

WALDHEIM: UN FORCES IN SOUTH LEBANON READY TO TAKE OVER FROM ISRAELIS

By Gil Sedan and Yitzhak Shargil

JERUSALEM, April 18 (JTA)--United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said today that he made progress in his talks with Israeli leaders on Israel's withdrawal of its forces from south Lebanon. He said the UN forces there were now in a position to take over from the Israelis and that the UN is determined to secure and maintain order in south Lebanon. He confirmed that he would seek Security Council approval to enlarge the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) which presently has an authorized strength of 4000 men.

Waldheim spoke to reporters here after meeting with Premier Menachem Begin and Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan this morning. He met with Defense Minister Ezer Weizman last night and said he would talk with Weizman again before he leaves Israel. The Secretary General expressed concern to Begin over what he considers the slow pace of Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon and full implementation of Security Council Resolution 425 of March 19 which called for total withdrawal and set up UNIFIL.

"Premier Begin told me that there was an Israeli intention to withdraw from the occupied territory (in Lebanon) but a vacuum had to be avoided," Waldheim said. "Therefore, the role of the UN is very important." He added, "I hope there will soon be further Israeli withdrawal since we have now deployed our forces so that it is possible for them to take over from the Israeli forces."

Waldheim described as "exaggerated" reports of clashes between terrorists and Norwegian units of UNIFIL. "From time to time there are minor incidents, but I wish to assure you that until now the operation went smoothly," he said. He repeated the statement he made yesterday that PLO chief Yasir Arafat had promised him in Beirut to respect the implementation of Resolution 425. There have been conflicting reports from Lebanon of PLO intentions.

Waldheim, who flew to south Lebanon today to inspect UNIFIL contingents, said last night that his meeting with Weizman had been very useful. He said they discussed all aspects of Resolution 425. Waldheim was reticent about the recovery of four Israeli soldiers ambushed and captured by terrorists in south Lebanon last week. Only one of them is believed still alive. The Secretary General said he dealt with the matter when he was in Beirut yesterday but refused to elaborate. He promised, however, that the UN would be as helpful as possible.

CRACKDOWN ON BROADCAST OF NEWS ATTRIBUTED TO UNIDENTIFIED SOURCES

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 18 (JTA)--The Broadcasting Authority has cracked down on the broadcast of news attributed to unidentified sources. A directive issued Sunday ordered the news staff to refrain from airing anonymous news items unless they have a "significant public interest" and then only with the approval of the director general of the Broadcasting Authority or the direc-

tors of its radio or television branches.

The directive was issued by the Broadcasting Authority's management committee as a result of a radio report last month which claimed that a senior American personality had suggested to a high level Israeli personality that the U.S. would like to see Premier Menachem Begin replaced by a more moderate leader.

The report triggered a storm of indignation in Israel and was promptly denied by Israeli and American officials. It was attributed to an anonymous source. But Labor MK Yossi Sarid charged later that the Israeli personality was Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and claimed Dayan had leaked the report to a radio correspondent while he was in Washington accompanying Begin last month. Dayan angrily rejected the allegation and asked Attorney General Aharon Barak to bring libel action against Sarid. Barak refused on grounds that it would be against the public interest.

As a result of the flood of denials, Israel Radio was in the position of having given wide currency to an unconfirmed rumor. But Yitzhak Livni, Director General of the Broadcast Authority, defended the radio report at the management committee meeting. He said it was based on four independent sources each of which confirmed its authenticity.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA REPORT THAT A NUMBER OF LEADING U.S. JEWS WILL URGE BEGIN TO SHOW MORE FLEXIBILITY IN TALKS WITH EGYPT

Will Also Express Concern About Clashes
Between U.S. Jews And The White House
By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, April 18 (JTA)--A number of leading American Jews, known for their strong support of Israel, are expected to tell Premier Menachem Begin of Israel this week of their deep concern about the deteriorating relationship between American Jewry and the White House and they will privately appeal to him to show greater flexibility in his negotiations with Egypt.

The appeals to Begin are being planned entirely in private in order to avoid playing into the hands of anti-Israeli and anti-Jewish forces in the United States and abroad, it was learned here from authoritative sources.

Above all, the personalities involved wish to prevent the emergence of a split within the leadership of the American Jewish community itself. However, it is understood that they will candidly advise Begin against too close a relationship with Rabbi Alexander Schindler, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, according to the sources. It is felt, the sources said, that Schindler has lost favor in the White House due to his reported personal criticism of Zbigniew Brzezinski, President Carter's National Security Advisor, Begin will be told.

According to this assessment of the Washington scene, American Jewry's clash with the Carter Administration centers on the latter's bid to sell sophisticated F-15s to Saudi Arabia in a package which also includes military aid to Israel.

However, the Israeli cause will be harmed in the United States, whether or not Congress authorizes the Saudi deal. If the deal goes through, Israel will be threatened militarily, it is felt. If it is

blocked, Israel's American supporters will face the backlash of a disgruntled Administration.

The most that can be hoped for in the short term is to win a moratorium of about five months during which the entire Middle East situation might be transformed by a diplomatic breakthrough in the Israeli-Egyptian negotiations. The Administration has expressed readiness to permit such a delay, assuming Israel is cooperative.

The sources noted that the position has been made more delicate by American Jewry's discovery that, in the eyes of the Carter Administration, it has become a less weighty factor than the U.S. need to remain on good terms with oil-rich Saudi Arabia. Brzezinski in particular is believed to have advised President Carter that the Saudi arms deal is the best issue on which to come to grips with the pro-Israel lobby.

Allusion To Mandate Period

Meanwhile, there is a feeling that American Jewry faces a situation comparable with that faced by British Jewry in the last years of the Palestine Mandate, when the Jews of Palestine and the Zionist movement were fighting for free immigration against the might of the British Empire.

In urging Begin to be more forthcoming over negotiations with Egypt, his would-be advisors will reportedly seek to compare Israel's position with that of the United States over Vietnam, in the sense that the bargain which could have been struck earlier in the conflict was better than the one available later in the conflict. As for the danger of an "opposition" emerging in American Jewry, this is not seen as imminent. But the lesson of Vietnam was that insignificant campus protest movements can snowball into something far stronger in a remarkably short time.

Anti-Semitic elements, too, like the Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazis are also suddenly reappearing; nourished by the prospect of a real open divisive clash between America and the Jewish State, it is expected the Jewish leaders will tell Begin.

(According to reliable sources in New York, the delegation to see Begin is expected to include Theodore Mann, chairman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, Burton Joseph, chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Howard Squadron, president of the American Jewish Congress, Richard Maass, president of the American Jewish Committee, and other leading officers of these organizations.)

SADAT CONCERNED OVER SETTLEMENTS IN SINAI BUT IS REFRAINING FROM HARDLINE DEMANDS, MINISTERS TELL BEGIN

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 18 (JTA)—Egyptian President Anwar Sadat is concerned over Israeli settlements in the Sinai, he told a group of American Evangelical ministers with whom he met a few days ago. They met with Premier Menachem Begin in Jerusalem today. Sadat worried that Israel's security in the Sinai could not be based on these settlements, which he said were erected on "his soil" and violated "his sovereignty." "However the ministers noted that Sadat was a "very warm and very gracious" person and "conciliatory in nature."

The 10-member fact-finding and good-will mission arrived in Jerusalem yesterday via the Allenby Bridge over the Jordan River after a visit to Amman and Cairo. The delegation, headed by Rev. Billy Zeoli and Pastor Jerry Falwell, met

Saturday with Sadat and Sunday with Crown Prince Hassan and leading members of the Jordanian government. Delegates handed Begin a special written message from Sadat.

Following the meeting with Begin, Falwell told newsmen Sadat had told them the Israeli settlements in the Sinai would not be acceptable "for it was a violation of his land and his sovereignty." Sadat said, "there must be a solution to the Palestinian problem before there can be a lasting peace," Falwell said.

However, the delegation members noted, Sadat had been careful not to make any demands that could be construed as hardline or prescriptive, "something that Israel could not live with. Personally," said Falwell, "I was impressed that Sadat was a warm and generous person, and after listening to him I am convinced that a peace settlement is attainable."

The delegation conveyed to Begin yet another wish expressed by Sadat—to build "a church, a synagogue and a mosque" on top of Mt. Sinai. In response, Begin assured his guests that "everything is negotiable." According to the ministers, Begin said: "If we want to have peace, we cannot say that anything is not negotiable. Let's keep talking, let's keep the doors open." Begin, they noted, "indicated to us just as Mr. Sadat did—we want peace—and we believe both of them."

LUBAVITCHERS BRING JOY TO CAPITOL HILL

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, April 18 (JTA)—Lubavitcher rebbes brought a little joy to Capitol Hill yesterday afternoon in the stately caucus room of the Canon House Office Building. Some 100 Lubavitcher rabbis and laymen from 30 states gathered there to celebrate the passage of a joint Congressional resolution proclaiming today as "Education Day, U.S.A."

The resolution, which had 220 cosigners, states that "Congress recognizes a need for the nation to set aside on the calendar a day devoted to the importance of education to the lives of its citizens and to the general well-being of the nation."

The resolution also refers to the Lubavitch movement which proposed the establishment of Education Day and honors the 76th birthday today of the head of the Lubavitch movement, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson. By a coincidence, the number of the resolution, 770, is also the number of the movement's headquarters at 770 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Vice President Walter Mondale, who spoke at the reception given by the Lubavitch movement, was first greeted by a rabbinical representative from each state. "It is fitting that Education Day be proclaimed on the birthday of Lubavitcher Rabbi Schneerson who is a great Talmudic scholar and has added to the education of Jewish people throughout the world," Mondale said.

"Education is the course of an enlightened country, but still, education disconnected from compassion and humanity is no guarantee of liberty or justice," the Vice President stressed. "We have seen too many times in world history where people who have been privileged with splendid education but have used that education for the most hideous acts." Mondale noted that the NBC-TV mini-series "Holocaust," which the nation is currently watching depicts how people misused education. "What makes education important in the finest sense is that step between the appreciation and commitment for learning and compassion for understanding."

Other participants included Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal (D. N.Y.), who sponsored the resolution; Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R. N.Y.); President Carter's Chief Counsel, Robert Lipshutz; and Rep. Clarence Long (D. Md.). Songs in Yiddish and Russian were sung by Jan Pearce and Theodore Bikel. It was noted that "song is an integral part of the Jewish tradition of study," particularly among Hasidim. Rabbi Abraham Shemtov, spokesman for the Lubavitch group, said that efforts are being made to make "Education Day, U.S.A." an annual event.

JEWISH MARTYRS HISTORY PAVILION OPENS AT FORMER AUSCHWITZ SITE

Represents Official Acknowledgement That
Jews Were Principal Victims At Death Camp
By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV (By Telephone From Auschwitz), April 18 (JTA)--Rain fell from leaden skies on a crowd numbering in the thousands from 16 countries as a minister of the Polish government cut a ribbon yesterday to officially open the Jewish Pavilion at the site of Auschwitz, the Nazi death camp where at least 2.5 million Jews perished during World War II.

The pavilion is called Jewish Martyrs History. It is a museum, built on the site of former Block 27 of the death camp, containing documents, photographs and audio-visual material tracing the step-by-step extermination of Jews. It represents the first official acknowledgement by the Polish authorities in the 33 years since World War II that the principal victims at Auschwitz were Jews.

Janus Wieczorek, the minister in charge of veterans, resistance and war memorials, officiated at the dedication ceremonies representing the Warsaw government. He sought to identify Poles and Jews as equal victims of the Nazis. Jews and Poles, he said, were the first, the most devoted and most courageous among those fighting the Nazis, and it was they who suffered the greatest casualties. He accused the West of indifference to the plight of Jews before and during the war.

A degree of cynicism prevails in some Jewish circles over the belated gesture by the Polish government which, not too many years ago, during the Gomulka regime, conducted an anti-Jewish campaign of its own. Poland is anxious to improve its image, these circles say. Nevertheless, the Jewish Pavilion at Auschwitz is appreciated as a living reminder of the Holocaust, especially for the generation yet unborn when it occurred.

Recalls Appeasement Of The Nazis

The throngs attending the dedication yesterday included survivors of Auschwitz and other death camps. Many brought their children and grandchildren to witness the scene. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, past president of the World Jewish Congress, who headed one delegation, spoke in Yiddish. His voice was choked with tears as he recalled bitterly the appeasement of the Nazis before World War II which cost the lives of tens of millions of Jews and non-Jews alike. Stefan Grayek, chairman of the World Federation of Jewish Fighters, opened his remarks in Hebrew but switched to Polish, a gesture appreciated by many of the Poles in the crowd, among them children from nearby schools.

A mezzuzah was affixed to the entrance of the pavilion by Dr. Itzhak Arad, director general of the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem, and Jacob Silberstein, secretary of the Death Camp Survivors Association. Simcha Holzberg, of

Israel, also a camp survivor, recited the "Shma Israel" blessing.

The delegates visited the Birkenau section of the Auschwitz complex and placed a wreath on what was known as "death wall," a spot where Jews were tortured and executed. One complaint was voiced. Gideon Hausner, head of the Yad Vashem, noted that the museum material insufficiently reflected the extent of Jewish resistance to the Nazis. The Polish authorities promised to amend this. In Warsaw today, Yad Vashem leaders Hausner and Arad presented special emblems and scrolls to 22 Poles who aided Jews during the Nazi occupation of Poland.

Closer Relations With Israel Hinted

Kol Israel Radio reported from Warsaw today that President Henrik Yablonsky of Poland met with the Jewish delegations that attended the opening of the Jewish Pavilion at Auschwitz, Goldmann among them, and conferred for over an hour. Yablonsky spoke at length on Polish-Jewish relations and concluded by saying that a new pattern of relations must be established with Jews "wherever they may be."

According to Kol Israel that phrase was seen as a hint that Poland desires closer relations with Israel. Such, at least, was the view of foreign correspondents familiar with the nuances of Eastern European leaders when they speak of countries with which they have no formal diplomatic ties, Kol Israel said.

PROCLAMATION MARKS ISRAEL'S ANNIVERSARY

By Rochelle Wolk

ALBANY, N. Y., April 18 (JTA)--"New York State declares itself as having a special bond with the people of the State of Israel," Gov. Hugh Carey told a group of community relations leaders and legislators from throughout the state yesterday as he signed a proclamation marking Israel's 30th anniversary.

"At this time, the people of New York State stand solidly with their brothers in democracy in Israel," he affirmed. The proclamation, declaring May 12 as Israeli Independence Day in New York State, lauds Israel's courage in the "face of adversity" and its "proud heritage as a democracy," and asks "all peoples" to pray for peace in the Middle East.

"The citizens of New York recognize Israel as a friend and ally," a portion of the proclamation read, "and are alert to the importance of the survival of Israel, the lone bastion of freedom and independence in the Middle East. It is appropriate that as the State of Israel celebrates its independence day, New Yorkers stand together in saluting and in reaffirming our affinity and support for that nation."

Uri Ben Ari, Consul General of Israel in New York, accepted the proclamation and expressed Israel's gratitude to the American government for its support of Israel for many years, "and especially to the State of New York which leads the way in support for Israel."

Prior to the proclamation signing, Carey discussed current issues with the community relations leaders. He assured the group that he would investigate Arab investment in New York State. He said he would also investigate the applicability of crime compensation for damages to synagogues and cemeteries. Referring to Israel, Carey said the Jewish State must have secure borders and that peace negotiations must not be imposed on Israel.

PROGRAMS MARK WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, April 18 (JTA)--The 35th anniversary of the uprising of the Warsaw Ghetto will be observed here tomorrow with a day-long program. Major programs are also scheduled across the country for April 30 which is the closest Sunday to the anniversary on the Hebrew calendar, May 4.

The program here will open at noon with the renaming of West 26th Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues as "Warsaw Ghetto Heroes" street. At 6 p.m. there will be a memorial ceremony at Manhattan's Norman Thomas High School. Following the ceremony the audience will go to the nearby Workmen's Circle Building to view a monument in memory of the Warsaw Ghetto and the liquidation of six million Jews by the Nazis. An exhibit on the Holocaust and the Warsaw Ghetto in particular opened at the Workmen's Circle building today.

All the events are sponsored by the Workmen's Circle, the Jewish Labor Committee, Congress for Jewish Culture, Jewish Socialist Verband, Jewish Daily Forward Association, United Hebrew Trades, Association of Concentration Camp Survivors, Hebrew Actors Union and Jewish Labor Bund.

WBAI, the listener-supported FM radio station in New York, will present 12 hours of programs on the uprising and the Holocaust tomorrow.

Interdenominational March Scheduled

In Cincinnati, there will be on Thursday an interdenominational march by concerned individuals and community leaders in memory of the 11 million Jews and non-Jews who died under Nazi oppression. The march is in response to the current marches by American Nazis in the U.S. and is sponsored by the Campus Ministries Association of the University of Cincinnati. "The Nazis may have a right to speak, but responsible citizens have the obligation to speak out," said Rabbi Abie Ingber, director of the university's Hillel Jewish Student Center.

On April 30, Heroes and Martyrs Day, commemoration programs will be held across the country. The major event will be held at Temple Emanu-El here where Elie Wiesel, the noted author on Holocaust themes, will speak. The program will be under the auspices of the Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization (WAGRO) in conjunction with other Jewish organizations.

Benjamin Meed, president of WAGRO, said the meeting will also mark the 33rd anniversary of the liberation of concentration camps in Nazi Germany by American and Allied armies. New York Gov. Hugh Carey and Walter J. Fellenz, a retired army colonel, who participated in the liberation of Dachau, are scheduled to speak.

Christians At Holocaust Memorial Meeting

In Chicago, the Chicago Yisrof Committee of the Public Affairs Committee of the Jewish United Fund (PAC) will hold its annual memorial to the Holocaust at K.I.N.S. Congregation. At the same time, thousands of Christians are expected to participate in a Holocaust memorial program at the Episcopal Cathedral which is sponsored by Catholic and Protestant churches.

The April 30 program in Washington will feature Jacques Torczyner, a member of the World Zionist Organization Executive, speaking at Temple Israel in Silver Spring, Md. On May 4, Yom Hashoah, PAC, in cooperation with the Chicago

Board of Rabbis and the Spertus Museum, will hold its annual observance at the Zell Holocaust Memorial at the museum. In addition, this is the day that the Warsaw Ghetto uprising and the Holocaust is officially commemorated in Israel.

35 YEARS AGO IN THE WARSAW GHETTO: NAZIS START MASS EXTERMINATIONS

STOCKHOLM, April 22 (1943)(JTA)--A massacre of the last 35,000 Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto was started by the Nazis on Passover with the streets of Warsaw echoing to the shots of the Nazi murderers and the shrieks of the victims, while able-bodied Jews were trying to defend themselves within the walls of the ghetto.

The secret Polish radio station SWIAT was heard here shortly after six o'clock last night transmitting the following frantic appeal from occupied Poland: "Death sentence has been proclaimed on the last 35,000 Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto. Gun salvos are echoing in the streets of Warsaw. Women and children are defending themselves with bare hands. Save us..." At this point the broadcast was suddenly cut off.

CJC PROTESTS AGAINST PASSION PLAY

MONTREAL, April 18 (JTA)--The Canadian Jewish Congress protested yesterday to the West German Ambassador to Canada, Dr. Rupprecht von Keller, against the recent announcement that the 1980 Passion Play in Oberammergau will be based on a "flagrantly anti-Semitic text."

In a letter to the Ambassador in Ottawa signed by CJC executive vice-president Alan Rose, the CJC said: "It is inconceivable to the Canadian Jewish Congress, as it must be to our fellow citizens of all faiths in Canada, that at a time when we are witnessing a recrudescence of neo-Nazism in the Federal Republic of Germany and elsewhere in Europe, an incitement to anti-Semitism could be staged under the guise of the religious presentation."

The letter added that the CJC is "anxious to learn what action is being considered by the Federal or Bavarian (State) governments to prevent this anti-Semitic travesty from taking place. We believe that the Federal Republic of Germany, which has sought to overcome the dark history of the Nazi period, cannot permit such a public spectacle to take place."

BROWN DEFENDS PLANE PACKAGE SALE

LONDON, April 18 (JTA)--United States Defense Secretary Harold Brown denied that sales of F-15 jets to Saudi Arabia and F-5s to Egypt would alter the Middle East military balance to Israel's disfavor. He told the press here at the end of a four-day visit that Israel would be able to defend herself against any combination of Arab foes until at least 1983.

Brown confirmed that the Carter Administration would soon submit to Congress a package of proposed arms sales to Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia. "We believe that package does not change the balance," he said. The sales to Israel include F-16s, described by Brown as smaller than the F-15, but an extremely capable air superiority fighter.

BRUSSELS (JTA)--Joseph Komkommer, a prominent local Jewish leader and businessman, has been appointed Israeli Honorary Consul in Antwerp, the first time an Honorary Consul has been named in that city.