

ISRAELI JETS ATTACK TERRORIST BASES IN SOUTHERN LEBANON; GUR SAYS CEASE-FIRE SHOULD BE KEPT
By Yitzhak Shargil and Gil Sedan

TEL AVIV, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Israeli jets attacked terrorist bases, encampments and training centers in southwestern Lebanon this morning and returned safely to their bases. The air strike, the first in Lebanon in two years, was announced by Chief of Staff Gen. Mordechai Gur. He said it was ordered in retaliation for the terrorist rocket attacks on Nahariya that claimed three lives, injured five and did extensive damage earlier in the week.

Gur said the aircraft were in action between 7:35-8:40 a.m. local time and carried out their attacks on terrorist targets in a coastal strip ten kilometers wide extending from the town of Tyre to the Israeli border. He insisted that the targets were not places inhabited by civilians and that there were no known Lebanese or Syrian army units in their vicinity. Reports from Beirut today claimed the Israeli planes had bombed civilians in refugee camps.

The air attack followed heavy shelling of terrorist targets by Israeli artillery last night. Gur said the rocket attacks on Nahariya indicated that the terrorists have resumed their warfare against Israeli civilians. He said Israel wanted to preserve the cease-fire in southern Lebanon and called on Syrian forces there to put a stop to terrorist activity. The Chief of Staff said the terrorist rocket attacks could not have been launched without the knowledge of the Syrians. Gur stressed that no Israeli ground or naval forces were involved in the retaliatory action.

Begin Warns Terrorists

Last night, Premier Menachem Begin declared that the days are over "when terrorists of the so-called PLO can launch deadly assaults upon us and we stand idly by." Addressing the 10th anniversary dinner of the Variety Club of Israel in Jerusalem, he accused the Soviet Union of supplying the PLO with "sophisticated weapons with which to kill innocent men, women and children." But he said Israel had no interest in escalating the situation on the Lebanese border and urged that the cease-fire be maintained. Yesterday, the Variety Club laid the cornerstone of a \$5 million child and family development and rehabilitation center to Jerusalem.

U.S. URGES RESTRAINT ON ISRAELI-LEBANESE BORDER

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 (JTA)--The State Department said today that it was urging "all concerned" to exercise restraint in order to end the new flare-up of warfare along the Israeli-Lebanese border but pointedly refused to condemn Israel's air strike against terrorist bases in southwestern Lebanon this morning in retaliation for terrorist rocket attacks on Nahariya. Department spokesman John Trattner also said, at today's press briefing, that the U.S. position "remains only that a permanent solution to security in southern Lebanon lies with restoration of Leb-

anese authority in the area."

Asked for an assessment of the rocket attack and the air strike, Trattner said, "We, of course, deplore the loss of life and injury on both sides of the border. Again we urge all concerned to act with restraint in order to restore the cease-fire in southern Lebanon and we are continuing intensive diplomatic action toward this end with the governments concerned. Our position remains only that a permanent solution to security in southern Lebanon lies with restoration of Lebanese authority in the area. We call on all concerned to do all that they can to help the Lebanese government bring this about."

Pressed to name the governments concerned, Trattner named Lebanon and Israel but said he was "not limiting the list" to those two countries. Asked why the State Department did not mention Syria which has 30,000 troops in Lebanon, Trattner replied that he "assumes that Syria is part of the contact."

Asked if Israel can be secure if Syria doesn't act to get the Palestinian terrorists out of southern Lebanon, Trattner said it was "not appropriate for me to say what the various parties should do." Asked why he did not condemn the Israeli air strike, he responded, "I'm going to say exactly what I said." He said he would not "characterize" the Israeli move "in one way or another." Yesterday, Trattner condemned the terrorist rocket attacks on Nahariya that claimed three lives and injured five persons.

ARAB VILLAGERS PROTEST DEATH

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Arab villagers staged a general strike in Majdal-Krum today to protest the killing of a local Arab by Israeli police yesterday during a violent demonstration against the demolition of an illegally built house in that Upper Galilee township on the Safad-Acre road. About 20 policemen were injured and scores of Arabs were arrested before the demonstrators dispersed.

The Interior Ministry expressed regret over the loss of life but said its get-tough policy against illegal construction will continue. The construction of houses without government permission has reached epidemic proportions in the heavily Arab populated regions of Upper Galilee, Ministry sources said. Demolition orders were issued five years ago but action was delayed by numerous court appeals.

Yesterday a wrecking crew with a demolition warrant issued by a court was sent to Majdal-Krum accompanied by a small police guard. The house in question was razed. But the villagers massed in a protest demonstration which erupted in violence. Passing cars and busses were stoned and the main road was blocked. Police reinforcements rushed to the scene fired into the air. One villager was fatally wounded by a stray bullet, police said.

DAYAN SUGGESTS NEW POSITION

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA)--A possible shift in Israel's position regarding peace talks with the Arabs was indicated by Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan yesterday when he told the Likud Knesset faction that Israel was willing to negotiate a temporary agreement with its neighbors if an overall settlement is unattainable at this time. Dayan made the same

statement a day earlier at a meeting with the National Religious Party (NRP) Knesset faction. However, he added, "he who does not give full peace will not receive full compensation."

The Foreign Minister maintained that it was within the power of the United States to exert economic pressure on Egypt to sign a peace treaty with Israel. He also said that Israel never asked for American guarantees of a peace settlement but that the matter was raised by Washington. "We oppose sending American troops—or even civilians—to Israel as part of this guarantee," he said, "but I would not automatically reject an offer to join NATO if such an offer was made."

Dayan reiterated that Israel will accept no alternative to the joint U.S.-Israel working paper on Geneva procedures. He specifically rejected a proposal by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat for the creation of an Arab-Israeli working group to lay the groundwork for the Geneva conference. Sadat's suggestion was rejected by the Cabinet at its meeting Sunday.

Dayan said he expected an official reply from the Arabs on the U.S.-Israel working paper within two weeks. The PLO has already rejected it but Sadat apparently sought to circumvent the PLO by his new proposal. It was learned, meanwhile, that intensive negotiations have taken place in the Arab world on moves toward reconvening the Geneva conference. PLO chieftain Yasser Arafat met with Sadat in Cairo yesterday and King Hussein of Jordan flew to Damascus for talks with Syria's President Hafez Assad.

Premier Menachem Begin said yesterday that Israel's refusal to hand over the West Bank to foreign rule was not a precondition but a negotiating position. Israel did not expect the Arabs to accept Israel's positions before negotiations begin, he said.

NYC TO HAVE SECOND JEWISH MAYOR

NEW YORK, Nov. 9 (JTA)—Ed Koch, a slight, balding, 52-year-old Democratic Congressman from Manhattan's "silk stocking" district, became New York's second Jewish Mayor last night. He won a handy 50-42 percent election victory over his closest rival, Liberal-Independent Mario Cuomo. Republican Roy Goodman and Conservative Barry Farber, both Jewish, trailed badly with about 4 percent of the vote each.

When he takes office Jan. 1, Koch will succeed 76-year-old Abraham Beame, the city's first Jewish Mayor, who he defeated in the Democratic primaries last September. In the Democratic run-offs that month Koch beat Cuomo for the nomination by 10 percentage points. Yesterday's race between the two was closer owing to massive defections by Italian Democrats to Cuomo who is of Italian descent. But Koch registered large pluralities among Jews, Blacks and Hispanic voters who turned out in large numbers despite the worst rainstorm of the year. Cuomo won only his home borough of Queens and Staten Island.

MRS. MEIR SAYS ISRAELIS DO NOT WANT THEIR BLOOD EQUATED WITH OIL

NEW YORK, Nov. 9 (JTA)—"We don't want anyone else to shed blood for us, but neither do we want our blood to be equated with the price of oil," former Israeli Premier Golda Meir told 240 United Jewish Appeal/Federation of Jewish Philanthropies leaders in New York at a dinner in her honor last night. Oil has eroded human values and decency, "but if the alliance between Israel

and the Jewish people remains firm, I believe we can make it," she said.

Referring to her meeting with President Carter earlier in the day, Mrs. Meir said, "We are not facing a United States government hostile to Israel, but the difference of opinion is very serious. The Jewish people have a legitimate right to live within borders we can defend. We cannot build our future on another government guaranteeing our borders. If others have to defend us we will lose our freedom."

Mrs. Meir declared that "we want peace. We will go to Geneva, but it must be to a clean table, without preconditions; no one can tie our hands."

Stressing the need for a significant increase in the 1978 campaign, UJA general chairman Leonard R. Strelitz said, "Responsibility begins with commitment, because no people can do what the people of Israel do unless they have a helping hand. We must increase our support of humanitarian programs needed by the people of Israel. We must help build a strong, viable society which can grow and prosper in times of peace. This year, Jewry understands that their gifts will mean more for Israel, and this is a barometer of American Jewish concern."

NY GOVERNOR SAYS ISRAEL ONLY FORCE FOR STABILITY IN MIDEAST

NEW YORK, Nov. 9 (JTA)—Gov. Hugh Carey of New York stressed in a speech delivered here last night that "We must reaffirm in simple and unequivocal language, the support of the people of the United States for Israel" because "the national security of the United States is best served by a clear recognition that the only true force for continued stability in the Middle East is Israel."

The occasion was the annual national dinner of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Carey's speech was read by his Special Assistant, Menachem M. Shayovich, who explained that the Governor was delayed in reaching the city during yesterday's torrential rains. Carey referred to what he said "appears to be a limited debate in certain circles in the United States over the nature of the relationship between the U.S. and Israel." In that connection, he noted that "the economy of Israel is undergoing a difficult transition and it is not the time for the United States to contribute to Israeli uncertainty about the future."

He continued: "The relationships between Israel's neighbors in the region of the Middle East are undergoing some important shifts and now is not the time for Americans to indulge in a debate, however limited, about the basic commitment of this country to the safety of Israel. The internal political situation of several of Israel's neighbors continues to be marked by the uncertainty of factional politics and factional strife and this is not the time for American supporters of Israel to let down their guard."

The Governor noted that "The politics of Israel is free and open and democratic. The political and economic changes that have taken place in Israel in recent months are the changes that a people passionately devoted to freedom make for themselves.... At this time it is important that the natural and long-standing affinity between Israel and her supporters and friends here in the United States be strengthened and broadcast as publicly as possible."

U.S. DENIES 'ACTION' TAKEN ON ISRAELI REQUEST FOR CO-PRODUCTION OF F-16

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 (JTA)--The State Department said today that "no final action has been taken" on Israel's request to enter into co-production of the American F-16 fighter plane and that it did not know when it would be taken. The statement was given in response to a Washington Post report today quoting State Department and Pentagon officials as saying the Carter Administration has made a "decision" to reject the Israeli request.

When Department spokesman John Trattner was asked whether in view of his statement the Post's report was inaccurate, he said first that his statement "would reflect that," but later he said he was "not giving judgment on the story." When he refused to define "action" in distinction to the Post's word "decision," angry reporters declared the matter "requires a clear answer" and demanded that the Department "stop playing this nonsense." Some reporters took the view that the U.S. has made its "decision" but has not yet notified Israel which would be "action."

Trattner opened his comment by noting that co-production of the F-16 was "one of several items" requested by Israel at an "early date" and has been "under consideration for a long time." He said it is still within "current discussions with the Israelis," adding, "We are committed in principle" to provide the F-16 to Israel as a finished product. The question is how many, "he said. "When" they will be shipped to Israel "depends on the decision the U.S. will ultimately take."

ISRAEL CONSIDERING COMMERCIAL TV

By Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA)--The government appears inclined to award one of two private investment groups a license to establish a commercial television channel in Israel if certain conditions are met, it was learned today. One group is headed by Eliezer Zurabin, manager of an advertising agency that handled Likud's media campaign in the last elections and the Labor Alignment's in the three previous elections. The other is a syndicate that includes local and foreign interests, among them Thames Television, the owners of the Nasher-Abir brewery and investors from Canada and South Africa.

The government has stipulated that the broadcasts must be black-and-white to avoid a rush to buy color television sets which are very costly. Newspapers whose advertising would suffer from TV competition must be allowed to participate in the new venture and the government will also insist that commercial TV be under the supervision of the Broadcast Authority to ensure political balance. Preference will be given investors who do not seek government financial assistance.

The establishment of commercial television will require new legislation. The law is likely to include provisions for regulation, a limit on the amount of time devoted to advertising and strict enforcement of political evenhandedness by the new channel. It is expected to be one of the most controversial pieces of legislation to reach the Knesset.

HERZOG CALLS UN COMMITTEE REPORT 'FALSE'; U.S. DECLINES COMMENT

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Chaim Herzog

denounced as "one-sided, false, biased and utterly unworthy of any consideration" a report by a three-nation committee of the General Assembly that charged Israel with abuses in the occupied Arab territories. The committee, created in 1968 to "investigate Israeli practices" in the territories, consists of Senegal, Sri Lanka and Yugoslavia, none of which has diplomatic relations with Israel.

The fact was noted in Herzog's statement released here last night. He charged that the report "is based on hearsay unsubstantiated evidence and reports to the total exclusion of Israel's side of the case." He said "Israel does not collaborate with this committee because, as will be recalled, when it was established in 1968, Israel requested that it also investigate the plight of Jewish communities in Arab countries. This request was denied," the Israeli envoy said, adding that the committee is "no more than a tool in the hands of Arab propagandists in their war against the Jewish State. The committee did not visit Israel or the occupied territories."

In Washington today, the State Department declined to comment on the committee's report which, it said, it had not studied yet. The Department noted that the report would be debated over the next two weeks in the General Assembly's Special Political Committee and a variety of draft resolutions will stem from it. "The U.S. will address them on their individual merits," a State Department spokesman said.

WOMAN ALLOWED TO REMARRY FIRST SPOUSE

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef has allowed a divorced woman to return to her first husband even though she had remarried. The ruling was given despite the halachic ban on such cases.

Yosef's ruling was made in the case of a couple who were wed in a civil marriage in the Soviet Union. After arriving in Israel, they divorced according to halacha. Because both are Jews, rabbinical courts prefer to perform a regular divorce ruling, even if a couple had not married according to the halacha, "to avoid any doubts."

Yosef explained that actually there was no need for a divorce in the case of a civil marriage, since it is not really recognized as a marriage in Jewish law. Therefore, in this specific case, Yosef actually nullified the first marriage, and thus the ban on a divorcee remarrying her first husband was not violated. The woman said she wished to return to her first husband because their son suffered from the separation.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Premier Menachem Begin will visit the United Kingdom in two weeks time, it was learned here this week. Begin's visit was supposed to take place a month ago, but had to be postponed. It was learned that the visit will last four days, during which Begin will meet with Britain's Prime Minister and with the English Jewish leaders.

WASHINGTON (JTA)--The Rev. Ndabani-angi Sithole, the moderate Rhodesian Black intellectual who is in the forefront of the movement for transition of rule in Rhodesia, will meet with American Jewish leaders during his visit this month to the United States. Sithole will be accompanied on his visit by his political advisor, Neville H. Romain, who is a Rhodesian Jew. Dr. Daniel Thurst, executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith, will host a reception for him at the B'nai B'rith building Nov. 16.

SPECIAL INTERVIEW

**[ISRAELI] 'SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE'
DESCRIBES SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA)—"A great program.... Low pressure, honest... not a hit-and-run exercise. You work like a dog...." These are some of the observations of one of the most successful and sought-after "scholars-in-residence," Dr. Eliezer Jaffe, formerly of Cleveland, who is a lecturer in social work at the Hebrew University.

Jaffe has been a "scholar-in-residence" in Rochester, N.Y., in Milwaukee, and next spring will be going to Philadelphia. He is full of praise for the program. The obvious satisfaction which he derived from his experiences as a scholar—plus the demands from American-Jewish communities for his time as a "scholar" with them—attest to his own success in this novel form of Zionist "hasbara."

The program was conceived in 1972 by Bill Levine, then head of the North America desk at the World Zionist Organization's organization and information department and now deputy head of the department. It began modestly, with 12 "scholars" sent to the U.S. in 1972. Last year the number increased to 40, and now there are plans to introduce the program to Britain, Australia, South Africa, Scandinavia, Argentina and other countries.

The average "residence" period is two weeks. Scholars are picked from various walks of life—the arts, academia, journalism, the professions—with only one type of person rigorously excluded—the professional politician.

Role Of The Scholar

The role of the scholar is not to talk politics, not to analyze the latest diplomatic moves or military threats, not to assess the prospects of the coalition or the opposition, but rather to give of himself, of his life's work and experience. Thus if he is a poet, he will hold seminars on his poetry and on that of other Israeli poets. If he is a writer, he will speak about books—his own and others. If he is a university philosopher, he will introduce his audiences to trends of thought current among Israeli savants.

If he is a social work expert, like Jaffe, he will describe, with the aid perhaps, of his own slides, what life is like in Israel's big town slums, and what the various governmental and voluntary agencies are doing to improve the lot of the underprivileged.

The program is run jointly from Israel by the WZO's organization and information department and the youth and halutz department, and in the U.S. by the American Zionist Federation and the American Zionist Youth Federation. The latter concentrates especially on campus-oriented scholars and communities. These organizations cover the Transatlantic flight costs, while the host community pays for inland flights, hotel bills and other expenses, and the \$500 honorarium.

"No one does it for the money, believe me," says Jaffe. Regular fees on the lecture circuit are incomparably higher especially considering that the "scholar-in-residence" will usually deliver some half dozen lectures a day for the duration of his residence. "A night off with an invitation to a quiet dinner at someone's home will often involve 30 people waiting to hear you talk...." Jaffe explains. After a day's rest in New York, he re-

counts, the scholar is "briefed" at WZO Park Avenue headquarters on the community he is about to visit. Then he emplanes and from the moment of touchdown until he leaves two weeks later he is "on the go," meeting with groups, large and small, and with individuals, lecturing, talking, answering questions. If he is popular and successful, requests for him pour in during the course of his residence and his schedule grows even tighter. Local TV and radio stations ask for interviews too.

Meets Professionals

In his own case, Jaffe has been able to spend valuable time with local Jewish professionals engaged in social work, among them some who are considering aliya and are interested in prospects in the field in Israel. The secret of the program's success, he believes, is its low pressure approach. "These audiences have never been able to sit down quietly with someone from Israel who's not pushing something," Jaffe says succinctly.

The visit ends with a "debriefing" in New York at which the scholar assesses with WZO professionals the achievements of his residence and what recommendations and observations he has regarding the community that could help another scholar in the future.

Levine explains that scholars are selected by the communities on a first come first served basis from a list carefully drawn up by an inter-departmental committee in Jerusalem. Obviously a community that had a poet last year will usually want a man of affairs this year and perhaps a painter or sculptor the year after. The organizers try to avoid the same scholar returning to the same community, no matter how successful he was.

Generally the various bodies within the community will set up an ad hoc committee to plan the scholar's stay and "spread" him best among the different groups, synagogues and suburbs. Links forged on a one-to-one basis during a residence will be maintained when the scholar returns home. The scholar enters into what Levine terms "an ongoing relationship with us," lecturing to visiting groups from the community he visited and also from other U.S. cities, and helping, too, to explain U.S. Jewry to Israelis through the light of his own experiences as a "scholar-in-residence."

DR. LEO SCHAFLER DEAD AT 87

LONDON, Nov. 9 (JTA)—Dr. Leo Schaffer, former deputy general secretary of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain, has died here after a long illness. He was 87. Born in Czernowitz, he was a pioneer of the Labor Zionist movement in Bukovina, then part of the Austro-Hungarian empire. After World War I, he was a lawyer in Vienna until fleeing to England in 1938.

He joined the Zionist Federation in 1940 and was Manchester organizer and then London secretary before becoming the deputy to the late Lavy Bakstansky. He was formerly managing editor of the Jewish Observer and Middle East Review.

LONDON (JTA)—A week of solidarity with Soviet Jewry will be observed in 20 countries next month to coincide with Chanukah. It will start in London on Dec. 4 with the kindling of the first Chanukah light. This will be the signal for the kindling of lights in Paris, New York and Sydney, spreading to hundreds of towns and cities in four continents. In Britain, the solidarity week is being sponsored by the National Council for Soviet Jewry.