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SPECIAL ALERT FOLLOWING BOMBING: 31-YEAR-OLD RECENT OLEH WAS VICTIM

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Sept. 20 (JTA) -- Police and security forces were put on a special alert today to prevent a recurrence of last evening's terrorist bombing in downtown Jerusalem that claimed the life of one person and, by latest count, injured more than 50 people. The Palestine Liberation Organization claimed responsibility for the bombing.

Security sources said they had information that the terrorists planned a series of attacks on civilians, especially in Jerusalem, on the eve of the High Holidays. Additional police and soldiers were brought into the city to patrol the streets and take other security measures.

Meanwhile, police identified the victim of the bombing on the Ben Yehuda Street shopping mall during the evening rush hour yesterday as Kami Rofeh, a 31-year-old recent immigrant from Iran. His wife Edna and their four-year-old daughter were among the injured. Rofeh first immigrated to Israel 11 years ago but lived in Iran for the past four years. He returned here only two months ago.

As of this morning, 28 persons injured in the blast were still hospitalized, six of them in serious condition. One victim, identified as David Klein, was on the critical list. Security forces continued to search Arab villages around Jerusalem for the perpetrators and several suspects have been detained.

(In New York, United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim condemned the terrorist bombing. In a statement issued today by his spokesman, Waldheim said he deplored "such acts of violence which cause loss of life and suffering to innocent civilians.")

ARGENTINE SUPREME COURT RULES AGAINST HOUSE ARREST OF TIMEMAN

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (JTA) -- The Argentine Supreme Court ruled unanimously last night that the military junta cannot legally continue to hold under house arrest Jacobo Timeman, the former publisher and editor of La Opinion.

Jacobo Kovadloff, director of South American affairs for the American Jewish Committee, in reporting the decision, said there is hope now that Timeman, who has been confined to his apartment in Buenos Aires for more than a year, may be released. Kovadloff, an Argentinian and former head of the AJ Committee office in Buenos Aires, is a lifelong friend of the Argentine Jewish journalist.

Kovadloff said the Supreme Court acted on an appeal by Timeman's lawyer against the "executive authority" headed by President Jorge Rafael Videla. The government in turn said Timeman was not its prisoner but that of the junta, which comprises the heads of the army, air force and navy. The court ruled that the junta cannot hold a political prisoner without cause.

Timeman was seized in his home in April 1977 and kept in various prisons until a military tribunal declared in October, 1977 that they had no charges to hold him. The Supreme Court

decided in July 1978 that his arrest was illegal but he has been kept under house arrest in his apartment ever since.

Grim Human Rights Reality

(In Washington, meanwhile, a spokesman of the Council on Hemispheric Affairs said: "Of all the Argentinian political detainees, without question the case of Jacobo Timeman is proving most costly to the Argentine government in terms of its international reputation. Every day that Jacobo Timeman is held under house arrest the world is being further educated on the grim human rights reality and the specter of anti-Semitism that presently exists in Argentina."

(An observer in Washington said that the Argentine Supreme Court's decision will prove embarrassing to the Argentine government but it might also be a pretext arranged by the government to ease its way toward the release of Timeman. He noted, however, that under its national executive powers, the government is not under obligation to abide by the court's unanimous decision and can continue with impunity to hold Timeman.)

WEIZMAN DENIES HE COMMITTED ISRAEL TO GET U.S. CONSENT ON USING U.S. WEAPONS IN ANTI-TERRORIST RAIDS

Says Israel Will Continue To 'Compare Notes'
By Yitzhak Shaigil

TEL AVIV, Sept. 20 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Ezer Weizman flatly denied, on his return from Washington today, that he had committed Israel to getting United States consent before it undertakes retaliatory strikes against terrorist bases in south Lebanon, using American-made weapons. "No commitment was made by me at any time that Israel will consult with the Americans in connection with activities in south Lebanon," Weizman told reporters at Ben Gurion Airport.

He was referring to reports that he had given such an undertaking to members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee during an off-the-record meeting last Monday. "When speaking to the Congress committee I used the phrase 'compare notes,'" Weizman said, adding, "Israel and the U.S. have compared notes before and will do so in the future. But there was no Israeli commitment given to have an American consent for use of American weapons in south Lebanon. We shall do what we think ought to be done."

Weizman's remarks today were at variance with the version given reporters in Washington Tuesday by Rep. Paul Findley (R., Ill.), a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee who has been sharply critical of Israel's use of American-supplied weaponry in Lebanon.

According to Findley, the Israeli defense chief told him that "if Israel in the future should find it necessary to use U.S.-supplied military equipment in any preemptive strikes, it would first talk with the United States." Findley hailed that promise as "a significant and gratifying change in Israel's military policy."

Cannot Avoid Exchanging Views

Although Weizman stressed that "we need not have an American permission to act," he acknowledged that Israel cannot avoid exchanging

views with the U.S. "Since the Yom Kippur War until now, Israel has received from the U.S. arms worth \$8 billion. If anyone thinks that one can continue to get such quantities of arms and so much money for it and not exchange views with the Americans he simply does not understand what goes on in the world today. If anyone thinks we can do whatever we wish, there are some limitations. But if one thinks that the procedure should be 'you Americans will tell us what to do, this was never said.'

Weizman went to Washington a week ago to discuss, among other things, Israel's future military needs with top Pentagon and State Department officials. He said the U.S. is ready to supply most of Israel's requests but the problem is financial. He doubted that the U.S. would increase its grants to Israel. Before he left, Israel informed Washington that it would need \$3.4 billion to cover its deficits in the next fiscal year, nearly double the amount of current U.S. aid.

Nevertheless, Weizman seemed satisfied with the outcome of his talks in Washington. "We have agreed and signed documents for the purchase of certain arms systems," he said, "without elaborating. But he indicated that no agreement was reached on Israel's request for co-production rights for U.S. combat planes. "As for the planes, another Israeli team will shortly visit the U.S. to negotiate this issue," he said.

BEGIN'S ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 20 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin, addressing world Jewry "from this city, eternal Yerushalayim" on the eve of Rosh Hashanah, expressed hope for "a year of a general comprehensive peace, a year of aliya to the land of our forefathers, of progress toward a solution of our economic difficulties and first and foremost of housing for the needy families."

Begin observed that the signing of the peace treaty with Egypt, "which is being carried out in phases as stipulated in its various chapters," is a great event of historic importance. "It is a turning point in the annals of the Middle East achieved, undeniably, through great sacrifices," he said. Noting that the two countries were in a state of war for 31 years and that hostilities broke out between them five times since 1948, the Premier stated:

"Now, a momentous decision was made to terminate the state of war, to live in peace, to cooperate economically, to found common ventures, to exchange visits and promote tourism, to guarantee that the Suez Canal shall remain open to ships bearing the Israeli flag, to help each other. Thus it is that peace is becoming a living reality and there is hope that friendship will deepen not only between the representatives of the two countries but also between the Egyptian and Israeli peoples themselves who are coming to know each other more and more."

Begin also said that he "will register a truth that is obvious to the Jewish people and deserving of the support of every woman and man of goodwill everywhere: Jerusalem is the capital of Israel, an indivisible city with complete freedom of access to the holy shrines by members of all religions, guaranteed by law for all time."

NAVON'S ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 20 (JTA) -- President Yitzhak Navon, in a Rosh Hashanah message to world Jewry, said that the year 5740 "dawns upon a troubled world, disturbed in its economic

and political functioning. Not least stormy are the conditions in and about our homeland, Israel, and they require both our vigilance and our activity."

At the same time, he continued, "within the complex of Israel's present situation there is a new hope for the emergence of peace, and there are the constant factors of the defragmentation and creativity of our people in Israel and the attachment and aid of those outside."

Navon enumerated his hopes for 5740:

"... satisfactory development of the peace negotiations with Egypt and extension of their approach to other sectors of the Middle East; a greater measure of success in closing the social gap in Israel and effectively guiding its economy; emphasis in all communities on Jewish education and on the ties that bind us to each other and to our people's center in Israel; a vigorous and idealistic movement of olim to Israel; (and) the strength and wisdom to persevere in building a society and a culture that will truly revive the Jewish people, its heritage, and the land with which it is forever bound."

CONSERVATIVE LEADERS RAP JERUSALEM RABBIS FOR HIGH HOLY DAY STATEMENT

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (JTA) -- Leaders of American Conservative Judaism today attacked Jerusalem's two chief rabbis, Bezalel Zolti and Yosef Mashash, for forbidding participation in the High Holy Day services conducted by the Conservative movement. The two rabbis, in a statement Monday, said that any services held in the Conservative style would not be considered valid.

American Conservative leaders, in cables to Israel's Premier Menachem Begin, President Yitzhak Navon and other Israeli leaders, called the Jerusalem rabbis' statement a "distortion of Jewish law and tradition." By their distortion, "they seek to introduce a destructive devisiveness into Jewish life."

The Conservative leaders called upon the Israeli leaders, including Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren and Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, to condemn the Jerusalem rabbis "in the strongest possible terms and to call upon Jews to approach the New Year in the spirit of love and harmony and common purpose which benefits all."

The cables were signed by Dr. Gerson Cohen, chancellor, Jewish Theological Seminary of America; David Zucker, president, World Council of Synagogues; Simon Schwartz, president, United Synagogue of America; Saul Teplitz, president, Rabbinical Assembly; Samuel Berlin, president, National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs; and Goldie Kweller, president, Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

U.S. CONDEMNS BOMBING IN JERUSALEM

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (JTA) -- The United States today condemned the Palestine Liberation Organization for yesterday's bombing in Jerusalem and said the bombing "absolutely" made the peace process more difficult. "We deplore the terrorist incident" and "condemn those who perpetrated it," State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said. "Once again an act of violence has claimed human lives and inflicted suffering on innocent civilians. No political objective can justify such inhumanity. Coming as it did on the eve of the Jewish New Year makes the tragedy all the more poignant."

REMINDER: There will be no Bulletin dated Sept. 24 due to Rosh Hashanah. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency Board, management and staff wishes the Bulletin readers a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year.

KOLLEK TO MEET WITH JACKSON; BEGIN REFUSES TO MEET WITH BLACK LEADER

By Gil Sedar

JERUSALEM, Sept. 20 (JTA) -- Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem agreed today to meet the Rev. Jesse Jackson when he comes to Israel next week even though he finds Jackson's remarks about Israel "offensive." Premier Menachem Begin, however, has refused to receive the American Black leader who will be meeting with Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat during his visit to the Middle East.

Jackson, who heads "Operation PUSH," a Chicago-based group active for Black rights in America, was one of the most vociferous critics of Israel and the American Jewish community for their alleged role in the resignation of Andrew Young as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. In a cable to Jackson today, Kollek said: "I can assure you that Arab lip-service to the PLO is undoubtedly the result of fear of PLO terror. I take exception to your offensive remarks regarding the State of Israel and our Prime Minister. Nevertheless, I will welcome you to Jerusalem and you will have the opportunity to see for yourself the infrastructure of peace and tolerance."

Jackson, who was invited to the region by Arafat, also expects to meet with King Hussein of Jordan and is trying to arrange a meeting with President Anwar Sadat of Egypt. He claimed in a television interview last Sunday that he would try to moderate the PLO's position toward Israel. He has been sharply critical of Israel for refusing to talk to the PLO.

According to press reports, Begin decided not to meet Jackson because of the latter's public attacks on Israel in the U.S. The reports said Begin discussed the matter with his aides, a majority of whom advised against such a meeting. But one aide reportedly warned that a snub to Jackson could backfire against Israel.

Begin is also considered unlikely to meet with the 10-member Black American delegation headed by Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, that is presently visiting the Middle East. The group includes Walter Fauntroy, the District of Columbia Representative in Congress. Their visit grew out of the furor raised by Young's resignation.

U.S., DAYAN DIFFER ON ISRAEL'S DECISION TO ALLOW LAND PURCHASES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (JTA) -- The Carter Administration apparently backtracked today on a position President Carter and his principal aides took at the Camp David meetings last year with reference to Jews as individuals buying land on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said yesterday that at Camp David the Americans raised objections to Jewish settlements in those territories but none on individuals buying land. The U.S., Dayan said, found "nothing wrong with individuals" buying land but "now that we are doing it we hear it the other way around."

Before Dayan's remarks at a press conference here late yesterday, State Department spokesman Hadding Carter said the Israel Cabinet decision lifting the 12-year ban on individuals buying land, violated the "spirit" of the Camp David accords and raised difficulties in the peace process. Today, Carter said the understanding at Camp David was in the context of the Palestinians and Jordanians joining in the discussions.

"At Camp David," he said, "the three lead-

ers (President Carter, Premier Menachem Begin and President Anwar Sadat) agreed on a mechanism for establishing the final status of those territories. The mechanism was for going through negotiations which should include representatives of the Palestinians. Those negotiations have begun. We hope the Palestinians and Jordanians will join them. We hope the negotiations will lay out an agreed legal framework establishing new life in these territories -- for establishing how life in these territories, including land ownership, is to be run. We oppose unilateral actions which prejudice the outcome of these negotiations or which make the conduct of these negotiations more difficult."

Asked directly if Dayan had misrepresented the U.S. by his presentation that the U.S. had agreed to individuals buying land, Carter replied: "It does not matter in any case what may or may not have been expressed about a preferable outcome for the disposition of land. What was definitely envisaged was that the outcome would not be prejudged by individual actions but would be determined by joint actions in the negotiating process, including Israelis, Palestinians, Jordanians and Egyptians."

ISRAELI DIPLOMAT IS A WOMAN

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 20 (JTA) -- An Israeli woman diplomat has become Israel's new Ambassador to UNESCO, the first in five years to hold that rank. Yael Vered presented her credentials to UNESCO Director General Amadou-Mahtar M'bow this week at the UN agency's headquarters in Paris. She is a graduate of Hebrew University in Jerusalem with a bachelor's degree in psychology and botany, and a master's degree in Islamic studies.

As a member of Israel's Foreign Ministry, Mrs. Vered was deputy director of the West European division in 1967-68 and became director of the important Middle East and East Mediterranean division in 1969. She was a founder of a community youth center in Jerusalem in 1956 and the following year was a founding member of the "Khan" theater, which she served as a member of its board of directors.

SECOND SAMIZDAT PARTICIPANT ARRESTED

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (JTA) -- Dr. Tzilya Raiburd Mendzheritzky, a 54-year-old Moscow Jewish activist involved in the publication of the "samizdat" journal, "Jews in the USSR," was detained and then released by the KGB and told that a case was being prepared against her on a charge of "anti-Soviet activity and agitation," according to information received by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Mendzheritzky was taken to Dmitrov, a city about 40 miles north of Moscow, and released after three days of interrogations and ordered to return for further questioning. Conviction on a charge of "anti-Soviet activity and agitation" can bring a maximum sentence of seven years in prison and five years in exile.

This is the second recent action against a participant in the publication of the underground chronicle. Igor Guberman, 43, an editor of "Jews in the USSR," was arrested recently on what are believed to be trumped up charges of dealing in stolen religious icons. The arrest on Sept. 14 of Mendzheritzky followed a search of her apartment at the end of August in which a number of books and articles on Jewish culture and religion were confiscated. She was dismissed from the Institute of Geology where she had worked for 20 years soon after her daughters applied to emigrate.

SPECIAL INTERVIEW**COHEN SAYS IT IS 'FUNDAMENTALLY WRONG' TO PRESS ISRAEL ON THE PLO**

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (JTA) -- Before he saw the Holy Land, Maine's junior U.S. Senator, Republican William S. Cohen, was avidly pro-Israel in heart and mind. Now that he's been there, his conviction that the United States must stand firmly with Israel in the face of the developing diplomatic and propaganda storms against her is as rock-ribbed as his native state is generally described.

"I was always a strong supporter of Israel," Cohen said after his return from an eight-day visit to Israel. "My support is even stronger now. To consider Israel without seeing it is an abstraction. One cannot appreciate the conditions under which Israel and the Israelis exist, survive, and excel with pride and in peace."

"Heavy overtones of tension are evident wherever you go," he said in an interview in his Capitol office. "Israel lives under the hair-trigger of extinction." Then, noting that Israel is "vulnerable to attacks" within three to five minutes flying time, Cohen emphasized Israel's defense requirements, militarily and territorially. "The Golan Heights," he stressed at one point, "are of strategic importance to Israel's survival."

Speaking of the relationship of Palestinian Arabs and Israelis, Cohen observed "not all the Arabs by any stretch of the imagination are supporters of (Palestine Liberation Organization chief) Yasser Arafat. There are some Palestinians who want to live peacefully with Israelis. Within Israel, there are philosophical differences about the best approaches for a settlement but there is a genuine interest in accommodation."

With a statesman's vision of the diplomatic and propaganda offensive organized against Israel to legitimize the PLO, Cohen said: "It is fundamentally wrong for the United States or anyone else to insist or suggest Israel negotiate with the PLO without conditions. Some ask Israel to accept political promises in exchange for whatever marginal safety her land provides. I believe Israel waits a resolution of the issue but it is not sensible to have Israel negotiate with those calling for her extinction."

Cites Vulnerability Of Pre-1967 Boundaries

"The gathering of Jews from all over the world now living in Israel was not for the purpose of inviting another Holocaust," he continued. Pointing to the pro-PLO offensive within America and elsewhere, Cohen spoke out against allowing "the rhetoric to escalate into reality towards demanding Israel yield concessions to those who would destroy her. This is an absurd demand to be made on the Israelis and one not to be given any consideration. Israel as a state has the right to exist in peace and should not, and I hope would not, make any concessions about its land or return to the old borders."

Speaking of Israel's "vulnerability" within its pre-1967 boundaries, Cohen pointed out three million Israelis live in a "small space" surrounded by 100 million Arabs. "How quickly that territory can be engulfed in war," he said. "We must constantly remember the first war Israel loses will be the last one. And it is the only nation that has been attacked and won and then immediately called upon to make concessions."

"Our interests don't end at any border," he went on. "Our vital interests ought to be at-

tached to the deeply seated belief we support those countries with fundamental beliefs like ours. Our policy should not be adjusted on oil in pipelines. If we do, our future as a world power is not a bright one."

Cohen said he suggested while in Israel that the U.S. ought to move its Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. "I think Jerusalem is the capital of Israel. For all practical purposes, Tel Aviv is a great city but it is not the historic center of Israel."

Detests Shift In Policy

Cohen said he "detested" the "definite shift" by this Administration to a more pro-Palestinian position. "He mentioned specifically President Carter's remark equating the Palestinian Arab campaign to the civil rights movement in the U.S. and the effects of that on Black Americans. We should speak out against such comparison which is lacking in merit and substance. To equate the civil rights movement and Black Americans with the Palestinian Arabs led by the PLO is certainly a discredit to Martin Luther King, Jr. whose efforts for social change was through non-violent action."

Speaking of Israel and other democracies, Cohen asked rhetorically: "Do we adjust our ethics to what is expedient at the time? Our constituents say America must look at our interests first. That's true. But these have to be defined. Having a strong Israel as an ally is in our national interest. Israel is a strategic necessity to the U.S."

"Too many people see Israel as a burden rather than a strategically in a volatile region which has obvious economic importance to us. The notion that Israel is a burden is perpetrated by daily news accounts of so-called Israeli intransigence, inflexibility, pursuit of policies inconsistent with peace -- or intransigence -- that will lead to disruption of oil supplies. The cumulative effect is that Israel is becoming a burden to the U.S."

He stressed that America must redefine for what it stands. "What are our interests? Shifting temporary alliances or ones of long-standing? Do we view democracies throughout the world as our friends or only our immediate economic interests? If we sacrifice our ideological precepts on the altar of short-term economic interests we would inflict a wound on our national soul and statehood from which we would not recover."

Cohen, the son of a Jewish father, a baker in Bangor, Maine, and an Irish Protestant mother, is a member of the Unitarian-Universalist Church. Now only 39 years old; with a wealth of political experience as Mayor in Bangor where he was born, and three terms as a member of Congress, Cohen is a lawyer by profession and a poet by avocation. He speaks with directness and assesses circumstances in specific terms. Educated in Maine and steeped in New England traditions, Cohen demonstrates a breadth of understanding that would indicate a long political career for him.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- A Jewish Agency survey committee which recently recommended to the Agency Executive that the program for developing Jewish education in Latin America for the next three years be continued, received a report Tuesday on what had been accomplished in the last four years. Haim Zohar, secretary general of the World Zionist Organization, who served as committee chairman, said the Jewish Agency spent some \$6 million for the program during the last four years. The program's aim is to deepen Jewish-Zionist education in Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Chile, and to develop new study programs and improve the educational standards by training teachers.