

CABINET BEGINS DRAFTING IDEAS FOR TALKS WITH HABIB AIMED AT PREVENTING TERRORISTS RETURNING

By Hugh Orgel

JERUSALEM, June 13 (JTA) — The Cabinet met today to draft instructions for a ministerial subcommittee which is to begin talks this afternoon with U.S. special envoy Philip Habib on the future of Lebanon. The Israelis are expected to present their own ideas that would free Israel permanently from the threat of shelling by Palestinian terrorists in south Lebanon.

The ideas are said to include continued occupation by Israeli troops of the areas of Lebanon they control pending the establishment of an international force with a strong American component to replace them. They envision a clear mandate for that force to prevent the forward movement of any Palestinian or other forces hostile to Israel to within 40 kilometers (25 miles) of Israel's border. They also apparently want the U.S. to take the initiative to ensure the departure of all foreign forces from Lebanon, including the Syrian army and the Palestine Liberation Organization. Israel is opposed to the creation of any new United Nations force that would be subject to a Soviet veto.

Meanwhile, the Jerusalem Post reported today that a "handful of Ministers" had been critical of Defense Minister Ariel Sharon at Cabinet meetings during the past week for allegedly keeping them in the dark as to what his next moves in Lebanon would be. They accused Sharon of "leading them by the nose and stringing them along" by not fully disclosing his plans.

Ministers Unhappy With Sharon

Asher Wallfish, the Post's well informed political reporter, identified the Cabinet members most at odds with Sharon as Communications Minister Mordechai Zipori and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer of the National Religious Party. They were supported in some of their complaints by Interior Minister Yosef Burg, also of the NRP and by Deputy Premier Simcha Ehrlich and Energy Minister Yitzhak Berman, both of Likud's Liberal Party wing.

Wallfish reported that the ministers were unhappy that Sharon, often with only the backing of Premier Menachem Begin, ordered moves without the Cabinet's prior knowledge which would inevitably lead to complications that would require Cabinet approval after the fact. Wallfish reported that Sharon was angered by the sharp questioning of his fellow ministers and their mistrust of his actions.

2 JEWISH CAFES BOMBED IN PARIS

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, June 13 (JTA) — Two Jewish-owned cafes were seriously damaged by powerful bomb explosions early this morning. Two passers-by were slightly wounded by flying glass. Both cafes are in the traditional Paris Jewish quarter, The Platzel. Police suspect pro-Palestinian extremists are responsible for the attack.

TAX TO PAY FOR LEBANON ACTION

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 13 (JTA) — The Cabinet decided today to levy a series of taxes to help pay for the Lebanon campaign.

They include a two percent levy on stock and bond purchases on the stock exchange; a 25 percent increase on the current 12 percent value added tax, bringing VAT to 15 percent; and a special 600 Shekel (\$25) tax on all Israelis going abroad.

The travel tax, which Finance Minister Yoram Aridor insisted was not a travel tax, will be in force until September 30 "so that Israelis going abroad instead of vacationing in Israel can help pay for the campaign while other Israelis are still serving in the army."

The other levies are to be imposed until the end of the current financial year, when the Knesset can reconsider them.

Aridor estimated that the new levies will bring in about \$15 billion Shekels (\$750 million) this year.

WIESENTHAL HOUSE IS BOMBED

By Monika Brenner and Reinhard Engel

VIENNA, June 13 (JTA) — A bomb exploded in the doorway of the house Simon Wiesenthal lives in Friday night, causing considerable damage but hurting nobody. Wiesenthal, director of the Documentation Center of Nazi War Crimes here, said he was surprised by the incident having received no special threats except the ones that keep coming in from time to time.

"I do not take these insulting letters from all over the world too seriously," Wiesenthal said in an interview with Austrian Radio. "Barking dogs do not bite. I am sure, the person who planted the bomb had not written in advance."

Wiesenthal added, that he did not believe Arabs were involved. "With the exception of my court cases against neo-Nazis I am not politically exposed," he said. "My lectures all over the world draw many Arab students, and I have had good discussions with them." Although he was conceding that this was still an educated guess, Wiesenthal said that he thought Austrian friends of German neo-Nazis were responsible.

HAIG; NO RETURN TO STATUS QUO

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, June 13 (JTA) — While not providing details, Secretary of State Alexander Haig said today that the United States would work to achieve withdrawal of all foreign "elements" from Lebanon in an effort to prevent a return to the status quo which existed there prior to Israel's invasion last week.

At the same time, Haig and Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Moshe Arens, who both appeared separately on ABC-TV's "This Week with David Brinkley" program, said it was still "too early" to predict a timetable for Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon.

"I think we are going to work to achieve an adjustment and withdrawal of all foreign elements from Lebanon," Haig said. He added that Lebanon has been "racked" by internal elements, "not under the authority and control of the Lebanese government as well as a nation that has been occupied by Syrian forces for too long."

According to Haig, President Reagan's focus so far has been to establish a cessation of hostilities between fighting forces in Lebanon. But he pointed out that "no one would welcome a return to the status quo ante in Lebanon with all the instabilities we have experienced since 1976," when that country was torn by civil war.

U.S. Not Considering Sending Troops

Haig said the United States has "not given serious thought" to the possibility of U.S. participation in a peacekeeping force in Lebanon. He said that the Administration would "look ... carefully at what will be necessary to provide a stable situation in Lebanon to resolve the tension which brought about this disaster in the first place."

The issue of U.S. troops to police parts of Lebanon also was discussed by Arens. While he said Israel has made "no specific suggestions toward U.S. troops involvement," Arens noted that Israel and the U.S. are conducting consultations in an effort to "structure a situation" in Lebanon which would strengthen the authority of the Lebanese government.

"We are looking for the kind of situation that will not permit the PLO to return and fire against Israel again. I don't know that that has to include U.S. troops," Arens said. "I suppose this is something for the U.S. government to consider."

Arens reiterated that the Israeli government will eventually move out of Lebanon. But he added that it is "a little early ... to tell you exactly how long it will take us to create the kind of conditions that will permit us to withdraw." Arens noted that it took 90 days before Israel withdrew its forces following the Litani operation in 1978.

Aid For Lebanon

Meanwhile, the United States Agency for International Development (AID) announced that it had provided an initial grant of \$200,000 to the International Committee of the Red Cross to provide emergency assistance to victims of the conflict in Lebanon.

The U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon, Robert Dillon, has also provided \$25,000 of aid funds to assist the relief effort. Another \$5 million is pledged pursuant to President Reagan's instructions, of which \$3 million will be for Food for Peace provisions and \$2 million will be provided by the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance. The President has asked Congress to provide an additional \$20 million through a supplemental appropriation.

SQUADRON PRAISES REAGAN ACTION

NEW YORK, June 13 (JTA) -- Howard Squadron, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, praised President Reagan today for "Your timely call for a cease-fire" in Lebanon and for "understanding that the PLO must never be able to resume its terrorist attacks against Israel."

Squadron expressed his appreciation in a letter to the President in which he said "All Americans support your efforts to bring the battle to a halt and begin the vital task of rebuilding." He added that "We are gratified, too, by your recognition

of the opportunity that awaits to help forge a just and lasting peace between Israel and Lebanon, and by your understanding that the PLO must never be able to resume its terrorist attacks against the people of Israel. America's strategic interest demands it. Peace in the Middle East requires it. In acting to help achieve this goal, you will win the gratitude of all Americans," Squadron said.

Meanwhile, a four-member Presidents Conference delegation met Thursday with Vice President George Bush in Washington to discuss Israel's position in Lebanon. According to Peter Teeley, Bush's press secretary, the Jewish leaders "just wanted to express the depth of feeling in the Jewish community in support of Israeli actions in Lebanon." The delegation was headed by Julius Berman, chairman-elect of the Presidents Conference. The others were Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Jacob Stein, former advisor on Jewish affairs to President Reagan, and Yehuda Hellman, executive director of the Presidents Conference.

Teeley noted that Bush also met with the Ambassadors of Lebanon, Jordan, Bahrain and Kuwait and separately with Ahmed Talb Ibrahimi, the Foreign Minister of Algeria.

ZOA LEADER URGES REAGAN TO 'GRASP THE MOMENT' IN LEBANON

SOUTHFIELD, Mich., June 13 (JTA) -- Declaring that there is a new basis of reality on the Middle East which could very well redirect the entire political direction of the region, Ivan Novick, president of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) called on President Reagan to "grasp the moment" and insist that the sovereignty of Lebanon as a free and democratic nation be reestablished.

"This requires the necessary safeguards to prevent the reappearance of the PLO and the withdrawal of the Soviet-dominated Syrian forces which have served to destabilize the area which bears the responsibility for so much bloodshed and strife," said Novick in an address before the national executive committee of the ZOA. Novick also told several hundred delegates gathered here at the Sheraton-Southfield that "the State of Israel has struck a major blow against the scourge of terrorism which President Reagan recently and properly said plagues the Middle East. By its action in Lebanon, Israel has bravely confronted the terrorist PLO which has demonstrated its contempt for human life by its inhuman shelling of Israel's population centers in its continuing violent objectives aimed at destroying the Jewish State."

Regarding the Palestinian Arabs, Novick said: "We believe that Israel's action against the PLO in Lebanon provides responsible world leaders, led by President Reagan, the opportunity to voice a powerful plea to the Palestinian Arabs to act courageous in their own self interests. No longer should the Palestinian Arab people feel intimidated by the terrorist PLO with the encouragement and leadership of the U.S. let them come forward to negotiate with Israel to secure a safe and creative future for all the peoples in the area."

LONDON RALLY SUPPORTS ISRAEL

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, June 13 (JTA) -- An Anglo-Jewish leader who presided at a pro-Israel rally here today said Israeli Ambassador Shlomo Argov's condition remains "critical and unchanged" ten days after he was shot through the head in an assassination attempt outside a London hotel.

Greville Janner, a Labor MP and president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, said the condi-

tion of the envoy, who has been unconscious since the assault, prevented his wife from attending the mass rally which drew some 5000 friends of Israel to the Royal Albert Hall. The rally, organized by the British Jewish Community, expressed support for Israel's invasion of Lebanon which was triggered by the attack on Argov. Israel holds the Palestine Liberation Organization responsible.

The rally was addressed by Jewish community leaders, non-Jewish friends of Israel and Israel's Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir who stressed that Israel's only goal in Lebanon "is that it should not be used as a base for aggression against Israel and that foreign troops should leave Lebanese soil."

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Foreign Secretary Francis Pym were sharply criticized by speakers for condemning Israel's incursion into Lebanon in the same terms as the Argentine seizure of the Falkland Islands. A non-Jewish speaker, Prof. Paul Wilkinson of Aberdeen University, accused the British ministers of "hypocritical cant."

Britain's Chief Rabbi, Sir Immanuel Jakobovits said he hoped the world would be grateful to Israel for demonstrating that terrorism cannot succeed, just as Britain was showing in the South Atlantic that unprovoked aggression must not succeed.

CEASE-FIRE WITH SYRIANS HOLDING; BUT FIGHTING WITH PLO CONTINUES

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 13 (JTA) -- Heavy fighting was reported this evening between Israeli troops and Palestinian forces dug in at the Ein Khilwei refugee camp on the outskirts of Sidon. The Palestinians were said to have dug a complicated system of underground bunkers in the camp from which they were harassing Israeli units. They were also reported holding Sidon residents hostage in a local mosque.

The Israel Air Force reportedly carried out heavy raids this afternoon on Palestinian bases in the Beirut stadium and international airport area.

Earlier today, a military spokesman said that a cease-fire agreed to with Syrian forces Friday was holding fairly well in the eastern sector of Lebanon but Palestinians were still firing on Israeli positions south of Beirut. According to the spokesman, the Palestinians accepted a cease-fire declared by Israel last night in the eastern sector but continued shooting this morning.

By afternoon, heavy artillery fire was directed at Israeli forces which replied with artillery and later sent in the Air Force to bomb Palestinian positions. Israeli troops continued what were described as mopping up operations in the Israeli-held areas of Lebanon. Infantry patrols were reported to be flushing out scattered pockets of resistance.

Some 130 Israelis Killed In Fighting

The spokesman announced that 16 Israeli soldiers were killed in battle Friday and 176 were wounded, 26 of them seriously and the rest with light or moderate wounds. An unofficial tally of Israeli casualties during the week of fighting that ended Friday listed more than 130 dead and over 600 wounded. The dead include two senior officers, Maj. Gen. Yekutiel Adam and Brig. Gen. (Res) Haim Selah who were gunned down in an ambush at an advance Israeli command post.

Adam was the highest ranking Israeli officer ever to fall in battle.

Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan said yesterday that the mopping up operations and the search for terrorist arms was a huge task that would take days or weeks to complete. According to the Israelis, the quantities of Palestine Liberation Organization arms and ammunition seized up to now far exceeds the highest estimates. They said the weapons were mainly of Soviet manufacture and were brand new, some still packed in protective coatings of grease.

An army source said the Palestinian arsenal uncovered so far includes 500 tanks. Originally, Israel had estimated the PLO had no more than 80. Hundreds, possibly thousands of tons of ammunition were found in underground dumps and store-houses, the Israelis said.

The army said that terrorist prisoners captured in possession of Kalatchnikov rifles and other weapons included boys aged 11-15 and a large number of non-Palestinians. Among the latter were volunteers from India, Bangladesh and other countries. According to the Israelis, a Yemen taken prisoner told them he was recruited by the PLO with promises of "money and women."

Generals Ambushed

The circumstances of the deaths of the two Israeli generals were described to reporters today. In the company of another officer of lower rank, they were observing the battle from the roof of the command post when shell fire drove them to the cellar of the building for cover. As Gen. Adam opened the cellar door, he was riddled with automatic fire at point-blank range from Palestinians concealed there. Gen. Selah was fatally wounded by a second burst of fire. He fell over backward on top of the junior officer whose life was thereby saved.

Combat with Syrian forces halted after the latter accepted a cease-fire Friday. But heavy fighting continued yesterday in the region south of Beirut. A military spokesman said yesterday that Palestinians fired on Israeli forces between Damour and the Beirut airport. Israeli artillery, tanks and infantry returned the fire and the Air Force carried out frequent raids on the Haldeh area south of the Beirut international airport. Haldeh is the site of the main Palestinian headquarters and their last stronghold. Ground forces received close naval support which has been a feature of the past week's fighting.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir stressed in a radio interview yesterday that the cease-fire unilaterally offered by Israel applied only to the Syrian army which accepted it. He said Israel would continue fighting the Palestinians until they stopped shooting.

As the fighting in Lebanon appeared to be winding down, except for local search-and-destroy missions against Palestinian hold-outs, opinion in Israel was predictably divided over the success of the Lebanese operation, dubbed "Peace for Galilee." Government forces hailed the operation as an unqualified success which removed the Palestinian threat to northern Israel. Opposition spokesmen agree that the PLO has been dealt a heavy blow and driven beyond rocket and artillery range of Israel.

But they contend that the PLO has not been destroyed and a solution to the Palestinian problem has been brought no closer by the week of costly fighting. All military commentators agree that the success of the operation was due to the close coordination of ground, sea and air forces and the excellent training of Israeli troops. They hailed the destruction of Syrian SAM-6 anti-aircraft missiles in the Bekaa Valley of eastern Lebanon last Wednesday and Thursday as a brilliant technical coup for which the Air Force deserves full credit.

NYANA HEADS DECLARE JEWS FROM OPPRESSED LANDS MUST BE HELPED TO FIND HAVEN

NEW YORK, June 13 (JTA) — Arthur Chernick, president of the New York Association for New Americans (NYANA) declared here that Jews from all lands of oppression must be aided to reach "whatever haven of refuge they seek." Hopefully, he said, they will emigrate to Israel "where they are sorely needed," but if not there, they should be assisted to go elsewhere.

Chernick addressed more than 350 guests at NYANA's 33rd annual meeting which hailed "the dedicated services of more than 75 volunteers."

"As the principal Jewish agency responsible for resettling Jewish refugees in the New York metropolitan area, and the largest local refugee aid organization in the country, it is doubly important that we make known our position," Chernick stressed. He was re-elected NYANA president.

Since NYANA was established in 1949, it has resettled more than 237,000 Jewish-refugees here, he reported. They came, he said, "in 13 waves of emigration, beginning with victims of the Holocaust, after World War II, followed by refugees from Greece, Hungary, Egypt, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Syria, Iran and Russia."

"In the last ten years," Chernick said "more than 35,000 Russian Jews were helped to establish new lives in New York City. However," he pointed out, "the number of Jewish emigrants from the Soviet Union has dropped precipitously in the past year, from 2,798 in 1981 to only 269 in the first five months of 1982.

"As a result, we have sharply reduced our staff and contracted our operations. But because the tide of emigration is habitually affected by unpredictable political events and sudden, often unexplained, changes in government policies, we must remain at all times ready to expand to meet the needs of men, women and children seeking refuge, freedom and opportunity," Chernick emphasized.

6,943 Helped In 1981

In 1981, Mark Handelman, NYANA executive director reported the agency helped a total of 6,943 clients. A wide range of reception case-work, counseling, vocational, and acculturation services was provided to 3,603 new arrivals; 127 Jews came from Eastern Europe, 23 from Iran, 23 from Syria, 5 from other countries, and 2,798 from the Soviet Union. In addition, at the request of the United States Government, NYANA used its expertise to help resettle 567 refugees from Indochina, 50 from Cuba and 10 from Haiti.

NYANA will receive the Program of the Year Award from the National Association of Jewish Vocational Services, Harvey Goldman, executive director, announced. The award, he said, will be presented to NYANA in recognition of its successful piping design training program at Cooper Union. Twenty-one engineers — recent Jewish emigres from the Soviet Union — were awarded certificates after completing a 30-week training program at the prestigious engineering school. Nineteen have already secured employment in their chosen profession. The program is continuing. Twenty engineers are now enrolled in the second cycle.

REAGAN URGED TO DISMISS GRACE

NEW YORK, June 13 (JTA) — Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, has called on President Reagan to dismiss J. Peter Grace as head of a panel on government cost control not only for his recent "slur" against Puerto Rican Americans but for his "close relationship for many years with Dr. Otto Ambros, a convicted Nazi war criminal."

In a letter to the White House, Schindler charged that Grace "has demonstrated his gross unfitness by his ignorant slurs against Puerto Rican Americans."

Last week in Dallas, Grace called the federal food stamp program "basically a Puerto Rican program." He subsequently apologized for what he said had been an "oratorical mistake." Schindler expressed the view that Grace's appointment as head of the Private Sector Survey on Cost Control, which recommends cuts in government operating costs, was "profoundly disturbing."

He said it was "a matter of public record" that Grace, the chairman and chief executive officer of W.R. Grace & Company, "has maintained a close relationship for many years with Dr. Otto Ambros, a convicted Nazi war criminal." Dr. Ambros, who was employed by W.R. Grace & Company as a technical consultant until December 13, 1981, was convicted at the Nuremberg trials for using slave labor in the chemical plant he operated for I. G. Farben, Schindler said.

Schindler noted in his letter that the forthcoming issue of Reform Judaism, published by the UAHC, contains charges that Ambros was not only a prominent Nazi party member but also a leading expert on the production and testing — on slave laborers — of poison gas.

EUROPEANS SUPPORT SOVIET JEWRY

By Henriette Boas

AMSTERDAM, June 13 (JTA) — The European Interparliamentary Conference adopted a resolution here calling on the Soviet Union to permit more Jews to emigrate, free Jews imprisoned for applying for exit visas, and to allow a European parliamentary commission to investigate conditions under which Jews live in the USSR.

The Conference, meeting in the Second Chamber of the Dutch Parliament in The Hague Friday, was attended by representatives from Holland, Britain, Belgium, France, Sweden, Austria and Ireland. They were welcomed by Dirk Dolman, chairman of the Second Chamber. The current chairman of the European Parliament, Dutch Socialist Piet Dankert, recalled in his address that the European Parliament recently resolved to appeal to the Foreign Ministers of the ten European Economic Community (EEC) member states to raise the treatment of Soviet Jews with the Moscow government.

Ivan Lawrence, a British Conservative MP, said there are indications that the number of Jews allowed to leave the Soviet Union will soon decrease to even less than the present trickle.

NEW YORK (JTA) — The World Jewish Congress reports that hundreds of leaders of world Jewry and of Israeli political and religious life will gather in Bucharest on July 12-13 to celebrate the 70th birthday of Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen.