BURG REBUFFED FOR SAYING THAT
ISRAEL MIGHT TALK TO THE PLO.
By David Landau.

JERUSALEM, Nov. 4 (JTA) — Interior
Minister Yosef Burg was sharply counseled by
some of his Cabinet colleagues today for having
hinted in a recent public statement, that some
time, maybe someday, under certain circumstances,
talk to the Palestine Liberation Organization if
the latter abandoned its covenant aimed at
Israel’s destruction and desisted from terrorist
activities.

In what was seen as a direct rebuke to
Burg, who heads the Israeli negotiating team in
the autonomy talks with Egypt, the Cabinet re-
affirmed yesterday Israel’s longstanding policy that
it will never negotiate with the PLO under any
circumstances.

Burg, a leader of the National Religious
Party, received what he himself described to re-
porters as a “cold shower” at today’s Cabinet
session. He was taken to task for remarks he made
during the 10 days, first in London where he
attended a meeting on Palestinian autonomy with
Egyptian Foreign Minister Nabih Makram, then in
U.S. special ambassador to the Middle East
Robert Strauss, and later to reporters when he landed at Ben Gurion Airport last week.

He said in London if the PLO were to
change sections of its “Palestine covenant”
and refrain from terrorism “for two or three years,” “that change would require a change on our part.” He was more explicit at the airport, saying outright that in the event of such changes, “Israel would
consider negotiating with the PLO.”

Foreign Minister David Levy of Haaretz, expressed the re-
actions of a number of other ministers to what
they considered Burg’s departure from Israel’s declared
policy.

“TAs leader of Israel’s negotiating team, Dr.
Burg cannot say things which are contrary to the
declared government policy,” Levy said. “I am
happy that the Cabinet today reiterated its posi-
tion that there can be no negotiations with the
PLO and happy too that Premier (Menacheh)
Begin made the same point in his summation of
the Cabinet discussion.

Dealt With Theoretical Situation

Burg, who is 70 and a veteran of many po-
itical battles, seemed pensive but unchastened by
the upbraiding he received from his colleagues.
People who know him well, however, say that
Burg has been making political capital for himself. “He said,” one said. He added, however, “It doesn’t matter. Cabinet
policy is clear.” Asked if he thought his state-
ments contravened Cabinet policy, Burg observed that he had been dealing with a "theoretical situation" while Cabinet policy dealt with "the here and now.

Political observers recalled that in the
first days of the autonomy talks in Malta last April, Burg hinted that he would "never’ from a paragraph on the PLO in his opening statement. The prepared text stated that "Israel will never negotiate" with the PLO. Burg, in his delivery, substituted "not" for "never." The U.S. delega-
tion, headed by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, took note of that amendment and brought it to the
attention of the White House.

JEWISH LEADER DEMANDS RESIGNATION
OF MAYOR WHO WAS A FORMER NAZI

BONN, Nov. 4 (JTA) — The resignation of
a West German mayor accused of helping to send
thousands of French Jews to the gas chambers has been demanded by West Berlin Jewish leader Peter
Gelinsky. He said it is extraordinary that Ernst
Heinrichshohn can remain as mayor of the northern
Bavarian town of Regensburg while being charged
with helping the deportation of 73,000 French
Jews and Communists to concentration camps, where
many of them died in gas chambers.

Heinrichshohn, 59, who worked in the Jewish
affairs section in Paris during World War II, is on trial in Cologne along with former Paris SS-chief
Kurt Lischka, 79, and Herbert Martin Hagen, 66.

Heinrichshohn recently told the Bavarian Court of
Jewish being deported from Paris were going to
work camps and did not know their fate until they
saw films and photographs after the war. "I only
carried out my orders," he told the court last
Friday when questioned about the deportation
orders he signed. "I never acted on my own re-
sponsibility.

Meanwhile, residents of the 3,500-popula-
tion town which re-elected him mayor by an 84
percent vote last year told German television that
they stood behind Heinrichshohn.

ARAFAF OFFICIALLY WELCOMED IN
LISBON IN WHAT AMOUNTS TO A
DE FACTO RECOGNITION OF THE PLO

By Edwin Eyman.

LISBON, Nov. 4 (JTA) — Palestine Libera-
tion Organization leader Yasir Arafat met last
Friday with Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Ramalho
Eanes, practically winning recognition for his
organization. Arafat arrived in Lisbon early Friday
goming to open the five-day international “So-
darity Conference with the Arab Nations” that
night.

The PLO leader was met at the airport by
Foreign Minister Carlos Freitas Cruz, who later
gave an official banquet in his honor. Freitas
Cruz, in his toast, called for “the recognition of
the martyred Palestinian people to a homeland.”
Arafat was also received by Portuguese Prime
Minister Mario de Lourdes Pintasilgo for a one-
hour-long audience at her official residence.

The official welcome accorded to a de
facto Palestinian recognition of the PLO and
diplomatic sources here believe that Arafat’s visit
will conclude with the creation of a PLO-diplom-
ic representation in Lisbon. It would be the
second such mission in a NATO country — the
first was set up last month in Turkey.

Portugal’s Jewish community has protested to the Prime
Minister and the President against holding the
conference in Lisbon and Arafat’s visit.

Meets With Socialist, Communist Leaders.

Arafat also met Friday morning at his hotel
with the leaders of the Portuguese Socialist and
Communist parties. Socialist leader Mario Soares was the first caller. He said he had come to "pay his respects" and "to recall the Portuguese Socialist Party's traditional friendship for the Palestinian people and its cause." Two days earlier, Soares warmly embraced Israel's Labor Party leader Shimon Peres, who attended the Socialist International meeting in Lisbon, stressing his "devotion" to Israel and its existence.

The Palestinian solidarity conference opened in the presence of over 600 official delegates from over 60 countries, some of them from old organizations. The conference expressed solidarity with both the Arab nations and their people and "Palestine."

Libya, which is reportedly funding the huge port of its own budget, also set down the law: it banned an invitation to Israel's Communist Party (Rakah) and also refused to grant accreditation to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent in Lisbon. Palestinian circles were openly unhappy with these decisions, but "the matter is not in our hands." The PLO traditionally claims it is not anti-Jewish, only anti-Israel.

Prominent Socialists Attending

Though most West European Socialist parties are not attending the Lisbon conference, prominent Socialists from these countries are participating in "individual capacities." Several French and West German Socialists arrived in Lisbon at least to address the conference.

The Lisbon conference is to cry from previous similar meetings, both in its size and in the number of attending delegates and their personal importance. The lobby of the hotel where the conference is taking place and where most delegates are staying looks like a mini-United Nations of the time of the General Assembly, Arab diplomats, Buddhist monks, West European intellectuals and East European representatives rub shoulders with Arab sheiks and Vietnamese officials.

WEIZMANN TO CAIRO TO SEEK ACCORD ON PRICE OF OIL TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 4 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Ezer Weizman left for Cairo today in an effort to reach an agreement with Egypt on the price of the Siniq oil Egypt will sell Israel after the oilfields are turned over to the Egyptians this month. Weizman was scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Mustapha Khalid and the Defense Minister Kamal Hassan, Ali today and President Anwar Sadat tomorrow.

The price is the only point to be settled in the sale of the oil. Egypt has already agreed to sell Israel two million barrels a year.

Premier Menachem Begin decided to send Weizman to Egypt to discuss the oil issue rather than Energy Minister Yitzhak Modai because the Defense Minister had already begun talks with Sadat and Khalid during his visit to Cairo 10 days ago. Weizman was accompanied by Gen. Abraham Tamir, head of planning, and Lt. Col. Ilan Teliha, his secretary.

GOVERNMENT BILL WOULD ENABLE PREMIER TO APPOINT TWO DEPUTY PREMIERS

By David Landa and Gili Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 4 (JTA) -- The government will submit to the Knesset tomorrow a bill enabling a Prime Minister to appoint two deputies, instead of just one. The bill was drafted at today's cabinet meeting.

It will facilitate the minor "reshuffle" that Prime Minister Menachem Begin intends to implement this week by arresting him to name Finance Minister Simcha Erlich as his second Deputy Premier, alongside Yigael Yadin, the Democratic Movement leader. This, in turn, will fill the Finance Minister slot for Yigael Hurwitz. The other element in the package is the appointment of Labor Party Minister-Without-Portfolio Moshe Nissim as Minister of Information.

The bill, an amendment to the Basic Law, as originally drafted by the Attorney General's office and submitted to the Cabinet, would have enabled Begin to appoint "Deputy Premiers" without a separate vote. But Education Minister Ze'evi in Hammer of the National Religious Party balked at this, arguing that it would be better to restrict the number to two, and the Cabinet accepted this view.

Opposition to Information Ministry

Meanwhile opposition is developing to establishing a Ministry of Information. The main source of opposition was the fear by various government agencies of the Ministry - that they would have to give up functions which are within their responsibility.

Foremost among the opponents were Hammer and the director general of the Foreign Ministry, Yosef Ciechanover. Hammer opposed giving up his responsibility for the Information Center which deals with information inside the country. Ciechanover, for his part, opposed removing his office from information functions overseas.

In an effort to smooth out the differences, the Cabinet has decided today to establish a committee, whose function was defined as "to outline the operation of the Ministry of Information, the committee met shortly after the Cabinet session, only to find out that its members had different views on the purpose of the new ministry.

Final Reshuffle Due Tuesday

The new committee is headed by Eshbit, its members are Absorption and Housing Minister David Levy, Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir, Hammer, Nissim and Ciechanover. According to the initial plan, the new ministry was to include the Government Press Office, the Information Center at the Education Ministry, and the Information Division at the Foreign Ministry.

But Hammer was quick to announce his opposition to giving up the internal information center, while Ciechanover opposed giving up overseas information. Ciechanover argued that former Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan had earlier agreed with the Prime Minister that way of establishing an information authority. The first thing, he said, that the new authority would conduct overseas information activities, but would not interfere.

Thus, by late today it seemed as if the committee, established in order to make work easy for the cabinet, would have no choice but return the bill to the cabinet plenary - which is scheduled to meet Tuesday for a final and formal decision on the current reshuffle.

LEVY, DETERMINED TO SPEED UP

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR OXLM, ISRAELIS

By Morrice Samuelson

LONDON, Nov. 4 (JTA) -- David Levy, Israel's Absorption and Housing Minister, gave notice here that he is determined to introduce
more efficient foreign building methods into Israel in order to speed up new accommodations for immigrants and Israeli citizens. Levy said that one of the foreign property developers [who were] interested in introducing new building methods into Israel was Leon Tammam, Treasurer of the World Sephardic Federation.

Addressing a reception at the Hanukkah party's London headquarters last week, Levy said the new methods would boost the already improving rate of building homes in Israel for young families and those with many children.

In the public sector alone this year, construction had begun on 20,000 units, compared with 7,500 in 1978 and 5,000 in 1977. In the private sector, construction had begun on an additional 25,000 dwellings, he said. However, while the average Israeli home takes between 2-2 1/2 years to complete, Levy hoped to bring foreign building firms that could do the work in 10 months to one year. This had already created some antagonism in Israel, "where you can be friendly with everyone as long as you do not wish to do something new," he stated. However, he said he was determined to "go forward without compromise."

On the question of absorption, Levy expressed pride in the fact that he himself had come to Israel as a young boy from Morocco, and had grown up in the development city of Beit Shean, and was now a Minister. In the past two years, he noted, 40 percent of newcomers had been absorbed in development towns where immigrants of the 1950s were now absorbing the immigrants of the 1970s. More and more immigrants are expressing a preference to settle in towns like Ma'alot in Galilee, rather than in Tel Aviv or the coastal plain, Levy claimed.

NEW STORM ROCKS ARMY.

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Nov. 4 (JTA) -- Chief of Staff Gen. Raphael Eltan found himself at the center of a new political storm over the weekend for reducing the prison sentence of a second Israeli army officer convicted of murdering a prisoner during the 1974 Lebanon war.

Elton, who was charged with initiating operations at the time, is accused in this case of having ordered his troops to take no prisoners, meaning that any captured terrorists would be killed.

Elton, who left tonight on a 10-day visit to the U.S. as guest of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, had no comment. An army spokesman, however, denied emphatically that any such orders were given.

The case involves former Lt. Col. Aryeh Sadeh, who commanded an engineering battalion in the Litani Operation. He was convicted by a military court of having ordered his men to kill one of three Arabs captured by his unit. He was sentenced to 40 months imprisonment and reduced in rank to Captain. An Appeals Court increased his punishment to five years imprisonment and demoted him to the rank of Private. But Elton intervened, ordered the original lighter sentence restored and elevated Sadeh to Major, just one rank below his original one.

The entire case was cloaked in secrecy. It was acknowledged by the military authorities on Friday only after the story appeared in the London Spectator. The British periodical had apparently received the information from MK Uri Avneri of the leftist Sheli faction, the same source that exposed the similar case of Lt. Daniel Pinto several months ago.

Pinto, who commanded a platoon during the Lebanon operation, was convicted of the torturemurder of five Lebanese civilians and was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment later reduced to six years. The judge, at that sentence, to two years, including time already served. By coincidence, Pinto, who received additional nine off for good behavior, was released from jail on Friday, just as the Sadeh story was breaking.

Says He Carried Out Orders

Sadeh did not deny that he had ordered the execution of a prisoner he believed to have been a terrorist. But he insisted, according to the Spectator story, that he was carrying out the spirit of the orders given him at a briefing by top army officers that no terrorists be taken alive. His wife, Zofia, who is campaigning for her husband's release, said in a radio interview that those orders were given directly by Elton.

She said that at the briefing the commanding officer read a famous line written by Israel's national poet, the late Chaim Nachman Bialik: "The devil has not yet found a revenge for the blood of a little child." Bialik wrote those words in his Kishinev pogroms in Czarist Russia. The Litani Operation was ordered after a terrorist raid from Lebanon on Israel's coastal highway in which many of the victims were children.

According to Mrs. Sadeh, another ranking officer said at the briefing, "We do not want wounded. We do not want prisoners. Just kill terrorists. Only terrorists. Kill, kill, kill." She said the man her husband ordered killed was obviously a terrorist. The other two prisoners were not and were treated properly, she said.

No Illegal Orders Given

An army spokesman said last night that strict orders were given not to harm prisoners, including any terrorists who might give themselves up. He said all operational orders contained detailed instructions of how captured terrorists should be treated and transferred to interrogation centers.

The spokesman acknowledged that Elton had read the line from Bialik but insisted that he had added nothing and that the commando units in the northern region gave no illegal instructions. He said the orders stressed that the objective of the Litani Operation was to destroy terrorists and their bases but nowhere was it said that prisoners should be harmed.

The then Chief of Staff, Gen. Mordechai Gur, attended the briefing but has refused to comment on the issue. At the moment, it is Avneri, rather than Elton who is feeling political heat from his Knesset colleagues. Labor MK Amos Hadar has asked the Attorney General to waive Avneri's Knesset immunity so that he can be brought to trial on charges of revealing military secrets.

Another MK, Aviva Shamin of the Democratic Movement has asked Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir and the chiefs of the various factions to initiate amendments to the present Knesset laws to prevent violations of State security under the protection of immunity. Avneri charged that Noff was, in effect, inciting his assassination. Noff responded that Avneri is paranoid.
BEHIND THE HEADLINES
COUGHLIN: AN ANTI-SEMITIC TO THE END
By Philip Slamovitz

NEW YORK, Nov. 4 (JTA) -- After a 10-day-study tour in Israel recently, the members of the Small City Executives Institute, representing communities throughout the United States and Canada, adopted a resolution pledging increased support of community campaigns on behalf of Project Renewal.
The action followed meetings with leaders in the Project Renewal neighborhoods of Hatikvah, Kfar Shmona and Ramle, where Institute members saw evidence of the activation of the worldwide Jewish partnership program designed to rebuild and renew disadvantaged neighborhoods--rescuing the 45,000 adults and 200,000 children who have been left out of the mainstream of Israeli life.

TILLIE MEHLER DEAD AT 83

NEW YORK, Nov. 4 (JTA) -- A funeral service was held today for Tillie Mehler who died yesterday at her home in Manhattan at the age of 83. Born Tillie Greenbaum on the Lower East Side, she was a founder of the Passover Relief Fund that for more than 25 years distributed tons of holiday food for poor New York Jews. In 1918 she became the first secretary of the Israel Aid Society, which then helped Jewish settlers in Palestine. Mrs. Mehler served as an officer or member of dozens of organizations, including the American Mizpah Women, United Ladies Aid Society, and the Nashim Rachmanots Society.

Coughlin must have had his good qualities, yet he did not obtain sufficient inner strength to say he was sorry about his anti-Semitism.

He had that chance when the late Jacob Schiff offered Coughlin $5000 Israel Bond. This writer would not publish the photo until after Gelfand's death. At the outset, he wrote to Coughlin suggesting he repudiate his anti-Semitism. Then the photo of the bond purchase would have been front-page stuff.

Coughlin didn't reply.

Meanwhile, every modern history book, all the works about anti-Semitism, by Jews and non-Jews, contain the same Coughlin. One of the leaders in movements, Lettering hatred for Jews. But it rises above the chiasmus, that's how it remains in all historical records.

SMALL CITY EXECUTIVES INSTITUTE
ENDORSE PROJECT RENEWAL

Supported By Many Jews

Coughlin built up a nationwide following, and in his heyday was given financial support by many Jews. One of the many chapters in his career must not be overlooked. His Social Justice magazine was printed by the late Herman Steinberg (Morrison Printing Co.). Steinberg invested a lot of money in order to live up to his contract with Coughlin. But Coughlin pressured him into bankruptcy.

Coughlin broke his contract with Steinberg and had his magazine printed by a Chicago publishing house. There was a lawsuit and Steinberg was awarded $12,000 damages. But it was not enough to save his business after he had installed very expensive machinery to meet the contract of Coughlin with Coughlin.

In this instance, as in other instances, social aspects and justice were in question. Coughlin not only had his prejudices and refused to recognize untruth in the Protocols and truth in dealing with the tragedy of the Jews in the Nazi era, but he was also tough with the printer who had given him great devotion.

Coughlin's magazine, speared forth anti-Semitic venom and tirades against the conspiracy of bankers, union and Communist, but it also featured on the front page a photograph of President Franklin D. Roosevelt with a yellow streak on his back. It was at the time he broke ranks with FDR and threatened to form another political party to defeat him. Subscriptions to Social Justice declined by 40 percent as a result.