

## ISRAEL ASTONISHED BY GREECE'S MOVE TO IMPROVE TIES WITH PLO

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 25 (JTA) -- Israel has reacted with "pain," "sorrow" and "astonishment" to the news that the new Socialist government in Greece headed by Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou has invited Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat to pay an official visit to Athens and that it intends to upgrade the PLO's information office there.

A Foreign Ministry statement issued in Jerusalem last night expressed hope that the Greek government would reconsider the move. The statement recalled the Jewish people's long-standing support for "Greece's struggle for freedom and political independence" and referred to acts of terror committed on Greek soil in recent years by the PLO, the victims of which were both Israelis and Greeks.

Despite the official "astonishment," government circles here were not in point of fact surprised at Papandreou's move: they had expected it since the new Greek Premier has been consistent and outspoken in his support for a PLO role in any Mideast solution.

In his invitation, Papandreou asked Arafat to Athens "at your earliest convenience so that we may have a fruitful and personal exchange of views on matters of mutual interest, including the upgrading of your office here." A Greek government spokesman said no parallel gesture would be made for the Israeli diplomatic mission, "nor was such ever considered." (Related story, P.3.)

Arafat immediately announced his acceptance "with great appreciation" and noted that Papandreou's letter to him had "included official recognition of the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people." The prior Greek government led by the National Democratic Party (conservative) had always declined to extend this far-reaching recognition.

### Hopes For Continuing Relations With Greece

While having anticipated a closing of ties between Greece and the PLO, Israeli officials have hoped that Israel's own relations with Greece will not deteriorate as a result. They point out that many states with which Israel has cordial ties also recognize the PLO.

Israel and Greece have never had full diplomatic relations. As a gesture to the Arabs, Greece has always kept the ties at the level of "diplomatic representative." Nevertheless, there are commercial ties, and Greece (one of the few non-hostile states in the region) is a favorite holiday spot for Israeli tourists.

## EGYPTIAN ENVOY, ISRAELI OFFICIAL DIFFER OVER REQUIREMENTS FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

HOUSTON, Oct. 25 (JTA) -- Significant differences between Egypt and Israel over the requirements for Middle East peace emerged here last night in speeches by Ashraf Ghorbal, the Egyptian

Ambassador to the United States, and Moshe Guidron, Consul General of Israel in Houston. Both addressed a dinner at the annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee's National Executive Council, attended by nearly 500 delegates. The four-day gathering ended today.

The Egyptian envoy made the point that Israel's basic security needs were met when it concluded its peace treaty with Egypt, its most powerful neighbor, without which an Arab war against Israel is not possible. He stressed that Israel's problem is therefore psychological.

Ghorbal also claimed that the cease-fire in Lebanon is "a vital first step" and expressed hope that it will be built upon and eventually be transformed "into a peace treaty" between Israel and the Palestinians.

### Real, Not Psychological Problems

Guidron took sharp issue with those points. "With reference to finding solutions to crucial issues, we cannot consider the cessation of hostilities on the Lebanese border as a precedent to direct contact between Israel and terrorist organizations," he said.

"This cessation was reached through the efforts of Ambassador (Philip) Habib (President Reagan's special envoy to the region) and the government of Lebanon. Israel will absolutely not be the first to use even one weapon unless we have to defend our northern settlements from another attack by a terrorist organization -- the same organization which announced, and I quote, 'we shake the hand that fired the bullet that killed Sadat'."

Guidron also observed that while the peace agreement between Israel and Egypt "is a magnificent achievement ... however, it is not the total solution for the security of Israel. We must reach peace with our other neighbors as well. Therefore, the problems which we must overcome are not psychological, they are real. Simply put, we have to protect our existence. A comprehensive and lasting peace can only exist with a strong Israel in secure borders."

### Says Egypt To Continue Peace

Ghorbal began his address by declaring, "Today Egypt is determined to continue Sadat's long journey of peace. It pledges to honor all its commitments under Camp David and the peace treaty. It has no doubt Israel will do the same."

He added: "The autonomy talks will continue, hopefully to a successful conclusion. Negotiations will continue and prosper. Reconciliation between Egypt and its Arab neighbors will not be at the expense of its ties to Israel. A close relationship with the U.S. will remain a cornerstone of Egypt's foreign policy."

Ghorbal went on to say, "I live with no illusions. The road to peace between Israel and the Palestinians is a difficult one. I know very well of the suspicions prevailing on both sides. I know of the fears, the doubts, the misconceptions. However, we can act as a bridge between Israel and the Palestinians. We can speak out of our own experience. We must convince the Palestinians of the benefits of peace as we saw them. And we must convince the Israelis that peace with the Palestinians is possible, just as it became a reality with the Egyptians. Our task has thus become one of reconciliation between opposing sides."

Ghorbal also said: "I am aware of Israel's security concerns. But let us remember that her real security needs were already met when Egypt made peace with her; Egypt, the largest and most powerful of her Arab neighbors; Egypt without whom there can be no war and no peace in the area. Without Egypt, no Arab effort could ever threaten the security of Israel. This is a reality that should never be overlooked, a reality that leads us to say that a great portion of Israel's problem is psychological. We must help her overcome it. A vital first step was already taken in Lebanon.

"For the first time, a cease-fire between Israel and Palestinians is in effect across the borders. Let us build upon it and transform it into a peace treaty." Ghorbal also paid tribute to the late Moshe Dayan, "the formidable foe that he was and the staunch peace-maker that he, too, became."

#### Condemns Bombing Of Egyptian Office

Meanwhile, the AJCommittee's National Executive Council expressed shock and outrage today at the fire-bombing of the Egyptian Government Tourist Office in New York City early this morning for which a militant Jewish group claimed responsibility.

A resolution adopted here referred to last week's bombing of a synagogue in Antwerp as "an act of terrorism directed against Belgian Jews" and "against persons of all religious faiths." It added: "We are also shocked and outraged at the bombing of the Egyptian Tourist Office in New York City this morning. This act of terrorism was directed against the hopes of all mankind for peace in the Middle East and ultimately the world. We pledge ourselves to do all in our power to eradicate the spread of terrorism that plagues the civilized world."

(New York police reported that two fire bombs were tossed into the Egyptian Tourist Office which was unoccupied at the time, causing extensive damage. There were no injuries. Police said they were investigating telephone calls to local news agencies claiming that the Jewish Defense League did the bombing.)

(A person identifying himself as Arno Weinstein, national director of the JDL, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by phone this morning that the JDL was not responsible for the bombing but approved of the act. "We do not take responsibility but if this act was to expose the fraudulence of the Camp David accords we fully support it," the caller said.)

#### BAKER BELIEVES SENATE WILL VOTE FOR AWACS SALE, BUT MONDALE PREDICTS A DEFEAT IN THE SENATE

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (JTA) -- Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker declared today that although President Reagan's proposed sale of AWACS reconnaissance planes faced an "uphill" fight in the Senate, he believed it is still "winable." But former Vice President Walter Mondale predicted the Senate would reject the sale when it votes Wednesday and urged the President to withdraw it.

"As of this moment I am convinced that those who oppose the sale are well below the 50 mark and are losing momentum," Baker said in an interview on the CBS-TV "Face the Nation" program. "We're coming up, still behind, but ... we are going to win."

Baker indicated that some of those who have been listed as part of the Senate majority opposed to the \$8.5 billion arms sale are considering switching but would only do so if they think the President has a chance of winning. Baker also indicated that he was pushing for a 50-50 deadlock in the Senate. Vice President George Bush would not be required to break the tie because a deadlock vote would mean the sale goes ahead since the vote is on a resolution of rejection and it needs 51 votes to veto the sale.

Mondale, who appeared on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press" program, said he opposes the sale of the AWACS and the F-15 enhancement equipment as he did when it was first brought up in the Carter Administration last year because he feels it would "escalate the arms race" in the Mideast and "reduce the environment" for a Middle East peace. He said the Administration should concentrate on the peace effort.

His position was similar to that taken by Sen. Edward Kennedy (D. Mass.) who, in a statement released by his office last Friday, also called on the President to withdraw the sale. Kennedy said that "instead of promoting an arms race, Reagan should concentrate for working for peace in the Mideast."

#### Does Not Anticipate Reagan "Bomb-Shell"

Baker predicted that Reagan would not introduce any "bomb-shell" this week as the President continues his strong efforts to convince Senators to vote for the sale. This confirms the Administration's contention that Reagan did not seek to get a Saudi agreement on joint U.S.-Saudi crewing of the AWACS when he met with Prince Fahd in Cancun, Mexico, last week, a condition which many observers believe is essential for the sale to be approved.

Reagan is scheduled to meet with eight Senators tomorrow and Baker said that both he and the President plan to continue their efforts to reverse opposition to the sale right down to the time the Senate votes, now expected to take place around 5 pm Wednesday.

Baker said he agreed with Reagan's statement yesterday upon returning from Cancun that Senators who vote against the sale "are not doing their country a service." He said he could not think of any issue in his 15 years in the Senate, including the Panama Canal treaties and the various Vietnam resolutions, that "has such profound implications for the welfare of this country both in the short term and the long term."

He said while approval of the AWACS sale will not solve the problem in the Middle East, rejection "will begin unraveling" the efforts by the Carter and Reagan Administrations to find a "consensus" for the defense of the area.

Baker also aimed his appeal at Republicans in the Senate who plan to vote against the sale. Republicans joined Democrats in the House earlier this month in the vote 301-111 to reject the sale. Baker noted that rejection would harm the President's ability to conduct foreign policy. But he said this was not the only issue and the sale should be approved because of its merits.

#### Reject Claims Of Increased Anti-Semitism

Both Baker and Mondale rejected claims that if the sale is defeated it might increase anti-Semitism and cause a backlash against Israel in the United States.

Baker said that those like him who would "grieve" if the AWACS sale was rejected would "immediately understand that there is a first prime responsibility to see that no such result (anti-Semitism) ensues. And I don't believe it would. And I think the leadership of both sides of the aisle, the White House and throughout the country will recognize that this would have such devastating consequences that it is unacceptable."

Mondale, while also rejecting a backlash added, "I deeply resent the attempt to introduce that kind of discussion into the debate." He said the warnings by former President Nixon that there would be "consequences" to the American Jewish community and Israel if the sale was rejected was "totally inappropriate." Mondale added that "the AWACS sale above all stands as an example of the influence of the Saudis in American foreign policy."

On another subject Mondale said that he did not know anything about a report that Carter's National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski had met with Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasir Arafat during the Carter Administration. He said that as far as he knew, the Administration under which he served maintained its commitment not to meet with the PLO until they recognize Israel and accept UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338.

Mondale said that he still supports this view and noted that "in fairness" to former Presidents Ford and Carter, they also added this proviso when they said that the U.S. should have talks with the PLO. But he said for the PLO to make this change, it has "a high hill to climb" since, he said, it was still dedicated to the destruction of Israel. Mondale noted that he felt "appalled" when PLO leaders cheered the death of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

#### EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL REASSURES ISRAEL THAT EGYPT REMAINS COMMITTED TO THE PEACE PROCESS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 25 (JTA) -- Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali began a three-day visit to Israel today with a statement of reassurance that Egypt, after the death of President Anwar Sadat, remains unchanged in its commitment to the peace process.

Arriving early this morning at Ben Gurion Airport, Ali declared that nothing has changed in Egypt, except for the sadness and sorrow over Sadat's assassination. The very fact of his visit here, which was scheduled before Sadat was killed Oct. 6, was the best proof of Egypt's policy and should serve to dispel all doubts.

Ali was welcomed by Defense Minister Ariel Sharon and spent the afternoon in conference with Sharon and his aides at the Defense Ministry on issues concerning Israel's final withdrawal from Sinai next April. Tomorrow, Ali will meet with Premier Menachem Begin and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir in Jerusalem for wider ranging discussions on aspects of the peace process, including normalization and autonomy talks.

Ali was expected to take time out to attend -- or at least involve himself indirectly -- in the ongoing round of autonomy talks which were resumed last Thursday in Tel Aviv by Israeli, Egyptian and American sub-ministerial rank officials and technicians. The initial session of this round reportedly has produced no significant progress.

#### Issues Cloud The Atmosphere

A number of public statements and other issues clouded the atmosphere on the eve of Ali's visit, including his own statement in an interview last week that Israeli obduracy in the autonomy talks had been a contributory factor in Sadat's assassination. Israeli sources said Shamir intended to "clarify" this statement with the visiting Egyptian Minister.

Similarly, Egyptian sources made it clear yesterday that Cairo took a dim view of Shamir's assertion

Friday that "Jordan is Palestine" and can be ruled either by King Hussein or by the Palestine Liberation Organization. "For us it is not important who rules this state," Shamir said in an Israel Radio interview.

This plainly echoed Sharon's long-held view that Israel would be better off if PLO chief Yasir Arafat ruled in Amman, rather than the ostensibly more moderate and Western-oriented Hashemite House of Hussein. Sharon recently repeated his belief that Israel made a "historic error" in 1970, when, at the request of President Nixon, it mobilized in order to aid Hussein who was fighting off PLO subversion and a pro-PLO Syrian invasion.

Asked about the prospect of Soviet domination of an Arafat-run Palestine-Jordan, Shamir said "Israel cannot intervene in the internal conditions of a neighboring state."

#### Sharp Retort By Egypt

The Egyptian Foreign Ministry retorted with a sharply-worded statement branding Shamir's remarks as a violation of Camp David. "Egypt considers this declaration a violation of the concept of full autonomy as expounded in the Camp David agreements," the statement said.

It also blasted Israel's ongoing settlement-building on the West Bank. In a separate interview with Israeli newspapers, Egyptian Minister of State Butros Ghali singled out the settlements as the "greatest impediment" to the autonomy talks.

Another factor clouding Ali's visit is the tough reaction that Israel's Tourism Minister, Avraham Sharir, has encountered during the past few days of negotiations with Egyptian officials. Above all, the Israelis were disappointed that Egypt insists that all air passengers landing on charters at Etzion airfield, just across the international border from Eilat, obtain an Egyptian visa for the 15-minute bus ride into Eilat.

Israeli officials see this as deliberate obstreperousness on Egypt's part and say it will deal a death blow to Eilat's charter flight tourism.

Similarly there is disappointment here over Egypt's refusal to allow Israel's Arkia airline to continue flying to Santa Katherina Monastery in Central Sinai, as it does at present.

#### GREEK LEADER SAYS U.S. HAS TO DEAL WITH PLO TO ACHIEVE PEACE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (JTA) -- Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou of Greece said today that the U.S. has to deal with the Palestine Liberation Organization if it wants to achieve peace in the Middle East. Papandreou, appearing from Athens on the ABC-TV "Issues and Answers" program, said he was raising the status of the PLO office in Athens to a diplomatic mission in order to stress this point. He said that just as Israel has the right to a state of its own, so do the people of Palestine. "Until this is understood, until this takes place, there will be no peace in the Middle East," he maintained.

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GENEVA (JTA) -- A Jewish-owned Geneva-based firm, Aprofim, has been awarded a contract to build a \$265 million luxury hotel in Abuja, the new federal capital of Nigeria. The firm, headed by Nissim Gaon, who is also president of the World Federation of Sephardic Jews, is managed by an Israeli, Yitzhak Ormiron. The contract was signed with the National Insurance Corp. of Nigeria. The hotel, to be known as the Nicon Noga Hilton, will have 1,000 rooms and a conference center and will be rated five stars -- the top world class rating.

PUBLISHER OF DIRECTORY LIMITED TO  
'BORN AGAIN' CHRISTIAN ADVERTISERS  
AGREES TO END BIASED PRACTICE

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25 (JTA) -- The publisher of California Christian Yellow Pages telephone directories, which limited advertisers to "born again" Christians, has signed a court-approved agreement to cease the discriminatory practice, it was disclosed by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The agreement was reached in settlement of a discrimination suit brought by ADL on behalf of two Jewish businessmen whose advertisements were refused by the Orange County edition of Christian Yellow Pages.

Maxwell Greenberg, ADL's national chairman, said that Richard Fandrich of San Bruno, Calif., president of Christian Yellow Pages, Inc., (CYP) agreed to stop requiring advertisers to pledge their faith in Jesus Christ and also agreed to pay \$1,500 damages to the two businessmen.

Greenberg announced settlement of the four-year-old case at a session of ADL's National Executive Committee meeting here at the Fairmont Hotel, which ends today. The agreement was filed in Los Angeles Superior Court last Thursday.

Basis For Suit

The businessmen, George Aronek and David Pines, owners of Grecian Art Tiles in Los Angeles, sued CYP on grounds that its advertising policy violated several state laws, most notably the Unruh Civil Rights Act. That law declared that "business establishments of any kind whatsoever shall not discriminate against, boycott or blacklist, refuse to buy from, sell to, or trade with any person in this state because of race, creed, religion, color ... of such person."

In announcing the CYP pledge to drop its discriminatory policy, Greenberg said, "We are gratified that the practice of classifying businesses on the basis of such irrelevant criteria as the religious belief of the principals will no longer operate with respect to the Christian Yellow Pages, Inc."

The Christian Yellow Pages was founded in 1971 by Gordon Jaroch of Portland, Ore., who three years later turned it over to W. R. Thomson of Modesto, Calif. Fandrich, who was listed as the West Coast regional director of CYP when the ADL suit was instituted, has since incorporated Christian Yellow Pages as a separate entity. While ADL's suit against Christian Yellow Pages, now Christian Yellow Pages, Inc., has been settled, a discrimination suit against Thomson and his organization, Family of Faith Foundation, is still pending.

The settlement with Christian Yellow Pages, Inc., includes its assets, all of its editions in California and in Arizona, Nevada, Utah and Idaho. Thomson, through the Family of Faith Foundation, publishes other Christian Yellow Pages in various parts of the country.

Won Similar Suit Earlier

Earlier this year, ADL won a similar suit filed against the Christian Business Directory, headquartered in San Diego. That settlement prevented the defendant publication from requiring prospective advertisers to identify their religious faith as a condition of advertising. The Christian Business Directory is now defunct.

According to the court-approved agreement, Christian Yellow Pages, Inc., is barred from requiring an oral or written declaration by advertisers of their religious belief, affiliation or theology and

from printing a "Concept" foreword which urges readers to buy from Christians.

AJCONGRESS CONDEMNS  
THE EVANGELICAL RIGHT

NEW YORK, Oct. 25 (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress has issued a strong condemnation of the evangelical right for using religion as an instrument of political coercion and has pledged to oppose the movement on many of its domestic policies and practices.

A resolution passed by the Governing Council of the national organization says it deplores the new right's use of "fundamentalist piety" as the measure of political competence. It accused the movement's adherents of attempting to intimidate when they cannot persuade "by using the size of their electronic congregations and by threatening political reprisal through the proliferation of 'hit lists'."

"We are mindful," the resolution continued, "that leaders and spokesmen for the evangelical right defend and support the State of Israel. We acknowledge this support, but this consideration is irrelevant to our assessment of their domestic programs. The damage done by their efforts to curtail domestic freedom is not made less by their views on Israel. Their support for Israel will in no way cause us to mitigate or modify our opposition to the many policies and practices of the evangelical right with which we disagree."

The AJCongress resolution said it is "encouraged" by the knowledge that there are many others, including the majority of evangelicals in this country, who are disturbed by the "electoral depredations" of the right and "with whom we can find common cause."

NEO-NAZI GROUP LINKED TO  
ANTWERP SYNAGOGUE BOMBING

By David Kantor

BONN, Oct. 25 (JTA) -- Three members of the neo-Nazi "Peoples Socialist Movement" were arrested in Belgium yesterday, re-enforcing reports by the West German State Television that the group was linked to last Tuesday's bomb blast outside an Antwerp synagogue. The explosion killed two women instantly and a third victim, a man, died Friday of his wounds.

Meanwhile, intelligence services here have released additional information about the group which the authorities consider one of the most dangerous rightwing organizations in the Federal Republic. Its leader, Friedhelm Busse, 52, was arrested last Wednesday after two of its members were killed in a gun battle with police outside of Munich and three others were captured Tuesday night.

Busse was observed at a meeting with young supporters in a Munich cafe four days earlier. He is reported to have said that as in 1933, the year the Nazis won power in Germany, the time is ripe for a change. "We have the right to re-shape the State ... We are building now in Nuremberg the gallops for the democrats who have subjugated Germany to the occupation of the Allied powers. They have only a short time," he is quoted as saying. Busse assured his supporters that "We are loyal to Hitler's legacy and our main enemy is, of course, the Jew."

According to West Germany intelligence, Busse's gang finances its activities by robbing banks and with support obtained from abroad. It is said to have links in France, Belgium, Britain, Italy, Canada, the U.S., Austria, Switzerland, and Lebanon.