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## CABINET TAKES SECRET DECISIONS ON TALKS WITH AERTHERTON

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Jan. 21 (JTA) -- The Cabinet took a series of decisions today regarding the issues involved in U.S. special envoy Alfred Atherton's current mission -- but resolved not to publish them in advance of Atherton's bringing them personally to the knowledge of Egypt's leaders. The U.S. envoy is to fly to Cairo tomorrow after five days of talks here in Israel, to discuss American and Israeli ideas on Articles IV and VI of the draft peace treaty with top Egyptian officials.

The envoy met for a final working session this evening with Israeli diplomats and legal experts under Premier Menachem Begin's political aide, Dr. Elieho Ben-Elissar. Atherton was also expected to confer with Begin himself, at least by telephone, before leaving the country.

On the Cabinet table today was the text of a proposed draft letter, hammered out during the Atherton talks here and further refined in contacts between Atherton and Washington, on Article VI, paragraph 5 (the "priority of obligations" clause).

### Suggestion Regarding The Letter

The U.S. is suggesting that this letter, from America to Israel, be part of the entire treaty package, alongside the earlier U.S. interpretative letter to Egypt on Article VI, paragraph 5; Israel rejected, and still rejects, that interpretative letter to Egypt, on the grounds that it did not recognize the priority of the peace treaty over Egypt's inter-Arab defense commitments.

The new U.S. draft letter to Israel apparently seeks to clarify the U.S. view that Egypt's intervention on the side of another Arab state against Israel would be legitimate only if Israel had launched a blatantly unprovoked attack on the Arab state.

The Cabinet heard from Begin and Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan of the substantive progress made by the Atherton-Ben-Elissar working group on Article IV (the "review" clause) -- and of the lack of progress, on Article VI, paragraph 5 (the provision which severs the treaty from any operative linkage to the Camp David "framework for peace" on the Palestinian autonomy).

### BROCK CHARGES CARTER IS MOVING TOWARD CONFRONTATION WITH ISRAEL

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (JTA) -- The Republican National Committee has disclosed that its chairman, former Sen. William Brock, had expressed "deep concern" to President Carter over the Administration's diplomacy in the Arab-Israeli dispute. "This appears to be a deliberate move towards confrontation with Israel," Brock wrote in a lengthy letter dated Dec. 21, following the Administration's support of Egypt's demands to alter the U.S. treaty draft that Israel had accepted.

When the White House was asked for comment following the letter's disclosure a month

after it was issued, a spokesman said a response would be made "at some point." The text of Brock's letter was made available to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The timing of the disclosure appeared to coincide with Egypt's continued public insistence on its demands for changes in the draft treaty and the United States attempts to persuade Israel to meet them.

Brock's letter said that the Administration's course "can only undercut" U.S. interests in the Middle East. Israel has been and should continue to be America's strongest and most reliable ally in the region," he wrote.

I state what has been for decades an obvious tenet of American policy but recent actions suggest that current policy is based on a sharply differing perception -- one which devalues Israel's importance to our nation.

Deploring "the presentation of American dictates" to Israel, in an apparent reference to Carter's support of the Egyptian proposals, Brock wrote that "Israel is not negotiating a treaty. It is negotiating its very survival." After calling on Carter to "return to the forbearance, patience and good sense which characterized your exceptional achievement at Camp David in September," Brock stated:

"The patently unfair and counter-productive portrayal of Israel as the obstacle to a peace treaty when it is they (Israel) who have accepted the proposed agreements, while Egypt has attempted to change its terms, threatens everything which so many people here and in Egypt and Israel have labored so long to build."

### CARTER ASSURES U.S. JEWISH LEADERS U.S. WILL NOT DEAL WITH THE PLO

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (JTA) -- President Carter personally repeated assurances to American Jewish community leaders that the United States will not deal with the Palestine Liberation Organization until the PLO accepts Israel's sovereignty and right to exist in peace. This assurance came at a White House meeting last Friday in which apparently the Administration sought to allay Jewish community apprehension following another usage in anger by the leaders that followed remarks by Andrew Young, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, in which he said the U.S. should deal with the PLO whose representatives at the UN he found to be "friendly." (Related story, p. 4.)

The White House invited Theodore Mann, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and other Jewish leaders to the meeting that Mann later said "primarily" was to discuss the Iranian situation. When he was asked whether Carter wanted the Jewish community to support the Administration on its Iranian position, he referred the questioner to the Administration.

Carter, Mann, and Edward Sanders, the President's special assistant on Jewish and other matters, met privately for 10 minutes before they entered into a discussion that lasted for another 80 minutes with the 14 other Jewish leaders and Vice President Walter Mondale, Zbigniew Brzezinski, the National Affairs Security Adviser; his deputy, David Aron; William Quandt, the National

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Security Council's Middle East specialist, and Harold Saunders, Assistant Secretary of State for the Middle East.

Meeting with reporters on the White House grounds, Mann said under questioning that "we were assured by the Administration" its position not to have dealings with the PLO "stands regardless" of Young's statements in New York. Mann noted that last month the Presidents Conference had protested when the Administration "publicly agreed with Egypt" on the peace treaty negotiations with Israel but "that is really behind us now." He added "we were assured the Administration is working very hard to get negotiations back on the track and begin again and play the role of mediator and undoubtedly they (the Administration) are."

Apparently during the course of the White House discussion, Saunders referred to the President's statement to the new Israeli Ambassador, Ephraim Evron, when he presented his credentials Jan. 11, indicating the President supported Israel. As it happened, the White House earlier in the day made available to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency an extract of the transcript of Carter's remarks to Evron that day.

#### Carter Stresses Importance Of Israel

In introducing Evron to his aides at the White House, the President spoke of Evron's representing "the great nation of Israel" and added: "I think all of you know of the importance of this country to us. Strategically, they mean a great deal to the security of our nation, to the stability in the Middle East. They are friends and allies in the best sense of the word. We are very grateful, Mr. Ambassador, to have you here to represent your great country and your great people."

Carter was reported last Friday to have told the Jewish leaders that he had full confidence in Premier Menachem Begin and appreciated Begin's courage in dealing with his great internal problems just as he appreciated Egyptian President Sadat's problems in the Arab world.

The President also was reported as having said that Sadat had sent a message to Begin to the effect that if the West Bank Palestinians or Jordan refused to negotiate on a self-governing authority on the West Bank, Egypt would take that into account and not penalize Israel for it. Carter again stressed that Israel's security was essential to U.S. policy.

Mann was reported as having said at the meeting that the American Jewish community was concerned over the Administration's apparent desire for a comprehensive peace instead of the need to build an Egyptian-Israeli peace as a sort of demonstration peace for the area. Mann also said that the Administration, in the light of Young's remarks, still seems to be seeking ways to accommodate the PLO. Mann said that only encouraged the PLO and discouraged the development of any counter-group in the Palestinian movement.

Mann also pointed out that the American Jewish community was hurt by the Administration's public chastisement of Israel for failure to meet the Dec. 17 deadline for a peace treaty with Egypt and the implication that territory was more important to Israel than peace. Israel's goal is peace, Mann stressed, and for Israel to be accused in that way is not only harmful but unjustified.

#### UNIFIL MANDATE EXTENDED FOR FIVE MONTHS; ISRAEL WARNED IT IS OBSTRUCTING DEPLOYMENT OF UNIFIL

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 21 (JTA) — A five-month extension of the mandate of the United Nations peace-keeping force in Lebanon was approved by the Security Council last Friday, coupled with a warning to Israel that it was obstructing deployment of the UN force. The new mandate expires June 19.

Approval of the extension of the 6000-man United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) was by a vote of 12-0. The Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia abstained, as before, because they refuse to share in the \$11 million a month cost for UNIFIL. China, as usual, did not participate because it opposes use of UN troops in principle.

A provision in the resolution "deplores Israel's 'lack of cooperation' and Israel's support for a Lebanese Christian militia which controls a six-mile zone along the Lebanese-Israel border." The Council voted shortly after Israeli forces struck at terrorist bases in Lebanon in reprisal for terrorist attacks which included a raid Jan. 13 on Haifa and a bomb attack in Jerusalem last Thursday.

Secretary General Kurt Waldheim told the Council session that the Israeli attack took place north of the area occupied by UNIFIL with apparent support from Christian militia artillery in the enclave. Both his report and the resolution emphasized that UNIFIL was hampered in its assignment of control of the area and helping to restore the authority of the Lebanese government. Donald Mills of Jamaica, the Security Council president, said after the vote that the Council had agreed that Waldheim and the Lebanese government should prepare a program to promote restoration of Lebanese authority and to report back by April 19.

#### Blum Castigates Security Council

Yehuda Blum, Israel's Ambassador to the UN, declared in a statement to the Security Council session that the Council had again "produced a highly one-sided and unbalanced political resolution. He asserted that the operative part of the resolution begins by singling out Israel for criticism, while at the same time turning a blind eye to the real threat to UNIFIL in the implementation of its mandate and to international peace and security in the region."

Blum declared that "to detach the question of southern Lebanon from the situation in Lebanon as a whole will not enhance the cause of peace." He said Israel remained "irrevocably committed to the twin principles of restoring international peace and security and of restoring effective and genuine Lebanese authority throughout Lebanon, but the Lebanese government "cannot succeed in this under-taking when a Syrian occupation army maintains its gunships on the civilian population of Beirut and while armed PLO terrorists are allowed free reign on Lebanese soil."

The envoy charged there was a new element in PLO tactics in Lebanon, declaring that "previously they hid behind a shield of refugees and villagers. Now they are trying to hide behind a shield of United Nations peace-keeping forces," a "total abuse of international peace-keeping."

Declaring that Israel could not acquiesce in these tactics, Blum said that Israel would continue its policy of taking the necessary action against PLO bases used for the training of terrorists and for launching criminal activities against Israel.

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## FIERCE DUELS BETWEEN ISRAELIS, TERRORISTS ACROSS LEBANON BORDER

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Jan. 21 (JTA) -- Israeli artillery engaged in fierce duels with rocket-firing Palestinian terrorists across the Lebanese border today in a continuation of fighting that began with a large scale Israeli armor and infantry attack on terrorist bases north of the Litani River in Lebanon shortly after midnight last Friday. At least 35 terrorists were killed in the raid and one Israeli soldier was slightly wounded by a shell splinter.

The attack was the first by Israeli troops beyond the Litani River since Israel withdrew from south Lebanon last spring and left the job of policing that territory to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) and the Christian militia. Defense Minister Ezer Weizman said last Friday that Israel will continue to strike at the terrorists anywhere and any time to protect its security.

(In Washington the State Department last Friday deplored the escalation of violence on the Lebanese border and expressed "regret" over Israel's raid earlier that day. Department spokesman Thomas Reston urged "all parties concerned to exercise restraint in this dangerous situation and cooperate with UN forces to help the continuing instability in southern Lebanon." The State Department implied that attacks from southern Lebanon by members of the Palestine Liberation Organization might be lessened if Israel supported the United Nations force in that area.)

This morning, salvos of long range (122 mm.) Katyusha rockets rained down on Israeli villages and settlements in Upper Galilee and the northern Huleh region, sending residents into bomb shelters. Israeli artillery opened fire before noon on the rocket emplacements and on terrorist concentrations at Al Aisha and Arun, the strongholds the Israeli army had attacked only 36 hours before. No Israeli casualties were reported today nor was there any serious damage. But normal life was suspended in all of the border villages. Schools remained closed and the civilian population spent the day in bomb shelters.

This morning's terrorist attacks followed a five-hour exchange of fire between the terrorists and Christian enclaves just inside Lebanon, north of Metullah. The terrorists opened fire on Christian forces, apparently in retaliation for aid rendered the Israeli army in its Friday morning foray into south Lebanon.

### Chronology Of Latest Fighting

The chronology of the latest fighting was as follows: A bomb outrage in the Mahane Yehuda marketplace in Jerusalem last Thursday morning and an explosion in Haifa several hours later apparently decided Israel to retaliate heavily against the terrorist bases in south Lebanon where the perpetrators of the latest outrages are believed to have originated. Israeli artillery opened fire shortly after midnight Friday in the large terrorist bases and training centers north of the Litani River, a region occupied by the Syrian-led Arab peace-keeping forces.

The softening-up barrage lasted about an hour. At about 1 a.m. local time Friday, two Israeli task forces composed of paratroopers and elements of the famed Golani Brigade entered Lebanon under cover of artillery fire and reached their targets unobserved. One was at Arun, a terrorist moratorium base about five miles north of Metullah, and the other, Al Aisha, nine miles

north of Metullah where the terrorists concentrated mortars and light artillery.

Israeli forces quickly overrun Arun and demolished artillery and rocket launchers. The second force advanced on Al Aisha from where terrorist gunners had shelled Kiryat Shemona on Dec. 21, killing one man and wounding several other residents. It destroyed terrorist artillery and jeeps mounted with machine guns. The Israeli forces encountered no serious opposition from the terrorists who fled at their approach.

One terrorist was captured. Under interrogation he was identified as a member of a group of Lebanese regular army troops commanded by Col. El-Khatib that defected to the terrorists. He said the Israeli raid had caught them completely by surprise since the terrorists had not expected the Israelis to attack across the Litani River. The terrorists had expected aid from the Syrian forces but the latter refused to join the battle and fired not a single shot, the defector said.

### Some 8,000 Terrorists In South Lebanon

Defense Minister Weizman and Chief of Staff Gen. Raphael Eitan flew to south Lebanon Friday morning to greet the returning Israeli soldiers. Weizman praised them for a masterful operation over difficult terrain which had achieved its objectives.

But the Israeli raid did not silence the terrorist guns for long. On Friday evening Katyusha rockets hit Kiryat Shemona and others were fired at Nahariya and other towns in northern Galilee. Three Israelis were injured by glass splinters when a rocket exploded at a kibbutz near the border. Two of the injured were identified as Tzilil Gorali, 42 and his son, Avner, 10.

According to Israeli authorities, an estimated 8,000 terrorists are concentrated in south Lebanon, about 3,000 of them south of the Litani River. Since the Israeli army withdrew from that territory more than six months ago six terrorist attempts were made to infiltrate Israel. The latest occurred Jan. 13 when three terrorists attacked a guesthouse at Maalot and were slain by Israeli troops.

### HOLOCAUST STORIES SHUNTED IN GERMANY

BONN, Jan. 21 (JTA) -- West Germans will have an opportunity to see "Holocaust," the American-made four-part television series dealing with the Nazi murder of six million Jews, which begins tomorrow night. But they will have to tune in to one of the regional stations which, collectively, attract only 1.5-3 percent of the viewers. The decision to shunt the series to the regional channels instead of one of the national networks has aroused angry debate here.

Critics contend that while the Germans felt morally obligated to purchase the series from NBC -- which gained record ratings when it was aired in the U.S. last year -- they are burying it. The networks respond that they could not pre-empt the many hours of national channel programs for the purpose of showing "Holocaust." But this has not prevented them from pre-empting regular shows for soccer games.

The debate has been aggravated by violence. A documentary on the Nazi persecution of Jews that was being shown on regional channels' last Wednesday night, as a prelude to "Holocaust," was knocked off the air when a bomb destroyed transmission lines leading to an antenna. The authorities blamed right-wing extremists for the outrage. A group calling itself the Independent Circle of Friends is circulating leaflets urging "Every decent German... to prevent the transmission" of "Holocaust."

**JEWISH LEADERS BLAST YOUNG**

**NEW YORK**, Jan. 21 (JTA) -- American Jewish leaders blasted Andrew Young, the United States Ambassador to the United Nations, for remarks they termed as favorable toward the Palestine Liberation Organization. President Carter was urged to dissociate his Administration from the views expressed by Young in an interview published in *Interdependent*, the organ of the United Nations Association of the United States. Some demanded the envoy's removal and others also criticized the State Department for contending that Young's observations represent his own views.

Young was quoted as saying that the PLO has "tremendous influence" in the Arab countries, that the basic reason for the absence of any U.S. link with the PLO is that Israel is opposed to it and that the PLO's UN observers are "very skilled politicians and very intelligent, decent human beings" who have acted as a "moderating influence in the UN."

Theodore Mann, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations declared, "We are deeply disturbed by Ambassador Young's remarks, which appear to condone the philosophy and tactics of the group of murderers that calls itself the Palestine Liberation Organization. We cannot believe that Mr. Young's remarks represent either the enduring interests or the current policy of this Administration, especially in light of the President's characterization of the PLO as comparable to Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan."

Maxwell E. Greenberg, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, made public a letter to Young in which he charged that the envoy has "apparently" made a decision to support a PLO campaign designed to make the terrorist organization a regular member of the United Nations. He said he was "aghast" that Young, a religious minister and representative of the U.S. government, would call "spokesmen for murderers" decent human beings.

**Playing with Israeli Lives**

Washington, Jack J. Spitzer, president of B'nai B'rith, declared that the 500,000 members of the Jewish service organization hoped Young was not attempting to "lay the groundwork for U.S. recognition" of the PLO. "But even if he is speaking for himself alone," Spitzer said, "he should understand that he is playing with the lives of three million Israelis and trifling with the solemn and formal pledge the United States made to Israel ... not to recognize or negotiate with the PLO without Israel's consent."

Julius Berman, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, and Fred Ehrman, chairman of its Israel Commission, assailed the "double standard which Ambassador Young applies on issues of human rights throughout the world." They urged the Administration to condemn the crimes of the PLO "in the same harsh terms that Ambassador Young applies to other tyrannical entities throughout the world, and to discipline or remove" Young for "the irreparable damage that he has already done to America's prestige."

Beatrice S. Tennenbaum, president of Hadassah, noted that Young, as a civil rights leader, "advocated non-violent action and the goal of brotherhood and reconciliation" and asked how he conciles this with the PLO's record of international murders.

In telegrams to Carter and Young, Rabbi Joseph Sternstein, president of the American

Zionist Federation, stressed that "despite State Department dissociation with Young's viewpoint, the fact remains that as a representative of the United States, the Ambassador has a duty to reflect and promote national policy in all of his public statements . . ." He charged that Young's statements have "given new strength and legitimacy to this gang of murderers (PLO), undermining established American policy."

Richard Moass, president of the American Jewish Committee, welcomed the State Department's "prompt disavowal" of Young's statements as "the minimum step the Administration should take." He called on the Administration "to see to it that Mr. Young clearly reaffirms the official position" in a statement at the UN.

**Attempting To Influence Administration**

In a telegram to Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Ivan J. Novick, president of the Zionist Organization of America, asked whether Young's remarks reflected the views of the Administration and whether Young was "attempting to influence the Administration to change its policy and cater to the PLO." He questioned the "morality of supporting a group because it is powerful, without concern for the justice of the case."

Toby Willig, president of Emah Women, said that unless the White House "takes a firm stand against Mr. Young's statements we will have to assume that it supports these views and that in effect a serious policy change towards the PLO has been undertaken by our country."

Rabbi Baruch Silverstein, who was re-elected president of the New York Board of Rabbis last week, said in his re-election remarks that the board was "especially distressed" over Young's remarks, noting they were published shortly before a terrorist attack on Mea Shearim, the same settlement where a while ago these "decent" PLO human beings slaughtered over 20 Israeli school children."

**ISRAELI CONSUL REPORTED KIDNAPPED**

**WASHINGTON**, Jan. 21 (JTA) -- Information reaching the State Department said that Israel's Consul General to El Salvador, Ernesto Liebes, and a woman accompanying him were kidnapped last Thursday by a group of armed men on the Pan-American Highway about five kilometers from downtown San Salvador.

The Department's information said that witnesses reported the Consul was driving a "Cherokee" vehicle when a similar vehicle with four men collided with his. After the accident, Liebes got out of his car, thinking that it was just a regular collision. The individuals took advantage of that moment to force him at the point of a machine gun to board their vehicle.

The woman who was with Liebes called out for help and a group of persons quickly gathered at the scene. National police arrived within three minutes, it was reported. The report said it was not yet known who carried out the kidnapping. Neither was the woman identified in the report.

**BUENOS AIRES** (JTA) -- Paul Warszawski, chairman of the interreligious relations department of the Latin American Jewish Congress, has been invited by Sebastian Cardinal Baggio as an observer to the third Latin American Bishops' Conference, which will be held in Puebla, Mexico Jan. 26-30. Pope John Paul II will officially open the conference. Warszawski is the only Latin American Jew to have been officially invited. Four other representatives of non-Catholic denominations in Latin America have also been invited to attend.