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## SHAMIR CALLS ON FRANCE AND THE WEST TO HELP LEBANON FREE ITSELF FROM SYRIAN, PLO OCCUPATION

By David Landau and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, March 11 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir called on "France and the West" today to help Lebanon free itself from the shackles of occupation by Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization. Shamir, addressing visiting French paratroopers, said the Lebanese wanted to reassert their independence but the presence in their country of 30,000 Syrian troops and 20,000 PLO terrorists effectively prevents this.

Israeli army sources, meanwhile, confirmed a report in Haaretz this morning that Syrian troops have moved into the ruins of the Beaufort Castle, an ancient Crusaders fortress in southern Lebanon, which has long been used as a PLO artillery position.

Shamir, in his speech, noted that France has a wide role to play in the Middle East because of its historic associations with the region. He urged France to bring its influence to bear on the Arab states to enter into real peace with Israel. He also declared that the French people should appreciate the enormous sacrifice Israel is making by returning all of Sinai to Egypt.

Shamir called the evacuation "of areas we have settled and developed" a "national tragedy" and warned that any one who thinks that the Sinai withdrawal presaged further surrender in the future was "in grievous error."

### Syrian Troops Occupy Beaufort Castle

The Syrian occupation of the Beaufort Castle on the northern bank of the Litani River, brings their troops closer to the so-called "red line" limit than ever before. The "red-line" is the position in south Lebanon beyond which Israel has said it would not permit the Syrians to operate.

The Beaufort Castle has been bombed and shelled to rubble by Israel and the Israel-backed Christian militia in southern Lebanon. But it has been used as a PLO artillery site and observation post commanding a direct line of sight over northern Israel. The United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) stationed small observer units in the ruins in the past but they left some time ago because of shelling by both sides. A UNIFIL unit was to have returned there next week.

Meanwhile, President Reagan's special envoy, Philip Habib, left Beirut today to return to Washington after two weeks in the region attempting to reduce tensions and preserve the cease-fire along the Israeli-Lebanese border. During his stay, Habib visited Israel, Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Lebanon. He had a final meeting with Lebanon's President Elias Sarkis this morning before his departure.

### PROPOSAL UNDER CONSIDERATION TO SET UP NEW SETTLEMENT ON WEST BANK FOR EVERY SETTLEMENT EVACUATED IN SINAI

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 11 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin and Defense Minister Ariel Sharon

are both reported to have "accepted in principle" a proposal from Education Minister Zevulun Hammer to set up one new settlement in Judea and Samaria for every settlement dismantled in the Yamit area of northern Sinai.

Israel Radio, disclosing Hammer's plan and his lobbying for it among Cabinet colleagues, said there would be a Cabinet debate and decision to this effect within a short time.

Hammer, as leader of the "Young Guard" within the National Religious Party, is under growing and bitter pressure from some of his supporters as the Yamit evacuation proceeds. It was the NRP Young Guard that was the political progenitor of Gush Emunim which itself gave birth to the "Stop the Withdrawal movement."

Political observers felt the acceptance "in principle" still would enable Begin and other key ministers to reconsider the plan once the Sinai withdrawal is completed -- though there does seem to be some commitment for founding new settlements on the West Bank.

The Cabinet decision -- if it comes -- is bound to have adverse effects on the relationship with Washington, especially as both Begin and Sharon told the U.S. last year that Israel was nearing the end of its scheme to found new settlements on the West Bank and would concentrate instead on expanding existing settlements.

### COUNCIL OF EUROPE PANEL WILL HOLD MEETING IN JERUSALEM, DESPITE PRESSURE TO CANCEL IT

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, March 11 (JTA) -- The Political Affairs Committee of the 21-member states Council of Europe announced today that it will hold one of its next sessions in Jerusalem but added that this does "not mean an endorsement of the Israeli government's position on the Golan and Jerusalem."

The chairman of the Committee, British Labor MP Tom Urwin announced that the decision to meet in Jerusalem, probably next May, was final. The session will be held at the Knesset.

The Council of Ministers, representing the member governments, appealed last month to the Parliamentary Assembly, an advisory body, to cancel its Jerusalem meeting. Urwin said today that several foreign governments and leaders, including King Hassan of Morocco, acting in his capacity as President of the Moslem "Al Quds" Committee, the Arab League body dealing with Jerusalem, has also appealed to the European Parliamentarians to cancel their meeting in Israel.

Urwin said "The Jerusalem meeting will give the committee members the opportunity to express their views freely, in the presence of Israeli observers, on the issues which unfortunately continue to divide Israel and its neighbors."

### ISRAELI SOLDIERS REMOVE ILLEGAL SQUATTERS FROM YAMIT AREA

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, March 11 (JTA) -- Israeli soldiers broke down barricaded doors and forcibly removed kicking, screaming militants from buildings they had occupied in Hatzar Adar village in the Yami

area of northern Sinai today. The operation, to evacuate illegal squatters of the movement to block Israel's withdrawal from Sinai which must be returned to Egypt on April 25, began last week and was suspended for several days. Many if not most of the militants removed earlier, managed to evade roadblocks and return.

Today, about 50 young men and women, accompanied by MK Geula Cohen of the ultra-nationalist Tehiya faction, began repairing houses in Hatzar Adar and planting trees. Soldiers entered the village urging the squatters to leave peacefully. But the plea by a senior officer was rejected.

Two soldiers were slightly injured as they carried struggling protestors, one by one, out of the buildings and into waiting buses. The troops were unarmed. Women soldiers had the task of carrying out women protestors. The militants, mostly Orthodox Jews, shouted at the soldiers to disobey their orders because settlement was a "holy task."

#### Head Of Sinai Force Arrives In Israel

In another development, Lt. Gen. Frederik Bull-Hansen of Norway, who will command the 2,600-man international peace-keeping force in Sinai after Israel's withdrawal, arrived in Tel Aviv today. He joined an advance guard of 300 members of the unit, known officially as the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO), that arrived here earlier to oversee the Israeli withdrawal and the demilitarization provisions of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

Bull-Hansen stressed to reporters that the MFO was not a fighting force, though his men had the right to use force to defend themselves. He noted that a battalion of American soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division, part of the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force, would not be diverted from its duties in Sinai to rejoin that force. The entire MFO is due to be in place by March 20.

#### QADDAFI VISIT TO AUSTRIA STIRS WIDESPREAD CRITICISM

By Monika Brenner and Reinhard Engel

VIENNA, March 11 (JTA) -- Col. Muammar Qaddafi of Libya met with Chancellor Bruno Kreisky yesterday immediately after his arrival in Austria for an official four-day visit which has been widely criticized in the local press.

Kreisky said after the meeting that their talk had been "serious, constructive, interesting and friendly." He said he and Qaddafi discussed the world situation and that Kreisky stressed that it was the task of smaller countries -- such as Austria -- to contribute toward securing peace.

A government spokesman said Qaddafi came to Austria at his own request, although Kreisky was quoted as saying earlier that he had a long-standing invitation. The spokesman noted that Kreisky has twice been invited to Libya but did not go, although he visited that country in 1975.

The media and the opposition parties castigated the Chancellor for receiving the Libyan leader who has been accused of supporting international terrorism and of sending "hit squads" to assassinate President Reagan and other top American officials. Kreisky replied that none of the charges has been proven and he did not entirely believe the claims by the American secret service of an assassination plot.

Qaddafi's visit is focussing on economic matters. He will inspect the government-owned Voest steel mill which is doing business with Libya. He is scheduled to go to Salzburg but the Governor of the province has refused to meet with him, saying he had other obligations.

Meanwhile, Austrian Foreign Minister Willipad Pahr will go to Washington over the weekend on a visit planned some time ago. He is expected to brief American officials on Qaddafi's visit to Austria.

#### FRENCH NEO-NAZI SERIOUSLY WOUNDED By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, March 11 (JTA) -- A French neo-Nazi was seriously wounded last night by an anonymous assailant who shot him in the chest and shoulder.

Marc Gillet, 23, was shot in his apartment in Nice, by a man who, he said, he barely saw. His condition was described as serious by hospital sources.

Gillet was found guilty last May of neo-Nazi activities. A Nice court sentenced him to 18 months imprisonment but most of the sentence was suspended. He was accused of addressing threatening, violently anti-Semitic letters to Jewish leaders in the south of France.

The court also found him guilty of setting up the local branch of the FANE (Federation of European and National Action), the largest neo-Nazi organization in France which was outlawed by Parliament in 1980. Gillet's family says Jewish activists have been threatening him since his trial.

#### ISRAEL DELEGATE TO UN HUMAN RIGHTS PANEL SCORES SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM; EXPECTED STRONG U.S. ATTACK ON SUBJECT FEELS TO MATERIALIZE By Tamar Levey

GENEVA, March 11 (JTA) -- The head of the Israeli delegation to the United Nations Human Rights Commission delivered a strong denunciation of Soviet anti-Semitism today. The Israeli envoy, Ambassador Ovadia Soffer, spoke in the course of debate on "serious violations of human rights in the world."

But an equally strong speech expected from the United States on the treatment of Jews in the USSR, did not materialize. Although Jacob Stein, who was President Reagan's special advisor on Jewish affairs until last January, was sent to Geneva to speak out on the subject, the U.S. delegation deferred to the Commission chairman's appeal to limit speeches because of the shortage of time. The American statement was circulated as an official document.

Western diplomats, surprised by that decision, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "the American delegate was probably quite satisfied at not having to make the speech and thus not enter in a polemic" with the Soviet representative, Valerian Zorin, known for his acerbic style.

Soffer, for his part, accused the Soviets of State-sponsored anti-Semitism. "The Soviet Jews continuously fall prey to the whims of the authorities who regularly subject them to all types of humiliation and harassment," the Israeli said. "The Soviets have unleashed a new wave of judicial repression which has brought about, during the past six months, the sentencing of nine Jewish activists."

Soffer charged that "The violation of the basic human rights of the Jews takes place in concert with an alarming, centrally directed anti-Semitic campaign which is disguised as anti-Zionism."

Another speaker on Soviet Jews was Leila Seigel, representing the International Council of Jewish Women which has the status of a non-governmental organization on the Human Rights Commission. She referred to the cases of Jewish activists Pavel Abramovic, Josef Begun, Mark Nashpitz, Vladimir Preštin, Emmanuel and Alla Smelyansky and Boris Zitserman who have been waiting since 1971 for permits to leave the Soviet Union.

# RESOLUTION INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS WARNING UN AGAINST ANY ACTION TO BAR ISRAEL FROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, March 11 (JTA) — A resolution warning the United Nations against any action that would bar Israel from the General Assembly, was introduced today in both houses of Congress by Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D. NY) and Rep. Jack Kemp (R. NY).

The resolution would suspend U.S. participation in the General Assembly and withhold U.S. funds if Israel "or any other democratic state" is "expelled, suspended, denied its credentials or in any manner denied its rights and privileges in the General Assembly."

Moynihan stressed that if this happened, the U.S. would still remain in the Security Council since it would want "to maintain our veto."

The announcement was made at a Capitol Hill press conference which was also attended by Sen. John Warner (R. Va.) and Rep. Jonathan Bingham (D. NY). "This is to me a resolution that will prevent the UN from committing suicide," Bingham said.

## Stronger Measure Than Earlier One

The resolution introduced today is stronger than one proposed last month by Rep. Tom Lantos (D. Calif) which does not mention Israel by name and does not specify what action the U.S. would take. The Lantos resolution said any UN action to prevent a democratic state from exercising its rights in the UN "will have the most serious and harmful consequences for further Congressional support for the UN."

Moynihan noted that the State Department supports the Lantos measure which it helped draft. He said that Powell Moore, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, sent a letter to Sen. Charles Percy (R. Ill.) chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in which he said: "We believe it would not be wise for the Administration to declare specifically in advance what the U.S. response would be to a successful challenge to Israel's right to membership in the UN."

## Urges U.S. To Send 'Explicit Message'

But Moynihan declared, "We think it is unwise" not to tell "what our action would be." Kemp said the U.S. should send "an explicit message" that would be "tough enough to defer any action" against Israel or any other democratic nation. Warner pointed out that Israel has taken several actions in the last 18 months that some in the U.S. have not condoned. But, he said, part of the reason for Israel's actions was that it felt isolated and partially abandoned.

Warner said adoption of the Moynihan-Kemp resolution would be a move to "shore up" the U.S. commitment to Israel and thus prevent Israel from taking certain unilateral actions "which could jeopardize world peace."

Lantos, in introducing his resolution, said that if it had contained an "automatic trigger cutting off U.S. funds, it would not have received the support of the State Department nor would it have a good chance to be adopted by Congress.

However, both Moynihan and Kemp stressed that they believed their resolution would be passed. They noted that any U.S. action would probably be for a short period.

# GROUP TO START DRIVE IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES TO GET RED CROSS TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL'S MAGAN DAVID ADOM By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, March 11 (JTA) — Operation Recognition, a group seeking to get the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to recognize the Magan David Adom, Israel's equivalent of the Red Cross, will open drives in various countries to gain support for that effort.

Rabbi Rubin Dobin, of Miami Beach, international chairman of Operation Recognition, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that this decision was made after he met here yesterday with Jacques Mureillon, the ICRC's director of principle and law in Geneva.

Mureillon told Dobin that at the ICRC's 24th international conference in Manila last November, the delegates voted 50-44 with five abstentions against continuing a working committee that was dealing with the problem of the Red Cross emblem.

The Israeli group has not been admitted to the international group on the grounds that the ICRC recognizes only the Red Cross, and the Red Crescent of the Moslem countries.

## Need For Admitting Israel

However, Dobin said that at the meeting, Alexandre Hay, president of the ICRC and chairman of the working committee, seemed to indicate in his speech the need for admitting Israel. According to the text of Hay's speech, made available to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, he said:

"The ICRC and several national societies are concerned about the situation of the Magan David Adom in Israel. This society cannot be recognized by the ICRC and thus become a member of the International Red Cross, since it uses an emblem which is not recognized by the first Geneva Convention of 1949, the red Star of David."

Hay noted that while some countries do not attach any religious significance to the Red Cross, the use of the Red Cross and Red Crescent "may appear to favor two religious commitments." He said the ICRC would like to have only one symbol. "While this is not possible in present circumstances, we must realize that it may seem discriminatory to some and contrary to principle that the Magan David Adom is not recognized," Hay said.

He observed that Israel is a member of the international community which signed and ratified the 1949 Geneva Convention and "which has not been spared by conflict." He claimed that Israel is not a member of the ICRC "because at least part of its people feel they cannot identify with the emblem we like to consider and actually call universal."

Hay declared, "Our movement does not serve the interests of any one state or people but those of suffering human beings. It therefore should be present in all countries and benefit all mankind."

Dobin said that, in view of the close vote in Manila, he believes there is now a "good chance" of reversing that vote and getting the ICRC to admit the Magan David Adom.

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VIENNA (JTA) — Several travel agencies, mainly in Holland, have announced that they would boycott the Tyrolean ski resort of Mayrhofen because its Mayor, Franz Hausberger served in the infamous SS 1st Infantry Brigade in World War II. Legal proceedings against Hausberger were recently dropped by the Innsbruck District Attorney for lack of evidence.

## L. A. FEDERATION MAPS 'WAR' TO COUNTERACT CULT ACTIVITIES

LOS ANGELES, March 11 (JTA) -- Declaring the Los Angeles Jewish community is "in a very real sense" in a "war," with the stake being "our survival as a people," the chairman of the Jewish Federation Council Community Relations Committee's Task Force on Cults and Missionary Efforts outlined a major expansion of the Task Force battle against the cults and missionary groups operating here.

Rabbi Stephen Robbins told more than 100 people attending a community meeting that outreach efforts were planned for all religious and public schools and institutions. He also indicated that the Task Force hopes to work with legislative and law enforcement officials on changes both in the letter and the interpretation of laws relating to such groups.

He said the problem had become acute and represented a serious threat to the Jewish community, adding that the problem "is only just beginning to become visible in a way that people respond to it as a problem."

"In a very real sense we are in a war," Robbins said. "The disputed territory is the minds of our young and at stake is our survival as a people. Our best weapon is the truth and our army is anyone sharing concern for the survival of the Jewish people."

### Outlines Support Programs

He also said that the Task Force plans "to provide emotional and legal support for families and individuals who have suffered from cult efforts. We will gather, collate and distribute information about these groups and act as a sort of clearing house with facts, for anyone with questions about a particular organization and its methods of operation."

Robbins said the Task Force has been fighting the cults for more than three years. One program in operation is a cult clinic, run in co-operation with the Jewish Family Service, a Federation agency.

Meeting twice a month, the clinic calls on the volunteer services of social workers, psychologists, rabbis, attorneys, and parents of present and former cult members. The clinic service is free and non-sectarian, Robbins said.

The newest program, he said, is a religious outreach project of Los Angeles Hillel which employs a full-time counselor at the University of California here to help prevent Jews from being lured into cult groups.

### Planned Projects Cited

Robbins said planned projects include outreach on more college and high school campuses; a legal project to initiate and modify legislation and provide aid to those being sued by cults; a speakers bureau coalition building between Jews and non-Jews to counter cult efforts; seminars for teachers, principals of Jewish and public schools, including the creation of a curriculum on cults; and establishment of media contacts to get the anti-cult message out to the public.

He reported that cooperating agencies include local units of the American Jewish Committee; the American Jewish Congress; the Jewish Labor Committee; and the Southern California Board of Rabbis. Also assisting are the Bureau of Jewish Education; the Federation

youth department; the Hillel Council; the Jewish Family Service, and Bet Tzedek Legal Services. The Task Force announcement did not indicate the number of local young Jews who have joined area cults.

## NATHAN GOULD ORT TECHNICAL SCHOOL TO BE DEDICATED IN BUENOS AIRES

NEW YORK, March 11 (JTA) -- The Nathan Gould ORT Technical Institute will be dedicated in Buenos Aires, Argentina on April 1, it was announced here by Beverly Minkoff, national president of Women's American ORT. Gould is the national executive director and executive vice president of Women's American ORT.

Mrs. Minkoff said the institute will offer junior college courses in building construction, computer sciences, electronics, advanced chemistry, humanities and Jewish education. "Comprised of 10 specialized laboratories, 16 classrooms, administrative offices, four workshops and the synagogue for some 500-600 people, the school will make ORT's presence in Argentina even stronger and more important than it has been in the past," the ORT leader said.

Mrs. Minkoff stated that "ORT began its operations in Argentina in 1935 and opened its first school in 1941 in a small, rented building in Buenos Aires. High-school level courses in mechanics, electricity, radio technology and data processing were offered initially."

"Today the ORT network in Argentina, which serves more than 7,300 students, is recognized as one of the best and most advanced educational systems in the entire country. Over 300,000 Jews make Argentina's Jewish population the largest in Latin America and the fifth largest Jewish community in the world."

The decision to dedicate the institute to Gould, who came to Women's American ORT as public relations director in 1950 and shortly afterwards was named to his present post, was taken by some 1,200 delegates of Women's American ORT at their 25th biennial convention in Boston in October, 1979, Mrs. Minkoff said.

## LEVICH HONORED BY THE NAE

NEW YORK, March 11 (JTA) -- Dr. Benjamin Levich, the Soviet Jewish dissident who left the USSR in 1978 and came to the United States in April, 1979, has been elected a Foreign Associate of the National Academy of Engineering (NAE); it was announced by City College where he is now Albert Einstein Professor of Science.

Levich, who is also director of the Institute of Applied Chemical Physics and Distinguished Professor of Chemical Engineering and Physics at the college, was elected to the NAE in recognition of his distinguished contributions to the fields of engineering, engineering science and technology, a City College spokesman said. Last year Levich received the prestigious Faraday Medal of the British Chemical Society, one of England's highest scientific awards, for his contributions in the field of electrochemistry.

Levich gained world renown by virtually creating the field of physico-chemical hydrodynamics. By giving order and a name to this new discipline, he secured preeminence and a large following among engineers and scientists in a wide range of disciplines.

The NAE, established in 1964, is a private organization that shares the responsibility given to the National Academy of Sciences under its Congressional charter to examine questions of science and technology for the federal government. The NAE sponsors engineering programs aimed at meeting national needs, encourages engineering research and recognizes distinguished engineers.