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## BEGIN EXPRESSES ISRAEL'S 'DEEP SORROW' OVER VANCE'S RESIGNATION

By Gil Sedan

**JERUSALEM, April 29 (JTA)** — Premier Menachem Begin expressed Israel's "deep sorrow" over the resignation of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance who he described as a friend of Israel "who wanted to help our country." Begin's sentiments were echoed by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and former Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan.

In a statement issued yesterday, Begin said "We have had a personal relationship and a close friendship" with Vance. "In my opinion, he is a friend of Israel. He did a lot for our people and wanted to help our country. Mr. Vance had an important and essential role during all the negotiations for peace in the Middle East. I am convinced that he will keep the feelings of friendship in his heart, just as we will keep ours in our hearts."

### Statements By Shamir And Dayan

Shamir sent Vance a cable expressing Israel's gratitude "for the special privilege to work with you in the joint pursuit of peace. Your contributions to achieve the peace agreement between Egypt and Israel, your personal efforts, your devotion and wisdom, make us all proud of having worked with you," the cable said.

Dayan, who as Vance's Israeli counterpart had probably the closest relationship with the former Secretary of State, said in a radio interview that "to say the least," Vance "was the main person in bringing the Israelis and Egyptians together to conclude a peace treaty." He described Vance as "a perfect gentleman with whom it was a pleasure to work," an original thinker with a great deal of patience.

"This does not mean that he agreed with us on everything," Dayan said, "but when he disagreed with us he said it clearly and in a pleasant way. We always knew with him where we stood." He said Vance tried to understand Israel's problems "but it is possible he understood just as well the Egyptians and the Palestinians."

## ISRAELI JOURNALIST HAD BEAT ON NEWS OF AMERICAN HOSTAGE RESCUE ATTEMPT

By Yitzhak Shargil

**TEL AVIV, April 29 (JTA)** — Michael Gurdus, an Israeli free-lance journalist who gets his news by monitoring global radio communications, says he was tuned into the American hostage rescue attempt in Iran last week while it was underway and knew of its failure probably before Washington did. But, according to Gurdus, 35, he did not report his "scoop" to his newspaper clients because he feared premature disclosure.

Gurdus claimed that he was listening on the wave-length used by the Americans and was able to follow the aborted mission step-by-step. He said he knew of the missing C-130 transport, involved in a fatal collision with a helicopter; that four C-130s had lost radio contact with their airborne command post; that an AWACS plane, a type equipped with advanced radar, took off from Turkey and that the American transports used in the rescue attempt took off from Cairo West Airport and refueled at Mesira island in the Persian

Gulf off Oman and again at Bahrain.

Gurdus said he withheld the information because of a similar experience in 1972 when he picked up the communications of West German commando units on their way to rescue a hijacked Lufthansa airliner in Somalia. At that time, he informed the local media which broadcast the news and imperiled what turned out to be a successful mission. The West German authorities asked the Israelis to discontinue that type of news gathering.

Although Gurdus remained silent about the American operation, U.S. authorities have expressed their displeasure to Israel that he listened in.

## DRAFT RESOLUTION IN UN COUNCIL CALLS FOR 'INDEPENDENT STATE IN PALESTINE'

By Yitzhak Rabi

**UNITED NATIONS, April 29 (JTA)** — Members of the Security Council held informal consultations today on a Tunisian draft resolution calling for the establishment of an "independent state in Palestine" for the Palestinian people. The consultations were in preparation for continuing the debate on Palestinian rights which started at the beginning of the month and then adjourned without voting on a resolution.

The Tunisian resolution, which was circulated today among the Council members, also affirms the right of the Palestinian refugees to choose between peaceful repatriation and equitable compensation for their property and says that Israel should withdraw from all the Arab territories occupied since June, 1967, "including Jerusalem."

At the same time, the draft calls for arrangements to guarantee the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of all states in the area and the right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries.

According to sources here, the resolution is certain to be vetoed by the United States which is on record in opposition to an independent Palestinian state. In case of a veto, the sources said, the Arabs plan to call for an emergency session of the General Assembly to discuss Palestinian rights.

## WEIZMAN, CARTER DISCUSS FUTURE OF THE ISRAEL-EGYPT-U.S. PEACE PROCESS

By Joseph Polakoff

**WASHINGTON, April 29 (JTA)** — Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman met privately with President Carter for a half-hour in the White House this afternoon and told reporters afterwards that he had "met an old friend who took courageous decisions."

That was his response to a flood of questions as to whether he and Carter had discussed the aborted American hostage rescue attempt in Iran last week. Weizman said they had not and declined to comment further. He observed, however, that "it is not fair to go into analyzing an extremely difficult situation." Asked if Israel had "even a secondary role" in the American action, he replied, "absolutely no." He gave the same answer when asked whether he himself had known about the rescue attempt beforehand.

Weizman said he and the President had discussed the future of the Israeli-Egyptian-American peace process. He also disclosed that he was returning to Tel Aviv sooner than planned because his counterpart, Egyptian Defense Minister Kamal Has-

san Ali, will be arriving there tomorrow for the next round of autonomy talks which begin in Herzliya Thursday. With respect to the peace process, Weizman would say only that "I would like to see it expedited."

Earlier today, Weizman conferred at the Pentagon with Defense Secretary Harold Brown and Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman Gen. David Jones. Asked if he had discussed Israeli co-production rights for the U.S. F-18 combat aircraft, Weizman replied in the negative. He said that he and Brown discussed "things already in the pipeline" and added, "I didn't come to the Pentagon with problems."

Before departing for Israel, Weizman will pay a courtesy call on Secretary of State Cyrus Vance at the State Department. This is the final day in office for Vance whose resignation was announced yesterday.

Before coming to Washington, Weizman flew to Minneapolis where he was honored by the Jewish National Fund of America at a dinner Sunday night attended by 1000 friends and supporters of the JNF. Weizman received the Friends of Israel Award, the highest honor the JNF confers, in recognition of his contributions to the cause of peace.

There was also a special convocation co-sponsored by the JNF at the University of Minnesota, attended by more than 2000, at which the University Board of Regents bestowed its Distinguished International Service Award upon Weizman. University president C. Peter Magrath lauded him for "extraordinary service to Israel and the international community. Weizman commended the U.S. government for "acting courageously" in its attempt last week to rescue the hostages in Iran as a reflection of "the will and spirit of the greatest nation of the world."

Several days earlier, in New York, the Defense Minister was honored at a reception which launched the JNF's Galilee Development Project in Israel, where the JNF will develop sites to help create a new environment that will bring the Galilee into the mainstream of Israel's daily life and economy for the benefit of all its inhabitants.

#### **DULZIN: WILL RUN AGAINST EHRLICH FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE LIBERAL PARTY**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 29 (JTA) -- The Liberal Party, Herut's partner in Likud, held its internal elections Sunday for delegates to the party's convention next week. But its future leadership remained in doubt with both chairman Simcha Ehrlich and Leon Dulzin, who said he will challenge Ehrlich for the party chairmanship, claiming victory.

Ehrlich, a Deputy Prime Minister and former Finance Minister, contended that some 75 percent of the delegates elected would favor him. But Energy Minister Yitzhak Modai, who supports Dulzin's candidacy, insisted that the delegates loyal to him received 45 percent of the vote and would join with others to create an overwhelming majority for Dulzin.

Dulzin, who is chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives, declared after the elections that the results gave him a solid basis for confidence that he would win the contest. He said his candidacy was intended to "revamp" the party and change its "image."

Neither Dulzin nor Ehrlich ran in the internal elections themselves. There were many lists

headed by party activists identified with one or the other, to greater or lesser degrees. Modai, long a bitter rival and critic of Ehrlich, claimed that his was the largest list. Other lists were headed by Commerce Minister Gideon Patt and Minister-Without-Portfolio Moshe Nissim. Patt is said to support Ehrlich.

Some party insiders suggested that if Dulzin is elected chairman he would be a "front man" for Modai inasmuch as Dulzin has no faction of his own. Others disagreed, noting that Modai needs Dulzin to dislodge Ehrlich because he himself is not regarded as a leader figure.

Discussing national matters, Dulzin said yesterday that he thought Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, a member of Herut, should head the Likud list in the Knesset elections next year. Should Likud win, Weizman would become Premier. "With him at our head, we would stand a good chance of winning," Dulzin said. Asked what would happen if Premier Menachem Begin sought a second term, Dulzin said that would lead to a split in Likud with the Liberals supporting Weizman.

#### **ISRAEL ENVOY DENIES SOCIAL OSTRACISM IN EGYPT**

By Gai Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 29 (JTA) -- Ambassador Eliahu Ben-Elissar has denied persistent media reports that he was experiencing social ostracism as Israel's first envoy in Cairo. Ben-Elissar said that on the contrary, he is the envy of many other ambassadors in the Egyptian capital because of his easy access to Egyptian leaders.

"Whenever necessary I can meet with President (Anwar) Sadat, his Premier or other Egyptian leaders within two days," he said. He said he and his wife, Nitza, were not "lonely" after two months' service in Cairo. He said they and the Embassy staff were feeling "almost excellent."

Ben-Elissar admitted, however, that there were instances of coolness especially in the Egyptian media, but even this is gradually diminishing. "One should understand that 30 years of animosity do not disappear immediately as if they did not exist," the envoy said.

He arrived here from Paris where he attended a rally of solidarity with Israel last Sunday. He said he was deeply impressed. "I have never seen anything like it. When 150,000 French Jews came out in support of Israel, that indicates that French Jews are undergoing a political transformation," Ben-Elissar said. He returns to Cairo on Thursday.

#### **MAYOR OF WARSAW ACCEPTS INVITATION TO VISIT ISRAEL**

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, April 29 (JTA) -- Mayor Jerzy Majewski of Warsaw has accepted an invitation to visit Israel as new relationships appeared to be developing between Israel and Poland in the spheres of culture and historical research with respect to the once great Polish-Jewish community which perished in the Holocaust.

The invitation was extended by Deputy Mayor Yitzhak Artzi of Tel Aviv, who was a member of the delegation of former Jewish underground fighters who battled the Nazis in Poland during World War II. No date has been set for the visit but it may coincide with the visit to Tel Aviv next fall of the Warsaw Jewish Theater.

The delegation which visited Poland last year to mark the 35th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz and to commemorate the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, was headed by Stefan Grayek, chairman

of the World Federation of Jewish Fighters, Partisans and Nazi Death Camp Survivors. The group visited the Jewish pavilion at Auschwitz where they placed a wreath at the international monument and at the monument to the Warsaw Ghetto fighters.

In their talks with Polish leaders, it was agreed to exchange documents between scientific and research institutions in Israel and Poland on the 1000 years of Jewish life in Poland. A delegation of history professors from Israeli universities will visit Poland shortly to obtain copies of documents in the Polish archives.

#### YARIV: GENERAL INSTABILITY WILL CONTINUE IN MIDEAST DURING 1980. By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, April 29 (JTA) — Gen. Azaa Yariv, a former chief of Israeli military intelligence, warned here last night that "during the 1980s, general instability will continue to characterize the Middle East." He proposed that a Western alliance should be formed to forge "an informal and flexible strategic network in the Middle East" with the U.S. as its "backbone."

Yariv, who is presently the director of the Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University, spoke at the opening of a two-day conference sponsored jointly by the Georgetown University Center for Strategic and International Studies and the Tel Aviv University Center. The participants are specialists in international matters from both Tel Aviv and Georgetown whose areas of expertise include world power, terrorism, energy and the modernization of Saudi Arabia.

Yariv said that "Progress toward a more comprehensive Arab-Israeli settlement, including a solution to the Palestinian question, is unlikely to remove the basic elements of instability from the Middle East. Indeed, Western interests in the area, particularly access to Persian Gulf oil, will be increasingly threatened by regional dynamics and Soviet ambitions."

During the 1980s, "general instability will continue to characterize the Middle East," Yariv added. "Thus the West must come to realize that the problem is not how one can achieve stability, utilizing conflict, but how to safeguard Western interests in spite of continued instability."

The program was arranged by the Georgetown University Center a year ago. The Center maintains a regional office in Tel Aviv for its Egypt and Israel program, directed by Dr. Joyce Starr, a former associate special assistant to President Carter.

#### TV SCREENING OF 'HOLOCAUST' IN HOLLAND EVOKES NO EMOTIONS By Henriette Boas

AMSTERDAM, April 29 (JTA) — The screening of the American television series "Holocaust" in Holland did not evoke the emotional reactions it did in West Germany. The reason is that the public is reasonably well acquainted with what happened to the Jews during World War II and the film did not come as a shock.

This is one of the conclusions of a poll conducted on behalf of the "Tras" Broadcasting Organization which televised the series.

Over 50 percent of young people between the ages of 12-19 watched at least one part of the series and over 50 percent of these young people watched at least one of the preparatory accompanying programs. It was found that the lower the

level of education among these young people the less their knowledge of what had happened and their interest in it.

Three-quarters of the young people questioned said they read one or more books on World War II. The poll, which is unique in Europe, was conducted before, immediately after and six months after the broadcast. The series did not increase anti-German feelings among the young people questioned. It is generally believed by them that only a small portion of the German population was responsible for what happened.

#### HADDAD INJURED BY LAND MINE

JERUSALEM, April 29 (JTA) — Maj. Saad Haddad, commander of the Christian militia in south Lebanon, was injured today when the jeep he was in struck a land mine. He was taken to Rambam Hospital in Haifa for treatment. Four other militiamen were injured, one of them seriously. The incident occurred as Haddad was touring the seven-mile-wide strip along the Israeli border under his control. Meanwhile, Haddad was criticized by several members of the Knesset today for his disputes with the United Nations Truce Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). They argued that Haddad dragged Israel into needless conflicts with the UN.

#### KAHANE DEMONSTRATION SPARKS VIOLENCE By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 29 (JTA) — Violence triggered by a Meir Kahane demonstration in Ramallah yesterday left one local youth shot and wounded by soldiers and four others hurt. The military authorities said last night that they were seeking Kahane with a view to arresting him. Meanwhile, they arrested 11 Ramallah residents who took part in counter-demonstrations against Kahane's Kach movement and its followers.

The incident followed a three-day general strike which shut down business in Ramallah and raised tensions in the town. Mayor Karim Khalaf protested strongly over the arrests of the townspeople while Kahane's men had been allowed to get away.

The strike was called in Ramallah to protest the smashing of dozens of car windows there last week by four Gush Emunim settlers who were arrested. Kahane's rally yesterday supported the settlers' action and demanded their release.

#### YUGOSLAVIA'S JEWISH COMMUNITY

PARIS, April 29 (JTA) — For the first time, Yugoslavia's organized Jewish community played host to a delegation of the European Council of Jewish Community Services, comprising representatives of countries in both Western and Eastern Europe. The occasion was a seminar of the Council's social service commission which took place April 20-21 at the Yugoslav Federation's home for the aged in Zagreb.

Taking part in the discussions were representatives from Belgium, Denmark, France, Switzerland and West Germany, as well as East Germany and Hungary. Together with the local group, some 30 professionals and volunteers discussed techniques for "self-actualization" of aged persons and the role of nutrition in their health.

At a reception at the Zagreb Jewish Community Center, Federation president Dr. Lavoslav Kodelberg expressed his satisfaction at seeing the Yugoslav Jewish community play an active role in the solution of problems which preoccupy all European Jewish communities. (By Edwin Eytan)

## SPECIAL TO THE JTA SEEKING SUPPORT FOR AUSTRIAN JEWRY

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, April 29 (JTA) -- A special emissary of the Austrian Jewish community to American Jewry has just concluded a one-week series of meetings with Jewish leaders and representatives of Jewish organizations here to seek support and recognition for the growing role of Austrian Jewry as a cultural link between the Jews of East Europe and Jews of the free world.

Dr. Leon Zelman, head of the Jewish Welfare Service in Vienna, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency prior to his return to Vienna that there are some 12,000 Jews in Austria. He noted that although "we are a small community, we are important geopolitically. Vienna is an open window to East European Jews. It is important that they see the existence of a vibrant cultural and spiritual Jewish life." He said Jews in the Soviet bloc nations can learn about Jewish life in Austria via radio and television broadcasts.

Zelman, who said his organization is responsible for contacts with other Jewish organizations throughout the world, reported that he met here with leaders of the American Jewish community to make them understand that the Vienna Jewish community is active and that Jewish life there is thriving, a far cry from the first years after World War II when the Jewish community in Austria was almost exterminated by the Nazis and had no more than 235 members.

"We would like American Jewry to give us moral and spiritual support and to understand why Jews continue to live in Austria despite the horrors of the Holocaust," he said.

Zelman said, in response to a question, that anti-Semitism still exists in certain segments of Austrian society, especially among the old generation. But the young generation in Austria, he pointed out, is clearly not anti-Semitic. He said that following the recent screening of the American TV series, "Holocaust," in Austria, schools throughout the country are now required to teach the history of the Holocaust on order from the Education Ministry.

## INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE FORMED BY HEIDELBERG COLLEGE FOR JEWISH STUDIES

NEW YORK, April 29 (JTA) -- The formation of an International Academic Advisory Committee by the College for Jewish Studies (Hochschule für Jüdische Studien) in Heidelberg, West Germany, has been announced by Prof. Leon Feldman, founding rector and consultant to the Central Council of Jews in Germany.

This body, consisting of scholars from the United States, Israel, England and France representing various disciplines within the field of Jewish studies, will meet together with senior representatives of the University of Heidelberg and officials from the Education and Finance Ministries May 5-7 in Heidelberg. Co-sponsor of the assembly will be the sponsor of the college, the Central Council of Jews in Germany, under the chairmanship of Werner Nachmann, of Karlsruhe, Feldman said.

The college was founded in June 1979 and began instruction at the opening of the winter semester 1979-80 with an enrollment of 21 students in quarters made available by the University of Heidelberg. A group of visiting professors and

part-time instructors, primarily drawn from Israel, comprise the teaching faculty, supported by an administrative staff of two. The nucleus of a growing library was a donation of 3000 books of Hebrew and Judaica in German.

The goal of the college is to provide academic preparation for those who wish to study for careers as rabbis and cantor-educators and to offer academic training for those who wish to become communal and social workers in the Jewish communities of the German-speaking countries of central Europe, Feldman said. The school also enables those students, irrespective of religion and background, to broaden their knowledge of Judaism and the various fields of Jewish studies. The degree of Magister (MA) in Jewish studies will be awarded upon the successful completion of at least eight semesters.

## SCHOLAR SAYS JEWISH PEOPLE ENTERING A MAJOR NEW ERA

LOS ANGELES, April 29 (JTA) -- "The big news in Jewish life today is that the Jewish people is entering a major new era with unprecedented opportunities and challenges," according to Dr. Irving Greenberg, director of the National Jewish Resource Center in New York City, in a speech prepared for delivery at the opening plenary session of the 1980 biennial conference of the National Jewish Welfare Board here Thursday.

Greenberg, a member of the President's Commission on the Holocaust and its former director, declared that the new age in Jewish life "is shaped by the impact of the Holocaust and the rebirth of Israel. It is marked by the challenge of sovereignty and the exercise of power on the one hand and an open, more secular society on the other."

Greenberg noted that "Nothing less than a renewal of the Covenant and Jewish religious and self-understanding is underway. New institutions and leadership are emerging. The new era is at once more open for Jewish assimilation but also more open to Jewish values, experiences and message."

"In the course of this, old divisions in the Jewish community are weakening," he said. "There is a race between the forces of building up and the forces of disintegration. There is a polarization growing in the community. More are leaving and those choosing to stay are increasing their commitments," Greenberg said.

He observed that "the Sunday schools are declining while day schools are increasing. Both intermarriage and conversions to Judaism are up." Greenberg compared the new age to both the Biblical period that confronted the challenge of nation-building and the establishment of the Jewish religion and Covenant and the rabbinic period whose main challenge was maintaining dignity and coherence in exile. He said this new age is as important as the other two ages.

AMSTERDAM (JTA) -- The Dutch postal authorities issued a stamp with the portrait of Anne Frank this week to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the liberation of Holland from German occupation in World War II. It is one of two stamps issued on the occasion. The other depicts a British bomber dropping food parcels over Holland just before the liberation. The Anne Frank stamp also shows a school exercise book of the kind the teenager used to write her diary before she was arrested by the Nazis and deported to a death camp. The denomination of the stamp is the equivalent of 60 cents.