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## **CABINET APPROVES AUTONOMY PLAN Will Serve As 'Guidelines' For Israeli Team By David Landau And Yitzchak Shergil**

JERUSALEM, May 21 (JTA) -- The Cabinet today approved a controversial autonomy plan endorsed last week by a majority of the 11-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 Israeli negotiating team.

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 hardline and too detailed to serve even as an opening position. That view was shared to 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 unaltered.

Some of the points were adopted unanimously and others by a majority. Cabinet Secretary Arye Nadir 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 Bettesment Yisrael Katz. The substance of these points was not disclosed 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 which they oppose.

The other members of the negotiating team, are Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir, Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, 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 KHOMEINI'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 called "a wounded snake" and a statement that Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R.N.Y.) and his wife Marion are wanted in Iran for "corruption and misappropriation of

Iranian public funds" were assessed 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 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 may be involved in the Iranian attack on Javits, Brown said he was "not going beyond that."

When he was asked whether he would go no 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 Pahlavi Foundation that 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 Elkhanian. The Iranians told the U.S. not to send a new Ambassador to Teheran and warned that Senate criticism was "interference" that could result in Iran's "limit" of relations with the U.S. At present, the U.S. Mission in Teheran is headed by Charge d'Affaires Charles Nasse.

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 that "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 is 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 Iranian oil.

When asked whether he had a comment about Khomeini's remarks on the "snake" description, Brown replied, "I do not." He then 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 Tribunal, 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 for a public relations firm hired by the Iranian National Airlines during the Shah's reign. Mrs. Javits resigned from 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 said "we believe we should put the past behind us," and that "we support the (Iranian)

revolution's objectives, freedom, justice and democratic 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. government has asked other democratic countries to join it in protesting excesses in Iran or whether it was going to take the issue to the United Nations, 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 executions in Iran.

Byrd told the Senate today that he was "sorry" that Javits was "singled out" by the Iranian government for the Senate resolution expressing abhorrence of trials without due process. Supported by Baker, Byrd said "This (the resolution) 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 Mehdi Momken said yesterday: "The form and composition of the U.S. Senate is that they always support Israel and Zionists, and the people of the Third World have always been suppressed 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 Committee. "The Senate's action is not interference in Iran's internal affairs. When a government allows systematic executions without due process, that cannot be looked upon as purely an internal matter," Byrd said. "And certainly, when officials of the Iranian tribunals 'issue what they call an order to assassinate former leaders of that country who now reside in other countries, it becomes an international affair," he added.

Byrd said, "I want to see good relations once more between our two countries. However, such relations should not require that we pay the price of silence when faced with this pattern of executions and international calls for assassinations."

### ECONOMIC PLAN IN LIMBO

By David Landau and Gil Sedan

**JERUSALEM, May 21 (JTA) --** The Cabinet reached no decision yesterday on Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich's proposed five-year economic program aimed at reducing inflation by drastic cuts in the national budget. The debate will continue when the Cabinet meets in regular session again next Sunday. Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor said after yesterday's meeting that the ministers seemed generally supportive of Ehrlich's plan. It calls for an immediate cut of IL 3.5 billion from the budget and possibly double that amount.

Other measures sought by Ehrlich include a freeze of the civil service work force, higher interest rates on development loans and periodic increases of the value-added tax (VAT). He said he hoped 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 opposition from his fellow ministers when he first introduced it a week ago. But the announcement several days later that inflation rose by 8.7 percent in April, the largest increase since Nov. 1977, sent shock waves through the government.

Skeptical ministers had second thoughts and the prevailing sentiment now is that something must be done to control run-away inflation. Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, whose attitude was negative, has indicated 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 pressures. 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 government's handling of the economy have been filed in the Knesset by the Labor Alignment, the Shai 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 strains 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 quipping Likud if Herut attempts to undermine the Finance Minister's proposals.

Meanwhile, Bank of Israel Governor Arnon Gafny said last night that the government must prune IL 6-7 billion from the budget if it is to stem the tide of inflation and restore public confidence in the Pound.

### KOSHER FOOD FOR JEWISH CONVICTS

**NEW YORK, May 21 (JTA) --** The State Correctional Facility at Auburn, N.Y., a maximum-security prison, has agreed to provide kosher food for Jewish inmates. It was announced by the American 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 organizations, which worked out the settlement 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 maximum-security facility at Greenhaven, according to Marc Stern, staff counsel for the AJCongress, 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 gravesides of Theodor Herzl, Chaim Weizmann, and Zeev Jabotinsky -- as well as David Ben Gurion, the Cabinet decided Sunday. The decision came at the suggestion of Premier Menachem 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.

**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 that form a swath of green on the dune-colored landscape of northern Sinai may become an embarrassing obstacle to the smooth transfer of El Arish to Egyptian sovereignty next weekend. The fields belong to Neot Sinai, a tiny settlement on the outskirts of El Arish founded seven years ago by the militant Betar Zionist youth group. Under the transfer program worked out by a joint Israeli-Egyptian committee, they are to be handed over to Egypt this Friday along with the town of El Arish.

But the settlers are balking. Initially, they refused to relinquish the fields unless guaranteed compensation for them. Last night, joined by some 120 Gush Emunim die-hards and other supporters, they announced they would fight the Military Government's orders and vowed never to hand over the cultivated patches to the Egyptians.

To back up their determination, the Neot Sinai settlers revived "Etsel," the pre-Statehood underground fighting group that was headed by Menachem Begin. In its original guise, the name was an acronym for Irgun Zvai Leumi (national military organization). In its reincarnation it stands for "Anachnu Izerichim Le'Hilohem" (We Have to Fight).

Itzhak Regev, of the Neot Sinai area settlers committee, said yesterday that to give up the vegetable fields would be "a death blow" to the settlement. Last night, groups of settlers and their supporters camped out in the fields although the Military Government has ordered them sealed off as of tomorrow. The settlers have initiated legal action to invalidate the Military Government's orders.

Government circles in Jerusalem, meanwhile, take a grave view of the situation, especially as the Egyptians have focused attention on El Arish as a test of Israel's compliance with the peace treaty terms. While the government hopes to avoid a confrontation with the militants, sources in Jerusalem said force may be used to evacuate them if necessary.

**Other Problems Cited**

Meanwhile, other problems have cropped up with respect to Neot Sinai which will remain on the Israeli side of the new demarcation line until the final stage of the Sinai evacuation in three years. Apart from the vegetable fields, the main source of livelihood for the settlers is a laundromat that will find itself on the Egyptian side of the line this Friday. This means that the settlers will have to cross the checkpoint twice daily, produce papers and possibly undergo searches.

The Neot Sinai settlers are used to carrying small arms for personal protection. A serious question is will the Egyptians allow them to carry arms across the line; will the Egyptians allow Israeli military vehicles to enter the laundry area? These questions have remained unsettled as the deadline for the transfer of El Arish to Egypt approaches.

**The Future Of UNEF**

Still another problem with international ramifications is the future of the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) which has been patrol-

ing the buffer zones between Israel and Egypt since the end of the Yom Kippur War. According to the Camp David accords and the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty, UNEF will continue its tasks after the new demarcation lines are created. But there is a strong likelihood that the UN may pull out. On orders from the UN Secretariate in New York, UNEF has taken no part in the Israeli-Egyptian arrangements. If UN observers do remain, they will be far behind the Egyptian lines after next Friday.

The Israeli-Egyptian joint military committee has improvised a system to by-pass UNEF if necessary. It calls for combined Israeli-Egyptian patrols in the limited forces zone to observe compliance with peace terms with respect to the size and equipment of each country's forces. Israel and Egypt will also patrol their respective sides of the new demarcation line.

Meanwhile, it was learned today that President Anwar Sadat will not fly to Ben Gurion Airport next Sunday to symbolize the opening of an air corridor between Israel and Egypt. According to Egyptian sources, the timetable will not permit such a flight. Sadat and Begin are scheduled to meet in El Arish and then travel by helicopter to Beersheba where both will address the student body and faculty of Ben Gurion University of the Negev. This event will follow the formal transfer of El Arish to Egypt.

El Arish itself was crowded with thousands of Israelis who traveled there last Saturday for a farewell visit and to pick up souvenirs. Many residents of El Arish went to the Gaza Strip and Tel Aviv to stock up on various goods which they believe will cost more under Egyptian administration. In El Arish itself, students at the Ulpan Akiva and local citizens planted 120 saplings in the Peace Forest. The ceremonies were attended by Israeli and Egyptian officers.

There was a sadder gathering at Neot Sinai yesterday. Many settlers from the Yamit area came there to commiserate with the local residents who were marking their seventh anniversary. There will not be many more. Neot Sinai like Yamit will have to be abandoned when the Egyptians take over all of Sinai.

WASHINGTON (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 43 co-sponsors from both major parties. The resolution will be sent to the Bonn government. 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. Such statements have come from Arabic groups before but this new statement may represent a growing politicization of multi-ethnic Islamic groups, embracing Pakistanis, Croats, Bosnians and others in Canada, observers said.

# **WOMEN RABBINICAL STUDENTS UNDER REFORM, RECONSTRUCTIONIST AUSPICES WILL GET TITLE OF RABBI NEXT MONTH**

By Ben Gallob

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 telephonic 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 Emanu-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 Nadelmann, 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 two women to be ordained in Cincinnati as Reform rabbis are Vicki Lee Hollander of Beechwood, Ohio; and Beverly Lerner of Shawnee Mission, Kansas, according to 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 Magidson, Detroit; Janet Ross, Tarzana, Calif.; Sheila Kussian, Cranston, R.I.; and Bonnie Steinberg, Belmont, Mass.

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 Zedek 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; Ilene Schneider, principal of the Cyrus 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. Preisand, 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 of Temple B'nai Kodesh in Rochester, N.Y.; Deborah R. Prinz, assistant rabbi at the Central Synagogue of New York; and Myra Saifer, assistant rabbi at Temple Sinai in New Orleans.

HUC-JIR women rabbis not holding pulpits are Michal S. Bernstein, who left a pulpit for graduate study; Laura J. Heller, director of the Hillel Foundation Center at the University of Southern California; and Rabbi Karen L. 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. There is sufficient support for the idea of 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 Sports 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 331 home runs for the Detroit Tigers baseball team; Nat Holman, president of the U.S. Committee Sports for Israel and considered a top-ranking basketball player and coach.

Also, Hersh Jacobs, a leading horse trainer and owner; Jimmy Jacobs, who won every handball match he played from 1955 through 1969; Irving Jaffee, 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, winner of seven gold medals in swimming in the 1972 Olympic Games; Sylvia Wene, 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 Stegman, a Beverly Hills producer, who feels that not enough is known about the major role played by Jews in sports.