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## AUTONOMY NEGOTIATIONS DISCUSSING 15 ISSUES ITEMIZED BY BEGIN

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- Negotiations on local autonomy for the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza Strip resumed at the Hyatt Hotel here this morning. They are scheduled to continue daily for the next nine days.

The Israeli, Egyptian and American delegations, all sub-ministerial rank officials and technicians, are discussing the 15 "major issues" itemized by Premier Menachem Begin and his ministerial colleagues in talks with the late President Anwar Sadat and his colleagues in Cairo a month ago. The present round of talks are the first official negotiations since the assassination of Sadat on Oct. 6.

Although they are supposed to be purely technical, "preparatory" for ministerial level talks next month, they may be raised to the ministerial level by next week if any snags develop.

### Sinai Withdrawal Talks To Begin Sunday

Observers noted that Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghalli are due in Israel Sunday for talks on the Sinai withdrawal plans. They would be available to join Israeli ministers if a high-level meeting was necessary to add impetus to the lower-level talks.

The talks in Tel Aviv have engendered little interest here. Apart from the U.S., Egyptian and Israeli flags flying outside the hotel, there were few signs that a major international conference was in progress. Unlike previous talks, only a handful of reporters called at the hotel briefly. They left without waiting for a break in the talks to button-hole any of the participants.

As the meeting got under way, word was received from Cairo that local Egyptian newspapers had refused to accept advertisements from Israeli construction firms showing their wares and services at an international construction fair in Cairo.

Israeli Chief of Staff, Rafael Eitan, has postponed a planned visit to Cairo this month at the request of the Egyptian authorities. The Egyptians reportedly suggested he should come to Cairo in December, on a date to be fixed later, after the end of the 40-day period of mourning for the late President Sadat. Israeli President Yitzhak Navon is expected to go to Cairo for a one or two-day visit to express his condolences personally to Jihan Sadat during the official mourning period.

### BRITAIN NEGATIVE ON SINAI FORCE

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- British officials here are busily pouring cold water on prospects for a European contingent in the peace monitoring force in Sinai following Israel's final pullback there scheduled next April.

They have confirmed that the subject was touched on at the recent European Economic Community (EEC) meeting in London and that it could come up again next Monday when Lord Carrington, Britain's

Foreign Secretary and chairman of the EEC's Council of Ministers, opens a two-day meeting of the Council in Luxembourg.

But they are clearly embarrassed by French President Francois Mitterrand's indication this week that France would be willing to supply troops to the Sinai force, as well as by similar hints from Rome. Sources here say that while the EEC officially approves of the Camp David peace process, its main aim at present is to soften the opposition of other Arab states by fostering greater participation by the Palestine Liberation Organization. Since this has not yet been achieved, Mitterrand was running ahead of the game, sources said.

The British attribute the French and Italian readiness to supply troops in Sinai to their eagerness to bolster President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt. However, they think this should not be done without greater Israeli compliance over the Palestinians' role in the peace process.

As far as Britain is concerned, the EEC move on the Middle East will be an attempt by Carrington to narrow the gap between the EEC's Venice Declaration of June 1980 and the eight-point plan drawn up by Crown Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia.

### NEO-NAZI GANG IN SHOOTOUT WITH POLICE; LEADER NABBED, TWO KILLED

BONN, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- The leader of a neo-Nazi gang was arrested after five of its members, all heavily armed, engaged in a gun-battle with police on a highway outside of Munich, Bavarian Interior Minister Gerold Tandler announced yesterday. Two of the gang were killed and three were arrested, one severely wounded.

Taken into custody immediately after the incident Tuesday night was Friedhelm Busse, 52, who heads the "Socialist Peoples Movement of Germany/ Party of Labor." It is classified by the authorities as a small group but with widespread international ties, including links in the United States, France, Belgium, Britain, Austria, Italy and Switzerland.

In October 1980, Busse was given an 11-month suspended jail sentence by a Munich court for inciting racial hatred. A henchman, Alfred Nusser, was fined the previous January for wearing a Nazi-style uniform.

Although Busse's group was relatively obscure, Tandler hailed the police action as a "great success" against the violence prone rightwing. Police said the gang was apparently on its way to rob a bank. The three survivors were identified only as a 19 year-old Frenchman and two Germans, both 18. The dead were aged 21 and 24.

The "Socialist People's Movement" says its aim is to transform society by creating the first "radical, democratic and anti-imperialist state on German soil." (See late development, P.3.)

### 10,000 COMMEMORATE BOMB VICTIMS

ANTWERP, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- Close to 10,000 people marched through Antwerp's Jewish area today to commemorate the victims of Tuesday's bomb explosion which killed two women and wounded

over 100 people, some of whom are still in critical condition. The demonstrators shouted slogans such as "Stop the terror" and "outlaw the PLO" and called on the Belgian authorities to take the necessary measures to prevent a renewal of terrorist attacks. In spite of the cold autumn rain, delegations from France, Britain, Holland and other countries took part in the march.

Police in Antwerp said that two suspects are still being questioned but that the investigation has not yet reached any conclusive results. Police today said that contrary to some media reports, two women died in the blast, not three. Several of the injured are still on the danger list and local authorities said the casualty list could eventually be much higher.

In Liege, a city close to Antwerp, police cleared the Jewish area after passersby reported a suspicious car in the synagogue vicinity. An anonymous caller claiming to represent the Palestinian terrorist group Black September had warned that more explosions will take place. After police sappers examined the car and its contents, the curfew was lifted.

#### AUSTRALIA MAY CONTRIBUTE TROOPS TO SINAI FORCE

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- The State Department welcomed today a statement by Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser that Australia may contribute troops to the peacekeeping force which will patrol Sinai after Israel's final withdrawal next April.

Department deputy spokesman Alan Romberg said Australian participation in the 2500-member Multi-National Force and Observers (MFO) would be a "major asset." But he stressed that his comments were based on news reports from Australia and that the State Department is continuing its policy of not giving a list of countries joining the MFO until the full force is completed.

Nicholas Veliotis, Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian Affairs, told the House Foreign Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East yesterday that the U.S. was "very optimistic" that several major European countries would join the force.

He mentioned in particular, France, Italy and Britain and indicated that Holland and Canada are also exploring participation. He said Australia has indicated it will join if the European countries do. Only Fiji, Colombia and Uruguay have announced participation so far. The U.S. itself will contribute more than 1,000 troops and civilians.

European participation was first revealed this week when President Francois Mitterrand of France said that France would be willing to participate in the Sinai force. Veliotis attributed the new European willingness to the assassination of President Anwar Sadat.

#### REPORT U.S. PLANES USED IN AIRLIFT BETWEEN LIBYA, SYRIA

TEL AVIV, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- A large-scale airlift between Libya and Syria continued today without interruption since last Sunday but the cargo being ferried in the giant American planes chartered to the Libyan airline is not known.

Michael Gurdus, the radio monitor of Israel Radio who has gained a number of world scoops for reporting on air movements, said today he had not kept count of the exact number of aircraft involved.

But during a six-hour period today, three planes landed at Damascus from Libya.

He said the DC-10s and DC-8s used their U.S. registrations but identified themselves as belonging to the Libyan airline. By their accents, the pilots were "clearly Americans," Gurdus said.

#### FATE OF AWACS SEEN DEPENDING ON REAGAN-FAHD AGREEMENT

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- The fate of the Reagan Administration's proposed \$8.5 billion sale of AWACS reconnaissance aircraft and other advanced weaponry to Saudi Arabia appeared today to depend on whether President Reagan returns from Cancun, Mexico with an agreement by the Saudis for joint U.S.-Saudi crewing of the AWACS. Reagan was scheduled to lunch today with Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia in Cancun where both are attending the North-South economic summit conference.

But Sen. Alan Cranston (D. Calif.), the Senate Deputy Minority Leader and a leader of the opposition to the AWACS sale, said on the Senate floor today that even if Reagan returns with such an agreement, the opposition is now so solid against the sale that he believes it will be rejected. He attributed the strengthened opposition to the announcement by Sen. Robert Byrd (D. W. Va.), the Minority Leader, yesterday that he will vote against the AWACS sale.

However, Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker (R. Tenn.) said today that he still believes Reagan can win when the Senate votes next Wednesday. He said he has 40 votes in favor of the arms package deal and rejected claims by its opponents that they have the 51-plus votes to defeat it.

#### Jewish Senator Supports AWACS Sale

Meanwhile, two Senators announced opposite positions on the sale. Sen. Ernest Hollings (D. SC) said he would oppose it, principally out of fear for the security of the high technology weapons being offered Saudi Arabia.

But support for the sale was expressed by Sen. Warren Rudman (R. NH), the only one of the six Jews in the Senate to support it. The other five, three Democrats and two Republicans, are opposed to the sale. One of them, Sen. Rudy Boschwitz (R. Minn.) is a leader of the opposition.

In a speech on the Senate floor today, Rudman denied that the sale would endanger Israel. "I for one am willing to trust in Israel's strength and understanding in order to take a step which may have more far reaching consequences than the simple physical placement of five radar planes within a single country's boundaries," he said.

#### DRUCKMAN RESIGNS AS DEPUTY MINISTER OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- Rabbi Haim Druckman, the ultra-hawkish National Religious Party Knesset member, who recently took up residence in Yamit, has announced his resignation as Deputy Minister of Religious Affairs.

Political observers wondered whether Druckman's move was a first step in his oft-anticipated breakaway from the NRP and the Likud coalition. He is a spiritual leader of the Gush Emunim, staunchly opposed to Israel's withdrawal from Sinai next April, and thus considered closer to the ultra-nationalist Tehiya group than to the NRP.

Druckman himself explained that Religious Affairs Minister Yosef Burg, the NRP leader who is also the Interior and Police Minister and is the chief negotiator in the autonomy talks, had refused to give him

wide authority over the Religious Ministry as had previously been agreed between them. Burg's initial reaction to Druckman's move was that it was "expectable" since Druckman had gone to live in Yamit. But Druckman said his new place of residence had nothing to do with it.

### CONTROVERSY FLARES OVER PLAYING OF WAGNER'S MUSIC BY THE IPO

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- A fierce controversy continued in Israel this week over the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's attempt to add the music of Richard Wagner to its repertoire. The music of Wagner has been boycotted in this country since 1948 because of the composer's anti-Semitism, because his music was often played as concentration camp inmates were marched to the gas chambers, and because of the close associations members of his family had with Hitler. Wagner's music was chosen by the Nazis as a symbol of the "Nordic superman."

The controversy erupted last week when Zubin Mehta, conductor and musical director of the IPO who also serves as musical director of the New York Philharmonic, announced that the overture to Tristan and Isolde would be played as an encore at the concert being performed at Mann Auditorium.

Mehta, well aware of the hostility toward Wagner among many Israelis, particularly Holocaust survivors, announced that he would pause before the encore to allow people in the audience and members of the orchestra to leave if they so wished. Some of the audience and orchestra members left and fist fights broke out in the auditorium between those who wanted the music halted and those who wanted to hear it.

#### Rationale For Playing Wagner

Despite this incident, the IPO is determined to add Wagner's music to its repertoire. Mehta and IPO violinist Daniel Binyamini, chairman of the IPO management committee, told a press conference yesterday they thought no modern orchestra could exist without playing Wagner in view of his influence on modern music. They said the political aspects of Wagner's views and the Nazis' affinity for his music should not be allowed to diminish the importance of his music.

Mehta said last week after the fracas at Mann Auditorium that the orchestra decided to play Wagner's music because of the passage of time since the Nazis killed six million Jews. "I understand the emotions of the people who went through the concentration camps, but Israel is a democracy and anyone should be able to hear whatever he wants," Mehta said.

The dispute in the media and in the populace is roughly along political lines. Rightwing personalities and Likud supporters oppose the playing of Wagner's music, while labor, liberal and leftwing personalities are largely in favor of allowing the IPO to add Wagner's music as encores or at special concerts if it is suitably announced in advance.

But there is a consensus that the IPO should refrain from adding Wagner's works to any subscription-series concerts, which would not allow opponents of those with concentration camp memories who cannot bear to hear his works to stay away from any concert at which Wagner were to be played.

But a number of former concentration camp inmates are among those who have expressed support for Mehta and the IPO, saying opposition to Wagner was purely political. They said they would

agree to a continued ban on Wagner's music only if those who were opposed to Wagner also united in their opposition to the import of Volkswagen and Mercedes cars, and German-produced television sets and high-fi stereo sets which now sell by the thousands in Israel. However, this was countered by others who said that "pieces of metal" should not be compared to the feelings of those upset by Wagner's music.

#### LATE NEWS DEVELOPMENT

### NEO-NAZI GANG IN GERMANY REPORTED LINKED TO BOMBING IN ANTWERP

By David Kantor

BONN, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- A neo-Nazi gang involved in a gun-battle with police near Munich Tuesday night was linked today to the bomb blast outside an Antwerp synagogue Tuesday morning which claimed two lives and to the Palestine Liberation Organization. The connection, reported by the West German State Television, was not directly confirmed by police or the domestic security service.

But both sources said the neo-Nazi organization, called "Peoples Socialist Movement" has well established links with similar groups abroad, including the PLO. One of the three neo-Nazis who survived the shoot-out with police in which two of the gang were killed, was identified today as Peter Hamberger, 18, who was trained at an El Fatah camp in Lebanon. According to West German television, one of the Nazis shot dead in the encounter probably played a role in the Antwerp bombing.

According to the Bavarian security services, the neo-Nazi group was founded in Krefeld in 1971 and moved its headquarters to Munich in 1975. It is headed by Friedhelm Busse, 52, who was arrested in Munich yesterday following the shoot-out. Police said they found a large quantity of arms and ammunition in his home. Busse also runs a youth organization called the "Young Front" which hands out leaflets and marches in neo-Nazi demonstrations.

His "Peoples Socialist Movement" has participated in local elections but failed to win any seats. Its stated aim is to replace the democratic form of government in West Germany. At its annual conference in Munich last year it called for the expulsion to Israel of the "Jewish instigator," Heinz Galinski, chairman of the Jewish Community in West Berlin, a ban on the official organ of the West German Jewish community and a ban on the entry to Germany of Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal. The party also demands that the post World War II Nuremberg war crimes trial verdicts be overturned.

### RABIN CALLS FOR NEW SUMMIT TO 'NAIL DOWN' CAMP DAVID ACCORDS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- Former Premier Yitzhak Rabin called today for a U.S.-Israeli-Egyptian summit meeting to be held early next year to "nail down" the Camp David agreements and the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

Addressing the Labor Party's Central Committee, Rabin accused the Reagan Administration of lack of interest in the Camp David accords and said a three-way summit meeting was necessary so that President Reagan and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt could affix their signatures to the agreements, originally signed by President Carter and President Anwar Sadat and Premier Menchem Begin. The Premier is the only one of the original signatories still in office. Officials close to Begin rejected Rabin's proposed new summit.

## TIES BETWEEN HISPANIC AMERICANS, U.S. JEWS SEEN GROWING STEADILY

HOUSTON, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- Hispanic-Jewish ties are growing steadily among the 15 million Hispanic Americans and the 6 million American Jews despite some points of disagreement. Increased efforts will be made by both groups to reconcile differences and form future coalitions.

That was the consensus of opinion at sessions of the American Jewish Committee's annual Executive Council meeting here in the Galleria Plaza through Sunday. However, it was made clear that there were still differences on some issues.

Manuel Bustelo, chairman of the Forum of National Hispanic Organizations and executive director of the National Puerto Rican Forum said, "there is a big difference between talk and communication. We have talked. Now we must communicate. We must sit together not only to seek out our differences but to find our similarities, our common interests and goals, and the way in which we can work together so all can trade and profit."

A similar view was voiced by Alfredo Gutierrez, Arizona State Senator. Both he and Bustelo said that Jews had frequently gotten behind a number of programs vital to Hispanic Americans. They cited:

A generous U.S. immigration policy, including family unification, and amnesty for workers without papers; the use of native languages in schools primarily as a vehicle for teaching English; encouragement of pluralism in public schools; and extension of the Voting Rights Act.

Various speakers at the meeting pointed out that many American Jews live in the areas in which the Hispanic population is increasing, and that the two groups would come into closer contact as their residential patterns converge.

### Areas Of Hispanic-Jewish Relations

Hispanic representatives emphasized that their community feels it is subject to a great deal of discrimination in employment and in the general society, and that a sizeable segment of it strongly favors affirmative action, including quotas. They also stressed that:

\* Hispanics and Jews will not always see eye to eye. Affirmative action quotas are one area where they disagree. There are also differences regarding some aspects of U.S. immigration policy.

\* Hispanic-Jewish ties are steadily increasing, and that more exploration was needed to reveal common concerns and points of disagreement.

\* If both sides approach the relationship with realism and respect for each other's needs and feelings, it should be possible to forge an effective coalition movement beneficial to both groups.

It was explained during the sessions that about 60 percent of Hispanics in the United States are of Mexican origin; 15 percent come from Puerto Rico; 7 percent are of Cuban ancestry, most of them refugees from Castro; and 18 percent stem from other Latin nations.

### 1981 CJF GA TO PROBE MAJOR ISSUES ON FEDERATION AGENDAS

NEW YORK, Oct. 22 (JTA) -- Over 100 workshops, four major plenaries and six important forums reflecting every major issue facing Jewish Federations at home and abroad are included in

the agenda of the 50th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations which convenes Nov. 10-15 in St. Louis. Preliminary registration figures indicate an attendance of well over 2,500 representatives from the 200 Jewish Federations in the United States and Canada which comprise the CJF.

The opening GA plenary session on Wednesday evening, Nov. 11, will mark the official commencement of CJF's 50th anniversary year. The major address of the evening will be delivered by CJF president Morton Mandel of Cleveland. The plenary will also include the premiere showing of "50 Years," an audio-visual review of the past half-century of North American Jewish history as seen through the eyes of CJF past presidents.

On Thursday evening Nov. 12, the Assembly will convene again for a second plenary session on "American Foreign Policy and Jewish Concerns." The Saturday evening plenary will be devoted to a special cultural offering, and the closing plenary session on Sunday morning, Nov. 15, will include videotaped highlights of the entire 1981 GA.

### Intensive Discussions Planned

Six Forums are planned to provide intensive discussions on topics of primary concern to the Federation community in 1982: "The Jew in the Non-Jewish World"; "Ethiopian Jews -- A Community in Peril"; "Jews in the Soviet Union: Managing the Current Crisis"; "Peace in the Middle East -- The Role of North American Jewry" and "Jewish Concern for Women's Rights: Opportunities and Responsibilities for Federations."

On Friday afternoon, Nov. 13, the final Forum, "Jewish Communities in Distress Around the World", will be preceded by a march to the old Courthouse in St. Louis to demonstrate solidarity with all oppressed Jews.

Shabbat observance will include a Friday night address, "The Jewish Immigrant Experience in North America, 1881-1981." The Saturday Oneg Shabbat will be devoted to a public affairs seminar concentrating on the Reagan Administration's policies on key domestic and international issues.

Also included in the 1981 GA program will be sessions on issues such as Soviet-Jewish integration into North American Communities; The Needs of the Jewish Disabled; The 1982 Campaign; Cable Television; The Jewish Family; The CJF-B'nai B'rith Study on Hillel; Jewish Singles in Community Life; Declining Federal Dollars for Human Services; Taxes and Philanthropy; The New Anti-Semitism; The Changing Arab World; Jewish Community Newspapers, and others.

Women's Division leaders are planning a variety of specialized sessions, as is the CJF Leadership Development Committee, which will host approximately 200 winners of local Federation Leadership Development Awards. Student leaders from campuses throughout North America will also take part in the GA.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) -- The Malta authorities have refused to allow an Israeli cargo ship to enter Valetta harbor for repairs after a fire at sea, and has refused to extend the visas of sailors from the vessel. The Israeli vessel, Lior, caught fire at sea two weeks ago and was towed to Malta, where her cargo of citrus, bound for Britain and unharmed by the fire, was due to have been discharged for trans-shipment. But the Maltese authorities refused to allow her to enter the harbor, on the grounds that the fire might break out again. The stricken vessel was accordingly towed to Marseilles, where its cargo was discharged for local sale.