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## TIMERMAN ARRIVES IN ISRAEL

By Yitzhak Shargil

**BEN GURION AIRPORT, Sept. 27 (JTA).**—

Jacobo Timerman, former editor and publisher of the Buenos Aires daily, *La Opinion*, arrived here today 48 hours after the Argentine regime had released him after 29 months of prison and house arrest. He was immediately made a citizen and given an Israeli identity card and a new immigrant's card.

"I am proud to be a Jew," Timerman said. He said the great change in Jewish life now is that "Israel is the homeland of the Jews. It is important for me to show to the world that a Jew who was deported from a certain country in the world does not have to become a refugee any more. Forty-eight hours after I was expelled from Argentina I have received my Israeli citizenship and I feel at home."

Timerman was taken from his Buenos Aires apartment, where he had been under house arrest Monday night and put on board a flight for Rome with a visa to Israel. Timerman, who had been ordered released by the Argentine Supreme Court, was also stripped of his Argentine citizenship.

Timerman was met at the airport by a large group of relatives, including his wife Rische and a son, Javier, friends from Argentina, representatives of the Israel Journalists Association, the World Federation of Jewish Journalists, the Association of Latin Americans in Israel, Jewish Agency and Ministry of Absorption officials.

Looking tired but happy, Timerman refused to discuss the situation of Jews in Argentina or the Argentine situation in general. He told reporters that until he was on a plane he did not know he had been released. He said when he was taken from his apartment he thought he was about to be put in a prison again.

Timerman said that his immediate plan is to rest after his long ordeal in Argentina. He thanked the Israeli government, the Carter Administration and members of Congress, as well as Jewish international organizations that exerted every possible effort to have him released.

## QADDAFI CHARGED WITH FINANCING DISTRIBUTION OF ANTI-SEMITIC MATERIAL IN FRANCE AND WEST EUROPE

**PARIS, Sept. 27 (JTA).**— Jean-Pierre Bloch, president of the International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism (LICRA) charged here today that Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi is financing the distribution of virulent anti-Semitic material in France and throughout Europe by a cult known as the "Family of God."

Bloch said that LICRA has already lodged complaints against the cult in courts in Paris and in Grenoble where anti-Semitic cartoons and leaflets have been appearing since last month. "The 'Family of God' group and its branch, 'Family of Love,' is being financed by Qaddafi. He has financed such sects with millions of francs. U.S. and British intelligence services demonstrated long ago that Qaddafi was manipulating such type of sect," Bloch noted.

He said that LICRA's complaint is based on a law that bans the publication of material calculated to incite racial hatred. "We have lodged a

complaint in Grenoble and in Paris against the authors of these leaflets. We lodged a complaint for a similar reason last May but what I cannot understand is that our action led nowhere even though three young people were arrested red-handed, circulating the leaflets," Bloch said.

He said a leaflet seized in Grenoble a few days ago contained an ugly caricature of a Jew reminiscent of Nazi leaflets during World War II alleging that Jews want to dominate the world. It denounced President Carter as "nothing less than a Christian sold to Jews." The leaflet charged that "the Jews have convinced their enemies, the Christians, to fight against Hitler and now they want to persuade them to fight against the Arabs. This time they will get a beating. God will let the Russians and Arabs win."

## CARTER CALLS FOR JEWISH-BLACK UNITY

By Joseph Polakoff

**WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (JTA).**— President Carter called last night for unity between American Blacks and Jews to help bring peace in the Middle East. Speaking extemporaneously at a Democratic Party fund-raising dinner here, he referred to the "historic progress toward peace" in the Mideast and declared:

"It is imperative that all of us, in these days especially, American Jews and American Blacks must unite in securing peace and justice in this historically troubled land. This is no time for division. It is no time for criticism. It is a time for searching together for a common ground."

In another development, the Washington chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the American Jewish Committee issued a joint statement that denounced racial and religious bigotry and urged the re-focussing of concern on unemployment and other local and national problems.

"Even though the problems of the Middle East are real and will ultimately affect us all, the basis for peace anywhere must be here in our community," the statement said. It added: "We are committed to support the existence of the State of Israel within secure and defensible borders. We also believe in the existence of a homeland for the Palestinian Arabs outside the borders of Israel."

## DAYAN CALLS ON ARAB STATES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF PALESTINIAN ARABS ON WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP TO JOIN THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

By Yitzhak Rabi

**UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 27 (JTA).**— Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan called today on Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and "the representatives of the Palestinian Arabs residing in Judea, Samaria and Gaza" to join in the current peace negotiations between Israel and Egypt "in order to achieve the noble goal of a real and durable comprehensive peace in our area."

In his speech, prepared for delivery at the 34th session of the United Nations General Assembly late this afternoon, Dayan noted that the Camp David accords provide for Palestinian Arabs residing on the West Bank and Gaza Strip to be included in the peace talks.

But he reiterated Israel's unequivocal position of no negotiations with the Palestine Liberation

Organization, Dayan said that from June 1967 until the present, "over 600 people have been murdered and 3300 others have been wounded in Israel by the PLO. It has also terrorized and intimidated Arabs prepared to negotiate with Israel, killing more than 350 Arabs and injuring about 2000 others."

Referring to the autonomy plan for the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Dayan noted that "the option of creating a third state between Israel and Jordan is not considered by the Camp David accords." He said the objective of the current autonomy negotiations is the provision of full autonomy for the Palestinians in those regions.

"The Israeli military government and its civilian administration will be withdrawn as soon as a self-governing authority has been freely elected by the inhabitants," Dayan said. "This framework also specifies measures that will be taken to assure the security of Israel and its neighbors."

#### Issue Of Jerusalem

With respect to the controversial issue of Jerusalem, described by Dayan as "the eternal capital of Israel and the Jewish people," the Foreign Minister stressed that "Jerusalem cannot be divided again by barbed wire and there can be no return to the repeated shooting at our civilians and the barbaric desecration of the Jewish quarter of the city, the Holy Place and cemeteries as happened before 1967."

Dayan recalled Jordan's ban on Jews visiting the holy places in Jerusalem before 1967 and noted in contrast, Israel's policy of free access to all holy places for all religions.

#### Self-Defense Against The PLO.

Dayan referred in his speech to the situation in Lebanon, to the UN role in implementing the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty and to the fate of Soviet and Syrian Jewry. In south Lebanon, he said, "Israel was compelled to act against the PLO" in a clear act of self-defense. "He charged that PLO terrorist groups are still functioning all over Lebanon and in quite a large number of cases inside the (United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon) UNIFIL area."

He said that in that area which was free from the terrorist presence at the time of Israel's withdrawal, "there are now about 700 PLO terrorists who are acting murderously through UNIFIL lines against the population of Israel." He blamed the UN force for reconciling itself in many cases to the presence and activities of PLO terrorists.

Dayan was critical of the UN role in implementing the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty. "Although our assumption and hope that the UN would assist in the implementation of the peace treaty were disappointed, we will proceed on the path of peace," he said. "The attitude of the UN will not damage the peace process -- but it will, no doubt, lower the prestige and even the moral status of the UN," Dayan said.

Dayan charged that there has been only "little improvement" in the situation of Soviet Jews seeking to emigrate and that a large number of Jews is still denied exit visas. He also expressed concern over the growing anti-Jewish propaganda campaign in the official Soviet media. Dayan appealed to the Syrian government to stop violating the human rights of its Jewish citizens and permit them to leave to reunite with their relatives. The Israeli Foreign Minister is expected to return to Israel late tonight.

#### AUTONOMY DELEGATION RETURNS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27 (JTA) -- The Israeli

delegation to the autonomy talks in Alexandria returned this evening to Israel, saying the second day of the talks today was much better than the first one. The first day was marked by bitter clashes between the Israeli and Egyptian delegations over the Israel Cabinet decision to allow Israeli private citizens to purchase land in the occupied territories.

Progress, however, was reportedly made on the issue of elections for the autonomy administrative council. The Israelis and the Egyptians were reportedly approaching an agreement on a system of elections which would allow candidates to run on a single ticket in their respective regions, thus avoiding any political lists.

Thus, the talks today were held in a better atmosphere, with Israel's Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir working out a generally phrased concluding statement which actually repeated elements already agreed on in the Camp David accords.

The parties agreed to work together toward achieving three goals: full autonomy; autonomy for the residents of the territories (Israel insisted on stressing this element, because of her line that the proposed autonomy applies to the citizens, not the territory); stressing in the future in speaking of self-government it will mean the administrative council. A joint communique published today at a joint press conference of the two delegations in Alexandria said "positive progress" was made in the talks. Observers in Jerusalem saw the Alexandria talks as yet another contribution to keep the peace momentum going, although no real breakthrough on autonomy is in sight. (By Gil Sedan)

#### ISRAELIS AND PLO LEADERS AT A TWO-DAY CONFERENCE

By Lisa Palmieri-Billig

ROME, Sept. 27 (JTA) -- A two-day international conference on the Palestinian problem that wound up here yesterday served as the setting for a dialogue of sorts between ranking representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization and a six-member Israeli delegation with no official status.

The conference, sponsored by the Italian Committee for Solidarity with the Palestinian People, which comprised left-wing Christian Democrats, Socialists and Communists, was attended as well by representatives from 12 West European countries; Soviet block countries; the United States; and two Arab rejectionist states, Libya and Iraq. The two Arab delegations left on the first day of the conclave over what they perceived to be a "moderate" tone on the part of the PLO representatives. However, the Libyan delegate returned yesterday to deliver stinging denunciations of Israel.

The European countries represented were France, West Germany, Great Britain, Spain, Italy, Belgium, Portugal, Malta, Greece, Turkey, Ireland and France. The U.S. representatives called themselves the "Afro-Indo-Puerto Rican-IndoHispanic" delegation. They condemned "anti-Semitism, fascism, racism and Zionism" and claimed that they were building a pro-PLO lobby in the U.S.

Most observers agreed that the line taken by the PLO in speeches and at press conferences made it appear that they were softening the official position embodied in the PLO's covenant which calls for the replacement of Israel with a "democratic-secular" Palestinian state, and indicated a willingness to recognize Israel and co-exist with it on a reciprocal basis.

#### Trying To Create PR Image

But while the PLO statements did not appear entirely devoid of sincerity, observers noted, the consensus of the observers was that the PLO was

trying hard to create a favorable public relations image in the West European nations which have not yet given it official recognition but may soon do so, for example, Italy.

The PLO delegation was to have been headed by Farouk Kaddoumi, its head of foreign information. He was replaced, however, by Ahmad Sedki-Dajani who had accompanied Arafat on his visits to Vienna and Madrid. The others were Nemer Hamad, the PLO representative in Rome; Maged Abu Sharar, secretary of El Fatah and the head of the PLO department of information; and Ibrahim Ayad, a PLO executive member who was expelled from Jerusalem.

The Israelis present were Knesset members Uri Avneri of Sheli and Tewfik Toubi of Rakah; Gafni Amron, former director-general of the Finance Ministry; Izvi Lamm and Daniel Amit, professors of pedagogy and physics, respectively, at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem; and Amnon Kapeliuk, a journalist. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, former president of the World Jewish Congress, who had been expected to attend the conference, was not present. He sent a telegram stating that "Peace, which must be total, can only be based on mutual recognition of Arabs and Israelis including the right of self-determination of Palestinians."

#### PLO Speech Generally Mild

Dajani's speech, though it contained some virulent accusations against Israel, was generally milder in tone than the speeches of many PLO Palestinian delegates that preceded it. "We don't want the destruction of any state. We have expressed our readiness to live with all Jews in peace with Israel," he said. He stated that "If a Palestinian state is set up on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, all other outstanding questions will be solved peacefully."

Observers noted that this was the first time a ranking PLO member publicly expressed willingness to accept the 1967 boundaries and repeatedly referred to Israel by name, implying recognition of its existence. The return of Palestinian refugees was not mentioned.

While the English translator of Dajani's remarks had him referring to a Palestinian state in "part of Palestine," the French and Italian translations spoke of "liberated" Palestine. It was clearly apparent that some of the European supporters of the Palestinian cause took a far more extreme position vis-a-vis Israel at this conference than the PLO spokesmen.

Avneri spoke in favor of Palestinian and Israeli states existing side-by-side with their capitals in East and West Jerusalem, respectively. He called for a six-month cessation of violence on both sides and observed pointedly, "You must realize that women and children killed by a bomb in Jerusalem are no less than women and children killed in a (refugee) camp in southern Lebanon." Toubi, however, delivered a rabidly anti-Israel speech with no counter-balancing condemnation of Palestinian terrorism.

At a press conference yesterday, Hamad insisted that peace must be built on equality and that Israel must take the first step by granting the Palestinians their right to self-determination. He contended that even without a formal recognition of the PLO, everything else could be dealt with at the table.

As reporters began to leave, Hamad turned to some of them and said smilingly, "And don't refer to us as terrorists when you write your articles." When one reporter asked, "But when a

bomb explodes on a Jerusalem street, who shall we say is responsible?" Hamad replied: "The PLO." He also rejected, in response to a reporter's question, Avneri's proposal for a six-month cessation of violence.

#### HOLOCAUST COMMISSION PRESENTS ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO CARTER

By Joseph Palakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (JTA) -- In solemn presentation ceremonies in the Rose Garden of the White House today, President Carter received the recommendations of his Commission on the Holocaust to commemorate the victims of the Nazis and pledged his personal efforts to help keep the civilized world forever aware of it.

The President noted that the 84-page report comes at an "appropriate time, in the period before Yom Kippur" and declared: "So I will consider and respond personally to this commission and the people of our nation with my personal prayer that the meaning of this Holocaust shall be transformed into a reaffirmation of life."

The commission, headed by author Elie Wiesel, recommended the establishment of a museum in Washington, continuing education programs and annual days of remembrance for the six million Jews and five million non-Jews who perished in the Holocaust. Virtually all of the 34 members of the commission and the 27 members of its advisory group attended the ceremonies.

Wiesel took note of the current threats to the Jewish people and those made by the Nazis 10 years before the Holocaust began. "Words must be taken seriously," he said. "We must take seriously all those who threaten the Jewish people today. Jerusalem symbolizes our most fervent hope." He noted that "10,000 human beings were being murdered and burned every day" in the death camps close to urban centers during the Holocaust. "How was that possible?" he asked. "We don't know the answer. The commission believes we must seek an answer," he said.

Carter, in his response, said that those who perished in the Holocaust were "victims of the most unspeakable crimes in all history." He said that all civilized people must see to it that "never again will the world stand silent or look the other way" at the "terrible crime of genocide."

#### LATE BULLETIN: BOMB BLAST INJURES SIX PERSONS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 27 (JTA) -- Six persons were injured today when a bomb exploded on Allenby Road, the main thoroughfare in the center of the city. The area was cordoned off and the injured were taken to Hadassah Hospital just around the corner from the scene of the explosion. Three of the injured were released after being treated. The explosion at 6:45 p.m. took place a short distance from the open air Camel market where a bomb exploded earlier in the day. There were no injuries in that incident because the market, usually crowded with shoppers, was relatively deserted due to a heat wave.

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- Jean-Paul Sartre was immersed in existential activity -- and in the Gulf of Eilat this week. The renowned French philosopher and his daughter arrived in Israel on the eve of Rosh Hashanah on a private visit and immediately proceeded to the warm climes of Israel's southern city, to dip in the gulf waters and to contemplate the sand and the sun -- just being and nothing else.

## YEAR IN REVIEW STORM CLOUDS HOVERING IN 5740

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (JTA) -- World Jewry and Israel entered the year 5739 with the exhilaration of the Camp David accords. They paused in mid-year to celebrate the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty that enabled Israel for the first time to be at peace with an Arab neighbor. But as 5740 begins, the storm clouds blown by the vast and intensive pro-Arab diplomatic and propaganda offensives have returned dark as ever with deep uncertainty over what may come from them in the new year.

Among the questions are: Will the European nations extend their blankets of legitimacy on the Palestine Liberation Organization as first Austria in July and then Spain this month have done with their leading political personalities welcoming PLO chief Yasser Arafat as a "statesman?"

Will the United Nations General Assembly or the Security Council or both adopt measures demanding Israel meet the PLO on equal terms without preconditions, and will Washington, despite its strains with Jerusalem, remain steadfast to the commitments made by Presidents Nixon, Ford and Carter not to deal with the terrorists until they do meet the stipulated conditions?

Will the pro-PLO propaganda, supplementing the diplomatic offensive, create greater shifting of Americans -- and the Carter Administration -- from pro-Israel positions to indifference or neutrality or even into the pro-PLO camp despite the PLO record vowing Israel's destruction?

Will the U.S. Congress continue to vote funds adequate to maintain Israel's military and economic strength to defend herself against the continuing danger of onslaught from Arab governments although Egypt has pledged never to go to war against Israel again?

And what about Soviet, Syrian and Iranian Jewry? Soviet emigration has been the highest on record in the past year -- close to 50,000. But meanwhile, manifestations of anti-Semitism in the various Soviet propaganda forums have become more violent than any time since the Stalin period. On Jewry abroad, the U.S. has been strongly supportive, but whether the five-year-old Jackson-Vanik amendment tying U.S. credits to Soviet policy will be allowed to stand unscathed is another uncertainty.

The prescription for the new year's dangers as in other crises faced by Israel and Jewry is unchanged. Simply put by a Washington counselor, it is -- organize, remain steadfast, respond to attacks with the facts, don't permit divisions to weaken the solidarity of the Jewish communities with Israel. "Our enemies want to divide and isolate us," he said. "By standing together, this will not happen."

### Some Immediate Problems

Weakening of support for Israel in Europe is among the immediate problems. West Germany is the focal point. Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan's recent visit to Bonn apparently did not bring about any mitigation of West Germany's "even-handed" position, a departure from the historically based special relationship Germany had with Israel.

Israelis are increasingly suspicious of Bonn's motives in the Middle East following Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher's trips to the Arab countries and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's conclusions in favor of good relations with the Arabs, including Syria, Iraq and Libya.

Genscher shared the European Economic Community's criticism of Israel's policy on settlements and now "German visitors seem" to be "almost falling over one another in their haste to call on PLO leader Yasser Arafat," it was recently reported by the German Tribune, the official review of Germany's media.

The suspicion has been openly stated here that the U.S. encouraged, or at least did not discourage, the reception for Arafat in Vienna in July by Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and Socialist International leader Willy Brandt. Some said that Brandt never would have taken part had he not had Schmidt's support and Schmidt would not have done it without President Carter's acquiescence in some way.

At the UN, the PLO is now said to be considering a "pincers" strategy with its blackmailed "friends" supporting the terrorists in the Security Council and the General Assembly for resolutions designed to put the PLO into the peace process without preconditions. Since the attempt to develop a U.S.-PLO dialogue failed in August by the stand of Egypt and Israel against the U.S.-proposed resolution to modify Security Council Resolution 242, the debate was left without a decision.

The Soviet-Arab bloc thus can renew its work there to force the U.S. into accepting change of its commitment to Israel on dealing with the PLO. If that again should fail in the Council, the bloc can move into the General Assembly for a two-thirds vote that has much of the force of a Security Council action to nudge the U.S. into acceptance.

### Congress Faced With Dilemma

Meanwhile, Congress is faced with a dilemma -- torn by traditional sympathy for Israel and faced with domestic economic problems. In these circumstances, Congress may go along with the Administration's reported plan of not increasing aid to Israel in the new fiscal year. Israel's outlined requirements in dollar aid have increased from \$1.785 billion to \$3.45 billion, because of inflation and rising costs of oil and weapons.

How Egypt, which is looking for an additional \$5 -- \$10 billion over the next three years, will fare also is uncertain but the Administration is eager to please President Anwar Sadat. The possibility exists that to compensate Israel, the U.S. may grant some co-production opportunities for Israel to manufacture the F-18 warplane. This would help her aircraft and electronic industries and reduce arms costs.

On the propaganda front, Israel and world Jewry face long battles. The attacks ignore Israel's democracy and her strategic value to the U.S. To lower Israel's prestige among Americans, the attacks craftily center on "intransigence" because Israel won't deal with the PLO, built settlements on the West Bank and Gaza Strip even though their legality is stronger on Israel's side than Washington's, and used American weapons in subduing PLO terrorists in south Lebanon although the strikes at the terrorists are in defense against infiltration.

Media reports and commentaries are heavily laden with emphasis on casualties and destruction in Lebanon without remembering the bombs placed in Israel that force the Israeli operations in Lebanon.

Thus, the new year is fraught with diplomatic, economic and military difficulties. The results may well depend on the logic and realism of Americans and Europeans -- and perhaps the Chinese -- that catering to the PLO only strengthens the Soviet Union in the Middle East and threatens the interests of those very oil-producing countries by the PLO's continuing blackmail of terror and sabotage of their petroleum output.