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## BEGIN URGES SARKIS TO NEGOTIATE A PEACE TREATY WITH ISRAEL

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, May 7 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin today urged President Elias Sarkis of Lebanon to come to Jerusalem to negotiate a peace treaty with Israel. "I am also willing to go in a civilian plane to Beirut to reach a peace agreement," Begin said in a speech opening the summer session of the Knesset. He predicted such an agreement could be reached within several days.

The Premier spoke as Israeli planes attacked terrorist targets in Lebanon for the second consecutive day. A military spokesman said today the planes attacked terrorist concentrations near the village of Rihan, about 12 miles north of the border. All the planes returned safely. Yesterday, Israeli planes attacked terrorist concentrations at Naher el Bared near Tripoli in north Lebanon.

Begin told the Knesset that Israel will hit the terrorists no matter where they are so that there will be no repetition, such as the one at Nahariya two weeks ago in which four Israelis, including two small children, were killed. "We shall hit those murderers wherever possible, in every place with all our power, from the sea, the land and the air, until they are no longer able to execute their murderous plots," he declared.

"We know where their headquarters are, as well as their guns and arsenals," the Premier stressed. "We shall hit them in order to destroy them, make them scatter away."

## Tells Syria To Remove Forces From Lebanon

Begin urged Syria to remove its forces from Lebanon and pledged full cooperation with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon. However, he stressed that Israel would continue to support the Christians and Shi'ite Moslems in southern Lebanon in their struggle against Palestinian infiltration. Calling Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasir Arafat the "Palestinian Idi Amin," Begin noted that "the announcement of the terror organizations that they will continue their barbaric acts proves that there is a constant threat of violence."

The Premier said the problem of 165,000 Palestinians in Lebanon could be solved by resettling them in Saudi Arabia, Syria, Iraq and Libya. "There are very big countries, rich in resources and petroleum, with millions of square kilometers of land which can give the refugees homes among their brethren who speak the same language and share the same culture and religion," he said.

Israel is ready to cooperate in this resettlement, Begin said. He had originally planned to suggest that Israel take in some of the Palestinians, but decided not to when several ministers objected at yesterday's Cabinet meeting.

## Egypt Angry Over Israeli Bombings

Meanwhile, in Cairo, Boutros Ghali, the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, said he has asked U.S. Ambassador Hermann Eilts to convey

to Washington Egypt's request that the United States persuade Israel to stop its attacks on the terrorist bases in Lebanon.

"Egypt has asked the U.S. officially, in its capacity as a full partner in establishing peace, to intervene with the Israeli government to stop these aggressions which expose the region to danger," Ghali was quoted as saying to reporters. He condemned Israel's air attack yesterday and said they undermined the efforts for a permanent and just peace in the Middle East.

(In Washington, the United States withheld its view on Begin's proposal for an Israeli-Lebanese peace treaty. At the same time, the Carter Administration, in response to Israeli raids against terrorist bases in Lebanon, declared it is "increasingly concerned about violence" in that country.)

## BEGIN DENOUNCES GUSH EMUNIM

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, May 7 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin denounced the Gush Emunim yesterday as a group of "liars afflicted by a Messiah complex" and vowed that they would not dictate to the government when or where settlements should be established. Begin made those remarks in the course of a Cabinet discussion about a group of squatters in the West Bank town of Hebron. But he appeared to be reacting to recent Gush attacks against his policies rather than their claim to settlement anywhere on the West Bank with which the Premier has always concurred.

He stressed that his government has already put up nearly 30 settlements in the occupied territories and therefore the Gush charges that he was a "traitor" were vicious and unjustified. "They might be very Orthodox but some of them are liars," Begin declared.

The Cabinet discussion concerned a group of women from the religious township of Kiryat Arba, a Gush stronghold adjacent to Hebron, who have illegally occupied the old Hadassah Hospital building in the Arab town. Begin and a majority of the Cabinet agreed to Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon's request that two young children be allowed to join their mothers and 40 other children who have been in the building for a week. But the Cabinet rejected another proposal by Sharon that a teacher be sent to the building to conduct classes.

Begin urged the squatters to leave peacefully. He said the government would not tolerate the illegal seizure of property whether in Hebron or Tel Aviv and warned he would use force to remove them if given no alternative.

## Jerusalem Will Remain United

In another action yesterday, the Cabinet issued a statement saying that "Jerusalem is the eternal, united, indivisible capital of the State of Israel," and noted that since the end of the Jordanian occupation of the eastern part of the city followers of all religions have free access to their places of worship.

The statement was in response to an Egyptian Foreign Ministry statement Friday calling on the Islamic Conference in Morocco this week to focus its attention on re-establishing Arab control over East Jerusalem. The Cabinet declared that "unlike the period of the Jordanian occupation in Jerusalem, there exists total freedom of access for Jews, Christians and Moslems to their holy places. Thus shall

It always be."

(In New York, Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, criticized the proposal by Egypt for an Islamic summit conference to discuss "liberation" of the "Arab sector" of Jerusalem. He declared that Jews "respect the religious sentiments evoked by the city of Jerusalem among the Moslem faithful," adding it is a sentiment that "resonates the ancient Jewish hope that Jerusalem become 'a house of prayer for all people.' That religious sensibility is badly served by provocative calls for the 'liberation of Jerusalem'." Siegman added, "More than any other country, Egypt has reason to know that Moslem interests are far better served by peaceful discussion than by resort to the rhetoric of violence.")

The Cabinet also discussed security arrangements for West Bank settlements in the aftermath of recent clashes between local Arabs and Jewish settlers. Defense Minister Ezer Weizman assured Education Minister Zevulun Hammer of the National Religious Party that the army was in full control of the situation and would not tolerate vigilante action by armed Jewish settlers.

#### MANY OF THE TERRORISTS RELEASED BY ISRAEL MURDERED AND MAIMED ISRAELIS By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, May 7 (JTA) -- The 76 Palestinian terrorists released by Israel in exchange for one captured Israeli soldier last March 14 included at least 33 who were serving life sentences for acts involving the murder and maiming of Israeli soldiers and civilians, it was disclosed today. The names of 65 of the terrorists and descriptions of their crimes were published by Yediot Achronot after they appeared in a terrorist pamphlet which claimed that the prisoner exchange was a "great victory" over Israel.

The disclosure is expected to raise a political storm in view of the Cabinet's recent decision, at the urging of Premier Menachem Begin, to apply the death penalty to terrorists convicted of brutal crimes. The prisoner exchange was arranged by Defense Minister Ezer Weizman with the consent of Begin but without the knowledge of the rest of the Cabinet.

The government claimed at the time that two-thirds of the released Palestinians were common criminals not involved in terrorist acts and that none of the rest were well-known terrorists. But the authorities refused to divulge their names.

#### Freed Killers Identified

The list published today, however, disclosed that one of the freed killers, Abd Al Rahim Jabot of Hebron, received life sentences on nine separate counts plus 34 years on another count. He was arrested in 1968 after a two-year manhunt. Another terrorist, Kamal A-Din El-Nimri, was sentenced to life imprisonment on each of five counts plus ten years. Ibrahim Salameh Abu Arab and Mahmoud Al Leham both received three life sentences plus 20 years for terrorist acts attempted at Ben Gurion Airport. They were arrested in 1967.

These criminals and many of the others appeared on lists of terrorists whose release was demanded in exchange for Israeli hostages, actual or intended. Israel's policy had always been never to accede to terrorist demands. The terrorists are now circulating pamphlets on the West Bank boasting that they achieved their goal without risk.

The crimes for which the terrorists had been serving sentences included the organization of assassination squads; blowing up fuel depots; and planting bombs in civilian areas. At least four of those freed are women. Eisha Ahmed Auda, arrested in 1969, received a double life sentence for planting a bomb in a Jerusalem supermarket.

Rasmiyeh Auda was given three life sentences for placing a bomb in the British Consulate in Jerusalem and for other terrorist acts. Afifa Hanna Baroura was sentenced to life for planting a bomb at Ein Karem. Eissa Tanous was arrested in 1972 after hijacking a Sabena (Belgian) airliner at Ben Gurion Airport.

Others are Attaya Mohammed el-Attan, who was given three life sentences for participating in the killing of Israeli soldiers; Hassan Othman Albat, sentenced to life in 1969 for planting a bomb in Jerusalem; Mahmoud Hassan Abu Danhasb, sentenced to life in 1970 for firing on Israeli soldiers, several of whom were killed. The list of crimes also included throwing hand grenades, firing on army camps and army vehicles and attacking civilian settlements.

#### 11 Have Returned To Israel

Yediot Achronot revealed that of the 76 Palestinians set free, 11 have returned to Israel or Israel-occupied territories where they remain at large. The prisoner exchange took place at Geneva airport on March 14 under the auspices of the International Red Cross.

The freed Israeli soldier was Avraham Amram, one of seven Israeli soldiers and civilians who strayed across enemy lines while on a sightseeing tour in south Lebanon a year ago in violation of military orders. They were waylaid by terrorists of Ahmed Jibell's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command. Four of Amram's companions were killed and two managed to return to Israeli lines, one of them wounded. Amram was held prisoner and subjected to repeated beatings and torture, he told reporters on his release.

Israeli authorities maintained that the exchange was not a matter of policy but an executive action taken on humanitarian grounds. They said the condition of Amram's wife and children warranted that approach. But to many Israelis, the government's present demands for the death penalty appear incomprehensible coming less than two months after the release of terrorists whose crimes were of such magnitude that the courts imposed the maximum allowable sentences.

This situation is expected to intensify the Knesset's debate over capital punishment due to begin shortly. The government's position may be compromised as a result of this development. When former Premier Yitzhak Rabin, a critic of the Cabinet's death penalty decision, demanded last week that the names of the freed terrorists be revealed Israeli authorities were reluctant to divulge this information. Ironically, the names had already been published by the terrorists themselves.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- An argument over the essence of the Israel-Arab conflict in a high school class in one of Montreal's poverty-stricken neighborhoods brought an entire class of 34 Christian pupils to Israel last week in an attempt to learn first-hand about the country's problems. The idea came up during a class debate in a lesson on modern history. The class members decided to spend the next few months raising money to finance a trip to Israel. In addition to other sources, the class received a donation from Montreal's Jewish community.

# **SPECIAL TO THE JTA** **TRIFA GETS TIME ON RADIO FREE EUROPE** By Rochelle Saidel Walk

NEW YORK, May 7 (JTA) -- Archbishop Valerian Trifa, accused by eye-witnesses of instigating the Bucharest pogrom in January 1941, was interviewed for 45 minutes on May 1 by Radio Free Europe, an organization funded by the U.S. Congress which broadcasts to Communist countries in Eastern Europe. As president of the National Union of Christian Rumanian Students, the youth arm of the Rumanian fascist Iron Guard, Trifa is charged with atrocities in 1941 that resulted in the mass murders of between 1200-12,000 Jews.

Now Archbishop of the Rumanian Orthodox Church in the U.S., formerly known as the Rumanian Orthodox-Episcopate of America, Trifa faces denaturalization hearings beginning July 30 for his alleged war crimes. Dr. Charles Kremer of New York City, who has been tracing Trifa's career since 1947, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he believes the Radio Free Europe interview will create a more favorable image for the former Iron Guard leader.

"How can we allow Radio Free Europe, a government-funded broadcasting organization, to use American money to give a platform to an accused Nazi war criminal?" Kremer asked. He said he believes "that the government does not want to try this case and this is their way of saying it." Kremer said even more incredible was his discovery that the man who interviewed Trifa, identified in the broadcast as "Brancusi," is Livia Floda, a Rumanian Jew who has worked for Radio Free Europe for many years.

"I couldn't believe it. I've known this man Floda for 20 years and taken him into my confidence," Kremer said. "When I asked him how he could grant an interview to a murderer of his own people, he said that he had been ordered to by his boss, Noel Bernard, in Munich and this Bernard, too, is a Jew."

Kremer said Floda told him that "the program was broadcast only because it was the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Rumanian Church in America." But, Kremer said, "why use Trifa with all the legitimately ordained Rumanian priests and bishops here, why choose this murderer?"

## **'Very Difficult Assignment'**

Contacted by the JTA, Floda confirmed that he acted under orders from Bernard to conduct the interview which he said was a "very difficult assignment." But he denied that Bernard, too, may have been acting under orders. He said Bernard, who is in Munich, makes policy and felt it was imperative that listeners of Radio Free Europe in Rumania be informed of the church's 50th anniversary.

Floda stressed that the interview was devoted exclusively to the history of the Rumanian Orthodox Episcopate of America since its founding in 1929 and that no other subject was touched on. He said the interview was broadcast only to Rumania.

Floda said that Trifa, as head of the church, was the only logical person to be interviewed. He told the JTA that Radio Free Europe had assigned one of its Washington-based journalists to interview Archbishop Victorin Ursache of the Rumanian Missionary Orthodox Episcopate in Detroit, also marking its 50th anniversary, but the man was "thrown out" of Ursache's office on

grounds that Radio Free Europe spreads "lies." According to Floda, Ursache's church is a "splinter" controlled by the Communist authorities in Rumania.

Bill Kratch, director of the New York office of Radio Free Europe, told the JTA that it was a privately instituted non-profit organization funded by Congress through the Board for International Broadcasting (BIB), a federal agency, and by private donations. Asked about allegations that Radio Free Europe was funded by the CIA, Kratch said it may have been a long time ago.

Kremer told the JTA that "It really doesn't matter what Trifa said" in the interview. "What matters is that our government gave 45 minutes of its broadcast time to this butcher of Jews."

## **FORMER NUREMBURG TRIALS PROSECUTOR** **APPOINTED NEW NAZI HUNTER IN U.S.**

By Joseph Palakoff

WASHINGTON, May 7 (JTA) -- Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D. N.Y.), chairman of the House Judiciary subcommittee responsible for finding alleged Nazi war criminals in the United States, today welcomed the appointment of a veteran lawyer, Walter Rockler, as head of a new investigatory unit in the Department of Justice. Rockler, 58, a senior partner in the Washington law firm of Arnold and Porter, had served as a prosecutor in the Nuremberg trials.

Noting the appointment of Rockler is the Justice Department's "first step" to "honor its commitments to me to upgrade and intensify efforts to bring Nazi war criminals in this country to justice," Holtzman added that the selection of Rockler "appears to be a good one, particularly given his experience at Nuremberg."

Holtzman noted that more than 175 cases of alleged war criminals "require further intense study." She also noted that Martin Mendelsohn, who will serve as deputy director to Rockler, will now be able to "devote the bulk of his time to litigating the several important cases in which he is currently involved." The cases will go to trial in the next few months.

Mendelsohn headed the unit in the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) directed to hunt alleged Nazi war criminals. Holtzman and others in Congress protested the INS unit had not been efficient and urged a shift in responsibility to the Justice Department with a larger staff and more funding authorized previously by Congress.

Philip Heymann, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Department's criminal division, said in announcing the change that the new unit will coordinate the government's efforts to locate, denaturalize and deport the criminals.

Discussing these criminals, Rockler said: "There have been people who have suspected there are probably a fair number of war criminals -- Nazis -- hanging around the U.S. It's probably worth looking into." Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal had estimated during a visit here recently that there may be as many as 3000 Nazi war criminals living in the U.S.; A U.S. Marine Corps veteran in World War II, Rockler was a prosecuting attorney from 1947 to 1949 in the U.S. War Department's Office of Chief of Counsel on War Crimes.

**BRUSSELS (JTA) --** Algeria has officially asked the European Economic Community to indefinitely postpone the Arab-European dialogue which was due to start next month. European diplomats believe the move was motivated by the split within the Arab world over the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. The Algerian request for the postponement of the dialogue between the EEC and Arab League members has taken West Europe by surprise.

## PUBLIC REVERBERATIONS CONTINUE ONE YEAR AFTER 'HOLOCAUST' TELEVIEWED

By Wendy Marcus

SEATTLE, May 7 (JTA) -- Personal and public reverberations are still being felt more than a year after the U.S. airing of "Holocaust," the NBC television series about Nazi destruction of European Jewry from 1933-45. Robert Berger, of Titus Productions and director of the series, which after "Roots" was the most-watched television show in the U.S. and the most-watched show worldwide, was here last night talking about his \$6 million "labor of love" at an Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith dinner.

At the dinner, Seattle's Rainier National Bank and KING Broadcasting Co. received the ADL's "Americanism Award" for their effort "in assisting the ADL in reawakening the public to the horrors of the World War II Nazi era." For Berger, who has produced such docu-dramas as "Missiles of October" and "Public," the success of "Holocaust" has made for a warmer reception in the offices of television networks. "Before, I was an esoteric literary person, never known for a vastly successful show," he said.

Other spinoffs from the show have been the development of a Chair for Holocaust Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles, and the emotional explosion following its airing in West Germany has led to public demands for the extension of the law in West Germany under which Nazi war criminals can be prosecuted.

Also, Learning Corporation of America has begun marketing the series to schools and civic and religious groups. According to ADL estimates, about 10 percent of primary and secondary school students in the United States are now studying the Holocaust as part of their regular curriculum.

### Regrets Criticism Of The Series

In his talk, Berger regretted criticism that he and his partner, Herbert Brodwin, commercialized and profited from a tragedy. They still owe NBC \$450,000, he noted. And one week before

"Holocaust" was aired, "the halls of 30 Rockefeller Plaza (where NBC television is located) were quaking with fear." NBC's research department had predicted a small viewing audience, hardly the harbinger of financial gain, he said.

The show was also criticized for historical inaccuracies, he said, but he related how former Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban consoled him with a comment, "Your show, like Israel, exists. And they will go on arguing its merits for years."

Finally, Berger said he found most ironic politically motivated criticism that took the form of censorship. Four seconds of nudity of prisoners heading to the gas chambers was cut from the film in the U.S. although it remained in all foreign versions. Other countries sliced other segments. England cut out about five minutes because Polish immigrants complained over inaccurate ribbons on Polish officers' hats. However, apparently, the immigrants were also upset over the way the Polish officers were depicted.

French TV chopped off the ending of the show because it was not "liked." French viewers never knew that Rudi Weiss, one of the main characters of the series, went to Palestine, West Germany and Israel, he said, cut nothing.

### \$1 MILLION IN ISRAEL BONDS PURCHASED AT 1979 ALL-ISRAEL FASHION SHOW

NEW YORK, May 7 (JTA) -- Determined to help strengthen Israel's economy during the

"Year of Peace" commemorating the historic treaty between Egypt and Israel, a capacity audience of 850 women today purchased more than \$1 million in Israel Bonds at the 1979 All-Israel Fashion Show and Luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Sponsored by the Greater New York Women's Division of State of Israel Bonds, the event paid tribute to Bess Myerson, syndicated columnist, political activist and TV personality; Mrs. Rivka Evron, wife of Israel's Ambassador to the United States, and Mrs. Moria Blum, wife of Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations.

With "Peace is in Fashion" as the theme of this year's showing, Mrs. Jane Stern, National Women's Division chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, observed that "it was Israel's inherent strength -- its political stability and its economic progress -- that brought Egypt to the peace table and induced the largest Arab state in the Middle East to sign a peace treaty with Israel -- after 30 years of warfare."

Mrs. Jacqueline Goldman, co-chairman of the New York Women's Division, told the luncheon guests that "only Israel's continuing strength and economic development can convince all its Arab neighbors that there can be no alternative to peace." She added: "Clearly, then, Israel must remain strong economically -- and the fashion industry is one avenue of the economy which is gaining yearly and helping the country to achieve that end."

Pointing out that today's record sale of Israel Bonds "represents woman power in action," Mrs. Eta Goldstein, luncheon chairman, noted that "before the end of the year, women throughout the United States and Canada will have invested tens of millions of dollars in Israel Bonds to attend 60 such Israel fashion shows." Mrs. Goldstein indicated that in New York City alone, these shows have realized over \$26 million in bond sales during the past 25 years.

Another principal speaker was Mrs. Ruth Kedar, wife of Israel's Consul General in New York, who extended greetings to the assembled guests on behalf of her country as the fashion show saluted Israel on the occasion of its 31st anniversary of Statehood. Gindy Adams served as commentator of the show, which featured the latest fashion designs of Israel's top couturiers. A highlight of the show was the appearance of five outstanding actresses currently appearing in hit Broadway shows and celebrity models from the worlds of show business, the arts, society and fashion.

### JDC CONTRIBUTES \$10,000 FOR YUGOSLAV EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

NEW YORK, May 7 (JTA) -- The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee contributed \$10,000 to the Yugoslav Red Cross for earthquake relief. Making the presentation to Vasa Veskovik, Consul General of Yugoslavia at the Consulate in New York City, were Donald M. Robinson, JDC president; Henry Taub, a member of the executive committee; and Ralph L. Goldman, executive vice president.

A strong earthquake on April 15 caused widespread damage along the southern Adriatic coast, killed and maimed hundreds of people and left tens of thousands homeless. The shocks, which were said to be worse than the quake which struck Skopje in 1963 when 1000 people were killed, were felt as far away as Albania, Greece, Italy, Bulgaria and Austria. In making the presentation, Robinson expressed the sympathy and concern of the American Jewish community. Robinson praised the Yugoslav people and the government for being so hospitable to their Jewish community and so cooperative with the JDC.