

**EGYPT'S CRITICISM OF BEGIN'S
STATEMENT ON JEWISH SETTLEMENTS
DRAWS LOW-KEY RESPONSE FROM ISRAEL**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, May 5 (JTA) -- Israel issued a low-key response today to the tough public criticism by Egypt of the Knesset's approval yesterday of Premier Menachem Begin's statement that Israeli settlements will never again be removed, even in the context of peace treaties with Arab countries, and of Begin's insistence that the autonomy talks be held in Jerusalem.

"Israel would prefer it if these issues and disputes were discussed at the negotiating table and not in public statements," officials here said.

As for the venue of the autonomy talks, the officials said it was standard practice throughout the world that international negotiations are held in the parties' capitals and "We cannot agree that through Egypt's refusal, Israel is boycotted in this way." Those remarks were directed at a flurry of statements from Cairo last night, in the wake of the Knesset vote endorsing Begin's policy-statement.

Egypt's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said the Knesset's approval of Begin's statement on the future status of Jewish settlements had no validity for Egypt and indeed both Egypt and the U.S. regarded the Israeli settlements as illegal. Ali maintained that at Camp David, Israel had undertaken to freeze new building of settlements, a claim that Begin has consistently denied.

President Hosni Mubarak's top political aide, Osama El-Baz, also reacting to Begin's Knesset speech, said Egypt continued to object to Jerusalem as a venue for the autonomy talks because it regarded the Arab part of the city as an integral part of the West Bank and thus part of the subject matter of the talks themselves.

The Israeli officials, in their response on the settlements issue, said that while they preferred not to enter into "public argument" it should be noted that the Knesset action does not contravene Camp David. On the contrary, it is based on Camp David, they said.

The Egyptians, in their criticisms, argued that Camp David calls for a negotiated final status of the West Bank and Gaza based on UN Security Council Resolution 242.

ARMY POST ATTACKED NEAR GAZA

TEL AVIV, May 5 (JTA) -- Two youths among a group of some 100 rioters attacking an army post in the Jebelija refugee camp near Gaza were wounded this morning when soldiers in the post opened fire to drive off the rioters. The rioters threw rocks and a gasoline bomb at the army post, and the soldiers first responded with rubber bullets and tear gas before opening fire at the attackers legs, army sources said.

Near Jenin on the West Bank four youths were killed when a land mine exploded, the sources said. But other sources said their deaths may have resulted from mishandling of a bomb they were assembling.

Meanwhile, in Jerusalem a young woman who was shot in the head by an Israeli civilian whose car was stoned by demonstrators died today at Hadassah Hospital where she had been taken. The woman was identified as a resident of the Arab refugee camp in the Hebron area.

GENSCHER TO VISIT ISRAEL JUNE 2

BONN, May 5 (JTA) -- An official government announcement today said that Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher will make an official visit to Israel on June 2. Hildegard Haam-Bruucher, Vice Minister in the Foreign Ministry, will come to Israel May 9th to prepare Genscher's visit.

The announcement came a few days after the German press reported that Genscher was postponing a visit to Israel till after the NATO summit in Bonn on June 10, and that Israel was showing displeasure over this development. Both German and Israeli officials promptly denied the reports.

It is understood here that Bonn decided to arrange the visit earlier than planned in order to head off a possible misunderstanding with Jerusalem. By the same token, Bonn firmly and promptly denied reports in the German press that Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said he would not come to Israel as long as Premier Menachem Begin was in office.

**ADL ASKS UN TO INVESTIGATE IF
ANTI-JEWISH HATE GROUP QUALIFIES
FOR CONTINUING AS AN NGO MEMBER**

NEW YORK, May 5 (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has asked the United Nations to investigate whether the World Muslim Congress qualified for continued membership as a UN nongovernmental organization (NGO).

In a letter to UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, ADL national director Nathan Perlmutter disclosed evidence that the World Muslim Congress has been disseminating anti-Jewish books written by an American neo-Nazi to the members of the U.S. Senate and British Parliament.

In requesting that the Secretary General conduct an inquiry to determine whether the Pakistan-based organization is "fit for NGO status," Perlmutter pointed out that the World Muslim Congress has violated a UN resolution which calls on the Secretary General to exclude NGOs which propagate "Nazi ideology and racial and/or religious discrimination."

The resolution was adopted by the UN Economic and Social Council which has granted the World Muslim Congress consultative status as a Category One NGO.

Background Of The Muslim Congress

The World Muslim Congress, founded in 1949, was headed for its first two decades by Haj Muhammad Amin al-Husseini, Mufti of Jerusalem, who made his headquarters in Hitler's Berlin during World War II, broadcasting appeals to the Arabs to join the Axis powers.

Upon his death in 1974, he was succeeded by Ma'rif al-Dawalibi, who lives in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and is an official adviser to King Khaled. Dawalibi, Perlmutter noted, is on record as having publicly stated that "the Arabs would prefer a thousandfold to become a Soviet Republic than a prey to world Jewry."

Perlmutter told the Secretary General that the World Muslim Congress is responsible for the distribution of the books -- "AntiZion" and "The Six Million Reconsidered" -- through the mail to legislators here and in Britain. The mailings bore Karachi, Pakistan, postmarks, but did not identify the sender. Following an ADL investigation, he said, the Pakistan Embassy in Washington confirmed that they came from the World Muslim Congress headquartered in Karachi.

The ADL reported that Sen. Roger Jepsen (R. Iowa) was one of the Senators who received the propaganda books. Upon inquiring from the Pakistan Embassy in Washington he, too, was told they emanated from the World Muslim Congress.

Books Authored By Hate Monger

Both books, Perlmutter said, were authored by William Grimstad, an American who has been managing editor of "White Power", a swastika-inscribed Nazi publication, and the "White Patriot," a Ku Klux Klan mouthpiece.

According to ADL records, the 45-year-old Grimstad is the author of numerous anti-Jewish articles and books and has been active in the U.S. Nazi movement for a decade or more.

In describing the propaganda books distributed by the World Muslim Congress, the ADL official said that "The Six Million Reconsidered" claims that the Nazi Holocaust is a "myth" perpetrated by Jews, themselves. He declared the book is filled with "vicious falsehoods" about Jews and charges them with an assortment of "misdeeds" and "crimes."

The author of the book is not identified but instead is listed as the "Committee for Truth in History." Advertisements in extremist publications, however, name the author as Grimstad.

Perlmutter said "AntiZion," which lists Grimstad's name as the compiler and annotator, is a 200-page collection of alleged quotations, descriptions and summaries of anti-Semitic views attributed to various personalities. The entry for Adolf Hitler describes him as a German "statesman" and "visionary," and states categorically: "There were no Jews killed in gas chambers."

LORD JANNER DEAD AT 89

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, May 5 (JTA) -- Lord Janner, the veteran British Zionist politician, died here last night a month before his 90th birthday. He had been in a hospital for several weeks. He will be buried tomorrow in London's Willesden Jewish Cemetery.

The outstanding figure in British Zionism since the days of the Balfour Declaration, he had twice been President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and, on his death, was honorary president of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland.

He is survived by his wife, Lady Elsie Janner, a daughter, and his only son, Greville Janner, the current president of the Board of Deputies and a member of Parliament.

Born in South Wales, Barnett Janner trained as a lawyer and served in the first World War during which he was gassed.

He entered Parliament in 1931 as the Liberal member for the East End Jewish district of White-chapel. In 1936 he joined the Labor Party and remained in Parliament until 1970 when he was given a peerage. He had been knighted in 1961.

Untiring Advocate Of Zionism

His period in Parliament covered the Jewish struggle against Britain's Palestine White Paper policy and the post-war fight for the establishment of Israel. He was an untiring advocate of the Balfour Declaration and was the most steadfast and untiring advocate of the Zionist cause in British political life, a record which he maintained during his final 12 years in the House of Lords.

His interests extended to every facet of Jewish life and he was also a tireless campaigner for Jews in the Soviet Union and Arab lands. As a Parliamentarian, he was renowned for the innumerable private bills which he introduced on to the statute books. He was also active in the Inter-Parliamentary Union of which he was a past chairman.

STUDY SHOWS 1.1 MILLION JEWS IN NYC

NEW YORK, May 5 (JTA) -- First results of a preliminary population study of the New York City Jewish population, released here yesterday, indicate that there are 1,118,800 Jews living in the city's five boroughs. The study was made by City University of New York under auspices of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

The survey staff conducted more than 4,500 interviews, making the project the largest Jewish community study ever made outside of Israel. Federation officials emphasized that the figures were preliminary and that the results of the complete study will not be ready for some 16 months.

More than 18 percent of New York City households were found to be Jewish. In three suburban counties -- Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester -- the study identified 550,000 Jews, for a total for the eight counties of 1,668,700.

Peggy Tishman, Federation vice president, said the findings "provide the best possible evidence of the continuing deep commitment of the Jewish community to New York City and its adjacent suburban counties."

Breakdown Of Population Figures

Brooklyn has the largest number of Jewish residents of the eight counties -- 411,000. Nassau, with 248,400 Jews, has the largest suburban county Jewish population. Suffolk has the largest household size -- 3.05; and Manhattan the smallest -- 1.69. Jewish households in Manhattan represent 22.4 percent of all households in Manhattan, the highest proportion of Jewish households in any of the eight counties.

The New York City county with a small estimated number of Jews -- 92,000 -- is The Bronx. Manhattan is listed as having 276,000 Jews; Queens has an estimated 307,500 Jews; and Staten Island has an estimated 31,800. Suffolk was listed as having an estimated 177,700 and Westchester 123,900 Jews.

William Kahn, Federation executive vice president, said the study "gives us solid information on the people we are serving, who they are and where they live and an exciting new perspective on their needs for future service."

The Federation is a network of 130 member agencies providing social welfare, health, education and creation services in the eight counties. Mrs. Tishman said the \$220,000 study, funded by Feder-

ation in cooperation with the local United Jewish Appeal-Federation Campaign, also received support from Mount Sinai Hospital and the 92nd Street Y, two Federation member agencies.

SUPREME COURT EXPECTED TO UPHOLD A LOWER COURT DECISION ON TUITION TAX EXEMPTIONS

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, May 5 (JTA) -- The decision of a federal court of appeals sitting in St. Louis, Mo., upholding the constitutionality of a Minnesota state law permitting parents of religious school students to claim deductions from their state income taxes for tuition and other educational expenses will probably be upheld by the United States Supreme Court in any appeal, Howard Zuckerman, chairman of the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs, (COLPA) said today.

Under the Minnesota law, adopted in 1955, Minnesota parents of students attending public and private schools in that state, North and South Dakota, Iowa or Wisconsin may deduct up to \$500 for each dependent in grades kindergarten to six, and up to \$700 for those in grades seven to 12 for tuition, textbooks and transportation costs.

Zuckerman said there were instances in which public school parents are required to pay for cost of tuition for attendance by their children in schools outside of their particular district as well as for transportation and textbooks.

Dennis Rapps, COLPA executive director, said COLPA attorneys had consulted with attorneys for the State of Minnesota who had argued in support of the statute. The decision was handed down April 30 by the Court of Appeals, sitting in St. Louis, for the Eighth District, of which Minnesota is a part.

Basis For Court Decision

The circuit court held that, since the deductions were for money going to otherwise qualified tax-deductible institutions, the Minnesota law did not "impermissibly benefit" religious institutions through its making possible tax relief for educational expenditures, in addition to non-educationally related support for those institutions.

The circuit court also cited the fact that since the Minnesota law permits deductions by all similarly situated parents, that is, for parents of both public and private school students, the law does not carve out tax benefits for a group of religious parents.

Rapps said that the Minnesota law clearly met the three-part test established by the Supreme Court in determining whether legislation violates the First Amendment ban on "establishment of religion." That test provides that a law must have a "secular legislative purpose;" must not have a "primary effect of aiding or advancing religion;" and must not "foster excessive government entanglement with religion."

The Law Will Not Advance Religion

He said the fact that the law covered both private and public educational expenses and payments to institutions which had already qualified as tax deductible demonstrated that the law's purpose or primary effect is "not that of advancing religion."

Rapps said that while the decision specifically upholds the constitutionality of a state tuition tax deduction law, the constitutional tests applied to

a federal tuition tax deduction law, should one ever be enacted, would be the same. Moreover, he added, the Supreme Court has in recent years indicated that federal statutes would be less likely to be struck down on establishment of religion grounds than state laws.

The appeals court decision was hailed as a major step forward "in the battle for recognition" of the rights of parents by Prof. Aaron Twerski, chairman of the Commission on Legislation and Civic Action of Agudath Israel of America.

EITAN DEFENDS USE OF LIVE AMMUNITION TO QUELL RIOTS ON WEST BANK, GAZA

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, May 5 (JTA) -- Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan today defended the army's use of live ammunition to quell riots on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. An Arab school girl was fatally wounded by Israeli soldiers in Kahn Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip yesterday.

Eitan, appearing before the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, said investigations of that incident and similar ones on the West Bank showed there had been no deviation from standing orders by Israeli troops.

He said those orders banned the use of live ammunition unless all other methods of riot control failed and the soldiers were in immediate danger. Recently, Israeli forces have resorted to rubber bullets but on some occasions they proved inadequate.

Tough Questions From Labor Alignment

Eitan faced tough questions and criticism from Labor Alignment members of the committee. Shlomo Hillel, a veteran Laborite with hawkish views, said that every Arab fatality on the West Bank did enormous damage to Israel's image abroad. Former Foreign Minister Abba Eban asked why more sophisticated, non-lethal riot control methods used elsewhere in the world, could not be applied by Israel.

Other Laborites asked why shots fired "at the legs" of demonstrators sometimes struck vital organs. Eitan, for his part, contended that the riots in the occupied territories in recent weeks were inspired and organized from outside. Israel Radio reported tonight that the wave of violence on the West Bank seemed to be abating despite the latest outbreaks.

JEWISH ACTIVIST DRAFTED

NEW YORK, May 5 (JTA) -- The National Conference on Soviet Jewry has learned that eighteen year-old Leningrad activist Mikhail Tsivin, twice arrested and briefly incarcerated for openly dramatizing his desire to emigrate to Israel, was conscripted into the Soviet military today. Tsivin's emigration activism will now be curtailed for several years.

The Jewish youth encountered extreme pressure from the Soviet authorities as a result of his public announcements of his wish to live in Israel, particularly following his second arrest April 16, when he chained himself to a fence in Moscow's Red Square and displayed a sign that read "Let Me Go To Israel." For both public demonstrations, Tsivin was jailed for 15 days.

NEW YORK (JTA) -- Israel is not participating in the 1982 World's Fair which opened last Saturday in Knoxville, Tenn. for economic reasons, Shmuel Ben-Tovim, Israel's Trade Commissioner in the United States, said Tuesday. He made the statement in response to an inquiry from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES JEWISH GROUPS IN FOREFRONT AGAINST A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, May 5 (JTA) -- Jewish organizations on the national, state and local level have been in the forefront of the opposition to the efforts to force Congress to call a convention to amend the United States Constitution.

Thirty-one state legislatures have adopted bills calling on Congress to set up a convention to adopt a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced federal budget. Only three more states have to pass such a bill to force Congress to act.

Earlier this year this was thought to be a foregone conclusion after Alaska became the 31st state to adopt the necessary legislation. But now the drive seems stalled, partly because of the informational program by Jewish groups and others.

"We regard a constitutional convention as a potential danger," Albert Chernin, executive vice chairman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. He noted that there has been no precedent for a constitutional convention since the original convention in 1787 which was called to amend the Articles of Confederation and ended up drafting a new Constitution for the U.S.

Some Of The Fears Expressed

While the convention would be called to deal with the specific issue of the balanced budget, there is no guarantee that it could not go beyond its mandate to other parts of the Constitution. This was the fear expressed by David Brody, Washington representative of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and other Jewish spokesmen with whom the JTA discussed the issue.

A constitutional convention would be "open ended no matter how it is organized," said Hyman Bookbinder, the American Jewish Committee's representative in Washington. He said this was not the way to deal with the problem of balancing the budget.

Marc Pearl, Washington representative of the American Jewish Congress, voiced the fear, which was echoed by the others that the convention could end up tampering with the Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments to the Constitution.

In particular, David Goldstein, executive director of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Kansas City, expressed concern for the safety of the First Amendment which guarantees not only freedom of speech and assembly but also separation of church and state. If this is changed "we are ov tsois," he said.

Goldstein has been on the front line of the battle because Missouri is considered to be the pivotal state this year. The Missouri Senate adopted a bill calling for a constitutional convention by a 2-1 margin, but it has been bottled up in the House where it had been expected to sail through.

Jewish representatives testified against the bill and members of the various local Jewish groups have written letters and conducted other informational campaigns. Goldstein added that "we helped interpret" the issue to the local newspapers.

The organized Jewish community has been closely involved in the issue since the 1979-80 NJCRAC Joint Program recommended that Jewish groups join broad-based coalitions to "vigorously oppose" the constitutional convention. "We recom-

mend that Jewish community relations agencies initiate and participate in educational campaigns to alert the Jewish community and the general public to the dangers of a constitutional convention and they join in broad-based coalitions to vigorously oppose a constitutional convention," the joint program plan said.

The NJCRAC issued a strong warning about the move for a convention last August, and during a meeting of its Task Force on Domestic Concerns in Washington March 10 it noted it was "deeply concerned by reports of heightened activity" in the drive for a constitutional convention.

The B'nai B'rith Women at its recent convention here adopted a resolution opposing the convention. The newly formed Raoul Wallenberg chapter of the AJCongress here has been monitoring the states that have and have not adopted legislation. All national agencies in the NJCRAC and the local community relations councils have been working on the issue.

While a constitutional convention to deal with the budget has gotten the furthest there are also efforts to have constitutional conventions on abortion and busing.

Legal Challenges Possible

The AJCongress' Pearl pointed out that the issue is one that will be alive for a long time. He noted that the drive for a constitutional amendment raises many questions even if it gets the necessary 34 states.

He noted that many of the bills adopted in the various states are worded differently and this could bring about legal challenges that could last for years. There is also the question of how delegates to a convention be selected, appointed or elected and by whom, he said.

Pearl views the entire effort as an attempt by the New Right to "foist" their entire agenda on the American people. Jewish organizations have been alerted to the realization that some 30 bills have been submitted in Congress to restrict the Supreme Court and lower federal courts from hearing cases involving such issues as school prayer, school desegregation and abortion.

Meanwhile, the drive for a constitutional convention may be halted by the Reagan Administration's decision to back a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget. President Reagan, in his televised speech on the budget last week, gave his personal endorsement to such an amendment. This could pass.

Pearl noted that many of the conservative Senators and Representatives were elected in 1980 by promising a balanced budget, but then voted for the Reagan Administration budget which allows a deficit.

Many observers believe that such an amendment, while perhaps popular with voters would not mean much since there would always be a loophole that Congress could adopt a budget showing a deficit in the national interest, something which it does now every year. Pearl said there is no way at present to balance the budget. He noted that 45 percent of the budget includes mandated programs that must be funded annually.

While many Jewish organizations are expected to oppose the various constitutional amendments being offered, they do not view them as dangerous as they view a constitutional convention.