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## ISRAELIS HIT PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, May 8 (JTA) — The army announced tonight that an Israeli raiding party ambushed Palestinian terrorists in Lebanon yesterday, scored hits on a number of vehicles and returned safely to their base. The communique, unusually sparse in details, indicated that the action took place on the coastal road north of the Litani River and was aimed at terrorist vehicles moving southward from Beirut.

According to a radio broadcast by Palestinians in Beirut, at least five Palestinians were killed, two at Sakakiyeh, near Sidon, and three at Sadiya, only 24 kilometers south of Beirut. Two others were reported wounded. According to Israeli sources, however, six terrorists were killed — three who were in a jeep and three who were patrolling the road.

Defense Minister Ezer Weizman and Chief of Staff Gen. Raphael Eitan said the raid was not connected with the terrorist attack in Hebron last Friday. They described it as part of a series of operations that the Israeli army initiated in the past and will initiate in the future. "The aim is to make war on the terrorists wherever they may be," Eitan said. "They can expect actions of this kind at any time and at any place." President Yitzhak Navon, speaking at a memorial service for the three victims of the Kibbutz Misgav Am attack last month, said: "Jews can no longer be led like lambs to the slaughter."

## LINOWITZ, BEGIN REVIEW AUTONOMY TALKS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, May 8 (JTA) — U.S. special Mideast Ambassador Sol Linowitz spent 90 minutes with Premier Menachem Begin here this morning to review the week's autonomy negotiations — and what Linowitz himself called the "disappointing" progress achieved. But Israeli sources insisted that the envoy had not applied pressure on Begin. They said the conversation was informative.

Begin, for his part, reiterated the Israeli position on the key issue of security. The Israeli sources pointed out that this position expressed publicly by Israel this week, was consistent with what the Premier had told President Carter at their meeting in Washington last month. In a speech here Tuesday night at the opening session of the Liberal Party convention, Begin warned somberly that unless Egypt recognized the principle that Israel must remain in control of security in the autonomous areas there would be no agreement.

Linowitz flew from Israel to Ismailia, on the Suez Canal today, where he conferred with President Anwar Sadat before flying home to Washington to report to President Carter.

All three parties are now apparently trying to produce a document or series of documents by the May 26 target date that will express whatever has been agreed in the talks in the most favorable light possible. There is now virtually no hope that a full autonomy agreement can be achieved within the time available before the target date. The intention is to dress up the areas of agreement so as to preserve the credibility of the negotiations and the momentum to keep the talks alive.

Sadat was reported to have complained to-

day to Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman about the slow, dragging pace of the autonomy talks. Weizman flew to Egypt for 24 hours to wrap up the normalization accords — seven have been signed and await ratification — before handing back responsibility for normalization to the Foreign Ministry.

After the meeting, Weizman professed satisfaction with its outcome. But he could not report any new ideas from the Egyptian leader on how to speed up the autonomy talks or overcome the security hurdle.

## HIAS HELPING IN RESETTLEMENT OF THOUSANDS OF CUBAN REFUGEES

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, May 8 (JTA) — An official of HIAS went to Miami today at the request of the Cuban community there to advise it on the reception and resettlement of the thousands of Cuban refugees that have been streaming into Florida by boat from Cuba, the organization's president, Ed Shapiro, said here.

Shapiro told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Dr. Bruce Leinsidor, an executive administrative assistant to Gaynor Jacobson, HIAS's executive vice president, has also been asked by the U.S. government to go to the Elgin Air Force Base, near Fort Walton Beach, Fla., where many of the refugees are being processed, to lend HIAS' professional advice. More than 22,000 Cuban refugees have come into Key West, Fla., since April 18.

Before the exodus of Cubans began last month, HIAS had already been processing the emigration of 46 Jews from Cuba, Shapiro said. He said since then HIAS has been contacted by another 20 Jews who want to leave Cuba. He noted that most are family reunion cases and all will emigrate through normal channels and not through the makeshift flotilla of private and charter boats now bringing Cubans to Florida. There are an estimated 1500 Jews in Cuba.

Shapiro pointed out that HIAS, now celebrating its 100th anniversary, while primarily concerned with the needs of Jewish refugees, has been called on in the past to help in the resettlement of others. In 1965, at the request of President Johnson, HIAS advised on the resettlement of some 700,000 Cubans who came to the U.S. at that time. HIAS helped resettle Indians who were forced to leave Uganda by the former Idi Amin regime.

Most recently, HIAS has been involved in helping the Indochinese refugees. Shapiro was part of a four-member delegation who accompanied Vice President Walter Mondale to Geneva last year for an international conference on aiding the "boat people." With government funds, HIAS through some 200 Jewish federations, Jewish family service agencies and synagogues, is aiding some 6000 Indochinese who will have come to the U.S. by the end of 1980.

## APPEAL SOUGHT ON COURT BAN ON RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE IN EMPLOYMENT

By Ben Gallo

NEW YORK, May 8 (JTA) — The ruling by a California federal district court declaring unconstitutional a 1972 amendment to the 1964 Civil Rights Law requiring unions and employers to accommodate to "reasonable religious needs" of workers was described here today as an "anomaly" which will

probably be reversed on appeal. Federal District Judge Edward Schwartz of San Diego ruled Tuesday that such laws violate the First Amendment and "result in an impermissible government entanglement with religion." He ruled in favor of the General Dynamics Convair Aerospace Division, which dismissed a Seventh Day Adventist who refused to join a union because of his religion.

The comment on that ruling was made here today by Howard Zuckerman, president of the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA), which assisted in the drafting of the 1972 amendment. Zuckerman said that federal appeals courts and other district courts which have addressed directly the issue of the amendment's constitutionality, have ruled repeatedly that protection for religious observance in employment is constitutional. The protection is of particular importance to Sabbath-observing Jews.

Zuckerman added that the Schwartz ruling was, in any event, limited to the southern district of California, an area comprised primarily of the city of San Diego, adding that the ruling does not have to be followed by other judges in that district. The COLPA president said there were "serious questions" as to whether Schwartz was procedurally correct in considering the constitutional question in the case.

#### Background Of Court Ruling

The Seventh Day Adventist, David Anderson, joined the company in 1965. In 1972, the company signed a contract with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, which required that all General Dynamics-Convair workers join the union.

Anderson cited the ban of the Seventh Day Adventists against adherents joining a union or paying dues to a union. He offered to donate an amount equal to union dues to charity. The union rejected that offer and said Anderson had to join. He refused and General Dynamics fired him in 1976.

Anderson appealed the firing and the first hearing of his case was by Federal Judge Robert Denney, in San Diego. Denney ruled in 1977 that non-payment of dues by a worker constituted an "undue hardship" on the union, as a matter of law, because of the problem of "free riders" the union said would occur if Anderson was permitted to work at the company without joining the union.

The Federal Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit reversed Denney's ruling on Sept. 8, 1978, declaring that the "hardship" claimed by the union must be proved as a factual matter, and that "hypothetical speculation regarding free riders is insufficient." The appeals court remanded the case back to the district court for implementation "consistent with the views" in the circuit court reversal.

Zuckerman said the meaning of that remand was an instruction to the district court to write an order which would have resulted in reinstatement with full pay and benefits for Anderson, without requiring him to join the union.

#### Basis For Appeal

When the case was returned to the San Diego district court, it was assigned to Schwartz, who raised for the first time in the hearings the issue of constitutionality. He held that the 1972 amendment "discriminates among religions by favoring only those beliefs which require modifi-

cation of an employer's work rules" and, "in essence mandates religious discrimination."

Zuckerman pointed out that Schwartz based his ruling on a constitutional issue, despite the fact that the appeals court made no reference to the 1972 amendment. Zuckerman said that fact will be one of the bases on which an appeal of the Schwartz ruling is planned by Anderson's attorney, David Watkins.

Zuckerman said COLPA will file a friend of the court brief in the appeal to the Federal Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, which he said will be filed shortly, and that COLPA will be working with Watkins in the appeals process.

#### SHAMIR TO MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS OF BRITAIN AND ITALY TO DISCUSS 'EUROPEAN INITIATIVE' ON THE MIDEAST

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, May 8 (JTA) — Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir will visit Britain and Italy next week and confer with his opposite numbers, Lord Carrington and Emilio Colombo. It was announced here today. The trip will be Shamir's first solo visit abroad as Foreign Minister. He accompanied Premier Menachem Begin to Washington last month.

The trip is seen here as especially important in view of the evolving "European initiative" on the Mideast, which Carrington in particular has been enthusiastically sponsoring. Both Israeli and European sources say the "initiative" has by no means gelled yet. There is no specific and agreed formulation among the nine European Economic Community (EEC) countries on how to go about amending Security Council Resolution 242 or when to try.

But there is apparently a common feeling in Europe that if, as anticipated, the May 26 target date for the autonomy talks passes without much progress, the Europeans should take action if only to keep the diplomatic momentum up during the immediate pre-election and post-election period in the U.S.

Shamir's visit is not official. He was invited to England by the British Herut movement to address a Jerusalem Day rally. But the normal procedure is for a visiting Foreign Minister to call on his colleague. Shamir is anxious to intensify Israel's dialogue with Europe. He is personally acquainted with Colombo since the Italian diplomat served as President of the Council of Europe when Shamir was Speaker of the Knesset. Shamir will convene a meeting of Israel's European ambassadors, probably in Rome, during his trip.

In a recent interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, he said he never agreed with the policy in force in Jerusalem for the past decade whereby Europe was told, in effect, to keep out of Mideast peace-making and leave everything to the U.S.

Shamir indicated that he thought his predecessors had tended to underestimate the growing economic and political importance of Europe as a factor in Mideast politics. He believes, moreover, that a more energetic information effort could stem the tide towards support for the Palestine Liberation Organization which has been sweeping some European capitals.

#### KISSINGER: SUCCESSFUL AUTONOMY TALKS NOT A KEY FOR SOLVING OTHER PROBLEMS

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, May 8 (JTA) — Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said last night that a successful outcome of the current autonomy negotiations will not be the "key" for solving all the other prob-

lems and aspects of the Mideast conflict. He hoped the autonomy talks between Egypt, Israel and the United States will succeed, but claimed that "even then we will be just at the beginning" over the nature of jurisdiction in the West Bank.

Kissinger spoke at a dinner at the Plaza Hotel here, given by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, during which he was presented with the ADL's 1980 America's Democratic Legacy Award.

The former Secretary of State claimed that the most important challenge before the United States now is to bring Jordan into the negotiations to determine the final status of the West Bank. He said he did not believe while he was Secretary of State and he does not believe now that a Palestinian state can be the solution to the problems of the Mideast.

The Mideast needs least of all a "radical" Palestinian state controlled by the Palestine Liberation Organization, Kissinger asserted, adding that a "West Bank solution" can come only through negotiations with moderate elements, such as Jordan.

The United States, he continued, should strive to restore the balance between the radical and moderate elements in the Mideast, a balance that has been increasingly shifting toward the radical side. He said this could be done by increasing American strength and U.S. determination to stand by its allies and friends in the area and elsewhere. He also said that America should separate the energy issue from negotiations on a Mideast settlement.

#### ISRAEL EXPRESSES DISAPPOINTMENT WITH U.S. CRITICISM OF ISRAEL'S EXPULSION OF THREE WEST BANK OFFICIALS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, May 8 (JTA) — The Israel Embassy reported that it had expressed "deep disappointment" over the State Department's criticism of Israel Tuesday for deporting two West Bank mayors and the Moslem religious judge of Hebron following the terrorist ambush killing of six Israelis in Hebron last Friday.

An Embassy spokesman said that Ambassador Ephraim Evron conveyed his views to Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian Affairs Harold Saunders shortly after the State Department observed at its press briefing that the three West Bank officials were denied "appeal procedures normally available under prevailing law" and that the deportation of individuals was "in any case prohibited by the Fourth Geneva Convention regardless of motives."

The Embassy reported that Evron told Saunders that Israel regretted that the State Department did not mention the reason for the expulsions. It was pointed out to Saunders that "these three personalities have a long record of incitement against Israel and have often expressed their support of terrorism and have called for the dismantling of the Jewish State," the Embassy spokesman said.

Evron was further reported as having told Saunders that the activities of Mayor Fahed Kawasme of Hebron; Mayor Mohammed Milhim of Halhul and Kadi (judge) Rajeb Buyud Tamimi "helped create the atmosphere which made murders in Hebron possible." The spokesman added that the expulsions were ordered "to prevent further disruptions of life in Judea and Samaria which would make negotiations on autonomy more difficult" for those areas and Gaza.

Evron asked Saunders for U.S. action to block any attempt at the United Nations Security Council by the Arab states and their supporters to have Israel condemned for reacting to the murder of innocent Israeli citizens. He told Saunders that any such resolution by the Security Council would heighten tension on the West Bank and lead to further violence.

#### DULZIN REMOVES HIMSELF FROM CONTEST AS CHAIRMAN OF THE LIBERAL PARTY

TEL AVIV, May 8 (JTA) — Leon Dulzin officially removed himself from the contest for chairman of the Liberal Party today. He said the agreement reached at the party's convention last night stripped the chairmanship of authority and made his candidacy meaningless.

Under the agreement, Deputy Premier Simcha Ehrlich will retain the post of chairman. But the real power will be vested in the newly created position of chairman of the party's Presidium which Energy Minister Yitzhak Mordechai is expected to fill. Another new post, chairman of the Executive, will go to Minister-Without-Portfolio Moshe Nissim. The Liberals are Herut's partner in Likud.

Dulzin, who is chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives, challenged Ehrlich some time ago and appeared confident, when the convention opened this week, that he would have the support of the large faction controlled by Mordechai, a long-time rival and critic of Ehrlich.

But Mordechai reached an agreement with the Ehrlich group instead. Ehrlich himself acknowledged that the chairmanship is no longer "an executive" office but said he was willing to share his experience with the chairman of the Presidium, who "I hope will be Mordechai." Dulzin admitted that he was "disappointed, greatly disappointed," but insisted that "I seek no power, I need not another crown."

Mordechai appears likely to be the new "strong man" of the Liberals. But he faces a challenge from Israel Peled, Mayor of Ramat Gan, and possibly from Minister of Trade Gideon Patt. His sudden ascendancy puzzled many observers inasmuch as the Mordechai faction won only 30 percent of the convention vote. But the balance was split among various other candidates.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The missile boats Komemiyut and Maledeth of the Israeli Navy are in Alexandria on a five-day visit as guests of the Egyptian Navy. They are returning the visit of Egyptian naval units to Haifa last year. The Israeli sailors were welcomed by Israel's Ambassador to Egypt, Eliahu Ben-Elissar, and Egyptian naval officers. The sailors and officers were luncheon guests of the commander of the Egyptian Navy, Mouhammed Ali Mouhammed. The Israeli sailors were also guests of the Egyptian Jewish community Wednesday. The crew presented Jewish community leaders with a silver ornamented prayer book.

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — Several members of the faculty in French language and literature at the University of Utrecht have established a society to honor the late French author Louis Ferdinand Celine and propagate his works in Holland. Celine was widely known for his rabidly anti-Semitic sentiments and pro-Nazi activities during the occupation of France in World War II. He was stigmatized by the late Jean Paul Sartre as a "vulgar racist." The faculty members disagree with that assessment. They claim that Celine was a victim of prejudice in France and Holland and want to make his writings better known here through translations and public lectures and discussion meetings.

**SPECIAL INTERVIEW****ROTHSCHILD: FRENCH JEWISH COMMUNITY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO DO TOO MUCH TO CHANGE FRENCH POLICY IN THE MIDEAST**

By Michael Solomon

TORONTO, May 8 (JTA) — Baron Alain de Rothschild, president of the Representative Council of Jewish Organizations in France (CRIF), spoke out vigorously against the demonstrated pro-Arab bias of the government of President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing but indicated, in an exclusive interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here, that so far there has been little the organized French Jewish community has been able to do to change the direction of French policy in the Middle East.

"With all our interventions within the government's sphere and within political parties, the foreign policy of France has not changed," he said. He also observed that "There are few other parties of government in France whose policy differs very much from that of the President."

Rothschild, who was attending the triennial assembly of the Canadian Jewish Congress here, took sharpest issue with what he saw as "the lack of balance" in French policy toward the Arab-Israeli conflict. While Giscard has publicly endorsed Palestinian "self-determination," which is seen as meaning nothing less than a Palestinian state in the territories now occupied by Israel, the French government has been silent "towards the Camp David agreements and the efforts of peace manifested by Israel, Egypt and the United States," he said.

**France Is Playing Solo Fiddle**

"It would be a catastrophe if France should recognize a Palestinian state on the West Bank of the Jordan or lead the European community members in a campaign at the United Nations which would ultimately do away with Resolutions 242 and 338. But nothing will astonish me, given the fact that France is playing solo fiddle among the Western nations," Rothschild said. He noted in that context that the French Ambassador was the only Western envoy present at the May Day celebrations in Moscow.

"We were shocked, in France, that our President has watched Israel from Jordan territory instead of visiting Israel and we have reacted accordingly when we remarked that all the sacrifices which Israel has made for peace, such as giving up the Sinai peninsula and its only source of oil, has been totally passed under silence by the French government. The President has given the impression of parti pris which means that he has made up his mind in respect of Israel," the Baron said.

He said, "I couldn't tell whether there is such a thing as a Jewish vote, but for the second time in recent history, the choice of the Jew in French politics is motivated by a series of elements, one of which is the Israeli policy of the French government." But he indicated that in this respect, French Jews have little choice.

As a matter of fact, Rothschild noted, at the last Jewish demonstration, "12 Hours for Israel," which was held April 27 in Paris, "the (opposition) Socialist leader, Francois Mitterand, was booed by the Jewish audience for having declared that he met with (PLO chief) Yasir Arafat recently and shook his hand," Rothschild said.

**No Danger Of Anti-Semitism**

He stressed that French Jews enjoy all the

rights and privileges of any citizens and "there is no known discrimination against the Jews as such." He said when such tendencies appear, "we as Jews who openly declare our Jewishness, say openly and shamelessly what we think of it. And our openness meets with more respect from the French government and French political parties than if we would conceal our feelings."

With respect to anti-Semitism in France, Rothschild stated: "I would not say that such a danger exists at the present moment. Such distinguished writers as Bernard Henry Levy, Andre Glucksmann, Shmuel Trigano, Annie Kriegel and others are fighting against intellectual terrorism. In my opinion, the anti-Semites and racism are but a negligible minority."

Rothschild reiterated that French Jews are totally committed to Israel. "We are all Zionists, unconditional supporters of the State of Israel; but we are not unconditional supporters of this or that government" of Israel, he said.

**ADL SAYS U.S. FIRM CONVERTING WORKERS TO MOSLEM RELIGION AS PREREQUISITE FOR EMPLOYMENT IN SAUDI ARABIA**

By Arthur Wilner

NEW YORK, May 8 (JTA) — The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has charged the Dynalectron Corporation, headquartered in McLean, Va., with "offensive and un-American practices." According to the ADL, Dynalectron has been converting employees to the Moslem religion as a prerequisite for working in Saudi Arabia.

The ADL claimed that the Fort Worth, Texas branch of Dynalectron recruited helicopter pilots and crews to serve in the Mecca area for fire prevention duty during pilgrimages. At some point in their orientation, the recruits were told that they would have to convert to the Moslem religion, as non-Moslems are forbidden in the area according to Saudi Arabian law.

According to Abraham Foxman, ADL's associate national director, the firm put the recruits through a conversion program, which involved several days of instruction under a Moslem teacher. However, he added, even the support personnel in this operation, who did not have any duty in Mecca, were "encouraged" to convert.

Following the conversion course in Fort Worth, the ADL said, the recruits were flown to Tokyo to get instruction in operating special Kawasaki fire-fighting helicopters, equipped with water drums. Dynalectron is the sub-contractor to Kawasaki Heavy Industries in supplying helicopter crews to Saudi Arabia.

When questioned by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency about the conversion policy, Dynalectron declined to comment, but a spokesman for the firm did state that the company does not discriminate in its hiring of employees based on religion.

Foxman reported that while in Tokyo, the recruits were taken to an Islamic center where they were given a lecture before signing papers attesting to their conversion to Islam.

In 1979, one of six pilots who went to Japan — Wade Kern — refused to accept conversion and was fired by Dynalectron, according to his attorney, Art Brender of Fort Worth, who has filed a \$10,000 damage suit in U.S. district court. "The helicopter pilots," Brender told ADL, "were given a 'fire and brimstone' lecture by a mullah. He warned them that they could face death if they went to Mecca without becoming sincere and bonafide converts to Islam." At this point, according to Brender, his client "refused to go any further with the whole business and flew home."