokesman Anatoly Shcharansky will receive 'the most severe sentence' by the fact that a malevolent dybbuk must have gotten hold of the Kremlin," a SSSJ spokesman said. "By our exorcism, we hope to have invoked the spirits of human rights and the Helsinki accord to build up sufficient moral pressure to expel this dybbuk of anti-Semitism from the USSR for all time."

REPORT MEMBERS OF DEUTSCH FAMILY RELEASED BY ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (JTA)—Three of the five members of the Deutsch family first kidnapped from their home in Cordoba, Argentina, on Aug. 27 and then detained by government authorities, have been released, according to an official of the Anti-Defamation League who just returned from a two-week visit to Argentina and other Latin American countries.

Speaking before a meeting of ADL leaders in Buffalo, N.Y., Rabbi Morton M. Rosenthal, director of the agency's Latin American affairs department, described the release of Mrs. Helena Deutsch and two of her daughters, Susana and Elsa, as an "encouraging sign" although her husband, Alejandro, a businessman and artist, and the couple's youngest daughter, Liliana, remain in custody.

He said that concern for the well-being of the Deutsch family will remain high until the entire family is freed. He pointed out that in Argentina, the family's arrest is generally believed to have been a blunder by low-level police officials who were looking for the Deutschs' son.

The Deutsch family was kidnapped by a band of 12 men dressed in civilian clothing. In response to repeated inquiries from abroad, the Argentinian government announced 10 days after the kidnapping that the family was being detained by government authorities. The case drew worldwide attention and protests.

Not Involved In Unlawful Acts

Rosenthal said that friends and neighbors, as well as the Deutsch family itself, have denied involvement in any unlawful activities. Since the release of Mrs. Deutsch and her two daughters, he added, many neighbors have called on them, bringing flowers to express their sympathy. "If there was any doubt of their innocence," Rosenthal declared, "this would not have happened because the neighbors would fear being charged with guilt by association."

He also reported that a proposed law to defer anti-Semitism was submitted last month by the Argentine government. The proposal, which is being studied by the Legislative Advisory Commission, calls for prison sentences for those found guilty of anti-Semitic activity.

Rosenthal added that the overall situation in Argentina remains serious, that arrests and arbitrary disappearances continue at a high rate, and that treatment of political prisoners has become severe with physical abuse commonplace in some jails. He warned that there is no foreseeable end to the Argentinian government's war against alleged ideological subversion. He said that "without clearly defined legal guidelines and safeguards, everybody is vulnerable and so potential critics of government policy are being silenced by fear."

MEIR, VANCE, DINITZ WILL BE PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS AT THE CJF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (JTA)—Former Israeli Premier Golda Meir, U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance and Israel's Ambassador to the United States Simcha Dinitz will be among the featured speakers at the 46th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) Nov. 9-13 in Dallas, Texas.

In addition, Jerold C. Hoffberger, CJF president, Leonard R. Strelitz, United Jewish Appeal general chairman, and David de Rothschild, treasurer of the Fonds Social Juif Unifié of France, will also address the more than 2000 leaders represent-

ing the 215 Jewish Federations in the United States and Canada.

Mrs. Meir will address a special session of the Assembly on Saturday, Nov. 12 in the Grand Ballroom of the Dallas Hilton. Her appearance comes almost 30 years after her first participation in a CJF General Assembly in 1948 shortly after the State of Israel was officially established. Her talk to the 1948 General Assembly in Chicago marked the start of an emergency fund-raising trip to the U.S. which Mrs. Meir undertook on behalf of the new nation.

Dates Of Scheduled Addresses

Vance will address the CJF Assembly on Thursday, Nov. 10, in the Grand Ballroom of the Dallas Sheraton. He is expected to discuss the Carter Administration's efforts to help achieve peace in the Middle East. Two nights later, on Saturday, Nov. 12, Dinitz will review his nation's views on a Geneva conference and the quest for peace. Dinitz will be the featured speaker at the General Assembly Banquet in the Grand Ballroom of the Dallas Sheraton. De Rothschild and Strelitz will address the same session.

CJF President Jerold C. Hoffberger will open the General Assembly proceedings Wednesday evening, Nov. 9, by delivering the keynote address at the first of six plenary sessions.

Official Assembly action scheduled for these meetings will include peace in the Middle East; the rights and resettlement of Soviet Jews; effective implementation of the recent anti-boycott legislation; the rights of Syrian Jews; the United Nations and Israel; development of greater financial resources by Federations; the needs of the aging; outreach by Jewish Federations to satellite communities; and energy conservation by Federations and agencies.

In addition, more than 70 workshops will deal with subjects including leadership development, endowment funds, Federation-synagogue relations, Jewish education, women's communal services, public relations and college youth and faculty, among others.

5 U.S. CORPORATIONS IN DEAL WITH EGYPT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2 (JTA)—Egypt has entered into an unwritten understanding with five U.S. corporations—Coca Cola, Ford, Xerox, Motorola and Colgate Palmolive—to help them get off the Arab boycott list if they will invest in industrial activities in Egypt, according to reports from Cairo. The five corporations are ready to invest in Egyptian projects, even if unprofitable, if Egypt can open the way to lucrative markets in the rest of the Arab world, it was reported.

To date, Egypt has had minimal success in attracting Western, particularly American, capital investment it desperately needs. At least four of the five firms have gotten preliminary approval from Egypt's general authority for foreign investments but implementation of operations in Egypt awaits results of Egypt's efforts to get them off the blacklist, the reports noted. They said the two projects farthest advanced in planning are those of Ford and Coca Cola, blacklisted for years because of their trade with Israel.

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Alexander Slepak, the oldest son of Russia's leading Jewish activist, Vladimir Slepak of Moscow, has arrived in Israel. He said he intends to go abroad almost immediately to campaign for the release of his family which has been refused emigration for the past eight years.