

WEIZMAN OPTIMISTIC UNIFIL WILL BE ABLE TO BLOCK TERRORISTS' RETURN

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 20 (JTA)--Defense Minister Ezer Weizman expressed optimism today that the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) will be capable of preventing the return of terrorists to south Lebanon. Speaking before the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, he said UNIFIL contingents appear to be in control of the areas evacuated by Israel and are "beginning to feel at home" there. He said the UN troops have already prevented a number of terrorists from penetrating the region.

Weizman confirmed that he had promised UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim that Israeli forces would make a further withdrawal shortly to a narrow security belt paralleling the Israeli-Lebanese border. He said he gave the undertaking only after Waldheim promised that UNIFIL would be enlarged from its originally mandated strength of 4000 men to 6000. He said half of the enlarged force would be deployed along the Litani River to block terrorist infiltration from the north and the rest would be stationed in territory between the Litani and the Israeli border.

The Defense Minister said the new Israeli pullback would be completed by the beginning of next month but that he gave Waldheim no commitment to a final withdrawal date. He said he assured Waldheim that Israel had no intention to extend its presence in south Lebanon and that its sole interest was to make sure that the area will not serve again as a base for terrorist operations against Israel.

Weizman said the only unstable area in south Lebanon is the region around Tyre where some 1500 terrorists are still concentrated. He said he hoped that the French UNIFIL contingent assigned to that area would maintain tight control.

No Talks With PLO Involved

Weizman rejected the view that the present efforts to secure the return of Israeli soldiers captured by terrorists, and the remains of those killed during the Lebanese operation constituted negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization. He said those efforts, utilizing the services of the International Red Cross, were no different than similar contacts with the terrorists in the past when Israeli hostages were held. He disclosed that Israel provided Waldheim with a list of prisoners captured during the Lebanese operation.

He told the Knesset committee that all in all the operation appears to have been a success and that Israel anticipated political developments in Lebanon that would further hinder the return of terrorists to the south. (Lebanon's first post-civil war government resigned yesterday following a controversy over last week's fighting in Beirut between the Christian militia and the Syrian peace-keeping force.)

Weizman disclosed that 60 Israeli soldiers had been arrested for looting during the Lebanese operation, 40 have been tried and some have received prison sentences. But he said reports of widespread looting by Israeli troops were exaggerated.

STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS DAYAN WILL VISIT WASHINGTON END OF NEXT WEEK

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, April 20 (JTA)--The State Department announced today that Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan "will be coming here toward the end of next week" for talks with U.S. officials and that Ambassador-at-Large Alfred L. Atherton will return to Washington from the Middle East "to be present for this visit." Atherton is en route to Cairo for meetings with Egyptian leaders and had originally intended to go from there to Israel.

Department spokesman Tom Reston said that "final arrangements are still being worked out" for Dayan's visit and that the Israeli Foreign Minister "will be staying about a couple of days." There was no word yet as to whether Administration officials will meet with Israeli Premier Menachem Begin when he comes to the U.S. early next month.

Asked about press reports that Israel did not want Atherton to come there during his current trip, Reston said: "There's nothing to the story. The government of Israel has informed us that it would welcome a visit from Ambassador Atherton during his current Middle East visit. It makes sense for Ambassador Atherton to be back in the U.S. for Foreign Minister Dayan's visit. Obviously, Atherton is going to be very crucially involved in these negotiations."

(In Jerusalem, Foreign Ministry officials said today that a formal invitation for Dayan to visit Washington had not yet been received. Dayan, it was stated, would return from Washington before a scheduled visit by Begin to the United States the beginning of next month to participate in celebrations of Israel's 30th anniversary.)

NAZIS FILE FOR PERMIT TO MARCH IN SKOKIE JUNE 25; JWV CALLS ON ITS MEMBERS TO HOLD COUNTER-RALLY

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, April 20 (JTA)--The New York department of the Jewish War Veterans reported today that, following filing by the American Nazi Party of a request for a permit from Skokie Village to stage its march on June 25, it was coordinating a campaign to bring thousands of JWV members to the Chicago suburb for a counter-demonstration.

Marvin Morrison, the New York JWV department executive director, said the Nazis filed their request for a permit on Monday. He said the New York department was taking "all necessary steps" to prepare a large counter-demonstration and that travel and housing arrangements for JWV members going to Skokie, home of 7000 survivors of the Holocaust, were being coordinated by the New York department in cooperation with the national office in Washington, D.C.

Morrison told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that mailgrams were sent yesterday to all 100,000 JWV members urging them to plan to go to Skokie in the event Skokie Village officials approve the requested permit. The mailgram said that Skokie Village officials had been asked to set up a tent city in Skokie for the JWV members use June 23-27. The permit ordinance requires a 30-day waiting period before the organization receiving the permit can implement it.

Morrison also reported that the JWV department was making plans for a mass rally in New York

City to coincide with the action in Skokie. He also reported that the plans for the mobilization would be discussed at the department's convention June 1-4 in Kiamasha Lake.

Issue Involved In Controversy

There are two issues in various stages of litigation in the Skokie controversy. One is a set of three ordinances approved by the village which ban groups which preach hatred or wear military style uniforms from marching in Skokie, or to pass out hate literature, and requiring any group planning to demonstrate to post \$300,000 in liability insurance. The Chicago Nazis have said they will wear Nazi style uniforms with swastika armbands.

The other is a bid for an injunction against the march sought by Sol Goldstein, a Skokie resident, Holocaust survivor and a leader of the Public Affairs Committee of the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago.

On March 17, Judge Bernard M. Decker of the Federal District Court in Chicago, ordered a temporary ban on the proposed Nazi march to allow Skokie officials time to appeal his earlier ruling holding the three ordinances unconstitutional. Subsequently, a three-judge panel of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago sustained Decker's ban.

On April 6, the full Circuit Court reversed the panel's decision and set aside the 45-day stay ordered by Decker. The full Circuit Court held there was no need for a stay because it intended to rule promptly on the constitutionality of the ordinances.

Appeals To Supreme Court Eyed

James P. Rice, executive vice-president of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago and of the Jewish United Fund, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by telephone today that it was generally understood that if the Federal Circuit Court found the ordinances unconstitutional, Skokie officials would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, and that, if they were found constitutional, the American Civil Liberties Union, representing the Nazis, would also appeal to the Supreme Court.

Jerome Torshen, Goldstein's attorney, told the JTA, also in response to a telephone inquiry, that the Illinois Supreme Court, which had ordered dismissal of Goldstein's petition for an injunction against the Nazi march, had stayed that order to allow Goldstein to petition the U.S. Supreme Court for a review of the State Supreme Court decision. He said the effect of the State Supreme Court stay was to return Goldstein's injunction bid to the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

KNESSET MEMBER SAYS U.S. JEWISH LEADERS' VIEWS OF ISRAEL ARE INFLUENCED BY MEDIA PRESENTATION By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, April 20 (JTA)--Joseph Rom, a Likud member of Knesset, said yesterday that Israel has "a problem with the American Jewish leadership" because "they are influenced by the image of Israel as presented by the American media." He did not elaborate on the "problem" with the Jewish leaders, but he did note that grass roots American Jews with whom he had met during his two-week nationwide tour were less inclined to question Israel's foreign policy. As a result, he said, he felt "very comfortable with them."

Rom offered this view at a press conference sponsored by the American Jewish Congress. He was here at the conclusion of his tour during which he

met with Jewish leaders, officials in Washington and addressed Jewish groups and members of the media.

Rom, who is a member of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee and chairman of its subcommittee on arms purchase and production, said that in Washington he found that Israel's positions were misrepresented as a result of Israel's image as distorted by the media. "The image and the conception of Israel" is the real problem, Rom said.

According to Rom, Israel made "an error" in regard to the issues of Israeli settlements and Resolution 242 "in not presenting the settlements as a basic security requirement for Israel." As for Resolution 242, he said that he encountered numerous questions in Washington regarding Israel's interpretation of the resolution. He said the recent announcement by Jerusalem affirming its adherence to 242 as a basis for negotiations with the neighboring Arab states was a positive move in clarifying the issue.

Cites Major Distortion

Rom said that he met with Congressmen, State Department officials and White House aides and that he got the impression that there are groups saying that it is better to accept Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's approach to a settlement in the Mideast than have another war in the area.

The major distortion, he added, is that Israel is seen as responsible for the standstill in negotiations with Egypt. "It is Sadat who is not willing to resume negotiations," Rom said, pointing out that the Egyptian President did not respond to Israel's peace plan as presented to him by Premier Menachem Begin last December in Ismailia.

"A lot of people are still under the spell of Sadat's visit to Jerusalem. It was a big step, but now we have to come down to earth and resume negotiations in the customary, regular way," Rom said.

PLANE PACKAGE SALE ISSUE GOING TO CONGRESS APRIL 26

WASHINGTON, April 20 (JTA)--The State Department announced that the Carter Administration's proposed package sale of war planes to Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Israel will go before Congress April 26. Both the Administration and Congress are poised for what may be a prolonged and bitter fight over the package which has already drawn fire from many Congressmen as well as American Jewish leaders. The basic contention of those opposing the package is that it will upset the Mideast balance in favor of the Arab states and that an earlier promise by the U.S. to sell planes to Israel was not linked to any package deal.

SOME 120 MILLION WATCHED 'HOLOCAUST'

NEW YORK, April 20 (JTA)--NBC-TV has estimated that some 120 million Americans viewed the 9-1/2 hour "Holocaust" film, some 10 million less than watched the earlier ABC-TV series, "Roots." The network said today that the 120 million viewers comprised the total audience which saw one or more parts of the four-segment program shown this week. NBC reported that 43% of the New York audience saw the first portion while 59% saw the final segment; 56% of the Chicago audience and 56% of the Los Angeles audience saw the final segment. The audience share for the first segment in Chicago and Los Angeles was 43%.

TOP LEVEL JEWISH LEADERS SAY ISRAEL'S IMAGE IN U.S. DAMAGED BY SETTLEMENTS. INTERPRETATION OF RESOLUTION 242

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 20 (JTA)--A group of eight top level American Jewish leaders told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee today that the Israel government's latest interpretation of Security Council Resolution 242 and its persistent policy of establishing settlements in the occupied Arab territories was making it increasingly difficult to reverse the deterioration of Israel's image in the United States.

They reportedly said essentially the same thing to Premier Menachem Begin at two meetings with him since their arrival in Israel Sunday for a five-day visit.

It was learned today that the group has an appointment at the White House Monday to discuss the current state of Israeli-American relations. It was not known with whom they will meet but it is assumed that the purpose of the scheduled meeting was to inform the Carter Administration of the present mood in Israel, as they are presently informing Israeli leaders of the mood in the U.S. The group includes the leaders of four of the largest and most influential national Jewish organizations in the U.S.

They are: Howard Squadron, American Jewish Congress president; Naomi Levine, AJCongress executive director; Richard Maass, American Jewish Committee president; Bertram Gold, AJCommittee executive vice-president; Burton Joseph, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith chairman; Benjamin Epstein, ADL director; Theodore Mann, National Jewish-Community Relations Advisory Council chairman; and Albert Chernin, NJCRAC executive director.

They met with Begin for one hour on Tuesday and again today for two hours. They also had meetings with Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, Defense Minister Ezer Weizman and Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization.

Difficult To Explain Israel's Positions

They told the MKs that they had always assumed that the Likud government honored the interpretation given Resolution 242 by previous governments and that they were at a loss to explain the change to the American public. They were referring to Begin's insistence that Resolution 242 did not apply to Israeli withdrawals from the West Bank. Previous governments acknowledged that the resolution called for territorial compromise on all fronts.

The Jewish leaders stressed that it was impossible to explain Israel's settlements policy in a positive light. They said that while they agreed that Jews had the right to settle anywhere in their ancestral home, the matter of timing had to be considered. They said there was no room for the continuation of settlement projects as long as peace negotiations continue. They warned that the settlement policy damaged the public campaign against the U.S. Administration's proposed package sale of advanced warplanes to Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

The leaders told the MKs that they came to Israel to express the full solidarity of American Jewry but, at the same time, to convey American Jewry's concern over Israel's sagging image and its strained relations with Washington. They said Israel's image in American public opinion now is of

a country that sticks to a stubborn policy in contrast to the generosity and peaceful intentions displayed by President Anwar Sadat of Egypt.

The visitors also said that the American Administration is strongly influenced by Saudi Arabia's petrodollars. They noted that the Saudis are buying billions of dollars worth of American bonds, thus helping to cover the U.S. fiscal deficit.

Statement By The Delegation

The delegation published today the following statement:

"We came to Israel with a profound belief that the historic special relationship of mutual support and confidence between Israel and the U.S. should be preserved and strengthened in the interest of both countries. In our discussions here we expressed our concern that the Israeli peace plan, which we regard as a creative response to issues that have been intractable for 30 years, has not received the attention of the American public that it deserves.

"Among other matters, we reported that the timing of new settlements and the controversy over Resolution 242 have diverted attention from the fundamental issues of peace and security. We urged that a new and higher priority be given to public information and to the inter-relationship between the formulation of policy and its public interpretation.

"We regard these talks as a significant step forward in the relationship between American Jewry and the leadership of Israel. Our views received the respectful attention of all those with whom we met. We are particularly grateful to the Premier for having given us so much of his time. This mission was a part of the continuing cooperative effort on behalf of Israel by the three major Jewish community relations agencies in the U.S. and their coordinating instrumentality."

CHAMOUN SLAMS RES. 425 FOR IGNORING TERRORIST PRESENCE IN SOUTH LEBANON

Praises Israel's Aid To Christian Community

PARIS, April 20 (JTA)--Lebanese Christian leader Camille Chamoun said in an interview published in Le Figaro today that the United Nations was neglecting a serious aspect of the problem in Lebanon related to the Palestinian and terrorist presence in that country. He said the internationalization of the Lebanese question, similar to the UN action in Korea more than 25 years ago, was necessary.

Chamoun, a former President of Lebanon, said that UN Security Council Resolution 425 of March 19 referred only to the withdrawal of Israeli forces from south Lebanon. "The other aspects of the problem now, that is to say the presence of 20,000 armed fedayeen and 400,000 Palestinians living in Lebanon, has been avoided by the UN," he charged.

Chamoun praised Israel's assistance to the Christian community in Lebanon and said Israel's support "in no way prevented Lebanon from recovering its sovereignty." He recalled that the Soviet Union and the U.S. became allies in face of the Nazi danger and "no one complained about such an alliance. Today, in face of the Palestinian danger, Lebanese Christians are seeking help from Israel," he said. He warned that "a new United Nations action is imperative, otherwise the Christians will react if nothing is done to restrict Palestinian fedayeen activity."

RABBI SLAMS LAS VEGAS NIGHTS IN N.Y.

By Ben Gallo

NEW YORK, April 20 (JTA)--An official of the New York Board of Rabbis (NYBR), which waged a losing battle against approval in a referendum in 1976 by New York voters of Las Vegas nights for fund-raising by non-profit institutions, said today many Jewish congregations were conducting such fund-raising in violation of the law. Rabbi Paul Hait, NYBR executive director, said the rabbinical group had issued a statement reaffirming its opposition to gambling in houses of worship, initially issued on Oct. 5, 1976.

The NYBR, which represents Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis of the New York area, declared that Las Vegas games tend to involve "professional gamblers and attract criminal elements who, ultimately, will wield malevolent power over religious organizations."

Declaring that it had consistently opposed fund-raising through gambling as "not consonant with the high standard of morality and dignity which our religious tradition sets for the general community," the NYBR said "we cannot use questionable means to achieve even the most meritorious goals, for this would negate the ideals cherished by the Jewish tradition."

Hait said the fears of the NYBR had been confirmed by the recent action of an individual identifying himself as a rabbi, who rented a closed supermarket in Queens, ostensibly to be a synagogue, but which was used to operate Las Vegas nights. Hait said the individual was not listed by any rabbinical organization and that he decided to shut down the venture after it attracted widespread unfavorable attention.

Hait said the requirements of the Las Vegas law are so restrictive that two non-profit institutions which had obtained the required licenses decided not to stage Las Vegas nights. He said neither was a synagogue. In addition to a license, the law bans mass advertising of such events, imposes a maximum win of \$1000 per participant per night, and the gambling events must be conducted by the sponsoring institution, with outsiders barred.

Hait told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the NYBR had learned that many congregations were conducting Las Vegas nights without licenses and with outsiders operating the games. The NYBR statement said the rabbinical group was aware that many non-profit institutions and organizations have operated Las Vegas nights "to meet their financial obligations" but urged them "to develop alternate revenue producing functions."

STATE EMPLOYEE HELD ON SUSPICION OF DISTRIBUTING ANTI-SEMITIC FLYERS

By Rochelle Wolk

ALBANY, April 20 (JTA)--Albany police are holding a 50-year-old New York State employee suspected of distributing hundreds of anti-Semitic flyers in the heavily Jewish-populated Pine Hills section of the city since last fall. Police announced the arrest early yesterday morning of Haviel Willard Davis, a senior architect in the Division of Design and Construction of the Office of General Services here.

He was apprehended by Patrolman John Madison at 5:16 a.m. while fastening anti-Semitic messages under the windshield wipers of parked cars in the Pine Hills neighborhood only a few blocks from his home. He was charged with aggravated harassment, a Class A misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail. Davis, who is unmarried, lives with his parents and earns more than

\$20,000 a year, was sent to Albany County jail for psychiatric examination pending a hearing next Tuesday. Bail was not set.

Albany County District Attorney Sol Greenberg and Albany Police Chief Edward C. McArdle reported numerous complaints during the last several months of anti-Semitic material affixed to car windshields. Although much of Albany's Jewish population is concentrated in Pine Hills, many of the complaints came from non-Jewish residents who were "outraged," Greenberg said. The messages, crudely printed in purple ink on pink or white paper said, "Jews Beware--Look You Scoffers, Wonder and Die: Acts 13-41."

REPORT BELL TELEPHONE OF CANADA COMPLYING WITH ARAB BOYCOTT

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, April 20 (JTA)--A \$1.1 billion contract for Bell Telephone International of Canada to modernize telephone service in Saudi Arabia could be lost if secret clauses containing provisions required by the Arab boycott are revealed, representatives of Bell told the Canadian Radio, Television and Telephone Communication Commission (CRTC).

Bell is seeking permission from the CRTC, a regulatory agency, to raise its rates. But the National Anti-Poverty Coalition has demanded that Bell not undertake risky operations overseas but use its enormous profits for investments in Canada.

When the CRTC asked Bell to disclose its secret clauses in the Saudi contracts, the telephone company refused, saying the publicity might cause it to lose the deal. The Canadian government has provided Bell with a \$430 million insurance guarantee against any losses in the operation.

Under the contract, Bell will provide the Saudis with 500 technicians and Philips of The Netherlands and Erickson of Sweden will provide the equipment. Bell has stated in each contract that it has no dealings with Israel and no investment, subsidiaries or franchises in that country. Such a statement is not illegal under Canadian law as it is in the United States.

The Canada-Israel Committee, which is monitoring the CRTC hearing, is urging Canada to strengthen its anti-boycott law in line with one adopted by the United States last year.

PERMANENT EXHIBIT ON JANUSZ KORCZAK

GHETTO FIGHTERS KIBBUTZ, April 20 (JTA)--A permanent exhibit on Janusz Korczak, the Polish educator and writer who was killed at Treblinka with the Jewish children who were his pupils, was opened at the Museum of Ghetto Fighters at this kibbutz north of Acre. A representative of the Polish Ministry of Education and Culture attended the opening ceremony. It was learned that a special archive to include the writings and documents relating to Korczak--his life and death--will be established at the Kibbutz Museum of the Holocaust. Prior to the opening of the exhibit a five-day seminar on Korczak was held in Israel with a Polish delegation in attendance.

NEW YORK (JTA)--Riga activist Mikhail Edelman has received his long awaited exit visa to emigrate to Israel according to information received here.

REMINDER: There will be no Bulletin dated April 24 due to the Passover holiday. There will be no Community News Reporter dated April 21 due to the holiday. Happy Pesach. Hag Sameach.