LINOWITZ IN ISRAEL MEETS WITH AUTONOMY COMMITTEE AND DESCRIBES TALKS AS FRUITFUL, BENEFICIAL
By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10 (JTA) -- Sol Linowitz, President Carter's special Ambassador to the Middle East, had his first meeting here today with the Israeli negotiating team in the autonomy talks with Egypt. He met privately with Interior Minister Yosef Burg, chairman of the Israeli delegation, and later with the full ministerial autonomy committee, emerging from his session with Burg's committee saying there had been a good fruitful and beneficial exchange of views.

The discussions reportedly focused on the progress made in the autonomy talks to date and the issues still to be resolved. Linowitz will participate in the next plenary session of the Israeli and Egyptian negotiations at Herzliya. The session originally scheduled to begin tomorrow, was postponed, at Egypt's request, until Dec. 17. Linowitz will leave Israel as planned on Thursday but will return next week for the Herzliya talks.

Linowitz arrived here last night from Cairo where he met with President Anwar Sadat of Egypt. He said at Ben-Gurion Airport that the U.S. commitment to the security of Israel has never been stronger. But he refused to discuss the impending U.S.-Egyptian arms deal, saying he had no information on the subject.

Begin, Sadat to Meet Jan. 7 in Aswan

Shortly after Linowitz arrived, it was announced here and in Cairo that Premier Menachem Begin will pay a three-day visit to Sadat at Aswan beginning Jan. 7, 1980. It will be their ninth meeting since Sadat made his historic visit to Jerusalem in November 1977. The Aswan summit will be held two weeks before the completion of the second phase of Israel's withdrawal from Sinai.

The new Israeli-Egyptian demarcation line will run from El Arish on the Mediterranean to the Mt. Tabor on the Red Sea. Normalization of relations was three times in previous visits, the Israeli delegation, and the Egyptian government. The Soil Linowitz had been scheduled to leave Israel on Jan. 25, 1980. They were scheduled to exchange ambassadors on Feb. 26, 11 months after the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty was signed.

According to the peace treaty, the autonomy talks are to be completed by May 1, 1980. The Israeli negotiators have felt recently that the Americans were unhappy with the slow pace of the talks so far and wanted to speed them up. Begin instructed the Israeli delegation yesterday to avoid unnecessary conflicts with the Americans. But he stressed that Israel would reject any autonomy plan that could lead to the eventual establishment of a Palestinian state.

Begin's summit talks with Sadat at Aswan are expected to deal mainly with the autonomy negotiations. Sadat said in Cairo yesterday that he still believed the talks could be concluded successfully by the May 1 deadline.

Linowitz cancelled a planned tour of the West Bank today, saying that since he had been to the area three times in previous visits, he was undertaking his latest assignment from Carter to spend the time discussing autonomous negotiations with Israeli officials.

The Cabinet, at its weekly session yesterday, ordered an immediate start of work at Djebel Kheir so that the site will be ready to receive the Elron Moreh settlers when they are evacuated later this year. The road incident occurred when earth-moving equipment was brought to the area to accommodate the prefabricated structures that will house the new settlement.

Local Arabs laid down three miles of roadblocks consisting of rocks and rubber tires which they set afire.

The residents of Elat-Hatab said they would go to court to challenge the government's claim that Djebel Kheir is State-owned land. A similar appeal by Arabs from Rujib village near Nablus resulted in the Supreme Court's ruling on Oct. 22 that Elron Moreh was built illegally on seized Arab-owned land and must be removed. Cabinet Secretary Arvy Noor stressed after yesterday's session that the new settlement will be built without expropriating privately-owned land and without damaging private property. The Elron Moreh settlers reportedly reluctantly agreed last week to accept the new site at Djebel Kheir. Yestards they pointedly demonstrated complete lack of interest in the work at Djebel Kheir.

Benny Katzover, spokesman for the settlers, insisted that reports that Moreh would not be moved are not true. He reiterated the conditions demanded by the settlers, including legislation that would bar the Israeli courts from challenging future Jewish settlements on Arab lands.

PERS OUTLINES PROGRAM FOR FULL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN ISRAEL

TORONTO, Dec. 10 (JTA) -- Shimon Peres, chairman of Israel's opposition Labor Party, pledged "full support" for "recognition of all streams of Judaism" in Israel and outlined a nine-point program for religious freedom to be presented at the Labor Party's convention next June.

In a speech that won resounding applause from the 4000 delegates at the 55th-biennial convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), Peres pledged that when the Labor Party returns to power in Israel, it would "make sure" that Israel's religious institutions "act within the framework of legal authority" and that "no pressure or coercion will be used to interfere with the public or private practices of Israel's citizens.

The Israeli leader spoke after Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the UAHC, declared in an impassioned address that the Reform movement would "intensify its demands for full religious equality in
Israel.

Schindler disclosed that plans are now being
drawn for a legal challenge to present restric-
tions against Reform rabbis in Israel. He said that
a Reform rabbinic leader in Israel was prepared to "take
suit and appeal for a judicial test of
Reform rabbinitic rights in Israel, up to the Su-
preme Court if necessary." He said that "the gov-
ernment of Israel -- be it Likud or Labor -- must
know that we reject the refusal of Israeli reli-
gious authorities to permit Reform rabbis in Israel
to marry or bury their congregants or to teach
or accept converts.

Schindler declared: "We reject the grie-
ously wrong that Reform synagogues in Israel do not
receive the funds which the Ministry of Reli-
gious Affairs extends to Orthodox synagogues and
even to churches. We regret this unconvincing
and unjust and unhappy conception of our status
as a people. We refuse to be beggars at Jerusalem's gates." Elements In The Program

Peres spelled out a detailed platform on
"Religion and Society" which he said would be
put to the Labor Party next June with his support
and that of the party's leadership. The statement
opened with the declaration that Israel was "a
lawful state which assures its citizens freedom of conscience and religion, religious tolerance and the satisfying of the entire variety and
streams of both Jewish and non-Jewish religious
needs and the prevention of religious or anti-
religious coercion.

Peres pledged to recognize "the right of the
Jewish people to establish their own Jewish and
Moslem religious institutions of their own free
will and choice." He declared that "the law of Judaism will be administered by the
religiously observant authority in the community."

Allocation of resources to "religious insti-
tutions of all movements within Judaism", opposition to any change in the definition of
"law" in the Law of Return, legislation to help
solve problems of personal status that cause in-
dividual hardships or obstruct aliyah; "easing and promoting' the absorption process for foreign
immigrants to Israel; requiring every Israeli
girl to complete a period of service to the na-
tion, with religious girls given assignments
"adapted to suit their way of life," and educational
projects in Israel and the diaspora to
strengthen the understanding of the Jewish heri-
tage and history, to encourage the acquisition of
Hebrew and to teach the younger generation
"the universal humanistic values of the Bible.

WORLD REACTION TO SEIZURE OF ISRAELI
EMBASSY IN TEHERAN MIGHT HAVE
AVERTED SEIZURE OF U.S. EMBASSY

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (JTA) -- Maxwell
E. Greenberg, national chairman of the Anti-
Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, claimed that
the seizure of hostages at the American Embassy
in Teheran might have been averted had the U.S.
and the world reacted promptly when Iraqi
students invaded the Israeli Embassy in Teheran
three months ago.

"The world stood mute three months ago
when confronted with violations of diplomatic
protocol, and the taking of the Israeli
Embassy on the first day of the Khameini regi-
time," the Los Angeles attorney told some 200
ADL leaders at the agency's national executive
committee meeting here.

"Earlier strong action against the Palestine Lib-
eration Organization and violations of
diplomatic immunity might have deterred the PLO
takeover of Teheran and saved from taking American citizens
as hostages in defiance of law, morality and Ameri-
can power," Greenberg contended.

Similarly, he said, "there was no outcry last
August when the Egyptian Ambassador was kidnapped
by the PLO in Ankara; no international resolutions
when the American Ambassador to Sudan was murdered
by the PLO and none when the U.S. Ambassador
to Lebanon was kidnapped and killed." He declared that
"all forms of terrorism, as manifested by the PLO,
the Khittitites to the modern MLAs of the
Japanese Red Army, and in nations such as Argentina
and Syria -- must be fought wherever they appear."

Sen. William Cohen (R Me.), another speaker
at the meeting, agreed that combating international
terrorism is a major challenge for the 1980s. Cohen
stressed that American prestige and power have end-
ed as a result of U.S. dependence on all from the
Arab world.

He called for a tougher response to threats of
extortion and said the same reactive mood must govern the
United States' relations with the Middle East peace settle-
ment. Noting Israel's deep concern for its security, Cohen
said "Israel understands that it was born from the
ashes of horror and Holocaust and that it is sur-
rrounded by well-equipped, well-financed neighbors
that seek to return to it as ashes."

EDWARD GOTTLIEB DEAD AT 81
By Haskell Cohen

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10 (JTA) -- Funeral ser-
vices were held here yesterday for Edward Gottlieb,
one of the pioneers of professional basketball in this country, who died last Friday at the age of 81. A day
before his death he was elected to the Jewish
Hall of Fame and will be enshrined ultimately in the
Wingate School of Physical Education in Netanya,
Israel together with other Jewish sports greats of the
past and present.

A member of the Basketball Hall of Fame, a
founder of the National Basketball Association, and
a member of the U.S. Committee Sports for Israel
Board of Directors, Gottlieb donated a dormitory to
the Wingate School several years ago. He was instru-
mental in bringing basketball to the Jewish community up
the extent to which it is played with baseball and
football for national recognition as the number one
sport in the nation.

Gottlieb started his career in promoting sports
at the age of 19 in Philadelphia when he started the
famous Philadelphia Sphas, standing for the South
Philadelphia Hebrew Athletic Society. Fielding teams both in baseball and basketball, the Sphas for
many years ruled the roost in the Amateur Basket-
ball League and his semi-pro-Spas basketball team
used to go on tour and play teams on Sunday afternoons
before the Blue Laws were eliminated in the state of
Pennsylvania.

The late Connie Mack, president-manager of the
famous Philadelphia Athletics, wrote Gottlieb a letter in which he said: "I'll never forget what you did
to make it possible for major league baseball to be
played in Philadelphia." The young, dynamic
Gottlieb, at that time, traveled wide and far to
have the Blue Laws eliminated, albeit they were to his advantage in that they gave him time to expose
his famous semi-pro baseball teams which were impres-
sioned by many players who ultimately went up to the
big leagues. Gottlieb was the first promoter to
employ the double header program in basketball. As
the university celebrates its 100th anniversary.

Stanley Stern, vice chairman of the Board of Trustees and former chairman, reported to the 1000 assembled guests that prime contributors closely associated with Yeshiva University have already pledged $25 million toward the overall $50 million development campaign. In addition, the university's Albert Einstein College of Medicine will undertake a separate $25 million development campaign on the occasion of its 25th anniversary in 1980.

Lamm spoke of the need to preserve and enrich a culture of learning and a commitment to human-kind represented by Yeshiva University. "To assure the continuing vitality of this tradition of scholarship and concern for one's fellow man is our highest priority," the speaker said.

He said the "Centenary Campaign," backed by a nationwide advertising effort, afforded "a rare opportunity and challenge to meet the university's immediate and long-term needs" and would enable the institution to explore new directions of service to its primary constituencies, the nation and the Jewish community. "We must collectively assure that the legacy we leave for the coming generation will be an institution that is financially strong and free of onerous past financial obligations," he said.

Eight Objectives Outlined

Lamm outlined the campaign's eight objectives. These are: strengthening academic offerings by establishing at least 30 endowed professorial chairs through individual endowments of $750,000 and $1 million at the various graduate schools and $250,000 at the undergraduate level; developing new courses and new instructional materials to improve core curriculum and establish innovative programs in such areas as nursing, accounting, information sciences, psychology, social work, biomedical research and Jewish studies.

Also to develop and maintain distinctive programs linking undergraduate, graduate and professional schools with new interdisciplinary programs and cooperative efforts, intensifying services to the general and Jewish community and attracting talented students, renovating and rehabilitating physical facilities, increasing private research support and insuring fiscal stability.

In the theme of dedicated chairs and facilities, Lamm announced the dedication of the Dr. Joseph H. Liskin Chair in Homiletics at the university-affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary.

Widely known for his writings and lectures, he was the author of numerous books. His articles appeared in major Jewish and other scholarly publications, including the Encyclopedia Britannica and the Jewish Quarterly Review. In his long association with Yeshiva University, he was also director of the Department of Adult Education at the university's Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He was also president of the university's Student Body and served as editor of the university's student newspaper. He also served as president of the university's Student Body and was a member of the university's Board of Trustees.

Yeshiva University launches $100 million expansion campaign

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (JTA) — A $100 million "Century Campaign" aimed at developing and expanding Yeshiva University in terms of its faculty, curricula and physical plant, was launched at the university's 55th annual Chanukah dinner here last night. Dr. Norman Lamm, president of the university, announced that the campaign hopes to achieve its goal by 1986, when

"Israel Week" huge success in Rio

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 10 (JTA) — "Israel Week" exhibition drew nearly 40,000 Jews and non-Jews to the Rio Palace Hotel here to see a display of Israeli products ranging from modern goods to high-fashions. The event, sponsored by the local Zionist organization, featured 25 films and an agricultural exhibition. Israeli culinary arts were sampled by some 2500 persons attending five dinners and a fashion show hosted by the Israeli singer Motti Caspi. A special attraction that literally stopped traffic in downtown Rio was the presence of two Israeli policewomen, Capt. Esther Reifman of Bt. Yam and Sgt. Sara Tobi of Tel Aviv. Both are traffic cops and they demonstrated their skills by directing the heavy traffic in the busy Copacabana district. (By David Markus)
VANDALIZING OF SYNAGOGUE CALLED AN ACT OF IRRESPONSIBLE YOUNG FANATICS

By Adena Berkowitz

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (JTA) — The rabbi of a Conservative synagogue in the Boro Park section of Brooklyn that was vandalized Friday by Orthodox Jewish zealots, said today it was "the act of a few irresponsible young fanatics and not the work of any responsible organized group." Rabbi Beren of Temple Emanuel, El, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here today that "one has to blame the atmosphere which breeds such intolerance for Jews who don't practice the way they do."

But the rabbi noted that the flood of sympathy he has been receiving since the incident included many from Orthodox rabbis and other members of the heavily Orthodox populated community. The act was also strongly condemned in statements by Reform and Orthodox rabbis and by two non-Orthodox Jewish leaders. Temple Emanuel-El, the only Conservative house of worship in the Brooklyn neighborhood, was attacked by members of a group calling itself TORAH, an unidentified person claiming to be a spokesman for the group said it was an acronym for "Tough Orthodox Rabbis and Hasidim." They claimed responsibility for shuttering stained glass windows and spray-painting swastikas and a slogan in Hebrew, "May Their Names Be Erased" on the walls of the temple.

The spokesman refused to say how many Jews took part in the vandalism. He claimed the act was the beginning of an Orthodox-Hasidic campaign against Conservative and Reform synagogues throughout the city.

He said a Reform synagogue in Boro Park, Rodeph Shalom, was ignored because it is "too small" to be of concern to his group. He said the campaign against non-Orthodox synagogues was to protest the "inroads" by the Conservative and Reform groups.

TORAH group considers Reform Jews no more Jewish than "Jews for Jesus."

Attacks On Synagogue Condemned

Silverstein, who was born in Europe, commented on the irony that this group "hates me with such intensity as Hitler did." Silverstein studied at the Mirer Yeshiva and at Yeshiva University before attending the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, where he was ordained as a Conservative rabbi.

Commenting to the JTA, Rabbi-Phinches Shapira, executive vice president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, called the vandalism of Temple Emanuel-El an "ugly and repugnant act." He said, "I can think of no Jew who wouldn't condemn such an act regardless of his ideological bent." He added, "I don't believe any Jew will be convinced to change his ways by employing the methods of Esa."n

Moss Turban, long-time resident of the Boro Park community who is editor of the Agudat Israel organ Jewish Observer, told the JTA, "This action doesn't represent any responsible group and one can only stand in horror at acts of vandalism committed in the name of Torah." Wolpin said he was expressing his personal viewpoint.

The vandalism was denounced as well by a leading Reform rabbi and two national Jewish leaders. Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, who is in Toronto attending the 55th biennial convention of UAHC, assailed "the besmirching of a synagogue" and said that "Goons are Goons, whether they wear Ku Klux Klan sheets or talmus (prayershaws)."

Senior Perlmutt, director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith, said "the desecration of a house of worship is contemptible whether committed by anti-Semites or by Jews." Responding to a report that the act of vandalism had been committed by Hasidic Jews, Perlmutt declared: "Hasidism has been used to desecrate synagogues and燃烧 orthodoxy is ugly and the very antithesis of our rich orthodox tradition."

Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, declared: "Violence in the name of religious zealotry is no more acceptable here than in Iran. The desecration of a house of worship is a particularly despicable form of ill-illuminism. It is unlawful and the guilty should be fully prosecuted.

McGovern Says 'For The Moment' He Supports Policy of No Talks With PLO

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10 (JTA) — Sen. George McGovern (D, SD), one of the first American leaders to favor U.S. contacts with the Palestinians, declared here that "for the moment" he supports the Administration's policy of no talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization because it could jeopardize the current peace negotiations. McGovern also expressed support for a united Jerusalem under Israeli administration.

In an interview published yesterday in the Jerusalem Post, the 1972 Presidential candidate said the holding of American hostages in Iran "has given Americans a better appreciation of the fear of terrorism that Israel has had for 30 years." This situation is something new for us . . . Now we know how Israel feels about terrorism," McGovern said in a radio interview over the weekend that he would favor U.S. military action against Iran if the hostages were killed.

McGovern met with Premier Menachem Begin for an hour Saturday night. They are understood to have devoted most of their conversation to the situation in Iran. With respect to the PLO, McGovern told the Jerusalem Post that "it probably comes as close as any group to speaking for the Palestinians, but it is not the only one."

After touring Jerusalem, escorted by Mayor Teddy Kollek, the U.S. Senator said, "I think Jerusalem must stay united . . . The religious shrines have been maintained with almost loving care . . . They've never been better cared for. I don't think it can be improved." He added, "If America's commitment can be written into an Israeli-Arab peace treaty guaranteeing free access to Jerusalem for all religions, then we can surely push to keeping Jerusalem united under the Israeli administration."

NEW YORK (JTA) — Golda Meir carried poison pills with her at all times for use in cases she was kidnapped by terrorists, Clara Stern of Bridgeport, Conn., the late Israeli Premier's youngest sister, revealed Sunday in an interview with WEVD. Mrs. Stern said her sister knew she could not tolerate torture and pain and was concerned that if she was kidnapped and tortured she would have revealed secrets and would have said something she should not have revealed or said. In order to avoid this, Mrs. Meir kept the poison pills at her disposal which she could swallow and end her life instantly, Mrs. Stern said. (By Y'Yehale Rabl)