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BEGIN TAKES ISSUE WITH GHALI ON NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS

By Gil Sedan and Yitzhak Shargil

JERUSALEM, May 22 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin accused Boutros Ghali, Egypt's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, today of making statements that contradict the agreements he reached with President Anwar Sadat in Cairo last month, which Sadat later was to deny. He expressed his annoyance with Ghali to reporters at Ben Gurion Airport just before taking off for London on a three-day visit as the guest of Britain's Jewish community.

Begin, who meets with Sadat at El Arish on Sunday, took issue with Ghali's statement that the normalization of relations between Egypt and Israel will begin only nine months from now, according to the Camp David agreements. This is not true, Begin said. He said that at his meeting with Sadat in Cairo after the signing of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty in Washington, they had agreed that a joint statement will be issued at El Arish announcing the immediate opening of borders between Israel and Egypt and the opening of an air corridor between the two countries.

According to Begin, Ghali has made similar contradictory statements in the past. He said a month ago that normalization would take place only after 15 months. "Following that statement I called up President Sadat and complained. Sadat replied: 'We have an agreement and I shall honor it. We agreed that in El Arish we shall announce the opening of the borders and the opening of a civilian air corridor between Israel and Egypt'," Begin said. He described Sadat as being "angry" with Ghali.

But only last night, Begin expressed anger with Sadat for reportedly accusing him of endangering the peace process by making provocative statements that embarrassed the Egyptian leader. Begin spoke at Tel Aviv University after receiving an honorary doctorate degree. He referred to a remark by Egypt's Deputy Premier to the effect that he would organize a march by one million Moslems to liberate Jerusalem. "I could also say to President Sadat, why do you embarrass me with these provocative statements?" Begin reiterated that "Jerusalem is ours forever and will never be divided" and that "a Palestinian state will not be set up on Judea and Samaria."

View Of The Autonomy Plan

Begin is scheduled to meet with U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, who is also in London this week, for talks Thursday on the negotiations with Egypt on Palestinian autonomy set to open in Beersheba Friday. But he said, in reply to reporters' questions at Ben Gurion Airport, that he would not introduce Israel's autonomy plan to Vance at their London meeting.

The plan was approved by the Cabinet yesterday to serve as a "guideline" for the Israeli negotiating team. "We decided that we shall present the plan to the negotiators -- that is, the Egyptians and the Americans -- only after a specific decision of the government," he said.

Questioned about the wide gap between the Egyptian and Israeli positions on autonomy, Begin observed that all international negotiations begin with gaps between the parties. But he refused to say that the Israeli plan was only an opening position for bargaining purposes. "This is Israel's position, period," Begin said. "One should neither add nor subtract."

While in London, Begin is scheduled to dine with Britain's new Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and to meet with former Prime Minister James Callaghan, now leader of the opposition. He will also appear before various Jewish organizations. He said he intended to invite Mrs. Thatcher to visit Israel and that there was a standing invitation to Callaghan as well.

DUTCH COURT ORDERS RE-TRIAL OF MENTEN

AMSTERDAM, May 22 (JTA) -- The Netherlands Supreme Court, in effect reversing its own previous ruling, today ordered the re-trial of Pieter Menten, a Dutch millionaire art dealer convicted of war crimes while in the service of the Nazi SS during World War II. Menten, who was sentenced by an Amsterdam court in December, 1977 to 15 years imprisonment for the murders of at least 30 Polish Jewish deportees, was freed the following May when the Supreme Court accepted his claim that he had been granted immunity from prosecution by the Ministry of Justice more than 25 years ago.

But on hearing an appeal by the prosecution, the high court decided that Menten had, in fact, not produced conclusive evidence that he was promised amnesty after serving an eight-month jail sentence in 1949 for collaboration with the Germans.

Hundreds of spectators in the court today, many of them concentration camp survivors, cheered the decision. Many of them marched to the Jewish war memorial where they laid a wreath after the Supreme Court handed down the decision. Menten, who has just turned 80, said he was ready to stand trial. "I am sure I shall be acquitted again," he said. Supreme Court President Charles Moons did not say when the new trial will begin.

Menten was living in luxury and relative obscurity in Holland until 1976 when a series of articles by Dutch Jewish journalist Hans Koop exposed his wartime activities with the SS. He and his wife fled to Switzerland but Menten was subsequently extradited and brought to trial. He was confined to a prison hospital at Scheveningen where he was treated for diabetes.

'HOLOCAUST' SERIES ON ITALIAN TV FOLLOWED BY PRO-PALESTINIAN SERIES

By Lisa Palmieri-Billig

ROME, May 22 (JTA) -- The first installment of the American television series "Holocaust" was broadcast on national television's Channel One here last night. It was followed immediately on Channel Two by the airing of a documentary series entitled "Palestinians of the Diaspora." The juxtaposition of the two, hardly coincidental, was an attempt by the media to equate the persecution of the Jews by the Nazis during World War II and the plight of the Palestinian Arabs today. In the announcements that preceded and followed each telecast, the Palestinian people were described as "The new Jews of history."

"Holocaust," produced by NBC-TV as a four-part mini-series, is being broadcast in Italy as an eight-part series. While it is a fictionalized treatment of the Holocaust's effect on a German-Jewish family, the documentary on the Palestinians consisted of a series of interviews with prominent Palestinians in the U.S. and in Damascus, Kuwait, Algeria and Lebanon. It included shots of a Palestinian refugee camp and clearly sought to blame Israel for the sufferings of the Palestinians.

Those interviewed spoke of "Zionist influence" on the American mass media, about the impossibility of Palestinians being able to visit their relatives in Jerusalem and the difficulties of their obtaining American citizenship because of "FBI suspicions that we are terrorists." They accused Israel of using napalm against Palestinian camps where "children are often born prematurely because of their mothers' fright during Israeli air attacks." Other statements stressed the longing "to return to Palestine."

One speaker said, "Despite attempts to cancel out the identity of the Palestinian people, the Palestinians are still there, to show us that the holocaust of the Jewish people cannot be solved with another holocaust of the Palestinians."

The linkage of the Palestinians and the Holocaust was not confined to television. The prominent Rome daily, *Il Messaggero*, published summaries of "Holocaust" Part One and of the Palestinian documentary on its television page last Sunday.

It described the latter as "a documentary which not by chance elicits reflections very similar to those elicited by 'Holocaust.' The theme concerns another tragedy, that of the Palestinians who live in the hopes of being able to return one day to their land, occupied -- by what -- coincidence -- by the Jewish people themselves: Two parallel tragedies. Has nothing been learned by history?"

KLARSFELD GOES TO TEHRAN TO PROTEST EXECUTIONS, JAILINGS

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, May 22 (JTA) -- Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld flew to Tehran this afternoon to protest the execution of Jewish community leader Habib Elkannan and to try to assist four Iranian Jews still held in "revolutionary Islamic" jails.

Klarsfeld said at Paris Airport that Elkannan's execution "strikes every Jew throughout the world and cannot be accepted passively by any of us." The millionaire Jewish industrialist was shot by a firing squad on May 9 after a revolutionary court found him "guilty" of ties with Israel and Zionism and of corruption.

Klarsfeld, a lawyer, said he plans to see Iran's leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, to "explain to him what the Jews have gone through during this generation." He said he also hopes he will be allowed to meet the four Iranian Jews in prison and assist them if they are tried.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ibrahim Yazdi said earlier this week that Iran "has the right to try and execute criminals against humanity." He added, "In the Western world they still chase Nazi criminals 34 years after the end of the war." Klarsfeld said he plans to explain the difference between the men tried in Iran and the war criminals he helps chase.

THE U.S. AND IRAN

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, May 22 (JTA) -- Both the

Carter Administration and Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R. NY) suggested restraint by Americans today in the face of demonstrations in Iran against the United States, including a flag-burning and threats against Javits and his wife, Marion.

A high-State Department official told important sections of the American media last night that Ayatollah Sadegh Khalkhali, head of Iran's revolutionary tribunals, who had declared the Javitses were wanted in Iran for "corruption," was not a member of the Iranian government.

Besieged by the press for a statement, Javits said, "The Senate has spoken to the Iranian people as friends and to the government of Iran with which we wish to be friendly." He pointed out that the resolution on Iran, which he had drafted and which was adopted last week by the Senate without dissent, "speaks for itself."

Javits added: "I see no further need for any statement or comment. I hope very much that the people of Iran and the government of Iran will see the situation in that light." Previously, he dismissed the Iranian allegations as "just ridiculous."

The Senate resolution cautioned the Iranian government against the continuation of executions without due process and against attempts to carry out criminal or terrorist actions against persons in the United States.

Says Javits Was Not Threatened

The State Department would not identify the official who communicated with the media when his action was brought up at today's news briefing. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned that he is Henry Precht, head of the Department's Iranian section.

A State Department official, who asked not to be identified, said the Iranian government had not threatened Javits. "It is my understanding," he said, Ayatollah Khalkhali "is not a member of the government." He acknowledged that Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini "obviously is a dominant force in Iran."

The official said that the purpose of the advice to the media on this aspect was to "clarify" what the Iranians said. Obviously fearful of disrupting the oil supply from Iran which mainly goes to Europe, the Department expressed "concern" over the Javits case and passed off the Khomeini statement that the U.S. is a "snake."

Department spokesman Kenneth Brown said "We want to develop sound relationship with the Iranian government." He noted that while the Iranians had urged delay in the arrival of the new U.S. Ambassador to Tehran, Walter L. Cutler, in view of the Senate resolution the U.S. felt "Cutler should go there as soon as possible."

Meanwhile, according to reports reaching here from Tehran, a major and a sergeant in the Shah's army were executed today and two brigadier-generals were given long prison terms. One of them, Gen. Manoucher Vajdi, was sentenced to 15 years in prison, after being accused of collaborating with the secret services of Israel, the United States, Britain and West Germany.

NEW YORK (JTA) -- Felix Aronovich, one of Leningrad's longest-term refusniks, has arrived in Vtina, according to the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews. He will rejoin his mother, brother, wife and son in Chicago. He has never seen his son, David, because his wife, Alla, was pregnant when she left the USSR in 1976. Aronovich was refused an exit visa since 1972. Meanwhile, Vladimir Slepak's wife appealed to President Leonid Brezhnev for visas to Israel because Vladimir, in Siberian exile, is ill and hospitalized, the two groups said.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES: THE CABINET DECISION -- ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, May 22 (JTA) -- The Cabinet decision yesterday to approve Premier Menachem Begin's autonomy plan, but not to submit it -- for the time being -- to the Egyptians and Americans as a formal Israeli document, is being variously interpreted by the various schools of thought within the Cabinet.

According to the hardliners, Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon and Herut and National Religious Party ministers, the decision was a triumph for their maximalist position on the content of the autonomy proposals which Begin wholeheartedly endorsed and determinedly pushed through the Cabinet.

According to moderates such as Defense Minister Ezer Weizman and Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin, the decision not to submit the paper formally at this stage was a significant victory for their tactical approach. They had contended all along that it would be misguided and prejudicial to the negotiations to present the Egyptians with a tough and detailed official document at the outset of the talks. The Cabinet's decision, formally was that the paper would be presented to the Egyptians and Americans but the Cabinet would decide on the timing of the presentation.

The hawks -- as well as the moderates claim a tactical victory. They say the decision not to present the paper May 25, when the negotiations begin at Beersheba, was based mainly on information conveyed through U.S. diplomatic channels that the Egyptians do not intend to present a paper of their own at the opening meeting.

Presumably, one leading hawk told this reporter, the opening session will be devoted to speeches with no actual negotiating taking place until after the return of El Arish to Egyptian sovereignty over the weekend. The hawks assert that the Israeli paper will indeed be presented, and simultaneously published, very soon.

Sorting Out Who Won

It is thus unclear at this point which of the ministers in fact emerged victorious from the drawn out autonomy debate, first in the 11-man ministerial autonomy committee and then in the full Cabinet. If the document is indeed submitted soon to the other parties, and officially published, the hardline majority will have been proven victorious.

If, on the other hand, the initial delay is the harbinger of an effective shelving of the plan -- so that it is never officially submitted and remains always what it is today -- an "internal guideline for the Israeli negotiators" -- The moderate minority which includes such key ministers as Weizman, Yadin and Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, will have retroactively won the day.

Meanwhile, Interior Minister Yosef Burg who is to lead the Israeli negotiators, refused today to supply members of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee with copies of the plan. He told them that Begin had empowered him only to read it out, not to distribute it in writing.

Intentions Are In Doubt

It is apparently as a result of this present uncertainty that doubts have arisen as to Weizman's and Dayan's intentions. After the Cabinet meeting last night, reports circulated in the Knesset lobbies that the two ministers would at-

tend the opening session of the talks on Friday, having been "persuaded" by Begin and the Cabinet majority to withdraw their requests not to participate.

But, said these reports, they would not attend the negotiating sessions regularly thereafter. Some sources said there need not be political significance in this. Not all the sessions will require the full complement of six ministers on the Israeli side.

But others felt that the reports mean that Dayan and Weizman are biding their time and reserving their position on the tactics of the negotiation. If the Cabinet majority insists on presenting the plan to the Egyptians as a formal position paper, the two ministers may yet implement their earlier intention of withdrawing from the negotiations.

KLUTZNICK DEFENDS JEWISH GROUPS THAT PROVIDE AID TO 'NOSHIM'

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, May 22 (JTA) -- Philip Klutznick, president of the World Jewish Congress, strongly defended Jewish organizations that provide aid to "noshim," Soviet Jews who choose to settle in countries other than Israel after they leave the USSR. Addressing a meeting of Israeli editors at Beth Shalom yesterday, Klutznick said those organizations operate according to the principle of freedom of choice which means that they see it as their duty to help Jews find a home wherever they choose.

"Israel's failure is probably not in absorbing immigrants but rather in attracting them," Klutznick said. He observed that Soviet Jewish emigration is increasing while Iranian Jews, who are beginning to feel the pressure to move, hesitate since they are wary about applying for exit visas from the present regime. He said the primary concern of the World Jewish Congress in the coming year will be to maintain Jewish unity throughout the world and to safeguard the interests of Jews in places where it is necessary to do so.

With respect to the Middle East, Klutznick noted that next year is a Presidential election year in the U.S. and that will have repercussions on the situation. But he said he was convinced that the Carter Administration is resolved to remain involved in the Middle East negotiations. That is why President Carter nominated a strong negotiator, Robert Strauss, to represent the U.S. at the autonomy talks between Israel and Egypt, Klutznick said.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, former WJC president, spoke at a meeting of the WJC's Israel Executive. He warned that while the Soviet Union must be called upon to open its gates to those Jews who want to leave, the Jews who choose to remain in the Soviet Union must be protected and their rights as a minority secured.

ISRAEL NOT TO ADMIT UN COMMISSION

JERUSALEM, May 22 (JTA) -- Israel will not admit a three-man United Nations commission currently in Jordan to "examine the situation relating to the settlements." Neither will Israel cooperate with that commission. In any way, the Foreign Ministry announced here. The commission comprises representatives from Bolivia, Portugal and Zambia. They arrived in Amman Sunday, and are scheduled to go to Damascus, Beirut and Cairo during the week. The commission is to report back to the Security Council by July 1, and the Council will hold a special session during July "to review the situation in light of the commission's findings." The Security Council created the commission March 22 following a debate on the Israeli occupation initiated by Jordan. The U.S., Britain and Norway abstained.

CARTER REAFFIRMS STAND ON PLO

CHICAGO, May 22 (JTA) -- President

Carter has reaffirmed the United States policy of not dealing with the Palestine Liberation Organization until it accepts United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 and recognizes Israel's right to exist.

At a White House interview with 30 newspaper editors and broadcast news directors last Friday, Hgl Rosen, representing the Chicago Sentinel and Jewish United Fund News, asked Carter: "Earlier this week on Monday (May 14) (former Undersecretary of State) Joseph Sisco, speaking before the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, said that while it is official U.S. policy that we don't recognize or make contact rather with the PLO unless they recognize 242, that he sees modification in this in the future. While he is not an official government spokesman obviously, does his view reflect any change in our policy?"

Carter replied: "There has been no change. I don't contemplate any change. Our nation is pledged again on our word of honor which I have corroborated since I have been in office that we will not deal with the PLO until they accept UN Resolution 242 as a basis for negotiations which all the other Arab entities have done and until they recognize the right of Israel to exist."

"I think that any such meeting on any kind of official basis would be counterproductive. We are not doing it surreptitiously. We are not cheating on our commitment. Obviously, as is well known by Israel, there are members of the PLO, individual members, who are mayors of major cities. For instance, on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Both we and the Israelis deal with them as Palestinians, not, however, in their capacity as members of the PLO. So there has been and will be no change in this policy."

Rosen was the one representative of the American Jewish press among the print and broadcast journalists from 23 states. These one-day on-the-record briefing sessions with the President and other government officials are held every two weeks.

ORTHODOX LEADER URGES RESPECT FOR DIFFERENCES IN ORTHODOX COMMUNITY

NEW YORK, May 22 (JTA) -- A leader of Agudath Israel of America called on Orthodox Jews to respect the differences within the Orthodox community. "We must respect our differences with each other, for Orthodox Judaism is not a monolith," Rabbi Yaakov Kamenetzky, the senior member of Agudath Israel's Council of Sages, declared. "On the contrary, diversity is the strength of Orthodoxy."

Kamenetzky made his statement to the more than 1200 rabbinic leaders, educators, community activists and others attending the 57th annual dinner of Agudath Israel of America at the New York Hilton Sunday night. Stressing that "our efficacy, however, lies in our unity under the Torah," Kamenetzky declared that "the various shades of our backgrounds and our lifestyles are only as meaningful as is our allegiance to Torah. All our problems must be viewed in the light of our Torah ideals and be resolved accordingly."

The rabbi, who is head of the Mesivta Torah Vodaath Yeshiva, said that the "dynamo that drives" the many "innovative" programs of Agudath Israel "is the diversity of Agudath Israel's constituency."

The gathering also heard Rabbi Michael Twersky, of Milwaukee, urge the rabbis on the dais to "harness the vast untapped source of productivity that lies out in this ballroom -- this resource of loyalty and energy; return the faith they have in you by issuing more challenges their way."

Rabbi Moshe Sherer, Agudath Israel's executive president, presented the Hagoan Rav Aharon Kotler Memorial Award for distinguished service to Torah to Schabse Stum, a lay leader of the Bobover community; the "Shear's Hapleimah Man of the Year"

Reb Elimelech Tress Memorial Award for exemplary service to Berish Zolty, a Polish-born active leader of the Toronto Orthodox community; and the "Morieinu Yaakov Rosenheim Memorial Award" for distinguished service to Agudath Israel to Abraham Halpern, an Israeli currently living in New York, for his activities on behalf of many religious undertakings.

SEPHARDI LEADER DEPLORES BIAS AGAINST SEPHARDI JEWS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 22 (JTA) -- Nessim Goon, president of the World Sephardi Federation, called for an end to a "syndrome of pride and prejudice against Sephardi Jews" which is a "cause of concern in the House of Israel." Goon made this statement Sunday night in an address to Yeshiva University's annual Sephardi Studies dinner where he was presented with the university's Distinguished Service Award by Dr. Norman Lamm, Yeshiva University president.

The Geneva-based Jewish leader stated that "the results of the syndrome" can only weaken the future strength and unity of the State of Israel. "Continuing," he declared: "As much as we refuse to believe it, the unfortunate truth is that as Israel embarks on its first peace, Sephardi Jewry -- who represent the majority in the Jewish State -- are a distressed people: both in terms of opportunity and cultural identification."

"For centuries, as one Jewish people, we fought for equal rights and equal opportunity. Now that we have achieved the impossible -- re-establishing the Jewish State -- it is hard to believe that we should have to fight for the same principles within the Jewish State," said Goon. "Whatever our origins, we are one Jewish People representing two cultures and traditions -- not based on group distinctions, but rather the richness of our heritage."

The dinner celebrated the 15th anniversary of the university's Sephardic Studies program, which is directed by Dr. Solomon Goon and Rabbi Herbert Dabinsky. Also honored were Salvo Arias and Morrie Yohai of New York.

EITAN BELKIND DEAD AT 82

TEL AVIV, May 22 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held today for Eitan Belkind who died at the age of 82 in Rishon LeZion. He was one of the last survivors of "Nili," the Jewish intelligence organization that provided information to the allied forces during World War I when Palestine was under Turkish rule. Belkind and his brother, Naaman, were arrested by the Turks for their activities. Belkind was born in Rishon and was a Deputy Mayor of the town. He was also chairman of Rishon's Herut chapter.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The Israel Radio will revert to its original name, Kol Yisrael (the Voice of Israel), the Broadcasting Authority has decided. The name was changed to Shiddurei Yisrael (Israel Broadcasting) when television was introduced, so as to have one term encompassing both State-run media.