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## UNEASY QUIET IN SOUTH LEBANON

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, May 18 (JTA) — An uneasy quiet prevailed in south Lebanon today after a weekend of artillery and mortar duels between Palestinian terrorists and Christian forces commanded by Maj. Saad Haddad. The exchanges of fire, described as the heaviest in months, followed pre-emptive Israeli ground and naval attacks on terrorist bases and other targets inside Lebanon.

An alert was in effect in Upper Galilee today after a number of shells of undetermined origin exploded harmlessly yesterday in the area between Metullah and Kiryat Shmona. But life proceeded normally with farmers tending their fields, workers at their jobs and children in school.

An army spokesman announced last Friday that Israeli units entered Lebanon the previous night in actions aimed specifically against terrorist targets. All Israeli forces returned safely to their bases. No details were given.

The operation was the second since the terrorist attack on Kibbutz Misgav Am last month, aimed at dislodging terrorists from their bases in order to prevent the organization of new assaults on Israel. An Israeli patrol killed three terrorists last Wednesday night who were trying to cut through the security fence on the Israeli border.

### Six Terrorists Killed

The terrorist radio in Lebanon reported Friday that Israeli naval units shelled the Tyre area while Israeli artillery shelled the Nabatiyeh area in south Lebanon. A Lebanese newspaper reported that six terrorists, members of the Syrian-backed Al Saïqa group, were killed while trying to dismantle a booby-trapped radio transmitter left on the Lebanese shore near Sidon, apparently by Israeli commandos. The explosion also demolished the terrorist command post, the report said.

Israeli sources denied terrorist reports that Israeli artillery took part in the shelling between Christians and Palestinians yesterday. According to the sources, the terrorists precipitated the battle on Friday by shelling villages in the Christian enclave. They rejected a cease-fire demand by Haddad, at which point Christian artillery shelled Tyre and the Sidon area. The fighting continued through most of yesterday but diminished by evening. The terrorists reportedly use 160mm. artillery, 120mm. mortars and Katyusha rockets.

## UNREST CONTINUES ON WEST BANK

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, May 18 (JTA) — Unrest continued on the West Bank over the weekend and while the curfew imposed on Hebron 16 days ago was partially lifted, a new curfew was clamped on a part of Bethlehem where a Molotov cocktail was thrown at an Israeli army patrol yesterday. One soldier received slight face injuries and a military vehicle was burned. More than 20 suspects were detained for questioning in the incident.

Another Molotov cocktail was thrown at an Israeli vehicle in Nablus today but caused no casualties or damage. A resident of Halhoul was arrested in connection with the raising of a Palestinian flag over the local high school. The curfew in Hebron was imposed on May 2 after six Israeli yeshiva students were killed in a terrorist ambush attack. It was lifted today for the daylight hours but will continue in effect after dark.

## AJ COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTES \$30,000 TO AID CAMBODIAN, VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

NEW YORK, May 18 (JTA) — In a dramatic display of interreligious cooperation, the American Jewish Committee presented checks of \$10,000 each to Catholic, Protestant and Jewish relief agencies working to aid Cambodian refugees and Vietnamese boat people. The \$30,000 contribution was made by Richard Maass, outgoing president of the AJ Committee, at a session last Friday of the organization's 74th annual meeting here.

Maass explained that the funds had been contributed by individual members of the AJ Committee. In addition, he stated, AJ Committee chapters in many communities had forged interfaith coalitions, arranged for teach-ins and press conferences, undertaken fundraising functions, and called for state and local government response to the plight of the Indochinese refugees.

## HINTS FROM CAIRO THAT EGYPT AND ISRAEL MAY BE ON WAY TO WORK OUT MEANS TO RESUME AUTONOMY TALKS

By Gil Sedan (Jerusalem) and Joseph Palakoff (Washington)

May 18 (JTA) — Egyptian media close to President Anwar Sadat hinted today that Egypt and Israel may be on the way to working out means to resume the autonomy talks which Sadat has suspended. These indications in the semi-official daily Al Ahram and in the weekly magazine "October," followed a 45-minute meeting today between Israeli Ambassador Eliahu Ben-Elissar and Egypt's new Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali, at the Foreign Ministry in Cairo.

It was the first such meeting since the Egyptians froze the negotiations for autonomy on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. It was also attended by the Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Butros Ghali.

Kol Israel Radio reported from Cairo today that the Egyptians gave Ben-Elissar a message to convey to Jerusalem. The Israeli envoy refused to comment on this. He told reporters, on leaving the Foreign Ministry, that he had conveyed to Ali a message of congratulations on his appointment as Foreign Minister from Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

While there was no official report on the contents of the letter given to Ben-Elissar, Al Ahram said today that it contained specific Egyptian proposals for resumption of the talks.

Sadat suspended them on May 8 because of "lack of progress" but he announced, during a four-hour speech to the Egyptian Parliament last Wednesday that they would be resumed at an early date.

Instead, the Egyptian Foreign Ministry announced on Thursday that the talks would remain suspended because of Israel's recent "behavior." The reference was to a new "basic law" declaring united Jerusalem the capital of Israel, which the Knesset approved on first reading last week and sent to committee.

### No Choice But To Resume Talks

Anis Mansour, a journalist close to Sadat, wrote in the current issue of "October" that there was no choice but to resume the Egyptian-Israeli-U.S. talks on autonomy. Al Ahram said today that Egypt had received clarifications from Israel with respect to the Jerusalem bill in the Knesset. According to the paper, the Israelis explained that the Knesset acted to kill a bill which was proposed by an ultra-nationalist opposition faction (Tehiya) by passing it on to committee.

Sadat sent a cable to Premier Menachem Begin and another to President Carter after he ordered the talks suspended for a second time, the Israel Broadcasting Authority correspondent in Cairo, Ehud Yaari, reported last Friday. Sadat refused to disclose the contents of his cable to Begin and there was no confirmation of it from the Israeli Embassy in Cairo.

However, the Egyptian President did acknowledge the existence of the cable in a brief meeting with reporters when he left the Cairo Mosque after Friday prayers. Asked about the statement by Israel's chief autonomy negotiator, Interior Minister Yosef Burg, that the break-off of negotiations indicated "instability" in Egypt, Sadat retorted, "No comment." He also refused to say under what circumstances Egypt would agree to resume the talks. However, he reiterated that the Knesset's decision on Jerusalem "was not in its place."

Yaari reported that Egyptian officials were uncomfortable in face of reports from Washington that American officials were critical of Sadat's move and referred to it as an "outburst of rage."

### U.S. Studying Situation

The Carter Administration continued to try to cool an apparent attempt by the Egyptians to bring about drastic changes in Israel's policy on Jerusalem and the West Bank. State Department spokesman Thomas Reston said Friday that the U.S. government was studying the latest communication from Cairo but that he would have "no detailed comment" on the Egyptian decision. "We hope that talks can resume in the near future. I can't give an exact date," Reston said.

Although Egyptian officials and the Cairo media have blamed Israel for the breakdown, the State Department appeared to disagree with the Egyptian contention that the Knesset's action on Jerusalem was a violation of the Camp David accords. Reston stressed that the Knesset "did not pass a new resolution" on Jerusalem but that "an opposition party introduced it" and the measure has gone to a Knesset committee. "We brought this fact to the Egyptian government. We hope it can be resolved," Reston said.

Independent sources in Washington said that Sadat's fault-finding with Israel is a "flimsy pretext" at "brinkmanship" to bring about U.S. pressure on Israel and improve Sadat's image in the Arab world. Another source indicated that Sadat was looking for additional support from the

United States politically and economically to help offset his domestic problems.

There were indications in Washington over the weekend that the talks would not be resumed before the end of this week. U.S. special Ambassador Sol Linowitz is still in Washington. He will meet with former Egyptian Foreign Minister Mustapha Khalil who is going there this week on a "private visit."

### Report U.S. Initiative

Meanwhile, Begin met Friday with U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis and was reportedly informed by him that the U.S. has taken an initiative to resume the talks. Although Begin was said to have approved the initiative in principle, he reportedly told Lewis that a new date for the talks could not be set without prior consultation with Israel.

Begin told reporters Friday that Sadat's decision to suspend the talks was "incomprehensible" and that Israel would not alter its positions because of "Sadat's tactics." He would not say whether or not he was in favor of a new summit meeting between himself, Sadat and President Carter. He said the idea has not been brought up and therefore it was premature to discuss it. Lewis, who brought Begin a message from Carter, himself discounted the idea of a new summit meeting at this time.

### 3 EXPELLED WEST-BANK OFFICIALS DENOUNCE ISRAELI OCCUPATION

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, May 18 (JTA) -- The three West Bank Arab leaders who were expelled on May 2 by the Israeli military authorities, following the murder of six yeshiva students in Hebron, held a press conference last Friday here in which they denounced the Israeli occupation and said they had come here to obtain their return to the West Bank.

The press conference was sponsored by the Palestine Liberation Organization observers here, Labib Terzi. Mayor Fahed Kawasme of Hebron, Mayor Mohammed Milhim of Halhoul and Kadi (Moslem judge) Rajeb Buyud Tamimi attacked the United States for its continuing support of Israel for what they said was "building settlements in the occupied West Bank."

They also said that they were expelled unjustly and illegally from their homes and that they did not know of the attack on the yeshiva students in advance. Milhim compared the Israeli occupation to the Nazi occupation of Europe, charging that the Israelis "demolish our houses and torture us." The three West Bank officials said the Palestinians in the West Bank reject the autonomy talks and the Camp David accords.

A meeting of the Security Council is scheduled for tomorrow and the three West Bank officials are expected to speak before the Council.

### CARTER MEETS WITH 247 MEMBERS OF THE UJA'S NATIONAL CABINET

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, May 18 (JTA) -- President Carter received 247 members of the National Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal at the White House last Thursday and they presented him with a plaque bearing in Hebrew the passage from Micah that the President had used in his inaugural address three-and-a-half years ago.

The presentation was made by Irwin Field, UJA

national chairman. The inscription was sculptured on a stone mounted on the plaque. The translation of it in English, on the back of the plaque read: "He has showed thee, o man, what is good and what does the Lord require of thee but to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God."

The President was reported as very pleased with the gift and the inscription from Micah. The UJA leaders, who came here at the President's invitation, were addressed by the President, National Security Council chairman Zbigniew Brzezinski, and Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and Southeast Asian Affairs Harold Saunders. The session, which lasted for more than 90 minutes, was closed to the press. Reporters were informed later that while the three speakers discussed the Arab-Israeli situation and other matters, no new substantive statements were made.

#### GROUP FORMED IN THE RA TO CONTINUE OPPOSITION TO ORDINATION OF WOMEN

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, May 18 (JTA) — More than 100 Conservative rabbis who attended the 80th annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly at Kiamesha Lake last week decided to form a Halachic Fellowship of the Rabbinical Assembly, it was reported by Rabbi David Feldman of Brooklyn. He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that one of the goals of the Fellowship is continued opposition to the ordination of women as rabbis.

Feldman said the Fellowship was organized last Tuesday night, hours after the delegates approved by a vote of 155-115 a resolution endorsing such ordination, the first RA convention to take such action.

The delegates, after hours of heated debate, also called on the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (JTS) faculty senate, which voted last Dec. 20 to approve an indefinite suspension of action on the ordination proposal, to reactivate the proposal and take action on it. The debate and actions at the convention indicated that the much-discussed and much-disputed issue of ordination of women would continue to be an unresolved problem in Conservative Judaism.

Feldman said almost half of those participating in the Tuesday vote for approval of women to be rabbinical candidates acted to form the Fellowship out of the conviction that ordination of women and other crucial issues must be deliberated through traditional Halachic process.

The body in Conservative Judaism for implementation of that process is the RA Committee on Jewish Law and Standards, whose chairman is Rabbi Seymour Siegel, Ralph Simon Professor of Ethics and Theology at the JTS. Siegel told the JTA, after the Tuesday vote, that "this vote will certainly influence the members of the faculty senate to reverse the decision last year and approve the admission of women to the program of ordination" at the JTS.

#### Nine-Member Panel Proposed

Rabbi Donald Price, a Fellowship regional chairman, told the JTA that members of the Fellowship proposed that "a nine-member panel be commissioned by the incoming president to study and evaluate the rules and procedures of the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards."

The new president is Rabbi Seymour Cohen of Chicago, who had served as vice president of the RA. He succeeded Rabbi Saul Teplitz of Woodmere, N.Y.

Under RA convention rules, a minimum of signatures of 10 members is required to bring to the floor by the opening day of a convention any resolution not provisionally approved previously by the resolutions committee and sent to RA members before each RA convention for their study and consideration at the next convention. Each convention has several sessions on resolutions.

When the delegates came to the resolutions session on Wednesday, the last day of the 80th convention, they were handed a sheet of paper which included both the texts of a formal resolution reporting favorably on the work of the Committee on Law and Standards and the proposal from the opposition proposing the nine-member panel.

Delegates then moved to combine the resolutions by including the call for a special panel which would be instructed to report back in writing to the RA no later than Jan. 1, 1981.

#### National, Regional Chairmen Chosen

Price said a Fellowship steering committee and national and regional chairmen were chosen at the initial meeting of the Fellowship and that "many more" RA members were expected to join the Fellowship. He also said four national chairmen were chosen — Rabbi Morris Friedman of Valley Stream, N.Y.; Irwin Groner of Detroit; Martin Waldman of Jackson Heights, N.Y.; and David Algaie of Forest Hills, N.Y.

Price also said that a number of regional conferences are being planned to discuss ordination of women and other issues and that the primary goal of the Fellowship is "to discuss how Halacha should develop."

#### 1500 RALLY IN BORO PARK

NEW YORK, May 18 (JTA) — Some 1500 Orthodox Jews attending an anti-crime rally in the Boro Park section of Brooklyn last night were urged to get legal firearms to protect themselves against increasing crime in their area.

Heshy Friedman of the Jewish Athletic Club of Brooklyn, the organizer of the demonstration, said the rally was called because of a wave of beatings, holdups and shootings during the last two-three weeks. He said the climax came yesterday morning when Simcha Lefkowitz, a 65-year-old Hasidic Jew, was shot from a passing car as he was walking to the synagogue. Lefkowitz was reported in fair condition in Maimonides Hospital. Nine days earlier a 72-year-old Hasidic Jew was shot in the arm by a man in a passing car as he walked along a deserted street.

The rally last night was held in front of the offices of the Jewish Community Council of Brooklyn. Friedman said this was to protest the Council's inaction.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The cost-of-living index rose in April by 10.2 percent, the second highest ever monthly leap. The government had warned of a high jump for April, but even Finance Minister Yigael Hurwitz could not conceal his disappointment that the figure was as high as it was.

Most prominent among items whose prices soared were clothes, fruit and vegetables. Home prices also went up an estimated 8 to 10 percent.

**BACKGROUND REPORT****WOMEN BEING ORDAINED AS RABBIS UNDER REFORM, RECONSTRUCTIONIST AUSPICES**

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, May 18 (JTA) — The seven women scheduled to be ordained as Reform rabbis next month will bring to 29 the total number of women designated as rabbis under Reform and Reconstructionist auspices, according to a Jewish Telegraphic Agency survey. The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia will name three men but no women as rabbis at graduation exercises today.

Six men and five women will be ordained here as rabbis at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) ceremonies on June 1 at Temple Emanu-El. Thirteen men and two women will be ordained at the HUC-JIR in Cincinnati on June 7. However, there are 12 women studying for the rabbinate in the Reconstructionist college, according to Rabbi Ludwig Nadelmann, president of the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation — three in the first year, four in the second year, one in the third year and four in the fourth year.

The Conservative movement continues to be embroiled in vigorous and widespread debate, rabbinical and lay, on whether to admit women to the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (JTS) here as candidates for the rabbinate. Support for such action was endorsed at the 1977 convention of the Rabbinical Assembly, the association of Conservative rabbis, but action on the proposal was postponed indefinitely by a majority vote of the JTS Faculty Senate last December. No Orthodox organization, rabbinical or lay, has indicated the slightest interest in ordaining women as rabbis.

The process of ordination of women rabbis in the United States began in 1972 when Sally Preisand was named by the HUC-JIR as the first woman rabbi in American history. Subsequently, 15 women were ordained under Reform auspices and six under Reconstructionist auspices.

**Those Being Ordained**

The five women to be ordained by the HUC-JIR here in June are: Cathy Felix of Highland Park, Ill.; Joan Friedman of Morblehead, Mass.; Debra Hachen of Cleveland Heights, Ohio; Judith Lewis of Rochester, N.Y.; and Mindy Portnoy of New Haven, Conn., according to Stanley Saplin, HUC-JIR associate information director. The two women to be ordained as Reform rabbis in Cincinnati are Aliza Wallin Berk of Encino, Calif. and Ellen Jay Lewis of Westfield, N.J.

Saplin also disclosed that Aliza Wallin Berk is married to Michael Berk, who will be ordained with her in June at the HUC-JIR Cincinnati school. Ellen Lewis is married to William Kraus, who will be ordained with his wife, also at the Cincinnati school. They have a child, Gideon Lewis-Kraus, born last January, who becomes the first HUC all-rabbinic baby, Saplin reported.

Michael Weinberg, one of the male candidates being ordained in Cincinnati, is the brother of Rabbi Ellen Dreyfus, who was ordained in 1979. Rabbi Janet Ross is now Janet Ross Marder. She is married to Rabbi Sheldon Marder, ordained in the HUC-JIR class of 1978, and is now an instructor in

Hebrew literature at the HUC-JIR school of Sacred Music.

Rabbi Ellen Weinberg, who did not enter the rabbinate, married Dr. James Dreyfus, a son of Rabbi Stanley Dreyfus, former rabbi of the Union Temple in Brooklyn, who is now director of placement for the Central Conference of American Rabbis. Mrs. Dreyfus is a mother and serves as a chaplain at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center of New York.

Steven Fox, who is being ordained in Cincinnati in June, is the brother of Rabbi Karen Fox, who is assistant director of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues. Rabbi Michal Bernstein, the first woman to direct a United States congregation and who quit because of the problems she found of being a woman rabbi, is one ordainee about whom neither the HUC-JIR or the CCAR has any information, Saplin said.

**No Change in Status**

There has been no change in the status of the seven women Reform rabbis serving as assistant rabbis at various synagogues, nor in that of the four women Reform rabbis serving Hillel Foundations, The JTA was told.

Nadelmann said there had been no change in the status of the six women named so far as Reconstructionist rabbis. One of six has continued to share the pulpit of Congregation Beth El Zedek in Indianapolis with her husband. She is Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso and her husband is Rabbi Dennis Sasso. He is also a Reconstructionist rabbi.

Rabbi Linda Holtzman, ordained as a Reconstructionist rabbi last year, was engaged to direct a Conservative synagogue, Beth Israel congregation in Coatsville, Pa. Preisand held her first pulpit position as assistant rabbi at the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue of New York and was promoted to associate rabbi before she suddenly resigned, refusing to discuss her reasons for doing so. Subsequently she accepted a part-time pulpit at Reform Temple Beth El in Elizabeth, N.J.

**SHAZAR PRIZE TO ALLIANCE TEACHERS**

NEW YORK, May 18 (JTA) — The Teachers Seminary of the Alliance Israelite Universelle in Paris was awarded by the Educational Department of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem the Shazar Prize for Jewish education and devotion to Israel, it was announced today by the American Friends of the Alliance in New York.

Jules Braunschvig, president of the Alliance, received the award from the head of the Jewish Agency department in the presence of President Yitzhak Navon and the noted writer Elie Weisel who is also a laureate of the Shazar Prize. The Alliance Teachers Seminary has trained many thousands of teachers for the various networks of schools of the Alliance and other educational institutions.

**MOSES GLIKOWSKY DEAD AT 76**

MEXICO CITY, May 18 (JTA) — Moses Glikowsky, a pioneer of the Jewish press and literature in Mexico, has died here at the age of 76. He was for many years associated with the World Jewish Congress in New York and was the editor of its Spanish news service.

ATTENTION: There will be no News Bulletin dated May 22 due to Shavuoth.