

BEGIN APPEALS TO AMERICAN JEWS TO STAND UNITED BEHIND ISRAEL

By Yitzhak Rabi

CHICAGO, May 3 (JTA)--Israeli Premier Menachem Begin appealed today to the American Jewish community to stand together behind Israel. "If we are united, we will make sure that Israel and the Jewish people will live in peace, justice, and above all in human dignity," Begin told more than 600 Israel Bond leaders at a breakfast at the Palmer House here.

Begin, who arrived here from Los Angeles last night, was enthusiastically received by the gathering this morning. The extremely warm reception he received from Jewish audiences here and in Los Angeles was seen as demonstrating strong support for Israel and the Begin policies in the American Jewish community.

At the breakfast today, Begin was presented a facsimile of a check for \$10 million representing the results of a recent sale of Israel Bonds in the Chicago area synagogues. In addition, more than \$4 million in new additional sales were announced at the breakfast.

Declaring once again that Israel will continue its efforts for peace, Begin pointed out that in Israel itself there are social problems to be solved. He urged American Jewry to increase its purchase of Bonds to help in solving them. He said he hoped that the 30th anniversary of Israel will also be marked by progress in solving the human problems of Israeli society.

Reiterating his satisfaction over the friendly atmosphere of his Washington talks, Begin declared that Israel will not agree to return to the pre-1967 borders and said that Israel will not let a Palestinian state "bent on our destruction" come into being.

Hectic Schedule In Chicago

Begin's appearance at today's breakfast was the beginning of a hectic day in Chicago. He addressed a luncheon sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal. This evening Chicago Mayor Michael Bilandic was due to host a dinner for the Israeli leader and present him with a medallion and honorary citizenship of Chicago. After the dinner Begin was scheduled to receive an honorary doctor of law degree in a ceremony at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

Begin and his entourage are staying at the Hyatt Regency Hotel under tight security. Despite the strict security measures, many Chicagoans gathered at the entrance to watch Begin arrive or leave. The Israeli Premier was expected to be met by demonstrations tonight at Northwestern by a coalition of Arab, Iranian and Black students who oppose the decision of the university to grant him a degree.

When Begin arrived last night at O'Hare Air Force Reserve Facility, he was greeted by the Mayor and a delegation of Chicago area Jewish leaders and Israeli officials including Nahum Shamir, the Israeli Consul General in Chicago. Begin will leave Chicago for New York tomorrow morning where he will stay at Gracie Mansion, the official residence of Mayor Edward Koch.

Before leaving Los Angeles yesterday, Begin

addressed a luncheon of Los Angeles community leaders, Jews and non-Jews. He told them that a Palestinian state will be "a mortal danger to Israel" and warned that such a state would turn "in no time" into a Soviet base. He said that the Israeli plan for the West Bank and the Gaza Strip will give the Palestinians "self-rule and autonomy." He declared that Israel will not give up hope for peace.

Concluding his visit to Los Angeles, Begin affixed a mezuzah to the door of the Menachem Begin Institute of Jewish Studies of Yeshiva University, an institution that was officially dedicated in his presence. Begin was received at the university door by singing students and school children who carried Israeli flags and banners supporting Israel.

Begin earlier in the morning had met with California Gov. Jerry Brown who later announced that California and Israel are to set up a joint foundation to pioneer solar research. "California and Israel not only have technology in common but share similar climates," the Governor said.

A private foundation would be set up in California to raise funds for the project and Israel will contribute matching funds, Brown said. He said there would be an exchange of solar experts and the research would be done in agriculture and in photovoltaic cells which generate electricity from the sun.

U.S. ASKING ISRAEL TO SPELL OUT ITS INTENTIONS IN WEST BANK, GAZA STRIP

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, May 3 (JTA)--The United States has asked Israel to spell out in detail exactly what its intentions are on the West Bank and Gaza Strip should Premier Menachem Begin's offer of limited "self-rule" for those territories be accepted.

Reports from the U.S. and a briefing by Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan of several Cabinet ministers and members of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee yesterday indicated that this probing question was submitted to Israel by the Carter Administration last week.

It was apparently what Premier Menachem Begin referred to when he remarked, after his arrival in the U.S., that he had new "important suggestions" for Cabinet discussion within the next "three weeks." Begin met with President Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance on Monday. Dayan had seven hours of discussions with Vance in Washington last week.

The American question is believed to center on what Israel intends to do after the self-rule plan is in force for five years. Begin's 26-point peace program, submitted to Egypt and the U.S. last December, calls for a "review" of self-rule after five years. But it does not say how the review is to be conducted or what Israel's status will be in the territories afterwards. The plan contains the option of continued self-rule and Israeli military presence.

The U.S. has made it clear that it regards the self-rule plan as temporary and wants Israel's ideas on a permanent political solution. According to reports from the Knesset committee members, the Americans have asked for specific answers to such questions as the scope of Israel's withdrawal from the West Bank, the status of the Palestinians who will participate in the talks determining their future, Israel's proposed solution for the Palestinian problem, the future of Israeli settlements in the occupied

territories and the nature of Israel's continued military presence there.

Begin has indicated that the Cabinet will address these questions within three weeks. Within that time the U.S. is expected to receive Egypt's response to Israel's latest proposals for resuming peace talks and the nature of the response will probably determine the Cabinet's reply to the U.S. Israel has proposed that the next round of peace talks with Egypt bypass a joint declaration of principles and focus on the specifics of a possible settlement between the two countries.

Dayan told the Knesset committee that the Americans had declared themselves "more than willing" to study his proposal that Israel and Egypt discuss substantive issues rather than principles. He said that if Israel and Egypt could agree on the nature of Israel's military presence on the West Bank, the more controversial question of the duration of that presence could be postponed until a later time.

At the moment, the major point of agreement between Israel and the U.S. is the opposition of both to a Palestinian state. U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis, who returned to Tel Aviv from Washington yesterday, said he expected the present deadlock to be broken "in the not too distant future." He remarked that Begin's visit to Washington this week "certainly was more positive than at the end of the Premier's visit in March."

UNIFIL ORDERS 'RED ALERT' AFTER SERIES OF CLASHES WITH TERRORISTS

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, May 3 (JTA)--The United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) was put on "Red Alert" today after a series of clashes with terrorists during the past 24 hours in which two French soldiers and a Senegalese soldier were killed. At least 10 UNIFIL soldiers were wounded, among them Col. Jean-Germain Salvan, commander of the French contingent, who was reported seriously hurt. Several French soldiers are missing. A man described as a liaison officer of the Palestine Liberation Organization was also killed.

(At the United Nations in New York, Secretary General Kurt Waldheim expressed grave concern over the events in south Lebanon and ordered the immediate return there of UNIFIL commander Gen. Emmanuel Erskine, who had come to New York for consultations.)

Israeli circles expressed the belief that terrorist elements were making a concerted effort to infiltrate positions just evacuated by Israeli forces and held by contingents of UNIFIL which is still about 1,000 men short of its mandated strength of 4,000.

Terrorists shelled a French barracks east of Tyre with mortars last night and ambushed a French patrol in the same vicinity. Col. Salvan was wounded in that skirmish and two terrorists were killed and two wounded. A French armored car was ambushed and a clash occurred with a Senegalese unit. One UNIFIL soldier was flown to Rambam Hospital in Haifa for treatment.

The attacks on UNIFIL are believed to have been carried out by an extreme terrorist group, probably backed by Iraq, which has refused to accept PLO chief Yasir Arafat's reported promise that his men would cooperate with the UN forces. Nevertheless, political factions in France have reportedly called for an end of all French relations with the PLO.

The French are apparently seriously disturbed by the casualties to their forces in Lebanon.

A French officer in Tyre was quoted as saying that unless UNIFIL is given specific orders to counter the terrorists, its mission will fail and the UN will suffer a severe loss of prestige.

SHOWDOWN BATTLE LOOMS OVER PLANE DEAL

WASHINGTON, May 3 (JTA)--A showdown battle between the Administration and Congress appeared almost certain today after President Carter flatly rejected a Senate request to delay his proposed sale of advanced jet fighters to Israel, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia and a key House committee overwhelmingly endorsed a "resolution of disapproval" of the aircraft deal. (See related story P.3.)

The vote by the House International Affairs Committee yesterday found 22 of its 37 members opposed to the plane package. The sale can be blocked if both houses of Congress adopt resolutions of disapproval within 30 days of submission of the plan. The Carter Administration sent the controversial package to Congress last Friday.

Carter Rejects Further Delay

Yesterday, Carter turned down a request by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for an extension of up to 90 days to allow more time to study the matter and permit a subcommittee to visit the three Middle East countries involved. In effect, it was asking the Administration to withdraw the sales proposal temporarily. But the White House said a delay would raise questions about U.S. commitments.

It said Congress had ample time to study the package deal because it had received informal notification as long ago as Feb. 14. "Withdrawal of the letter of intent at this time would call into question the seriousness of our commitments," the White House said. "It would not further the peace process in the Middle East nor would it be in the foreign policy interests of the United States."

Administration sources contended that there were sufficient votes in Congress to defeat a disapproval motion. But Congressional circles believe yesterday's action by the House International Relations Committee dealt a severe blow to Administration hopes. The disapproval resolution was co-sponsored by Rep. Dante B. Fascell (D. Fla.) and Rep. Edward J. Derwinski (R. Ill.). It was signed by 15 Democrats and seven Republican committee members.

MILITARY SHAKEUP OVER WEST BANK INCIDENT

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, May 3 (JTA)--Col. Benjamin Ben Eliezer was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General this morning and named to replace Brig. Gen. David Hagoel as military commander on the West Bank. Hagoel was relieved of his command last night for his part in trying to cover up an incident in Beth Jalla near Bethlehem last March 21 when Israeli soldiers lobbed tear gas grenades into a local school. Seven pupils who jumped from the first floor window were injured.

Hagoel was summoned to the Defense Ministry last night and officially informed of his dismissal. Defense Minister Ezer Weizman and Chief of Staff Gen. Raphael Eytan concluded that Hagoel had knowledge of the facts of the incident when he flatly denied a report of it published in Time magazine.

Disciplinary measures have been taken against other senior officers of the West Bank command: Lt. Col. Nathan Rom and his deputy, Maj. Nissim Cohen, will face judiciary proceedings for disobey-

ing regulations covering the use of force against civilians on the West Bank. Another major who commanded the unit in Beth Jalla has been reprimanded.

The shakeup in the West Bank command followed two investigations of events in Beth Jalla. The first, which absolved the officers and soldiers of any violation of regulations, did not satisfy the Defense Ministry and a second investigation was ordered. This determined that the Time account was essentially correct. Military regulations do not permit soldiers to enter schools or use firearms against pupils without specific authorization.

The incident at Beth Jalla followed demonstrations there and in other West Bank towns against Israel's invasion of Lebanon last March 19 in which school children joined. Israeli soldiers chased the youngsters into the Iskander Hourri school in Beth Jalla. At that point, the major in command, acting on his own initiative, ordered his men into the building over the protests of the headmaster and ordered them to fire tear gas grenades into a classroom.

The incident caused severe embarrassment to Israel and increased bitterness on the West Bank. But the Arabs of Beth Jalla, who are mostly Christians, today welcomed the tough measures taken against the high ranking officers responsible.

ADMINISTRATION HAMMERS AWAY ON BEHALF OF PLANE SALES DEAL

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, May 3 (JTA)--An array of top-level spokesmen for the Carter Administration presented its most persuasive arguments today in favor of the proposed sale of advanced jet combat aircraft to Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Appearing at the opening hearings by the Subcommittee on Foreign Assistance of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee were Secretary of State Cyrus Vance; Defense Secretary Harold Brown; Paul C. Warnke, director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; Gen. David C. Jones, Acting Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force; and Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

In prolonged and detailed testimony they sought to convince generally skeptical committee members that the proposed sales are in the best interests of U.S. foreign policy and Israel's security; that the planes for Saudi Arabia, the most controversial aspect of the package, will not be used against Israel; and that all three countries need the aircraft for the defense of their territory.

Vance declared, "In our best judgement, the proposed sales will maintain the basic military balance in the region. Israel will retain the ability to defend itself. Saudi Arabia and Egypt will strengthen their ability to defend themselves against nations determined to undermine regional stability" and "it is our conviction that these transfers will support the Middle East peace process."

Plane Shipments Later This Year

Brown disclosed, in reply to questions by several Senators as to the timing of the deliveries, that if the package is approved, the shipment of F-5E jets to Egypt would begin later this year. The delivery of 60 F-15s to Saudi Arabia would begin in the third quarter of 1981 and extend through 1984. He said those deliveries would be delayed about six months to enable the U.S. to train the Saudis and provide technical support.

In his testimony, Brown said: "These sales

will continue to assure that the military balance will remain in Israel's favor--indeed, Israel will be relatively stronger after receiving these additional F-15s and F-16s while giving Egypt and Saudi Arabia a more reasonable assurance that they can defend themselves against potential attacks from other quarters about which they have real reason for concern." He added that in his view and that of the Administration "these aircraft sales are greatly in our national interest."

Pushes For Sale To Saudi Arabia

Warnke dwelt at length on the "positive arms control aspects to the proposed sales." He noted that Egypt and Saudi Arabia are "virtually certain to buy such aircraft from one source or another, from us or from another supplier."

He observed, "Some of the possible alternatives to the U.S. aircraft would have greater capabilities in the deep penetration strike role and thus would likely have a more significant adverse impact on the local military balance." Warnke also stressed that other suppliers "would be likely to impose far less stringent constraints on any subsequent use or retransfer of the aircraft which they sold than the U.S. does as a matter of law." He was apparently referring to statements by Saudi Arabia that it would buy planes from France if the U.S. turned down the plane deal.

Warnke maintained that "Saudi support is essential for progress toward an Arab-Israeli peace settlement" and "anything we can do to strengthen our ties with Saudi Arabia and thus their support for the peace effort is consistent with our arms control policies as well."

Rationale For Sale To The Three Countries

Vance outlined the needs of each of the three recipient countries. Describing Israel as "stronger now than at any time in its history," he said the 75 F-16 and 15 additional F-15 aircraft earmarked for that country were necessary as replacements for aircraft that will become obsolescent in the 1980s.

With respect to the 50 F-5E jets for Egypt, Vance noted that that country, "having ended its arms supply relationship with the Soviet Union, has not received significant supplies of aircraft or parts in about three years." He said Egypt was understandably concerned about threats from the west and south and the American jets would help it "present a credible air defense posture and assure that the United States will assist that country in meeting its legitimate defense needs."

Vance was more specific about Saudi Arabia's military needs, noting that it must defend a vast territory of widely scattered population centers and vulnerable oil facilities and possesses among the smallest armed forces in the region. He referred to potential threats from Iraq "well supplied with the most modern Soviet military equipment" and from South Yemen which has attacked Saudi Arabia on three occasions in the recent past.

CHICAGO (JTA)--With the singing of "Havenu Shalom Aleichem" and a standing ovation, more than 1200 leaders of Chicago's Jewish community greeted Premier Menachem Begin of Israel Wednesday at a luncheon at the Pick Congress Hotel sponsored by the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago's Israel Emergency Fund. Begin said that Israel "is stronger than ever before," and that its enemies know now that they cannot overwhelm Israel by force. He reiterated Israel's commitment for "real peace" in the Middle East.

MEASURE APPROVED TO EARMARK \$2 M TO BRING WAR CRIMINALS TO JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, May 3 (JTA)--The House Judiciary Committee has approved a measure to earmark more than \$2 million to bring former Nazi war criminals now residing in the United States to justice. Approved unanimously by the committee, the measure introduced by Rep. Joshua Eilberg (D. Pa.) would provide the first funds ever specifically designated for the Justice Department to use exclusively to denaturalize and deport war criminals, Eilberg pointed out.

The measure is expected to go to the full House within the next few weeks as part of the Congressional authorization of funds for the Justice Department, directing that some \$2 million in Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) funds be set aside for investigation and litigation in Nazi war criminal cases, according to a spokesman for Eilberg. The legislator himself said he proposed earmarking these funds to guarantee that sufficient money is available in the Justice Department to cover the growing number of war criminal cases.

Eilberg told his colleagues on the Judiciary Committee that presently, 155 cases are in various stages of investigation, and 12 are in litigation. He said prosecution in 43 additional cases has been recommended by the INS' Nazi War Crimes Unit, with formal denaturalization and deportation proceedings to get underway "in the near future."

The Congressman called it "essential" that Congress set aside funds to bring Nazi war criminals to justice, "so that we can guarantee that the Nazi War Crimes Unit will not have to compete for resources with other INS programs and activities." Eilberg proposed that \$2,025,000 be earmarked for the cost of investigations, following up leads in foreign countries, bringing foreign witnesses to the U.S., and the costs associated with denaturalization and deportation trials.

Eilberg said the more than \$2 million will cover the cost of liaison with foreign governments, monitoring overseas trials of alleged war criminals, and reviewing records housed abroad. "Our government," he stated, "has a heavy legal and moral responsibility to thoroughly pursue all allegations that perpetrators of crimes against humanity have found a haven in this country."

ART FROM CONCENTRATION CAMPS

NEW YORK, May 3 (JTA)--An exhibition of 77 paintings and drawings by 35 Jewish artists during their internment in Nazi concentration camps and ghettos will be on display at The Jewish Museum beginning today to Nov. 12. These works, which testify to the spirit and determination of the European Jewish community under extraordinary circumstances, illustrate the daily life in the camps--the oppression, the starvation, the forced labor, the hopelessness, the remarkable ability to recognize beauty amidst agony, and the valiant effort to retain a semblance of dignity and culture. They represent a spiritual resistance against Nazi barbarism.

The exhibition is from the Holocaust Museum at Kibbutz Lochamei HaGhettoat (Ghetto Fighter's Kibbutz). It was brought to this country for display at The Jewish Museum under the sponsorship of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Among the artists represented are David Olere, a survivor of Auschwitz; Charlotte Buresova, who now resides in Prague; Aizik Feder, who died in Auschwitz; Halina Oloumucki; and Malvina Schalkova.

Artists Devoid Of Self-Pity

Tom L. Freudenheim, director of The Baltimore Museum of Art, who selected the works on view, writes that "Amazingly, many of these artists apparently were devoid of self-pity.... Few of the depictions are conventionally sentimental or maudlin.... Much of the art appears to be dispassionate recording of people and places, sometimes even expressing a sense of physical beauty in surroundings that must have been brutal."

Kibbutz Lochamei HaGhettoat was founded in 1949, by Polish and Lithuanian Jews who had escaped from the ghettos and concentration camps of Eastern Europe. In addition to archives, library and publishing house, the Holocaust Museum presents changing exhibitions concerned with the Holocaust and Jewish resistance. The art collection consists of 2000 works, gathered by Miriam Novitch, curator of the art section, herself a survivor of Auschwitz, who has spent years locating and researching these examples.

The illustrated catalogue was written by Tom L. Freudenheim, and incorporates profiles on each of the artists in the exhibition. Also included is an essay by Lucy S. Dawidowicz, eminent authority on the Holocaust, who currently holds the Eli and Diana Zborowski Chair in Interdisciplinary Holocaust Studies at Yeshiva University. Allan Schoener is responsible for the exhibition design, a difficult task in view of the variety of unconventional materials on which the works were executed--paper, cardboard, scraps--whatever was available in a given circumstance.

PINHAS ROSEN DEAD AT 91

TEL AVIV, May 3 (JTA)--Dr. Pinhas Rosen, Israel's Justice Minister from 1948-1961 and former head of the Progressive Party and its successor the Independent Liberal Party, died today at Kfar Saba at the age of 91.

Born in Berlin on May 5, 1887 as Pinhas Rosenbluth, he was educated in German universities and practiced law. He was an activist in Zionist student organizations in Germany and was co-founder of the Blue-White Zionist Youth Movement in 1911. In 1920 he became president of the Zionist Federation of Germany and three years later made aliya.

Rosen served on the Zionist Executive Committee in London from 1926-31 and then returned to Palestine where he was in private legal practice from 1932-1948. He headed the Association of Jews from Germany. He was later co-founder of the Aliya Hadasha Party in 1941. He was co-founder and president of first the Progressive Party and then the ILP and was a Member of the Knesset from 1949-68. He then resigned both from the Knesset and the party leadership saying that he should step down for a younger generation.

As Israel's first Minister of Justice he molded Israel's legal system, taking it out of politics. In the 1950s he headed a special committee that said that it was not Pinhas Lavon, who as Defense Minister, gave the instructions to a group of Jews working for Israel in Cairo to blow up American and British installations. This finding caused a rift between Premier David Ben Gurion and Rosen and the Justice Minister resigned from the Cabinet while continuing to play an active role in the Knesset. Rosen was the author of numerous articles in Hebrew, English and German in the Israeli and foreign press. A special committee of the ILP, the Cabinet and the Association of German Jews was working out funeral arrangements today.