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BLUM DECLARES ISRAEL WILL NOT OCCUPY LEBANON AS UN CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL

By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, June 7 (JTA) -- Yehuda Blum, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, said today that Israel had no intention of becoming an occupying force in south Lebanon once it completed its current military operation to push Palestinian terrorist forces beyond artillery and rocket range of northern Israel.

"Israel stands for the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Lebanon," Blum told reporters following a meeting with Jewish community leaders attending the national commission conference of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith here at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. The ADL's meeting ended today.

Blum stressed that Israel had "no territorial ambitions whatsoever in Lebanon." However, Blum would not speculate on the future status of southern Lebanon once the operation, dubbed "Peace for Galilee," has been completed.

Questioned whether Israel has overreacted in its response to the terrorist shelling of Israel's northern settlements and last week's shooting of Israel's Ambassador to Britain, Blum asked rhetorically what the level of reaction should be in retaliation to terrorist attacks.

Blum touched on a similar theme in an address last night to the United Nations Security Council prior to its adoption of a resolution calling for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon "forthwith and unconditionally." The Council also called on all parties involved to observe the resolution unanimously adopted on Saturday calling for the cessation "immediately and simultaneously" of all military activities with Lebanon and across the Israeli-Lebanese border.

Chastises Council Last Night

In his address to the Council the envoy chastised the Council for "evinced not the slightest interest" in terrorist actions perpetrated by the Palestine Liberation Organization. "How many Israelis have to be killed by terrorists for this council to be persuaded that the limits of our endurance have been reached?" he asked. "Israel cannot expect this body even to deplore PLO barbarism against Israel's civilian population, let alone take any steps with a view towards curbing that barbarism."

Blum offered "highlights" of PLO terrorism from April 1979 up to the shooting of the Israeli Ambassador, Shlomo Argov, last Thursday night.

He pointed out that since the cease-fire was agreed to across the Israeli-Lebanese border last July, 17 people have been killed and 241 wounded in a total of 141 terrorist acts, "all of them originating from terrorist bases inside Lebanon."

"These and many hundreds of additional attacks against Israel, Israelis and Jews were regularly reported by us to the Council," he said. "All our reports have gone unheeded." He accused the Council of having remained "unmoved" and failing to attempt to curb the "criminal activities of the PLO."

ISRAELIS CAPTURE BEAUFORT CASTLE

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 7 (JTA) -- Israel's heavily armed forces which entered Lebanon yesterday were reported today to have captured several key Palestine Liberation Organization strongpoints and appeared on the way to achieving their military objectives well ahead of schedule. They were supported by heavy sea and air assaults.

According to the latest reports, the ancient Beaufort Castle was in Israel's hands and the town of Nabatiya, a major PLO stronghold further north, was captured by Israeli forces after close-quarter street fighting. Israeli forces reportedly captured the port town of Tyre where an estimated 1500 terrorists were based. Lebanon radio reported this afternoon that the port town of Sidon was also under siege by Israeli ground forces, reinforced by troop landings from the sea.

An army spokesman said this morning that the Israeli operation, code-named "Peace for Galilee," was proceeding according to plan. Later in the day, Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan told reporters that at the end of the first 24 hours of fighting, Israeli forces had reached objectives which the planners of the operation thought it would take much longer to achieve.

The army acknowledged that the Beaufort Castle was captured only after bitter hand-to-hand fighting. No mention has been made yet of casualties sustained by either the Israeli or Palestinian forces. Earlier today, an army spokesman denied reports from abroad that there had been fighting or any kind of contact between Israeli and Syrian forces in Lebanon, or air battles between Israeli and Syrian planes.

Clash With Syrians

But Eitan said later there had been clashes with Syrian forces. He said the army took pains to avoid areas where Syrian troops were known to be deployed, even if the Palestinian troops were in the same region. He said he believed shells fired from Syrian-held areas were not fired by Syrian gunners.

Premier Menachem Begin spent much of the day at a forward command post "somewhere in the north" together with Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, Eitan and local area commanders and intelligence officers. According to one report, he went to the Beaufort Castle to personally congratulate victorious Israeli troops at the very time the PLO radio was denying that the stronghold had fallen.

The ancient Crusaders fortress, used by the Palestinians to bombard northern Israel, stands on a 700-foot bluff overlooking the Litani River. It had been subjected to repeated Israeli air and artillery bombardment but the thick stone walls held fast. Israeli military planners decided it could be taken only by direct ground assault. Begin today demonstratively handed over the ruins to Maj. Saad Haddad, commander of the Israel-backed Christian militia in south Lebanon.

"The Beaufort Castle is yours," Begin told Haddad, underlining Israel's official stated ob-

jective not to hold any Lebanese territory but simply to clear it of terrorists. Begin informed President Reagan yesterday that Israel does not "covet an inch" of Lebanese territory and that the army was instructed to push the terrorists out of artillery and rocket range of northern Israel, to a distance of 40 kilometers (25 miles) from the border.

According to available information, Israeli forces entered Lebanon shortly after noon yesterday after two days of intensive aerial and naval bombardment of PLO targets. The Israeli tanks and armored vehicles moved in three directions; westward toward the PLO ports of Tyre and Sidon where landings took place under cover of naval bombardment; northward to the Nabatiya area between the Litani and Zaharani rivers and eastward toward the Mt. Hermon area, long known as "Fatahland" where PLO forces were concentrated. The latter thrust brought the Israeli columns to the closest point from the Bekaa valley where Syria has deployed SAM-anti-aircraft missiles.

Meanwhile, Palestinian rocket and artillery attacks on northern Israel which reached a peak of intensity over the weekend, ceased today, indicating that the Palestinians had been forced back from their firing positions. Nevertheless, residents of towns and villages in northern Israel remained in bomb shelters during the day.

Pilot In Hospital

The only military casualties acknowledged by Israel so far have been an Air Force plane shot down by anti-aircraft fire and a helicopter shot down by ground fire. The helicopter's two-man crew was reported missing. The Air Force pilot who baled out over Lebanon was taken prisoner. At a press conference at a Beirut hospital today he said he had had "some problems" with the villagers who first captured him but felt safer when taken over by Palestinian soldiers for medical treatment and interrogation.

Eitan said today that "The present operation is not directed against the Syrians and Israel has no intention of harming or disrupting the lives of citizens of Lebanon who had no hand in terrorist activities." Stressing that Israel had no territorial claims on Lebanon, Eitan declared in an order of the day: "We shall complete the mission and return, strengthened, to our homeland and peace and security will return to our northern towns and villages."

JEWISH LEADERS, SHOCKED BY ASSASSINATION TRY, BACK ISRAEL

By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, June 7 (JTA) -- Shocked by the attempted assassination last Thursday of Israel's Ambassador to Britain, Shlomo Argov, representatives of leading Jewish organizations rallied support behind Israel's military operation in south Lebanon designed to push Palestinian terrorist forces beyond artillery and rocket range of Israel's northern settlements.

Maxwell Greenberg, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said the Israeli action is "a manifestation of the most basic responsibility a government has to fulfill -- to protect the lives and security of its people." Greenberg called on the Reagan Administration to launch a worldwide "diplomatic offensive" with the "goal of quarantining the PLO, of ousting it from international agencies ... and of denying it financial and military support."

Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, said today that the Israeli action is solely designed to eliminate the PLO's

military structure in Lebanon. "A truth we must all confront is that only when the PLO is no longer able of backing its vehement opposition to the Camp David process with military power can the peace negotiations be expected to produce significant results," Siegman said.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, assailed the United Nations for its recent resolutions expressing concern over the territorial integrity of Lebanon. "Where was the UN when the terrorist PLO -- banished from Jordan by King Hussein -- moved into Lebanon in 1970 and set up a mini-government there without regard to the independence and sovereignty or territorial integrity of Lebanon," Schindler asked.

Urges Community To Respond

Robert Loup, national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, called on the American Jewish community to respond to the crisis in Israel by immediately launching an all out effort to complete the 1982 UJA/Community Campaign. "We must take all possible steps to increase the flow of cash to meet the basic human needs of the people of Israel and to do all we can to ensure the quality and continuity of life throughout this crisis," Loup said.

Americans for a Safe Israel said in a statement released today that they "applaud" the decision by the Israeli government to "eliminate" the PLO in Lebanon. "Just as other nations demonstrate their right to protect the safety of their citizens, the Israeli government has the right and the obligation to protect its citizens who find themselves under constant threat of missiles and artillery attack," the organization said. The statement was signed by the organization's chairman, Herbert Zweibon, and director, Peter Goldman.

Earlier, Jewish organization officials expressed their outrage at the assassination attempt of Argov and in various statements released throughout the week end, blamed the Palestine Liberation Organization for the shooting.

Declaring that "condemnation is not sufficient," Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, said the shooting incident has once again brought to world attention the "savagery nature of rampant terrorism which poses an undiminished threat to the fabric of the world order." While calling for a "concerted effort" to halt international terrorism, Bronfman said: "The terrorists who committed this most heinous act, organizationally linked as they surely are with the PLO, once more demonstrates the true character of their tactics and aims."

Information Campaign Planned

Ivan Novick, president of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) accused outright the PLO for the shooting incident and said the ZOA will launch a campaign to inform members of Congress and the American media "to the plans and purposes of the PLO ... which advocates terrorism and violence."

The president of B'nai B'rith International, Jack Spitzer, condemned the shooting and said "such outrageous acts of terror cannot be justified" by any political objectives the assailants might have. He called on Great Britain and all European nations to withdraw all forms of recognition accorded to groups like the PLO and in doing so make terrorists understand that their crime will not yield political dividends.

Rabbi Joseph Stemstein, president of the American Zionist Federation, said the "despicable" shooting of the ambassador represented "the bitter fruit that is harvested when terrorism is legitimized by the world. The elevation of the murderous PLO to official

status at the United Nations and many world capitals has spawned an unprecedented wave of violence against both diplomats and innocent civilians." He added that the PLO should be "relegated to the standing it deserves ... a group of international gangsters, whose only goal is death and destruction."

Robert Zweiman, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans, said verbal condemnation of shooting incidents like that of the Israeli Ambassador "will not stop growing national terrorism." Zweiman charged that "verbal denunciations are weakened by government actions that support terrorism by giving respectability to terrorist leaders." Zweiman referred to the two former Palestinian Arab West Bank Mayors who conferred recently at the State Department with two senior Department officials, and the Administration's removal of Iraq from the list of nations supporting international terrorism.

The national President of American Mizrahi Women, Mrs. Roselle Silberstein, accused the PLO of the shooting and said that at this point in the continuing Camp David peace talks regarding Palestinian autonomy, "the PLO has chosen to prove itself undeserving of the free world's trust and unacceptable as a party to these negotiations."

Phyllis Sutker, president of Pioneer Women/Na'amat, said the "security of the northern sector of the Israeli population, which has a long history of vulnerability to PLO attacks, justified the Israeli army current action in Lebanon." She expressed her organization's solidarity with the citizens of Israel.

Rabbi Louis Bernstein, acting chairman World Zionist Organization American Section, said that "any Israeli government that failed to act to bring PLO artillerists to bay, and to halt its terrorist hit men assassinations, would have been derelict in its fundamental duty to protect its citizens." He added that peace will come to the Middle East when PLO "gunmen metamorphose into statesmen who negotiate instead of shoot."

HABIB, BEGIN MEET

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 7 (JTA) -- U.S. special envoy Philip Habib met with Premier Menachem Begin in this evening over the conflict in Lebanon. No details were released. Begin reportedly told the American diplomat that there could be no return to the conditions of the cease-fire he helped work out along the Lebanese border last summer.

Habib arrived here last night after consulting with President Reagan at the Western economic summit meeting in Versailles. He reportedly hoped to see Begin immediately but was refused and declined to meet with any other Israeli officials.

Begin will report to the Cabinet on his talk with Habib. Israel is said to be seeking a new agreement in Lebanon that would keep the Palestinian terrorists out of artillery and rocket range of northern Israel, a distance of 40 kilometers (25 miles) according to Begin. The pursuit of such an agreement is expected to be one of the main topics Begin will discuss with Reagan and other U.S. officials when he visits Washington later this month.

Although Israel has stated that it has no territorial ambitions in Lebanon, this by no means indicates that Israeli forces will withdraw from that country in the near future. Prior to withdrawal, there could be tough bargaining, especially with the U.S. for conditions to ensure that the Palestinians would no longer be in a position to strike at Israel from Lebanese bases.

STATE DEPARTMENT TRIES BALANCED APPROACH ON LEBANESE SITUATION

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, June 7 (JTA) -- The State Department indicated a balanced approach to the fighting in Lebanon today. "Israel will have to withdraw its forces from Lebanon and the Palestinians will have to stop using Lebanon as a launching pad for attacks on Israel," the Department's deputy spokesman Alan Romberg told reporters.

He added, "A divided Lebanon must not be the outcome of this present violence." Romberg stressed that "The United States has been doing its very best -- not only in recent days but also as far back as last year -- to forestall the terrible tragedy now unfolding." He noted that the U.S. joined in the United Nations Security Council's call for a cease-fire in Lebanon two days ago "which, if observed by all sides, might have prevented the present developments."

He noted that President Reagan's special envoy for the Lebanese crisis, Philip Habib, has been sent to the region "with some new ideas."

Asked whether U.S. arms shipments to Israel have been delayed, the State Department official said they have not been interrupted, but added, "We will be looking into the question of possible use of American equipment" by Israel. "The United States has been in touch with the Israeli government and quarters which have influence on the situation," he said. "Our counsels of restraint and caution have been intense and constant."

Romberg refused to reply when asked if the U.S. has discussed the situation with the Soviet Union. He observed, however that "There have been a number of statements coming out of the Soviet Union which I think have not been terribly useful." With respect to possible Syrian involvement in the Lebanese fighting, he said "We have expressed our concern that there be no widening of this conflict."

Romberg said that some U.S. Navy ships have been ordered to Port Rhoda in Spain where they will be in a position, if required, to help in the humanitarian evacuation of civilians from Beirut. He declined to say how many Americans there are at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut or how many might be evacuated if necessary.

"The United States strongly supports the independence, territorial integrity and sovereignty of Lebanon within its internationally recognized borders," Romberg said.

BONN (JTA) -- The Foreign Ministry is studying a Belgian request to take a position on a Greek initiative for an urgent meeting of European foreign ministers on the conflict in Lebanon. The same request reportedly is under study in other Western European capitals.

It came from Belgium whose Foreign Minister, Leo Tindemans, is currently chairman of the European Economic Community's (EEC) Council of Ministers. Tindemans, who is in New York, was reportedly ready to fly to Brussels immediately if a decision is taken to hold a meeting.

CORRECTION: In the article on the International Sephardic Education Foundation, published in the June 3 Daily News Bulletin, the figure for the drop-out rate among Sephardic students -- given as 92 percent -- should have been listed as approximately 50 percent.

ADL OFFICIAL WARNS ARMS SALES ENDANGERS ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 7 (JTA) -- Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, warned that "neutral arms salesmen" pose a greater danger to Israel and the Jewish people than outspoken anti-Semites.

The "soberest" lesson for the Jewish community, came according to Perlmutter, in the debates over the sale of AWACS reconnaissance aircraft to Saudi Arabia and proposals to supply modern U.S. weaponry to Jordan. "It was a debate in which anti-Semitism figures late and only incidentally and whose stench exceeded its substance. The Saudis were not nearly so much helped by anti-Semitism as they were by Semantically neutral arms salesmen," Perlmutter told 400 ADL leaders attending a session of the agency's four-day National Committee meeting here Saturday night.

The arms salesmen, he said, did not spout anti-Zionist rhetoric but "talked of jobs, of black ink for the aerospace industry and of recycling petrodollars . . . These arms salesmen are today a thousandfold more telling adversaries (of the Jewish people) than juveniles painting swastikas on Jewish buildings," the ADL national director said.

Jews Question Who Are Friends

Perlmutter, in his annual report, said American Jews are questioning who their real friends are. In that connection, he noted that "the more liberal one's Christian theology, the less likely is that person to harbor anti-Semitism; the more fundamentalist, the more likely to harbor anti-Semitism."

But, Perlmutter added, "the theologically liberal National Council of Churches, long a leader in Christian-Jewish dialogue, has -- again -- adopted positions favorable to the Palestine Liberation Organization, ignoring Israel's security and ignoring the PLO's resolve to undo the Jewish State." On the other hand, he said, "theologically conservative fundamentalists . . . support Israel's security needs. The one is academically sympathetic to religious differences but in action is allied with those who would kill Jews; the other is academically unaccepting of our religious differences, but in our need becomes a friend in deed."

Perlmutter also observed that "popular wisdom has long held that younger people are less anti-Semitic than older people," but that assumption breaks down in the case of many young liberals who are not as favorably disposed towards Israel's security needs as are young conservatives. He noted that in Europe, youthful peace activists are frequently activists in pro-Arab causes.

Bialkin New Chairman

Kenneth Bialkin, a New York attorney, was elected national chairman of the ADL, succeeding Maxwell Greenberg of Los Angeles who held that post since 1978. Bialkin, 52, is chairman of the American Bar Association's Section on Corporation, Business and Banking Law.

Last Friday, two ranking State Department officials told the assembled ADL leaders that the East-West Madrid talks have become a weapon with which to call the Soviet Union to account for human rights violations. Elliott Abrams, Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs and Lawrence Eagleburger, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs, addressed an ADL luncheon honoring Max Kampelman, chairman of the U.S. delegation to the Madrid meeting on the

Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and to the U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

SECURITY ON ARAB INVESTMENTS TO BE CURBED BY PROPOSED BILL

NEW YORK, June 7 (JTA) -- Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal (D. NY) has announced he will introduce legislation to end the secrecy on Arab petrodollar investments in the United States.

Addressing the annual meeting of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith at the Grand Hyatt Hotel here, Rosenthal said the Arab investments, which he said could hold this country "hostage to foreign government control," may total between \$75 billion and \$200 billion.

Rosenthal said his proposed legislation would have a three-pronged approach. It would require a permanent registration system to identify all past and future investments; country-by-country disclosure on the breakdown of foreign investments, and establishment of an independent government agency to "delay or prohibit foreign-directed investment" in areas sensitive to the economy and national security of the U.S.

The Congressman, a member of the House Government Operations and Foreign Affairs Committee, said the legislation is needed because of a 1974 Treasury Department agreement with Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates to keep confidential the bulk of their investments in the U.S. He said the agreement must be terminated.

Rosenthal told some 400 American Jewish community leaders that Senate approval of the sale of AWACS reconnaissance planes to Saudi Arabia illustrated the extent of petrodollar influence on U.S. policy. "If the vote had been taken in secret, it never would have been approved," the lawmaker said, "because a majority of members of Congress believed it was not in the U.S. national interest."

Organized by Saudi Arabian lobbyists, a massive effort was mounted to enlist support for the AWACS sale on the part of American companies which do business with Saudi Arabia, Rosenthal added. "Tens of thousands of telegrams were received by senators from business leaders, including the heads of such firms as Rockwell International, American Airlines, Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, Proctor and Gamble and Wells-Fargo Bank."

Rosenthal warned that Arab government investments jeopardized the integrity of the American political process and can threaten U.S. national security. In the recent takeover of the Santa Fe International Corp. of California by Kuwait, the Kuwaitis not only obtained control over five percent of the world's oil rigs but of a Santa Fe subsidiary which is engaged in highly sensitive nuclear research and engineering for the Defense Department.

SMOLAR AWARDS DEADLINE JUNE 18

NEW YORK, June 7 (JTA) -- Journalists who contribute to North American newspapers and magazines of Jewish content and focus may now submit their entries for the 1982 Smolar Awards, conferred by the Council of Jewish Federations.

Marvin Holland, of Rhode Island, Chairman of the C.J.F. Smolar Awards Committee, announced two major innovations for the 1982 Awards process. Participating journalists are now permitted to enter in each of the four categories and the names of finalists will be made public prior to the announcement of the winners. Winners will be honored at the 1982 General Assembly, November 10-14, in Los Angeles.