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## DISCUSSIONS REOPEN ON APPROACHES TO RESUME THE AUTONOMY TALKS

By Joseph Palakoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (JTA) -- Discussions on approaches to resume the West Bank-Gaza Strip autonomy talks were reopened today by the Egyptian, American and Israeli negotiators as Israeli sources expressed satisfaction that the United States has now reacted "positively" toward the position on the autonomy framework that Israel set forth last January.

In two private and separate meetings at a downtown hotel, special U.S. ambassador Sol Linowitz met first with Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali and then with Israeli Interior Minister Yosef Burg. The three then went to Blair House, the Presidential guest quarters opposite the White House, for three-way conversations.

Sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the Linowitz-Ali-Burg discussions will concentrate on "resumption" of the autonomy talks. "We are not talking about the summit," one source said, referring to State Department information last week that they would "initiate" a meeting in Washington in mid-November of President Carter, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Premier Menachem Begin.

### Israelis Surprised About 'Surprise'

These sources expressed surprise at the "surprise" asserted in a widely-distributed report to U.S. officials that "on the eve of the formal resumption of negotiations on Palestinian self-rule" Israel has made a concession to reduce its differences with Egypt.

According to this report, "American intermediaries" had reported that "the Israelis accepted an American contention that Palestinians in the area should have a voice in the area in determining land policy for the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip including whether more Jewish settlements will be built there." This appraisal referred to the Israeli paper presented to the State Department two days ago.

When the JTA asked Israeli sources for confirmation, their reaction was "we are very happy our position paper has been received here positively." However, the sources added, "whoever thinks there was a change in Israel's position, which was flexible and forthcoming, is incorrect. It has been Israel's position since last January when it was presented as a model to Egypt and reaffirmed in the Israeli paper. This paper reflects in a nutshell the main points of our position on the autonomy plan."

### Not A New Israeli Position

"We are wondering why there is surprise about this now," the JTA was further told. "This Israeli position pointed out to the American side two days ago was in full conformity of Israel's position that it has had for months."

"We always suggested in our model for autonomy that the powers of responsibility now maintained by the military government should become three-fold: (1) Eighty percent of these powers

would be vested in the newly-elected autonomous body. (2) Some powers would be shared by the autonomous body and Israel. (3) Other powers, namely security, would be retained by Israel. The shared powers would be on matters such as water and land. None of this is new."

The Israelis expressed hope that the autonomy talks first suspended by Egypt last May will be resumed soon. "As far as we are concerned," the sources said, "we look for more progress along the lines of negotiations."

## ISRAEL'S CREDENTIALS APPROVED BY THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 14 (JTA) -- Israel's credentials to the 35th session of the General Assembly were approved without objection last night, along with the credentials of 67 other countries, by the Assembly. The Assembly acted on the recommendation of the Credentials Committee which said that the credentials of these countries complied with the UN Rules of Procedure.

In recent months, various reports suggested that Arab and other Moslem countries would challenge Israel's membership in the General Assembly. But last week the Islamic Conference, a 39-nation group, decided in its meeting in New York to abandon its move to expel Israel from the Assembly deliberations.

Although the Assembly's approval yesterday of Israel's credentials sealed any possible move to expel Israel from the current session, the issue, diplomats said, could be raised later or in other sessions of the Assembly.

Following the Assembly's decision, Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Yehuda Blum, issued the following statement: "It is a measure of the decline of the UN that the question of Israel's credentials should have been raised at all. It is evident that the sponsors of this illegitimate move have also come to realize that it was doomed to failure."

Blum added: "If there is one lesson to be learned from this episode it is that attempts at coercion and blackmail can be checked when confronted with firmness and determination."

## BEGIN DENOUNCES FRENCH GOVERNMENT FOR ENCOURAGING NEO-NAZI ATTACKS

Premier Declares It Is The 'Right And Duty' Of All Jews To Defend Themselves

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 14 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin lashed out at the French government, the Soviet Union and Syria in an address on the state of world Jewry at the opening of the Knesset's winter session here yesterday. He assailed the French for encouraging neo-Nazi attacks on Jews by their anti-Israel policies and denounced the Soviets and Syrians for "sodism" toward their Jewish subjects.

Alluding to the escalation of neo-Nazi violence in Europe, Begin declared that it is the "right and duty" of Jews everywhere to defend themselves, their lives and their national honor. "The years of the thirties and forties must never be allowed to return," he said. He insisted that no distinction can be made between anti-Israelism, anti-Zionism and

anti-Semitism.

Begin's attack on the French regime was the sharpest yet by an Israeli leader. While his Cabinet issued a statement on the Jewish right of self-defense in the aftermath of the October 3 terrorist bombing of a Paris synagogue, it stopped short of direct criticism of the French government for the act.

Yesterday, however, Begin declared: "The French President and people certainly do not want anti-Semitic outbursts to occur. But they must know that their own anti-Israel propaganda inevitably creates the groundwork upon which such occurrences take place."

#### Begin Speaks Of 'Two Frances'

He spoke of "two Frances," one which Israelis and Jews will always admire and cherish -- the France of the French Revolution, equality, Jewish emancipation, culture and literature and Emile Zola -- and the "other France" which persecuted Captain Alfred Dreyfus and which taunted Simone Veil as a child.

Veil, a former Minister of Culture and currently President of the Parliament of Europe, is a concentration camp survivor. "No Jewish child ever need be spoken to the way Simone Veil recalls being insulted at the age of four -- 'dirty Jew'," Begin said.

Begin also assailed French Interior Minister Christian Bonnet, who said immediately after the bombing that although the attack was on Jews, many non-Jews were injured. A "despicable slip of the tongue," Begin said. He quoted Bonnet as saying that "three innocent gentiles" had been killed, "as though the Jewish Israeli woman killed was not also an 'innocent victim'." He said he hoped Bonnet would "beg forgiveness of the Jewish people" for his remark.

#### Cites Soviet, Syrian 'Sadism'

Begin opened his speech with references to Ida Nudel, Yosif Mendelevitch, Anatoly Shcharansky, Vladimir Slepak, Dov Begun and other "Prisoners of Zion" in the Soviet Union. "We cannot understand the source of the sadism motivating a great power like Soviet Russia to persecute a few dozen Jews in this way," he said.

Addressing himself to the prisoners, he said, "Be strong and keep up your courage." He pledged that Israel would continue to arouse world opinion on their behalf. He said the fall-off of Jewish emigration from the USSR this year was "very worrying." He noted that in January, 1980, over 2800 exit permits were granted although more than 10,000 applications were made, but by July the figure was down to 680 out of 4000 applicants.

Syrian "sadism" toward the 1000 Jewish families confined to ghettos there was also incomprehensible, Begin said. He referred to the reported rape of four Jewish girls in Syria and said the Jewish community there lived in "constant fear."

#### Aliya Options For Diaspora Jewry

After a lengthy debate, the Knesset, by an overwhelming majority, passed a resolution decrying the current wave of neo-Nazism and stressing the aliya option for diaspora Jews. The Labor Party and most other opposition factions joined the government coalition in voting for the resolution.

Labor Party leader Shimon Peres stressed

aliya in his speech. He recalled that the late Premier David Ben Gurion told Charles de Gaulle in 1960 that Israel intended to bring millions of Jews to its shores. But Peres expressed outrage over the hostile atmosphere toward immigrants that he said was often encountered in Israel. "Did we ever dream there would be such a thing as an immigrants' strike here in Israel?" he asked, referring to a recent incident.

Peres said the Soviet government deserved "a word of thanks" for at least partially opening the gates to Jewish emigration. "The real answer to anti-Semitism abroad," he said, "is the Zionist answer, aliya." It is time that American Jewry gave Israel "its sons and not only its money," Peres said. He warned that soaring intermarriage in America meant that "a sense of gradual fading away besets American Jewry."

#### JEWISH LEADERS MEET FRENCH ENVOY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (JTA) -- Howard Squadron, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, led a delegation of Jewish leaders today in what he termed a "frank and candid meeting" with Francois de la Boulez, the French Ambassador to the U.S. about the recent neo-Nazi attacks against Jews in France. Another delegation, headed by Rabbi Joseph Sternstein, president of the American Zionist Federation, is due to meet with Boulez tomorrow to discuss the same problem.

#### SOLIDARITY VIGIL AGAINST WAVE OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN FRANCE

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (JTA) -- With adherents of various political strains within Washington area Jewry participating, about 150 mostly young Jews joined late yesterday in a "vigil of solidarity" against the wave of anti-Semitism in France and called on the French government to suppress attacks on Jews.

The demonstration took place, under city law, 500 feet from the French Embassy. It was organized by an ad hoc group named "Committee of Concern" which presented a statement to the Embassy. The statement said: "We express our support of the Jews of France and all those who stand with them .... The leaders of France must speak out against terrorism and act now to destroy the climate which allows those acts to take place."

Prayers, including the Kaddish were recited. The shofar was blown and songs were sung in Hebrew, Yiddish, French and English. A sprinkling of non-Jews joined in the demonstration and some held lighted candles along with the Jews. Placards carried such statements as "Jewish solidarity has no borders" and "We are all French Jews." One showed a swastika over the letters PLO.

A notice to the media said "The committee and the vigil emerged out of discussions among parents in the Fabrengen Cheder, an independent Jewish school, and community in Washington, D.C. Support also comes from leaders of local synagogues, Hillel Foundations on area campuses and officials of the Jewish Community Council."

Joanne Yelenik, a member of the Cheder parents and a teacher of American history and literature at a private high school in Georgetown, was the leader of the vigil. Mrs. Yelenik, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., who came to Washington seven years ago, drew the biggest applause when she said: "We will not allow the fortunes of history to make us, the Jewish people, its victims. The Jewish people will not be silent. We assert proudly and boldly that the Jewish people live."

## NEW CONTROVERSY BREWING OVER PROPOSAL TO ANNEX GOLAN HEIGHTS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 14 (JTA) — A major new controversy is building up in the Knesset with possible severe repercussions abroad over a proposal to annex the Golan Heights. The initiative for a law that would declare Israel's sovereignty, administration and jurisdiction in that territory is being pressed by Geula Cohen of the ultra-nationalist Tehiya faction.

It was Cohen who introduced the Jerusalem Law, passed by the Knesset July 30. It resulted in widespread condemnation of Israel abroad, a second suspension of the autonomy talks by President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and the eventual departure from Jerusalem of the 13 foreign embassies located there. Yesterday, Cohen presented a Golan Law for the Knesset agenda, getting ahead of activists from other parties who favor a similar proposal.

The prospects for such a bill in the Knesset are uncertain. Earlier this year, more than 70 MKs of all the major parties signed a manifesto declaring the Golan Heights, seized from Syria in the Six-Day War, to be an inseparable part of Israel. However, chastened by the adverse world reaction to the Jerusalem Law, many MKs, including many who signed the manifesto, are not anxious to support a Golan Law at this time.

Avraham Shafir, chairman of the Likud Knesset faction and a leader of Likud's Liberal Party wing, declared today that he was opposed to the bill. He spoke to reporters after a meeting, at his request, with Premier Menachem Begin. He insisted that he had not discussed the Cohen bill with Begin. Questioned about the government's stand on the measure, Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor replied that "It is the Knesset, not the government which passes laws."

### International Outcry Expected

That observation echoed the statements by government spokesmen before the Jerusalem Law was passed to the effect that the government would not interfere in the legislative process. Some observers here believe that ultimately the government will interfere in this case. The international outcry at a Golan annexation law would be overwhelming because such a law would mean, in effect, Israel's repudiation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 242.

Begin so far has refrained from public comment on the Golan Law initiative. Meanwhile, the political committee of the Labor Party resolved today that Labor MKs would absent themselves from the Knesset if and when the Golan Law comes up for a vote. The decision contradicted earlier assertions by party spokesmen that Labor would oppose such a law at this time.

### DULZIN'S PLAN FOR OVERHAULING OF 'SHLICHUT' WINS APPROVAL

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 14 (JTA) — The World Zionist Organization/Jewish Agency is to undertake a total overhaul of its system of appointing and training shlichim (emissaries to the diaspora) in the wake of insistent urging by chairman Leon Dulzin that has finally overcome opposition from some of the departments.

An official announcement last week confirmed that the two main planks of Dulzin's proposal had been carried by the WZO Executive

and would be implemented: a central authority for shlichut will be set up, and a single training program for shlichim will be instituted.

In the future, the announcement said, shlichim will be "emissaries of the WZO or of the Jewish Agency, not shlichim of particular departments." Moreover, shlichim operating in a particular country will work "as a united delegation" under the leadership of a senior shaliach who will represent "the WZO Executive" as such.

In practice, the new scheme will mean that the various departments will no longer be empowered to appoint their own shlichim, as has been the practice heretofore. This practice has always been a fertile ground for political and personal pressures exercised on behalf of, or against, would-be shaliach candidates.

The new "authority" will, together with the departments, map out shlichut needs in the various countries and communities, select candidates using objective professional criteria -- again, in consultation with the various departments. All Shlichim will undergo a unified training program at the new training facility. The official announcement pledged that in the future appointments of shlichim would be made as far as possible from among WZO/Agency staff, though there could still be appointments from outside "in special cases."

(In New York, Max Fisher, chairman of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors, issued a statement in which he applauded the decision on the shlichim. He expressed satisfaction at this step taken at the initiative of Dulzin which Fisher noted is in keeping with his policy of improving the services of the Jewish Agency. He noted further that the move will make for better coordination among WZO departments and enable the shlichim to establish more effective contacts with the community and diaspora Jewish organizations involved.)

### TWO DEPORTED MAYORS TO APPEAR BEFORE SPECIAL APPEALS BOARD

JERUSALEM, Oct. 14 (JTA) — Two West Bank mayors, deported immediately after the ambush slaying of six yeshiva students in Hebron last May, crossed the Allenby Bridge to the West Bank today to appeal against their expulsion. Fahd Kawasme, Mayor of Hebron and Muhammad Milhim, Mayor of Halhoul, were confined to a VIP room at the Jordan River crossing point while a special appeals board of the Military Government met nearby to consider whether or not to revoke the deportation orders.

The two men will appear in person before the tribunal, as recommended by the Supreme Court. Israeli officials said they would be restricted to the immediate vicinity of the Allenby Bridge unless and until the tribunal and the West Bank military commander decided in their favor. Both expressed confidence that their appeal would be successful.

PARIS (JTA) — France and Saudi Arabia Tuesday signed an arms contract providing for the sale of \$3.5 billion of French-made warships, helicopters and missiles to the oil-rich kingdom. The contract is one of the largest ever signed by a West European country. France will build four missile warships and two tankers for the Saudi navy and will equip them with its latest model of sea-to-sea missiles, the Otomat. France will also provide Saudi Arabia with Dauphin helicopters armed with air-to-sea missiles and an elaborate radar computer enabling them to serve as the "fire guidance brains" for the Saudi warships. Several hundred Saudi technicians and naval personnel will be trained in France and French engineers will help maintain the Saudi vessels.

## REAGAN: PLO IS A TERRORIST OUTFIT, NOT COMMANDOS OR FREEDOM FIGHTERS

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 14 (JTA) -- In a bid for Jewish votes, Republican Presidential candidate Ronald Reagan branded the Palestine Liberation Organization "terrorists" and said President Carter refused to do it. "I have no hesitation in doing so," Reagan told a meeting of some 1200 Jews here.

"We live in a world in which a band of thugs clever enough to get the word liberation into its name can thereupon murder school children and have it be considered glamorous and glorious," Reagan said. "Terrorists are not guerrillas or commandos or freedom fighters or anything other than terrorists."

The GOP candidate also said, "As an ally of the United States, Israel must have the means to remain strong. Israel needs a friend in the White House, the kind of leadership that will give our nation a strategy of economic growth and progress. I would like to provide that friendship and that leadership."

Reagan also deplored the recent anti-Semitic violence in France. "I would think it would be a responsibility of a government such as ours to speak out forcefully in the world and say there is no room for that. That must not be permitted to happen in the world again."

### Mondale Demands Apology From Reagan

This statement by Reagan drew an angry response from Vice President Walter Mondale today who demanded that the Republican candidate apologize for saying that Carter failed to condemn anti-Jewish terrorism in France. The Vice President entered the White House press room and described Reagan's remarks as "totally false" and "outrageous."

Mondale noted that the President has frequently spoken against terrorism, including yesterday when he appeared at the Forest Hills Jewish Community Center in Queens, New York. "Terrorism is a crime against decency and humanity whether it occurs on the streets of Paris or the streets of Jerusalem, whether those responsible are neo-Nazis or members of the PLO," the President said yesterday. "The United States does not deal with organizations which attempt to accomplish their objectives by means of terrorism," Carter added.

### NCSJ APPEALS TO STATE DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF ANATOLY SHCHARANSKY

NEW YORK, Oct. 14 (JTA) -- Burton Levinson, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ), sent a telegram yesterday to Secretary of State Edmund Muskie requesting the State Department to seek clarification from the Soviet government on the physical health of Prisoner of Conscience Anatoly Shcharansky. The appeal followed reports that Shcharansky suffered a serious fall last month and is in a prison hospital.

Expressing the apprehension of the NCSJ, Levinson said, "Concern is mounting over the physical health and security of Anatoly Shcharansky based on reports from his mother. We urge that all available channels be utilized to clarify negative reports of his health and to insure his well-being."

According to recent newspaper reports, Shcharansky had written to his mother, Ida Milgrom, that he suffered a fall Sept. 23 that left

him unconscious. As a result of the injury, he was experiencing back and stomach pains and was receiving antibiotics in the prison hospital.

### Reports That Shcharansky Collapsed

But the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry said that reports from the Soviet Union which reached the International Committee for Anatoly Shcharansky, headed by Rep. Robert Drinan (D-Mass.), said that Shcharansky had suddenly collapsed while at work in the Perm labor camp and was taken to the camp's hospital, a move usually reserved only for inmates who are quite ill.

At the time of his collapse, the SSSJ said, Shcharansky had also been notified that the visit of his mother and brother scheduled for December was cancelled, possibly in retaliation for a strong letter he had sent to President Leonid Brezhnev complaining about the severe conditions in the camp.

The SSSJ also said that a film, "Lies and Hatred," which attacked Shcharansky and his wife Avital, was shown on Soviet television last Saturday night.

### BELGIAN NEO-NAZIS BOOTED OUT OF U.S.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (JTA) -- The State Department revoked the visas of two Belgian members of a neo-Nazi organization after being alerted to their presence in this country by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, a Department spokesman said. The cases of two other members of the same organization, the Flemish Militant Order (Vlaamse Militanten Orde), were under review by the Department when they left voluntarily.

The four Belgians arrived in Atlanta from Brussels last week to meet with J.B. Stoner, head of the racist National States Rights Party and to attend a conference his party was sponsoring to oppose the recent influx of immigrants into the United States. Some 50 of Stoner's followers, Ku Klux Klan members and segregationists from around the country also attended the conference, according to reports.

The two Belgians whose visas were revoked were identified as Armond Eriksson and Roger Spinnewyn. The identities of the other two Belgians were not disclosed. The Flemish Militant Order was involved last week in a protest demonstration in Brussels against giving voting rights to immigrant workers in Belgium.

### FIRST PROJECT RENEWAL BUILDING OPENED

JERUSALEM, Oct. 14 (JTA) -- The first building to be erected from Project Renewal funds, an ultra-modern day nursery for 80 young children, was opened last week in Ramat Hashikma, a district of Ramat Gan. The funds were raised by the Philadelphia Jewish community, which is linked to Ramat Hashikma in Project Renewal.

Jewish Agency Executive chairman Leon Dulzin, Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin, the government's chief representative on Project Renewal, and Ramat Gan Mayor Israel Peled attended the opening together with representatives of the Philadelphia community. Dulzin declared that past misunderstandings between the government and the Jewish Agency over Project Renewal were now over and the two bodies would be working in harmony on the project.

AMSTERDAM (JTA) -- At least three Jewish organizations here have received anti-Semitic pamphlets during the past week. The three are the Jewish Cultural Center, the Maimonides Lyceum and Habonim, the Labor Zionist youth organization. The pamphlets show soldiers in Nazi uniforms trampling Jews, and state: "Amsterdam is not for Jews."