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## BLUM SAYS YOUNG'S EXPLANATION FOR HIS MEETING WITH A PLO REPRESENTATIVE IS UNCONVINCING

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 14 (JTA) -- Yehuda Blum, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, said today he has told Andrew Young, the United States Ambassador to the UN, he did not accept his explanation for his meeting last month with a representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Blum told a press conference at the Israel Mission to the UN that he met with Young for 90 minutes last night at the American envoy's request. Young said his meeting with Yehudi Labib Terzi, the PLO observer at the UN, was "inadvertent" since Terzi dropped in while Young was visiting at the home of Kuwaiti Ambassador Abdalla Yaccoub Bishara.

Young's explanation is "unconvincing," Blum said, and would be "difficult to accept" by the man in the street. He said he told Young that the meeting was not "compatible" with the U.S. commitment not to talk with the PLO until it recognizes Israel's right to exist and accepts UN Security Council Resolution 242.

According to Blum, during the course of the Young-Terzi meeting, "certain questions relating to the current debate of the Security Council (on Palestinian rights) were also discussed," a claim that contradicted Young's statement that the meeting was confined to social conversation.

In Israel today, the Foreign Ministry said, that Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan had instructed Ephraim Evron, Israel's Ambassador to Washington, to protest the meeting to Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

The State Department, in explaining the meeting which took place in New York July 23, said yesterday that only civilities were exchanged between Young and the PLO representative. The Department said Young had gone to Bishara's house to discuss UN matters. However, the State Department today offered a different version of the incident and said that Young knew that Terzi would be at Bishara's apartment when he went there. (See related story.)

### Cites Events Disturbing Israel

At his press conference today, Blum said he pointed out to Young recent "disturbing" events which have worried Israel. He said this included the dispute over placing the United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization (UNTSO) in Sinai and a recent statement by Young calling Terzi a "decent man."

Blum said he mentioned other "inaccuracies," a basic statement by Young comparing the Israeli bombing of terrorist bases in south Lebanon to U.S. bombings in Vietnam, and another statement by Young referring to "seven million homeless Palestinians."

"All that has happened in recent months is highly disturbing to Israel," Blum said. Noting that there have been reports of changes in U.S. policy toward the PLO, Blum mentioned the "rumors about a change in Resolution 242." As far as Israel is concerned, Resolution 242 con-

tains an "exhaustive list of all the elements needed for peace in the Middle East" and any additional elements would only upset the "delicate balance" of the resolution, Blum stressed.

## DAYAN: U.S. ADMITS ISRAEL IS WITHIN ITS RIGHTS IN ATTACKING TERRORIST BASES IN SOUTH LEBANON

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 14 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said last night that the United States admits Israel is "fully within" its "rights" in attacking terrorist bases in south Lebanon. But, he told Likud Knesset members, the Americans object when civilians are injured and when U.S.-made weapons are used in the operations.

Dayan said he saw little hope for a solution to the problem of Lebanon in the foreseeable future. He said the situation was one of utter chaos and confusion with no government to speak of in the country and not even the rudiments of an army.

In addition, soldiers from European countries who serve with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) return home with anti-Israel feelings, the Foreign Minister said. This is making it harder for Israel to win understanding in those countries.

### Basis For U.S.-Israel Differences

Dayan said it is no secret any longer that there is a basic difference between the U.S. and Israel caused by the desire of the U.S. to bring the Palestinians into the autonomy talks. "We are, of course, at odds on how we interpret the very concept of autonomy," he said. "We do not envisage autonomy in quite the same way as the Americans and Egyptians do, and there is even the problem with the use of the term 'Palestinian'."

Dayan said the U.S. no longer denies that it is willing to accept a new United Nations Security Council resolution that would be more attractive to the Palestinians than Resolution 242.

At the Cabinet meeting last Sunday, Dayan reportedly said that President Carter promised Israeli Ambassador Ephraim Evron at their meeting last week that the U.S. would veto a Kuwaiti-sponsored resolution in the Security Council calling for Palestinian self-determination and an independent state. Dayan believes the U.S. would support the resolution if the demand for a Palestinian state, which Carter says he opposes, is dropped.

The Foreign Minister said that another problem Israel has with the U.S. is the question of Jewish settlements on the West Bank. Noting that he did not question the right to establish the settlements, Dayan explained that the Americans argue that Israel says it wants negotiations on autonomy while, at the same time, it seeks to establish a fair accord, a new situation independent of the talks by establishing settlements. Dayan told the Likud MKs that they have to understand this situation.

## VANCE ADMONISHES YOUNG FOR HIS MEETING WITH PLO REPRESENTATIVE

By Hatan Silver

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (JTA) -- Andrew Young, the United States Ambassador to the United Nations, came under fire from the State Department today for acting without authorization in meeting with a Palestine Liberation Organization represen-

native in New York last month. The Department said that Secretary of State Cyrus Vance spoke with Young by telephone today and "expressed his displeasure over the incident and the manner in which it happened."

This was announced as Department spokesman Tom Reston read a statement apologizing for saying yesterday that Young did not know that Zehadi Labib Terzi, the PLO observer at the UN, would be present when he went to the apartment of Kuwait Ambassador Abdalla Yacoub Bishara. In going to Bishara's apartment, Reston said today, "Ambassador Young knew that Mr. Terzi would probably be there while they discussed the question of postponing the Security Council vote scheduled for July 31 on the Kuwaiti resolution."

The resolution calls for recognition of Palestinian self-determination and the creation of a Palestinian state. It was reported earlier that the Security Council, in postponing action on the resolution until Aug. 23, was acting at the request of the U.S., Kuwait and the PLO.

"In holding this discussion with Mr. Terzi, Ambassador Young acted on his own initiative and without authorization," the State Department statement said. "Ambassador Young explained this situation to Ambassador (Yehuda) Blum (of Israel) yesterday."

The statement stressed that "This development does not change our policy regarding the PLO and we have so informed the Israeli government." Reston said that Vance discussed Young's action with him by telephone today before the Secretary received an official Israeli protest over the incident. The protest was lodged by Israeli Ambassador Ephraim Evron by telephone to the State Department.

#### Other Differences in The Two Versions

Reston said that another difference in the version given yesterday and today is that the meeting between Young and Terzi was between 15 and 30 minutes not 15 minutes and that more than amenities were exchanged. He said that as Young was leaving the Syrian Ambassador to the UN Hamoud el-Chouff, arrived and in that case only cordialities were exchanged. In addition, Reston also said the meeting was July 23, not July 26, as reported earlier. The presence of Young's son at the meeting was not clarified.

Reston said he did not know when Vance first became aware of the meeting. He said that except for Vance's expression of displeasure, no action would be taken against Young. "The Secretary believes that Young is an able representative of the U.S.," Reston said.

#### DESPITE APOLOGY BY BEN-GAL FOR STATEMENT ON ISRAELI ARABS, ARAB MAYORS DEMAND HIS DISMISSAL

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 14 (JTA) -- Arab mayors are demanding the dismissal of Major Gen. Avigdor Ben-Gal as commander of the Northern District despite his apology for a statement he was alleged to have made questioning the loyalty of Israeli Arabs.

Ben-Gal was reprimanded by Defense Minister Ezer Weizman last week after he was quoted as telling a group of Knesset members Thursday that the Arabs of the Galilee were "a cancer in the body of the nation" and were waiting for the moment "when they can screw us."

A Davar correspondent, who recorded the general's comments, backed Ben-Gal's claim

that he had not used the word "cancer" but had said that the neglect of the Golan Heights is a malady in Israel's body. Ben-Gal said he did not mean to link this comment with the Galilee Arabs.

#### Weizman Reprimands Ben-Gal

Defense Ministry sources said that Weizman, after reprimanding Ben-Gal, made it clear that the Galilee Arabs are Israeli citizens and no one has a right to cast doubts on them. He also made it clear that it is the government which will decide whether to establish more settlements on the Golan Heights. Ben-Gal had also been quoted as telling the MKs that there was no more room on the Golan for additional Jewish settlements.

The Regional Council of Jewish Settlements in the Galilee had earlier issued a statement defending Ben-Gal. "What the general is alleged to have said may have been said in a rough way, but in essence they are true," the Council said.

Ben-Gal, who claimed he did not know reporters were present when he discussed security matters with the MKs, was defended by some MKs but was strongly attacked by others. Druze-MK Zeidan Atashi of the Democratic Movement demanded his dismissal. Another Democratic Movement MK, Shmuel Toledano, an advisor to the Premier on Arab affairs in the former Labor governments, said Ben-Gal was apparently ignorant of the enormous damage his remarks have caused Israel both inside and outside the country. He said the number of disloyal Arabs was minor compared to the majority who are loyal to the State.

#### ISRAELI CITY TO GET TWO BUFFALOS AS GIFT FROM U.S. SISTER CITY

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (JTA) -- After six months delay due to snow storms, air line strikes and the DC-10 groundings, the Israeli town of Kiryat Gat, a community of 29,000, will be presented with two American buffalos in mid-August. The bison will fly on a one-stop El Al flight from Chicago. The pair are a gift from Kiryat Gat's sister city, Buffalo, NY. They will be air lifted from Colorado to Chicago by United Airlines. Both United and El Al are carrying the bison as a public service.

The buffalos, the first in the Middle East, will be housed in the National Biblical Zoo in Jerusalem where special facilities have been constructed for their display and eventual breeding. The animals were supplied by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The gift was the idea of Joselyn J. Berg, chairman of the Buffalo-Kiryat Gat Sister City Foundation who contacted the International Communication Agency (ICA), the newly formed agency whose responsibilities include private sector involvement and educational cultural affairs) with his idea. The private sector programs division of ICA worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sister Cities International, and United and El Al to coordinate the project.

Berg said, "The Sister City program is based on culture and developing friendship, so it was a natural gift. The buffalo is not only our city's name sake and emblem, it is a rich part of our country's heritage, and the zoo in Jerusalem was anxious to receive its first representative animal from North America." The buffalo, more correctly known as American bison, is also the symbol of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Buffalo, NY and Kiryat Gat became sister cities in 1974 through the auspices of Sister Cities International, a nonprofit organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C. which currently links 675 U.S. cities with some 900 communities abroad.

## ISRAEL, NICARAGUA AGREE TO CONTINUE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

By Yitzhak Rabin

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (JTA) -- Yosef

Ciechanover, director general of Israel's Foreign Ministry, disclosed today that the Israeli government and the new government of Nicaragua have already accredited diplomatic representatives to each other's country. He declined to name the new Israeli delegate to Nicaragua.

Speaking with Israeli correspondents here at the conclusion of a 10-day visit to Brazil, Venezuela and Mexico, during which he said he found "deep friendship" toward Israel, Ciechanover said that Israel's relations with Nicaragua, which became somewhat unclear after the downfall of the Somoza regime -- was a topic of conversation between him and officials of the three countries he visited. "Officials in the three countries welcomed the recent exchange of letters between Israel and the Nicaraguan government" on diplomatic relations, Ciechanover said.

The Israeli official said that in addition to meeting government officials he met with Jewish leaders and members of the Jewish communities in the countries he visited.

"In response to questions on the upcoming United Nations General Assembly -- to open here at the end of September -- Ciechanover said that one thing "is certain." The next Assembly will be very tough on Israel, with attempts to pass difficult anti-Israeli resolutions. He said Israel is already "alerting" friendly governments on the prospects of Israel being attacked at the UN session. He said that Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan of Israel will come to the UN to address the Assembly.

## AGUDA THREATENS TO LEAVE JERUSALEM COUNCIL OVER MUNICIPAL STADIUM

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14 (JTA) -- The Aguda of Israel faction announced last night that it was withdrawing from the Jerusalem municipal council's coalition. Only if work stopped on the new municipal stadium at Shuafat by this Sunday would the five Aguda members reconsider their walk-out, Aguda officials declared. (One of the five, Shlomo Zalman Druck, represents Poalei Aguda, but he appears to be lining up with Aguda on this issue.)

The stadium has incurred the wrath and hostility of Orthodox Jerusalemites living in the capital's northern suburbs. They say it will disturb their Shabbat peace. Almost all of these suburbs are populated almost entirely by Orthodox residents who almost all vote for Aguda.

The stadium is going up just beyond the outer fringes of the suburbs, which include Matersdorf, Sanhedria Murhvet, Zanz, Itri and Habad. The residents argue that their streets will inevitably become thoroughfares for hundreds of vehicles and rowdy football fans each Saturday afternoon.

Interior Ministry planners have recently suggested to Mayor Teddy Kollek two possible alternative sites for the stadium, in the south of Jerusalem. The municipality has already turned down one of them as unsuitable and Kollek has said he will refuse now to consider the merits of the other unless the ultra-Orthodox cease their violent, almost daily, demonstrations against him.

These demonstrations -- against the stadium and against the Ramot Road which connects

the northern suburb of Ramot to the town proper and is used on the Sabbath -- have grown into a rowdy daily occurrence now that the yeshivot have recessed for the summer vacation.

## Complicating Factor in Situation

The situation is complicated by the fact that the demonstrations -- and particularly the weekly clashes between stone-throwing zealots and policemen on the Ramot Road -- are led by ultra-Orthodox figures who take no orders from Aguda. On the contrary, such men as Rabbi Uri Blau and Rabbi Moshe Hirsch, leaders of the Neturei Karta, brand Aguda as traitors. Their activities constitute a permanent pressure upon Aguda to step up its own anti-stadium activities.

Aguda's leader on the town council is Rabbi Shmuel Shaulson, but the party's undisputed power broker in the capital is Knesseter Menahem Porush. Porush warned last night that if Aguda's walkout indeed becomes final, the party will be "a-fighting opposition" doing its utmost to bring down Kollek.

Kollek himself has the direct support of 16 of the municipal council's 31 members. They are united in a broad-based grouping named One Jerusalem and ran in the 1977 elections essentially on a "Support Teddy" ticket. But Porush claimed that several of them are becoming disenchanted with the Mayor and so Kollek could lose his majority.

This would depend, of course, however, on a denial of support for Kollek by the Likud faction on the council. On the stadium issue, at least, Likud leader Yehoshua Matza is every bit as keen on building the facility in Shuafat as is the mayor, and thus it is difficult to see them splitting over this issue.

Nevertheless, impartial observers predict that the stadium may yet be moved from Shuafat to a southern Jerusalem site -- because of the Orthodox pressures at home and abroad, and because neither Kollek nor Likud really want a running collision with Jerusalem's large Orthodox community if the problem can be resolved satisfactorily in an alternative way.

## RABBIS CRITICIZE ISRAEL GOVERNMENT

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (JTA) -- The Israeli government came under fire from Orthodox rabbis today for its lack of action in removing some 40 Jewish children from Iran on missionary schools in Israel which they are presently attending. The Israeli Education Ministry acknowledged that the youngsters were attending missionary schools but said it was investigating the situation.

The Union of Orthodox Rabbis (UOR) said the situation is "enough to make any Jew who is proud of his or her heritage, religion and culture, sick to the core. The Israeli Parliament and the religious community (in Israel) seem to have their heads firmly planted in the Negev sands." The UOR called upon Premier Menachem Begin of Israel and the religious parties in the government "to take instant action to right this wrong. This isn't a mistake; it is a tragedy."

## VANCE REASSURES AVITAL SHCHARANSKY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14 (JTA) -- Secretary of State Cyrus Vance yesterday telephoned Avital Shcharansky, wife of Soviet Jewish Prisoner of Conscience Anatoly Shcharansky, at her home here to let her know that the United States is aware of her husband's deteriorating health. Vance reportedly told her that the American Embassy in Moscow has expressed concern to Soviet authorities. He promised Avital that as soon as the Soviet authorities respond, he would let her know.

## HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR RAPS CBS-TV FOR RED GRAVE CASTING

By Judith Rosen

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (JTA) -- Alex Dekel is enraged by the choice of Vanessa Redgrave to portray a concentration camp survivor in the CBS-TV movie based on Fania Fenelon's "Playing for Time." Dekel, a former inmate of Birkenau-Auschwitz where he first met Fenelon, was one of 400 children selected for experimentation by Josef Mengele.

Now a caseworker for HIAS and a freelance journalist, Dekel said, "We are faced with a situation of shocking irony. Vanessa Redgrave is selected to play the role of Fania in a CBS special movie! This is the same Vanessa Redgrave who has praised the people who are killing Jews today just as the Nazis did three decades ago."

### Open Letter To CBS, Miller

Dekel made this statement in an open letter to playwright Arthur Miller, who defended Redgrave's selection, and to Bernard Sofronski, CBS vice president of special programs for CBS Entertainment. He sent a copy of the letter to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. In his letter, where he noted that "My (concentration camp) number, B14844, remains tattooed on my forearm," Dekel wrote:

"Even as a child, I remember how my friends and I were touched by the tragic spectacle of the orchestra -- women with their heads shaved, faces drawn and sorrowful, dressed in the striped garb of an inmate. They were truly as Fania Fenelon herself has put it, playing for time, making music in the midst of mankind's greatest tragedy. They knew the destiny that awaited us all: the ever burning ovens. Yet, even in the horror of the death camp, they maintained their dignity and their integrity as artists."

Dekel continued: "How can she (Redgrave) bring compassion to the role when she herself has advocated the destruction of the State of Israel? Is this the memorial you wish to have to the women who died in the orchestra in Auschwitz? We, the few survivors, cry out against your cruel insensitivity."

### Right To Perform Is Not The Issue

Dekel, in his letter, also dismissed statements by Miller and Sofronski that Redgrave was suited for the role and that she was an outstanding actress. "We, the protesters, do not question Vanessa Redgrave's acting ability or her right to perform. No, please do not try to channel our complaints into spurious dead ends. What we profoundly question is the judgement of CBS and of you, Mr. Miller, to cast an avowed enemy of Israel in the role of a Jewish woman in Auschwitz."

Dekel, who maintains a friendship with Fenelon, has tried, without success, to reach the author at her apartment in Paris. He told the JTA that he is sure Fenelon would not remain silent on CBS' casting of Ms. Redgrave.

According to recent interviews in the French press, Fenelon said she, too, would prefer someone else "rather than Vanessa Redgrave" to play the title role in the CBS movie. Fenelon said she feels that Redgrave doesn't have the right personality to interpret the role, which she says is "part of the fight against racism and discrimination."

Fenelon, now 62 years old, said she her-

self favors a Palestinian homeland, but insisted that Redgrave's association with the Palestinian cause is "not the point." What is really needed for the role, Fenelon said, "is someone who knows what racism and discrimination are like."

### YEHOSHUA RABINOWITZ DEAD AT 67

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14 (JTA) -- Former Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz died today at the age of 67 at Hadassah Hospital here. Rabinowitz, who was also a former Mayor of Tel Aviv, suffered a heart attack Sunday at the funeral of David Horowitz, former Governor of the Bank of Israel.

Born in Poland on Nov. 13, 1911, he graduated from the Teachers Seminary in Vilna, and was principal of a Hebrew high school. Active in the Hechalutz movement in Poland, he made aliya in 1934. He was active in the Histadrut's cooperative movement and is credited with having been one of the founders of the Histadrut's Hamashbir Litzarchan supermarket chain.

Rabinowitz was elected to the Tel Aviv Municipal Council in 1956 and was mayor from 1969-73. He initiated many major building projects, such as the new central bus station, Dizengoff Center, the Lamad Plan Estate, all of which are just now being completed to give Tel Aviv the look of a modern, thriving metropolis.

After losing the mayoral election to Likud's Shlomo Lahat, he was appointed Minister of Housing by then Premier Golda Meir. When Yitzhak Rabin became Premier, Rabinowitz served as Finance Minister, succeeding his longtime friend and mentor Pinchas Sapir. As an opposition Labor Alignment MK in the current Knesset, Rabinowitz was strongly critical of the Likud government's economic policies, which he blamed for Israel's galloping inflation rate.

### ERNST CHAIN DEAD AT 73

LONDON, Aug. 14 (JTA) -- Ernst Boris Chain, the German-born biochemist who shared a Nobel Prize in 1945 for his work in isolating penicillin, died Sunday in Ireland at the age of 73, it was announced here by the University of London. The Jewish scientist who was educated in Berlin and earned his PhD in chemistry in 1930 left Germany in 1933 after Hitler came to power. Chain, who became a naturalized British citizen in 1939, did much of his research at Oxford University with Sir Howard Florey. They continued earlier research by Sir Alexander Fleming, and the three shared the Nobel Prize for physiology and medicine.

Chain, who received honorary degrees from Yeshiva University in New York in 1948 and its Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 1961, was an honorary fellow of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel.

Chain, who had been at the University of London's Imperial College of Science and Technology since 1963, was chairman of the World Health Organization after World War II. He was in Czechoslovakia to supervise penicillin development when Communists took power in 1946. Three years later, he was denied a visa to enter the United States, apparently because of his work in Czechoslovakia. He said later he worked there because he was more interested in health than politics.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Some 7000 soldiers who were born in Israel cannot read a Hebrew newspaper, the Defense Ministry reported in response to a question by Likud Knesseter Moshe Katzav. The Ministry said it had no way of telling just how many analphabets served in the army.