CABINET APPROVES AUTONOMY PLAN
Will Serve As "Guidelines" For Israeli Team
By David Landau And Yitzhak Shariar

JERUSALEM, May 21 (JTA) -- The Cabinet today approved a controversial autonomy plan endorsed last week by a majority of the II-member ministerial autonomy committee headed by Premier Menachem Begin. But it decided at the same time not to submit the document to Egypt as Israel's formal position when the negotiations on autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza Strip begin at Beersheba this Friday. The plan will, for the time being, serve as "guidelines" for the formulation of new documents.

By doing this, observers said, the Cabinet deferred to the view strongly stated by Defense Minister Ezer Weizman last week that the autonomy plan was too hard-line and too detailed to serve as a basis for an opening position. That view was shared at some extent by Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin. The plan that emerged from the Cabinet today consisted of 20 points instead of the original 22 submitted by Begin. But although there was some stylistic editing, the substance of the plan remained unchanged.

The substance of the points were adopted unanimously by all its members. Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor disclosed that two of the points were adopted by votes of 11-4. Other sources identified the negative votes as those of Weizman, Dayan, Yadin and Minister of Social Bettement Yisrael Katz. The substance of these points was not discussed but they are believed to be Israel's demand to retain control over all publicly owned and uncultivated land on the West Bank and its declared intention to claim sovereignty over the West Bank and Gaza Strip at the end of the five-year transition period.

Both Weizman and Dayan had asked to be excused from the six-man ministerial team, headed by Interior Minister Yosef Burg, that will conduct the negotiations with the Egyptians. Begin refused on grounds that their positions made their participation essential. The Cabinet decided, however, that the entire six-man team need not be present at all of the negotiating sessions. This allows Weizman and Dayan the option of absenting themselves when the negotiations touch on points in the autonomy plan with which they oppose.

The other members of the negotiating team are Justice Minister Shimon Tami, Agriculture Minister Shaul Aron, and Minister-Without-Portfolio Moshe Nissim. Following approval of the autonomy plan, the Cabinet dissolved the ministerial autonomy committee inasmuch as it has completed its task of drafting the program.

STATE DEPARTMENT EXPRESSES CONCERN
OVER KHOMENI'S ATTACKS ON THE
UNITED STATES, JAVITS AND HIS WIFE
By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, May 21 (JTA) -- Violent attacks on the United States by Iranian leaders, including Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, in which the American government was accused of being a "wounded snake" and a statement that Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R, NY) and his wife Marion are wanted in Iran for "corruption and misappropriation of Iranian public funds" were assayed by the State Department today as being of "concern." But it refused to take a stronger stand.

Referring to the attack on Javits, a Department spokesman, Kenneth Brown, said that the comments as such as we have all read on the distinguished U.S. Senator is a matter of concern to us. When he was asked whether anti-Semitism might be involved in the Iranian attack on Javits, Brown said he was "not going beyond that.

When he was asked whether he would go further than using the word "concern," Brown replied: "Right now, yes." Brown said "we understand that the New York police are providing security for Javits and that Javits would receive protection in Washington, too. There was a report that former Secretary of State William Rogers has been threatened, too, but Brown said he did not know of anybody else except for Javits. Rogers represents the Public Law Committee. What was set up by the Shah's family. Javits himself said it's just ridiculous" and his office said he would not have any further comment.

Outraged By Senate Resolution

The Iranian Foreign Ministry expressed its outrage at U.S. Senate criticism in a unanimously adopted resolution last Thursday sponsored by Javits regarding Iran's execution of more than 200 persons, including the former Jewish community leader Habib Elkanan. "The Iranians told the U.S. not to send a new ambassador to Tehran and warned that Senate criticism was "interference" that could result in Iran's "prompting" relations with the U.S. At present the U.S. Mission in Tehran is headed by Charge d'Affaires Charles Nosan.

The Iranian Foreign Ministry's attack followed Khomeini's remark that President Carter's concern for human rights is a mockery because Carter is unable to deal with "matters such as humanity." He said, "although the American government has condemned us, we have to see what the American people have to say about it because the U.S. government and like a wounded snake at the moment because of our victory. But the people are not like that." He added that "it is they who need us" because of Iran's claim.

When asked whether he had a comment about Khomeini's remarks on the "snake" description, Brown replied: "It is not." Herhen added: "Don't tread on me," a reference to the slogan on a banner during the American Revolution.

According to reports here, the leader of the Iranian Tribune, Ayatollah Sadeq Khalkhali, said that Javits and his wife are wanted in Iran because of Javits' position on behalf of the Shah and Mrs. Javits' service to a public relations firm hired by the Iranian National Airlines during the Shah's reign. Mrs. Javits disputed the company in January 1976 after it was said her work might lead to a conflict of interest because of her husband's position.

Reviewing Relations With Iran

Regarding Iran's protest to the United States, Brown said that the U.S. is reviewing "the state of our relations" and noted "we have been seeking to establish a sound relationship and we will continue." He also added "we believe we should put the past behind us," and that "we support the (Iranian)
Skeptical ministers had second thoughts and the predeparture sentiment now is that something must be done, but a central run-away inflation. Defense Minister Ezer Weizman and Eshkol were indi-
cated that he and the Army General Staff can “live” with proposed cuts in the defense budget.

One of Ehrlich’s aims in trimming the budget is to provide funds for the redeployment of Israeli forces
from Sinai to the Negev, over the next three years without creating additional inflationary pres-
sures. The Likud government is very much aware of the mounting public dissatisfaction with its economic policies that is encouraging opposition attacks.

Three no-confidence motions aimed at the gov-
ernment’s handling of the economy have been filed
in the Knesset by the Labor Alignment, the Shas faction and the Democratic Front (Communist). The Alignment will submit another no-confidence motion
Wednesday over the government’s housing policy.

The deteriorating economic situation has created
stirring between the Herut and Liberal Party branches of Likud and within Liberal ranks where Ehrlich has been challenged by Energy Minister Yitzhak Modai. Herut leaders have become increasingly critical of their Liberal partners where the economy is concerned.

The Liberals have pointedly criticized certain Herut ministers who favor budget cuts only if their
own ministries are not affected, Supporters of Ehrlich said at a Liberal Party meeting in Tel Aviv last week that they would favor quitting Likud if Herut attempts to undermine the Finance Minister’s proposals.

Meanwhile, Bank of Israel Governor Arnon Gaf
hny said last night that he had been asked by the
IL 8.7 billion from the budget if it is to stem the tide of inflation and restore public confidence in
the bond.

KOSHER FOOD FOR JEWISH CONVICTS

NEW YORK, May 21 (JTA) — The State Correc-
tional Facility at Auburn, N.Y., a maximum-
security prison, has agreed to provide kosher food
for Jewish inmates. It was announced by the Amer-
ican Jewish Congress and New York Board of Rabbis.
Implementation of the agreement, which was reached
April 30, was delayed by the prison-guard strike
which ended two weeks ago. The Jewish organiza-
tions, which worked out the arrangement on behalf of
nine Auburn inmates seeking kosher diets, said the kosher food program would be put into effect immediately.

The program will provide kosher TV dinners to
inmates twice a day, as is the case in the state maxi-
mum-security facility at Green Haven, according to
Marc Stern, staff counsel for the AJC, who helped work out the agreement. He said that while
not all maximum-security prisons in the state are
covered, most Jewish maximum-security inmates will be provided with kosher food. However, prisoners in medium- and minimum-security facilities still do not have access to a kosher diet.

FOUNDERS GET STATE CEREMONIES

JERUSALEM, May 21 (JTA) — State memorial
services will be held from now on at the grave of
theodor Herzl, Chaim Weizmann, and Ze’ev Jabotinsky, it was announced by the Cabinet
decided Sunday. The decision came at the suggestion of
Premier Menahem Begin. The ceremonies for
Herzl and Jabotinsky will be held on Mt. Herzl in
Jerusalem and for Weizmann at his grave in Rehovot. The Ben Gurion ceremony is held at Sde Boker in the Negev.

There will be no Bulletin dated May 28 due to
Memorial Day, a postal holiday.

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revolutions objectives, freedom, justice and
nomic institutions for the Iranian people.
 It will not be easy. We wish the government well
in the effort to improve the lives of its citizens."

When Brown was asked whether the U.S. govern-
ment had asked other democratic countries to join it in protesting excesses in Iran or whether
it was going to take the issue to the United Na-
tions, he said that it had not. Sens. Robert Byrd
(D.W.Va.), the Senate Majority Leader, and
Howard Baker (R.Tenn.), the Minority Leader,
had urged in Senate speeches that other nations cooperate with the U.S. in condemning the ex-
tractions in Iran.

Byrd told the Senate today that he was
"skeptical that the sanctions will single out" by the
Iranian government for the Senate resolution express
abhorrence of trials without due process.
Supporter of Baker, Byrd said: "This (the resolu-
tion) is an action of the Senate. He said he
hoped "more indignation will be expressed from
the international community, especially the
Islamic countries."

In one of several attacks on Javits and the
Senate, Iranian Deputy Information Minister
Mohammad Momcheg said yesterday: "The form and
composition of the U.S.- Senate is that they al-
ways support Israel and Zionists, and the people of
the Third World have always been opposed by them."

In his statement to the Senate, Byrd pointed
out that the resolution was "co-sponsored" by
himself, Baker and Frank Church (D.Idaho),
chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Commit-
tee. "The Senate’s action is not interference in
Iran’s internal affairs. When a government al-

ECONOMIC PLAN IN LIMBO

By David Landau and Gili Sedan

JERUSALEM, May 21 (JTA) — The Cabinet
reached no decision yesterday on Finance Min-
ister Simcha Ehrlich’s proposed five-year economic
program aimed at reducing inflation by drastic
cuts in the national budget. The debate will con-
tinue when the Cabinet meets in regular session
again next Sunday. Cabinet Secretary Arzy Nof
said after yesterday’s meeting that the ministers
supported very supportive of the plan. It calls for
an immediate cut of IL 3.2 billion from the budget and possibly double that amount.

Other measures sought by Ehrlich include a freeze of the civil service work force, higher in-
terest rates on development loans and periodic
increases of the value-added tax (VAT). He said
that by these means to reduce the rate of inflation,
currently running at 60 percent per annum, to less than 30 percent.

Ehrlich’s program encountered strong oppo-
sition from his fellow ministers when he first
introduced it a week ago. But the postponement
several days later that inflation rose by 8.7 per-
cent in April, the largest increase since Nov.
1972, sent shock waves through the government.
BEHIND THE HEADLINES
STICKING POINTS IN THE PEACE PROCESS
By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, May 21 (JTA) -- Some 2000 dunams (500 acres) of cultivated vegetable fields on the outskirts of El Arish were turned over to the Egyptians last week. The fields belong to Neot Sinai, a settlement on the eastern front of Israel. The Egyptians are to be handed over to the town of El Arish on May 28.

But the settlers are balking. They refuse to give up the fields unless guaranteed compensation. Last night, they blocked the Israeli Military Government's order and vowed to hand over the cultivated patches. The settlers have even threatened to attack the military government's headquarters.

Government circles in Jerusalem, meanwhile, are taking a fresh view of the situation. The Egyptians have focussed attention on El Arish as a test of the Egyptians' compliance with the peace treaty terms. While the government hopes to avoid a confrontation with the military government, sources in Jerusalem have said that force may be used to evacuate the settlers if necessary.

Other Problems Cited

Meanwhile, more problems have cropped up. The Israelis have taken over the El Arish area and the Egyptian army has been called in to help them. The settlers are said to be in a state of panic, and the military government is said to be considering an evacuation. The settlers have demanded that the Israelis be allowed to remain on the land.

The Future of UNEF

Still another problem with international ramifications is the future of the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF), which has been patrolling the border zones between Israel and Egypt since the signing of the repatriation agreement. The Egiptian-Egyptian peace treaty, UNEF will continue its tasks after the new demarcation lines are created. But there is a strong likelihood that the UN will pull out. On orders from the UN secretary general in New York, UNEF has taken a new position: they will move to the demarcation line after the Egyptian military moves out.

UNEF observers do remain, they will be behind the Egyptian lines after the move.

The Israeli-Egyptian joint military committee has met to discuss the future of UNEF. It was decided that UNEF should be kept in place until the new demarcation lines are established. The committee also agreed to a new system of patrols along the border, with both sides responsible for maintaining peace.

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WASHINGTIN (JTA) -- The Senate, without dissent Monday adopted a resolution urging the West German government to abolish or extend the date that the statute of limitations on prosecuting Nazi war criminals will go into effect. The statute is due to go into effect Jan. 1, 1980 unless the West German Parliament acts to abolish it or to extend the date of its expiration. The Senate acted on a voice vote after the resolution was introduced by Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.), the deputy Democratic leader in the Senate. Cranston's measure had the support of both parties. The resolution will be sent to the White House. A similar resolution was adopted by the House May 9.

TORONTO (JTA) -- A Moslem political action committee, representing 40 local, and national Islamic associations in Canada has issued a letter attacking Joe Clark, leader of the Progressive Conservatives, saying his proposed recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital has "put a stab in the hearts of Moslems." Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, however, has called the Clark statement irresponsible, and therefore the committee is recommending support for the Liberal Party in the election May 22. The committee has been in touch with leaders of Arab groups before but this new statement may represent a growing politicalization of multi-ethnic Islamic groups, according to Pakistani, Creeds, Bashmains and others in Canada, observers said.
WOMEN RABBINICAL STUDENTS UNDER REFORM, RECONSTRUCTIONIST AUSPISES WILL GET TITLE OF RABBI NEXT MONTH
By Ben Gollob

NEW YORK, May 21 (JTA) -- Ten of the 46 rabbinical students who will receive the title of rabbi in graduation exercises in June under Reform and Reconstructionist auspices are women, according to a Jewish Telegraphic Agency telephone survey.

Two of the 18 students who will be ordained as Reform rabbis on June 6 at the Cincinnati campus of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) are women. Seven of the 22 candidates who studied at the New York HUC-JIR campus are women. Their graduation exercises will be held June 10 at Temple Emanuel-El here.

One woman and five men will receive the title of rabbi at graduation exercises of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia. The ceremonies will be held on June 10 at the Germantown Jewish Center, according to Rabbi Ludwig Nadelman, associate director of the Reconstructionist Federation of Congregations and Fellowships. He said Linda Holtzman of Philadelphia will be the new Reconstructionist woman rabbi. She is being interviewed and is likely to get a pulpit, according to a spokesman for the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

The seven women who will be ordained as Reform rabbis are: Vicki Lee Hollander of Beechwood, Ohio; and Beverly Lerner of Shawnee Mission, Kansas, according to Rabbi Harold Epstein, national director of information and development for the Reform seminary.

Large Group In N.Y.C.

The seven women who will be ordained as Reform rabbis in New York City on June 10 are: Michal Bourne, Mount Kisco, N.Y.; Ellen Dreyfuss, Chicago; Jan Kaufman, Baltimore; Beverly Magdison, Detroit; Janet Ross, Tucson, Calif.; Sheila Rassias, Cranston, R.I.; and Bonnie Stein of Elmwood Park, N.J.

If Rabbi-designate Holtzman does get a pulpit, she will be one of two women Reconstructionist rabbis -- out of a present total of five Reconstructionist women rabbis -- to hold a pulpit. Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso is currently the only Reconstructionist woman rabbi holding a pulpit. In a unique arrangement, she shares the pulpit of Congregation Beth El Zedeck in Indianapolis, with her husband, Dennis Sasso, who is also a Reconstructionist rabbi.

The other three Reconstructionist women rabbis are: Rebecca Alpert, director of student affairs at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Philadelphia; Janice Cyra Adler regional Hebrew High School in Philadelphia; and Ruth Sandberg, director of religious education at Reform Congregation Kneseth Israel of Elkins Park, Pa.

The seven women to be ordained as Reform rabbis here on June 10 will bring to 14 the number of such women rabbis, of whom three hold pulpits. Rabbi Sally J. Price, who made history by being ordained as the first woman rabbi in American history in 1972, was appointed assistant rabbi at the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue here and promoted to associate rabbi before she suddenly resigned, refusing to discuss her reasons for doing so but affirming she intended to remain in the rabbinate.

Women Reform rabbis holding pulpits are:

Rosalind A. Gold, assistant rabbi at Temple Beth Sholom, Rochelle, N.J.; Deborah A. Peirce, assistant rabbi at the Central Synagogue of New York; and Rabbi Karen C. Fox, who is assistant director of the Federation of Reform Synagogues here.

HUC-JIR women rabbis not holding pulpits are Michael S. Bernstein, who left a pulpit for graduate study; Laura J. Heller, director of the Hilfell Foundation Center at the University of Southern California; and Rabbi Karen C. Fox, who is assistant director of the Federation of Reform Synagogues here.

21 Women Will Be Ordained

As of the June graduation exercises, there will be 21 women ordained as rabbis -- 16 Reform and five Reconstructionists. The idea of women rabbis remains totally unacceptable to the Orthodox movement, which is the largest and most efficient support the Hebrew Union College provides for Conservative women rabbis to have induced Chancellor Gerson Cohen of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America to have named a special commission which recommended that the JTS accept women as candidates for the Conservative rabbinate.

A vote by the JTS Senate on the recommendation, scheduled for May 30, was postponed by Cohen, at the request of JTS faculty members who asked for more time to study the issue. In announcing the postponement, Cohen said a definite stand would be taken on the issue for the 1980-81 academic year.

18 ATHLETES INDUCTED IN THE JEWISH SPORTS HALL OF FAME

LOS ANGELES, May 21 (JTA) -- Eighteen athletes were inducted last night in the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame at an inaugural dinner here. The Hall of Fame, which is under the auspices of the United States Committee for Israel, will be located at Israel's Wingate Institute.

Those inducted are: Red Auerbach, who won nine world championships as coach of the Boston Celtics, in the National Basketball Association; Jackie Fields, world welterweight boxing champion from 1929-30 and 1932-33; Benny Friedman, an All-American quarterback at the University of Michigan; Hank Greenberg, who hit .311 home runs for the Detroit Tigers' baseball team; Nat Holman, president of the U.S. Committee for Israel and considered a top-ranking basketball player and coach.

Also, Hirschi Jacobs, a leading horse trainer and owner, who won every major horse race he entered from 1955 through 1969; Irving ghetto, an Olympics gold medal winner in ice skating; Sandy Koufax, the former pitcher for the Los Angeles Dodgers; Benny Leonard, world lightweight boxing champion in 1917-25; Sid Luckman, the famed quarterback of the Chicago Bears in the National Football League.

Also, Barney Ross, who held both the world lightweight and welterweight boxing championships; Abe Saperstein, the founder and owner of the Harlem Globetrotters; Adolph Schayes, who played with the Syracuse Nationals in the National Basketball Association; Dick Savitt, who won the Wimbledon singles championship in tennis; Mark Spitz, former owner of seven gold medals in the 1972 Olympic Games; Sylvia Wente, considered the best woman bowler; and Henry Wittenberg, considered one of the greatest amateur wrestlers.

The dinner last night was labeled an "Evening of Jewish Pride" and featured outstanding stars of television and the theater. The Hall of Fame was the brainchild of, among others, Joseph Siegelman, a Beverly Hills producer, who feels that not enough is known about the major role played by Jews in sports.