

## BEGIN REJECTS PROPOSAL BY SADAT FOR AN 'INTERIM SETTLEMENT'

By Gil Sedon

JERUSALEM, May 14 (JTA)--Premier Menachem Begin rejected a proposal made last week by President Anwar Sadat of Egypt for "an interim settlement" that would call for Israel to return the West Bank to Jordan and the Gaza Strip to Egypt as a temporary measure pending a final decision on the future of those territories.

Addressing a European delegation of the Israel Bond Organization here yesterday, Begin called on Sadat to restore the "good spirit of the Jerusalem and Ismailia talks." He said it was time the Egyptians matched Israel's peace plan with one of their own for mutual discussion. "The conditions of peace cannot be dictated to Israel but must be the subject of discussions with Israel," he said.

Sources here said Egypt has still not responded to Begin's latest letter to Sadat, over a month ago, calling for resumption of peace talks. Meanwhile, the Cairo news media warned over the weekend that the Middle East was moving back to the pre-1973 situation. The state-controlled Cairo radio said Sadat's pledge in Jerusalem that the 1973 war would be the last could not be fulfilled unless Israel withdrew from all the Arab territories it occupied in 1967.

## ELIAV REVEALS ISRAEL AIDED KURDS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, May 14 (JTA)--Part of the story of Israel's aid to the Kurdish nationalist rebels against Iraq in the late 1960s was revealed over Independence Day by a central figure in the episode: Arye Eliav. Writing in Yediot Achronot, the Sheli Knesseter, then a rising Labor Party Knesseter and Deputy Minister, recounted how he was sent by Premier Levi Eshkol in late 1966 to meet with Kurdish leader Mullig Mustapha Barazani in his mountain hideout and to help set up a field hospital for the "Pesh Merga" Kurdish forces and their families.

Eliav's account is the first ever public acknowledgement of the many reports that Israel did indeed render assistance to the Kurds. The Kurdish rebellion was effectively snuffed out three years ago when the Shah of Iran, who had been tacitly supporting them, concluded a pact with the Iraqi government. Barazani is now ill and aged, living in exile in the U.S.

Eliav, in his article does not state clearly how he and his team reached the inaccessible Kurdish territory, with jeeps, lorries and an entire field hospital. The implication seems to be that he went in through Iran, probably with Teheran's consent.

## Helped Set Up Medical Services

Eliav, experienced in rural development schemes both in Israel (the Lachish project) and in Iran (where he had headed an Israeli aid mission to an earthquake area) toured the Kurdish area with Barazani's oldest son and offered the rebel leader advice on how to set up rudimentary health and welfare services.

The field hospital, which was the only

functioning hospital at that time in a territory with over one million population, served the fighters and their families, and Barazani told Eliav and the team of Israeli doctors and medics that his people would never forget their help.

A dentist in Eliav's party, identified as Dr. Itzkovitch, worked for days on Barazani's own mouth, relieving him by root canal treatments of the cruel pains he had been suffering for months. A doctor saved the life of one of the Kurdish leader's daughters-in-law, delivering her of twin boys when the local midwives had given up hope and the 17-year-old girl was nearing death.

As a parting gift, Eliav received from Barazani two swords: one for himself and one for then Knesset Speaker Kadish Luz. Eliav's article was illustrated by his photos showing himself with Barazani, and one of Itzkovitch poking in the Kurdish leader's mouth.

## ADMINISTRATION IN INTENSIVE

## 11TH-HOUR LOBBYING EFFORT TO WIN SENATE VOTES FOR ITS PLANE SALES DEAL

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, May 14 (JTA)--With the Senate due to vote tomorrow on President Carter's controversial Middle East warplanes sales package, the Administration was engaged over the weekend in an intensive 11th-hour lobbying effort to garner the votes necessary to defeat a resolution of disapproval.

In a letter sent to each member of the Senate last Friday, Carter warned that rejection of his proposal to sell advanced jet aircraft to Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia "would be a devastating blow" to the peace initiative of President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and a setback for the forces of moderation in the Middle East. He said essentially the same thing in an interview with a group of editors at the White House Friday.

At the center of the controversy is the projected sale of 60 F-15 aircraft to Saudi Arabia, thereby strengthening the arsenal of that oil-rich nation with the most sophisticated and, probably, the best combat plane of its type currently operational. That aspect of the package is the most bitterly opposed by Israel and its friends on Capitol Hill, who regard F-15s in Saudi hands as a direct threat to Israel.

Yesterday, however, the State Department made public a letter to Carter from King Khalid of Saudi Arabia declaring that he sought the American jets for purely defensive reasons to blunt "recently stepped-up Communist expansion in the area."

## Outlook For Next Round

The Administration won the first round in the battle Thursday when the Senate Foreign Relations Committee split 8-8 over a resolution of disapproval, thereby killing it. But Carter was denied the decisive victory he had hoped for when the panel voted unanimously to send the entire package to the full Senate. The Administration and many of its supporters in the Senate had been trying to avoid a further divisive debate on the issue.

Meanwhile, the Administration lost one vote when Sen. Alan Cranston (D. Calif.) said Friday that he has changed his mind and will vote against aircraft sales. He told a news conference that it made no sense to him to supply nearly 200 advanced

warplanes to the Middle East when the area is trying to reach a peaceful settlement. He discounted possible Saudi economic reprisals against the U.S. if the sales failed to materialize and dismissed arguments that other countries would sell advanced arms to Saudi Arabia. "To do something just because somebody else would do it shows no leadership, no principles," he said.

The legislative possibilities now involve the following: both houses of Congress must disapprove the aircraft sale by May 28 in order to block it. If the Senate rejects the disapproval resolution tomorrow or decides not to take action on it, the sale automatically takes effect since there would be no vote of disapproval.

Should the Senate reject the sale, the issue will go to the House where the International Relations Committee is scheduled to vote on it Tuesday. If the committee rejects disapproval, as its Senate counterpart has done, the aircraft sale will become legal. It is not considered likely to be taken to the House floor because of the short time left for debate. Should the House and Senate split on the issue, the sale will go through because disapproval by both chambers is necessary to kill it.

Administration spokesmen expressed confidence that they have enough votes in the Senate to clinch the deal. "The President remains confident the Senate will also respond in a courageous and responsible way," White House Press Secretary Jody Powell said after the Senate Foreign Relations Committee tie vote. He praised the "courage and statesmanship" of the eight committee members who supported the Administration.

#### Carter Says Choice Is Stark

But most observers believe that the outcome in the full Senate hinges on a few key votes and could go either way. The Administration apparently was taking nothing for granted. In his letter to the 100 Senators, Carter said: "The choice is stark and fundamental. Shall we support and give confidence to those in the Middle East who work for moderation and peace? Or shall we turn them aside, shattering their confidence in us and serving the cause of radicals?"

Carter maintained that rejection of the sale to Egypt of 30 F-15 jets would be a "breach of trust." Such a rejection would be a devastating blow to President Sadat, to the military forces of Egypt, to the people of Egypt and to the forces of moderation in the Middle East, he wrote.

The President argued further: "The long-term interests of Israel are served by the proposed sales to Egypt and Saudi Arabia. It is in Israel's interest to encourage the forces of moderation in the Middle East and to promote their close relationship with the United States. It would not serve Israel's interests if we were to fail to keep a bipartisan commitment made by the prior Administration as well as by mine to provide aircraft for the defense of Saudi Arabia. It would be against Israel's interests if moderate nations are brushed aside by the United States, opening vast possibilities for the intrusion of hostile influences."

#### The Issue Of Sadat

In discussing the matter with editors at the White House later, Carter said: "One of the most important issues is what will happen to our relationship with President Sadat. He has taken a pre-eminent stand in searching for peace in the Middle East at great danger to himself politically and after separating himself from the Soviet Union

on the sale of arms... I think if the (planes) sales are rejected, it would be a terrible blow to President Sadat, to his country and to our relationship."

The President reiterated, "It is in Israel's best interests for us to be trusted by and have friendship with the moderate Arabs.... We don't want to drive them away from us and have them turn to other sources."

In an interview published today in the Chicago Tribune, Sadat warned that "if this deal is refused by the Senate and Congress, it will mean that you don't reciprocate the trust we have in you... and we shall not be able to convince any Arab man in the street that the United States and President Carter can stop Israel."

Sadat also criticized Carter's offer to recommend the sale of 20 additional F-15 jets to Israel. "You have provided them with the most sophisticated arms, to the extent that they would need mercenaries to come in from outside to work them," the Egyptian leader was quoted as saying. However, he said he would continue to reject the demands by hard-line Arab states to break off the peace process he initiated and said he remained optimistic that a settlement with Israel was still possible.

#### Khalid's Rationale For Planes

In his letter to Carter, King Khalid wrote: "Saudi Arabia's long delayed need for the planes has become a matter of pressing urgency because of the continuing and recently stepped up Communist expansion in the area. I would like to emphasize that the planes are being acquired for defense and Saudi Arabia is continuing to make every effort in pursuit of a just, comprehensive and lasting settlement in the Middle East.... I believe the Kingdom's long and increasingly close relationship with the United States is, even with all of its proven mutual benefits, still at only an early stage of reciprocal worth."

Although Khalid's letter did not elaborate, that remark was seen by some as a veiled allusion to Saudi efforts to moderate the rise in the price of oil.

The Saudi ruler also appeared to be objecting to certain limitations imposed by the U.S. on the use and deployment of the F-15s in order to make the package deal more palatable to the Senate. He wrote, "As far as I am concerned, why should Saudi Arabia be the sole country to have a condition imposed on it?... We are just as much threatened as anybody."

#### VIOLENCE MARKS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

AMSTERDAM, May 14 (JTA)—An Israel Independence Day tribute in The Hague Congress Hall attended by representatives of the Royal Family and Holland's top government leaders Thursday was marred by a violent demonstration that greeted the arrival of Crown Princess Beatrix and Prince Claus outside the hall and the discovery shortly afterwards of a powerful bomb in a wing of the building.

The audience of several thousand inside the hall was unaware of these events and the ceremonies were not interrupted. The bomb was discovered in a toilet in a movie theater annexed to the Congress building after an anonymous telephone call prompted a search. Only 15 minutes earlier, the Royal party, accompanied by Mayor Frans Schols of The Hague, was confronted by about 40 demonstrators, aged between 20-25, who threw smoke-bombs and set off fireworks at the entrance to the Congress Hall. Seven arrests were made.

The celebration of Israel's 30th anniversary was

attended among others by Premier Andries van Aagt, Foreign Minister Christopher van der Klaauw and Education Minister Arie Pais. Israel was represented by its Ambassador to The Netherlands, Shlomo Argov; Deputy Minister of General Affairs Yoram Aridor; and Shimon Peres, leader of the opposition Labor Alignment. Van Aagt, Aridor and Peres spoke, stressing the traditional warm friendship between the Dutch government and people and Israel.

#### **CABINET MAJORITY BACKS EITAN**

By GIt Sedan

JERUSALEM, May 14 (JTA)--A majority of the Cabinet backed Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan today in an angry controversy that erupted over his remarks in a television interview that Israel must retain the West Bank permanently in order to defend itself. He also questioned the good faith of Arab peace initiatives and insisted that Israel must deal with the Arab states as if their ultimate goal was its destruction.

Eitan's statements, in an Independence Day interview broadcast Thursday night, aroused widespread public protests. Labor Alignment MK Yassil Sorid submitted an urgent motion to the Knesset, accusing the Chief of Staff of involving Israel's armed forces "for the first time in the history of the State in the central political debate now taking place in the country."

The issue was raised at today's Cabinet meeting by Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin, leader of the Democratic Movement for Change, who charged that Eitan made political statements outside his prerogatives as commander of the armed forces which represented a challenge to the concept of civilian control of the military.

But an official communique issued after today's Cabinet meeting said, "The Cabinet determined that in giving his replies, the Chief of Staff did not depart from the rule of his being subject to the authority of the government." Yadin told newsmen afterwards that although he disagreed, "the Cabinet decision abides." He said in his opinion military functionaries should not express public views of a political nature. "It is not good for the army or for the democratic system as a whole," he said.

#### **Knesset Due To Debate Issue**

The controversy over Eitan's interview is expected to be the subject of a debate in the Knesset which begins its summer session this week. The remark that drew most protests was his flat statement that Israel's armed forces could not guarantee the protection of the State "without Judea and Samaria" notwithstanding the modern weaponry at its disposal.

Eitan was less dogmatic about the Sinai. He said the fate of the Egyptian territory depended on the nature of a final agreement reached with Egypt. But he claimed that past experience proved that the Arabs did not honor agreements they signed. "It is time we stop being naive," Eitan said.

He claimed the basic intention of the Arabs still was to "get Israel off the agenda" even if some of them are now trying different methods to achieve it. "Until they declare that they do not want to do so, we must treat them as if their basic goal is still valid," he said. Both Defense Minister Ezer Weizman and Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich expressed support for Eitan's statement on Judea and Samaria.

#### **PERES WARMLY GREETED IN SENEGAL**

JERUSALEM, May 14 (JTA)--Labor Party

leader Shimon Peres was warmly welcomed in Dakar, capital of Senegal this weekend where he is heading a party delegation to a meeting of the Socialist International, the first ever to be held on African soil.

President Leopold Senghor sent his Prime Minister and other top functionaries out to the airport to greet the Israeli delegation at 4 a.m., and Peres is staying at the official Presidential guest house, while other Socialist leaders, such as Willy Brandt of Germany and Joop den Uyl of Holland are housed in a hotel.

Reporting on the Peres visit to Senegal, Maariv's Tamar Golan wrote today that Peres and Senghor had discussed the Mideast issue at length in private and found themselves in agreement on the need to keep Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's peace initiative from fading away--but were at odds over the issue of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Both men told the Maariv correspondent they were pleased at the opportunity to discuss the issues, and Peres said he now had a better understanding of the outlooks of some African statesmen regarding the Mideast conflict. Senghor is the only leading African statesman to maintain open and direct contacts with Israel since 1973, when almost all Black African states broke their diplomatic ties with Jerusalem. (By David Landau)

#### **23 JEWISH REFUSNIK WOMEN BEATEN**

NEW YORK, May 14 (JTA)--Twenty-three Jewish refusnik women were beaten by 200 Moscow police, four severely, after they staged a sit-in at the Supreme Soviet in the Kremlin on Friday to demand exit visas, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry (SSSJ) and Union of Councils for Soviet Jews (UCSJ) have learned. On Thursday, the same women were forcibly removed from the ovir (emigration) office after holding a five-hour sit-in, and the previous day they had also demonstrated at the Supreme Soviet.

According to the SSSJ and UCSJ, the women came Friday wearing yellow Stars of David. When they refused to accede to the authorities' demand to remove their stars, the police did so by force, beating them all. Severely beaten were Ludmilla Cherkasskaya, Gusel Chait, Botsheva Elinstratova and Natasha Chasina.

Also among the beaten were Maria Slepak, wife of the USSR's leading refusnik Vladimir Slepak, and Natasha Katz, whose ill infant Jessica's plight has gained international recognition in the past few days through the efforts of Action for Soviet Jewry in Boston. Congressmen and scientists have appealed to the Kremlin to release the baby to physicians from several leading American hospitals who have offered to treat her.

#### **PRO-SOVIET JEWRY PAPER BOMBED**

NEW YORK, May 14 (JTA)--A pro-Soviet Jewry publication, New Russian Voice, was firebombed here this morning and two floors housing the publication's office and printing machinery were destroyed. Although an anonymous caller phoned news agencies claiming the bombing was done by the Jewish Armed Resistance group, Andre Zedich, the publication's editor, felt the act was not carried out by a Jewish group. The New Russian Voice has worked closely with the Jewish community and especially with Soviet Jewish immigrants. The anonymous caller claimed the bombing was in protest against Soviet mistreatment of Jews. One source close to the Soviet Jewry scene believed it might have been the work of Soviet double agents.

## SOME 2 MILLION PEOPLE IN UJA WALK-A-THON RAISE OVER \$4 MILLION

NEW YORK, May 14 (JTA)—More than two million people, ranging in age from six weeks to 103 years, raised some \$4 million while expressing their solidarity with the people of Israel in the second annual national United Jewish Appeal walk-a-thon, held in most of the 213 participating communities throughout the U.S. and Canada last Sunday.

As many as four generations of American Jewish families marched and sang in every conceivable kind of weather to achieve the record result: from Burlington, where 47 people walked in bone-chilling 28-degree weather; to Denver, where more than \$20,000 was raised by 550 participants who walked despite the worst snowstorm in the city in 28 years (and where every event but the walk-a-thon was cancelled); to Los Angeles where 25,000 walkers were later joined by more than 10,000 people during Israel 30th anniversary festivities in Rancho Park.

In Houston, where 40,000 people participated in the largest walk in the country, one boy with a broken leg walked the entire 19.5-mile route. The 12,000 participants in Montreal who raised \$300,000, included a six-week-old infant and Dr. Joseph Joffe, 103 years old, the oldest member of the "Wheel Chair Brigade."

In Englewood, N.J., walkers raised \$33,000 with the help of an 83-year-old man who joined the walk there for the third year in a row, and a 10-year-old boy who raised \$1600 from his sponsors. The vast range of walkers was strikingly evident in Boston where four generations of a single family joined 2000 walkers. In Reading, Pa., Nazi vandalism at a local synagogue brought out more walkers than expected. The 142 participants there carried American and Israeli flags and were accompanied by a police escort as they sang and danced along the route.

### Other National Highlights

In other highlights, 1000 people participated in Pittsburgh; 2000 people raised \$70,000 in Washington; in southern New Jersey 1100 people raised \$10,000 and were greeted by the Mayor of Cherry Hill who walked for half a mile with the group which ranged in age from 18-23.

In Hartford there were 1000 walkers and 100 joggers; in Cleveland 1000 participants in an age group from 8 to 80 raised \$27,500; and in New York City, where the walk took place last month, 7500 people participated. Twelve regional walks were held throughout the city, Long Island and Westchester County. In most communities, the walk-a-thon was followed by celebrations of Israel's 30th anniversary which included music festivals, torch-runs, candle-lighting ceremonies and rallies.

Summarizing the day's events, Leonard R. Strelitz, 1978 UJA General Chairman said: "On May 7, tens of thousands of American families throughout the country dramatically demonstrated the spirit of Jewish solidarity. The weather varied, the age of the walkers spanned the human spectrum but the message was the same: We Are One."

## GALA LOCAL TV SPECTACULAR FETES ISRAEL ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

PHILADELPHIA, May 14 (JTA)—A gala "television spectacular" in honor of Israel's 30th anniversary was broadcast live throughout the eastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey area on

WPHL-TV (Channel 17) May 11—the eve of Israel Independence Day. It was recognized by Variety, the weekly entertainment newspaper, as the only such locally-produced telecast in the nation.

The telecast, which ran 6 1/2 hours, featured entertainment, panel discussions on various phases of Jewish and Israeli life, and live and taped appearances from local and national entertainers, governmental leaders and civic and communal leaders. Other segments included films about life in Israel.

Produced by the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia and its 30th Anniversary of Israel Committee, the entire broadcast (and a gala buffet reception in honor of the broadcast) was held at Drexel University's Student Activities Center.

Master of ceremonies for the production was Theodore Bikel, the popular actor and folk singer. Among the other celebrities who appeared were Rina Messinger, former Miss Universe from Israel; Mayor Frank L. Rizzo; Governor Milton Shapp who played the violin; concert pianist Susan Starr, and Ambassador Fredric R. Mann, who opened the telecast by playing "Hatikva" accompanied by the 60-voice Congregation Adath-Jeshurun Youth Chorus.

## THOUSANDS OF JEWISH STUDENTS, ADULTS TO RALLY AGAINST U.S. SALE OF WARPLANES

NEW YORK, May 14 (JTA)—Jewish students, lay leaders and rabbis have organized a demonstration of thousands of Jewish students and adults against the sale of American warplanes to Arab countries as part of a "Mobilization for Israel" to be held in Washington on Wednesday. It was announced by David Mann, president of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, N.Y., who is the coordinator of the Mobilization.

More than 1000 New Yorkers will be traveling to the Mobilization via the "Israel Express," a special chartered train which will leave Penn Station for Washington at 7 a.m. on the day of the demonstration. They will be joined in Washington by chartered buses bringing demonstrators from as far as New England, the South and the Midwest, Mann said.

He stated: "Regardless of whether or not Congress approves the arms sale, there is no question that Israel has been betrayed by the President and the State Department. The Jewish community is sending a message to Washington that it will not let such betrayals go unrecognized, and is putting the President and Congressional leaders on notice that when election time comes, the memory of those betrayals will be strong."

Following the Capitol program, the demonstrators will march to the White House. At the White House, the program will turn from encouraging Congressional support of Israel to registering the Jewish community's anger at the President's policies, Mann said. He indicated that the Mobilization has the support of the Stern College Student Council, the North American Jewish Students Network and the National Hillel.

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Premier Menachem Begin and other ministers on Sunday put the finishing touches on a Torah scroll written in memory of Jerusalemites who died in Israel's wars. Each minister in turn assisted by a religious scribe, added one of the final letters to the scroll. Other parts were written by members of bereaved families and by 10,000 Jerusalem high school students.