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BEGIN, IRELAND'S DEFENSE MINISTER DISCUSS TENSE SITUATION IN LEBANON

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, March 23 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin discussed the tense situation in south Lebanon today with the visiting Defense Minister of Ireland, Sylvester Barrett, and responded to the latter's urging that Israel use its influence to restore calm to the region and cooperate with United Nations peacekeeping forces.

Barrett's visit came at a time of confrontation between the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) commanded by Gen. William Callaghan of Ireland and the Christian forces led by Maj. Saad Haddad who is supported by Israel. Begin told the Irish Defense Minister that Israel desires to cooperate with UNIFIL and does its best to restrain Haddad but could not in effect tell him what to do.

Begin claimed that the source of the trouble in south Lebanon was the aggressive behavior of the Palestine Liberation Organization which enjoyed direct support from the Soviet Union. According to Begin, the legal government of Lebanon in Beirut is incapable of controlling the situation in the south. The clash between Haddad and UNIFIL stemmed from the dispatch of Lebanese army regulars to the south, a move supported by UNIFIL but opposed by Haddad as a threat to his authority in the region.

Begin used the occasion of his talk with Barrett to urge the Irish government to establish a permanent embassy in Israel. Ireland has diplomatic relations with Israel but is represented by a non-resident Ambassador posted in Athens, Greece.

ISRAEL MOURNS VICTIMS OF MARITIME DISASTER

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, March 23 (JTA) -- Israel mourned the dead in its worst maritime disaster as the first group of survivors returned home to tell of their harrowing hours in lifeboats battling gale force winds and 24-foot seas after the bulk carrier Mezada sank in the Atlantic near Bermuda on March 8.

Of the 35 persons aboard, 24 are known or presumed dead, among them the master of the 19,000 ton ship, Capt. Gera Levin, whose remains were returned to Israel and buried at Haifa last Thursday. Yehuda Rotem, general manager of the Zim Lines, owners of the Mezada, noted at the graveside that Levin died in the best tradition of the sea. He helped his crew into the lifeboats and was the last to abandon ship, Rotem said.

One of the saddest accounts of the disaster was given by Mali Staier, the only woman aboard the Mezada who told how her husband, the ship's wireless officer, drowned in stormy seas just as rescue was at hand. Mrs. Staier, 26, was one of eight survivors rescued by the Indian freighter Damodar Tasaka. They were landed at Gibraltar last Wednesday and flown to Israel on Thursday.

The 666-foot Mezada, bound from Ashdod to Baltimore with a cargo of potash, began taking water on March 7 after heavy seas smashed a hatchcover. Early the following morning the order was given to

abandon ship. Mrs. Staier said her husband had to force her into a lifeboat because she was frightened by the mountainous waves.

"For about seven hours we talked aboard the lifeboat. He and others encouraged me," she said. They were about to be picked up by the Indian ship when "A giant wave capsized the boat. I held on to one side when I saw my husband carried away to the other side of the Indian ship. I didn't see him again," she said.

He is among the 12 crewman missing and presumed dead. The U.S. Navy and Coast Guard called off their sea-air search on March 12 after scouring the area for five days without success.

ANTI-SEMITIC TIRADE BY QADDAFI

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, March 23 (JTA) -- Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi charged last night that "the Jews are leading the world into a third world war just as they provoked the second." Qaddafi, interviewed on Radio Luxembourg, said that the Jews are responsible for recent wars and are trying to provoke new ones. He said that "American blind support (for Israel) could well result into a clash between the two super powers."

The Libyan leader, whose relations with France have been strained for the last years, said Paris has lost more "than us" because of this cooling off in relations between the two countries. In spite of Franco-Libyan confrontations in the Chad, however, Qaddafi was relatively restrained in his criticism of France.

But he lashed out against the United States saying that American military bases in Oman, Egypt and Saudi Arabia "are a real threat to peace." He also charged the U.S. with responsibility for the crisis situation, which he said, continues to prevail in the Middle East.

DRUCKMAN DUE TO QUIT NRP AND RUN ON SEPARATE TICKET IN THE ELECTIONS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 23 (JTA) -- Rabbi Haim Druckman, the hawkish champion of the Gush Emunim within the National Religious Party, is expected to announce tomorrow that he will quit the NRP to run in the June 30 Knesset elections on a separate ticket. Druckman made his intentions known today after negotiations with the NRP over his position on its slate ended in deadlock.

According to a radio report, Druckman had demanded, as his price for remaining in the party, three Knesset seats among the first dozen on the NRP election list for persons of his ideological persuasion. Observers said the defection of Druckman and other MKs from different factions to run as independents or on new lists would create a proliferation of splinter parties making it difficult for any of the major parties to win a clear majority.

Former Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said last week that he has just about decided to head a new party list of his own. Dayan, a former Laborite, quit the Likud government in October, 1979. Druckman, if he leaves the NRP, is expected to take with him the rank and file of the Gush Emunim, especially

its most religious elements who regard him as their authentic spokesman.

But political observers believe this will do more damage to the ultra-right wing Tehiya faction than to the NRP. Many Gush Emunim followers and supporters expected to vote for Tehiya may now switch to a new rightist religious list headed by Druckman.

CAMPAIGN TO MOBILIZE SUPPORT IN CANADA FOR VIKTOR BRAILOVSKY

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, March 23 (JTA) — Michael Brailovsky is embarked on a vigorous campaign to mobilize support from the Canadian government and opposition parties in Parliament, the legal, academic and scientific communities and the media to help secure freedom for his brother, Soviet-Jewish scientist and dissident Viktor Brailovsky who is incarcerated in Moscow's Butyrka prison.

Brailovsky, who lives in Haifa, Israel, said his brother was imprisoned on false charges of "circulation and fabrication of information defaming Soviet public and State order" and has been held incommunicado since November 13, 1980. He said Viktor, 45, suffers from a chronic liver ailment.

Public figures Brailovsky met with last week included Minister of Trade and Commerce Herb Gray; Solicitor General Robert Kaplan; Edward Broadbent, leader of the New Democratic Party in the House of Commons; former Secretary of State for External Affairs Flora MacDonald; and top officials of the Ministry of External Affairs.

"We shall ask the Canadian government to protest the continuous detention of my innocent brother, to call for his immediate release and permit him, his wife and children to immigrate and be reunited with the rest of his family in Israel," Brailovsky said.

Irwin Cotler, McGill University law professor and counsel to Viktor Brailovsky, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "We will ask the Canadian Parliament to pass a standing order 33, which is a unanimous resolution of the House on behalf of Viktor Brailovsky." The Canadian government also will be asked to lodge a protest with the Soviet Ambassador in Ottawa.

Canada To Pursue Shcharansky Case

In another development relating to the fate of imprisoned Soviet Jewish dissident Anatoly Shcharansky, Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau has promised to "raise the case of Shcharansky again" with the Soviet authorities. Replying to a letter from Broadbent inquiring about Shcharansky, Trudeau noted that "Canadian representations were made on last November 14 on instructions of (Secretary of State for External Affairs Marc) McGuin directly to the Soviet delegation" at the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, held in Madrid.

"It would be unwise to suggest that we have moved the Soviet authorities on this case," Trudeau wrote, "but I can say that our representations were received in a serious manner by the Soviet representatives in Madrid." He added that "after the Madrid conference, there will be fewer opportunities to raise cases of violations of human rights" but "we intend to raise humanitarian or family reunification cases on a bilateral basis and will raise the case of Shcharansky again if it appears that we can help him in any way."

SENATOR URGES MORE U.S. ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, ARMS SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 23 (JTA) — Sen. Gary Hart (D. Colo.) called on the United States to offer increased military, economic and political support for Israel "not only because it is morally right" but also because it is "in the best interests of our own national security."

Speaking before more than 1,400 retailing industry leaders at the Waldorf-Astoria at an Israel Bond dinner honoring M. Ronald Ruskin, chairman and chief executive officer of Gimbel's New York, Hart criticized the Administration's proposal to enhance the power and range of Saudi Arabia's F-15 fighter planes, "which we pledged would never be so equipped."

"I opposed the original sale of the F-15's to Saudi Arabia in 1978," he said. "The Saudis' best intentions are no guarantee these planes will not fly against Israel in the future. No one can guarantee who will command the Saudi arsenal tomorrow or the next day. And we must never be willing to hazard the guess."

Hart, a member of the Senate's Armed Services Committee, warned that such a flow of new equipment to Saudi Arabia would intensify the arms race in the Middle East, and would further burden Israel's economy with even greater requirements for arms. "The Administration's quid pro quo of extending additional credit to Israel for the purchase of more military hardware is hardly the solution for a nation already overwhelmed by defense costs," he said.

Charles Ballou, MC and dinner chairman, announced that more than \$4 million in Israel Bonds and other financial instruments were purchased in honor of Ruskin, "making this the most successful Bond dinner ever held by the retailing industry."

MANHEIM SHAPIRO DEAD AT 67

WASHINGTON, March 23 (JTA) — Funeral services were held at Temple Sinai here today for Manheim Shapiro, a social psychologist who was long active in Jewish communal work. He died Friday at the age of 67.

Shapiro was with the American Jewish Committee from 1949 to 1966 where he was in charge of Jewish communal affairs. After he left the AJCommittee he was a consultant to Jewish organizations and was executive director of the Bureau for Careers in Jewish Service in 1968-69.

Since 1969 he has headed Insight Development Services, a research and training organization specializing in communications for businesses and organizations.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y. Sept. 5, 1913, Shapiro attended Brooklyn College, the University of Michigan and the New School for Social Research. He worked for the New York City Welfare Department 1938-43, served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was director of programs and publications for the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization 1946-49. He was also an adjunct professor at the City College of New York.

VIENNA (JTA) — The mayor of West Berlin and the City Council have agreed to a proposal by the Simon Wiesenthal Documentation Center here to perform an act of moral restitution by renaming the avenue leading to the Berlin Olympics Stadium after Jesse Owens, the Black American Olympic runner who won four gold medals in the 1936 Games. Owens died in 1980.

TEACHERS STAGE ONE-DAY STRIKE

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, March 23 (JTA) — Israel's teachers observed a one-day strike today, suspending classes for 1.2 million students ranging from nursery school children to adults at teacher training seminars. There will be no classes tomorrow either because the Parents Association has called a sympathy strike in support of the teachers' wage demands.

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, who has said he would resign if the wages are not increased as stipulated by the agreement reached between the government and the teachers union last week, announced that his Ministry was making plans for a prolonged strike. They include lessons broadcast on the educational television channel, special theatrical and movie performances, and part-time employment in army camps or agricultural work to keep the youngsters off the streets.

The wage agreement has been held up by the Finance Minister on grounds that salary increases would violate overall wage policy and trigger similar demands from other public employees. The teachers are demanding immediate implementation of the agreement. Meanwhile, the Parents Association appealed to the Supreme Court to order the army not to recruit youngsters who are unable to complete their school year or sit for final examinations because of the strike.

STUDY CLAIMS JEWISH ANCESTRY FOR ST. TERESA OF AVILA

WASHINGTON, March 23 (JTA) — St. Teresa of Avila, a revered leader of the Discalced Carmelite Sisters in 16th Century Spain who will be commemorated by the Catholic Church on the 400th anniversary of her death next October, was of Jewish ancestry, according to an article appearing in the current issue of Carmelite Studies, an annual publication of the Institute of Carmelite Studies here.

The article, by Father Teofanes Egido, a professor of history at the University of Valladolid, Spain and a member of the Discalced Carmelite Order, was cited by the National Catholic News Service which noted that St. Teresa was a reformer of the Carmelite Order in her day and one of two women honored as a doctor of the church.

According to Father Egido, a Spanish historian, Alonso Cortes, in 1944 uncovered a 16th Century lawsuit which contained testimony revealing that St. Teresa's father and paternal grandfather were Jews who converted to Catholicism during the Inquisition.

Did Not Acknowledge Ancestry Publicly

The research showed that St. Teresa was aware of her ancestry but did not acknowledge it publicly because of prejudice in Spain at the time against Jews and Jewish converts.

She did, however, direct her convents not to comply with the "statutes of purity of blood" which excluded Jewish converts to Catholicism from most religious orders, from the military, higher education, civil and church offices. But the Discalced Carmelite Sisters reimposed the "purity of blood" requirements after her death on October 4, 1582 at the age of 67.

According to the National Catholic News Service the Spanish bishops announced in Madrid recently that Pope John Paul II would attend the celebrations marking the 400th anniversary of her death.

MORAL MAJORITY AFFIRMS SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL, CIVIL RIGHTS OF JEWS

NEW YORK, March 23 (JTA) — The Moral Majority, which is headed by the Rev. Jerry Falwell, declared today that "One cannot belong to Moral Majority Inc. without making the commitment to support the state of Israel in its battle for survival and to support the human and civil rights of Jewish people everywhere. No anti-Semitic influence is allowed in Moral Majority Inc."

That statement was contained in a full page advertisement in the New York Times explaining "how Moral Majority Inc. stands on today's vital issues". The paragraph on Israel said:

"We support the state of Israel and Jewish people everywhere. It is impossible to separate the state of Israel from the Jewish family internationally. Many Moral Majority Inc. members, because of their theological convictions, are committed to the Jewish people. Others stand upon the human and civil rights of all persons as a premise for support of the state of Israel. Others support Israel because of historical and legal arguments.

"Regardless, one cannot belong to Moral Majority Inc. without making a commitment to support the state of Israel in its battle for survival and to support the human and civil rights of Jewish people everywhere. No anti-Semitic influence is allowed in Moral Majority Inc. (that sentence was printed in bold face type.) Further, Moral Majority Inc. is committed to the human and civil rights of all persons everywhere."

ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL FINED \$71,000 IN ARAB BOYCOTT CASE

WASHINGTON, March 23 (JTA) — Rockwell International Corporation of Pittsburgh has agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$71,000 for 127 alleged violations of the federal laws against the Arab boycott against Israel and U.S. firms doing business with Israel. The Department of Commerce said that most of the alleged violations occurred at the company's facilities in West Germany and Great Britain and "were discovered by the Rockwell parent through an internal audit." The Department said the company "voluntarily brought" the violations to the attention of the Department's Office of Anti-Boycott Compliance.

"The Rockwell units allegedly certified to buyers of portable electric hand tools and other products that the products sold to them had not originated in Israel," the Department said. The company also allegedly certified, the Department added, that "on a lesser number of occasions" neither the manufacturer nor the exporting firm was blacklisted by the importing country.

The countries involved in asking for certifications were reported as Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait and Oman. The majority of them were from Saudi Arabia, the Department said.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Mayor Teddy Kollek is to discuss the future of Jerusalem with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig in Washington this week. This was reported here Monday night by Israel TV's correspondent in Washington. The correspondent said the meeting was "an extraordinary gesture" by the Secretary, who did not as rule confer with mayors.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Security forces destroyed an Arab house in Gaza and sealed up another Sunday after having destroyed two other houses there on Friday. The four buildings had been occupied by terrorists detained recently and found guilty of killing a local Arab resident of Gaza a year ago.

RABB SLATED TO BE NEW U.S. ENVOY TO ITALY; ROSTOW IS IN LINE TO HEAD ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, March 23 (JTA) -- Maxwell Rabb, a New York attorney long prominent in Republican Party ranks, is slated to be the new U.S. Ambassador to Italy, and Eugene Rostow, a Yale University professor, is in line to head the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, White House sources said.

Rabb, 71, has been active in Republican politics since he served as the administrative assistant to Massachusetts Republican Senator Henry Cabot Lodge in 1937. He was an assistant to President Eisenhower and Secretary of the Cabinet in Eisenhower's Administration. He was also an administrative assistant to Massachusetts Republican Senator Sinclair Weeks and was a legal and legislative consultant to Navy Secretary James Forrestal in the Truman Administration. Rabb was a delegate to several Republican conventions and was prominently associated with the GOP presidential campaigns since 1952.

Rabb has been honored by numerous national organizations and served with the United States commission to UNESCO in 1959-60. He was chairman of the U.S. delegation to UNESCO in 1958. His affiliations have included the NAACP, United Jewish Appeal of which he was government division chairman for five years in the 1950s, and Temple Emanu-El in New York of which he is president. In 1958 he was decorated with the commendation ribbon of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy.

Rostow, who is a former dean of the Yale Law School, was reported to be a "potential competitor" of retired Army Lt. Gen. Edward Rowny for the post of administrator of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Rowny was the representative of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) for President Carter.

Rostow, 67, was Undersecretary of State from 1966 to 1969 in the Johnson Administration. Although a long-time Democrat, Rostow supported President Reagan in the last election campaign.

ARGENTINA'S NEXT PRESIDENT SAYS HIS ADMINISTRATION WILL ACT TO OUTLAW ANTI-SEMITISM, NEO-NAZISM

NEW YORK, March 23 (JTA) -- Argentine President-designate Roberto Viola, who takes office March 29, assured leaders of the American Jewish Committee that his administration would take all action possible under law against any anti-Semitic acts and neo-Nazi publications.

Viola, meeting with the AJCommittee delegation for 45 minutes in his suite at the Waldorf Towers last week, indicated close knowledge of Jewish concerns as a result, he said, of meetings with the representative body of Argentine Jewry, the DAIA, personal family ties, and frequent cordial exchanges with Israeli representatives to Argentina over the years.

Responding to AJCommittee queries about recent decrees that would introduce confessional teaching into the traditionally secular Argentine educational system, Viola declared that a previous move in this sense had been revoked because of unfavorable reaction and that he would see to

it that "each confession will be able to teach in accordance with its own precepts and faith."

The AJCommittee delegation told Viola it welcomed reports following his meetings in Washington that action would be taken with regard to the thousands of "disappeared" persons and prisoners in Argentina, many of whom are Jewish.

Disclaims Government Responsibility For Incidents

Viola affirmed that anti-Semitic acts in Argentina such as the desecration of cemetery gravestones and the bombing attacks some time ago against various Jewish institutions were the work of maladjusted persons and could not be considered the responsibility of the Argentine government any more than one could hold the U.S. government responsible for the deaths of black children in Atlanta.

"We shall take action against such persons and incidents and against any forms of Nazism, not because the Jewish community or Jewish organizations request this, but because this is something that is in keeping with what our entire people and tradition demand," Viola declared.

With Viola were the Argentine Ambassador to the United States, Jorge A. Aja Espil, and Marta Oliveros, Legal Counselor to the Argentine Mission to the United Nations. The delegation presented Viola with a copy of "Five Centuries of Jewish Life in Argentina," by Alberto Klein, a volume originally sponsored by the AJCommittee Argentine office that has just reappeared in a second edition in that country.

FALASHAS TO RECEIVE MATZOH FROM JDC

NEW YORK, March 23 (JTA) -- The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) has shipped over 390,000 pounds of Passover supplies to small Jewish communities throughout the world, including a shipment to Falasha Jews in Ethiopia, according to JDC president Henry Taub.

"The small Jewish communities, in their isolation, symbolize the need for all Jews to reach out to help one another to preserve Jewish tradition and to assure spiritual and physical survival. This," Taub said, "is the traditional role of the JDC as the arm of the American Jewish Community concerned with rescue, relief, and rehabilitation of Jews and Jewish communities throughout the world."

JDC executive vice president Ralph Goldman noted that JDC is shipping matzoh to Falasha Jews in Ethiopia, which will be distributed in Ethiopia by ORT. "The greatest problem in reaching the Falashas is their widespread dispersal, as most of them live in small villages which are geographically dispersed," Goldman said.

He said that Passover supplies will also be distributed to the small Jewish community in Egypt for the fourth consecutive year. "For 31 years before that, Passover supplies were distributed by the International Red Cross," he said. "Officials estimate that there are 400 Jews in Egypt, divided between Alexandria with 250 and Cairo with 150."

Goldman added that of all the communities receiving Passover supplies, Rumania receives the largest amount, nearly 270,000 pounds. Tunisia receives 47,000 pounds and Poland 43,000 pounds. Other communities receiving Passover supplies were in Greece; Italy (for Soviet emigrants); Yugoslavia; Melilla and Cueta in Spanish Morocco; Portugal; Spain and Lebanon. The primary recipients in Italy are the Soviet Jewish emigrants celebrating their first Passover in freedom and who are waiting in Rome for visa formalities to be completed.