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## ISRAEL CAPTURES BEIRUT AIRPORT, LINK UP WITH CHRISTIAN FORCES, PALESTINIANS ARE SURROUNDED

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 14 (JTA) -- Israeli forces captured Beirut international airport at dawn today and seized a crossroad at Khalde south of Beirut, effectively surrounding Palestinian forces still in the city. Palestinian resistance was expected to end shortly. According to the Israelis, it was the Palestinians who broke a cease-fire they had requested through President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, which led to the intensification of fighting in Lebanon during the past 24 hours.

The Israelis have linked up with Christian military forces and some Lebanese army officers in the Beirut suburbs. Defense Minister Ariel Sharon and a party of his senior aides visited the forward area last night to confer with the Christian leaders who have long been Israel's allies in opposition to the Palestine Liberation Organization and their leftist Moslem supporters.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who flew to Paris today on an official visit, said before his departure from Ben Gurion Airport that Israel has no intention of dictating what kind of government Lebanon should have in the future. "God forbid. We have no interest or desire to dictate anything to anybody. We are concerned solely with Israel's security," Shamir said.

He said his trip to France, at the invitation of Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson, was to explain to French leaders Israel's reasons for undertaking what it calls the "Peace for Galilee" operation. President Francois Mitterrand has strongly condemned Israel's invasion of Lebanon. Shamir said, "I know that France has a certain interest in Lebanon's fate. I don't know exactly what France's proposal or plans are on this subject, but I think that when I meet with French government representatives, I will know more and we will be able to exchange views."

With respect to the continued fighting in Lebanon, the Foreign Minister said "We are in the last stage of this operation. Of our own free will and initiative we declared a cease-fire. Even if there are elements which are not keeping this cease-fire we, for our part, are striving as much as possible to limit fire so as to bring about a swift and total end to military action."

The army meanwhile has maintained almost complete silence on operations in Lebanon and the Israeli media must depend on foreign reports, especially Beirut radio for information. The Israel Editors Committee has protested the official blackout of information and accused the government of using the "fog of war" to keep the public in the dark as to what is happening in Lebanon.

Israeli newspapers have also complained that the army has withheld the extent of Israeli casualties in the Lebanese fighting. Their own estimate is that about 130 Israeli soldiers were killed as of yesterday. The official figure is 107. An army spokesman indicated that no further casualty lists will be published until the fighting ends.

Sharon said in a radio interview today that Israeli forces seized the Beirut airport and other positions it now holds in order to bar the escape of PLO forces from Beirut and prevent Syrian re-enforcements from reaching them. He said that although the main Beirut-Damascus highway is blocked, U.S. special envoy Philip Habib would have no trouble shuttling between the two cities on his peace-making mission. "We are blocking the road to military supplies but not to friendly civilian movement," Sharon said.

He confirmed that he had visited the Beirut suburbs last night to meet with local Lebanese commanders and police and the Mayor of Ba'abda village which Israeli forces had captured earlier in the day. He said he had asked the Lebanese officers to put part of their headquarters at the disposal of Israeli troops. Sharon said that while PLO headquarters have been destroyed, PLO commanders might have escaped and could still operate. But the PLO is completely shut off from the world and can no longer control "international terrorism" Sharon said.

## Soldier Says It's Up To Politicians

Israel Radio quoted a senior officer in charge of operations in the Beirut suburbs as saying that "the fighting has, in effect, ended. It's now up to the politicians."

Life was reported to be returning to near normal in Sidon, where some 100,000 residents remain with another 100,000 expected to return within the coming days. The military governor of the town said it was hoped to restore electricity within two weeks. Food and water was being supplied to the residents from PLO and guerrilla stocks found in the town.

In the central sector, also, shops were beginning to reopen and farmers were again bringing vegetables and produce to local markets.

## SERVICE COUNTED IN WAFEN SS

By David Kantor

BONN, June 14 (JTA) -- A federal court in Kassel has ruled that service in the units of the Waffen SS, the military branch of the Nazi SS during the Third Reich, could not be considered as a military service. But the court decided that the time in which members of the Waffen SS served as soldiers on the front should be counted for pension rights.

The court decision may be important in thousands of cases of former members of the Waffen SS, who have been lobbying for years for improved pension rights.

In Germany there is a widespread opinion that the Waffen SS and the SS were two separate organizations.

## SHAMIR GETS ICY FRENCH WELCOME

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, June 14 (JTA) -- Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir arrived here today for a three-day visit, the first by an Israeli leader abroad

since the invasion of Lebanon. Shamir, given an icy welcome by the French Administration, is due to meet Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson tomorrow for a brief lunch and working session.

Several left-wing Jewish organizations and a number of internationally prominent Jewish intellectuals have called for a silent demonstration in front of the Israeli embassy tomorrow evening to protest Israel's policy in Lebanon. Among them are physicist Laurent Schwartz, philosopher Vladimir Yankelevicz, professor of medicine Jean Minkovski and jurist Michel Rappaport.

It is the first known time that prominent members of the French Jewish community have dissociated themselves from a major policy decision taken by an Israeli government.

Several Arab leaders had asked President Francois Mitterrand to cancel the Israeli Minister's visit. The President refused to yield to this pressure but has reportedly instructed his government to avoid any unnecessary contacts with Shamir. The only French Minister besides Cheysson scheduled to meet with Shamir is Interior Minister Gaston Deferre, an old friend of Israel.

Senate President Alain Poher, who is giving a dinner in Shamir's honor, tomorrow, belongs to the opposition, and contrary to the American political scene plays a relatively minor role in France.

#### Media Critical Of Israel

For the last 24 hours the French press, radio and television have been sharply critical of Israel. Some commentators claim that Israel is preparing "a massacre" of Palestinians in the occupied Lebanese territories.

Shamir said on arrival today that he hopes to heal the existing rift between France and Israel during his three-day stay. But both Mitterrand and Premier Pierre Mauroy have refused to meet with him.

Shamir arrived only hours after the Foreign Ministry expressed its "deep concern" over the situation in Lebanon and announced that Cheysson has been conferring, presumably by radio, with Palestinian leaders, including the head of the Palestine Liberation Organization's political department, Farouk Kaddumi. France would have preferred it if Shamir had postponed his trip which the French insist is a "working visit" and not an "official" stay, although Shamir was formally invited to France by Cheysson during Mitterrand's trip to Israel last March.

#### ALIYA NOW URGED

NEW YORK, June 14 (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency in Jerusalem called today on Jews to make aliya and to strengthen the Jewish state -- "not in Zur, Sidon and Beirut -- but in Carmiel, Efrat and Jerusalem."

In a cable to the Agency's New York Office, Raphael Kotlowitz, Chairman of the Immigration and Absorption department in Jerusalem, urged "our people abroad" to draw new motivation for aliya from the courage and pursuit of peace that Israel has demonstrated in its relations with Egypt and "the heroic deeds" performed in Lebanon by Israeli "boys who hate war."

But the statement stressed that Jewish immigrants should seek to direct its contributions to civilian life, rather than expect to be involved in the fighting in Lebanon. "Our army may not need you -- our Land does," the statement said.

Saying that Israel was in the midst of a "war for peace," the statement added "Israel is a country and a people to be proud of. But we would like to be as strong in peace as we are in war. For that we need you to come, settle in our land, become part of us."

Moshe Schechter, head of the aliya department of the Jewish Agency in New York, said the stress on Israel's need for contributions to the country's civilian life was a response to the many queries received in recent days by Jews seeking to enlist in the Israeli army, in light of the fighting in Lebanon.

#### ISRAELI OPERATION CALLED 'NECESSARY'

SOUTHFIELD, Mich., June 14 (JTA) -- Rep. Edward Derwinski (R. Ill.) has called the Israeli military operation in Lebanon "a necessary and long overdue" action and warned that the continued "uncontrolled presence" of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Lebanon creates the "greatest potential" for causing another war in the Middle East.

"The tragedy of Lebanon is caused by the Syrian protected PLO presence in that country, and the Israeli military incursion into Lebanon is a necessary and long overdue move protecting both Israeli and long-term Lebanese interests," Derwinski, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said in an address to the national executive committee of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) which met here this weekend.

Meanwhile, the ZOA presented Philip Slomovitz, editor of the Detroit Jewish News with the ZOA Justice Louis Brandeis Award at a luncheon yesterday attended by several hundred national representatives of the ZOA. Ivan Novick, ZOA president, in presenting the award to Slomovitz, said he "never forgot his roots or his people." "He knows what the Zionist commitment really means," Novick declared.

#### Slomovitz: 'Never Be Silent'

Slomovitz, a vice president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, said that his Zionist credo was that "for the sake of Zion, never be silent," as well as, "have no fear." He called on those present "to work for justice for our people."

Also noting Slomovitz' dedication to the Jewish community and Zionism was Max Fisher of Detroit. Fisher, who is the chairman of the board of Governors of the Jewish Agency, called for unity in the American Jewish community and said that American Jews would again be called on to stand by Israel and help her in these difficult days.

Derwinski, in his address to the ZOA national executive committee, warned of the danger posed by the continued PLO presence in Lebanon. "As long as the PLO, with Syrian military support, maintains an autonomous status within Lebanon and used the territory of that country for attacks and raids on Israel, an outbreak of hostilities was inevitable," he said. "As long as the PLO has a major uncontrolled presence in Lebanon, the situation there had the greatest potential for causing another Middle East war."

Derwinski said that the obvious solution to the PLO presence in Lebanon would be to have various Arab governments substitute their hearts for their rhetoric and absorb the Palestinian refugees. He said this would diffuse the security situation facing Israel and would end the tragedy in Lebanon, permitting the fragile but workable Lebanese governmental structure to be re-established. He added "I am optimistic that the recent Israeli movement into Lebanon will not in any way provoke a further Middle East conflict."

## U.S. SAYS PALESTINIANS IN LEBANON MUST ACCEPT AUTHORITY OF LEBANESE GOVERNMENT

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, June 14 (JTA) — The State Department said today that those Palestinians who wish to remain in Lebanon following an Israeli withdrawal, must respect the authority of the government.

"Palestinians who want to remain in Lebanon would have to be subservient to the authority of the Lebanese government," department spokesman Dean Fischer said today.

Fischer said that the United States, since the conflict in Lebanon began, has not had direct contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization. But he said that the U.S. had "had a number of contacts with parties with input on the PLO and we would anticipate that those contacts would continue."

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Alexander Haig conferred for three hours this afternoon with Egypt's Foreign Minister Kamal Hossain Ali on issues that Haig said included a range of "bilateral, regional, and global problems of mutual concern to both Egypt and the U.S."

### Haig, Ali Discuss Lebanon

Ali told reporters that "the Lebanon question was at the top of our discussion ... much depends on the willingness of the people to get stability in the area." The Egyptian Foreign Minister reiterated his country's commitment to the peace process, saying it remains "valid." But on the issue of the long stalled negotiations on Palestinian autonomy, Ali said: "I think some time has to pass before overcoming the difficulties which arose in the past month."

Haig shared a similar view on the autonomy negotiations. He said that until the situation in Lebanon is settled, "it would be difficult to go on with the peace process and the autonomy talks in particular. It would be our hope that the ultimate solution to the Lebanese crisis will be a catalyst for facilitating progress in the peace process."

### Habib In Beirut

Regarding the mission of special U.S. envoy Philip Habib, Haig said the veteran diplomat traveled today to Beirut to discuss the situation with the Lebanese government "to strengthen the future posture the U.S. seeks along with the establishment of 'authority over their territory and internationally recognized borders.'" Haig added that the U.S. has held "very productive" discussions with the Syrian government on the issue of Lebanon.

Asked whether the U.S. anticipated an Israeli occupation of Beirut, Haig retorted emphatically: "We have been assured that Israel has no intention of occupying Beirut."

Fischer had no comment on the warning to Israel by the Soviet Union today, reported by Tass, that Moscow's interests could be affected by Israel's actions in Lebanon. The spokesman said that "much of the Soviet rhetoric on the Lebanon crisis, particularly charges that the U.S. is in collusion with Israel, has been groundless and inflammatory."

### EGYPT WANTS FIRING ON PLO STOPPED

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 14 (JTA) — Ambassador

Saad Mortada of Egypt made a second appeal to Israel within 24 hours today to cease firing on Palestine Liberation Organization forces in Beirut. Mortada telephoned Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche transmitting what he said was an urgent message from the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Butros Ghali.

Mortada transmitted a similar message from Ghali to Israel earlier. An Israeli spokesman, reporting the "additional" Egyptian request, said Kimche had sought to clarify whether the request had come from the PLO, "because if so Israel cannot accept it since Israel does not negotiate with terrorist organizations." He said that "upon the Ambassador's clarification that the request came from Dr. Ghali, Kimche told the Ambassador that Israel would cease its fire when its forces ceased being shot at." The spokesman said "Kimche stressed that Israel had already announced two cease-fires, and each time the PLO had continued firing upon Israel's forces."

Israeli observers pointed to the irony of the situation in which the PLO, sworn foes of the Israel-Egypt peace treaty should appeal to Egypt to bring its influence to bear on Israel on behalf of the beleaguered PLO forces.

Egyptian sources in Israel said the latest Egyptian effort should be seen as a continuation of President Hosni Mubarak's messages to Premier Menachem Begin last week urging a cease fire in Lebanon. "Egypt does not want to see the weekend cease-fire break down," these sources said, "especially as that would lead to a broadening of the fighting again."

Meanwhile, in Cairo, Mubarak returned from a brief visit to Riyadh where he conferred with Saudi Arabia's new ruler, King Fahd and other Arab leaders who came to pay their respects to King Khaled, who died yesterday.

Also in Cairo a group of lawyers gathered at their association's premises to protest against Israel's invasion of Lebanon and called on the government of President Hosni Mubarak to denounce the Camp David peace agreements with Israel. The lawyers shouted slogans attacking what they called collusion between Israel and some Arab states over Lebanon, and called for "Arab unity to stop Zionist aggression."

The lawyer's demonstration was the first open outbreak of anti-Israeli feeling in Cairo since the start of Israel's military operations in Lebanon. Earlier today, the Israeli Embassy in Cairo was cordoned off after anonymous callers said two bombs had been placed on the premises during the night. The building was thoroughly searched but no explosives were found.

NEW YORK (JTA) — Emanah Women of America has been asked to take child care under its wing in the new city of Efrat.

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — Dr. Nahum Goldmann, former president of the World Jewish Congress, was sharply critical of Israel's invasion of Lebanon. In an interview in Paris with the Dutch daily Het Parool, he predicted that Israel's victory will be short-lived. He said he hoped the United States would now intervene but admitted that hope was slight.

Goldmann said the victory over the Palestine Liberation Organization forces in Lebanon has not put an end to the PLO. He maintained that the PLO had been observing the cease-fire along the Lebanese border which went into effect last July. He said the main responsibility for what has happened in Lebanon lies with the U.S. which supports Israel.

## SOMBER MOOD PREVAILS AT ISRAEL AMBASSADOR'S BALL; PARTICIPANTS BACK ISRAEL, MOURN CASUALTIES

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, June 14 (JTA) -- A somber and austere mood prevailed here last night as some 1,000 persons gathered for the annual Ambassador's Ball sponsored by the Washington Committee State of Israel Bonds.

The usual orchestra, entertainers, and glittering decorations were cancelled after an emergency meeting last Thursday of the Israel Bond Organization and officials of the Israel Embassy. The dinner at the Washington Hotel, however, was held as a gesture of solidarity with Israel and mourning for the Israelis and innocent victims who lost their lives in the conflict in Lebanon.

The Israeli Ambassador to the U.S., Meche Arens, told a hushed audience of the tragedy Lebanon has endured from both Syrian and Palestine Liberation Organization occupation. "Let us hope we may see the beginning of the end of the destruction. We hope that with the Israeli withdrawal, there will also be a withdrawal of the Syrian forces from Lebanon. We know that we have vastly reduced the capability of the PLO forces in Lebanon."

Arens continued: "A week after the start of the invasion, we turn our eyes to the future. Let us hope that we have succeeded in bringing permanent victory and peace to Israel. Let us hope that a new chapter has been opened in the tragic history of Lebanon, and that Lebanon will again be sovereign, independent and at peace."

Many government officials, Congressmen and Senators, including Interior Secretary James Watt, attended the dinner. The ball it was recalled was held in a similar mood in 1967, following the Six Day War.

## AMERICAN, CANADIAN HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS TO MEET IN WASHINGTON

NEW YORK, June 14 (JTA) -- The first North American mass gathering of Holocaust survivors focusing on the Jewish civil and armed resistance against Nazi Germany will take place in Washington, D.C., from April 11-15, 1983. Benjamin Meed, president of the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors announced here last night.

Addressing a dinner of the World Gathering leadership attended by more than 150 leaders from throughout the U.S., Meed said that "not only will the 40th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising be commemorated, but tribute will be paid to those who participated throughout Europe in all forms of resistance."

Meed, who was the vice chairman of the 1981 World Gathering of Holocaust Survivors in Israel in June, 1981, predicted that several thousand American and Canadian survivors and their families will come to the special events scheduled to be held at the Kennedy Center, Constitution Hall, Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery.

Meed also announced that Elie Wiesel, the author and chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, is honorary president. The entire program will be conducted under the sponsorship of the Days of Remembrance Committee of the Memorial Council.

According to those planning the event, tribute will be paid to Jews who fought in the ghettos and those who prayed in defiance of the edicts that group worship was forbidden. In addition, it was announced that tribute will be paid to the

teachers who continued to teach secretly although they did so at the risk of their lives.

"We will remember those who printed illegal leaflets of defiance and those who secretly distributed them in face of severe punishment," Meed said. "And we will remember those who fought with the partisan forces in the forests and the caves and harassed the Nazi oppressors at every opportunity."

## SOVIET RECORD WORSENS

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, June 14 (JTA) -- The record of the Soviet Union with respect to emigration and family reunification "continued to worsen" during the six month period ending last April 30, according to the President's 12th semiannual report to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe on Implementation of the Helsinki Final Act. It cited "the continuing deterioration of East-West relations" as the cause.

The report, submitted by the State Department to Rep. Dante Fascell (D. Fla.), chairman of the Congressional group which monitors compliance with the Helsinki accords, said that while freer travel policies were detected in Eastern Europe, the Soviet government denied its citizens that right. The report noted that the Soviet government is signatory to several international documents which assert the right of citizens to leave their countries.

Family reunification is the only officially recognized basis for emigration from the Soviet Union. The report found that Poland, Rumania and the USSR had the largest number of unresolved family reunification cases in the six month period reviewed. Other Eastern European countries covered by the report are Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic and Hungary.

The report stated: "The Soviet record in areas of emigration and family reunification continued to worsen during the review period ... With the continuing deterioration of East-West relations, family reunification applicants from widely varying areas of the Soviet Union reportedly are being denied exit permits 'because of the current state of relations between the U.S. and the USSR.'"

The report noted that in 1979 Rumania established a system of voluntary registration with the Federation of Rumanian Jewish Communities for Rumanian Jews wishing to emigrate. But there was a backlog of approximately 300 individuals who registered over a year ago, the report found. Emigration to Israel in 1982 is somewhat lower than in 1980, the report observed. Other human rights aspects discussed in the report included religious contacts; dissemination of information; working conditions for journalists; bi-national marriage cases; and cooperation and exchange in the fields of culture and education.

## UNDP AIDS PALESTINIANS

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, June 14 (JTA) -- The Governing Council of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) has approved a \$4 million project to assist the Palestinian people. It acted on the recommendation of its Administrator, Bradford Morse, who suggested that the project be headquartered in Jerusalem to make it easier to oversee and monitor the activities of the organization.

He also appealed to interested governments and intergovernmental organizations to provide the UNDP with another \$8 million to implement a revised program of assistance to help meet the economic and social needs of the Palestinians. Mohammed Nashashibi, the Palestine Liberation Organization representative, said that it was impossible for the Palestinian people to carry out economic or social development under Israeli occupation.