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## CARRINGTON'S VIEW OF THE PLO IN THE PEACE PROCESS DRAWS FIRE FROM GOVERNMENT LEADERS, LABOR PARTY

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 1 (JTA) — Lord Carrington's insistence that the Palestine Liberation Organization must be "associated with" the Middle East peace process drew strenuous objections from leaders of the Israeli government and the opposition Labor Party today, the final day of the British Foreign Secretary's visit to Israel.

In a speech last night after a dinner given in his honor by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and again at a press conference this morning, Carrington reiterated the main principles of the European Economic Community's (EEC) Venice declaration of June 1980 — the need to bring the PLO into the peace process provided that it first "accepts Israel's right to live in peace and security." He stressed at the same time that Israel must be "satisfied about her own security" in any negotiated settlement.

Carrington added, however, that such a settlement should give the Palestinians "self-determination" and observed, "If we demand the right of Israel to live in peace and security, we must be prepared for these rights to be accorded to others."

### Thesis Categorically Rejected

Both Shamir and Premier Menachem Begin, with whom Carrington conversed at length since his arrival here Tuesday, categorically rejected the British diplomat's thesis that the PLO had to be brought into negotiations because it is an inescapable reality in the area.

Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres, who breakfasted with Carrington this morning, said the PLO was not only bent on bringing disaster upon Israel but would also bring disaster to the Palestinians themselves. Peres repeated his party's position that the Palestinian issue should be negotiated with Jordan.

Begin charged that European support for Palestinian self-determination prejudiced the chances for progress in the autonomy talks between Israel, Egypt and the U.S. "Give autonomy a chance," Begin told the British Foreign Secretary. Carrington replied that the Europeans by no means sought to impair the autonomy prospects but simply believed it would not work.

He explained at his press conference that this view stemmed from the fact that all of Israel's neighbors, except Egypt, oppose the autonomy scheme. Carrington insisted that the principles of the Venice declaration are still valid.

Israeli officials had expressed the opinion recently that they were as good as dead since the ascent to power in France of President Francois Mitterrand. Carrington said he had read Mitterrand's speech "carefully, and I saw nothing in it that contradicted Venice."

### Hopes Talks Cleared The Air

While acknowledging his differences with the Israelis, the Foreign Secretary said he hoped that his visit had helped "put any past misunderstandings behind us." He stressed that Anglo-Israeli differences "should not be exaggerated nor should they affect our

excellent relations in so many other fields." Israel government officials echoed those sentiments, saying the frank but friendly talks with Carrington had helped clear the air after the recent public quarrels between the British Foreign Secretary and Israeli leaders, primarily over the Palestinian issue.

The cordial atmosphere of the visit was clouded today when British sources made it known that Israeli authorities were obstructing attempts by Carrington's top Middle East aide, Sir John Leahy, to meet tomorrow with the deposed mayors of Nablus and Ramallah, Bassam Shaka and Karim Khalaf. Sources said the meetings might not take place. Nevertheless, Leahy met today with Mayor Elias Freij of Bethlehem and was to visit Mayor Rashad Shawa of Gaza this afternoon.

## REAGAN OPTIMISTIC THAT PROGRESS TOWARD AUTONOMY WILL TAKE PLACE

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, April 1 (JTA) — The Reagan Administration's public position toward the recent violence on the West Bank was reiterated by President Reagan last night at his nationally televised press conference at the White House. Asked if the clashes on the West Bank would "destroy progress" toward autonomy, the President said, "I am hopeful it won't."

Reagan gave as the reason for his optimism that "I have the pledge of my friend (Premier) Menachem Begin and of President (Hosni) Mubarak that they are going forward with the framework of the Camp David agreement to resolve all these other problems. I'm hopeful that we will see more progress on these talks after April 25 when the transfer of Sinai comes."

The President stressed that the Camp David agreement comes within UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. "They (the Israelis) have, as I say, pledged to me that they are going to abide by that," he said.

In his brief remarks on the West Bank, Reagan seemed to go out of his way to explain the Israeli position. He noted that "Israel claims" it removed some of the West Bank mayors because the Israelis "believe" that these mayors "have now become part of the more radical PLO wing."

Reagan mistakenly said the mayors had been appointed by Israel when actually they were elected. Israel removed three mayors from office on grounds that they were agents of the Palestine Liberation Organization who incited violence on the West Bank and because they refused to cooperate with the civilian regime Israel set up in the territory.

## CLASH IN YAMIT

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 1 (JTA) — Eight members of the movement to stop the withdrawal from Sinai were arrested in Yamit this afternoon after clashing with Israeli soldiers and police who tried to prevent them from landing from a flotilla of pleasure boats rented at a Tel Aviv marina last night.

The five boats, carrying an estimated 40 militants withdrew after the landing party was subdued. But the skirmish on the beach foreshadowed more serious

confrontations when Israeli troops begin to remove an estimated 3,000 illegal squatters, mainly Orthodox Jews from outside the region, who have vowed they will never leave Sinai voluntarily. The final evacuation operation is expected to begin this Sunday or Monday.

### Area Declared A Restricted Zone

Midnight last night was the deadline for all Israeli civilians to be out of Sinai. The peninsula, which will be returned to Egypt on April 25, was declared a restricted military zone, closed to civilians except those with official authorization to remain.

The latter include 15 families of veteran settlers in Yamit and about 25 families at Ophira at the southern end of Sinai. They were given temporary passes by the army to allow them to complete the loading of their personal effects on trucks for transportation to relocation sites inside Israel.

Although some settlers were demanding advance payment of compensation before they left, the evacuation proceeded smoothly yesterday. There was anger, bitterness and tears among many of the settlers who, encouraged by the Israeli government six years ago when Yamit was built, believed northern Sinai would be their permanent home.

### Problem Of The Squatters

But the squatters pose a different problem. Motivated by ideology and the belief that Sinai is part of "the land of Israel" given to the Jews by God, they consider the government's agreement to withdraw a sacrilege. They have occupied abandoned buildings in Yamit and surrounding villages and have been building barbed wire and sandbag barriers indicating an intent to make a last ditch stand against the army.

Some of the squatters insist they will not use force against Israeli soldiers. They hint they have other means to prevent the troops from carrying out their orders. These are said to consist of tape recordings of wailing infants which will be put on the public address system and the recorded voice of Defense Minister Ariel Sharon telling soldiers to disobey orders to remove them. The recording is believed to have been made some years ago when Gush Emunim militants first squatted on the West Bank. Sharon was not Defense Minister at the time.

### Threaten To Use Force

Other opponents of the withdrawal say they will use force against the army if necessary. Their rationale is that withdrawal from Sinai would lead to worse casualties in a future war with Egypt. One group of about 40 students is headed by Zahi Hanegebi, a former Students Association chairman. He is the son of MK Geula Cohen, a member of the ultra-nationalist rightwing Tehiya faction.

They barricaded themselves in the remains of a war memorial to Israeli soldiers who fell in battle in Sinai. The memorial itself has been removed to Israel at the request of the bereaved families.

But for the legitimate settlers of the Yamit area, compensation was the main issue. It was settled when the Knesset, after an all-night session, approved a compensation bill providing five billion Shekels (about \$270 million) to be shared among 1,400 families.

### RESTRICTIONS INTENSIFIED ON MOVEMENT OF DRUZE ON THE GOLAN

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 1 (JTA) -- Restrictions on the movement of the Druze population on the Golan Heights, which were scheduled to be lifted this morning, were instead intensified. The blockade of

four Druze villages also continued in effect, although the blockade was also supposed to have been lifted.

In addition, reporters were again barred from entering the area to see for themselves what was happening in the villages. According to reports filtering out, the army was collecting from the Druze villagers the military identity cards issued to them some time ago. Instead, soldiers and Interior Ministry officials were said to be trying to make the residents accept civilian identity cards.

It was the issue of the civilian identity cards, under the Golan Law which the Knesset approved last February, which led to the Druze strike, which is now in its sixth week. The army and Defense Ministry would not say why the blockade was not lifted today as scheduled.

### STATE DEPARTMENT MUM ON IMPLICATION OF A STATEMENT BY RABBI GOREN

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, April 1 (JTA) -- The State Department refused to comment today on an implication by Israel's Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi that Israel would go to war to prevent the creation of a Palestinian state. "Obviously, the Israeli opposition to an independent Palestinian state is nothing new," Department spokesman Dean Fischer said.

Shlomo Goren, the Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi, said at a press conference here yesterday that while Israel is ready to offer the Palestinians full autonomy to govern their local affairs, "we will never let them become a separate state, never. This is for us a casus belli," he said. Webster's dictionary defines "casus belli" as "an event or action that justifies or allegedly justifies war."

Goren explained that Premier Menachem Begin has noted that a Palestinian state would pose a threat not only to those parts of Israel adjacent to the West Bank but to all of Israel's population centers.

Meanwhile, Fischer expressed U.S. condemnation of yesterday's terrorist attack on the Israeli Military Mission in Paris by masked men firing sub-machineguns.

"We condemn the terrorist attack yesterday involving machinegun fire directed at the Israel Embassy annex in Paris," he said. "But we are relieved that no one was injured."

Reports from Beirut today said an obscure Lebanese group calling itself the "Armed Revolutionary Factions" claimed responsibility for the Paris attack. It is the same group which claimed responsibility for the murder of the U.S. Military Attache in Paris, Col. Charles Ray, last January and the attempted assassination last November of the acting U.S. Ambassador in Paris, Christian Chapman.

### FORMER SS OFFICIAL GOES ON TRIAL

BONN, April 1 (JTA) -- Wilhelm Westerheide, a former SS official accused of complicity in the murders of 9,000 Jews in the Wladimir-Volynsk ghetto in the Ukraine during World War II, went on trial in Dortmund yesterday. Westerheide, 73, was acquitted by a Bielefeld court in October, 1979 after the prosecution failed to produce sufficient evidence for conviction. A higher court reversed that decision in July, 1980 and ordered a new trial. Westerheide was the SS officer in charge of the civilian population during the Nazi occupation of the Ukraine. According to the prosecution, he played a major role in deporting Jews to death camps.

## ADL PROTESTS UN SEMINAR ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS

NEW YORK, April 1 (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has strongly protested a United Nations Seminar on Palestinian rights as "interference in American affairs."

In a letter to Javier Perez de Cuellar, Secretary General of the UN, Abraham Foxman, associate national director of the ADL, denounced the seminar -- the fifth annual session on "the question of Palestine" -- as the arrogant attempt by "a group which has contributed nothing toward Middle East peace to mold the policy of America, a nation which has been so instrumental in bringing real progress in the region."

The seminar was held March 15-19 under the auspices of the UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People. Foxman pointed out that its purpose was clearly set forth at the opening session as gaining recognition for "influencing American policy and public opinion" and developing strategies to counter alleged "Zionist influence."

Three of the seminar's seven panels focused on these objectives under such headings as: "Domestic and Strategic Influences in the Formation of American and Canadian Policies";

"Evolution of American and Canadian Policies on the Question of Palestine," and the "Palestine Issue and North American Public Opinion."

### Claims Made By The Panelists

Foxman said an observer at the sessions reported that much of the content was anti-Semitic. Among the claims made by the panelists, he said, were such statements as: The church in America is being subverted by "Zionization"; "A Zionist conspiracy controls the media"; and "Zionism requires the perpetuation of anti-Semitism to justify its own racist project."

According to Foxman, the seminar "glamorized" the Palestine Liberation Organization by picturing it as "a combination social welfare and educational service agency and fraternal group."

The ADL official told the Secretary General: "It is bad enough that the halls of the UN are filled with PLO bias embodied in the many resolutions and activities surrounding the Palestinian issue. It is intolerable that the UN now seeks to infect the American public with this propaganda. This is not the mandate of the UN."

### IDA LEWIS SIEGEL DEAD AT 97

TORONTO, April 1 (JTA) -- Ida Lewis Siegel, the grand old lady of Toronto Jewry, has died here at the age of 97. Because of her many achievements in community pioneering and in philanthropic innovation, her keen and persistent interest in education and the young, and her total involvement in the Jewish and general community, she became a legend in her own time.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., on Valentine's Day in 1885 of parents from the Kovno area, she came to Toronto with her parents eight years later. In 1899, two years after the first Zionist Congress was held in Basle, Switzerland, at the age of 14 Siegel organized the Herzl Girls Club and later the Daughters of Zion. Some years later she was a co-founder of Hadassah in Toronto.

She organized the first Zionist Sunday school in the city, a sewing school for Jewish girls, helped organize a rest home for mothers and babies which was later taken on by the Jewish community, a medical dispensary which developed into Mount Sinai

hospital, and the Sisterhood of the Goel Tzedec Synagogue which is now part of Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Siegel was dedicated to the peace movement during World War I at a time when it was unpopular to be identified with the movement. In 1915 she was an active member of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. At the time of her death she was the only surviving original member of the Ontario Home and School Association and was recently honored by that organization.

### Active In Jewish Community

In 1930 she was elected to the Toronto Board of Education, the first Jewish woman in Canada to hold such a post, and continued to be actively involved in education until she was 95. She helped organize the National Council of Jewish Women in Canada and travelled across the country on its behalf. In 1977 the Canadian Jewish Congress awarded her the Samuel Bronfman Medal.

Siegel played a pioneer role and was active in every major Jewish communal, fund-raising, philanthropic, educational, and Zionist institution in the city. She continued as a volunteer teacher at Holy Blossom Temple and Beth Tzedec Synagogue into her old age.

After the age of 90 she taught once a week immigrant children of all races in the city's downtown area, duplicating her own experience as a child when her father taught Hebrew and her mother was involved in charitable work when immigrants were crowding Toronto's downtown Jewish quarter.

In her younger days she was involved in combatting missionary activities then rampant on the streets and in gospel halls and in public schools where over-zealous evangelizing teachers sought to convert Jewish children. This was a motive impelling her to seek a seat on the Board of Education and to conduct educational work among the young.

### NUDEL NOT OPTIMISTIC SHE WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE USSR SOON

JERUSALEM, April 1 (JTA) -- Ida Nudel, back in Moscow after four years of exile in Siberia, told relatives "Don't be so optimistic" that she will be allowed to leave the Soviet Union soon. In a telephone conversation with her sister in Israel, Ilana Friedman yesterday, Nudel said "It won't happen quickly, as you would wish."

She said an "Ovir" (Soviet Visa Office) official had told her that her suffering in exile did not automatically give her preferential rights in her application -- now resubmitted -- to emigrate. She was told first to get a formal permit to resume living in Moscow, and then a formal affidavit from her relatives in Israel, part of the bureaucratic process.

During her Siberian exile she said, she had received some 10,000 letters from well-wishers in 42 countries. They included letters from U.S. Congressmen and Israeli school children.

World Zionist Organization chairman, Leon Dulzin cabled Nudel this week, "We hope to see you here among us .... The Jewish world followed anxiously your trial and exile .... you are a symbol of strength of spirit."

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NEW YORK (JTA) -- About 30 members of the Jewish Defense League and Betar led by Rabbi Meir Kahane Thursday afternoon seized the offices here of the Herut Party in protest against Israel's withdrawal from Sinai. The Herut Party supports the policies of Premier Menachem Begin. Betar is the youth movement of Herut.

# 81 DAYS OF EDUCATION IN HONOR OF LUBAVITCHER REBBE'S 80th BIRTHDAY IS PROCLAIMED IN NEW YORK STATE

ALBANY, N.Y., April 1 (JTA) -- The New York State Assembly, the State Senate and Gov. Hugh Carey yesterday proclaimed "Eighty One Days of Education" in honor of the 80th birthday of Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

The joint resolution states: "As world Jewry is now celebrating the 80th birthday" of Schneerson, in tribute to his leadership, the 81 days are proclaimed, starting April 4, corresponding to Nisan 11, 5742, the Rebbe's 80th birthday "and the first day of his 81st year, through June 23."

Rabbi Shmuel Butman and Rabbi Dovid Roskin of the Lubavitch Youth Organization were presented with the resolution yesterday during a special reception in the legislative office building.

Butman opened the sessions of the Assembly and of the Senate with prayers based on Chapter 81 of Psalms, the chapter which the Rebbe's followers will begin to say on his 80th birthday. The chapter concludes: "And I shall feed them (says God) honey with the finest of wheat and sate you with honey from the rock."

## ARENS WARNS AGAINST ARAB STATES DRIVING WEDGE BETWEEN U.S., ISRAEL

MIAMI BEACH, April 1 (JTA) -- Ambassador Moshe Arens of Israel warned here this week that the world must never get the impression that the Arab states can drive a wedge between the United States and Israel.

"If that happens, what we have built together can fall apart like a house of cards," the Ambassador told more than 900 leaders from major cities in the U.S., Canada and South Florida, at a gala international dinner held to welcome him to the United States Monday evening.

Referring to Israel's evacuation from the Sinai, which is scheduled to be completed April 25, Arens said: "I feel that the United States is obligated to help us share the burden of this three-country peace treaty. I must add that if it had not been for this treaty, Israel today would be on the road to economic independence."

"We have reason to expect that the United States government will help alleviate some of our financial problems," Arens added.

The dinner climaxed the current phase of the 1982 Israel Bond campaign's effort to enroll members in its Prime Minister's Club and its Ambassador's Society of Trustees, purchasers of \$25,000 and \$10,000 or more in Israel Bonds respectively.

Arens said that the immediate economic results of the withdrawal from the Sinai are a very heavy burden for Israel. He noted that many new roads and communities had been built in the Sinai and that a \$6 billion expenditure is necessary to facilitate the evacuation. "That is more than 25 percent of our gross national product. Many other countries would not be able to shoulder this burden," he said. He stressed that friends of Israel in the United States were needed to help in the task ahead.

## THEODORE CUMMINGS DEAD AT 74

LOS ANGELES, April 1 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Austrian-born Theodore Cummings, a highly-successful businessman and philanthropist who was named by his friend, President Reagan, as Ambassador to his native land. Cummings died Tuesday from lung cancer at Cedars-

Sinai Medical Center at the age of 74. Cummings had been close to Reagan for more than 30 years and backed him in his California gubernatorial and Presidential campaigns. Cummings was an honorary co-chairman of the Coalition for Reagan-Bush, the Jewish organization which strongly backed Reagan's Presidential bid in 1980.

Cummings emigrated to the United States with his widowed mother in 1920, when he was 11 years old. He started his adult life in America in New York City's then flourishing Yiddish theater where he worked with such performers as the Adlers, Lee Strasberg and Paul Muni. He later made his fortune in southern California, expanding a grocery into a major retail and supermarket chain which he sold in 1959.

## Active In The Jewish Community

Among his philanthropic activities, he was chairman of the 1975 regional leadership conference for Israel Bonds, served as a trustee of the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles, and was a founding trustee of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

He founded the Theodore and Suzanne Cummings Humanitarian Award, presented annually to leading members of the American College of Cardiology, and was a co-founder of the Jules Stein Eye Institute at the University of California at Los Angeles.

He was also a founder of the Theodore Cummings Collection of Hebrew and Judaica at UCLA and was the first Jewish trustee at the University of Southern California. In that capacity, Cummings fought the conditions Saudi Arabia attached to a huge grant to the USC.

## WARNING TO UNITED NATIONS

WASHINGTON, April 1 (JTA) -- A resolution warning the United Nations that United States funds will be cut off if the General Assembly expels or bars from membership Israel or any other democratic country was approved unanimously by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee March 23. The committee acted after it rejected by a 7-3 vote an amendment offered by Sen. Christopher Dodd (D. Conn.) that would have deleted the specific reference to Israel.

The three who voted for the amendment -- Dodd, Sen. Charles Percy (R. Ill.) and Sen. Joseph Biden (D. Del.) -- then voted for the original resolution sponsored by Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D. N.Y.).

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TEL AVIV (JTA) -- Defense Minister Ariel Sharon notified the Egyptian Defense Ministry Thursday that he must either cancel or postpone his planned visit to Egypt next week to discuss details of the future border between the two countries. Sharon is understood to be unwilling to leave Israel at a time when the army is engaged in removing squatters from Sinai, and especially the Yamit area, in preparation for the return of Sinai to Egypt April 25. Sharon had been invited to Egypt by Defense Minister Gen. Abdel Halim Abu Ghazala.

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NEW YORK (JTA) -- The National Conference on Soviet Jewry announced Thursday that the number of Soviet Jewish Vienna arrivals was only 289, during March "signaling a virtual closing of the exit doors at this time."