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SECRET NIGHT SESSION OF HIGH ISRAELI OFFICIALS MAY HAVE BEEN WITH CHAMOUN By Barbie Zelizer-Meyouhas

JERUSALEM, Aug. 23 (JTA)--A secret meeting took place late last night at Premier Menachem Begin's residence here between the Premier, senior government officials and an unidentified non-Israeli. It is believed the meeting centered on the political and security developments in Lebanon.

Unconfirmed reports said that the person meeting with the Israeli officials was Camille Chamoun, former President of Lebanon, who now heads the Lebanese Front, a coalition of Christian parties. No source would confirm the guest was Chamoun or any other Lebanese Christian. Senior sources report that Syria has been using the cease-fire in force in Beirut since Aug. 12 between its troops and the Lebanese Christians in order to prepare a large-scale attack against the Christians aimed at destroying their military capability.

Participants at the three-hour meeting, which included Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, and Chief of Staff Gen. Raphael Eitan, refused to divulge details. However, reportedly, a car with the non-Israeli left by a side entrance of the Premier's residence following the meeting, in an attempt to escape photographers. A guard at the residence said he was told the guest was Brian Urquhart, the UN Under Secretary General for Political Affairs, but a UN spokesman said "that was very improbable."

The entrenchment of Syrian forces at different points in Beirut and the stream of forces to the area have intensified speculation of a Syrian attack to break the Christian forces in Lebanon. This was apparently the subject of the session in Jerusalem, and on this basis, observers feel that the mysterious guest was a person in close contact with developments in the region. A meeting with such a first-hand source would allow Israel to decide upon decisive action in the event of a Syrian attack on the Christian forces in south Lebanon.

However, Israel's position is delicate in that any intervention on her part in Lebanon could affect negatively the upcoming Camp David talks. It can, however, be assumed that Israel is conducting discussions with the United States on developments in Lebanon, since the United States requested Israel not to take any action in the area "which would surprise us, too."

Israel Warns Syria

Meanwhile, there were reports from Beirut that Israeli planes flew above the Christian port north of the city and over southern Lebanon yesterday. This was construed as Israel's warning to Syria to watch its steps.

Weizman told a meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday that the Syrian army in Lebanon is capable of eliminating the Christian forces within 48 hours. The Syrians have centralized considerable military forces around Beirut, including two army brigades, one armored brigade, and great quantities

of artillery and mortar. Consequently, Weizman noted, Israel must adopt a firm approach toward the Syrians.

U.S. MAY BACK TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE IN EFFORT TO UNSTALL PEACE TALKS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 23 (JTA)--Labor Alignment Knesseter Yigal Allon feels that the American government is tending towards the idea of territorial compromise in attempting to find a solution to the deadlocked peace talks between Israel and Egypt. (See related story from Washington, P. 3.)

Speaking at a meeting of the "77 Club" of the Labor Party in Jerusalem, the former Foreign Minister said last night that the Americans will probably attempt to bring up the principle of territorial compromise at the Camp David summit, a move which Allon felt could render the meeting a successful one.

Allon criticized the Begin government for failing to attempt to adopt Israel's position to that of the U.S. before the Camp David meeting, as former Israeli governments had done on central issues. Allon noted that previous governments had persisted until at least general agreement was obtained between the Israeli and American camps.

Meanwhile, Labor Party leader Shimon Peres suggested a new plan for the West Bank that could be meshed with Premier Menachem Begin's suggestion for self-rule after a five-year interim period. Peres, speaking to the press at Beit Sokolow in Tel Aviv, the journalists' headquarters, said that Israeli, Jordanian and West Bank representatives should form mutual committees to handle internal affairs of the area such as health, education and economy while Israel would deal with the military affairs in areas where there are Israeli settlements.

Peres stressed that under this plan there would be no negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization but only with Jordan and the local population. He suggested that this plan might be included in the proposals Israel would take to Camp David.

IRIT GIDRON, TERRORIST VICTIM, BURIED ALONGSIDE VICTIMS OF MUNICH MASSACRE By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 23 (JTA)--A new grave was opened this morning alongside those of the Munich Olympic massacre victims for Irit Gidron, the 29-year-old El Al flight attendant who was killed in the Arab terrorist attack in London last Sunday. Among the mourners were her mother and father, twin sister and brother and hundreds of El Al personnel and friends of the family and of Ms. Gidron.

The coffin carrying her body arrived last night on an El Al plane from London. Following a brief solemn ceremony and the reading of a psalm by an army chaplain, the coffin was placed on an Army Burial Society command car and, flanked by an honor guard composed of El Al stewards in uniform, it was taken to the morgue for the night.

This morning the coffin was brought to the Kfar Galim settlement near Haifa where she had resided, to begin the solemn procession to the municipal cemetery on the slopes of Mount Carmel. Minister of Communications and Transport Meir Amit, representing the government, delivered the eulogy.

He hailed El Al employees as true emissaries of Israel, guarding the front line far from Israeli soil, and blamed the governments of all nations for permitting, by their apathy and inaction, the cancer of terrorism to spread throughout the world.

Scene Of Attack Described

Meanwhile, Ms. Gidron's colleagues described the scene of the attack and the circumstances of her death. They recalled that, as one of the terrorists opened fire on the bus with a machine gun Ms. Gidron made a dash for the hotel's entrance. At the same moment, however, a second attacker rushed forward to hurl hand grenades into the hotel lobby where the Israelis had congregated. The two collided, setting off the hand grenade and killing both of them.

Upon his arrival in Israel last night, Moshe Parness, the purser of the El Al group of flight attendants, said, "We are not heroes. We are lucky to be alive." In a voice trembling with emotion, he added, "We were twenty-one. Now only eighteen have returned."

All but one of the Israeli survivors of the attack have returned to Israel. The condition of El Al flight attendant Yehudit Arnon, who remained at the London Middlesex Hospital, has improved considerably after the removal of a bullet from her brain. Ms. Arnon, whose life was thought to be in danger, is now breathing without the aid of a life support system and has spoken and recognized her parents. The other injured flight attendants are Michal Ungar and Yael Cohen.

El Al's general director, Mordechai Hod, said upon welcoming the crew members, "We are proud of you. We are angry and despise the way the European governments deal with terrorism."

CONDOLENCE MESSAGES TO SOUTH AFRICA KENYA ON DEATHS OF THEIR PRESIDENTS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 23 (JTA)--President Yitzhak Navon sent condolence messages to Nairobi and Pretoria on the deaths yesterday of President Jomo Kenyatta of Kenya and President Nicolaas Diederichs of South Africa. In his message to Kenya, Navon stated:

"With deep sorrow we learned of the death of Jomo Kenyatta, a great leader and statesman and the father of a free and independent Kenya. In the name of the nation of Israel and myself, I wish to convey to His Excellency (Vice President Daniel Arap Moi, who was sworn in as acting President), to the Kenyan nation and to the bereaved family our deep and sincere sorrow."

Kenya played a prominent role when Israel on July 4, 1976 staged its daring rescue of hostages held by terrorists at Entebbe Airport in Uganda. Although Kenya had no diplomatic relations with Israel, the Kenya government did not prevent Israeli rescue planes from landing briefly at Nairobi Airport on their way back to Israel. Both Israeli and Kenyan officials subsequently denied that Kenya had collaborated with Israel in carrying out the rescue mission.

DMC SPLITS INTO TWO GROUPS

By Yitzhak Shorgil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 23 (JTA)--The Democratic Movement for Change (DMC) which has been divided by internal dissension since it entered Premier Menachem Begin's Likud government a year ago made the division official early today and split into two separate groups. Neither of

the groups will be allowed to use the name DMC. One group led by Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin will be called the Democratic Movement and will include seven or eight of the DMC's 15 Knesset members.

The other group, headed by Prof. Amnon Rubinstein, which has long urged the DMC to pull out of the government, will be called Shinui, the name of the movement Rubinstein founded after the Yom Kippur War. It will have five MKs. Still unknown is what Transport Minister Meir Amit and the two or three DMC MKs who support him will do. It is possible he may form his own faction.

The final internal disintegration of the DMC began last week at the first meeting of the group's 135-member governing council when Yadin's proposal that the party should elect its institutions before it holds an ideological discussion was defeated by a 58-57 vote. The Rubinstein forces were supported by Amit in opposing Yadin.

However, Yadin still maintained that the council should meet tomorrow and elect the institutions without which he said the DMC could not function. Rubinstein said that by calling the meeting Yadin was acting in defiance of last week's vote.

The Beginning Of The End

This precipitated the final crisis which resulted in the two groups meeting in a marathon session throughout the night until early today in which the split was agreed upon. Yadin's group was represented by Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir and Rubinstein's by Dan Bibro, who was in constant telephone contact with Rubinstein.

The main problem was the distribution of the DMC's money, offices and other possessions. Israeli parties receive most of their money from the government and since the DMC is the third largest party in the Knesset, the funds it has are large. It was finally agreed to divide everything proportionally according to the number of MKs each group has. This will hold true also if a third group develops, headed by Amit.

Meanwhile, the meeting Yadin had scheduled for tomorrow will now become the constituent meeting of the new Democratic Movement. Yadin's group is also expected to stay in the government.

ARAB TERRORIST WARNS MAGISTRATE

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Aug. 23 (JTA)--An Arab terrorist today warned a London magistrate to release him, "otherwise something bad will happen to you." The Arab, 22-year-old Fahd al-Mihyi, was remanded to a week's jail after being accused of murdering El Al flight attendant Irit Gidron in Sunday's terror attack. Replying to Mihyi's threat, the magistrate said: "Is that an application for bail or a threat?" When Mihyi replied it was a threat, the magistrate ordered him returned to prison.

In a bid for further information about Mihyi and his dead accomplice, police today authorized the publication of their photographs, which were splashed across the London evening newspapers. In previous cases, police have prevented publication of the portraits of suspected terrorists.

Although Britain has rejected charges of lax security, there has, in fact, been a sharp increase in the number of armed police posted outside the Israeli Embassy, El Al offices and other buildings. However, the government has turned down an Israeli request--repeated in a BBC interview by Premier Menachem Begin--for the admission of Israeli armed guards on British soil. Avraham Kidron, the Israeli

Ambassador, who returns to London today from home leave, is expected to seek further early talks on security with the British authorities.

MONDALE, SISCO SAY CARTER WILL MAKE SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS AT SUMMIT By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23 (JTA)--Vice President Walter Mondale and former Under Secretary of State Joseph Sisco have indicated in separate meetings with reporters that President Carter will make specific suggestions at the Camp David summit conference to move towards a Mideast settlement that he considers suitable.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia was reported as assuring the terrorist Palestine Liberation Organization that Egypt will not agree to a separate peace with Israel and also tossed a hint that the hard-pressed Carter Administration need not worry immediately about oil price increases or an abandonment of the dollar.

Mondale said today that Carter will try to "prod and urge" Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Premier Menachem Begin toward a settlement with "suggestions" and "ideas" but, he said, "we don't have any plans, or a comprehensive plan or a specific detailed plan."

Concrete Suggestions Indicated

Sisco, who was a chief architect of the Rogers plan of December, 1969 that Israel rejected, said he has "no doubt whatsoever the President will make specific and concrete suggestions" and that he will be "right in the middle of activity, actually negotiating the understanding he is seeking."

Sisco, who has maintained close ties with the State Department since leaving two years ago to become president of American University, said President Carter will seek a "substantive" framework for future negotiations that will include the nature of peace, Israel's withdrawals, security for the Mideast nations and the Palestinian issue. Sisco said the possibility of a framework is a "good gamble" and not "a big gamble."

Carter, who is vacationing in Idaho, was reported as saying there yesterday that the summit conference "is going to be tough" but that the political climate between Israel and Egypt is now generally good. The President made the comment when he was asked for an assessment on the prospect for success at Camp David.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia entered the political picture directly and indirectly. The Beirut correspondent of the Financial Times of London reported that "King Khalid of Saudi Arabia assured Yasir Arafat that President Sadat will not conclude a separate peace with Israel at Camp David." The Financial Times said that the assurance was given by Khalid to the head of the PLO yesterday in the Saudi summer resort of Taif. The report, published today, was attributed to "Arab diplomatic sources." Saudi Arabia contributes heavily to the support of the PLO and Egypt.

There were no official comments, meanwhile, following Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's reported rejection of Israeli Premier Menachem Begin's idea of a "permanent partial peace settlement" in which he would propose peaceful relations with the Arabs until a formal peace agreement can be negotiated.

Addressing a political meeting in his home town of Talaa and broadcast live by Cairo Radio,

Sadat said "there is no room whatsoever for partial solutions, unilateral settlements or a third disengagement." He added that at Camp David he would strive for "permanent peace, based on justice. This peace based on justice will not be achieved unless the Palestinian problem is solved."

100 RESERVISTS TELL BEGIN THEY CANNOT DEFEND OR GUARD ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS ON WEST BANK, GAZA STRIP By Barbie Zelizer-Meyouhas

JERUSALEM, Aug. 23 (JTA)--One hundred young reservists declared yesterday that they cannot defend or guard Israeli settlements on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip because they express the "annexationist aims and the rejectionist policy" of the government. Their statement was made in a letter to Premier Menachem Begin.

Calling the Israeli government's policy "misguided, erroneous and fraudulent," the signatories--who included 10 officers--claimed that the policy, based on "mysticism and leading to the domination of another people, contradicts the security needs of the state, thwarts peace efforts and endangers the Zionist endeavor." The 100 signers, aged 20-30, are mostly from Jerusalem and the rest are kibbutz members. "We want the State of Israel to live in peace with the states of the region," they said.

The letter evoked strong negative reactions almost immediately. The Prime Minister's Office issued a statement last night noting that the reservists' political motives were obvious, since they had released the letter to the press before the Premier had a chance to read it. It also noted that the reservists were accompanied by personnel from Israeli Television when they went to Begin's residence to deliver the letter. The statement also expressed amazement that the reservists had chosen the eve of the Camp David summit to publicize that letter.

The Peace Now movement also strongly condemned the letter and emphasized that it had no connection with the 100 reserve soldiers. Noting that military service is "over and above any political debate," the Peace Now movement condemned the attempt "to attach conditions" to military service.

The action was denounced by Labor Party leader Shimon Peres, who said that politics should not be involved in the army. He said any order, unless inhumane, should be obeyed. There was a large advertisement in all the newspapers demanding that the reservists be court-martialed. It was signed by "Chaim Peter, citizen."

Criticism was also levelled at the television news department for giving prominent display to the letter and the fact that the TV crews had been tipped off that the group was going to present its letter at Begin's residence and were on hand to record it. The Broadcasting Authority chairman has asked for an investigation.

NEW YORK (JTA)--The CBS-TV weekly news program, "Sixty Minutes," will repeat on Aug. 27 from 7-8 p.m. its segment about a Jewish woman who survived the Holocaust by becoming a member of the Auschwitz orchestra. Fania Fenelon, now 60 years old and living in France, is the author of "The Musicians of Auschwitz," which chronicles her deportation to the death camp in 1943 and how she escaped the gas chambers by playing violin in the camp orchestra. The opera, *Madama Butterfly*, she says on the program, was a favorite of the camp guards when they returned "after a long day of killing."

SPECIAL TO THE JTA **RECORD TOTAL OF 75 WOMEN TO STUDY** **FOR REFORM, RECONSTRUCTIONIST** **RABBINATE IN 1978-79 ACADEMIC YEAR**

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, Aug. 23 (JTA)--A record total of 75 women will be studying for the rabbinate in Reform and Reconstructionist seminaries when the 1978-79 academic year begins next month, according to a Jewish Telegraphic Agency survey. Seven women have been ordained as Reform rabbis since the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) began accepting women for ordination and four now hold pulpits. Four women have been graduated from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia and one is in a pulpit.

Stanley Saplin, associate information director for the HUC-JIR, reported that a total of 209 students are registered for rabbinical studies in the Reform seminaries in Los Angeles, Cincinnati and New York, and that 62 are women. Jennifer Gabriel, registrar for the Reconstructionist school, informed the JTA that there are 13 women candidates registered for the new school year.

The only Reconstructionist rabbi holding a pulpit is Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso who, in a unique arrangement, shares the pulpit of Congregation Beth El-Zedek of Indianapolis with her husband, Rabbi Dennis Sasso, who is also a Reconstructionist rabbi.

Where The Rabbis Are

Rabbi Rebecca Trachtenberg Alpert is director of student affairs at the Reconstructionist College. Rabbi Ilene Schneider is principal of the Cyrus Adler regional Hebrew High School in Philadelphia. Rabbi Ruth Sandberg is director of religious education at Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park, Pa.

Rabbi Sally J. Preisand, a 1972 graduate of the HUC in Cincinnati, is the first woman rabbi in American history. She now serves as associate rabbi at the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in New York. Rabbi Michal S. Bernstein, a 1975 graduate of the JIR in New York, recently resigned from the pulpit to start graduate study.

Rabbi Rosalind A. Gold is assistant rabbi at Temple B'rith Kodesh in Rochester, N.Y. Rabbi Deborah R. Prinz is assistant rabbi at the Central Synagogue in Manhattan. Rabbi Myra Soifer is assistant rabbi at Temple Sinai in New Orleans. All were ordained last June. Rabbi Laura J. Geller is director of the Hillel Foundation Center at the University of Southern California. Rabbi Karen L. Fox is assistant director of the Federation of Reform Synagogues in New York. Mrs. Gabriel reported that four women are registered for the 1978-79 freshman class at the Reconstructionist school and that there are two women in the senior class.

Saplin, in providing a breakdown on the women Reform candidates, noted that all candidates must spend their first year in Jerusalem, attending the School of Jewish Studies and the Nelson Glueck School of Biblical Archaeology. Candidates then return to the United States to continue their rabbinical studies at the Reform seminary in Los Angeles, the HUC in Cincinnati or the JIR in New York. Those going to Los Angeles study there only for their second and third year, then go to Cincinnati or New York to complete their rabbinical studies.

He said that of the 209 candidates registered for the 1978-79 year, 47 will be studying in Jerusalem, 17 of them women; 23 will be studying in Los Angeles, five of them women; 61 will study at the JIR, 25 of them women; and 78 will study at the HUC, 15 of them women.

PLANS TO TIGHTEN ANTI-BOYCOTT POLICY

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, Aug. 23 (JTA)--New federal legislation due to go into effect in the fall will allow the Canadian government to determine the magnitude and impact of the Arab boycott on the nation's businesses, it was announced Monday at a press conference in Toronto by Defense Minister Barnett Dawson and Secretary of State John Roberts. Firms will be required to report to the government any requests for information which appear to be linked with the Arab boycott of Israel.

Roberts told the press conference, "We feel business will welcome this legislation...because they can say to the customer: 'Look, we can't do it because the government does not allow it.' Under the new legislation, he noted, businessmen will be given definite guidelines for dealing with other countries.

However, Dawson and Roberts said the legislation is still weaker than that adopted by the United States. They said fines will not be imposed on companies failing to file reports but hoped that public disclosure of the firms' names failing to report would act as a sufficient deterrent against complying with Arab boycott requests. "If we were to find in the future that disclosure is not as effective as we believe it's, then we would have to reassess it," Roberts said. The move by the government comes three months after the Jewish community launched a major campaign urging a tougher stand against the Arab boycott of Israel.

HELENA KAGAN DIES AT 88

JERUSALEM, Aug. 23 (JTA)--Helena Kagan, veteran Israeli pediatrician and medical pioneer, died Monday at the age of 88. Born in Tashkent, Kagan studied in Switzerland and graduated as a physician from Berne University in 1910.

She arrived in Palestine on the eve of World War I and abandoned her scientific studies to educate mothers in basic hygiene and child care. She later became the head of Hadassah Hospital's pediatrics department and was the founder and first chairman of the Israel Pediatrics Association.

Kagan was a member of the Yishuv's electoral assembly and the pre-State Vaad Leumi where she served as advisor on medical services. She was also a member of the WIZO Executive and was instrumental in building the Jerusalem WIZO babies' home. She received the Israel Prize in 1965 for her "special contribution to the welfare of the state and society."

JERUSALEM (JTA)--A ceremony marking the 49th anniversary of the Hebron massacre of 1929, in which 67 Jews were killed by Arab rioters while British police looked on, was held in Hebron Monday, with the participation of the victims' families and other guests. Interior Minister Yosef Burg, whose wife was saved by an Arab family during the massacre, spoke at the ceremony. A Torah scroll honoring the victims, begun at the ceremony, is to be completed in the coming year. Several Kiryat Arba youngsters chided Burg for closing Mishmar Hagvul Yeshiva in Kiryat Arba.