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## TERRORISTS INFILTRATING SOUTH LEBANON WITH CONSENT OF UNIFIL

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, July 4 (JTA)—Sources here said today that Palestinian terrorists are infiltrating into south Lebanon with the tacit consent of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). According to the sources, UNIFIL units have come to a de facto agreement, or modus vivendi, with the terrorists allowing them to return to the region as long as they do not openly challenge UNIFIL soldiers. This has been vigorously denied by the UNIFIL command and by the United Nations Secretariate in New York.

But Israel estimates that there are now more than 400 armed terrorists in south Lebanon. They avoid the villages and camp out in orchards and groves, relying on sympathizers among the villagers to supply them with food. According to Israeli sources, the terrorists are crossing the Litani River in the Tyre region and other areas that are held by untrained UNIFIL soldiers from Fiji and Senegal. The main UNIFIL forces and its best combat troops are concentrated in the Christian enclaves near the Israeli border, the sources said.

The terrorists are spread out in the eastern and western ends of the front while the central front, held by Iranian troops, is believed free of terrorists. But terrorists have taken over the Beaufort Castle north of the Litani River, following the withdrawal of an Iraqi unit, and have begun shelling Christian villages, Israeli sources reported.

## CARTER EXPRESSES SOLIDARITY WITH ANTI-NAZI DEMONSTRATORS

WASHINGTON, July 4 (JTA)—President Carter expressed his "complete solidarity" with the people who demonstrated against the American Nazis in Chicago and Skokie last week. The White House has made available to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency the text of a telegram the President sent on June 25 to Sol Goldstein, chairman of the Holocaust Survivors Association of the Jewish United Fund (JUF) of Metropolitan Chicago.

Carter's message said that as President "I must respect the decision of the Supreme Court allowing this group (the Nazis) to express their views, even when those views are despicable and ugly as they are in this case. But if such views must be expressed, I am pleased they will not go unanswered. That is why I want to voice my complete solidarity with those citizens of Skokie and Chicago who will gather Sunday (June 25) in a peaceful demonstration of their abhorrence of Nazism.... Your peaceful demonstration against Nazism is in the best tradition of America."

## EHRlich 'RATHER PLEASSED' WITH U.S. JETS SALE TO SAUDI ARABIA

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, July 4 (JTA)—Israeli Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich, said in an interview published here today that he was "rather pleased" that Israel and the American Jewish lobby had failed to block the sale of U.S. combat jets to Saudi Arabia and Egypt because that would have led to a bitter confrontation with Washington.

Ehrlich, who is a leader of the Liberal Party wing of Likud, told the private news bulletin, La Lettre de Danielle Huneballe: "I am not in tears over the sale. In retrospect I am rather pleased that both we and the American Jewish lobby failed to block it. It is preferable to a confrontation with the Carter Administration which would have caused hard feelings and bitterness and hurt us in the long run." But Ehrlich did not think that President Carter's National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski was a friend of Israel. "Thank heaven we have better ones," he said in response to a question.

Ehrlich, in the same interview, also said that Israel "will not return to Geneva. We don't want to see the Soviets involved once again (in the peace process)," he said and "neither Egypt nor the U.S. wants to see them involved again." He was referring, apparently, to Carter's remark last Friday that if Israel and Egypt failed to resume their peace talks and if American mediation efforts failed, the Mideast problem would revert to the United Nations and the Geneva conference.

Ehrlich said a separate peace with Egypt "is not only desirable but also possible" and that Israel was ready to sign one. He conceded that President Anwar Sadat may not want to sign a separate peace "but he certainly has the means to do so."

## ANTI-TERRORIST BOMBING

PARIS, July 4 (JTA)—A hall rented for a pro-Palestinian rally was seriously damaged early yesterday by a bomb explosion. Later a group calling itself "Eye for an Eye" claimed responsibility for the attack saying it was carried out to avenge last week's explosion in Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda market which killed two people and wounded 48. The community said "We shall continue our anti-Palestinian attacks as long as they use terror and operate a Paris bureau."

The organization's anonymous spokesman later told police another bomb had been placed in an Arab bookshop in the north of Paris. Police sappers only found a crude imitation and believe it is part of an anti-Arab harassment. The manager of the bookshop, a Palestinian believed to have PLO connections, was murdered two years ago by a bomb explosion.

The blast in the hall yesterday caused no casualties but the building was seriously damaged and will take weeks to repair. The hall, which belongs to a local church, had been rented by the Paris bureau of the PLO. The meeting was cancelled. Police believe that the "Eye for an Eye" organization has carried out several other attacks in recent months but detectives say they have no clues as to the identity of its members.

## MEETING IN LONDON BETWEEN DAYAN, KAAMEL AND VANCE VIRTUALLY CERTAIN

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 4 (JTA)—A London meeting this month between Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed Kaamel, with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, appeared to be a virtual certainty today. Highly placed government sources indicated that Dayan would go to London even though Israel has not yet given its formal assent to the meeting.

They explained that Israel's official silence on the matter stemmed from Premier Menachem Begin's unwillingness to commit himself formally to the

meeting until he is satisfied that the Egyptian peace plan, submitted to Vice President Walter Mondale by President Anwar Sadat at their meeting in Alexandria yesterday, does not contain "preconditions."

The sources here assume that there are, in fact, no preconditions in the Egyptian plan and expect the London meeting to take place on or about July 17. The meeting was one of the primary objectives of Mondale's visits to Israel and Egypt over the weekend. It will mark the resumption of official Israeli-Egyptian contacts on the ministerial level for the first time since Sadat broke off peace talks in January.

#### Peres, Sadat To Meet In Vienna

It was disclosed today, however, that Shimon Peres, leader of the opposition Labor Alignment, will meet with Sadat in Vienna, Austria this weekend. The occasion will be a conference of the Socialist International leadership to which both Peres and Sadat have been invited by Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky.

Peres called on Begin at his home here over the weekend and the Premier "did not object" to the meeting, sources close to Peres said today. The two men agreed to keep it secret, however, until Kreisky announced the meeting officially in Vienna last night. Peres and Sadat met for several hours in Salzburg last February.

"It was understood here that Begin is not too pleased with the prospect of a second Peres-Sadat meeting, partly because his own feelers for a meeting with Sadat have been rebuffed and partly because the meeting in Vienna will be regarded by the world as the actual resumption of direct contacts between Israel and Egypt.

Peres is understood to have had his own doubts, mainly because he wanted to avoid the impression that he was challenging the prerogatives of the democratically elected government. But he decided in the end that it was his duty as a statesman to seize the opportunity to meet with the Egyptian leader, sources here said.

#### Role For Britain Hinted

There has been no authoritative explanation here as to why London was selected as the venue for the meeting of the Israeli and Egyptian foreign ministers. The selection was made by the U.S., ostensibly for the convenience of Vance who will be returning from the Western economic summit meeting in Bonn next week. But there is speculation here that it is Vance's purpose to involve British Prime Minister James Callaghan and Foreign Secretary Dr. David Owen in a concerted effort to persuade Israel and Egypt to resume the peace process.

President Carter has said that the London conference will be the occasion for a critical examination of both the Egyptian and Israeli peace proposals and for the presentation of American ideas. It is believed that Vance will solicit Callaghan's support for American proposals. Since both Dayan and Kaamel will be paying courtesy calls on the British leader, he will have the opportunity to express his support for whatever ideas the Americans may put forth.

Yesterday, Dayan, addressing a meeting of the Zionist General Council here, said he would not go to London "if the Egyptians say that their pre-conditions for the negotiations is an a priori consent to the Egyptian peace plan." He added, however, "We are willing to discuss any Egyptian

proposal, as tough as it may be." He said Israel's position was that "everything is open to negotiations" except those subjects not touched upon in Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, such as an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank.

#### U. S. Commitment Reaffirmed

Mondale ended his three-day visit to Israel yesterday with strong reaffirmations of America's continued commitment to Israel. But he made it equally clear, at his pre-departure press conference and in his address at a dinner in his honor at the Knesset Sunday night, that significant differences exist between the U.S. and Israel and that they are grounded in the application of Resolution 242 to the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

He referred to them as "differences between friends" and sought to balance their impact by pledging that American military and economic aid to Israel would "not be held hostage or as a form of pressure on Israel's negotiating process." He emphasized that he spoke in the name of President Carter when he offered these pledges.

Mondale's references to Resolution 242 were described by a senior official in the American party as "an important U.S. policy statement." The official made it plain that the Vice President's statements had been prepared carefully by the State Department and the National Security Council and that Carter himself had read and approved the substantive passages.

Mondale said: "...242 is an equation. On the one hand it recognizes the right of every state in the area to live in peace within secure and recognized borders, free from threats or acts of force. The U.S. believes such a peace must include binding commitments to normal relations. In return, Israel would withdraw from territories occupied in the 1967 war.

"We believe the exact boundaries must be determined through negotiations. They are not determined by Resolution 242. ... We are convinced that without eventual withdrawal on all fronts to boundaries agreed upon in negotiations and safeguarded by effective security arrangements, there can be no lasting peace."

#### Applicability Of Peace Approach

Mondale observed that in the Sinai, "Israel has proposed a peace treaty in which there would be a negotiated withdrawal and security would be achieved while relinquishing claims to territory. This approach can be applied to the West Bank as well." Asked about that last point, Mondale said he recognized that there are "obviously many differences" between the Sinai and the West Bank. He said his use of the word "approach" was the key to his remark.

"In other words, territory and security may not, in all circumstances, be identical," he said. "It may be possible to relinquish land but at the same time have guarantees over demilitarization, over electronic sensors, limited forces zones, other kinds of arrangements that can give you security. ..."

Mondale also noted that Israel accepted Resolution 242 as applying to the West Bank but "they have a different view of what qualifies within the meaning of that 242 than we do."

#### SOVIET DELEGATION FAILS TO ARRIVE IN BUCHAREST TO MARK FETE FOR ROSEN

BUCHAREST, July 4 (JTA)--The Soviet delegation expected in Bucharest for celebrations marking the 30th anniversary of Dr. Moses Rosen's elec-

tion as Rumania's Chief Rabbi, failed to arrive. The president of the Moscow Synagogue, Moses Kleinman, cabled the Rumanian Jewish Federation to say that his plans to attend the ceremony at the head of a large delegation had to be cancelled. Kleinman gave no reason for changing the original plan which would have brought together, for the first time, delegations from both East and West.

Rosen has played an active role in trying to bridge the gap between Jewish communities in Eastern Europe and the rest of the world. Soviet participation in the celebrations would have been a partial fulfillment of his quest. Sources in Paris said the Soviet government cancelled the delegation's plans to attend the ceremony in order to show "some of the consequences" of the deterioration of East-West detente.

Delegations from East Germany, including East Berlin, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia have, however, arrived in Bucharest and will take part in the festive meeting. Israel is represented by Interior Minister Yosef Burg and the Rumanian government will be represented by several ministers and high officials. Delegations representing the Joint Distribution Committee, American Jewish Committee, World Jewish Congress, Canadian Jewish Congress and dozens of other international and national organizations have already arrived in Bucharest.

#### HIJACKED PASSENGERS SUING AIRLINE

TEL AVIV, July 4 (JTA)--Sixty-four Israeli passengers on the Air France plane hijacked to Entebbe, Uganda in June, 1976, have filed suit for IL 190 million in damages from the French airline. They are also seeking an unspecified amount in compensation for bodily harm. The group includes the heirs of three Israelis killed in the hijacking by Arab and German terrorists.

The civil suit charges Air France with gross negligence toward the safety of its passengers. The complainants say that the airline had no arrangements to cope with or prevent the hijacking. They say the door to the pilots' compartment was left open, no thorough search was made of luggage or boarding passengers and that crew members told the hostages at Entebbe that they were not trained for such an emergency. A similar suit has been filed in the U.S., but Air France claimed the American courts have no jurisdiction to hear the case.

#### BITTER KNESSET DEBATE OVER BILL - EXEMPTING RELIGIOUS WOMEN FROM DRAFT

JERUSALEM, July 4 (JTA)--The Knesset was engaged in a bitter day-long debate today over a government-sponsored bill that would exempt young women from military service simply on their own statement that they are religiously observant. As of late this evening, no vote had been taken on motions of no-confidence in the government entered by opposition factions.

The coalition was split over the original bill but united in support of a last minute amendment that would require a young woman seeking exemption from the draft to state that she observed the Sabbath, studied at a religious school and observed kashrut both in and out of her home.

The bill was one of the concessions made by Premier Menachem Begin to the Aguda Israel as the price of its support for his coalition. The Aguda has threatened to abandon the coalition if the measure is defeated or changed in any way. Its Council of Sages, whose word is law to members of the ultra-Orthodox faction, were deliberating at Bnei Brak today over whether the proposed amendment was

acceptable.

The original measure passed its first reading in the Knesset at a recent session from which many MKs were absent. It aroused a storm of protest among coalition as well as opposition MKs and from the public at large. Last weekend, Jerusalem and Ramat Gan 12th graders who will be subject to the draft upon graduation, began circulating petitions to all high schools in the country demanding that the government drop the bill.

The students were backed by faculty members and headmasters who consider it scandalous that all but observant women must serve in the military. Adult women's groups such as the Pioneer Women, also voiced opposition. They fear that the bill would greatly decrease the number of young women drafted and, as a consequence, the military age for women will be extended to 38.

MK Shulamit Aloni, of the Civil Rights Movement (QRM), said last week that she knew of 600 young women about to be drafted who plan to declare themselves religious even though they are not. Religious women have always been excused from military service. But they had to pass close scrutiny by a screening panel which examined them for religious knowledge to make sure that their claim to be Orthodox was bona fide. The Aguda bill would eliminate the screening.

The Aguda also opposes suggestions by some members of the National Religious Party that religious girls be required to perform some sort of national service, such as nursing or teaching, in lieu of military duties.

#### WEST BANKERS TO APPEAL DECISION

TEL AVIV, July 4 (JTA)--Mayor Bishara Daoud, of Beth Jala near Bethlehem and three town councilmen may appeal to the Israeli Supreme Court against a decision by the Military Governor of the West Bank to remove them from office. The four men were convicted of assaulting police during a drug search in Beth Jala 18 months ago and were to have begun serving six-month prison terms yesterday.

The Military Governor decided last night to suspend their sentences but to depose them according to Jordanian law which applies on the West Bank. It bars persons convicted on criminal charges from holding an elective office. The Military Governor made his decision after top level consultations with the Prime Minister and the Minister of Defense.

He acted after local Arab dignitaries appealed to him to commute the sentences. The six-month jail terms were to have been followed by 18 months probation. Attorneys for Daoud said he would seek the intervention of the Supreme Court to remain in office.

GENEVA (JTA)--A draft resolution to give financial aid and ratify projects for technical assistance to the Palestine Liberation Organization was rejected at the meeting of the governing council of the United Nations Developing Program meeting here. The draft resolution was rejected following heavy pressure from the U.S. Speaking on Israel's contribution, the Israeli delegate, Israel Eliahu said, "Since the inception of our international technical cooperation program, more than 7000 of our experts have been engaged in bilateral and multilateral activities in developing countries and more than 20,000 persons from various continents have been trained in Israel." He said: "Israel stands ready to share its knowledge and experience with other developing countries and to expand further its technical cooperation with them."

PROMINENT U.S. "JEWS BACK BEGIN

JERUSALEM, July 4 (JTA)—A number of prominent American Jews published a full page ad in the Jerusalem Post yesterday backing the Israeli government's peace policy and supporting Premier Menachem Begin by name. The signatories included Max Fisher of Detroit; Raymond Epstein of Chicago; Rabbis Alexander Schindler, Herschel Schachter and Israel Miller; Robert Russel of Miami Fla.; and other prominent Jews. Schindler was the only one of the 33 signatories who was a member of the party of U.S. citizens—mainly Jews—invited by Vice President Walter Mondale to accompany him to Israel.

The ad was clearly timed to coincide with Mondale's visit. It called on the U.S. government to "encourage Egypt to return to the negotiating table... to encourage direct negotiations between Egypt and Israel rather than setting unreasonable demands upon one of the parties.... We hope that Vice President Mondale's visit to Israel will signal a return by the American government to its traditional position of strong support for a secure Israel.... We expect that Mr. Mondale will learn firsthand of the earnest and diligent efforts Israel is making on behalf of peace."

The ad said that its signatories believed they expressed "the sentiments of the overwhelming majority of American Jewry" in supporting the Israeli government and "commending Prime Minister Begin and his government for tireless efforts on behalf of peace...."

As co-chairmen of a "Committee," Gary P. Ratner, a national communal leader, and Rabbi Joseph Sternstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, signed at the top of the list of signatories. Other committee members were Ivan J. Novik, chairman of the ZOA national executive committee; Harry S. Taubenfeld, chairman of the U.S. Herut; and Gerald S. Strober, chairman of "The Committee of American Jews in Support of Prime Minister Begin."

HASIDIC GROUP OUTRAGED BY KOCH'S MOVE TO END POLICE PROTECTION AT HEADQUARTERS OF LUBAVITCH MOVEMENT

NEW YORK, July 4 (JTA)—A spokesman for the Lubavitch movement said today that the Hasidic group was "outraged" by the decision of Mayor Edward Koch to end round-the-clock police protection for the group's world headquarters and its rebbe in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn.

Koch instructed Police Commissioner Robert McGuire to end the practice, started in 1966, which in effect gave the locations the same status as a foreign embassy, at an estimated cost of \$4 million to the city. Koch reportedly believes it has been overdone. The mayor's office said police can guard both buildings with routine patrols.

McGuire directed the commander of the Brooklyn south area, Assistant Chief Milton Schwartz, to cancel the two radio patrol cars from their standing assignments at the headquarters and at the home of Rabbi Menachem Schneerson. But the order was made conditional on development of an alternative plan of protection with routine patrols. The Lubavitch spokesman said that the movement's headquarters was receiving telephone calls "from all over the world" to protest Koch's move—and that the action might have "international ramifications."

New York City Councilman Theodore Silverman, whose district includes Crown Heights, called the removal order "unconscionable," partly because

it came "at a time when responsible leaders of both the Black community and the Jewish community are meeting to discuss the problems of Crown Heights in a rational manner." He said he would seek to have the order cancelled and, if the protection was removed, that he would work to have it restored.

Silverman said the order indicated that the Koch administration did not "fully understand" what 770 Eastern Parkway, the site of the Lubavitch world headquarters, "truly is," the "seat of an international movement of the Jewish faith." He said the headquarters receives as visitors heads of state of many different nations, citing recent visits by Premier Menachem Begin and the Prime Minister of Ireland. Silverman said that as far as he was concerned, "the police protection cannot be removed; must not be removed and will not be removed."

HOLOCAUST SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

By Rochelle Wolk

NEW HAVEN, July 4 (JTA)—A Holocaust memorial service for children, hailed as the first of its kind by its author, has been written by Marcia Smith Barnestein, a Hebrew teacher at Ezra Academy in New Haven, Connecticut. Mrs. Barnestein told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that she wrote her service, "Al Hashoah V'al HaGevurah—On the Holocaust and Heroism," to fill a void that she felt existed.

"I've been thinking of writing something of this nature for many years," she said, "because I've learned through my teaching experience that even kindergarten children can grasp some knowledge of the Holocaust." Mrs. Barnestein has been developing special Holocaust lessons for children in Hebrew day schools in Albany, N.Y. and New Haven for the past seven years, and has succeeded in teaching the subject to children as young as five years old.

The lack of existing material for young children on the Holocaust prompted Mrs. Barnestein to write her presentation, which is geared to children aged 5 through 12. While working with the New Haven Holocaust Committee on a method of presenting a service for children, she found "absolutely nothing" that was appropriate and decided that the time had come for her to "do something about it."

In writing her presentation, Mrs. Barnestein said that she wanted to emphasize to young children that the Holocaust really happened and that it happened within the lifetime of their parents and grandparents. "Ultimately, one of my major goals is that all people should be better human beings and never let this happen again," she said.

The service begins with a candle lighting ceremony in memory of the six million. The children are then told, "This really happened. It is all true. It is part of our Jewish history. It happened when your own mother and father were tiny or when your grandparents were young." Hitler is described as a "crazy, mad man" who wanted all Jews killed because "their only crime was being Jewish. Imagine, they were to die just because they were different." "The Song of the Partisans," "America, the Beautiful" and a poem by Nobel Prize winner Nellie Sachs are also included.

Mrs. Barnestein said that she "absolutely, very consciously left out specific atrocities" and instead used symbols that the children could understand. The service has already been presented at several New Haven area synagogues. Mrs. Barnestein said that she is gratified, from children's reactions, that her service has been a "significant and meaningful experience" for them.