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## **BEGIN UNDERGOING TESTS AFTER 'MILD HEART ATTACK'; DOCTOR BELIEVES HE WILL RECOVER**

By David Landau

**JERUSALEM, July 1 (JTA) --** Premier Menachem Begin, hospitalized last night for what his doctor described as a "mild heart attack," will undergo tests during the next few days to determine "how much damage has been done to the heart," his physician said today. It was his second heart attack.

Dr. Mervyn Gottesman added, "I believe he will recover from this and be much better." But he will have to remain in the hospital "for some time," according to an official statement and he has asked Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin to take over his duties both as Premier and Defense Minister in the interim.

Begin was taken ill in the Knesset late yesterday while attending a debate on a motion to call for early elections. Shortly before the vote, in which the motion was defeated 60-54, he left the chamber escorted by Yadin and was taken by ambulance to Hadassah Hospital. Gottesman said Begin suffered slight chest pains yesterday morning which became severe by mid-afternoon. An aide to the Premier said the worst seemed over by the time he was admitted to the hospital.

### **Reported In Good Spirits**

However, he underwent blood tests, an electrocardiogram and other routine procedures for suspected heart attack victims and was placed in an intensive care unit. The Premier was reported in good spirits last night, buoyed by his government's Knesset victory. Aides said he chatted volubly with members of his family and other visitors.

Begin, who is 66, suffered a severe heart attack in 1977 but recovered sufficiently to lead his Likud coalition to victory in the elections that May. Shortly after taking office he was hospitalized for inflammation of the pericardium, the sac containing the heart. Last summer he suffered a slight stroke which temporarily impaired his vision and power of speech, but has since recovered from those symptoms.

## **JERUSALEM CALLED 'NOT UNDIVIDED'**

By Joseph Polakoff

**WASHINGTON, July 1 (JTA) --** The State Department said today that Jerusalem is "not undivided" nor is there "free access" to its holy places. John Tattner, the Department's new chief spokesman, replied in the negative when those two points were raised in connection with the U.S. abstention in yesterday's Security Council vote on a resolution condemning Israel for altering the character and status of Jerusalem.

Tattner, replacing Hadding Carter, whose resignation as chief spokesman took effect yesterday, said that with respect to Jerusalem, the U.S. considers "three central factors." He listed them as an undivided city, free access to the holy places for all faiths and the principle that the "final status of the city has to be decided in negotiations." He added, "We don't intend to pre-judge the outcome of those negotiations and we oppose others trying to pre-judge it."

When asked if the city is undivided and if there was not free access to the holy places, he replied in the negative. Pressed further, he said he would not discuss those points because "we've been through this." Tattner denied that the Knesset's Constitutional Committee's decision yesterday to approve a measure affirming Jerusalem as Israel's capital had any part in the U.S. decision to abstain in the Security Council vote.

## **ISRAELIS MOURN KIDNAP VICTIM**

By Yitzhak Shargil

**TEL AVIV, July 1 (JTA) --** All of Israel was in mourning today for eight-year-old Oran Yarden, whose partially decomposed body was found in a shallow grave in the sand dunes near Netanya last night, three weeks and one day after he was kidnapped for ransom.

The police are holding a suspect who reportedly confessed the crime and directed them to the spot where the child was buried. According to the police, he died some time on June 10, two days after he was abducted from the Savoyan quarter of Tel Aviv and several hours before his parents, Penina and Amos Yarden, paid the IL 2 million demanded by the kidnapper.

The tragic denouement of the case has shocked and infuriated Israelis and raised cries for capital punishment for the crime of kidnapping. Police have refused to identify the suspect by name. However, he is known to be a 33-year-old lieutenant in the army reserves, the father of three children, married but separated from his wife. He is reportedly an illustrator by profession who worked mainly on children's books.

The suspect was detained Friday at his home in Netanya after ransom bills deposited in a Rehovot bank were traced to him. Police found IL 1.5 million of the ransom money concealed in and around a house near Neve Ne'eman which the suspect occupied with the woman he was living with and another man. His two companions were also arrested but the police said today that the woman, a song-writer, apparently had no knowledge of the crime and may be released soon. The other man will also be released.

### **Boy Dead When Ransom Requested**

Police said the initial autopsy indicated that Oran was dead at the time his killer was negotiating for ransom. They said the suspect claims the killing was accidental. According to his story, as relayed by a police spokesman, he accidentally suffocated the boy to prevent him from crying out while driving through Tel Aviv shortly after the kidnapping. Oran suffered from bronchial asthma. Police said the killer concealed the body in the trunk of the car when he picked up the ransom money on a deserted road near Neve Ne'eman. He buried the boy only 36 hours later.

Whether the killing was accidental or intentional, it constitutes first degree murder. Thousands of Israelis telephoned newspapers and broadcasting stations last night and today demanding capital punishment. Leaders of the Lawyers Association have also recommended that kidnapping be added to the list of capital crimes. Under present law, the death sentence can be imposed only on Nazi war criminals convicted of murdering Jews in the Holocaust. An example was Adolf Eichmann, who was hanged in Israel in 1961. Military courts may also impose the

death penalty in certain cases. Otherwise, the maximum punishment allowed for murder is life imprisonment.

Meanwhile, the police have been criticized for their handling of the Yarden case. The Knesset's Internal Affairs Committee today recommended the creation of a special State committee, headed by a judge, to examine the way the police conducted the investigation.

#### VATICAN WARNS AGAINST ANY CHANGES IN JERUSALEM'S STATUS

By Yitzhak Rabi

**UNITED NATIONS, July 1 (JTA)** — At the same time that the United Nations Security Council was adopting a resolution last night denouncing Israel for changing "the status of the Holy City of Jerusalem," the Vatican issued a statement here declaring that "any unilateral act tending to modify the status of the Holy City would be very serious."

The statement came in the form of a letter from the Charge d'Affaires of the Vatican's Permanent Observer Mission to the UN to the President of the Security Council. The statement contended that "the Jerusalem question cannot be reduced to mere 'free access for all to the holy places,'" an argument often used by Israel when its control over Jerusalem is questioned. A solution to the Jerusalem question, the statement said, also required:

"(1) That the overall character of Jerusalem as a sacred heritage shared by all three monotheistic religions be guaranteed by appropriate measures; (2) that the religious freedom in all its aspects be safeguarded for them; (3) that the complex of rights acquired by the various communities over the shrines and the centers for spirituality, study and welfare be protected; (4) that the continuance and development of religious, educational and social activity by each community be ensured; (5) that this be achieved with equality of treatment for all three religions; (6) that this be achieved through an 'appropriate juridical safeguard' that does not derive from the will of only one of the parties interested."

Declaring that the Vatican desires a "special status" for Jerusalem, the statement concluded: "The positions of the two sides on the question of sovereignty over Jerusalem are known to be very far apart; any unilateral act tending to modify the status of the Holy City would be very serious. The Holy Father's hope is that the representatives of the nations will keep in mind the 'common monotheistic tradition of faith' and succeed in finding the historical and present day reality of Jerusalem reasons for softening the bitterness of confrontation and for promoting 'harmony among all those who call upon God.' The aim will be to ensure that Jerusalem will no longer be an object of contention but a place of encounter and brotherhood between the peoples and believers of the three religions and a pledge of friendship between the peoples who see in Jerusalem something that is part of their very soul."

#### McHenry: Resolution Avoids Peace Talks

The Council voted last night unanimously to end the occupation of Arab territories, "including Jerusalem" and declared that all measures taken so far by Israel to change the status of Jerusalem are "null and void and must be rescinded." The vote was 14-0 with the United States abstaining.

Donald McHenry, the U.S. Ambassador, told the Council before the vote that the resolution before the Council contains "a number of deficiencies in its formulations," mainly because it does not deal with the Jerusalem issue "in the context of the negotiated peace envisioned in Security Council Resolution 242 (1967) but rather quotes selectively from that resolution."

He stated: "What is really needed is a resolution on Jerusalem which would provide a practical method for bringing peace to the people of that city. We must establish the basis for negotiations to resolve the final status of Jerusalem in the context of peace. We must find a way to ensure, in clear and unequivocal terms, that the city is not again divided and that the people of all faiths have free access to the holy places."

McHenry, however, added: "I must note that the draft resolution in question contains much that is consistent with the policy of the United States because in it are deplored the unilateral acts which have sought to change the character of the city outside a negotiated settlement. The significance of those acts is that they are inconsistent not only with international law but with the very nature of negotiations essential for peace."

#### JEWISH GROUPS DENOUNCE SECURITY COUNCIL VOTE, U.S. ABSTENTION

**NEW YORK, July 1 (JTA)** — The United Nations Security Council was accused of "hypocrisy and political chicanery" in an angry reaction to the resolution it adopted late yesterday condemning Israel for "legislative and administrative measures... to alter the character and status of the Holy City of Jerusalem."

In a statement today, Rabbi Joseph Sternstein, president of the American Zionist Federation, also blasted "the failure of the United States to veto this blatantly false and unjust attack on Israel." According to Sternstein, this "is but a further demonstration of the ominous shift in our nation's Middle East policy." The resolution was adopted by a vote of 14-0 with the U.S. abstaining.

"Despite years of abuse of the holy places, flagrant violations of the armistice agreement and on all-out effort to erase any traces of Jewish heritage from the Holy City, Jordan's nineteen-year occupation of East Jerusalem elicited neither condemnations and admonitions from the United Nations," Sternstein noted. "Yet Israel's conscientious efforts to restore archaeological sites, retain Jerusalem's unique character and bring peace to the once divided city evokes criticism and denunciations," he said.

The AZF president assailed the UN as "a place where morality and justice are held hostage to the petrodollars and the influence they wield. Once an admirable institution, the United Nations has today sunk deeper into the morass of futility and sanctimony," he declared.

#### Jewish Action Urged

The Security Council's resolution was also denounced in a joint statement issued by Rabbis Seymour Cohen of Chicago, Arthur Lelyveld of Cleveland and Haskel Lookstein of New York, co-chairmen of "The Great Pilgrimage to Jerusalem" next November, a project of the AZF. "The most recent attempt in the UN to re-divide Jerusalem and to end Israeli sovereignty shows that powerful forces around the world remain determined to seize the heart of the Jewish people and remove it from the Jewish State," they said.

"It could happen — unless the Jews of America impress upon all concerned, including the Executive and Legislative branches of government, the meaning of Jerusalem to Jews everywhere. This is the purpose of The Great Pilgrimage to Jerusalem, in which more than 1000 American Jews, accompanied by 100 rabbis will 'go up' to Jerusalem next November."

#### Lack Of U.S. Veto Scored

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, said "It is deeply disappointing that the Administration merely abstained from and did not veto the latest UN resolution denouncing Israel. This resolution undercuts the Camp David process, encourages hardline Arab states in their refusal to enter into peace talks with Israel and gives heart to the PLO and its vow to destroy Israel by means of terrorist attacks against the civilian population," the Reform rabbi said.

Howard Squadron, president of the American Jewish Congress, said the U.S. should have vetoed the resolution. "We are deeply distressed over the American action in abstaining on a resolution that seeks to challenge and undermine the Camp David peace process. Its adoption pre-empt negotiations between the parties and renders them meaningless. The proposals embodied in the resolution would return the city to the condition of divisiveness and strife that characterized the long years preceding its reunification in 1967," he said.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith today told President Carter that "America's continuous abstentions in the United Nations on resolutions which threaten Israel's security and vital interests are lamentable examples of U.S. vacillation in support of a trusted ally."

Abraham H. Foxman, ADL's associate national director, in a telegram to the President, also said "The U.S. abstention undermines America's own efforts in pursuing the Camp David peace process and strengthens the hand of rejectionist forces. The U.S. action is indefensible in view of public acknowledgements by American government officials that the Security Council vote endangers the Egyptian-Israeli peace talks."

#### 10-20 TERRORISTS KILLED IN RAID

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, July 1 (JTA) — Between 10-20 terrorists, members of the gang responsible for the attack on Kibbutz Misgav Am last April, were killed in the Israeli raid on terrorist bases north of the Litani River Sunday night, Chief of Staff Gen. Raphael Eitan disclosed today. He said the terrorists were members of the Iraqi-sponsored Arab Liberation Front.

Eitan said the raid, carried out by paratroopers and other forces, was a complete success, conducted with excellent coordination and precision. He said the terrorists were taken by surprise although they had been expecting some sort of retaliatory attack from Israel following the murder of an Israeli security agent last week.

According to Eitan, the target was three kilometers inland from the Mediterranean, north of Tyre and near the Kassmihyeh Bridge over the Litani River. The Israeli forces destroyed five buildings, two of them ammunition stores and the others barracks.

Reports from Lebanon said that Israeli naval units shelled the coast while paratroopers were being landed on a hilltop near Kassmihyeh. Local resi-

dents also reported that Israeli seaborne troops placed roadblocks on the main highway between Tyre and Beirut and that they left behind ammunition and cartridge belts.

#### U.S. PROMISES TO KEEP OIL PLEDGE

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 1 (JTA) — Assistant Secretary of State Dean Hinton, the head of a three-man American delegation here to discuss energy problems with Israeli officials, said today that the U.S. would honor its commitment to supply Israel with oil in case of an emergency. The commitment was made when Israel agreed to relinquish the Sinai oil fields under the terms of its peace treaty with Egypt.

Hinton is holding three days of talks with Energy Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and other officials. The talks, to have been held last month, were postponed when Secretary of State Edmund Muskie took office, replacing Cyrus Vance, who resigned. They will be devoted primarily to conditions under which the American commitment would become operative.

Mordechai said Israel was not necessarily demanding that the agreement go into effect immediately. However, Israel wants the U.S. to recognize any steep rise in the price of oil as an emergency situation which would put the agreement into effect.

#### ISRAEL REJECTS UN RESOLUTION

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 1 (JTA) — The United Nations Security Council resolution yesterday condemning Israel for its actions in Jerusalem was roundly rejected in an official statement issued by the Foreign Ministry here today. "Debates of this kind will not determine the future of Jerusalem," the statement said.

There was no explicit reference to the U.S. having abstained rather than casting a veto as some Israelis had hoped. Officials said Israel's disappointment over this would be conveyed to Washington through diplomatic channels.

Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Yehuda Blum, returning for home leave today, said he had not been surprised by America's failure to use its veto. That had been his prognostication all along, he said, explaining that the U.S. nowadays was constantly concerned not to be too isolated within the UN on the Mideastern issue.

Blum said the Knesset's Legal Committee's decision yesterday to approve a bill affirming Jerusalem's status as Israel's capital had "certainly not helped" matters at the Security Council. But the Knesset is sovereign and its committee had doubtless taken all factors into consideration, Blum said.

Acting Premier Yigael Yadin expressed "sorrow" at the U.S. failure to veto the resolution. The Foreign Ministry's statement, drafted, it is understood, by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and his aides, declared that "Israel rejects this resolution and does not accept its principles. The resolution links with a long series of condemnations... whose essence is a hostile attitude which entirely ignores the realities of the area and the rights of Israel. The resolution will raise difficulties in the way of the peace process, which Israel is laboring to nurture."

"The future of Jerusalem will not be determined by debates of this kind. United Jerusalem was, is and will be sovereign Israel's capital city and will not be redivided," the statement said. It added that "the Israel government will continue to ensure free access to all the holy places and freedom of worship for all faiths and creeds; as it has done ever since the city was united under its rule."

# NEW YORK LAW PROTECTS SABBATH OBSERVERS ON ADMISSIONS TESTS; NATIONAL PROTECTION BEING SOUGHT

By Ben Gollub

NEW YORK, July 1 (JTA) — Intensification of an effort by the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA) to obtain a Sabbath protection amendment to the planned Truth-in-Testing law was announced here today, by Howard Zuckerman, COLPA president, following approval by the New York Legislature of such an amendment, the first such state law.

The new law, adopted by the Assembly and Senate with no opposition votes, provides that Sabbath-observing students have a legal right to take college and professional admissions tests on days other than Saturdays, the day when such examinations are normally given.

The new state law, known as the "Silver Amendment," after its principal sponsor, Assemblyman Sheldon Silver, Manhattan Democrat, received final legislative approval on June 13, when the State Senate approved it, 50-0. The Assembly approved it unanimously in February. It was introduced in the Senate by Sens. Kenneth LaVelle, Suffolk Republican and Donald Halperin, Brooklyn Democrat.

The Silver Amendment, drafted with COLPA's assistance, requires that "when regular test administrations are given on days of religious observance which prevent attendance by test subjects at such regular administrations, special administrations shall be offered soon after or before as is possible, at comparable times, places and cost."

## Covers All Admissions Examinations

Zuckerman said the new law covers such examinations as the College Entrance Examinations, Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT), Law School Admission Tests (LSAT), Graduate Record Examinations (GRE), Medical School Admissions Tests, Dental School Admissions Tests and similar examinations.

The problem for observant students arose when the State Legislature adopted an Admission Testing Law, popularly known as the "truth-in-testing" law, which became effective in August 1979. That law requires that, within 30 days following grading of a standardized admission test, questions used in the test must be made public.

The testing agencies — the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB), which administers the SAT, the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC), and other testing agencies — responded that the new law would force them to reduce drastically the number of alternate dates for Sabbath observers because the new law bars them from re-use of test questions.

Prior to adoption of the Admission Testing Law, the CEEB gave seven Saturday tests each year and seven alternate dates. The LSAC gave five examinations throughout the year, with five alternate Sunday or Monday dates.

Zuckerman said that the problem posed by the ban on re-use of test questions was resolved by an amendment to the truth-in-testing law, approved at the same time the Silver Amendment was passed, which provides for a formula to reduce both the number of examinations to be made public and the number of questions in those examinations to be made public.

A spokesman for the Education Testing Service in Princeton, N.J., the principal advisory

agency for the various testing services, said that the situation now in regard to the number of tests and alternate dates was the same as it was before the truth-in-testing law was adopted.

## Seek Change On Two Levels

Dennis Rapps, COLPA executive director, said that COLPA plans to act at two levels to get a similar national law, now that the state law has been enacted. He said one approach will be to deal with other legislators at the state level, citing the existence of the New York State law.

The other, he said, will be to mobilize support for a bill on the national level, which has been introduced in the House by Rep. Theodore Weiss (D.N.Y.), for which hearings have been tentatively scheduled for August. A counterpart bill has not yet been introduced in the Senate.

Rapps said COLPA acted in the New York Sabbath student protection measures on behalf of Yeshiva University; Yeshiva High School Principals Council of Greater New York; Agudath Israel of America; Young Israel; the Rabbinical Council of America; Torah Umesorah; the National Council of Yeshiva Principals; the National Association of Hebrew PTAs, the Educators Council of New York and the Union of Orthodox Congregations of America.

## SOUTH AFRICAN JEW SAYS TRADE WITH ISRAEL IS VERY NEGLIGIBLE

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, July 1 (JTA) — Trade between Israel and South Africa, an issue frequently raised by the enemies of both, is a negligible proportion of each country's overall foreign trade. Moreover, it is conducted openly whereas many countries which officially boycott South Africa, trade with it clandestinely.

Those points were made by Abe Hoppenstein, Consul General at the South African Embassy in Washington and a South African Jewish community leader, in a recent address at the Northern Virginia Jewish Community Center in Arlington.

Israel-South African trade represents only one-half of one percent of each country's total trade or the equivalent of one cent in two dollars, Hoppenstein said. By any measurement, trade with South Africa by the U.S., Western Europe and Third World countries far exceeds Israel's.

"The enemies of both countries were constantly endeavoring to bedevil" Israeli-South African trade, he said. "Not only Britain, France, West Germany and the U.S., trade with South Africa but many Third World nations do so as well. The only difference is that Israel trades with South Africa by day and the Third World nations trade with us by night," he added.

Hoppenstein noted "the great atmosphere of change in the world today," particularly in southern Africa with the Portuguese departing from Angola and Mozambique and the establishment of Zimbabwe. He explained that "the policies of the South African government regarding the non-white population have been constantly changing and being liberalized."

He noted also that "Jews tend to be liberal, by South African standards, and continue to do much to ameliorate the condition of the under-privileged there." South Africa's Jewish community is "a model community for its organization, discipline, generosity to local and overseas causes and its deep attachment to and spiritual bonds with Israel," Hoppenstein said. It makes "its mark on every facet of public life, commerce and industry, science and medicine, culture, art and music, sport and entertainment."