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GAZIT: SYRIA INTENDS TO TURN LEBANON INTO A CONFRONTATION STATE By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, July 6 (JTA)--Gen. Shlomo Gazit, chief of Israeli army intelligence, became the unofficial spokesman today for Lebanese Christians under siege in Beirut by Syrian artillery and mortars. He said the Syrian intention is to destroy all Christian resistance in Lebanon, to turn that country into another "confrontation state," with unpredictable consequences for Israel and the fragile peace process between Israel and Egypt. (See related story from Washington, Page 1.)

Decrying the failure of "the Christian world to raise a voice against the destruction and slaughter of the Christians in Lebanon," Gazit disclosed that Israeli planes flew over Beirut today in an effort to boost Christian morale. But, he said, it appeared to be a matter of a few days, or even a few hours, before the Syrians bring the Christians to total capitulation.

Gazit said that the Syrians, originally invited by the Lebanese government to keep the peace between warring Christians and Moslems, have abandoned that role and are trying to impose a "pax Damascus" on Lebanon. He said the Syrians have deployed more than half of their 35-40,000 soldiers in Lebanon around Beirut and almost doubled their fire power with the introduction of four medium artillery battalions, 100-120 mm. mortars, 50-150 mm. mortars and a number of 240 mm. mortars that fire 400 pound shells of immense destructive power.

Cites Systematic Destruction

"What the Syrians are doing is a systematic shelling and destruction of every house, target after target and building after building, in the Christian quarter which is in the eastern half of Beirut," Gazit said. He noted that the number of casualties is uncertain but amounts to at least 400 Lebanese Christians dead and many more wounded who cannot get medical treatment because of the fierce shelling. He said the Syrian casualties have been negligible because they are not engaged in close combat but fire from secure artillery positions in the city.

Gazit warned that the events in Beirut have serious implications for south Lebanon and what happens in south Lebanon is of great concern to Israel. He said Israel is disturbed by the systematic destruction of a minority in the Middle East.

"The Syrians may turn Lebanon into a confrontation state which would alter the entire situation as to Israel's security needs," he said. "Hence, there may be even an influence of the developments in Lebanon on the Israeli-Egyptian peace process. It may also affect the Middle East balance of power and the inter-Arab balance of power." He said the Lebanese Christians were asking what Israel is about to do. But Gazit said he could give no answer.

Israeli Reconnaissance Flights Over Lebanon

Regarding the Israeli reconnaissance flights over Lebanon, a military spokesman stressed that the aircraft were not on combat missions. Reports

from Beirut today said a flight of Israeli Kfir jets flew low over the city, frightening the populace by their sonic booms. The report said the flight was a warning to the Syrians that Israel was watching events in Lebanon.

Earlier reports here said the Israeli government is concerned over the deterioration of the situation in Lebanon and the implications the fighting in Beirut have for south Lebanon. Several Knesset members, including Amnon Ilin of Likud, have demanded that Israel take action to prevent "genocide" in Lebanon.

COURT OPENS WAY FOR NAZI RALLY

CHICAGO, July 6 (JTA)--A Federal Appeals Court opened the way yesterday for an American Nazi Party rally in a racially tense Chicago neighborhood this Sunday which is expected to draw thousands of anti-Nazi protestors. The court rejected a request from the Chicago Park District to stay a lower court order that nullified a \$60,000 insurance bond which the Park District had required the Nazis to post before it would issue a permit.

Frank Collin, head of the Nazi gang said they would hold their rally in Marquette Park, a district in southwest Chicago that is largely Black. Attorneys for the Park District said the city would appeal the latest ruling to the Supreme Court by tomorrow.

The Nazis called off a projected march in the heavily Jewish populated Chicago suburb of Skokie which had been scheduled to take place June 25, after winning the right to hold a rally in Chicago. Less than a dozen Nazis appeared in uniform in downtown Chicago on June 25, protected by some 900 police. They gave the "siege hail" salute and were rushed off by the police after thousands of anti-Nazis pelted them with debris. Counter-demonstrations by scores of Jewish and non-Jewish groups in Skokie were called off when the Nazis, at the last minute, changed their plans.

CARTER URGES END TO LEBANON FIGHTING

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, July 6 (JTA)--President Carter urged an end to the fighting between the Syrian "peace-keeping" force and the Lebanese Christian militia while the State Department reported today on U.S. efforts with the governments of Syria and Israel and Lebanese politicians to bring peace to that war-torn country.

Referring to reports that Israeli warplanes have overflown Lebanon as a gesture of support for the beleaguered Christians in the Beirut area, the State Department suggested that it did not approve such action but did not explicitly criticize it. It also indicated a negative view of the Syrian action by declining firmly to reiterate its long-held position that Syria is "keeping the peace in Lebanon."

"The fighting in Beirut is in no one's interest," President Carter said in a statement issued today. "I therefore join with those world leaders calling for an immediate end to the fighting and urge all parties with influence over the situation to spare no effort to set Lebanon once more on the road to peace and progress."

Carter's statement came after Lebanese Americans stoned the Syrian Embassy here yesterday in an incident that brought the arrest of 13 of them and forced the Syrian Ambassador to flee his chancery.

An advertisement by the "American Lebanese League" in the Washington Post and other newspapers today called on Carter to intervene against "the savage killing of the innocent and unarmed Lebanese civilian population by the Syrian army." The League described itself as "a nationwide movement representing 75 organizations in 40 states."

View Of Israeli Intervention

At the State Department, chief spokesman Hodding Carter said "I won't deal with that suggestion" when asked if the U.S. would object to Israeli intervention in Lebanon. Questioned about the reported Israeli overflights, he said "We are urging on all parties to use maximum restraint to end the fighting" but he explicitly ruled out any contact with the PLO. Asked about the possibility of Israeli intervention, he said "the concern of the Israeli government is well known."

He would not say, in response to a question, whether the Israeli overflights were "good or bad," but stressed that "In urging maximum restraint by all parties we mean precisely that." He added that "anything that will have the potential of expanding the conflict is something we think would not be useful."

Hodding Carter was asked if Israel could use American military equipment in Lebanon. He replied that in such an event, the type of weapons used would have to be examined "at the time of their use." Asked if the U.S. still adheres to the view that Syria is performing a peace-keeping role in Lebanon, the State Department spokesman said: "We are not going to try to define roles or responsibilities at this point" beyond asking for maximum restraint."

Pressed as to Syria's peace-keeping role, Carter observed, "That is the function it has been performing as we understand it. I simply am not able to address that question in the particular instances that are going on right now."

TORONTO CITY COUNCIL OPPOSES BOYCOTT

By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO, July 6 (JTA)--The City Council of Toronto has passed a motion "strongly petitioning the government of Canada to enact legislation" that would effectively outlaw a discriminatory boycott such as the Arab boycott against Israel and against Canadian citizens and companies who trade with Israel.

The resolution, introduced by Alderman Tony O'Donohue (whose ward, incidentally has a negligible Jewish population) recalled that in 1975 Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau said that this intrusion into Canadian affairs was "alien to everything that this government stands for."

The legislator added that "the government of Canada, by avoiding the central issue in the anti-Israel boycott by Arab states, is causing concern and unnecessary tension in the business community of Toronto by its refusal to respond... by enacting legislation that clearly sets out that Canada will not tolerate the policy of any country refusing to conduct business with Canadian companies or their affiliates that employ persons of the Jewish faith or hold certain political views."

REPORT MONDALE MET IN ISRAEL WITH FAMILIES OF SOVIET JEWISH PRISONERS

NEW YORK, July 6 (JTA)--According to the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, Vice President Walter Mondale, on his visit to Israel last weekend, met with families of Soviet Jewish activists

who are presently being harassed in the USSR. Among those who met with Mondale were Sylvia Zalmanson; Aleksander Slepak, son of Vladimir Slepak; Ilana Fridman, sister of Ida Nudel; Victor Polsky; and Avital Shcharansky, wife of Anatoly Shcharansky. A representative of the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs also attended the meeting.

Former Soviet Jews discussed the present situation in the USSR regarding emigration as well as their particular families' plights. All their family members in the USSR have been singled out by Soviet authorities for their Jewish emigration activities, some of whom have served prison terms. Mondale assured those present that he would use his office publicly and privately to ease the plight of these separated Soviet Jews, some of whom have been waiting up to eight years for exit visas. While still a Senator from Minnesota, Mondale met with Vladimir Slepak in his Moscow home while on a Senate mission in 1975.

RABBIS URGED TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN ISSUES AFFECTING JEWISH COMMUNITY

FALLSBURG, N.Y., July 6 (JTA)--Orthodox rabbis and Torah scholars attending the national convention here of the Rabbinical Alliance of America (Igud Horabonim) were told that rabbis must become more involved in political issues affecting the Jewish community in this country.

This view was emphasized by Rabbi Abraham B. Hecht, who was reelected president of the Alliance. Addressing the 225 delegates at the parley, which had as its theme "The Effectiveness of the Orthodox Rabbi in Modern Society," Hecht claimed that "a great many rabbis have failed to exert sufficient political pressure in order to support appropriate legislation."

He cited the defeat of New York State's capital punishment bill and renewed efforts to push through pro-gay legislation as examples of rabbinic inaction. "We of the RAA have been tireless in our effort to reinstitute capital punishment and fight the gay rights on both the national and local levels," Hecht said. "Unfortunately, many of our colleagues have been less supportive."

In a similar vein, New York City Controller Harrison J. Goldin warned that "the forms of rabbinic leadership must shift from organizational emphasis to community involvement. The establishment institutions which claim to speak in the name of the Jewish community are out of touch with the deep-seated problems affecting Jews." It is only the community rabbis "who are in the best position to deal energetically with solving community problems," Goldin added.

The RAA presented two Yiddish Media Awards. Noted radio personality Rabbi Jacob J. Hecht, a brother of the RAA president, presented an award to Radio Station WEVD. The award was received by veteran Yiddish announcer Zye Schooler. Convention chairman Rabbi Philip Harris, presented a second Yiddish Media Award to Gershon Jacobson of the Allegemeiner Journal.

CATHOLIC NUNS URGE INTERVENTIONS ON BEHALF OF SOVIET DISSIDENTS

NEW YORK, July 6 (JTA)--Two American Roman Catholic nuns issued an urgent appeal today for massive interventions in the coming two-week period on behalf of Vladimir and Maria Slepak, Ida Nudel and other Soviet Jews and Christian dissidents facing trials in the Soviet Union.

"We must have action now before their fate is

sealed," the Sisters stated at a news conference at the headquarters of the American Jewish Committee. Their appeal was part of an effort of the National Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry in support of the more than 30 long-time Jewish activists whom the Sisters met while in the Soviet Union recently.

Sister Ann Gillen, executive director of the Task Force, stated: "We are outraged by the Soviet Union's attack upon its Jews through false accusations, unjust and cruel arrests and rigged and closed trials." The Task Force was organized in 1972 by the National Catholic Conference for Inter-Racial Justice and the American Jewish Committee. The Task Force's executive chairman is Rabbi A. James Rudin, of the AJCommittee.

Sister Gloria Coleman, of the Cardinal's Commission on Human Relations and the Philadelphia Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry, reported: "Soviet Jews fear they have been forgotten—that people in the West have been deceived by the Soviet's manipulation of emigration rates. There is a slight increase in the number of persons receiving visas—and the West is beguiled into thinking that conditions are better for Soviet Jews. They are not."

Both Sisters underscored the urgent need for an immediate response by Western public opinion. They stated: "Ida Nudel and Vladimir Slepak have only about two weeks left for appeals to be made in their behalf. If we fail, then they begin the long four and five-year exile sentences in the farthest part of Siberia. Iosif Begun and Anatoly Shcharansky face their trials at any time now. Unless there is a massive outcry, they will all be railroaded by the Soviet secret police state."

The American nuns described tragic circumstances in a number of Jewish families, arising from broken promises by the Soviet government that they would be allowed to emigrate. They also described their own ordeal at the hands of the Soviet customs officials, which included a body search by a police matron who forced Sister Gloria into a room and locked the door when she demanded witnesses. On their return to the United States, the nuns lodged protests at the State Department in Washington.

PERES: SADAT'S PLAN IS UNACCEPTABLE

JERUSALEM, July 6 (JTA)—Shimon Peres, leader of the opposition Labor Alignment, who is scheduled to meet with President Anwar Sadat of Egypt in Vienna this Sunday, said last night that Sadat's peace plan, announced in Cairo yesterday, was unacceptable.

Peres met privately with Premier Menachem Begin today to discuss his meeting with Sadat. Begin had raised no objections when Peres consulted with him on the matter earlier this week. But Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said yesterday that he was strongly opposed to anyone outside the government having contact with the Egyptian leader.

Following is the official English translation of the Egyptian proposals released in Cairo yesterday after it was conveyed to Israel through the U.S.:

1) The establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East necessitates a just solution of the Palestinian question in all its aspects on the basis of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and taking into consideration the legitimate security concerns of all the parties.

2) In order to insure a peaceful and orderly transfer of authority there shall be a transitional

period not exceeding five years at the end of which the Palestinian people will be able to determine their own future.

3) Talks shall take place between Egypt, Jordan, Israel and representatives of the Palestinian people with the participation of the UN with a view to agreeing upon:

- A. Details of the transitional regime.
- B. Timetable for the Israeli withdrawal.
- C. Mutual security arrangements for all the parties concerned during and following the transitional period.
- D. Modalities for the implementation of relevant UN resolutions on Palestinian refugees.
- E. Other issues considered appropriate by all parties.

4) Israel shall withdraw from the West Bank (including Jerusalem) and the Gaza Strip, occupied since June 1967. The Israeli withdrawal applies to the settlements established in the occupied territories.

5) The Israeli military government in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip shall be abolished at the outset of the transitional period. Supervision over the administration of the West Bank shall become the responsibility of Jordan and supervision over the administration on the Gaza Strip shall become the responsibility of Egypt. Jordan and Egypt shall carry out their responsibility in cooperation with freely elected representatives of the Palestinian people who shall exercise direct authority over the administration of the West Bank and Gaza. The UN shall supervise and facilitate the Israeli withdrawal and the restoration of Arab authority.

6) Egypt and Jordan shall guarantee that the security arrangements to be agreed upon will continue to be respected in the West Bank and Gaza.

CALIFORNIA SENATE PASSES BILL PROHIBITING WEARING OF NAZI UNIFORM

LOS ANGELES, July 6 (JTA)—The California State Senate passed a bill recently by a 21 to 15 vote prohibiting the wearing of a Nazi uniform in a public place when wearing one is likely to cause a disturbance. After a tough battle in the Assembly, the bill, authored by Senators Alan Robbins and Nate Holden, fixed a \$250 fine and a jail sentence for violations which include a swastika as part of the uniform, according to a report in the B'nai B'rith Messenger.

Citing the precedent-setting statement by former Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. in which he stated that shouting "fire" in a crowded theater is equivalent to riot incitement, Holden argued that such a bill was justifiable to prevent violent reactions which might occur if persons donning Nazi garb were permitted to parade in neighborhoods of Holocaust survivors.

Holden went on to praise the state of New York and countries such as West Germany that have already outlawed wearing the uniform in public places. He said he believed that the desire to instigate violence is part of a person's reason for putting on the Nazi uniform. The bill was handed over to the State Assembly where it awaits further action.

HAIFA (JTA)—Engineers in water management in Ecuador, El Salvador, Burma, Cyprus, Thailand, Nepal, Mexico, Barbados and the Dominican Republic have been trained in a special course aimed at helping developing countries, it was reported by Technion which organized the course.

SOVIETS SENTENCE ANOTHER REFUSNIK

NEW YORK, July 6 (JTA)--The Soviet Union has yet another Jewish Prisoner of Conscience, young Simon Shneerman of Kerch, sentenced to 2 1/2 years for "draft evasion," according to the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry (SSSJ) and Union of Councils for Soviet Jews (UCSJ).

Shneerman applied in July 1977 to rejoin his father in Israel, and was denied a visa on the grounds he had not completed his schooling at a technical institute. He reapplied five months later, and was refused in February 1978, this time on the grounds his mother and sister had not asked to leave. When they did, he was arrested on May 31, and tried on June 27. The SSSJ and UCSJ reported that the defense lawyer and the judge acted as prosecutors.

Meanwhile, former POC Anatoly Malkin of Moscow, just released from a three-year sentence for refusing a punitive Red Army draft, has been threatened with another "draft evasion" trial, the SSSJ and UCSJ reported. Malkin and his wife are denied visas to Israel on the grounds his parents have not given their consent to his emigration.

In other developments, the two groups said that Ida Nudel, herself sentenced two weeks ago to four years' internal exile, has refused to appeal the term as her form of protest. Tbilisi activist Dr. Grigory Goldstein met with Interior Ministry official Valentin Siderov to ask that Nudel not be subjected to harsh treatment while in transport to her place of exile, as was his brother Dr. Grigory Goldstein recently, who arrived at his labor camp covered with lice, emaciated and ill.

WAR CRIMINAL ARRESTED

AMSTERDAM, July 6 (JTA)--Dutch war criminal Siert Bruins, 57, who had been sentenced in his absence to death for war crimes by a Dutch special tribunal in 1949 and who had been living under an assumed name in Westphalia in West Germany, was arrested Tuesday in Hagen, West Germany at the request of the Dutch authorities. Holland will ask West Germany for his extradition. Bruins joined the German frontier police which was part of the German security service.

On April 25, 1945, a few days before the liberation, he personally killed two Jewish brothers, Lazar and Meyer Sleutelberg, who had been hiding in the area. He also committed many other murders, according to charges. During the chaotic conditions following the liberation he managed to escape to Germany and settled in a village near Hagen.

The West German and Dutch authorities were warned of Bruins' whereabouts by Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal who, in turn, had been tipped by a journalist from the Dutch northeastern province of Groningen. Wiesenthal after six months of searching, found his address. Because more than 25 years have elapsed since the death sentence of 1949 the sentence can no longer be imposed but must be changed into life imprisonment.

CHINESE VISITORS LUNCH KOSHER STYLE

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, July 6 (JTA)--Nearly 200 visitors from the People's Republic of China, who were taken to Staten Island by the State Department to see "typical America" on Independence Day, had lunch at a kosher Jewish delicatessen.

Shelly Goldman, who operates Adelman's Kosher Delicatessen on Staten Island, said today

he hosted 180 members of the Performing Arts Company of the People's Republic of China. The meal for the Chinese visitors was free, although some of the overflow who went to McDonald's had to pay there.

Goldman said he served the Chinese the traditional chicken soup prepared in the Chinese style. He said the Chinese are not meat eaters but some tried hot dogs which are similar to a dish in China. The usually taciturn Chinese maintained their image, saying only the food was "very interesting," Goldman said.

Goldman said he hosted the meal because he is a "friend" of ballet, because he saw an opportunity for some publicity and because he considers himself a "citizen of the world." Adelman's, which has been on Staten Island for two years, is a branch of another delicatessen by the same name that has been in Brooklyn's Boro Park section for 40 years.

ANTI-NAZI LEGISLATION URGED

WASHINGTON, July 6 (JTA)--Emunah Women leaders, meeting with Carter Administration officials at the White House, urged support for "effective legislation to ban Nazi groups that preach genocide and exploit the privileges of democracy for anti-democratic ends." Toby Willig, national president of Emunah, said in a press statement after the meeting that "the legacy of the Holocaust prohibits us from ignoring the gutter anti-Semitism manifested in Skokie and elsewhere."

Mrs. Willig headed the 22-member delegation of Emunah Women, part of the World Religious Zionist Organization, in a 90-minute discussion with Robert Lipshutz, President Carter's Counsel; Presidential aide on human rights Joyce Starr; and Joseph N. McBride, economist and commercial officer in the State Department's Office for Israeli-Arab Affairs. Mrs. Bernice Mermelstein, of Brooklyn, Emunah's national board chairman, and former national president Charlotte Dachs, of Flushing, NY were among the participants.

Mrs. Willig also condemned the "incredibly cruel sentences of exile meted out to two heroic Soviet Jewish activists, Vladimir Slepak and Ida Nudel." She urged the Administration to help effect their release and other Soviet Jewish activists who want to rejoin their families in Israel.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Fifteen women soldiers were the main attraction in a parade Tuesday of graduates from the Air Force Technical School. They were the first women to complete the eight-month course to become Skyhawk jet technicians. The women all volunteered for an additional year of service on top of their regular two years. They are now qualified as mechanics to test jets, repair them and prepare them for takeoffs.

LONDON (JTA)--During their invasion of southern Lebanon, Israeli forces captured documents proving the close links between Palestinian terrorist groups and the Soviet Union. Also discovered was an Arabic translation of Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf" with a foreword by Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization. The documents have been studied closely by Israeli military intelligence and details of them are expected to be released shortly, informed sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

NEW YORK (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress will sponsor the 14th annual American-Israeli "Dialogue" in Jerusalem from July 11-14.