



12,000 CHEERING PEOPLE GREET BEGIN AT ISRAEL ANNIVERSARY RALLY By Yitzhak Rabi

LOS ANGELES, May 2 (JTA)--More than 12,000 cheering members of Los Angeles' Jewish community gave Israeli Premier Menachem Begin a rousing welcome at an Israel 30th anniversary rally in the Forum Auditorium in suburban Inglewood last night. The Premier went to the rally immediately after his arrival from Washington where he had talks yesterday with President Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. (See related Begin story.)

In an intense demonstration of support and solidarity with Israel, the audience electrified by the Premier's appearance, interrupted his speech with applause and cheers numerous times. Obviously in a good mood after his talks in Washington, Begin reiterated Israel's determination to work for peace, but declared, nonetheless, that Israel will never return to the 1967 border line that would make it vulnerable to attack along its narrow coastal strip. Begin insisted that Israel would never place itself in a dangerous situation in which, he claimed, a concentration of 9000 Arab tanks could bring disaster.

"We shall continue to strive for peace, we shall not cease until it is reached," Begin said. In an appeal to the Soviet Union, he called on "the leaders of the Kremlin" to let at least 100,000 Jews per year leave the Soviet Union to come to Israel. On his talks in Washington, Begin said they differed markedly from his last meetings there in March.

He drew laughter when he said, "I bring you good tidings from Washington. I spent a whole day there and nobody asked me to resign." He described President Carter's speech at yesterday's White House lawn reception honoring Israel's 30th anniversary as one that will be "long remembered."

Expressions Of Support For Israel

Overwhelming expressions of support for Israel were given prior to Begin's appearance by Gov. Jerry Brown of California and Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles. Brown, who opposed Carter in the 1976 Democratic Presidential primaries and is believed by many to aspire to the Democratic nomination in 1980, obliquely criticized the Administration's Middle East policies.

He said peace will not come to that region by making concessions but will be the result of direct negotiations. He said that while the U.S. is seeking new friends in the Middle East it should not forget our first friend, Israel and its needs.

During the rally for Begin, several hundred Palestinians and their supporters demonstrated outside the auditorium waving PLO flags and denouncing Israel and its policies. The demonstrators clashed with police several times and a number of them were arrested.

Begin arrived here early last evening and was received at the airport by Jewish community leaders and by Jewish students waving American and Israeli flags and singing Hebrew songs. This morning the Premier had breakfast with Israel Bond leaders at the Century Plaza Hotel where he

and his entourage are staying. He had lunch with other local community leaders and later affixed a mezuzah on the gate of the Menachem Begin Institute of Jewish Studies at Yeshiva University's Los Angeles campus. Begin was due to depart for Chicago late this afternoon.

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PAPUA

JERUSALEM, May 2 (JTA)--Israel and Papua-New Guinea have established diplomatic relations, the Foreign Ministry announced today. Israel's Ambassador to Australia, Michael Elizur, will also serve as Ambassador to Papua-New Guinea.

Another diplomatic event was the signing of a 10-year fishing agreement between Israel and South Africa. Israeli trawlers will be allowed to fish within the 200-mile limit declared by South Africa. The two countries will cooperate in scientific research and in fish processing techniques and industries.

CAPTURED ISRAELI SOLDIER ALIVE AND WELL

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, May 2 (JTA)--An Israeli soldier captured by terrorists in south Lebanon last month is alive and well, according to a letter from him received by his family through the International Red Cross, it was learned today. Amram Avraham, 28, wrote to his family in Hadera that he was in more or less good health. He asked after the health of his family and promised his children tricycles when he comes home, which he hoped would be soon.

Avraham was one of a group of six soldiers and one civilian who made an unauthorized trip into terrorist-held territory near Tyre, and were ambushed. Four of the soldiers were killed. The fifth and the civilian managed to return to Israeli lines although wounded.

It was learned, meanwhile, that terrorist assassination squads are taking reprisals against members of the Shi'a Moslem sect who allegedly collaborated with the Israelis in south Lebanon. Three recent murders in the Shi'a community have been linked to terrorists. In one case, a resident of Jawiyeh village was murdered while Israeli forces were preparing to evacuate the village.

BEGIN SEES IMPROVED ATMOSPHERE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE U.S. By Yitzhak Rabi

LOS ANGELES, May 2 (JTA)--Israeli Premier Menachem Begin told reporters aboard his plane yesterday that "there is a change for the better in the atmosphere of relations between the United States and Israel." Begin made these remarks after his talks in Washington with President Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance on his way to Los Angeles.

The Israeli Premier expressed "cautious optimism" that the peace process in the Middle East could be renewed as a result of his talks in Washington. Clearly satisfied and in a sharp contrast to his unhappiness after his visit to Washington in March, Begin did not go into details of his talks with the President. He only said that he spoke "about essentials."

The government of Israel will discuss "in the next few weeks" serious issues and then "we shall be in touch" with the United States government, Begin said. Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, after his talks with Vance last week, also said that there were

questions that would now have to be answered by the Israeli Cabinet. "There is a hope for another productive effort to make the peace process possible," Begin told reporters on the plane. Relaxed, in shirt sleeves, with Ambassador Simcha Dinitz next to him, the Premier repeatedly stressed his delight over the friendly attitude he found in Washington.

Begin described Carter's statements at the reception for Jewish leaders on the White House lawn as "one of the most important statements" made by the President. Begin said the friendship between Israel and the U.S. is "very profound."

Later, after his formal chat with reporters, Begin walked up and down the aisle and spoke with Israeli reporters in Hebrew. He said that during his talks in Washington there was no mention by the Administration of a referendum on the West Bank after five years of self-rule. The Administration in the past said that Begin's proposal for self-rule for the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza should be assessed after five years by the local residents who should determine their own future.

The Premier indicated that the Carter Administration is signalling that another solution should be searched for after five years and that the Israelis should come up with new ideas on the future of the West Bank.

The plane is an Israel Air Force cargo plane with the markings IAF-008 on its side. It had the normal passenger airline seats installed for the Premier's trip. Begin and his wife, Aliza, along with Dinitz and other aides, sat in a curtained off section in front.

Some of the newsmen complained that the food and coffee served by Israeli airmen and security people was cold. There was also an initial complaint that the cabin itself was too cold. Some of the American reporters also objected because there was no liquor served aboard.

STATE DEPARTMENT RESPONDS TO MIDDLE EAST RELATED DEVELOPMENTS By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, May 2 (JTA)--The State Department responded today to three Middle East-related developments. They were an announcement by the Palestine Liberation Organization yesterday that it has opened an office here to be known as the Palestine Information Office; a statement by PLO chief Yasir Arafat that a Palestinian state would not pose a threat to Israel; and an interview with Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister, Sheikh Zaki Yamani, who implied that his country might take economic reprisals against the U.S. if Congress rejects the proposed sale of 60 F-15 jet fighters to Saudi Arabia.

The State Department's chief spokesman, Hodding Carter, replying to reporters' questions, said there was no legal way to prevent the opening of a PLO office "as long as the organization or person" involved complies with the law.

He added, however, that this "in no way... changes our own feelings that we discourage the opening of such an office and we continue to hold to the position that there will be no contacts between our government officials and representatives of the PLO." Carter said the State Department "has no substantive response" to Arafat's statement, adding, "We have made known very clearly what our position is on a Palestinian entity. It is unchanged as is our position on the PLO."

With respect to Yamani, Carter denied that there was any linkage between the Middle East

aircraft sales and Saudi Arabian oil and dollar holdings. Carter also said that no new travel plans were scheduled at this time for Ambassador Alfred L. Atherton, President Carter's special envoy to the Middle East.

Intentions Of PLO Office

The office in Washington that the PLO says is intended to provide the American people with information about the Palestinian people, has been registered with the Justice Department as required by law. According to the information filed, it has a budget of \$44,000 for its first six months of operation and the sole source of its funds is the PLO.

The director is Hatim L. Hussaini, 37, who is also assistant director of the Arab Information Center here. Hussaini said that he and the assistant director, Hatim Khatib, are citizens of Jordan. A third staff member is Marilyn Johnson, an American. The PLO failed in an attempt to open an office here in 1976 when the director was asked to leave the country because he had made false statements on his visa application.

Views By Arafat And Yamani

Arafat's remarks were made in an interview in Beirut with New York Times columnist Anthony Lewis yesterday and published in The Times this morning. He argued that it was unrealistic to assume that a Palestinian state "which is going to start from zero for the establishment of its institutions, its economy, culture, social problems... would... be able to form any serious threat to Israel." Arafat was also quoted as saying that "the only possible solution" in the Middle East is a Soviet-American guarantee of any settlement, based on the U.S.-Soviet joint declaration of last Oct. 1.

Yamani, interviewed in Riyadh by correspondents of the Washington Post, warned that if Saudi Arabia does not receive the F-15s it will diminish "the amount of (Saudi) enthusiasm to help the West and cooperate with the United States."

Asserting that the planes are needed to defend Saudi territory, he said, "If we don't get it, then we will have a feeling you are not concerned with our security and you don't appreciate our friendship." He warned that Saudi Arabia's willingness to defend the U.S. dollar depends in some measure on its special relationship with the U.S.

RESOLUTION DISAPPROVING PLANE SALES INTRODUCED IN HOUSE, SENATE

WASHINGTON, May 2 (JTA)--Resolutions disapproving the Carter Administration's proposed sale of jet aircraft to Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia were introduced in the Senate and House yesterday.

At the same time, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has asked the Administration to temporarily withdraw the proposals submitted formally last Friday in order to give it additional time to study the matter. Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho) said the extension would allow a special subcommittee to visit the capitals of the three countries involved.

Resolutions aimed at blocking the aircraft sales were introduced by Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wisc.) and Rep. Clarence Long (D-Md.), Rep. Lester Wolff (D-N.Y.) submitted a similar resolution opposing the sale of 60 F-15 jet fighters to Saudi Arabia. The latter is the most controversial part of the three-country deal and the one that the Administration has been pressing for most vigorously.

Under the Arms Export Control Act, Congress has 30 days from the date of submission to act on

major arms sales proposals to foreign countries. If it fails to disapprove, the sales become automatic. Until now, the Administration has rejected Congressional requests for delay.

Sen. Church said that if the additional time is not granted, the Foreign Relations Committee would hold hearings on the aircraft sales, starting tomorrow. The House International Relations Committee, for its part, has scheduled hearings next week and is not asking for a time extension.

Members of the Foreign Relations Committee said that 30-90 days might be required for a thorough study of the many ramifications of the proposed sale. The subcommittee's visit to the Middle East would require at least one week.

Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R.N.Y.), a leading opponent of the sales, said the committee wanted time to examine the diplomatic and political commitments of the U.S. to the three countries involved.

CARTER MOVES TO CREATE A MEMORIAL TO THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, May 2 (JTA)--President Carter announced yesterday that he was appointing a commission to recommend to him an official American memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. The President made the announcement during the White House celebration of Israel's 30th anniversary. Carter referred to the Holocaust as "the ultimate in man's inhumanity to man." The six million Jews killed by the Nazis, he said, died in part "because the entire world turned its back on them." A memorial, he added, would "insure that we in the United States never forget."

The President made the announcement about the memorial while telling Premier Menachem Begin of Israel and some 1000 invited guests to the White House for Israel's anniversary celebration that "we will never waver from our deep friendship and partnership with Israel and our total, absolute commitment to Israel's security."

Among the guests were American Jewish community leaders, clergymen, government officials and rabbis. Some of the rabbis had participated earlier in the day in a national religious leadership convocation of some 1000 rabbis at the Lincoln Memorial in honor of Israel's anniversary. The convocation was sponsored by the Synagogue Council of America.

Bill To Establish A Memorial

In a related development, Sen. Wendell Anderson (D. Minn.) introduced a bill last week to establish a U.S. national memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. In introducing the bill, Anderson said: "Most Americans are surprised to learn that the United States, the symbol of freedom and refuge to the world, is one of the few countries in the free world that does not have a permanent memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. This bill will authorize the President to appoint an 11-member commission to develop plans for the design, construction and location of a permanent memorial."

The 17 Senators who joined Anderson in introducing the bill were Birch Bayh (D. Ind.), Lloyd Bentsen (D. Tex.), Lawton Chiles (D. Fla.), Alan Cranston (D. Ca.), John Danforth (R. Mo.), Dennis DeConcini (D. Ariz.), John Durkin (D. N.H.), Mark Hatfield (R. Ore.), Muriel Humphrey (D. Minn.), Floyd Haskell (D. Colo.), Edward Kennedy (D. Mass.), Howard Metzenbaum (D. Ohio), Claiborne Pell (D. R.I.), Charles Percy (R. Ill.), Abraham Ribicoff (D. Conn.), Donald

Riegle (D. Mich.) and James Sasser (D. Tenn.).

Mayor Walter E. Washington proclaimed the week beginning April 30 as Holocaust Memorial Week of Remembrance in Washington, citing that it is "important to assume that the world never forgets this act of man's inhumanity to man."

Meanwhile, the feeling today in the Capital over yesterday's celebration of Israel's anniversary is that while it was warm and cordial, in sharp contrast to the coolness during Begin's visit in March, the event and meetings were largely ceremonial and no substantive changes have taken place in either the American or Israeli positions in the Middle East peace effort.

PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH WORLD COUNCIL AS SUPREME MANAGING BODY FOR UIA, KH By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, May 2 (JTA)--The World Zionist Organization Executive, at its weekly meeting here yesterday, approved a proposal by its chairman, Leon Dulzin, to establish a World Council as the supreme managing body of the United Israel Appeal-Keren Hayesod which raises funds for Israel in all countries except the United States. The proposed new structure will be submitted for final approval by the Zionist General Council at its next scheduled meeting here July 2-3.

Dulzin said the World Council will consist of 16 members, half of them members of the WZO Executive and half representing the chief fundraising organizations. The Executive members are Dr. Avraham Avidai, Raphael Kotlowitz, Akiva Levinsky, Likud MK Avraham Katz, Eli Eyal, Avraham Shenker, Andre Narvoni and a former member of the WZO Executive, Rabbi Mordechai Kirschblum.

The other eight members of the World Council will be the heads of fund-raising organizations in Canada, England, France, Switzerland, Australia, South Africa and two UIA representatives in Latin America. Dulzin will serve as chancellor of the World Council. The chairman will be one of the overseas representatives. A WZO Executive member will serve as chairman of the Keren Hayesod directorate.

The WZO Executive discussed other matters, including the forthcoming meeting of the World Jewish Congress managing committee. Dulzin announced that the WZO Executive will convene a special session with WJC president Philip Klutznick. He said the Executive will demand that the WJC adhere strictly to its constitutional ban against interference in the internal affairs of any Jewish community, including Israel, except at the specific request of a community. Dulzin referred obliquely to rumors extant in Israel last February alleging that Klutznick had suggested to President Carter that he should apply pressure on Israel. Klutznick vigorously denied the rumors which stemmed from anonymous sources.

Dulzin stated further that the WZO Executive would demand full implementation of the existing agreement that bans the WJC from making political statements without prior consultation with all members of its Executive. There are three representatives of the WZO on the seven-member WJC Executive.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--A civil defense guard who killed an Arab resident of East Jerusalem last month will be tried by a military court. The guard shot the Arab near the Rockefeller Museum in East Jerusalem, only a few hours after a soldier was shot by unidentified Arabs at the same place. The guard claimed self-defense in his interrogation.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

PARIS (JTA)--French Jewry is scheduled to hold a mass pro-Israel fair, "Shalom Israel," on May 7 complete with cinema stars, popular singers, political personalities and Israeli culinary delights. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency will operate a special booth complete with teleprinters and telex equipment which will enable people at the fair to see how the world's only international Jewish news agency operates on a day-to-day basis. This year's fair will be similar to last year's which was attended by some 100,000 people. The organizers, the United Jewish Appeal and the Federation of Jewish Welfare Funds, hope for an even larger attendance this year. *

NEW YORK (JTA)--Some 200 people, including representatives of 30 American communities gathered Sunday at the International Synagogue at Kennedy Airport, to receive a torch lit by Israeli President Ephraim Katzir and flown to the U.S. to launch celebrations of Israel's 30th anniversary. Rabbi Israel Miller, interim president of the American Zionist Federation, which coordinated the ceremony, said the torch "is a bridge between the people of Israel and American Jewry." Sarah Shane, president of American Mizrahi Women, chaired the event. Among the guests at the ceremony was Faye Schenk, a member of the World Zionist Organization Executive, who brought a special message from Katzir. *

GENEVA (JTA)--Swiss police officers just graduated from a special course in combating terrorism. The course was prompted by the terrorist massacre of 35 people in Israel last March 11. One of the graduation exercises involved freeing a hijacked bus in a simulated reenactment of the March 11 event during which the terrorists hijacked a bus. Participating in the graduation ceremony were German officers, members of the special anti-terrorist squad "GSG9," who helped liberate the Lufthansa plane which was hijacked last year in Mogadishu, Somalia. The German officers were trained by Israelis who participated in the rescue of hostages at Entebbe Airport in Uganda. *

AMSTERDAM (JTA)--Plans to publish a tourist guide to Holland in Arabic that would have omitted places of Jewish interests, such as the Anne Frank House, have been abandoned by the would-be publisher, Ibrahim Farouk. A flood of protests greeted his announcement, in an interview in the daily Het Parool, that Jewish sites would not be listed because they would offend the wealthy Arab visitors for whom the guide was intended. Farouk, who heads the "Arabesk" publishing firm, said he was no longer interested in the project and would advise prospective Arab tourists not to visit Holland. *

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Some 400 drawings on the theme of peace, by children from all over the country, went on exhibition here this week at the Artists House. The exhibition is organized by the Education Ministry. One of the drawings shows a tank firing "shells of peace." Another depicts the Knesset near the pyramids, and a third shows a Jewish and Egyptian woman shaking hands against the background of the Jordan and Nile Rivers. *

MONTREAL (JTA)--The Canadian Jewish Congress has requested the Canadian government to address itself to the question of resurgent neo-Nazism all over the world and specifically "to

examine if this problem could be placed before the United Nations Human Rights Committee for serious study." In a communication addressed to Secretary of State for External Affairs Don Jamieson, the CJC drew the government's attention to the deep concern over the resurgence of organized anti-Semitism and racism throughout the world. It emphasized that "the organized racism is a particular menace at a time of economic strain and changing values." *

JERUSALEM (JTA)--The Jewish National Fund dedicated a 10,000-tree forest Sunday in honor of Meir Yaari, the veteran leader of Mapam, on the occasion of his 80th birthday. The forest is near Afula in the valley of Jezreel. The tree planting ceremony was attended by JNF chairman Moshe Rivlin; Natan Peled, representing Kibbutz Artzi, the kibbutz movement of Hashomer Hatzair; Victor Shemtov, representing Mapam; and Yaacov Schwartzberg of Kibbutz Merhavia, Yaari's residence. *

LONDON (JTA)--An international youth festival to be held in Havana in the summer will be a major platform for anti-Israel and pro-Palestinian propaganda. The official program states that one of the commissions will be devoted to: "the solidarity and joint actions of the progressive forces of youth, students and their organizations to support the just struggle of the Arab people and youth, particularly to the people of Palestine, under the leadership of the PLO, against imperialism, Zionism, and reaction for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East." Another passage stresses the struggle against "racism and Zionism." *

NEW YORK (JTA)--The Labor-Zionist Alliance issued a policy statement calling on the government of Israel to accept the traditional interpretation of Resolution 242 "namely, peace with defensible borders agreed to in negotiations with all of its neighboring states and including territorial compromises on all fronts, but no return to the 1967 borders." At the same time, the LZA assailed the "continued erosion of support" for Israel by the Carter Administration and criticized the Administration for fying the sale of war planes to Israel with war plane sales to Egypt and Saudi Arabia. *

NEW YORK (JTA)--The Jewish Labor Committee criticized Israeli Premier Menachem Begin, President Carter and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat for contributing to the breakdown in the Middle East peace negotiations. The peace momentum that was created last November has been halted by two developments, the JLC said, "Sadat's precipitous breaking off of the negotiations (with Israel) and Begin's encouragement of extending settlements in occupied territories and his interpretation of the meaning of Resolution 242 as it applies to the withdrawal from the West Bank." The JLC also said that the Carter Administration "in seeking to write the peace rather than serve as the convenor in the Middle East seems to be adopting a pro-Arab policy." *

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Cigarette prices went up by 11% Sunday, bringing the price of cheap cigarettes to 25¢ and the more expensive ones to 50¢. A package of American cigarettes costs \$1.