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## ISRAEL WEIGHING POSSIBLE RESPONSES TO TERRORIST SHELLINGS OF TOWNS

By Gil Sedan and Hugh Orgel

JERUSALEM, May 10 (JTA)—The Cabinet met in special closed session for four hours this morning to discuss the situation on the northern border. It convened as a ministerial defense committee, the deliberations of which are classified. But it was assumed that the ministers weighed possible responses to the Palestinian shelling of border towns in northern Israel yesterday following Israeli air raids on terrorist targets in Lebanon.

No statement was issued after the meeting. The ministers were briefed by Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan, Gen. David Ivri, the Air Force commander, and other senior officers. Defense Minister Ariel Sharon came to the meeting directly from an early morning tour of northern Israel where he met with villagers who had spent the night in bomb shelters.

Military sources said that about 100 shells and rockets were fired from across the Lebanese border yesterday evening without causing casualties or damage. It has been Israel's declared policy to react to what it considers to be violations by the Palestine Liberation Organization of the cease-fire that has been in effect along the Lebanese border since last July.

According to a military spokesman, yesterday's air strikes over Lebanon were ordered because of serious breaches of the cease-fire during the last two weeks by the PLO. The same was true of the April 21 Israeli air attacks on PLO targets in Lebanon. But those drew no direct response from the PLO, in contrast to the shell and rocket attacks on towns in northern Israel yesterday.

### Trying To Avoid War of Attrition

Israel maintains that the cease-fire applies to any and all terrorist assaults on Israel, the occupied territories or Israeli installations or personnel abroad. The PLO contends that it applies only to hostile acts across the Lebanese border. Sharon told residents of northern Israel this morning that Israel does not want a renewal of the terrorist war of attrition which seriously disrupted normal life in that region last year.

At the same time, he said, Israel could not maintain peace on its northern border at the cost of allowing the terrorists to attack across other borders or overseas. This was seen as a hint that Israel is preparing to hit Palestinian targets in Lebanon again. Opinion appears to be divided among residents of northern Israel towns. Some have urged massive retaliation in response to yesterday's shelling while others favor restraint to avoid a wholesale outbreak of hostilities along the border.

### 3 BAHAI LEADERS EXECUTED IN IRAN FOR ESPIONAGE, 'ZIONIST ACTIVITIES'

PARIS, May 10 (JTA)—Three Bahai leaders were yesterday executed in the Iranian city of Karaj after a Moslem court found them guilty of espionage and "Zionist activities." Teheran Radio monitored in Paris said the three Bahais, whose names

were not given, "had travelled several times to the Zionist land of Israel" and had carried out various assignments on Israel's behalf. The three were reportedly executed last night in a local prison. Three other men belonging to a pro-Communist guerrilla movement were executed with them.

### GHALI SAYS AUTONOMY TALKS CANNOT BE HELD IN JERUSALEM

By Henriette Boas

AMSTERDAM, May 10 (JTA)—Butros Ghali, Egypt's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, declared here that Egyptian-Israeli talks on Palestinian autonomy cannot be held in Jerusalem. He made that statement at a press conference in the course of a three-day visit to The Hague which ended yesterday.

Ghali said, among other things, that Europe can still play a useful role in settling the Middle East problem, not independent of the United States but in coordination with it. The key to a solution lies with Washington, the Egyptian diplomat said.

He added, however, that the European Economic Community (EEC) should put forward its own views on a Middle East peace settlement and he hoped the process would not slacken because of the current Falkland Islands crisis.

### Egypt To Boycott Arab Summit

Ghali also said that Egypt would not participate in the forthcoming Arab summit conference in Fez, Morocco, convened by the Arab League. The Arab League moved its headquarters from Cairo to Tunis in protest against the 1979 Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. Ghali said the move was illegal and Egypt does not recognize it. He said the Arab League headquarters must be returned to Cairo and a new secretary general must be elected.

Ghali came here last Friday to attend a meeting of the Board of Governors of the Academy for International Law to which he was elected last year. He also met with Netherlands Foreign Minister Max van der Stoep who he invited to visit Cairo. The date for the visit was set at July 2-5.

### TV DOCUMENTARY DISPUTES VIEW THAT ORDINARY GERMANS WERE UNAWARE OF FATE OF JEWS DURING WORLD WAR II

By David Kantor

BONN, May 10 (JTA)—A documentary titled "Concentration Camp Next Door," broadcast on television and radio in various parts of West Germany, appears to refute the long-standing contention that ordinary Germans were unaware of what was happening to Jews during World War II.

The film, produced by Barbara Schoenfeldt, deals with a concentration camp called Eidelstedt in the northwest outskirts of Hamburg where the inmates were women employed as slave laborers. Shortly before the end of the war, 500 of them were tortured and murdered by the SS. The film-maker conducted interviews with local residents who

lived there during the war.

They said they often saw the women herded through the streets on their way to work, heavily guarded by SS men who beat them sadistically. A former locomotive engineer whose train left from the nearby railroad station, said he had witnessed this spectacle daily. But nobody reacted at the time, either out of fear or because they refused to be involved in something they considered not their business, the documentary said.

Its broadcast in Hamburg coincided with the trial there of Walter Kuemmel, a former SS officer at Eidelstedt, accused of three murders. The site of the concentration camp is now occupied by a housing development, lawns and a soccer field. There is no plaque or any other sign that the camp existed. The local people are either unaware or do not want to be confronted with the issue nearly 40 years later, the documentary said.

#### FUROR OVER ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENT AT DUTCH SOCCER MATCH

By Henriette Boas

AMSTERDAM, May 10 (JTA) --A banner flaunting a swastika and an anti-Semitic slogan, displayed during the annual football match between Amsterdam's Ajax soccer club and the visiting Utrecht club, FCC, last Sunday, has created a furor in local circles. The public prosecutor has ordered the police to find those responsible. He has been seconded by the chairman of the Utrecht club who condemned the incident and demanded that the culprits be found and punished.

The banner also touched off a quarrel between Mayor Willem Polak of Amsterdam, who is Jewish, and the riot police which was supposed to have confiscated all offensive material carried by Utrecht fans before they entered the stadium. The rivalry between Utrecht and Ajax took on anti-Semitic overtones at last year's match, leading to a near riot. Ajax was once headed by a Jewish manager and had several Jewish players. Reportedly no Jews played in last Sunday's match.

A photograph of the banner found its way into a local newspaper a day later. A reporter who interviewed an 18-year-old youth who carried it quoted him as saying that Ajax fans called the Utrecht loyalists "peasants" and therefore they retaliated by calling Ajax members "Jews."

The photograph prompted Polak to accuse the riot police of laxity. Amsterdam Police Chief Cornelis Valken charged that the Mayor was unfair. He said the police had confiscated a number of banners with anti-Semitic and other slogans but had a difficult time controlling the raucous fans from Utrecht who, he said, left a trail of destruction on their way from the railroad station to the football stadium.

#### HIGH COURT RULES AGAINST SABBATH BAN ON EL AL FLIGHTS

JERUSALEM, May 10 (JTA) --The Supreme Court ruled today that the government cannot ban Sabbath flights by El Al without Knesset approval. The decision was handed down on an appeal by employees of the airline who oppose the Sabbath ban on economic grounds.

The Cabinet decreed a week ago that the government-owned airline must suspend service on the Sabbath and religious holidays and set a three-month deadline for implementation of that order. It acted at the urging of Premier Menachem Begin who was under pressure from the Aguda Israel Party

to honor a commitment he made when the Aguda Israel agreed to join his coalition last year.

El Al employees fear the ban would cause further losses to the airline which has been in severe financial difficulties for several years. Their appeal to the Supreme Court was based on the law which requires government-owned companies to operate on sound economic principles. The high court said the government could not apply the ban without approval by the Knesset Finance Committee. The committee is chaired by an Aguda Israel MK, Shlomo Lorincz.

#### FRICION BETWEEN MILSON, TOP AIDES

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, May 10 (JTA) --Friction surfaced today between Prof. Menachem Milson, head of the civilian authority on the West Bank, and his top aides. A letter signed by 25 senior staff officials charged that his policy-making process was undoing everything accomplished by the Military Government in the past. Milson promptly retorted that the complaints were incorrect both in detail and general perspective.

The aides specifically accused Milson of failing to consult with them before making decisions, dealing with local Arabs behind their backs and presenting them with faits accomplis. They demanded a meeting to discuss the situation.

Milson conceded that there had been several misunderstandings over the running of the civilian government in the occupied territories but said these have all been sorted out and he now enjoys the complete cooperation of his staff.

Milson, a professor of Arabic literature at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, was appointed by Defense Minister Ariel Sharon to head the newly formed civilian administration last year. The new administration took over civilian functions from the Military Government. Its main objective is to root out Palestine Liberation Organization influence in the territories and create a local Arab leadership willing to cooperate with Israel.

But the Village Leagues, established for that purpose chiefly among rural Arabs, met with stiff resistance from elected officials in the larger West Bank towns. In the past few months, four Arab mayors were removed from office for refusing to cooperate with the civilian government. But several other municipalities have since declared their refusal to cooperate.

#### BRUSSELS CONFAB SET FOR NEXT OCT.

PARIS, May 10 (JTA) --The Brussels Conference for Soviet Jewry will meet here next October, Claude Kelman, vice president of the Brussels Conference presidium, announced. He said the conference will be held "as a matter of urgency" in view of the constantly deteriorating situation of Soviet Jews.

Kelman, who attended a meeting of the preparatory committee here last week, said "they (Soviet Jews) are waiting for world Jewry to come to their aid at a time when they are the target of increased persecution and repression."

The first two sessions of the Brussels Conference took place in the Belgian capital in June, 1970 and February, 1979. They helped mobilize world public opinion on behalf of Soviet Jewry. The Soviet Union began to grant exit visas to some of its Jewish citizens as a direct consequence of the Brussels meetings.

Kelman said the agenda for the October 15-16 meetings will be worked out later this month in Jerusalem by the preparatory committee. Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin will attend the October session.

French Jewry is marking the month of May as "The Month of the Refuseniks," with mass meetings, public demonstrations and appeals on behalf of the large number of Soviet Jews who have been denied exit visas.

#### ARENS: U.S., ISRAEL SHARE COMMON INTEREST IN MAINTAINING ISRAELI PRESENCE ON THE WEST BANK

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, May 10 (JTA)—Israeli Ambassador Moshe Arens declared today that the United States had a common interest with Israel in maintaining an Israeli presence on the West Bank.

"The alternative to the Israeli presence on the West Bank is a PLO state in the area," Arens told some 500 persons at a luncheon at the Washington Hilton during the first day of the two-day 23rd annual policy conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). He said a state controlled by the Palestine Liberation Organization would be "a mortal danger to Israel, a grave danger to all Western interests in the area."

Arens charged that the violence on the West Bank is the result of a "desperate" and "last ditch" attempt by the PLO to prevent Palestinian Arabs from participating in the autonomy negotiations and to "abort" the Camp David peace process.

"I know that everybody in the United States, and certainly the supporters of Israel in the United States, are unhappy with some of the scenes they see on the television screens," he noted. "I want to assure you that nobody agonizes more about this difficulty than the people of Israel themselves, and in Israel nobody agonizes more about these terrible problems than the Prime Minister, Menachem Begin."

#### The Situation In Lebanon

The Israeli envoy also maintained that it was in the common interest of Israel and the U.S. "to see Lebanon returned to independence and sovereignty" and have it aligned with the West and ready to sign a peace treaty with Israel. But he said that in the present, 65 percent of Lebanon is controlled by Syria and another 15 percent by the PLO, both of whom receive support from the Soviet Union. Arens said that the PLO, which controls the coastal area from Beirut south to the part held by the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) provides a "clear and present almost-day to day danger" to the people in northern Israel. He said no settlers were injured by PLO bombardment yesterday because they spent the day in shelters. But he stressed that people cannot live all their lives in shelters.

Arens also reiterated his warning to the U.S. against arming the Arab states. He said the weapons will not be used against the Soviet Union but against Israel. In particular he warned against providing arms to Jordan which he noted is in a state of war with Israel.

The envoy also pointed out that the British in the Falkland Islands dispute have emphasized the "solidarity of democratic countries." He said that when Israel has faced dangers from non-democratic regimes, the British have not always come to the aid of democratic Israel. He expressed the hope that Britain may now have learned its lesson.

Morton Silberman of Miami took over today as president of AIPAC, succeeding Lawrence Weinberg of Beverly Hills, Calif.

#### HAIG CONCERNED ABOUT NEW MIDEAST VIOLENCE; HABIB MAY RETURN TO AREA

WASHINGTON, May 10 (JTA)—Secretary of State Alexander Haig said today that he was deeply concerned that the new flare-up of violence along the Lebanese border could escalate with serious consequences for Middle East peace.

State Department spokesman Dean Fischer said, at the same time, that there was "a possibility" that special envoy Philip Habib, who helped arrange the cease-fire on the Israeli-Lebanese border last July, would return to the region to try to preserve it. Fischer said President Reagan would decide if and when Habib would go to the region. Fischer said Habib would be consulting with State Department officials this week.

Haig expressed his views in the aftermath of Israeli air attacks on Palestinian terrorist targets in Lebanon yesterday which were followed by shell and rocket attacks by Palestinians against villages and towns in northern Israel. Israel reported no casualties or damage from the attacks.

Haig told reporters, "We continue to be in very close contact with the parties and indirectly we try to plumb the views and attitudes of the Palestinians in southern Lebanon." He added that the U.S. has been "very active over the weekend to shore up the cease-fire."

#### AUSTRIAN OFFICIAL PLEDGES THAT HIS COUNTRY WILL ACCEPT ALL JEWS ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE SOVIET UNION

NEW YORK, May 10 (JTA)—The Vice Chancellor of Austria, Fred Sinowatz, yesterday pledged that his country would accept all Jews allowed to leave the Soviet Union.

Addressing a delegation of Jewish leaders organized by Jack Spitzer, President of B'nai B'rith International, Sinowatz indicated that he was uncertain about Soviet intentions on the release of Jews. Emigration from the USSR dropped about 90 percent during the past year.

Austria has served as a stopping-off point for tens of thousands of Jews leaving the Soviet Union, as well as the new home for other thousands, for which Spitzer expressed the gratitude of Jews the world over. There had been reports that the government of Chancellor Bruno Kreisky planned to shut down its transit centers for Jewish emigrants.

Under challenge from the Jewish delegation about Kreisky's overtures to Yasir Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, and to Libyan President Muammar Qaddafi, supporter and trainer of world terrorists, Sinowatz said that the PLO was not granted full diplomatic status and that Qaddafi had, in effect, invited himself to Austria earlier this year.

However, Sinowatz, who is viewed by the Austrian press as the likely successor to Kreisky, indicated that he saw no chance for peace in the Middle East without the inclusion of the Palestinians. He added that the preservation of Israel's security and integrity also is a requirement. The peace-making process requires discussion by a broad range of peoples and groups in the Arab world, he declared.

## CLAIM MADE THAT U.S. JEWISH YOUTH ARE REACTING TO 'NEGATIVE' ASPECTS OF JEWISH EVENTS

SWAN LAKE, NY, May 10 (JTA)—Dr. Israel Kugler, president of the Workmen's Circle, the Jewish labor fraternal order, warned here that American Jewish youth are reacting to the "negative" aspects of Jewish events.

"They are conscious of themselves as Jews largely as a negative reaction to the Holocaust, the dangers facing Israel, the disturbances on the West Bank and manifestations of anti-Semitism," he told 1000 delegates attending the Workmen's Circle's four-day national convention which ended yesterday.

Kugler, who was reelected president to a second two-year term, said much of the blame lies with the disintegration of the older Jewish communities, suburbanization and dispersion to other regions. He also cited as a contributory cause, the designation of Yiddish "as a language of defeat" and the louting of Hebrew "as the language of culture" when the State of Israel was founded.

American Jewish youth "have not developed the positive conception of Jewishness, of a culture with literature, language, drama, music, art, dance and history," he said. He contrasted that to the situation of Soviet Jews who yearn for Jewish cultural outreach "while the USSR is consciously destroying the culture and identity of Jewish life."

### Sees Beginning of Renaissance

Nevertheless, Kugler saw a renaissance beginning among young American Jews. He cited his organization's preparation of Yiddish cultural programs for campus Hillel groups as a means for further expansion in the American Jewish community.

He also called for continued cultural contact between American and Soviet Jews, especially the dissemination of Yiddish language materials in the Soviet Union. He recalled that at the Moscow Book Fair last year, the Jewish delegation of which he was a member helped circulate Yiddish books and records.

Kugler said that in this country, Soviet Jewish emigres were looking for closer ties to their Jewish secularist proclivities. He said the Workmen's Circle kept its "doors open" to them "just as in the days of the great immigration to the U.S."

Joseph Mlotek, educational director of the Workmen's Circle, announced that a summit conference is being planned for 1983 to "discuss where the Jewish lifestyle is going in America."

## JEWISH REPRESENTATIVES CALL FOR HALT TO NUCLEAR ARMS RACE

NEW YORK, May 10, (JTA) — An increasing number of Jewish representatives are calling for a halt to the nuclear arms race through a freeze on nuclear weapons by the United States and the Soviet Union.

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia, at a recent meeting of its Board of Directors, adopted a resolution which stated: "No issue threatens our existence as Jews, Americans and world citizens more than the specter of nuclear warfare. For the Jewish community, discussion of a 'nuclear holocaust' is more than a metaphor. Our history teaches us that man is capable of perpetrating unspeakable acts and, further, that silence in the face of inhumanity is equivalent to complicity in that injustice."

In a related action, more than 100 religious and secular Jewish leaders, including dozens of rabbis, three members of Congress, four Nobel Prize winners and leaders of Jewish organizations have signed a "Shalom Aleichem" statement urging all American Jews to address the issue of thermonuclear world disaster and the need for controlling and reversing the arms race.

The statement, was initiated by the editorial board of Menorah, a monthly journal "of Jewish renewal" that is published in Washington, D.C. and is edited by Arthur Waskow, said:

"At a time when tensions between the great world powers are growing and language of 'controlled nuclear war' is reviving, we believe Jewish tradition and experience have much to teach... We suggest that synagogues and other Jewish institutions hold teach-ins, develop special liturgies, invite artists to develop works of awakening... We can help to reawaken hope and change, in an area of public policy now mired in hopelessness and helplessness."

### Many Notables Sign Statement

Among the signers are Rabbi Walter Wurzbarger, president of the Synagogue Council of America; Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Rabbi Robert Gordis, editor of Judaism; Ira Silverman, president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College; Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld, a former president of the American Jewish Congress; and Philip Klutznick, honorary president of B'nai B'rith International and a former president of the World Jewish Congress.

Scientists and scholars who signed the statement include Jerome Wiesner of MIT, who was science advisor to President John Kennedy; and Nobel laureates George Wald of Harvard University; Howard Temin of the University of Wisconsin; Marshall Nirenberg of the National Institutes of Health; and Sheldon Glashow of Harvard University.

Later last month the first Jewish religious conference in New York City was held to deal with the problem of "the threat of nuclear war." It was sponsored by 10 Reform Jewish congregations of New York and was convened at the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue.

### ALIX DE ROTHSCHILD DEAD AT 67

PARIS, May 10 (JTA)—Baroness Alix de Rothschild, the former wife of Guy de Rothschild, the head of the banking firm, and herself a patron of Israeli and Jewish art and music, died last week at the age of 67. The Baroness, born Alix Schey de Koromla, helped create the Bathsheva Dance Company and headed several French and international committees which worked for the propagation of art and music. An art collector, she generally spent several months each year in Israel. Her son David is the president of the Fonds Social Juif Unifié, the federation of French Jewish welfare funds.

PARIS (JTA)—The French Chief Rabbi's office has announced that the Jewish prison chaplain for the Paris region, Rabbi Joseph Fima, has been awarded the nation's Penitentiary Medal for his work with Jewish prisoners over the last 10 years.