

## ISRAEL WILL PERMIT ANOTHER WEEK FOR U.S. DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO DEFUSE CRISIS IN LEBANON BEFORE CONSIDERING OTHER OPTIONS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, May 25 (JTA) -- Officials indicated here today that Israel will probably permit another week for the American-sponsored mediation effort to resolve the Israel-Syrian impasse over Syrian surface-to-air missiles in Lebanon before considering whether other options, including the military option, should be examined.

Philip Habib, President Reagan's special emissary, who has been shuttling for two weeks among Middle East capitals in search of a settlement formula, arrived in Jerusalem for a rest yesterday awaiting a response from the Saudi Arabian government to his proposals to defuse the missile crisis.

Earlier today, Syrian missiles shot down an Israeli pilotless reconnaissance plane over Lebanon's Beka valley. This was the third Israeli drone to be knocked down by the Soviet-made missiles. It was reported that the missile that knocked down the third pilotless plane came from a launcher just inside Syria's border with Lebanon.

Premier Menachem Begin asserted over the weekend that Israel wanted not only the Syrian launchers within Lebanon removed but also a pullback of missiles within Syria near its border with Lebanon.

### Discloses Soviet Role

Begin added a new element to the problem when he said yesterday that Soviet military advisers were accompanying Syrian Army units into Lebanon. This was the first time Israel charged there have been Soviet advisers inside Lebanon.

Begin's charge was apparently a minor comment in a speech made to a convention of building contractors in Tel Aviv. He said the Soviets had 3,600 tanks which, with Soviet advisers, are driven by Syrian units into Lebanon. A 25,000-man force was sent by Syria to Lebanon in 1975 to stop an escalating civil war involving mainly Christians versus Moslems.

Observers here said Begin did not specify there were Soviet advisers in Lebanon currently but an official declared that wherever major units of the Syrian army go, there are Soviet advisers with them and that such advisers were probably in Lebanon now.

### Vow To Aid Lebanese Christians

Haaretz reported yesterday that Begin made a vow to Lebanese Christian leader Bashir Jumayel that the Israel Air Force would go to Jumayel's defense if his troops were attacked by the Syrian Air Force. Haaretz reported it was not clear when the purported Begin commitment had been made.

One source indicated that the promise was made following the downing by Israeli planes of two Syrian helicopters which had been attacking Christian strongpoints in the Beka valley. The downing of the helicopters led to Syria's bringing in SAM missiles, followed by a disclosure by Begin that only bad weather led him to withhold an order

to the Air Force to destroy the missiles. Then came messages from President Reagan proposing mediation and the dispatch to the area of Habib.

The Prime Minister's office issued a denial of the Haaretz story but later confirmed that Begin had made such a promise to Jumayel, but not in writing. The Prime Minister's office accused the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee of responsibility for the leak. Begin threatened he would consider whether to continue to provide classified briefings to the powerful Knesset committee.

### Disclose Presence Of Libyan Soldiers

Meanwhile, Israeli army sources disclosed that several hundred Libyan soldiers armed with anti-aircraft guns, Katyusha rockets and multi-barrel launchers, as well as cannon, have been deployed in Lebanon over the past few weeks. They have been transported into Lebanon from Damascus and have been deployed around Palestine Liberation Organization bases. Modern SAM-9 missiles have been in Lebanon since mid-April, according to the sources.

## EGYPT'S VICE PRESIDENT PLEDGES HIS COUNTRY WILL NOT ALLOW OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES TO IMPOSE A WAR BY EGYPT ON ISRAEL

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, May 25 (JTA) -- A pledge that Egypt will not allow any other Arab country to "impose" war by Egypt on Israel was made today by Hosni Mubarak, Egypt's vice president, in an interview with Maariv.

"We will not be a tool in the hands of any element which wishes to cause problems with Israel," Mubarak declared, in an obvious reference to the promises of aid by Arab countries to Syria in the dispute over Syria's placement of surface-to-air missiles in Lebanon. Israel has threatened to remove the SAM missiles by force if Philip Habib, President Reagan's special envoy who is now engaged in Mideast shuttle diplomacy, fails to resolve the controversy.

Mubarak's comments were identical with the content of a message sent over the weekend to Premier Menachem Begin by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, delivered to Begin by Egypt's ambassador to Israel, Sa'ad Mortada.

Sadat urged Begin not to use military force against Syria, an action he said which might be "a glorious achievement" for Israel in military terms "but in the long term would be worthless." Sadat declared he was giving this advice "as a friend who is concerned with achieving peace between Israel and the Arab nation."

### Urges International Force In Syria

Mubarak said in the interview that the Lebanese problem could be solved only if the 25,000 Syrian troops now in Lebanon were withdrawn. He said those troops should be replaced by an international force or a combination of forces from other Arab countries. He said that what is now going on in Lebanon "is acts of settling accounts."

He expressed the belief that the Soviets were backing the Syrian troops, adding that Syrian President Hafez Assad "cannot do a thing" without the Soviets. He declared that Assad recently visited

Moscow to meet with the Soviets on the Lebanese crisis. There has been no independent confirmation of such a visit.

Mubarak reaffirmed that Egypt would continue normalization with Israel after the final Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai next April. He said that now that Egypt and Israel had normal diplomatic relations, Israel's status in Egypt "is identical to that of any other country with which we have contacts." He asked rhetorically whether Sadat had invited Israel's Agriculture Minister, Ariel Sharon, to come to Israel to start agricultural cooperation "so that it will cease in April, 1982?"

However, the Vice President also asked the Israelis not to rush with normalization, commenting that "you want everything in one day. Let things take their course naturally." He also urged an early solution to the problem of autonomy on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip so that "we can all face the Soviet danger."

In his letter, Sadat warned that an Israeli-Syria war would unite the Arab world around Syria. He said that would be an undesirable development for Israel. Sadat's message was a reply to one from Begin last week in which Begin assured Sadat that Israel would do its utmost to avoid war with Syria, though Israel must defend its "vital interests."

#### Multinational Force Being Discussed

In a related development, it was disclosed here that Israel, Egypt and the United States would discuss this week in Cairo the multinational force to be deployed in Sinai, as agreed to in the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, after the Israeli's withdrawal next year.

The Israeli delegation, which left today for Cairo, is headed by Foreign Ministry director general David Kimche and Gen. Avraham Tamir. The U.S. is being represented by Michael Serner, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East and South Asia. Egypt is being represented by Ossama el Baz, Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs.

#### SCHMIDT STATES HIS VIEW OF THE PLO

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, May 25 (JTA) -- Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of West Germany maintained last Friday that he agreed with the Arab view that if the West alienates the Palestinians, it drives them towards the Soviet Union. At the same time, Schmidt stressed that West Germany's attitude toward the Palestine Liberation Organization depends on the PLO recognizing Israel's right to exist.

"The Arab leaders and I share the view that the more the West alienates the Palestinians, the more will they be drawn toward the Soviet Union," Schmidt said in a speech to the National Press Club. He said that on his visits to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, he found that the leaders of those countries "fear that the smouldering Israeli-Arab crisis could offer the Soviet Union further opportunities for interference in the region."

Schmidt repeated what he had said in Riyadh about his government's position on the PLO. "Our German attitude toward the PLO will be determined by the position which the PLO adopts regarding the right -- to which the State of Israel, too, is entitled -- to live within secure and recognized frontiers," he stated.

The West German policy in the Middle East was the subject of discussion last Thursday night between Schmidt and a seven-member delega-

tion of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. After the meeting at Blair House, Howard Squadron, the Presidents Conference chairman, said he was "still somewhat concerned about the position that Germany and the rest of the European nations have taken with respect to the European initiative" and also about the abstention by the Europeans at the United Nations and its specialized agencies, presumably on anti-Israel resolutions.

At the same time, Squadron said Schmidt had assured the Jewish leaders that there was "no change" in West Germany's long commitment to Israel and to the Jewish people and to Schmidt's belief that West Germany "has a special responsibility to the Jewish people."

#### DAVID LEWIS DEAD AT 71

MONTREAL, May 25 (JTA) -- David Lewis, a founder and former leader of the New Democratic Party (NDP), whose life was dedicated to improving the conditions of Canadian workers, died of leukemia last Saturday in an Ottawa hospital. He was 71 years old.

Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, in paying tribute to Lewis, said that Canada "has lost a rare human being" whose "life was dominated by enduring passion for social and economic justice." Trudeau added that Lewis "was a formidable political opponent but also a man of profound compassion and integrity." Conservative Party leader Joe Clark praised Lewis for his "astounding contribution to our country. The strength of his intellect and commitment will be remembered by us all."

Born in Swislocz, Poland, Lewis emigrated with his family to Montreal at the age of 12. He was a brilliant student at the Baron Byng High School in Montreal and won a Rhodes scholarship at the age of 18. In 1936 he joined the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, the radical forerunner of the NDP, and was the Federation's national secretary for 12 years. In 1961 he helped broaden the socialist movement by transforming it into the NDP.

Lewis was elected to the House of Commons in 1962 and in 1971 he became the leader of the NDP. He retired from active politics in 1975 following his defeat in the elections that year. After his retirement, he taught political science at the University of Ottawa until three weeks before his death. A powerful orator, Lewis spoke both in the Parliament and in public meetings in support of Israel, which he visited on several occasions.

#### 18 WOMEN ORDAINED AS REFORM AND RECONSTRUCTIONIST RABBIS

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, May 25 (JTA) -- The 14 women scheduled to be ordained this month and in June as Reform rabbis and the four who became Reconstructionist rabbis this month bring to 47 the total number of women designated as Reform and Reconstructionist rabbis since 1972, according to an annual Jewish Telegraphic Agency survey. The 47 include 37 Reform and 10 Reconstructionist woman rabbis.

The process of ordination of women rabbis in the United States began in 1972 when Sally Preisand was named as the first woman rabbi in American history by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), the Reform higher education and rabbinic school.

Ordination exercises for the 1980-81 Reform candidates will be held May 31 at Temple Emanu-El in New York City and on June 6 at the Plum Street Temple in Cincinnati, according to Harold



Epstein, HUC-JIR director of development and information. The Reconstructionist graduation exercise was held May 17 at Temple Sinai in Dresher, a suburb of Philadelphia, home of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

Twenty-two students will be ordained as Reform rabbis at Temple Emanu-El, Epstein said -- 12 men and 10 women. There will also be 22 students ordained at the Cincinnati ceremonies -- four of them women.

The 10 women to be ordained as Reform rabbis in New York City on May 31 are: Susan Abramson of Boston; Melanie Aron of Cincinnati; Helene Ferris of Scarsdale, N.Y.; Elyse Frishman of Armonk, N.Y.; Patrice Heller of St. Louis, Mo.; Leah Kroll of Woodland Hills, Cal.; Lynne Landsberg of Roslyn Heights, N.Y.; Sandra Levine of San Jose, Cal.; Sara Perman of Hollywood, Fla.; and Laurie Rutenberg of Clearwater, Fla.

The four women to be ordained as Reform rabbis in June in Cincinnati are: Elizabeth Rolle of Chautauqua, N.Y.; Karen Ann Soria of Western Springs, Ill.; Susan Andre Talve of North Mills, N.Y.; and Faedre Lazar Weiss of Los Angeles.

Eleven students -- seven men and four women -- were graduated May 17 in Dresher as Reconstructionist rabbis. The four women are Susan Edwards Frank of Woods Hole, Mass.; Bonnie Koppell of Brooklyn; Joy Devra Levitt of Centerport, N.Y.; and Hava Lynn Pell of Allentown, Pa.

#### Background Of Rabbis

Ferris is the mother of three teen-age children, Epstein reported. Her husband is a businessman. She has been appointed assistant rabbi at the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in Manhattan, the same post which was Rabbi Preisand's first pulpit assignment.

Talve is marrying a fellow student, James Goodman, also being ordained in Cincinnati on June 6. They will share a pulpit in Temple Shaare in St. Louis. Epstein said this was the first time in Reform history that a married rabbinic couple will share a pulpit. A Reconstructionist rabbinic couple -- Sandy Eisenberg Sasso and Dennis Sasso -- share the pulpit of Conservative Beth Zedek in Indianapolis.

Kroll is the mother of two small children. She is married to Dr. Michael Zeldin, a member of the HUC-JIR faculty in New York City. Frishman is married to a rabbi, Daniel Freeland, who was ordained in 1975. Levitt is marrying Rabbi Lee Friedlander on May 30. He has been named rabbi of the North Shore Reconstructionist Congregation on Long Island. Levitt will serve as rabbi of B'nai Keshet-Montclair Jewish Center in Montclair, N.J.

Koppell, who has served as an army chaplain as the only woman rabbi in the U.S. armed forces, will continue in that capacity after her ordination. Pell will serve as rabbi in a synagogue now under construction, which will depend on solar sources of energy. A spokesperson said Brith Achim, in Valley Forge, Pa., will be the only such structure in the area and is expected to become a central meeting place for a wide variety of Jewish groups.

Frank expects to continue her studies as a candidate for a Ph.D. in the department of New Testament Studies at Temple University.

#### ABU HATZEIRA ACQUITTED OF BRIBERY CHARGES, INDICTED ON OTHER CHARGES

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, May 25 (JTA) -- Religions Minister Aharon Abu Hatzeira, acquitted yesterday in a Jerusalem court of charges of bribery and indicted simultaneously in a Tel Aviv court on other charges, conducted hectic negotiations today with the National Religious Party on whether to join its list for the June 30 elections to the Knesset.

Shortly after the acquittal in the Jerusalem court, the Voice of Israel had reported that Abu Hatzeira planned to quit the NRP and run on an independent ticket.

Acquitted with him on the bribery charges were three other defendants, adviser Moshe Gabai, diamond merchant Shmuel Daskel and Rabbi Amram Korach. The Religions Minister and Gabai had been charged specifically with approving increased funds to religious institutions, in return for which they allegedly received kickbacks.

At the same time as the acquittal was announced in that case, a new indictment, submitted to the Tel Aviv district court, charged Abu Hatzeira -- as mayor of Ramle from 1975 to 1977 -- with deceit, violation of trust and conspiracy. Specifically Abu Hatzeira was accused of receiving money improperly from the Interior Ministry, allocated for the Ramle municipality, and of stealing government funds as mayor.

The Jerusalem court ruled unanimously in rejecting two counts -- those charging bribes and grants involving the religious institutions in B'nai Brak and the Vishnitz Hasidic community. On another charge involving the Spinka Hasidic Yeshiva, two of the judges found reasonable doubt and one favored complete acquittal.

#### NAZI GROUP SELLING 'VICTORY BONDS'

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, May 25 (JTA) -- A Nazi group in Alexandria, Va. is selling "victory bonds" for \$880 to be redeemed for \$8,800 this year after it comes into power in the United States. This "gimmick" was revealed in a speech on the House floor last week by Rep. Tom Lantos (D. Calif.), who urged that the Reagan Administration investigate what he said could be a "lucrative" scheme.

"Just a couple of weeks ago I stood a few feet from the President of the United States as he denounced -- with feeling and passion -- the Nazis of another era," Lantos said, recalling the Holocaust Remembrance Day ceremony at the White House.

"I call on President Reagan today to request the Attorney General, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and the chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to undertake an immediate and full-scale investigation, at the highest level, of this malicious Nazi maneuver."

The SEC reportedly began an investigation of the bonds sale after a member who quit the National Socialist White People's Party demanded his money back.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- French President Francois Mitterrand promises to visit Israel "when circumstances allow." In a message received by Premier Menachem Begin, Mitterrand described Begin's invitation as "touching."

## KENNEDY TELLS ZIONIST ASSEMBLY THAT ISRAEL HAS SHOWN THE WAY TO COMBAT THE SCOURGE OF TERRORISM

NEW YORK, May 25 (JTA) -- Sen. Edward Kennedy (D. Mass.) declared here that "more governments, including our own, must learn from the shining example of Israel in combatting the determined terrorism of the PLO." Addressing 3000 persons at the American Assembly for Zionism and Israel yesterday, Kennedy declared that "we must act to stop the terrorists before they do their evil work again and again," in referring to the recent assassination attempts against President Reagan and Pope John Paul II.

The senator also called for the United States to "strengthen the security of Israel, our closest friend and surest ally in the region. We cannot and must not jeopardize the security of Israel by supplying offensive arms to its sworn enemies." Kennedy said the U.S. "must do more to promote peace and stability in the Middle East. Israel and Egypt are a strategic cornerstone in the broader peace we must seek."

He declared that the U.S. "must never" set aside the "historic achievement" of the Camp David accords "in a futile effort to appease those pledged to an unholy war against the holy land of Israel." This was an apparent reference to Saudi Arabia which has called for a "jihad" (holy war) against the Jewish State.

Kennedy charged that the Reagan Administration has embarked "on the most extensive rearmament of the enemies of Israel in modern times." He said he "strongly" opposed the Administration's decision to sell AWACS and advanced military equipment to the Saudis and affirmed that "I will vote and speak and work against the sale of the AWACS and all the other parts of this dangerous arms sale to Saudi Arabia -- and with your help, I am confident we can defeat that deal in the United States Senate."

### Reagan Commends The Zionist Movement

President Reagan, in a message to the Assembly, which was read by Max Fisher, chairman of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors, called Israel "a major strategic asset, a staunch ally, whose military strength stands as a deterrent to Soviet aggression in the Middle East."

Reagan's statement was addressed to Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the World Zionist Organization-American Section, and Rabbi Joseph Sternstein, president of the American Zionist Federation. Mrs. Jacobson and Sternstein were co-chairmen of the Assembly which was held under the sponsorship of 55 major national American Jewish organizations at Lincoln Center.

Reagan, in his statement, said he welcomed the opportunity to "commend the Zionist movement for building a society rooted in the democratic ideals shared by our country and I support, as have my predecessors, the establishment of a modern Jewish state on the site of the ancient Jewish homeland."

He called Zionism "the expression of your commitment to redeem the land of Israel and to build a state, economy and society that will achieve the cultural revitalization, spiritual revitalization, spiritual renewal and economic self-determination of the Jewish people in a nation dedicated to democracy and liberty for her people."

Zionism as a national liberation movement was also praised by spokesmen for Catholic,

Protestant and Black organizations. Father John Donahue of the Ecumenical Commission of the Catholic Archdiocese of New York, said that the "attachment of Jews to Israel is a true liberation movement, something the Jewish people have had for several thousands of years. Thus, Zionism is not merely a political statement but rather something deeply imbued in the Jewish heritage as exemplified by Jewish liturgy."

Prof. Franklin Littell of Temple University, Protestant theologian and president of the National Leadership Conference for Israel, spoke of "the shocking attack on the Pope," which he said "has brought to public attention the curse of terrorism and the threat posed to the civilized world by terrorist action. People are beginning to understand the burden that Israel has had to carry for many years. Now, as in the case of the Holocaust, people are beginning to awaken to the fact that when Jews are assaulted and governments are indifferent, it will not be long before the terrorists strike at other shining targets."

Bayard Rustin, chairman of the board of the A. Philip Randolph Institute and president of BASIC (Black Americans to Support Israel Committee), called Zionism "the true liberation movement of the Jewish people, which has given inspiration to liberation movements around the world ...."

### Christian Choir Donates \$1 Million to JNF

Also during the Assembly, the Glad Tidings Temple Choir of Vancouver, British Columbia, presented the dramatic and emotional high point of the day's events. The 50-member choir accompanied by 15 musicians, which scored a concert triumph in Israel recently, "is contributing \$1 million to the Jewish National Fund to sponsor the new kibbutz village of Ravid in Galil Canada in Israel," Mrs. Jacobson reported.

She quoted from its Pastor, Maureen Gagliardi, who, together with Father Jacobs Hurst, accompanied the choir, as saying: "We are Christians from Canada who love Israel. We believe the Bible teaches that God requires us to acknowledge our spiritual debt to Judaism ... to do what we can to repay it."

### ISRAEL BOND STRIKE SETTLED

NEW YORK, May 25 (JTA) -- A spokesman for the union striking Israel Bond Organization headquarters here and at 70 regional offices throughout the United States reported yesterday a tentative agreement had been reached last Friday on a new contract. The prior contract expired on May 14 and some 500 professional and clerical employees struck the next morning. They are members of Community and Social Employees Union, Local 107, District 1707 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

The Local 107 spokesman said that ratification meetings would be held here and at the regional offices tomorrow and that he could not disclose details of the tentative new contract pending the ratification vote.

A prior negotiation session, an all-night marathon, broke up with no agreement early on May 18. The Local 107 spokesman said that picket lines had been unofficially disbanded, particularly since the Memorial Day holiday weekend followed the day when the accord on the new pact was reached.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) -- Rafael, Israel's weapons development authority, will unveil a number of its latest products at the Paris air show next month.