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BEGIN AGREES TO REAGAN'S REQUEST THAT ISRAEL GIVE THE U.S. MORE TIME TO CONVINCE SYRIA TO WITHDRAW ITS MISSILES FROM LEBANON

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, May 5 (JTA) — Premier Menachem Begin responded affirmatively today to President Reagan's message urging Israel to give the U.S. time for further diplomatic efforts aimed at the withdrawal of Syrian SAM-6 anti-aircraft missiles from Lebanon. Begin drafted his reply after consultation with the Cabinet which agreed unanimously to its contents. The message will be delivered personally to the White House by Israel's Ambassador in Washington, Ephraim Evron.

Begin remarked to reporters later that "only a miracle can convince the Syrians" to remove the missiles "by peaceful means." But he welcomed Reagan's decision, announced in Washington today, to send career diplomat Philip Habib as his personal envoy to the region to try to defuse the crisis. Habib, who served as Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs in the Carter Administration, is expected here later this week. He will also visit Lebanon and Syria.

Begin said he didn't know what proposals Habib might bring but described him as "a wonderful and experienced diplomat." He said Israel was willing to explore all avenues to a peaceful resolution of the crisis.

Asked by a reporter if it can be assumed that Israel would await the outcome of Habib's mission before it resorts to other measures to remove the Syrian missiles from Lebanon, Begin replied, "You can assume anything you like." He insisted that Reagan's message, delivered to him yesterday by U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis, was a "most friendly letter." Begin said there was no American pressure on Israel or even a sign of it. "We speak with the U.S. as friends and allies," he said.

REAGAN SENDING PERSONAL ENVOY TO MIDEAST TO DEFUSE LEBANON CRISIS

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, May 5 (JTA) — President Reagan is sending former Undersecretary of State Philip Habib to the Middle East in an effort to calm the explosive situation in Lebanon, the White House announced today. In making the announcement, the White House said Habib would visit Israel, Syria and Lebanon and that the leaders of all three countries have agreed to see him.

Habib will leave sometime this week, after meeting with Secretary of State Alexander Haig who returns late tonight from a NATO meeting in Rome. The State Department said Habib is prepared to spend some time in Lebanon and did not rule out a "shuttle" between the three countries.

Sources at the State Department said the trip is a Presidential, not a State Department effort, to emphasize the seriousness with which the U.S. views the situation. State Department spokesman David Passage said Habib will "explore ways of defusing the tension."

But, Passage stressed that Habib will not advance either his own ideas or those of the U.S. but will

listen to the views of the leaders of the countries he is visiting. Passage re-stated the State Department's public position that the U.S. has no specific course of action which it wants the parties to take but has only "objectives" and "goals" aimed at ending the week-long crisis in the area.

The State Department spokesman would not comment on whether the U.S. is asking Syria to remove the SAM-6 anti-aircraft missiles it has placed in the Bekaa valley in eastern Lebanon nor would he say whether the U.S. has been asking Israel not to bomb the missiles. However, he noted pointedly an April 3 White House statement deploring violence in south Lebanon which said that the U.S. "never authorized the policy of pre-emptive intervention by Israel or anyone else."

Passage also declined to comment on whether the U.S. has asked the parties involved to refrain from any action during Habib's mission. "The U.S. welcomes the restraint which has been shown by all parties to the present crisis," he said. "We hope that the restraint will continue."

Cites Objectives, Not Deadlines

Reagan, in a letter to Israeli Premier Menachem Begin yesterday, reportedly urged Israel to exercise restraint. Passage again refused to say today whether Israel had given Syria an ultimatum to remove the missiles. "This government has objectives, not deadlines," he said. He declined to be specific as to what the U.S. has asked the Soviet Union to do in the present crisis. Moscow reportedly has been asked by the U.S. to use its influence with Syria to have the missiles removed.

Habib, who served as Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs from 1976-78, is a career diplomat with wide experience in the Middle East. Passage said that he is expected to meet with many people beyond the official level during his upcoming mission. He stressed, however, that he is not expected to speak to the Palestinians but would undoubtedly speak with parties that are in contact with the Palestinians.

NO INSOMNIA FOR BEGIN OVER GERMAN REACTION TO HIS ATTACK ON SCHMIDT

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, May 5 (JTA) — Premier Menachem Begin said today that he wasn't losing any sleep over West Germany's angry reaction to his attack on Chancellor Helmut Schmidt who he accused yesterday of willfully forgetting past German crimes against the Jewish people. Begin lashed out at Schmidt for saying that Germany had a "moral commitment" to the Palestinians driven out of their homes on the West Bank and for his proposed weapons sales to Saudi Arabia. He repeated his attack today.

"Every German should be ashamed of their Chancellor," Begin said. Asked if his words might backfire, he told reporters, "I wouldn't lose even a moment's sleep because of those German remarks." Begin received wide support among Israelis, including members of opposition parties, although many people suggested that he should have used more diplomatic language. Begin yesterday also denounced President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing of France.

FRENCH JEWISH LEADERS SUBMIT DEMANDS TO GISCARD, MITTERRAND ON FRENCH MIDEAST, ISRAEL POLICIES

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, May 5 (JTA) — A delegation of the Representative Council of Major Jewish Organizations in France (CRIF) yesterday submitted a list of 10 demands, mainly concerning Israel and French foreign policy in the Middle East, to President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing who is seeking reelection to a second seven-year term. Alain de Rothschild, president of CRIF who led the delegation, said that a similar list of demands will be presented tomorrow to the opposition Presidential candidate, Socialist leader François Mitterrand. The list and the two candidates' replies will be made public immediately afterwards.

Giscard and Mitterrand will face each other May 10 for the final runoff in the Presidential election. Public opinion polls show them running neck to neck and the 400,000 Jewish voters could theoretically be a decisive factor in determining the election result.

Outline Of The Demands

The demands by CRIF include a promise on the part of the candidates to close the Palestine Liberation Organization bureau in Paris, a halt to the sale of arms to Arab countries and an end to the supply of enriched uranium to Iraq.

Other demands include a pledge to invite the Premier or President of Israel to pay an official visit to France and to follow this up with a visit to Israel by the President of France; a full disclosure of the results of the investigation into the bombing last October of the Rue Copernic Synagogue in Paris and the status of teaching about the "horrors of racism" in public state-controlled schools that was initiated after the synagogue bombing.

This is the first time in French history that a representative Jewish group has taken such a public stand on the eve of national elections. Seven of the 10 demands deal with Israel and the Middle East and only three with local Jewish issues.

Concern Demands Might Backfire

Such open lobbying is not traditional in France and some of Giscard's Jewish backers warned that it might backfire. The President's official spokesman said, however, that Giscard assured the CRIF delegation that he had "never done anything which might have endangered Israel's security."

Giscard, the spokesman added, also recalled that socialist leaders have attended numerous PLO demonstrations and meetings at which the government was not represented. The President also said that "high level exchanges of visit" could be considered after the elections.

Socialist Jewish backers were also sceptical about the CRIF initiative, saying that even if Mitterrand favors some of the demands or most of the demands it might look awkward if he were to accept them less than a week before the May 10 vote.

The CRIF decision to submit the 10 demands was taken immediately after the first election round, April 26, at a meeting attended by some 35 CRIF members.

The CRIF meeting with Giscard came at a moment of renewed Franco-Israeli tension following Israeli Premier Menachem Begin's sharp accusations levelled Sunday in Tel Aviv against France and West Germany. Begin, accused Giscard

and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of being motivated "only by their search of profits in selling arms to the Arabs and buying cheap oil" from them.

Begin Accused Of Meddling

Government spokesmen, whether representing the Quai D'Orsay or the President's office, refused to comment, but election campaign aides accused Begin of trying to influence the election outcome in France. Some aides, who refused to be named, accused Begin of involvement in French internal affairs. Giscard's electoral spokesman, former Information Minister Jean Philippe Lecat, commented: "As far as I know, Mr. Begin does not vote in France."

Up till now the two candidates have avoided turning the Middle East and Franco-Israeli relations into an electoral issue. Giscard and Mitterrand, who are due to face each other tonight on a nation-wide television debate, will probably be questioned on this subject by the panel.

YORAM EITAN KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

TEL AVIV, May 5 (JTA) — Air Force pilot Yoram Eitan, son of Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan, was killed yesterday when the plane he was piloting crashed during a training flight. Yoram, 26, was married only three weeks ago. His bride's father, a noted pilot, was killed in the Yom Kippur war.

Yoram was buried with military honors in the Eitan family home in Moshav Tel Adashim. The Eitans have three daughters. Another son died some years ago, at the age of 10, from an asthma attack.

PRO-ISRAEL, PRO-PLO GROUPS ARE ACTIVE IN SWITZERLAND

GENEVA, May 5 (JTA) — An association of Swiss Friends of the Jewish-Arab Center at Haifa University was founded here to extend financial support for peace efforts between Jews and Arabs at Haifa University, it was announced today. The Association's president is Willy Guggenheim who is also secretary general of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Switzerland. Andreas Gerwing, a lawyer, is vice president.

Meanwhile, the Swiss Arab Association has embarked on a new campaign to persuade Foreign Minister Pierre-Aubert to extend an official invitation to Farouk Kaddoumi, head of political affairs of the Palestine Liberation Organization, to visit Switzerland. The Arab lobby here has been trying since January, 1979, to have Kaddoumi invited, but Aubert, who does not favor the idea, has put them off.

MAY 10 PROCLAIMED DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE KNESSET TO INCLUDE THE WORDS 'ACCORDING TO HALACHA' IN ISRAEL'S LAW OF RETURN

NEW YORK, May 5 (JTA) — Five Orthodox Jewish organizations have proclaimed May 10 as an international day of prayer and assembly to call upon the Knesset to include the words "according to halacha" in Israel's Law of Return.

The five groups, in a joint statement, decried the Law of Return which, it said, "allows for non-Jews to be registered as Jews without the benefit of a conversion performed according to the dictates of Jewish law (halacha). As a result, many hundreds and perhaps thousands of non-Jews are now masquerading as Jews, while actually never having left the faith and gentile life style into which they were born and reared."

The statement added: "We therefore believe that there is but one alternative to rectify this

tragedy. That is to insist on the inclusion of the words 'Giyur K'Halacha' in the Law of Return. This will insure that only those individuals who are sincerely interested in becoming Jews by conforming to the laws connected with conversion will be recognized as Jews. It will close a widening gap which threatens the structure of the Jewish people."

The statement was signed by the Rabbinical Alliance of America, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, Rabbinical Council of America, National Council of Young Israel and the Council of Young Israel Rabbis.

NAVON'S INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE

JERUSALEM, May 5 (JTA) -- The following is the message from President Yitzhak Navon on the occasion of Israel's 33rd Independence Day which will be marked May 7:

To Jewish communities everywhere we send from Jerusalem our heartfelt greetings on Israel's Independence Day. What was not given to our forefathers in 2000 years of exile has been granted to our generation; the ancient dream has been realized; we have achieved independence.

Independence means being able to shape our own destiny; ceasing to be an object manipulated by others. Independence means that we can develop our country and our culture in accordance with our spiritual legacy, our history, our desire to create a society of which we can be proud -- a society which will realize the biblical vision that Torah will come forth from Zion.

When Israel achieved its independence in 1948, there were 650,000 Jews in the country. Today there are three-and-a quarter million. In our first year of independence, our exports consisted of citrus fruit, false teeth and heads for primus stoves. Today, we export, among many other items, helicopters, electronic instruments, excellent and diversified agricultural produce.

Cites Unparalleled Achievements

These are unparalleled achievements, but there are still difficult and most significant challenges that we have to meet; settlement of the desert area that represent 60 percent of Israel's territory; moulding one nation out of immigrants who have come from 102 countries and speak 81 different languages; solving the social problems with which we are now grappling; completing the peace process begun with Egypt and, at the same time, guarding our own security. And the chief task to be carried out by the Jewish people is and remains -- aliya.

Till their actual aliya, Jews in their communities should study Hebrew, visit Israel, strengthen Jewish education. All of us must do all in our power to enable the Jews of Soviet Russia and Syria to leave their countries in freedom and, we trust, join us in rebuilding the homeland of our people.

All of us hope with all our hearts that complete redemption will follow upon the beginning of redemption which divine help has given us, and that we will see the scattered Jewish people gathered in their own country, developing their land and culture, creating a model society. Indeed all of us are responsible for each other, as one Jewish people.

LEVESQUE'S REMARK CAUSES CONCERN

MONTREAL, May 5 (JTA) -- The Jewish community is disturbed by Premier Rene Leves-

que's remark at a press conference last Friday implying that Jews and those of Anglo-Saxon background are not true Quebecers. Explaining that he has not appointed a Cabinet minister of Anglophone (English-speaking culture) background because he did not want to indulge in tokenism, Levesque added:

"The community of Anglophone background, as well as the bulk of the Jewish community, Darcy McGee Riding being the perfect example, made no move in our direction at all." Darcy McGee Riding is part of the Cote St. Luc district which is 95 percent Jewish. In the last provincial elections it re-elected Herbert Marx, who is Jewish, to the Quebec National Assembly by a margin of more than 217,000 votes.

Marx told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "The nationalist message Mr. Levesque and his Parti Quebecois is preaching is not a message to which the Jewish community is receptive." The English-language Montreal Gazette remarked editorially that "Mr. Levesque's statement implied that it is up to the English and Jewish communities to vote for the PQ of Mr. Levesque -- not that it is the PQ's responsibility to win their votes." (By Michael Solomon)

TWO BRAZILIANS HONORED

TEL AVIV, May 5 (JTA) -- Two famous Brazilians were honored yesterday by the Weizmann Institute for Science in Rehovot. The ceremony marked the dedication of a residential area named for the late Oswaldo Aranha, the distinguished diplomat and close friend of Israel who presided over the historic meeting of the United Nations General Assembly which decided on the partition of Palestine and the establishment of the State of Israel.

The other Brazilian honored was Adolpho Bloch, head of a publishing empire and active in Jewish community affairs, who has been described as the "Henry Luce of Brazil." Bloch was the guest of honor. The names of Aranha and Bloch are associated in the "Conjunto Residencial Brasileiro Oswaldo Aranha, Casas Adolpho Bloch." Funds for the construction of the new residential area were donated by the Bloch family and other Brazilian friends of the Weizmann Institute.

BEGIN RAPS ISRAEL RADIO, TV

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, May 5 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin lashed out yesterday at what he perceived to be ideological dissent in the Israel Broadcasting Authority, a quasi-government agency that traditionally enjoys a high degree of autonomy. According to reports of a Cabinet discussion on the budget for Israel radio and television, Begin attacked the Broadcast Authority heads who appeared to present their budget requests. "Who set you up or elected you as an opposition to the government?" he asked and admonished them to "behave like a government service, not an anti-government one."

He singled out television's choice of Labor spokesmen such as Simcha Dinitz, the former Israeli Ambassador to Washington, Chaim Herzog, Israel's former Ambassador to the UN, and former Chief of Staff and Commerce Minister Haim Barlev, to comment on political and military affairs. "What is this here? Who is in charge of policy here?" he asked. The Cabinet agreed to allow the Broadcasting Authority a one month temporary budget so that it could continue to function during May.

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- Work stoppages by employees of Ashdod's power station who are demanding higher pay caused intermittent power blackouts throughout the country Tuesday.

UJA ASSERTS PROJECT RENEWAL PROGRESS OUTWEIGHS PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, May 5 (JTA) — The United Jewish Appeal responded today to recent criticism of Project Renewal, stating that the critics have failed to see "clear and present signs of progress toward what may be the world's first successful program of comprehensive rehabilitation of distressed urban areas."

"Certainly there have been problems," said Robert Russell of Miami, UJA national Project Renewal chairman, in a statement issued here today. "Every new program encounters difficulties, but Project Renewal has also recorded significant, visible accomplishments."

The statement noted that scores of supportive social programs and physical improvements are in place or in progress in dozens of Project Renewal neighborhoods in Israel. They include bomb shelters converted to youth clubs; mother and child programs; "laundry clubs" where women doing their wash receive educational instruction; some new housing units and enlarged apartments; drug prevention and other anti-delinquency programs; cleared lots, pocket parks, improved street lighting and increased bus service.

Grass Roots Participation Stressed

Russell attributed this record of progress to Project Renewal's emphasis on direct resident participation in the rehabilitation of the neighborhoods.

"The bulldozer approach of imposing a so-called slum clearance plan on a distressed area has never worked," he declared, "as witness the failure of the war on poverty in the U.S. In Project Renewal, it is the people of the neighborhoods who determine their own priority needs and develop the programs that will best meet them."

"This grass roots approach requires the formation of neighborhood councils, an often slow and halting process, sometimes creating a sense of delay and leading to the kind of impatient criticism we have been experiencing."

Resident priorities established through this process, Russell observed, are often surprising to those who expect the need for improved housing to be the dominant concern. As an example, he cited these words by a man in Amishav residing in two small rooms with his wife and six children:

"I've lived here for seven years and I can live here for seven more years. But my 13 year-old son can't live seven more years without a youth program in the neighborhood."

New Pride Instilled

Russell's statement added that the new pride instilled in Project Renewal neighborhoods through central resident involvement has been reinforced by the active participation of American Jews from linked communities in the planning and programming process.

The total rehabilitation program for each neighborhood partnered with an American community or cluster of communities is the product of a cooperative effort involving steering committees established by the neighborhood councils, American community representatives, the Jewish Agency Project Renewal Department and participating Israel government ministries.

Beyond those programs already in operation, according to Russell, hundreds of additional social and physical rehabilitation projects have been approved and are awaiting funding and implementation. How quickly and effectively they will be activated, he

emphasized, depends largely on the pace of Project Renewal fund-raising and cash flow in the immediate weeks and months ahead.

"Despite the critics who see only the problems and ignore the progress," the statement concludes, "the question is no longer whether Project Renewal will work. The question is how well we will let it work."

CONGRESSMAN SAYS HE AND HIS GENERATION SYMBOLIZE THE FAILURE OF THE NAZIS TO OBLITERATE JEWS

HARTFORD, May 5 (JTA) — Rep. Sam Gejdenson (D. Conn.), the first child of Jewish Holocaust survivors to serve in Congress, told a record crowd of 900 people at the community's annual Yom Ha-Shoah observance that he and his generation "are a testimony that the Nazi attempt to obliterate the spirit of our people has failed."

Both Gejdenson's parents survived the Nazi invasion of Lithuania, their native country, and Gejdenson himself was born in a displaced persons camp in Germany in 1948, three years after the war's end. They immigrated to America and settled on a small dairy farm in Bozrah, Connecticut, where Gejdenson still lives with his wife Karen and baby daughter Mia.

The Yom Ha'Shoah observance was held at the Emanuel Synagogue in West Hartford and was co-sponsored by the Greater Hartford Jewish Federation and Hartford Jewish Community Center.

Saying that Jews often have been among the first to be persecuted, Gejdenson declared: "As we see prejudice and hatred against others, we must lead the charge to stop it." The Nazis' murder of the Jews shows how quickly threats and rhetoric can become a fact, Gejdenson said. "Hitler's promises in 1939 that seemed ludicrous were real a few years later," he said. Gejdenson, 33, said he entered politics because "people using the power of government correctly can make a difference."

In addition to the horror, Gejdenson said it also is important to remember the "courage and hope" displayed during World War II. He told the audience that his father's life was saved by a Roman Catholic woman, the mother of seven children, who found him on her doorstep. After consulting a priest, the woman hid the elder Gejdenson from the Nazis. By remembering all that went with the Holocaust, Gejdenson said, "We deny Hitler and his cohorts a victory."

In other Yom Ha'Shoah observances, a community-wide Yom Ha'Shoah interfaith observance was held at Beth Israel Synagogue in Worcester, Mass., which was the culmination of an all-day program organized by the Worcester Jewish Federation's Community Relations Committee and the Worcester County chapter, and the National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) in conjunction with numerous other Jewish organizations.

In stressing the importance of the commemorative event, the first of its kind held in Worcester, Federation president Morton Siegel said: "Together with our Christian brothers and sisters we mourn not only the loss of six million Jews but also the millions of men and women of diverse faiths who perished at the hands of the Nazis."

John Curran, chairman of the board of the Worcester chapter of the NCCJ, declared that to guard against another Holocaust "there must be an ongoing effort to remind the world of its unique significance in human history. Through this observance, men and women of all faiths here in Worcester can share in this effort."