CABINET DECIDES TO HAVE ISRAELI FORCES IN SOUTH LEBANON WITHDRAW BY JUNE 13
By Yitzhak Sharlig

JERUSALEM, May 21 (JTA)—The Cabinet decided today that Israeli forces will complete their withdrawal from south Lebanon by June 13 and instructed the Defense Minister and Chief of Staff to make all necessary arrangements including coordination with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

The decision was announced by Cabinet Secretary Arvy Noor after today’s session. He said “The Cabinet authorized the army to pull its units out of southern Lebanon by June 13. It also authorized the Defense Minister and Chief of Staff to meet with United Nations officials to determine details of the withdrawal and to discuss steps to protect Israel’s northern border.”

The evacuation is scheduled to be completed three months to the day after Israeli forces invaded southern Lebanon following the March 11 terrorist assault on the Tel Aviv-Haifa highway. It will include the six-mile deep security belt that Israeli troops continue to hold along the Lebanese border.

The date of June 13 was selected on the assumption that UNIFIL by then will have just about completed its mandate. It is based on authorized strength of 6,000 men sufficient to prevent the return of armed Arab terrorists to the region. UNIFIL presently numbers about 4,000 troops who patrol most of the area south of the Litani River. It was re-enforced several days ago by an Irish regiment. (Related Cabinet story, P. 2)

It was learned, meanwhile, that small groups of terrorists have succeeded in penetrating UN lines and are hiding out in the countryside but not attempting to enter villages.

SOVIET DELEGATION IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, May 21 (JTA)—A three-member Soviet delegation is in Israel to take part in the celebrations marking the 33rd anniversary of the Allied victory over the Nazis. The Russians, who are here as guests of the Soviet-Israeli Friendship Movement, participated in the victory rally yesterday at the Red Army Forest near Jerusalem. The delegation comprises Dmitri Manolayev, deputy editor of “Sovietskaya Kultura”; Jewish World War II hero Heinrich Hofman, who was a pilot in the Soviet airforce; and Yuri Michayev, of the Novosti News Agency.

PASSANGERS ON EL AL FLIGHT CREDIT ISRAELI SECURITY GUARDS FOR THWARTING TERRORIST ATTACK ON PLANE PASSENGERS

By Edwin Eytan (Paris) and Yitzhak Sharlig (Tel Aviv)

May 21, (JTA)—Passengers on an El Al flight from Paris who had been targets of an Arab terrorist machinegun attack at Orly Airport yesterday afternoon, arrived at Ben Gurion Airport in the early hours this morning with eyewitness accounts of the shoot-out. They claimed that had it not for the alertness and instant response of Israeli security guards, the Lod Airport massacre of May 30, 1972 would have been repeated. The three terrorists were killed in a hail of bullets near the El Al boarding gate, but not before one of them fatally shot a French policeman. Two other policemen and three passengers waiting to board an Iberia Airline flight to Malaga from an adjoining gate were wounded.

The arriving El Al passengers credited Israeli security guards with gunning down the terrorists. Reports from Paris said French police opened fire killing the terrorists seconds after they drew their weapons. The eye-witnesses landed at Ben Gurion Airport at 2 a.m. local time, many hours late because their departure from Paris was delayed by the attack.

Group Cancels Trip After Shooting

There were only about a dozen passengers in the El Al jumbo jet. Originally a tourist party of over 200 French insurance agents was to have made the flight but the group cancelled their trip after the shooting. The arriving passengers said this was because three of the group were wounded but reports from Paris said the casualties were Iberia Airline passengers and that no El Al passengers were hurt. Two of the El Al tourists, Claude and Miriam Hoddod, made the trip anyway. Hoddod said he convinced nine others to stay with the flight despite the shock of the attack. Yitzhak Amram, of Tel Aviv, an Israeli returning from Paris, said there was chaos at the Orly terminal when the shooting began. He said there was no one to direct the passengers until French police arrived at the scene.

Another returning passenger was Labor Minister Israel Katz. He said he was certain the attack was not directed at him because he booked on the flight at the last minute after reaching Paris from Nice. Minister of Justice Shmuel Tamir, who is acting Minister of Justice, said he was about to get on the plane at Ben Gurion Airport this morning, accompanied by Mordechai Hod, director general of El Al.

Expresses Appreciation To France

Tamir said he had telephoned the French Minister of Transport last night to express appreciation for the speedy action of French security personnel and regret over the deaths of the French policeman. An Israeli security man said, however, that he and his colleagues frequently warned the French authorities about laxity at Orly. He said that if the terrorists’ belongings had been searched thoroughly before they entered the airport terminal, their guns and grenades would have been discovered.

Hod insisted that the attack was not aimed specifically at El Al. He said the terrorists were out to kill any passengers bound by Israel. He told reporters that Israeli security guards protect side-by-side with local police and security agents at various airports. He said El Al cooperates fully with local security authorities but is aware that responsibility for the safety of passengers and aircraft rests with the countries where the flights originate.

The Scene At Orly Airport

The attack occurred at about 3 p.m. Paris time yesterday after the El Al passengers had passed through check-in formalities and had their luggage searched. They were waiting at the boarding gate
when, according to eye-witnesses, a French police officer on guard in the corridor leading to the waiting lounge stopped a suspicious-looking man and asked him to open his handbag. The suspect pulled out an automatic pistol--some witnesses said it was a submachinegun--and shot the policeman at point-blank range. Two accomplices who had been waiting in the crowded open fire hitting two other policemen and three French passengers waiting to board the Iberia flight.

The reports of eye-witnesses conflict at that point, some saying that Israeli security men shot the terrorists first and were then joined by French police, others that the police opened fire first. The airport was evacuated for about three hours while police and security guards searched the vast area. The Governor of Val de Marne Department where Orly is located reported later that the three dead terrorists were apparently the only ones involved.

French police sources said the three men had arrived at Orly from Tunis a few hours earlier. According to these sources, two of them carried Tunisian passports and one a Libyan passport. But police believe their documents may have been forged. Apart from their weapons, no propaganda material or anything else was found on the bodies to explain the reason for the attack.

Israeli sources claimed tonight that the organization behind the attack was a unit headed by Abu Nidal who cooperates with George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. They said these terrorists use obscure names to identify themselves so as not to aggravate relations with countries friendly to the Arab cause.

CABINET-ASSAULTS U.S., PLANE'S PACKAGE DEAL; DEFERS CONSIDERATION ABOUT PEACE PROPOSALS ASKED FOR BY THE U.S.

JERUSALEM, May 21 (JTA)--The Cabinet issued a sharp attack on the U.S. aircraft sales package to Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia today and deferred consideration of key questions about Israel's peace proposals submitted by the U.S. last month.

Cabinet Secretary Arne Naor said the ministers "had no time" to take up the questions which the U.S. Administration had posed to Premier Menachem Begin and Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan three weeks ago on Israel's ideas for the future of the West Bank after a five-year period, assuming Israel's offer of "self-rule" was accepted.

Naor said the Cabinet would deal with that matter at a subsequent session leading some observers to conclude that the government was demonstrating its bitterness over the aircraft package deal.

Says Package Upsets Arms Balance

Government officials did not directly encourage that interpretation but the statement read by Naor left no doubt as to the Cabinet's mood. It said that the aircraft package would "upset the arms balance in the area" and would "lead to a further hardening of the Arabs' position which is anyway tough and uncompromising."

It stressed that Washington's commitment to sell Israel advanced F-16 jets had been made in 1975 "unconditionally" and claimed that the package "creates a danger for Israel." The statement said "The government will act so as to minimize this danger."

There was no elaboration. But Naor said the Cabinet, which met for five hours, had taken a "number of decisions" in connection with the aircraft deal that he was not at liberty to divulge. He said the decisions did not pertain to Israel's negotiating position. Some observers deduced that the decisions involved defense and strategic considerations in the light of the planes deal, its military implications and indications that the American Administration is ready to offer Israel some "compensation," apparently in the form of additional combat aircraft.

KLUTZNICK: NO REASON FOR MOURNING OVER SENATE APPROVAL OF PLANES SALE

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, May 21 (JTA)--Philip M. Klutznick, president of the World Jewish Congress, said that there was no reason for Jews to go into mourning over the Senate's approval last week of the sale of advanced warplanes to Egypt and Saudi Arabia. "There is room for regret but we should not make this into a cause for tears," he told the WJC Board of Governors at the opening of its meeting here Thursday.

The session, chaired by Lord Fisher of Camden, chairman of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, was devoted mainly to expressions of concern over the proliferation of anti-Semitism and neo-Nazi activity in recent years. That subject was addressed by Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization Executive, Dr. S. Roth, director of the Institute of Jewish Affairs in London, Israeli MK Gideon Hausner, and Dr. S. Levenberg of London.

Discussing the Senate vote on the aircraft package deal, Klutznick pointed out that 44 percent of the Senate had disapproved "and this figure is very significant," he said. He also noted that immediately after the vote, President Carter and his aides made reassuring statements about their continued support for Israel. He stressed that it must be understood that in terms of American interests, the Middle East issue is a key global problem, not simply a local one.

Dulzin, who left later for a visit to the U.S., dwelt on the official nature of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union where he noted Nazi-like articles appear regularly in popular periodicals such as "Oganovk" which portray Jews as a danger to the human race and accuse the World Zionist Organization of collaborating with the Nazis during World War II.

Roth suggested that the WJC and world Jewry demand free emigration for Soviet Jews who presently can obtain exit permits only on grounds of family re-unification. He said the Russians also must be pressured into permitting the teaching of the Hebrew language, just as any other language is studied in the Soviet Union.

Hausner said anti-Semitism was rising again in many countries that were believed to be immune after the Holocaust. He warned that the Holocaust no longer serves as the protective umbrella it was in the years after World War II. He said the most serious concern was with the flood of anti-Semitic publications, many of which attempt to blur the truth about the Holocaust. He suggested that many of them were financed by Arab sources.

Levenberg called attention to increased anti-Semitic activity in the south of France, in West Germany, Great Britain, and even in the United States.
200,000 PEOPLE IN SOVIET JEWRY RALLY

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, May 21 (JTA)--Thousands of Jews and non-Jews from the Greater New York area and beyond marched down Broadway from City Hall to Battery Park where they joined many thousands more in a demonstration of support for Soviet Jewry. The crowd was estimated at 200,000 by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry (GNYCSJ). which has sponsored the "Solidarity Sunday for Soviet Jewry" event for the past seven years.

The march was led off by a group of youngsters in the garb of Soviet prisoners followed by members of Congress, state and local officials, many of them carrying pictures of Soviet Jewish Prisoners of Conscience.

Behind them came groups representing synagogues, Jewish organizations, Zionist groups, doctors, lawyers and the Interreligious Task Force for Soviet Jewry. While they carried such signs as "We Dare Not Repeat the Past," "Silence Kills, Will You Speak Out For Soviet Jews," and "For Those Who Live, The Red Sea Has Not Yet Parted," the predominant banner this year was a picture of a Soviet Jewish prisoner.

Lipshutz Urges Aid For Soviet Jews

At Battery Park with the Statue of Liberty in the background, White House Counsel Robert Lipshutz said that looking at the statue reminded him that all four of his grandparents came to the United States fleeing Russia and now it is up to us to help other Russian Jews emigrate.

Lipshutz said he brought a message from President Carter which said: "To all of you who have assembled here today and to all those brave men and women who are with you in spirit, I am determined to stand by these commitments" to the Helsinki agreement on human rights.

The White House Counsel told the audience that a "government which restricts its own citizens such as Yuri Orlov or Anatoly Shcharansky" for insisting that their own government live up to its own constitution and international agreements, such a government can only invite the concern and distrust of people throughout the world.

He said the Carter Administration's concern for human rights is not propaganda and it was shown when the U.S. spoke out against the harsh sentence given Orlov last week it was not alone.

Interjection of Planes Sale Issue

Although the organizers of today's event tried to keep the controversy over the Carter Administration's sale of planes to Saudi Arabia and Egypt out of the Soviet Jewry issue it was present when a group of young people at the front of the crowd loudly shouted "Dump Carter" throughout the program.

When Mervin Riseman, acting chairman of the GNYCSJ, tried to introduce Lipshutz by noting that Carter had long supported the struggle for Soviet Jewry they tried to drown him out with cries of "Dump Carter" and "Relax, Like Siegel," referring to Mark Siegel, the White House aide who residues in the midst of the plane issue.

At that point, Mayor Edward Koch came forward and told the group that their action was doing "a disservice" to the cause of Soviet Jewry. The Mayor showed next to Lipshutz throughout his speech as Lipshutz had to shout to be heard over the din. The Presidential aide at one time interruped his prepared speech and said: "I want to remind the small group to my left that before most of you were born I went to war against Hitler and returned home to fight against the Ku Klux Klan."

Dulzin: 'We Shall Not Be Silent'

Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization, declared that Soviet Jewry is one-fifth of world Jewry "we shall not be silent" until all Soviet Jewish prisoners are freed and allowed to emigrate, until all Soviet Jews who want to emigrate to Israel can do so freely and until Jews in the USSR have the right to practice their religious and cultural heritage.

"I said Moscow should know that the world is shocked and angered at the recent escalation of Soviet anti-Semitism." Dulzin compared the anti-Semitic propaganda of the Soviet media with the infamous Protocols of the Elders of Zion forged during Czarist Russia.

A similar comparison was made by Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan (D. N.Y.) who said that a century ago Russia was the most bigoted and reactionary country in the world and the same thing holds true for it today: He said that the Soviet Union is waging a campaign against Israel because Israel is a democratic country. Moynihan expected the U.S. to give strong support for the activities in the Soviet Union.

"If we do not help them survive, our own survival is in question," he warned.

Insurance Policy For Soviet Activists

Sen. Charles Mathias (R. Md.) said that an outpouring of people like today's event is an "insurance policy" for Soviet activists "who but for the spotlight of world attention might disappear into a Gulag Archipelago."

Koch, who has participated in all seven Soviet Jewry Solidarity annual events, said it "has made a difference" because more than 150,000 Soviet Jews have been allowed to emigrate since 1971. New York Gov. Hugh Carey said support of Soviet Jewry also requires support of Israel. "American friends of Israel must do all they can to secure the defense of Israel within recognized and secure borders," he said.

Dina Bellin, a Moscow Jewish activist who was recently allowed to emigrate, expressed the "deep appreciation" for the active efforts of American Jews. She urged the American people to support Anatoly-Shcharansky, who she said she especially fears for, and other Soviet Jews. "If I feel that through your active support, many thousands of Jews who valiantly struggled and suffered years of torment in the Soviet Union as refuseniks, as POGS, as Jews, will soon be allowed to descend the ladders of airplanes to freedom," she said.

A dramatic moment in the rally came when a phone statement from Moscow activist Vladimir Slepok was read expressing concern about the sentence against Orlov and the imminent trials of Scharansky and Alexander Ginsberg. Slepok was cut off by his phone company but his message was: "The only way to stand up is to stand both for human rights the fight for Aliya . . . ."

A message from Soviet Jewish activists throughout the USSR was read which declared that Western pressure on the Soviet Union for human rights must continue. The activists also stressed that applicants for emigration visas are increasing because "now more and more Jews are beginning to understand clearly that there is no hope and no future for them and their children in the USSR."
CONCERN IS EXPRESSED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS SHIFTING AWAY FROM TRADITIONAL U.S. COMMITMENTS TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 21 (JTA)—Serious concern that the Carter Administration is shifting away from America's traditional commitments to Israel and that the U.S. cannot be counted on to support Israel in the event of a new crisis in the Middle-East, were expressed in remarks prepared for delivery at the 80th anniversary national dinner of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations (UCJC) here tonight.

The speakers, William Brock, chairman of the Republican National Committee, and Harold M. Jacobs, UCJC president, recipient of the organization's 'Kether Shem Tov' award, referred to the Administration's decision to sell advanced weapons to Egypt and Saudi Arabia as well as to Israel, a project ratified by the Senate last week.

Approval of the aircraft package deal "signaled an absolutely clear and inescapable shift in American foreign policy," Brock declared in his prepared speech. "The fact is the Carter Administration forced the Congress into a confrontation with Israel and in the process, the Congress was forced into an artificial legislative choice," he said.

"Members of the Senate were denied a full opportunity to demonstrate their concern with any single part of the arms sale on an individual basis. Instead, they were forced to vote up or down on an arms package that, if approved would add fuel to a tinderbox area of the world and if defeated would repudiate a basic-defense committee made without precondition to one of our most important strategic allies," Brock charged.

Impact Of Planes Sale Decision

According to Brock, the Senate vote "represented an extremely unfortunate step in President Carter's effort to shift traditional U.S. policy in the Mideast away from the commitment to the survival of Israel by past Republican and Democrat administrations."

"There can be no question," Brock continued, "about the impact of that decision to sell highly-sophisticated armaments to Israel's Arab adversaries; when Israel has faced four Middle East wars over the last 30 years. We simply must not forget that Israel is beleaguered and imperiled by enemies on every single one of her borders and threatened by an overwhelming numerical superiority," Brock said.

"Jacobs said there was fear in the American Jewish community that President Carter might not support Israel in the event of another Middle East war. He called the President's recent statements on the Middle East 'contradictory' and 'radical political schizophrenia.'"

"Twice in the last 11 years, Israel's survival depended on the unwavering friendship and support of an American President. God forbid, if another such crisis were to confront us tomorrow, I and many of my colleagues could not confidently predict which side Jimmy Carter would support," Jacobs said.

IMPACT OF 'HOLOCAUST' ON TV VIEWERS

NEW YORK, May 21 (JTA)—Three out of every five viewers of the recent NBC-TV series "Holocaust" feel they understand better what happened to the Jews under Hitler as a result of the program. The impact of the series, based on a nationwide viewer poll, was made public here yesterday by Mr. Himmelfarb, director of the American Jewish Committee's influence organization, at a news conference in connection with the Committee's 72nd annual meeting. The poll, commissioned by the Committee, was compiled by the professional polling firm Response Analysis of Princeton, N.J.

In reporting on the educational effect of the series, Himmelfarb pointed out that 59 percent of those polled said that they understood better after seeing the programs what the Nazi persecution of the Jews was all about. Further, he declared, 85 percent of the viewers thought it a good idea to remind Americans of the Nazi persecutions and 72 percent thought it sensible to teach children about the Holocaust. Seventy-six percent of the viewers expressed the opinion that the programs gave an accurate picture of the Nazis' treatment of the Jews.

Himmelfarb pointed to the replies to a number of questions as "indicating a humane, sensitive and realistic attitude on the part of most Americans on what had happened to the Jews in Germany, and on the possibilities of similar occurrences happening elsewhere in the world today."

He reported that 56 percent of the respondents believed there were countries in the world today that were similar to Nazi Germany. Only one percent of viewers and two percent of non-viewers thought that the Jews in Germany were mostly responsible for what had happened to them there, with the overwhelming majority seeing that the fault lay rather with Nazi cruelty. In reply to a third related question, most of those polled expressed the view that very few Americans would think it all right to persecute Jews here. Some 120 million were reported to have viewed the first hour of the series during the four days it was televised in April.

UNDOF MANDATE ON THE GOLAN EXTENDED

UNITED NATIONS, May 21 (JTA)—Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said Friday that Israel and Syria have agreed to the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Force (UNDOF) on the Golan Heights. Waldheim, in a report to the Security Council, recommended to the Council the extension of the force for an additional period of six months, until Nov. 30, because the situation in the area is precarious.

ELEANOR MARVIN ELECTED ICJW PRESIDENT

"ATLANTA, May 21 (JTA)—Eleanor Marvin of Woodmere, N.Y., was elected president of the International Council of Jewish Women (ICJW) at its triennial convention which ended here today. Mrs. Marvin, a past president of the National Council of Jewish Women, succeeds Rosa de Herguez, of Argentina.

The ICJW, a voluntary social service agency with more than one million members in 30 countries, announced that it will hold its third Summit Conference in Israel next November. The convention here, which drew hundreds of delegates from all parts of the world, drafted resolutions relating to the status of women, service to the community, Israel and the United Nations. The five-day gathering included workshops, seminars and presentations.

The ICJW, founded in 1912, is dedicated to human rights and welfare in the Jewish and general communities. The National Council of Jewish Women, an American group, is its largest affiliate.

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There will be no Bulletin dated May 29 due to Memorial Day, a postal holiday.