

PERCY WARNS ISRAEL TO REFRAIN FROM FURTHER 'UNILATERAL ACTIONS'

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30 (JTA) -- Sen. Charles Percy (R. Ill.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, ended his three-day visit today by warning Israel to desist from further "unilateral actions" taken "without regard for the interests of the United States" in shoring up regional security and advancing the peace process. In a statement to the press, Percy said such actions could endanger the special relationship between the two countries.

He said that during his talks with Israeli leaders, including Premier Menachem Begin and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, he had urged a "moderation of rhetoric" in the relationship which had "aggravated" differences, especially following the extension of Israeli law to the Golan Heights. This move was one of the "unilateral actions" Percy had referred to during his talks with Israeli leaders. Two others were Israel's bombing of the Iraqi nuclear reactor and the Palestine Liberation Organization headquarters in Beirut.

The Senator stressed that he had been given "categorical assurances" from Israeli leaders that Israel would strictly abide by its peace treaty with Egypt which calls for final withdrawal from Sinai next April. Percy said he was confident that Egypt would respond in kind by pursuing the normalization process between the two countries as stipulated in the treaty.

He said he had also urged Israeli leaders to pursue "most urgently" the autonomy talks because time was not unlimited. Israeli reports said Begin had urged Percy when they met for three hours yesterday to persuade the Reagan Administration to appoint a special envoy to the autonomy talks. The Senator revealed that he had met with three Palestinian leaders during his visit but did not name them. Israel Radio said later that one was Mayor Elias Freij of Bethlehem. Percy's next stop in his Middle East tour is Jordan.

AGUDAT COUNCIL OF SAGES LEADER CASTIGATES BEGIN FOR GOLAN MOVE

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30 (JTA) -- A senior member of the Agudat Israel Council of Sages chastized Premier Menachem Begin last night for annexing the Golan Heights on grounds that the act jeopardized the Jewish people by angering the "goyim" (gentiles).

The impassioned keynote speech in Yiddish delivered by Rabbi Eliezer Shach at the opening of the World Agudat Israel Executive meeting here suggested that the formula for survival followed by Jews during centuries of ghettoization in Europe is still valid. Provoking the gentiles is "not the Jewish way," he said.

The existence today of a sovereign Jewish state, Shach maintained, could in no way justify changing the age-old "Jewish way" of "danc-

ing before the wicked, vicious goy, like the ma yoffis (beautiful) yid of old, while never forgetting that the goy is nothing but a vicious, mad murderer."

Golan Move Jeopardized American Jewry

Specifically, the 83-year-old rabbi contended that while annexation of the Golan may be beneficial to the State of Israel, it is harmful to "Am Yisroel" (the people of Israel) and especially jeopardized American Jewry because it caused a confrontation with the Reagan Administration.

Shach noted that Begin, in his recent attack on the Administration for suspending the U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation agreement, had said that Israel lived 3,700 years without such an accord and can live another 3,700 years without one. The rabbi observed in that connection that "Am Yisroel" lived 2,000 years without annexing the Golan and could live another 2,000 years the same way.

Shach's speech clearly embarrassed Aguda politicians who recently were reprimanded by Begin for abstaining in the Knesset vote to impose Israeli law on the Golan Heights. The four-man Aguda Knesset faction, a coalition partner, abstained because they had no instructions from the Council of Sages to support the measure.

But after last night's session of the Executive, Aguda sources told reporters that the other senior member of the Council of Sages, the Hasidic Rebbe of Ger, did not object to "Israel holding the Golan until the Messiah comes." The Gerer Rebbe himself made no speech at the gathering but simply uttered a blessing.

Praises Begin's Attitude Toward Religion

Shach insisted that Begin had made a grievous error and "who knows what high price we might have to pay for this error?" He called on the Aguda delegates to pray that the price is not too high. But he also praised Begin for his "warm attitude toward religion."

He warned that the State of Israel could not survive in the long term if there continued to be large scale desecration of the Sabbath and large-scale "education in atheism." He also sounded a note contrary to Zionist tenets when he said the fate of "Am Yisroel" was "not necessarily linked to the State of Israel."

REPORT LESS JEWS ALLOWED TO LEAVE USSR IN 1981 WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PERSECUTION WAS INTENSIFIED

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 (JTA) -- While the number of Jews allowed to leave the Soviet Union in 1981 was the lowest in the past 10 years, the harassment and persecution of Russian Jews increased and became more brutal, it was reported here today at a press conference at the Roosevelt Hotel, sponsored jointly by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry (GNYCSJ) and the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ).

According to Dr. Seymour Lachman, chairman of the GNYCSJ, the number of Jews allowed to

leave the USSR this year was 9,249 compared to a 10-year high in 1979 when 51,320 Jews left the Soviet Union, and 21,471 in 1980. This year's figures, Lachman noted, do not include numbers for the last 11 days of 1981. However, no more than 175 Jews are expected to receive permission to leave the Soviet Union during this period.

To illustrate the staggering decline of the Jewish exodus from Russia, Lachman pointed out that in August 1981 only 430 Jews emigrated -- an all-time low for a single month. Each succeeding month of 1981 was lower still, with only 363 Jews leaving the Soviet Union in November, a mere 10 percent of the 4,193 Jews who arrived in Vienna in November 1979, the peak year for Jewish emigration, Lachman noted.

While the emigration movement dwindled to a trickle, the three million Jews living in the USSR are gravely mistreated -- their human rights usurped and anti-Semitism encouraged by the authorities, Lachman claimed.

He warned that "The survival of Jewish culture and Jewish identity of some three million Jews is at stake" in the Soviet Union. He charged that the Soviet Union has become the major source for anti-Semitic literature in recent times. He also disclosed that more Jewish activists were arrested in 1981 than in any single year since 1970.

Estimated 500,000 Jews 'Interned'

Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R. NY) said that about a half million Jews are estimated to have applied for exit visas and they are "interned" in the Soviet Union against their will. He said the sanctions imposed yesterday on the USSR by President Reagan because of the situation in Poland should also be applicable to the situation of Soviet Jewry.

D'Amato charged that the Soviet Union "virtually halted the emigration of Jews. This is a flagrant violation of the letter and spirit of the Helsinki accords of 1975 which committed the Soviet Union to allowing the free movement of people -- including the right to emigrate."

D'Amato, who is a member of the Congressional Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe which monitors Soviet compliance with the Helsinki accords, said he is going to increase its efforts in the Senate and among other Senators on behalf of Soviet Jews.

28 Congressmen Sign Petition

Rep. Theodore Weiss (D. NY) announced that he and 27 other Congressmen from the greater New York area have already signed a petition to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev calling upon him to permit the emigration of Soviet Jews and to "free all Jewish Prisoner of Conscience."

He said he expects every member of the House to sign the petition. The NCSJ and the GNYCSJ expect more than one million people to sign the petition. Lachman said that so far 85,000 persons signed it.

Jews Are 'Unwilling Hostages'

Meanwhile, Theodore Mann, chairman of the NCSJ, said in a statement today that "the sharpest decline in emigration, which occurred in the last six months of this year, suggests that the Jewish minority (in the USSR) may have become hostage to U.S.-Soviet relations. If so, they are unwilling hostages."

He called upon world leadership to awaken to the current critical situation for Soviet

Jews and appealed to the U.S. government to "take vital steps to make certain that the tragic plight of more than two million Jews in the Soviet Union receives attention necessary for their security and well being."

In urging President Reagan to take action, Mann stated that it is essential that "this issue be placed on the agenda of the forthcoming meeting between Secretary of State Alexander Haig and (Soviet) Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko when they meet at the end of January."

DULZIN ANNOUNCES CAMPAIGN OF WORLD-WIDE PRESSURE ON USSR TO ALLOW MORE JEWS TO EMIGRATE By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30 (JTA) -- The Presidium of the Brussels Conference on Soviet Jewry will meet in Washington in three weeks to plan a campaign of world-wide pressure on the Soviet Union to increase the number of Jews allowed to emigrate, it was announced here today by Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives.

Dulzin said the precipitous decline in Soviet Jewish emigration was largely responsible for the near record low of immigration to Israel in 1981. Figures just released showed that only 12,000 olim arrived this year, the smallest number since 1953. They included 2,200 from the U.S. and 1,820 from the USSR. Dulzin noted that this was the first time in a decade that more immigrants came from America than from the Soviet Union.

He blamed the Soviet closed-door policy on the high rate of drop-outs. Of the 9,400 Jews allowed to leave Russia this year, 7,580 chose to go to countries other than Israel.

Dulzin said the pressure campaign on the Soviet Union could be effective now that an agreement has been reached with HIAS to implement the Israel government-Jewish Agency plan to reduce the number of dropouts. The plan requires HIAS to deny assistance to Soviet Jewish emigres seeking to go to the U.S. unless they have first degree relatives -- parents, spouses or children -- in that country.

Dulzin observed that aliya from the West continued this year at the rate of about 10,000, consistent with past years' figures. There were 1,450 immigrants from France, about 1,000 from Rumania, 900 from Argentina, 800 from Britain and 200 from South Africa.

PENTAGON PROPOSING BOOST IN ARMS AID TO ISRAEL FOR FISCAL 1983

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (JTA) -- The Pentagon confirmed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that it is proposing \$1.7 billion in military aid to Israel for fiscal year 1983. This amount, if approved by the Administration, will be part of the fiscal 1983 foreign assistance bill to be submitted to Congress for approval. It is \$300 million more than the military aid approved for fiscal 1982.

According to Pentagon sources, the sum was decided on before Israel annexed the Golan Heights on December 14, precipitating an angry confrontation with the Reagan Administration. Defense Department officials were quoted as saying that the \$300 million boost is a "level of credit rather than an appropriation" and "not a great amount considering the size of the forces the Israelis must maintain in the cruel inflation suffered by Israel." Israel reportedly had asked for \$1.9 billion in military aid for fiscal 1983.

U.S. STUDYING REPORTS THAT ISRAELI PLANES VIOLATED IRAQI AIR SPACE

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (JTA) -- The State Department said today that the U.S. is "looking into" reports that two Israeli jet fighter planes violated Iraqi air space today and retreated after encountering Iraqi aircraft.

The report, from Beirut, said the Iraqi News Agency confirmed that Israeli aircraft flew 30 miles over western Iraq, near the Saudi Arabian border and were driven off. The report identified them as F-15s. An Israeli military spokesman in Tel Aviv refused to confirm or deny the report, saying Israel does not disclose details of its military movements.

State Department deputy spokesman Alan Romberg said in reply to questions today that Sen. Charles Percy (R. Ill.), chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, carried no message from Secretary of State Alexander Haig during his three-day visit to Israel this week. Percy ended his visit today with a warning to Israel to desist from further "unilateral actions" taken "without regard for the interests of the United States." (See separate story P.1)

Romberg was asked if the Senator's meeting with three Palestinian leaders while in Israel was government sponsored. He replied, "The Administration obviously provides the kind of support to Sen. Percy that we would to anybody in his position. But it is his visit. It is not an Administration visit. I'm not aware that he carried any message" from Haig.

Haig On The Golan Annexation

The Secretary of State, who delivered a foreign policy speech devoted mainly to the Polish situation to the World Affairs Council of Northern California and the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco yesterday, was questioned about Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights. He replied:

"I have seen the Golan Heights ... I flew over them. It is a highly strategic piece of real estate, highly important real estate and no one could have lived in Israel and suffered the consequences of that real estate in the hands of an enemy country without understanding how vital it is to Israel.

"That is not suggested by the recent action which, as you know, our government opposed. We felt that the determination of the ultimate distribution of that territory on the Golan Heights was a matter for negotiations under the provisions of United Nations Resolution 242, which in itself, was written and conceived to contain the kind of ambiguities that would have resulted in a successful outcome of that issue."

Romberg was asked today about reports that Haig will visit the Middle East in February, including a stop in Israel. He said he was aware of the reports but did not confirm them.

DUTCH LEGISLATOR URGES HOLLAND'S ENVOY BE RECALLED FROM ISRAEL BECAUSE OF THE ANNEXATION OF GOLAN

By Henriette Boas

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 30 (JTA) -- A Labor member of the Dutch Parliament has urged the government to recall its Ambassador from Israel because of Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights. But Foreign Minister Max van der Stoel said he

would not do so even though Holland disapproves of Israel's action.

Recall of the envoy was proposed by Harry van den Bergh, chairman of the Parliamentary Defense Committee and the Labor Party's Middle East expert, who is of Jewish origin and describes himself as a friend of Israel. He said the annexation was the culmination of many actions by the Israeli government, including the annexation of East Jerusalem and Israel's policy on the West Bank, that has pained him and other friends of Israel in Holland.

Meanwhile, van der Stoel told the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee yesterday that he makes no connection between annexation of the Golan Heights and Holland's possible participation in the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) in Sinai after Israel completes its withdrawal next April.

Holland, along with Britain, France and Italy, indicated last month that they were prepared to provide personnel for the international peacekeeping force. Van der Stoel indicated last week, however, that the four countries were still studying Israel's demand that they affirm an Israeli-U.S. declaration that the Camp David accords are the sole basis for the MFO.

The Foreign Minister said yesterday that it was still possible that Egypt might veto the Sinai peace force in protest against Israel's annexation of the Golan.

AGUDATH ISRAEL REPRESENTATIVE AT UN RECEIVES UN'S MEDAL OF PEACE

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 30 (JTA) -- Dr. Isaac Lewin, representative at the United Nations of the Agudath Israel as a non-governmental organization, received from Secretary General Kurt Waldheim yesterday the United Nations Medal of Peace in recognition of his many years of work for a UN declaration calling for elimination of all forms of discrimination and intolerance based on religious belief.

The declaration was approved unanimously by the General Assembly November 25. Waldheim presented a similar medal two weeks ago to Ismat Kittani of Iraq, the current President of the Assembly.

Lewin told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the medal was presented on an ad hoc basis whenever the Secretary General determined an individual connected with the UN had earned such recognition.

As a member of the Human Rights Commission, Lewin said he had started his efforts to obtain such a UN declaration in 1952. That commission adopted his resolution last March 10, with subsequent approval by the Economic and Social Council and by the UN Third Committee before the Assembly approved it, thus making it a UN international declaration.

IMPROVING KIBBUTZ LIFESTYLES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30 (JTA) -- Color TV in every home, telephones in every room and free calls for members, cable TV for all members (when it reaches Israel) -- these are some of the services to be enjoyed by 11 kibbutzim in the Negev under a contract signed between them and a local communications company, Tel-Gal of Tel Aviv.

Each of the 11 kibbutzim has put a reported \$450,000 into the project, designed to markedly improve and ease the lifestyles of their members. The deal was reported in Haaretz this week. The paper said it is likely to be followed by a similar contract between the company and a consortium of Galilee kibbutzim.

ROBERT LOUP OF DENVER NAMED NEW NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF UJA

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 (JTA) -- Robert Loup of Denver, Colorado has been elected national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, Irwin Field, president of the UJA Board of Trustees, announced today.

Loup, a UJA national vice chairman since 1977, will officially succeed Herschel Blumberg of Washington, D.C. in the agency's top fund raising post on May 20, 1982, at the UJA Campaign Leadership Conference in Washington launching the 1983 campaign which Loup will lead. Blumberg led UJA's highly successful 1981 campaign -- projected to raise more than \$530 million -- and is currently heading the 1982 national effort, under way since last May with a goal of \$660 million in the regular campaign and substantially increased giving to Project Renewal.

As chairman-designate, Loup will continue to direct a sweeping program of 1983 campaign planning which he began several months ago as chairman of the UJA National Planning Committee. The UJA planning process coordinated by Loup involves active consultation with the volunteer and professional leadership of federated communities across the country as well as the advisory participation of the UJA National Campaign Policy Board.

"The 1980's will prove to be one of the most dramatic periods in our history as growing human needs, inflationary increases in costs and shifting attitudes toward the Jewish people worldwide pose unprecedented challenges to our unity and commitment," Loup said in accepting his forthcoming new post.

Loup's Other Responsibilities

In addition to his responsibilities as Chairman of UJA's 1983 Campaign Planning Committee, Loup heads the Committee on Regionalization which has played a key role in the agency's efforts in recent years to improve the delivery of campaign services and programs to communities through its eight regional offices.

He has long been active in his home community of Denver, and was chairman of its 1974 Campaign which raised more than \$7 million, the most successful to date in the community's history. He was president of the Allied Jewish Federation of Denver in 1975-76, and is an Honorary Life President and a member of the Federation's Executive Committee. His wife Charlene, is 1982 general campaign chairman of the Denver Federation.

Loup also served as president and a member of the Board of Jewish Community Center in Denver, and was a member of the Board of that city's Beth Israel Hospital for the Aging. In 1975 he was honored for his outstanding leadership with the Human Relations Citation from the Denver Chapter of the American Jewish Committee. He is also active in the Council of Jewish Federations and is chairman of UJA/CJF Task Force.

Following a 1976 trip to the Soviet Union, Loup and his wife founded the Commission on International Jewish Affairs under the auspices of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. He is a member of the Board of an Israeli solar energy company, American Heliothermal Corporation. The UJA national chairman-

designate is a graduate of the University of Colorado and served in the U.S. Air Force. He is president of Loup-Miller Construction Company.

POLISH ENVOY SAYS ANTI-SEMITIC ACTS IN POLAND 'WILL BE PUNISHED'

PARIS, Dec. 30 (JTA) -- Poland's Ambassador to France, Eugeniusz Kulaga, told the World Jewish Congress that the Polish government will move swiftly against any manifestations of anti-Semitism in the country, adding that "those responsible for any anti-Semitic acts will be punished."

Kulaga made these remarks to a delegation of the WJC-French Section following his invitation for them to meet with him at the Polish Embassy here. The previous week, the WJC delegation had met with the chief Counselor at the Embassy. On both occasions the delegation expressed its profound disquiet at reports reaching Western Europe of increasing anti-Semitic agitation in Poland. In particular, the Ambassador was told, there was deep concern regarding broadcasts of an anti-Jewish character reportedly carried by the Polish media.

In reply, Kulaga conveyed the "assurance of the Polish government" that, in conformity with the protection of rights guaranteed by the Polish constitution, "discriminatory acts against the Jewish community would not be tolerated." He further expressed assurances that the substance of the representations made to him would be conveyed to the Warsaw regime.

The delegation of the WZO-French Section, representing more than 20 nationwide French Jewish organizations, was led by Serge Cwaigenbaum, secretary general of the Section, and Henri Bulawko of its Executive.

GERMAN POLICE DESTROY ONLY KNOWN PHOTO OF MENGELE

BONN, Dec. 30 (JTA) -- The Federal Police have destroyed the only known photograph of Josef Mengele, the notorious death camp doctor at Auschwitz for whom a warrant of arrest has been issued to stand trial for war crimes. Mengele is believed to be living in South America. The photograph was needed for identification.

Its destruction for alleged "constitutional" reasons was disclosed by the Frankfurter Rundschau after the police failed to provide the photograph on the demand of the State Prosecutor. A police spokesman confirmed the story. He said the photo was destroyed under routine clauses of the Constitution for the protection of privacy. The police nevertheless have ordered an investigation.

The Interior Ministry is playing down the matter. A spokesman said the photo was destroyed in the process of "clearing away" old documents. But this particular photograph was pertinent to an active case. The warrant for Mengele's arrest was renewed early this year. It states that he is responsible for the murder of "many thousands" of Auschwitz inmates, mostly Jews, who he selected for the gas chambers or for inhumane medical experiments which resulted in death.

TORONTO (JTA) -- Three Canadian Jews were named Officers of the Order of Canada in the pre-New Year Honors List. They are Charles Bronfman, of Montreal, a distillery executive, sportsman and community leader; Morris Shumlatcher, of Regina, Saskatchewan, a civil rights lawyer and recent member of the Canadian Jewish Congress' committee on the Canadian Constitution; and Leon Major, a director of theatrical productions in Toronto.