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## ISRAEL AGREES TO GIVE U.S. MORE TIME TO NEGOTIATE WITHDRAWAL OF PLO FORCES FROM WEST BEIRUT

By Gil Sedan and Hugh Orgel

JERUSALEM, July 28 (JTA) -- Israel has agreed to give the United States some additional time to negotiate the withdrawal of Palestine Liberation Organization forces from Lebanon but is simultaneously escalating military pressure against the PLO remnant in west Beirut.

Premier Menachem Begin said today, after meeting with U.S. special envoy Philip Habib, that the American diplomat would seek a clear cut commitment from the PLO to pull out of west Beirut and would report his progress in two days. Habib reportedly told Begin there was now a good chance to reach a settlement but the first step in that direction should be the restoration of the cease-fire.

This afternoon Israel Radio quoted Beirut Radio as announcing a new cease-fire would take effect late tonight. Arrangements for the cease-fire were apparently worked out by Habib in talks here this morning. The U.S. envoy left Israel later in the day and returned to Beirut.

### Continued Bombardment Of Terrorist Positions

Israeli forces, meanwhile, continued their heavy aerial and artillery bombardment of Palestinian positions in west Beirut, combined with naval shelling and rocket attacks from off-shore. Reporters in Beirut, watching the scene described yesterday's pounding as the most intense and severe of the war in Lebanon, now 52 days old. A military spokesman said two Israeli soldiers were slightly wounded by PLO fire yesterday.

The Israelis accused the PLO of firing into the largely Christian civilian quarters of east Beirut and attacking the Christian port of Junieh, 15 kilometers north of Beirut, where a German-owned ship chartered by the International Red Cross was severely damaged by rockets. One crewman was killed and five were injured. Air raids and artillery fire continued in west Beirut today where the Israelis again cut off the electricity and water supplies to the PLO-held Moslem quarter.

It was understood that the Israelis have given Habib until the end of next week to come up with a peaceful solution to the west Beirut impasse. Israel is not expected to take additional military action until then, by which time Begin will have returned from a state visit to Zaire and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir will be back from Washington. Shamir is scheduled to meet with Secretary of State George Shultz August 2-3.

Before leaving Jerusalem, Habib met with Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres. The opposition leader said he got the impression that there was a good chance for a diplomatic solution in Lebanon although many obstacles remained.

He disagreed with his colleague, former Premier Yitzhak Rabin, presently visiting the U.S., who said the PLO should be allowed temporary haven in northern and eastern Lebanon after they leave Beirut. Peres supported the government's demand that the PLO must leave Lebanon without delay. The Lebanese government reportedly agrees with Israel's position.

The Prime Minister's Office, meanwhile claimed today that Begin had been misquoted by visiting U.S. Congressman Paul McCloskey (R. Calif.) after the two met yesterday. McCloskey was reported to have said on an American television interview that Begin claimed Israel's right to destroy Beirut "even if it would have to kill 10 Lebanese and five Palestinian civilians for every Palestinian soldier." The Prime Minister's Office called that "a complete invention" and accused McCloskey of being a long-time foe of Israel.

## ZAIRE ENVOY PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS TO NAVON

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 28 (JTA) -- The new Ambassador from Zaire to Israel, Mbuze N. Sami Lobwanabi, presented his credentials today to President Yitzhak Navon. At the ceremony, Navon welcomed the envoy and said this was a "historic and great moment for Israel."

The President expressed his confidence that other Black African nations will follow the "Zaire pioneers." He also expressed appreciation for the courage and "the far reaching understanding of a statesman like your President who is the father of your nation," Mobutu Sese Seko.

Premier Menachem Begin is scheduled to visit Zaire next week and meet with Mobutu to mark the resumption of diplomatic relations with that country. Zaire is the first Black African state to renew diplomatic relations with Israel since it and most other Black African states broke ties with Israel in 1973. Mobutu announced last March that with Egypt now having diplomatic relations with Israel, there was no reason to continue its break.

Before the Yom Kippur War of 1973, Israel had strong relations with Black African nations and was instrumental in helping a number of them in development projects. But in 1973, at the urging of the Arab League, then headed by Egypt, all but Malawi, Swaziland and Lesotho broke off ties with Israel.

## McCLOSKEY ACCUSED OF BEING 'USED' BY ARAFAT

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, July 28 (JTA) -- Rep. Elliot Levitas (D. Ga.) accused Rep. Paul McCloskey (R. Cal.) of allowing himself to be "used" by Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat when McCloskey claimed that Arafat had agreed to accept Israel's right to exist and United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338.

"What Arafat did was engage in a very calculated, contrived and deliberate propaganda effort to cause confusion and problems," Levitas told a press conference only a few hours after he returned from the Middle East this morning.

The Atlanta Congressman was part of a six-member Congressional delegation led by Rep. Nick Rahall (D. West Va.), which went on a fact-finding tour of the situation in Lebanon. Levitas said he did not join his five colleagues when they went to visit Arafat's headquarters in west Beirut Sunday because he knew it would be used by Arafat for propaganda purposes. When the Congressmen finished their talk with Arafat, McCloskey said that the PLO lead-

er signed a statement saying that he accepted "all resolutions relevant to the Palestinian question," which McCloskey interpreted as acceptance of Resolutions 242 and 338 and thus Israel's right to exist.

Levitas said the statement was "in no way any new concession or move" by the PLO. "In fact, it has already been renounced by the PLO itself," he said. Levitas charged it was a deliberate effort to create false expectations in various capitals, which he said has already happened in some Arab and some European countries.

Levitas said that McCloskey had tried to read more into the Arafat statement "then there was really there" because it supported McCloskey's efforts to get the United States to change its policy of support for Israel. He said there was "no question" that McCloskey was used and that he believed the California Congressman realizes that also. Levitas said he would advise Congressional delegations to "stay clear" of Arafat and not meet with the terrorist leader.

The same advice seemed to come from the State Department today, although not directly aimed at the PLO. Department spokesman Dean Fischer said the Department has advised Congressional or any other groups not to go to Lebanon at this time because the Department feels "it's not healthy" there.

#### Says Shultz Approved Of The Trip

Levitas said that the Congressional delegation had been authorized to go to the Mideast by House Speaker Tip O'Neill (D. Mass.) and the trip had the approval of Secretary of State George Shultz, although neither had given them any instructions or directions for the trip. The Congressman said he was the only pro-Israel member of the group which also included Representatives Mary Rose Oaker, (D. Ohio), David Bonior (D. Mich.) and Mervyn Dymally (D. Cal.).

He noted that McCloskey, Oaker, Dymally and Rahall had introduced a resolution in the House to cut off all military aid to Israel in the wake of the Lebanese operation. At the same time, he praised Oaker and Rahall for leading the effort in the House to provide \$50 million in humanitarian aid for Lebanon.

The Congressional group visited Syria before going to Lebanon and then moved on to Israel. After Levitas left the delegation, the group went today to Egypt and will also visit Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

#### Not A Great Deal Of Optimism

Levitas said he returned from the Middle East "without a great deal of optimism" about the chances for long-term peace in the Middle East because of the rigid views he has heard expressed, particularly in Syria, but that he believed that if the peaceful departure of the "PLO terrorist fighters" could be accomplished, there could be a long period of at least non-belligerency. He said not only Israel wants the PLO out of Lebanon but also the Lebanese who also want to see the Israeli and Syrian armies leave.

Levitas doubted that McCloskey and other Congressmen would be successful in cutting off aid to Israel. He said a majority of Americans still support Israel but at the same time they want a comprehensive peace in the Middle East which includes the solution of the Palestinian problem.

Asked if all the deaths in Lebanon are worth whatever is accomplished, Levitas replied that Israel suffered more than 4,000 casualties from the PLO over the years. He said if the operation in Lebanon results in the removal of the terrorists in that country, the restoration of Lebanon as a free and independent nation and movement toward a comprehensive peace "that's worth it."

#### LEADING LIKUD MK RAPS FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR 'INEPT INFORMATION CAMPAIGN' DEALING WITH LEBANON

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 28 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and the Foreign Ministry came under sharp attack by a key Likud Knesset member for what he said was an "inept information campaign" dealing with the war in Lebanon.

Dr. Eliahu Ben-Elissar, chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, who was Israel's Ambassador to Egypt and a former Director General of the Prime Minister's office, blamed Shamir for not having convened even one press conference with foreign journalists to present Israel's position. He also charged at a Committee meeting Monday that Shamir refused to deal with the subject of the information campaign at Cabinet meetings.

Ben-Elissar said that in view of this "ineptness" he did not understand why the Foreign Ministry was surprised that most of the international media expressed sympathy for the Palestine Liberation Organization. The Ministry, he said, should have prepared itself ahead of time for such a development.

David Kimche, Director General of the Foreign Ministry, replied that his Ministry was only one of the bodies dealing with information. He said the Israel Defense Force spokesman was in charge of briefing journalists in Lebanon, and not the Foreign Ministry. Ben-Elissar responded by noting that this was not an explanation. If it was a question of coordinating information for the foreign media, Shamir was the one who should have raised it at the ministerial level, Ben-Elissar said.

#### Positive Report On Work Of Ministry

Sources at the Ministry expressed surprise that Ben-Elissar's comments were leaked out of the Knesset Committee, since the meeting was a closed one. The sources said the Committee received a comprehensive account of the extensive work of the Foreign Ministry in the area of informational activity which resulted in public opinion surveys showing that support for Israel in the United States and Western Europe has not diminished since the war began in Lebanon.

The account also noted that Shamir devotes considerable time daily for interviews with the media, thus becoming Israel's best known spokesman overseas, after Premier Menachem Begin.

#### LEGAL MANEUVERS DELAYING DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST DEMJANJUK

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, July 28 (JTA) -- Deportation proceedings against a 61-year-old Ukrainian-born auto-worker stripped of his citizenship for lying about his war-time Nazi crimes are being delayed by legal maneuvers by his attorney, an Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) official told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today in a telephone interview from Cleveland.

A. D. Moyer, INS district director in Cleveland, said the hunger strike John Demjanjuk started on July 19 was not very rigorous. Moyer said Demjanjuk, was jailed July 19 for failing to appear at a deportation hearing there originally set for July 12, was drinking fruit juices and milk and had actually gained weight -- from 207 pounds when he was incarcerated to 209 now.

Moyer said he had no idea as to why Demjanjuk had started his "hunger" strike.

Moyer also said no new date had been set for the deportation hearing for which the way was cleared legally when Demjanjuk had his citizenship revoked by Federal Judge Frank Battisti on June 23, 1981 after a five-month trial. Demjanjuk denied charges, some by surviving eye-witnesses, that he had tortured thousands of Jewish prisoners and herded them into gas chambers in concentration camps in occupied Poland.

Moyer said Demjanjuk's attorney, John Martin, had applied for a temporary restraining order against the deportation proceedings and that the application had been denied. Martin then appealed the denial to the Federal Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.

But, Moyer said, the appeals court did issue a stay of mandate on the order to proceed with the deportation proceedings. He said his office had asked the appeals court to vacate the stay. Pending action by the appeals court, deportation proceedings are in suspension, Moyer told the JTA.

The INS officer said the deportation proceeding will be held before Immigration Judge Adolph Angelilli and will essentially be a presentation of the evidence which led Judge Battisti to strip Demjanjuk of his citizenship for lying when he applied for naturalization in 1958.

Moyer said that Demjanjuk would probably be ordered deported but that Martin could appeal such an order. He said such an appeal would be reviewable by the Board of Immigration Appeals. Moyer also told the JTA that Martin might decide to appeal an adverse ruling to the Supreme Court, commenting that Martin had appealed every ruling to date against Demjanjuk.

#### ADMINISTRATION CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE IN LEBANON

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, July 28 (JTA) -- The Reagan Administration called today for an immediate restoration of the cease-fire in west Beirut. "Bloodshed must stop," State Department spokesman Dean Fischer said.

Fischer prefaced his call for a restoration of the cease-fire by saying: "It is a source of the greatest possible regret to us that many innocent people have been killed and wounded as the result of the breakdown of the cease-fire." He said the U.S. did not know which side caused the breakdown.

But he noted that President Reagan's special envoy Philip Habib is "heavily engaged" in trying to restore the cease-fire not only to save lives and property, but also in order to make headway in the political negotiations.

Nicholas Veliotis, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, told the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East this morning that Habib had some success on his recent shuttle to Israel and Arab countries and might resume the shuttle next week. Fischer said the U.S. continued to hope for "early progress in the effort to remove the Palestine Liberation Organization fighters from west Beirut" but stressed there is no deadline for this to be accomplished.

Fischer also emphasized that it is "not true that the U.S. has acquiesced in the bombardments of west Beirut." Sen. Paul Tsongas (D. Mass.), after meeting Israeli Premier Menachem Begin yesterday, said Begin had given the

impression that the U.S. had not been opposed to Israel's bombardment of terrorist targets in west Beirut but that the U.S. has changed its position.

On a related issue, Fischer said that the U.S. will not take any position on a proposed French-Egyptian draft resolution on Lebanon since it might change before it is brought up to the United Nations Security Council for a vote. He said that although the two countries asked for a meeting of the Security Council tomorrow, there is no way of telling now what form the resolution may take or whether the resolution will even come up for a vote at all.

The draft, which has been circulating privately among Council members since July 2, reportedly contains a reaffirmation of Resolution 242, mutual recognition of Israel and Palestinians, and a statement expressing support for the rights of the Palestinian people.

Fischer reiterated his statement of last week that the U.S. opposes any change in Resolution 242 since it is the "cornerstone" of U.S. policy in the Middle East. Fischer also said the U.S. opposes amending 242. The Palestine Liberation Organization claims it cannot accept that resolution because it does not mention the rights of the Palestinians.

#### JOSEPH ARNEST DEAD AT 76

NEW YORK, July 28 (JTA) -- Rabbi Joseph Arnest, a professor of Talmud since 1937 at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, an affiliate of Yeshiva University, died last Sunday at the age of 76. He was buried in Har Menuchot Cemetery in Israel.

A widely-regarded Torah scholar, Arnest came to the seminary at the recommendation of the Kovno Rav, Rabbi Avraham Dober Shapiro. He remained in his position for more than four decades, during which he taught hundreds of Talmudim. In 1964, Arnest was honored for his years of dedicated work at the university by the Rabbinic Alumni of Yeshiva University.

A native of Lithuania, Arnest studied in Europe under Rabbi Joseph Leib Bloch and Rabbi Isaac Bloch. He was ordained at the Yeshiva of Telshe Poland. He also studied at Yeshiva Navardok, Knesset Bais Yitzchok in Kremenzuck, and Knesset Yeshiva in Slobodka.

Arnest was an acknowledged scholar on the Rambam. He completed the third volume of "D'var Avraham," a manuscript of the Kovno Rav. His other writings included "Novelot and Illuminations on the Responsa of Maimonides," "Lev Yosef," and "Torah Eretz Tzvi." He was a contributor to HaPardes, HaMessiah, Talpioth, Bais Yitzchok, and Pri Etz Chaim.

#### INFLUX OF OLIM TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 28 (JTA) -- Some 100 immigrants arrived in Israel during the past 24 hours, an unprecedented number of immigrants for one day for a number of years. The largest number of them, 42, arrived on one flight from the United States. Most of the immigrants were 20 to 35 years old and university graduates. Mordechai Hirsch, of the Jewish Agency's Immigration and Absorption Department, said he hoped a similar number of immigrants would come from the U.S. next month. He said that as a result of the "Peace for Galilee" operation there was greater interest in aliyah among American Jewry.

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NEW YORK (JTA) -- HIAS helped almost 13,000 refugees find new homes in free countries last year, according to the agency's 101st annual report, published this week. Of those served, 6,720 were Soviet Jews. To conduct its programs, operated through a network of offices in 47 countries, HIAS spent \$11,523,935 in 1981, the report said.

## BEHIND THE HEADLINES ANTI-ISRAEL, ANTI-SEMITIC EXPRESSIONS UNABATED IN W. GERMANY By David Kantor

BONN, July 28 (JTA) -- Widespread anti-Israel and anti-Semitic expressions are continuing unabated as Israel continues its military action in Lebanon against Palestinian forces.

In recent days Ambassador Yitzhak Ben Ari of Israel was prevented several times from taking the floor at public meetings in various West German cities to present Israel's viewpoint on the situation in Lebanon. In West Berlin some 2,000 people participated in an anti-Israeli march, carrying banners equating the Israelis with the Nazis.

In two separate cases in Essen (the Ruhr area) and West Berlin, there were attempts to attack German journalists because they allegedly deviated from the general anti-Israel tone of the media. In Essen, the editorial office of the *Neue Ruhr Zeitung* was taken over for some time by 20 youths.

In West Berlin, the flat of Johann Legner, a correspondent of the *Tageszeitung* of Berlin, was picketed by an "anti-fascist commando." The "commando" left after painting anti-Semitic slogans on the walls of the house and breaking window panes in the flat. In both cases, the journalists were not present at the time of the incidents.

### Police Increase Security Measures

Several influential Jewish community leaders throughout the country have received threatening telephone calls. Some of the callers warned that Jews should leave the country as soon as possible "before it is too late."

Police have increased considerably security measures around synagogues and other Jewish institutions throughout Germany, saying that they were taking seriously the telephone calls. Security has also been increased around the already heavily guarded Israel Embassy in Bonn, near which some 20 people demonstrated yesterday carrying banners equating the Jewish people with the Nazis.

### Blames Influential Politicians

In a lengthy statement published in West Berlin, the chairman of the Jewish community there, Heinz Galinski, said that the anti-Semitic wave in the country has made Jews increasingly nervous. "They cannot enjoy a quiet night's sleep anymore," he said. Many individuals and groups in the Federal Republic, Galinski observed, are exploiting what they consider to be a "favorable occasion" (the situation in Lebanon) to evade responsibility for the Nazi era by condemning Israel as "Nazi."

He noted that many influential politicians are to be blamed for the new anti-Semitic atmosphere in the country. "This time," Galinski said, "the new wave did not filter upwards to the politicians from the grassroots. They themselves set the guidelines by over criticizing Israel. With the help of television, this attitude penetrated every home and affected the public in a chain reaction."

Galinski's statement expressed deep regret over what he termed "the silence of many whom we regard as our friends." It asked: "Why did many of our friends abandon us as anti-Jewish views became loud in many places in this country?"

Meanwhile, the spokesman for the Bonn government, Lothar Ruhl, said yesterday that the

government was reacting cautiously to reports that PLO chief Yasser Arafat had agreed to recognize Israel's right to exist. The spokesman said the West German government had not been informed directly on the matter.

At the same time, Bundestag Deputy Juergen Moellmann, one of the most vigorous supporters of the Arab cause here, called on the government to open immediately an official dialogue with the PLO. His colleague, Manfred Vorher, urged the government to suspend the DM 140 million loan given annually to Israel for development projects. Both Moellmann and Vorher are members of the Free Democratic Party, the junior party in the government coalition headed by the Social Democratic Party.

### REPORT WEST GERMAN ARMY ORDERED NOT TO SEND HIGH RANKING OFFICERS TO ISRAEL By David Kantor

BONN, July 28 (JTA) -- The West German army has been ordered by Chancellor Helmut Schmidt to refrain from sending high ranking officers to Israel, particularly generals. The order, confirmed by Defense Minister Hans Apel, was passed on to the German Military Attaches by Chief of Staff Gen. Juergen Brandt, the weekly *Die Welt* reported.

According to *Die Welt*, Schmidt's action was in line with a secret decision by the European Economic Community (EEC) member-states not to allow their military officers to visit Israel. The decision was taken at the EEC summit meeting in Brussels late last month, *Die Welt* said.

The *Die Welt* report was neither confirmed nor denied. But Defense Ministry sources said privately that the level of military contacts between West Germany and Israel has been reduced considerably over the past 10 months. Observers believe this reflected the deteriorating relations with Jerusalem following Premier Menachem Begin's personal attacks on Schmidt just before Israel's parliamentary elections in June, 1981.

### PLO Getting German-Made Rifles

Sources here confirmed, meanwhile, that an investigation has been launched into how West German-made rifles found their way to the Palestine Liberation Organization in Lebanon. The rifles of the G-3 type, which are standard issue to German soldiers, were captured by the Israelis.

Hundreds were displayed to the public in Tel Aviv recently in their original packing cases. This has embarrassed the Bonn authorities inasmuch as national policy until recently prohibited the sale of weapons to belligerents in areas of tension.

The rifles, manufactured by the West German firm of Heckler and Koch, are assumed to have been sold directly to the PLO or transferred to them by Saudi Arabia.

### ARGOV TO RETURN TO ISRAEL

LONDON, July 28 (JTA) -- Shlomo Argov, Israel's Ambassador to Britain, will soon be flown back to Israel to continue his recovery from the assassination attempt on him eight weeks ago.

Last week, the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases said Argov had only a one in ten chance of surviving the brain damage suffered when an Arab terrorist shot him June 3.

For the first six weeks in the hospital, the 53-year-old envoy was unconscious and linked to a breathing machine. He is now speaking, eating and drinking and breathing normally and occasionally sits up in bed, an Israeli official said today.