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## ISRAELIS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN JUNE 30 ELECTION FOR NEW GOV. 29 1981 By Git Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 25 (JTA) -- Never before have Israelis been so deeply involved in an election campaign as they are in the current political struggle which will end Tuesday when the voters decide whether Premier Menachem Begin will get a second term or choose instead Labor party leader Shimon Peres to succeed Begin.

Not only has there been unprecedented violence at election rallies but the election has become the major focus of public attention. At every street corner, in every work place, on every social occasion, Israelis engage in heated debates on the merits of the two main rivals and in intensive speculation over the outcome of the elections. The general feeling, supported by election polls, is that the smaller parties will be the main losers, with a clear trend of choice between the two big parties.

Peres appeared yesterday jointly with Yitzhak Rabin in the election headquarters of the party in the Deborah hotel in Tel Aviv, with both men calling for unity, in an attempt to repair the image of the continued rivalry between the two. Journalists who attended the event, expected Peres to pull a last minute surprise ("like appointing Rabin as a candidate for Deputy Premier"), but that did not happen.

### Likud Promotes Settlements As Voting Nears

The Likud launched an intensive effort to inaugurate new settlements in the West Bank. Two have already been inaugurated, and another two were to be inaugurated tomorrow.

Some 10,000 attended today the laying of the cornerstone in the religious town of "Emmanuel" in Samaria. The town will be populated mainly with Agudat Yisrael people.

In an effort to win back votes from the Likud and the Tehiya, the National Religious Party issued today a political document, which is more hawkish than the party's previous platform. The NRP calls for moving to act "within the framework of the peace agreement to leave the Jewish settlements in Sinai under Israeli sovereignty." The settlements are to be evacuated by April, 1982, under the peace agreement. The NRP document also urges the imposition of Israeli law on the Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria and on Israeli citizens within the area of the proposed autonomy.

### Parties Polish Election Machinery

The parties made special efforts, as the week drew to its end, to create efficient machinery on election day, to make sure that supporting voters would come and vote. The Labor Alignment was expected to activate some 700,000 workers on election day, mostly volunteers from the Kibbutzim and Moshavim, as well as hundreds of vehicles which would transport voters. The Likud election machinery is more modest, with approximately 45,000 workers on election day. Israel police launched operation "Mo'ed 81," an un-

precedented deployment of policemen throughout the country, to ensure troublefree elections. (Mo'ed is Hebrew for 'time'.) There will be no leaves, and some 6,000 civil defense soldiers were recruited for reserve duty on election day, to assist the police. A force of 18,000 men altogether will supervise the elections.

## DAYAN SAYS ISRAEL DOES NOT HAVE A-BOMB BUT CAN BUILD ONE QUICKLY

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 25 (JTA) -- Moshe Dayan became today the highest ranking political figure in Israel to assert that Israel does not have atomic bombs. Speculation that Israel does have such atomic weapons have been circulating for years.

But the former Foreign Minister and Defense Minister said Israel does have the capability to assemble such weapons quickly and that Israel would do so if its enemies introduced atomic weapons into the region. Israeli officials have repeatedly and consistently declared that Israel would not be the first country to introduce nuclear weapons into the Middle East.

Dayan made his comments in an interview with Italian State Television, excerpts of which were released before the telecasting of the interview and were reported by the news agencies from Rome.

Dayan was quoted as saying: "We are able to produce nuclear weapons and if we see an Arab country introduce nuclear weapons into the Middle East, we will not arrive too late with our own."

Dayan also said Israel had never thought of resorting to nuclear weapons in past wars with the Arabs, thus implicitly rejecting a rumor that he and then Premier Golda Meir had considered that option during the early days of the Yom Kippur war, when Israel was suddenly attacked on two fronts in a joint assault by Egypt and Syria.

Dayan added that matters involved "change completely when one speaks of leaders like (Muammar) Qaddafi, (Libya's leader) or the leader of Iraq" (Saddam Hussein) "whose behavior no one can foresee should they acquire nuclear arms."

Observers have said that reports on the Dayan interview had little public impact here.

## CONGRESSMEN TELL SENATE COMMITTEE RAID ON IRAQI REACTOR HAS HELPED FOCUS ON NEED FOR NON-PROLIFERATION

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, June 25 (JTA) -- Three members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee said today that the June 7 Israeli raid destroying the Iraqi nuclear reactor has served to focus attention on the need for nuclear non-proliferation throughout the world.

This was also the consensus of members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee before whom the three Congressmen testified this morning. Sen Rudy Boschwitz (R. Minn.), who conducted the Senate Committee's third hearing on the raid, said that once the "pious hypocrisy" over the Israeli raid was disposed of, Israel's action can focus attention on non-proliferation.

Rep. Jonathan Bingham (D. NY) told the Senate committee that the Administration testimony before the House committee served to "obfuscate rather than clarify the nature of the Iraqi nuclear threat."



He said for the past years, officials of the Carter and Reagan Administrations had told him that "the diversified and sophisticated nuclear equipment, training, and materials which Iraq has acquired only make sense in terms of a desire to achieve nuclear weapons capabilities."

But, Bingham said, the Iraqi nuclear progress was never taken seriously by the U.S. He said Israel "had every reason to be alarmed" by the Iraqi program but the U.S. failed "to appreciate how seriously Israel viewed the security threat and how Israel might act to defend its perceived self-interest."

#### Bingham Asks Firm U.S. Action

Bingham called on the Reagan Administration to "publicly articulate a firm commitment to direct substantial U.S. resources to preventing the spread of nuclear weapons and of the capability to manufacture nuclear weapons." Rep. Edward Markey (D. Mass.) also called on the President to strengthen U.S. nonproliferation efforts. "The major threat in the world today is not the arms race between the United States and the Soviet Union," Markey said. "It is the threat of nuclear weapons under the guise of commercial nuclear power technology to unstable nations and eventually to terrorist groups."

Rep. Tom Lantos (D. Calif.) also spoke of the danger of nuclear terrorism. "A nuclear bomb in the hands of Muammar Qaddafi (of Libya) or the Ayatollah Khomeini (of Iran) is more likely to be used than the same weapons in the hands of the major powers," Lantos said.

Lantos warned that the United States must not "belude" itself that only Israel is endangered by nuclear terrorism. "A decade ago many thought that only Israeli civilians would be the victims of conventional terrorism," he said. "Today the murder of innocent men, women and children goes on throughout the world. The terrorist networks which spread the arms and tactics first used against the Israelis will not shrink from sharing whatever other weapons they are able to acquire."

Markey charged that the Reagan Administration is signaling to the world to go ahead and construct nuclear bombs by its recent renewal of military aid to Pakistan "which, if anything, has been more overt than Iraq in its organized efforts to obtain a nuclear bomb."

Sen. Joseph Biden (D. Del.) noted the testimony yesterday of Undersecretary of State James Buckley that "one has to make a distinction between the nuclear option and nuclear weapons." Buckley, who negotiated the renewed \$3 billion economic and military aid agreement with Pakistan said that he was "assured by the Ministers and by the President (of Pakistan) himself that it was not the intention of the Pakistan government to develop nuclear weapons." Biden said that these comments leave him with the belief that the Administration is "not taking non-proliferation seriously."

#### SOVIET OFFICIAL TELLS MOTHER OF SHCHARANSKY CONDITION POOR

NEW YORK, June 24 (JTA) -- The National Conference on Soviet Jewry has just received a report that Ida Milgrom, the mother of Prisoner of Conscience Anatoly Shcharansky, recently met with Vyacheslav Romanov, deputy head of the medical services of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. He told her that her son left the camp hospital on June 3, after undergoing a series of examinations. He said that Shcharansky suffers from

a weakness of the eye muscles and that his weight stands at 119 lbs. This indicates a severe weight loss since his incarceration in March 1977.

Romanov also informed Mrs. Milgrom that in about ten days he expected a detailed diagnosis of Anatoly's condition and that he would send a copy of the report to her. He refused to discuss a possible visitation date or the punishment to which Shcharansky has been subjected, saying that these matters were under the jurisdiction of the camp management.

The meeting took place following much pressure from the West and Mrs. Milgrom's persistent efforts to learn about her son's physical condition. She was finally allowed to speak with Albert Ivanov, assistant head of the administrative section of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, who arranged her meeting with Romanov.

#### TWO FIJIAN MEN IN UNIFIL KILLED BY PLO TERRORISTS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 25 (JTA) -- Two Fijian soldiers attached to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) were shot and killed by Palestinian terrorists and a third was wounded. A UNIFIL spokesman who reported the incident, said UNIFIL has lodged a strong protest with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The victims were among nine Fijian troops captured by the PLO in a clash near Kana village in south Lebanon after the soldiers stopped a Palestinian at a roadblock. They were shot in the back while trying to escape. The wounded man was later released, UNIFIL said and three others managed to escape.

The two dead men bring to 13 the number of Fijians killed in the course of a year's service with UNIFIL. The total number of UNIFIL soldiers killed since 1978 now stands at 64. The Fijian unit is due to return home shortly. A farewell concert by the Fijian military band to have been held in Nahariya was cancelled because of the killings.

(In Washington, the State Department condemned the killings as "senseless violence." David Passage, a Department spokesman, said, in a prepared statement, "To attack members of the United Nations peacekeeping force is totally abhorrent and repulsive and those responsible for this deed bring dishonor upon themselves." He did not identify who was responsible.)

#### SUPREME COURT ACCEPTS STAND OF ORTHODOX GROUPS IN RULING BARRING DRAFTING OF WOMEN

NEW YORK, June 25 (JTA) -- A decision by the Supreme Court today upholding the constitutionality of a male only registration and draft was hailed by member agencies of the Orthodox Jewish Coalition on the Draft.

The high court's six to three decision overturned a lower court ruling that former President Carter's registration of men only was unconstitutional. The Supreme court had stayed the lower court decision permitting registration to continue prior to its ruling today.

The brief to the Supreme Court, written on behalf of the Orthodox coalition, was prepared by Dennis Rapps, executive director of the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA) with the assistance of A. David Stern, a COLPA attorney.

The organizations making up the coalition were Agudath Israel of America; the Central Rabbinical Congress of the United States and Canada; Mosdos Bobov; the National Council of Young Israel; Torah Umesorah, the National Society for Hebrew Day Schools; the Rabbinical Council of America;



the Poalei Agudath; the Religious Zionists of America; the United Lubavitcher Organization; the United Satmar Community; the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America; the Rabbinical Alliance of America; and the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada.

A spokesman for the Union of Orthodox Rabbis told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the Union had sent members and letters to the Justice Department on the case, in the name of the organization's president, Rabbi Moshe Feinstein.

#### Ruling Called 'Major Victory' For All Families

The Agudath Israel said in a statement that the ruling was a "major victory for the American family and for the rights of the Orthodox Jew in particular." The statement said that Orthodox Jews had greeted the Supreme Court ruling with a "sign of relief" because it meant Jewish women "will not be faced with the irreconcilable and unprecedented conflict between the requirements of their faith and the law of the land."

The statement added that "the highest rabbinic authorities of Orthodox Judaism have ruled that Jewish Law prohibits Jewish women from responding to any form of conscription."

The Orthodox agency reported it had conducted talks for more than a year with Selective Service System officials in the event women would have been required to register. The agency said the draft officials agreed that Orthodox women could not submit to military discipline and "had even gone to the extent of assuring the Orthodox community that Orthodox Jewish women would have been able to perform alternative service which would 'meet your standards of family or religious supervision, as well as our standards of public service'."

#### HAROLD LINDER DIES AT 80

NEW YORK, June 25 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here yesterday for Harold Linder, a prominent investment banker and diplomat, former U.S. Ambassador to Canada, and a benefactor of many Jewish philanthropies who died Monday at the age of 80.

Linder was president and chairman of the U.S. Export-Import Bank from 1961-1968 when he was appointed Ambassador to Ottawa by President Johnson. Prior to that he had served in the U.S. State Department as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State and later Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs. He was also a member of the Board of National Estimates and of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Born in Brooklyn and educated at Columbia University, Linder worked with the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees in London until World War II when he joined the U.S. Navy, attaining the rank of Commander. After the war he was a volunteer representative in London of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). In addition to the JDC, he was active over many years on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, the Jewish Guild for the Blind and the American Jewish Committee.

In the course of his business career, Linder was a partner of Carl M. Loeb, Rhoades & Co., investment bankers, and was president of the General American Investment Co. He was also

chairman of the board of trustees of the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton University, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and of the finance committee of the Smithsonian Institution and of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

#### MITTERRAND PICKS THREE JEWS, INCLUDING COMMUNIST, TO CABINET

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, June 24 (JTA) -- Three Jews, including a senior member of the Communist Party, were appointed to the new French government led by Socialist Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy. The 73 year-old Minister of Industry Pierre Dreyfus and 53 year-old Minister of Justice Robert Badinter belong to the main stream of the Socialist Party and are active in Jewish affairs.

The third, 47-year-old Charles Fitterman, appointed Minister of State in charge of transport, is the second highest ranking member of the Communist Party. He is one of the four Communists who joined the government coalition, turning France into the first major Western country to have Communist ministers and to be governed by a Socialist-Communist regime.

The Communists signed a coalition agreement Tuesday night "recognizing the situation created by the Camp David agreements and reaffirming the right of all states in the region (the Middle East) including Israel, to an independent existence and their security." At the same time the agreement reaffirmed "the right of the Palestinian people to a homeland." Communist Party Secretary Georges Marchais declared after the agreement was signed, "We are in favor of Israel's existence within safe and recognized borders. We are also in favor, however, of a homeland for the Palestinians."

#### Fitterman Third Highest Rank Minister

Socialist sources stressed that the four Communist ministers will be in charge of semi-technical ministries such as health, administrative reform and professional training. Fitterman is however, not only Minister of Transport but also the third highest ranking member of the government and as one of the five "Ministers of State," a member of the Inner Cabinet.

None of the Communists is expected to play any role in shaping of France's foreign or defense policy. The sources recalled that Communists served in France's post-war government headed by Gen. Charles De Gaulle and have also participated in Socialist coalitions in NATO-member states such as Iceland and Portugal.

Fitterman was born to an immigrant Polish Jewish couple which settled in the northern mining city of Saint Etienne. Initially trained as an electrician, he joined the Communist Party when he was 18 and soon became a full time party worker. He was elected to the Politburo in 1976, after having headed the party's ideological training center, and has served as member of Parliament for the last eight years. Although he is known to speak fluent Yiddish, which his parents, Moses and Lezla (born Rosenblum) still use, he has never shown the slightest interest in Jewish or Israel affairs. He is described as a hard-liner who invariably obeys Party discipline.

#### Two Of Jewish Ministers Active Jews

The two other newly appointed Jewish ministers, Dreyfus and Badinter, play important roles within the Jewish community. Dreyfus is president of the French branch of ORT and Badinter a member of the FSJU Board.

Born into a traditional Jewish Alsatian family, Dreyfus first went into business with his father. After



obtaining a doctorate in law he joined the Ministry of Finance where he remained until his retirement five years ago.

After serving in various senior posts, he was appointed president of the state-owned Renault automobile company which he directed for 20 years and turned into one of the world's largest and most prosperous corporations. After his retirement from Renault he agreed to head the French ORT. He is a close personal friend of President Francois Mitterrand. His appointment as Minister of Industry seems to indicate that the government intends to accelerate its plans for the nationalization of several large industrial corporations.

Badinter is a member of the Board of France's Central Jewish Welfare Fund, (FSJU) and has also been active on behalf of Soviet Jewry. A prominent attorney who has specialized in criminal affairs he also runs a large office for corporate law. He has led a public campaign against capital punishment and his appointment as Minister of Justice indicates that the government intends to outlaw the death penalty.

Badinter was born into a family of East European immigrants. He teaches law at the Sorbonne and is married to the daughter of advertising tycoon Marcel Blaustein-Blanchet. Both he and his wife, Elizabeth, support Israel's "doveish" organizations such as Peace Now and New Outlook.

The other Jewish Minister, Jack Lang appointed in the first Mauroy government as Minister of Culture, also favors the "doveish" line and is often highly critical of many Israeli policies in the occupied territories and in its relations with the Arab states.

#### ORTHODOX RABBIS WANT LARGER COMMUNITY ROLE FOR SYNAGOGUES

SPRING GLEN, N.Y., June 25 (JTA) -- Two leading Orthodox rabbis, asserting that the synagogue was weakening as an institution in American Jewish life, declared here today that rabbis must assert their influence not only in the synagogue but also in the general Jewish community to help make the synagogue once again "the dominant force" for American Jewry.

Dr. Norman Lamm, president of Yeshiva University, and Rabbi Sol Roth, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, called on fellow rabbis to become more involved in more significant ways in those Jewish community institutions which have become strong forces in the Jewish community such as the Federations. They spoke at a session of the 45th annual convention of the Rabbinical Council, attended by some 500 member rabbis.

Dr. Lamm said that in "altogether too many cases, the synagogue has become essentially marginal to the community." Dr. Lamm, a Rabbinical Council member, said the centrality of the synagogue in American Jewish life has been weakened and he called on pulpit members of the Rabbinical Council to strengthen their synagogues, to energize the potential "which is in the synagogue" so that the synagogue can have a dominant role in the issues facing American Jewry.

Rabbi Roth, who was re-elected president of the Rabbinical Council, said that the synagogue has in some cases been weakened by demographic changes, including the Jewish move to the suburbs.

He said to make an impact on such central Jewish agencies as the Federations, rabbis must become involved "in those institutions which are

given direction to Jewish life." He said the Rabbinical Council "also ought to do its utmost to bring more Orthodox lay leadership into the councils of those organizations that exercise the greatest influence in Jewish community affairs."

#### PERES SAYS WILL PICK RABIN FOR DEFENSE MINISTER IF HE WINS ELECTION; DEBATE WITH BEGIN RATED UNEXCITING By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 25 (JTA) -- Shimon Peres, the Labor party leader seeking to replace Menachem Begin as Prime Minister in the elections Tuesday, declared late today that if he won, he would name former Premier Yitzhak Rabin as his Defense Minister, rather than retired General Haim Barlev, as might have been expected.

The announcement, made on national television about a half hour before a televised debate between Begin and Peres, was considered to have reduced any significant reaction from the debate, since that became the new main issue in the campaign.

Looking fit and healthy, Begin traded barbs with Peres on the televised debate, which, by general agreement, produced few surprises and almost no news.

The only new angle in the debate was an announcement by Peres that he was ready, as Prime Minister, to launch immediate negotiations with Egypt over implementation of the autonomy components of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

Most of the debate was concentrated on domestic issues. Peres opened the attack on that issue by saying "Mr. Begin, what have you done to this country?" He also appeared to be trying to return personal insults, declaring that Begin was responsible for the character assassination of the Labor party leader during the campaign.

Begin, at first restrained himself but toward the end of the debate, he waved at Peres in a gesture of dismissal and said "Mr. Peres, sit quietly and teach yourself to be precise. Don't preach to me."

Such information as was obtainable after the debate ended indicated that neither of the debaters succeeded in convincing adherents of his opponents. Observers said it was hard to tell, at this time, whether either Begin or Peres scored with their primary target, the estimated 25 to 30 percent of the electorate known to be undecided.

#### AMERICAN JEWS SEEN DRIFTING FROM LIBERALISM ALARMINGLY EAST

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25 (JTA) -- A strong reaffirmation of liberal values was the theme of the 20th annual kalah (retreat) of the American Jewish Congress in the San Francisco area last week. But according to a political scientist who addressed the gathering, the American Jewish community as a whole is becoming increasingly conservative.

Dr. David Dalin, assistant director of the Jewish Community Relations Council, told the participants that politically, American Jews are drifting away from the liberal agenda at an alarming rate. "For the first time since 1928, Jewish voters are leaving the Democratic Party," Dalin said. In that year the Democrats nominated the first Roman Catholic for the Presidency, Gov. Al Smith of New York.

Dorothy Ehrlich, director of the American Civil Liberties Union in Northern California, warned that "we may be facing a nightmare of attacks on our basic civil rights and civil liberties, pushed by the Moral Majority and the New Right."