



## BEGIN ASSURES WALDHEIM ISRAEL WILL WITHDRAW ITS FORCES FROM LEBANON ACCORDING TO TWO-STAGE TIMETABLE By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 9 (JTA)--Premier Menachem Begin has assured United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim that Israeli forces will withdraw from south Lebanon according to a two-stage timetable which Waldheim has termed "inadequate." Begin said the withdrawal plan was based on an agreement between Defense Minister Ezer Weizman and Gen. Ensio Siilasvuo, supreme commander of UN forces in the Middle East.

His response implied that there would be no change in Israel's withdrawal program, notwithstanding Waldheim's criticism. The pull-back will be limited to the central sector of the front. Total withdrawal from south Lebanon will take place only when Israel is convinced that the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) can take full control and prevent terrorists from returning to the region.

According to the plan presented to the UN by Chief of Staff Gen. Mordechai Gur, the first stage of the Israeli withdrawal Tuesday will be in the Marj Ayoun-Arkoub area and will range from 1.25-4.4 miles. The second stage, on Friday, will cover an area along the Litani River from the Akiya Bridge to Deir Miness to a depth of from 0.62-3 miles.

In a statement issued at UN headquarters in New York Friday, Waldheim said he was gratified that Israel had announced its intention to begin the withdrawal of its forces from Lebanon, beginning Tuesday. But, he pointed out, the Security Council had called for immediate withdrawal by Israel in its resolution of March 19.

The Waldheim-Begin exchange came amidst reports of a possible reconvening of the Security Council to debate the situation in south Lebanon and reports of growing tension between UNIFIL and the Palestinian terrorists.

### Terrorists Fire on UNIFIL Units

It was reported today that Norwegian, Swedish and French UNIFIL units were fired on by terrorists north of the Litani River during the past 24 hours and returned the fire. The report was welcomed here as a sign that UNIFIL was ordered to carry out to the letter its instructions to prevent terrorist infiltration of south Lebanon.

The Norwegians were reported to have come under fire in the Kaukba area, the northernmost sector of the front. The Swedes, deployed at six positions between the Akiya and Kasmiyah bridges, also came under sporadic fire from across the river and fired back. French units were involved in a shooting incident with terrorists in the Tyre region.

### GUR ORDERS PROBE OF DEAD AND MISSING ISRAELI SOLDIERS IN SOUTH LEBANON By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, April 9 (JTA)--Chief of Staff Gen. Mordechai Gur ordered an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the ambush of

six Israeli soldiers and one civilian who entered terrorist-held territory near Tyre in south Lebanon on an unauthorized sight-seeing trip Wednesday that ended in tragedy and severe embarrassment for the Israeli military.

All seven men were wounded in the encounter. One soldier and the civilian made it back to Israeli lines. Five soldiers were left in terrorist hands, three of them presumed dead. As a result an officer and two guards at the army's advance road block opposite the Rashidiyah refugee camp in the Tyre enclave have been arrested and the senior officer of the unit was suspended from duty pending the outcome of the probe.

The civilian, identified as Yehuda Galbi, a nature lover and director of a field school at Geshet A-Ziv, has been placed under house arrest for wearing a military uniform without permission. The surviving soldier, Yossi Weisel, of the regular army, was hospitalized for treatment of his wounds.

### Soldiers Identified

The five soldiers, dead or missing, were identified by an army spokesman today as Sgt. Maj. (Res.) David Dror, 29, of Nahariya; Pvt. Jacob Ben Uzi, 35, of Acre; Pvt. Nissim Zamir, 33, of Tel Aviv; Pvt. Amram Avraham, 28, of Hadera; and Pvt. Albert Ben Ezra, 32, of Kiryat Atta. Most of them were reservists. They were the objects of intensive searches by units of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) without success.

Last night, the terrorists claimed to have the bodies of four Israeli soldiers and one prisoner still alive. Israel, whose policy is to have no dealings whatsoever with the Palestine Liberation Organization, has asked the International Red Cross to intervene to recover the missing men or their remains. Similar requests have been made to the U.S. government and the Lebanese authorities in Beirut. The terrorists reportedly offered to exchange the Israelis for three PLO prisoners in Israeli jails.

### Focus of Army Probe

The army investigation is expected to center on why the seven men, travelling in a civilian vehicle, were permitted to cross Israeli lines into territory bristling with terrorists. The men themselves were accused of gross negligence and irresponsibility and similar charges could be brought against the soldiers who failed to stop them.

It was revealed, meanwhile, that Wednesday's incident was the third since Israel declared a cease-fire in south Lebanon that soldiers were trapped by terrorists beyond Israeli lines. In one incident, 10 Israeli soldiers were wounded on a rescue mission and killed 10 terrorists before they could extricate themselves.

### Eye Witness Account Provided

The only account of Wednesday's events made public so far was that offered by Galbi who sustained only slight wounds. According to his story, he joined two reserve soldiers searching for a missing tractor inside Israeli lines early in the afternoon at Tebnin village. They were unable to find the

tractor and decided to go on a sightseeing tour, picking up four more soldiers in the course of their trip.

Galbi said they were stopped at the advance checkpoint near Tyre but were allowed to pass into enemy territory after persuading the guards that they were only going a short distance. He said they found themselves lost among the densely cultivated groves in the region and stopped in an orchard to pick fruit. At that point they were surrounded by heavily armed terrorists, Galbi said.

He reported that the terrorists demanded the soldiers' weapons whereupon they drove off at high speed but came under a hail of fire which disabled their vehicle. He said three soldiers were fatally wounded. The others, also wounded, left the vehicle but were surrounded and captured. Only he and Weisel managed to hide and later returned to Israeli lines.

### ISRAEL APOLOGIZES TO U.S. FOR USING CLUSTER BOMBS IN LEBANON

TEL AVIV, April 9 (JTA)—Israel continued to maintain official silence today on U.S. charges that it used cluster bombs (CBUs) during its incursion into south Lebanon last month. But it has apologized to the United States for employing the American-made anti-personnel weapon. Defense Minister Ezer Weizman met with U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis Friday and they reportedly discussed that issue as well as Israel's plan for withdrawal of its forces from south Lebanon.

The State Department announced yesterday that Israel had violated U.S. restrictions on the use of cluster bombs in Lebanon and said it was seeking to prevent any further breach of the agreements which govern Israel's employment of weapons it receives from the U.S. A State Department spokesman said "Israel has told us they were used exclusively against military targets and specifically artillery targets."

According to other State Department sources, the limited independent information available does not contradict Israel's contention. Cluster bombs were one of the most controversial weapons used by American forces in Viet Nam. They consist of a canister, dropped from aircraft, that opens to scatter bombs or grenades containing various types of sharp shrapnel across a wide area.

Their use by Israel in Lebanon was reported in American news accounts of the fighting last month. Rep. Paul N. McCloskey (R. Calif.), a critic of the American role in Viet Nam, charged, on the basis of those accounts, that Israel used the cluster bombs against civilians. His charge brought the State Department's confirmation yesterday "that Israel used CBUs supplied by the United States in Lebanon."

### YARIV SAYS PRESS, WORLD LEADERS UNDERPLAY ISRAEL'S FLEXIBILITY

By Maxine Wasserstein

WAYNE, N. J., April 9 (JTA)—A leading Israeli official criticized the press and some world leaders for underplaying Israel's flexible stance in its peace talks with Egypt. Gen. Aharon Yariv, director of Israel's Institute of Strategic Studies, called attention to Israeli Premier Menachem Begin's recent conciliatory position in peace talks, pointing out that Begin has made a great many concessions and has shifted his position dramatically from the original platform on which he won the election. On the other hand, Yariv

said, "President Anwar Sadat of Egypt has not changed his position over the past year."

Yariv spoke at an Emergency Assemblage called by the Jewish Federation of North Jersey last week, in response to the apparent shift in United States relations with Israel. The assembly was attended by various elected officials; clergymen and high-ranking Israelis.

### Blames Carter For Setback In Talks

The Israeli official commented on the timetable for genuine peace set by Begin at 2-3 years, saying that he himself would have proposed a longer period of time. "A genuine peace with open borders and a relationship of trust, takes years to develop. Until such a peace is developed, Israel's security is essential, its survival is at stake."

He explained that progress in negotiations suffered a setback when President Carter contributed toward hardening the Arab position in the negotiations; Carter's recent public statements along with his proposed sale of advanced war planes to Saudi Arabia and Egypt have interfered with the negotiating process as well, suggested Yariv. Nonetheless, he concluded on an optimistic note, saying that a lasting peace could be possible and even near as long as there are no obstacles in the negotiating process.

Yariv's speech was followed by pleas to the public, calling for political action in the form of mailgrams and letters to officials, and full support of the United Jewish Appeal. Various elected officials read messages opposing the proposed plane sale and expressing complete support for Israel and its people.

### NEW COURT RULING ON NAZI MARCH

CHICAGO, April 9 (JTA)—A Federal Court of Appeals ruling here last Thursday which ended a 45-day stay against a planned Nazi march in suburban Skokie left unaffected a Skokie village ordinance which will make it impossible for the tiny Nazi party to stage its march on April 20, Hitler's birthday.

The 6-to-2 ruling by the full court for the Seventh Circuit here reversed an earlier decision by a three-judge panel of the court which had sustained an injunction granted March 17 by Judge Bernard M. Decker of the U.S. District Court in Chicago.

Decker ordered the temporary ban on the march to allow Skokie officials time to appeal his earlier ruling holding unconstitutional three Skokie ordinances passed last year when the Nazis first announced plans to march through Skokie, wearing Nazi uniforms and swastikas, home of 7000 Holocaust survivors.

### A Skokie Ordinance Not Rejected

But a Skokie ordinance which the Circuit Court did not reject, requires that applications for a parade permit be made at least 30 days before a march. At the time Decker ordered his stay, the Nazis had not applied for a permit and have still not done so. Sources here said that no matter what happens to all the legal tests arising from the projected march, it cannot be held without the Nazis getting the required permit.

The contested ordinances banned groups that preached hatred or wore military style uniforms to march, or to pass out hate literature and also required any group planning to demonstrate to have \$300,000 in liability insurance.

The appeals court said in its decision Thursday it would rule within 30 days on the Skokie village appeal against Decker's ruling that the three ordinances violated constitutional rights of free speech, freedom of assembly and equal protection under law. The court took note of the fact that the Nazis had not applied for a march permit and said that the stay "appears unnecessary." The appeals court said it would hear all arguments in the case on April 14.

#### MARITIME STRIKE ENDS AFTER 80 DAYS; HALT OF EL AL OPERATIONS CONTINUES

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, April 9 (JTA)--The container ship Zim Hong Kong sailed from Haifa last night, the first Israeli-flag merchant ship to put to sea in 80 days, marking the end of one of the longest and costliest strikes in Israel's history. An agreement between the shipping companies and the seamen's union was signed late Friday. But if Israel's maritime communications are functioning again, its international air services remained grounded for the fifth day.

The El Al management suspended operations last Tuesday as a result of a wildcat work stoppage by maintenance workers and is demanding new, individual contracts with all employees. The workers oppose this and are supported by Histadrut. They were joined by travel agents in applying to a Tel Aviv Labor Court for an injunction against management on grounds that the latter unilaterally and illegally broke its labor contracts. But the court refused to grant an injunction and set a new hearing in ten days' time. It ordered the workers back to their jobs.

El Al has refused to lift the suspension pending new labor contracts. However, it has asked employees in its computer and reservations departments to return to work to facilitate the transfer of El Al passengers to foreign carriers.

#### Odd Time For Crackdown

The airline, which has been plagued by strikes and work stoppages for the past two years, chose an odd time to crack down, in the opinion of some observers. It suspended flights at the peak of the pre-Passover tourist season, inconveniencing thousands of would-be visitors from North America, Europe and elsewhere. No estimate has been made public of the losses sustained by the government-owned air line so far but they are believed to be tremendous.

Fear has been expressed that the El Al shutdown will affect the entire tourist industry which depends heavily on the Passover influx of visitors. It is also injuring El Al's good will. A large group of Iranian students demonstrated at Ben Gurion Airport today demanding that El Al fly them back to Teheran before they miss class. But generally, stranded passengers have found seats on other carriers which have pressed jumbo jets into service to meet the sudden demand.

Histadrut, which has always supported management against wildcat strikes and work stoppages, says now that the airline is solely responsible for the present situation. El Al pilots hold the company's director general, former Air Force Commander Mordechai Hod, to blame. They accused him of applying Air Force tactics--"destroy the enemy"--to a civilian company.

The settlement of the maritime strike holds out prospects for labor peace on that front, at least for the next six months. The seamen did not

get the wage increases they had demanded and will not be paid for their 80 days off the job. But the agreement provided for an arbitrator to work out a wage settlement within six months and the sailors agreed not to strike for that period.

#### Broadcast Reporters Still Out

Meanwhile, the blackout of news on radio and television continued for the second week. The Broadcast Authority has refused to be bound by the wage agreements that ended the newspaper strike a week ago. Broadcast journalists have demanded the same increases. In another area of labor strife, the teachers union warned that unless advance payments were forthcoming, it would call a strike of indefinite duration after the Passover holidays.

#### SCHOLARS URGE U. S. GOVERNMENT TO HELP SECURE SHCHARANSKY'S RELEASE

NEW YORK, April 9 (JTA)--A group of American scholars active in the Academic Committee on Soviet Jewry appealed today to the United States government to make every effort to secure the release of Anatoly Shcharansky, whose trial in the Soviet Union now appears imminent.

According to the leaders of the committee, which is headed by political scientist Hans J. Morgenthau, and consists of some 10,000 professors on campuses across North America, the Soviet authorities are persecuting Shcharansky because "he personifies the link between Jews actively seeking emigration and the movement for democratic change in the USSR."

The scholars state "it appears that the Soviet authorities greatly fear the consolidation of persons struggling for human rights in the USSR, which Shcharansky represents." Because of this, they "are attempting to link through Shcharansky," according to preliminary reports, "in a show-trial reminiscent of Stalin's days, American intelligence agents, diplomats, and journalists in a wholesale plot." The purpose is to suggest "that all dissent in the Soviet Union is directed or exploited from the United States."

Appalled by this persecution of Shcharansky "which could make a dissent or emigration a form of treason," the professors "called upon the U. S. government to spare no efforts to secure Shcharansky's freedom." They urged the Soviet Union, "as a matter of right" to "release Shcharansky immediately and permit him to leave for Israel and rejoin his wife." Shcharansky was arrested on March 15, 1977 in Moscow and has been held in the notorious Lefortovo Prison.

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LATE NEWS ALERT: TEL AVIV (JTA)--Israeli police and army units went on an alert late Sunday night and launched precautionary measures following reports that armed terrorists landed on a southern beach in Israel. The reports could not be immediately confirmed. According to the reports, between seven and 10 Palestinian terrorists landed near Rishon le Zion and hijacked a truck which then appeared to have headed south in the direction of the Gaza Strip. The reports also said that a girl, not immediately identified, was killed in the hijack and that four people were taken hostage. The reports, based on police and military sources, said that units of the civil guard were placed on alert and special warnings were flashed to hotels in the area. A hotel was the intended target of a raid by terrorists on March 11 in which 33 Israelis were massacred. Roadblocks were thrown up in the area which is close to the port of Ashdod.

### AJCOMMITTEE RAPS MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

ST. LOUIS, April 9 (JTA)--The American Jewish Committee has sharply criticized the special missionary campaign of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, that seeks to convert the Jewish people to Christianity.

The Synod, at its 1977 Convention, passed a resolution committing itself to "a two-year goal of persuading 50 percent of our congregations to prepare themselves for effective witness to Jewish people" and to "encourage especially those congregations located in or near Jewish communities to reach out to the Jews and share our faith that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah."

Rabbi A. James Rudin, the AJCommittee assistant director for interreligious affairs, declared: "By singling out Jews for intensive proselytizing, the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has, in effect, branded Judaism as an inadequate and incomplete religion. By undertaking this program, the Missouri Synod has sadly revived the medieval image of the Jews as a theologically deficient people. The resolution is a moral affront to the Jewish people and to forty centuries of Jewish religious life and theological self-understanding."

Last week, and earlier last December, Rudin and Jordan Harburger, West Central area director of the AJCommittee, met in St. Louis with the Missouri Synod leadership responsible for implementing the Church's resolution promoting evangelism among Jews. At both sessions, the AJCommittee representatives expressed their deep concern about the intent and implications of the resolution, and they specifically called for an immediate suspension and a total revision of a highly offensive training manual entitled "Witnessing to Jewish People." The manual was designed for the training of Lutheran missionaries.

#### Manual Contains Stereotypes

"The manual employs base stereotypes that do gross violence to the integrity of Jews and Judaism. It is replete with caricatures and inaccuracies," said Harburger.

At the meeting with the Lutheran leaders, Rudin and Harburger also condemned the manual's use of conversational material designed by Moshe Rosen, the leader of "Jews for Jesus." They said it was scandalous that the Missouri Synod—Lutheran Church had reprinted Rosen's deceptive blueprint for luring Jews away from their ancestral faith.

He and Harburger expressed the hope that the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will abandon its present missionary campaign directed at the Jewish community and will instead embark on programs of education and true dialogue that will advance mutual respect and understanding between Lutherans and Jews.

### NEW COURT RULING ON ARAB BOYCOTT

NEW YORK, April 9 (JTA)--The United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit has ruled that the government was wrong in its recent rejection of a request by the American Jewish Congress to examine reports on compliance with the Arab boycott filed under the Export Administration Act of 1969. If the ruling is not appealed, it means that thousands of reports on participation in the Arab boycott between 1969 and 1976 will become available for public inspection, the AJCongress said.

The request for the reports was originally

made in 1975 under the Freedom of Information Act. It was denied by the Department of Commerce on the ground that the boycott reports were "confidential."

The AJCongress then brought suit against the Commerce Department in Federal District Court for the District of Columbia, charging that the government was a "silent partner" in the Arab boycott by refusing to release reports filed by American companies of requests to discriminate against U.S. firms that trade with Israel.

The AJCongress brief argued that the question was not whether information that was truly confidential could be disclosed, but whether the information requested could be withheld merely by placing a label on it as confidential, whether or not that was the case. The AJCongress lost the first round in the courts. On April 30, 1976, United States District Court Judge Aubrey E. Robinson, Jr. dismissed the complaint.

An Appeal was taken to the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. Briefs were filed and argument was heard on March 1, 1977. Just a little over a year later, a unanimous three-judge panel of the court handed down its 18-page decision, reversing the District Court, by Judge Spottswood W. Robinson III.

### FIELD ELECTED UJA GENERAL CHAIRMAN

NEW YORK (JTA)--Irwin S. Field of Los Angeles, has been elected general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal for the 1979 campaign, it was announced here by Frank R. Lautenberg, UJA president. Field succeeds Leonard R. Strelitz of Norfolk, Va., the present general chairman. At the age of 43, Field is the youngest general chairman selected in UJA history, Lautenberg pointed out. "He brings with him 15 years of communal and national UJA/Federation leadership experience, including chairmanship of two of Los Angeles' most outstanding campaigns."

In describing the tasks confronting Field, Lautenberg added: "The 1979 campaign will be an historic one: a year of celebration of Israel's 30th year of independence and UJA's 40th Anniversary." Field is president of the Liberty Vegetable Oil Company of Santa Fe Springs, California, and the New Mexico Paint Manufacturing Corporation of Albuquerque.

Currently a UJA national officer, Field was a founding member and officer of the UJA Young Leadership Cabinet. He is on the National Council of the Joint Distribution Committee, on the Board of Directors of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, and the American Association for Jewish Education, the North American Jewish Students Union, and Brandeis Camp Institute.

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AMSTERDAM, April 9 (JTA)--The leaders of the nine European Economic Community (EEC) countries meeting in Copenhagen agreed that a Middle East peace settlement must be based on Israel's withdrawal from occupied territories. The leaders, who held a summit conference to discuss economic and monetary problems affecting the nine countries, reaffirmed their position that a settlement must be based on UN Security Council Resolution 242 "in all its parts and on all fronts."

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BUENOS AIRES (JTA)--Nehemias Resnizky was unanimously reelected president of DAIA at the general assembly of the organization. Marcos Korenhandler was elected president of the Argentine Zionist Organization. Both men are Labor Zionists.