

## EGYPT FAVORS ASSOCIATING WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP TO JORDAN

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Oct. 14 (JTA). -- Egypt came out today in favor of an association between Jordan and a future Palestinian entity. Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali said in Paris today that "Egypt fully supports the idea of associating the West Bank and the Gaza Strip to the Jordanian kingdom."

The Egyptian declaration, which confirms earlier support in favor of President Reagan's Mideast peace plan, took added significance in view of PLO leader Yasir Arafat's recent meeting with King Hussein of Jordan. Diplomatic sources said at the time that Arafat had given some sort of agreement to Hussein's offer to open negotiations on this subject with the United States.

Arafat, who yesterday conferred for over two hours with French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson, also told the French that he is prepared to be "far more flexible" in the future and said his organization would henceforth play "the political card."

### Cheysson-Arafat Meeting Criticized

The Cheysson-Arafat meeting has come under considerable criticism in France, where a number of Jewish organizations protested what they called "awarding a prize to the terrorists." A storm of protests also greeted Cheysson's comment in which he said that he "deplores that Israel shows no sign of looking for a political solution" to the Middle East crisis.

After the two-hour meeting, Cheysson told reporters in Tunis: "The PLO now seeks a political solution but all concerned parties must do the same. The strongest of these, Israel, shows no sign as yet of seeking such a way." The Minister said that should this situation continue "there is a risk that certain (Palestinian) elements, disappointed and frustrated might once again revert to force and violence."

The Franco-Israeli Alliance issued a communique today describing as "ignominious" Cheysson's declaration as tantamount to "having Israel shoulder the responsibility for future terrorist attacks." The Alliance also "wondered who is conducting French foreign policy; the President or his Foreign Minister."

The pro-Israeli organization was obviously referring to the contradiction in the generally pro-Israeli stand taken by President Mitterrand and the militant pro-Palestinian tone adopted by Cheysson. French sources said that Cheysson turned down Arafat's request for an official invitation to France.

## ISRAEL, U.S. CAMPAIGNING AGAINST ARAB THREAT TO DENY ISRAEL ITS CREDENTIALS TO UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 14 (JTA) -- Israel is currently engaged in an intensive diplomatic campaign at the United Nations and in capitals around the world to thwart an Arab threat to deny Israel its credentials to the 37th session of the General Assembly. At the same time, the United States is

also applying diplomatic pressure here to persuade as many delegates as it can not to join the Arab move.

Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick warned publicly last night that the United States would walk out of the General Assembly if Israel's credentials are suspended. The vote on Israel's credentials and other UN member-states is scheduled for October 25. The Assembly can deny Israel's credentials by a simple majority.

Kirkpatrick told reporters she believed that the Arabs will finally retreat from their plan to seek Israel's suspension. But she made it clear that if Israel is suspended, the U.S. will not hesitate to suspend its own participation in the Assembly.

Such a move by the U.S. would be a severe blow to the UN's prestige and its ability to operate effectively. Kirkpatrick pointed out that the U.S. pays 25 percent of the UN budget and warned that the payments will be stopped if Israel were suspended.

### Division In The Banks

Meanwhile, the Arabs and their allies are divided on whether suspending Israel from the Assembly will serve their cause. Some of the Arab and Moslem delegates are seeking ways to save face and not ask for Israel's suspension after the Arab League members endorsed the move last Friday.

According to diplomats here, Libya, Syria, Iraq and the PLO are pressing hard to go along with the plan to suspend Israel. Those who oppose the move argue that such a bid would turn Israel from an aggressor in the mind of the international community, to that of a victim. They also feel that suspending Israel will be incompatible with President Reagan's new Mideast plan and the Arabs' declaration at Fez, Morocco last month.

## TWO MEMBERS OF EXTREMIST DIRECT ACTION GROUP ARRESTED

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Oct. 14 (JTA) -- Two men suspected of having carried out gun and bomb attacks on Israeli and American diplomats in Paris were arrested this week. The two belong to the extreme leftwing Action Directe (Direct Action) organization which the French government banned earlier this year after suspecting it of being behind part of the anti-Semitic attacks here.

French Minister of State for Public Security, Joseph Franceschi, said here this evening: "I have personal evidence that Action Directe's terrorist operations are part of an anti-Israeli and pro-Palestinian international plan."

The two men, Frederic Oriach, 29, and Christian Gauzens, 25, are believed to have carried out the September 17 attack against the car of an Israeli diplomat in which three people, the diplomat and two of his cousins, were seriously wounded and some 40 students at a nearby school injured by flying glass.

Police say documents hidden by the two men in a railway station locker also implicate them in an explosion in which two police bomb disposal experts were killed.

The documents also indicate that Action Directe might have been responsible for most other anti-Semitic attacks carried out in Paris in recent months. Police spokesmen said, however, that a full revelation will

only be made in a few days. The organization's official leader, Jean-Marc Rouillon, assumed responsibility for some of these attacks in a recent interview with the leftwing daily, Liberation.

#### GOVERNMENT SEEKS PRIVATE TAKEOVER OF EL AL AIRLINE

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Oct. 14 (JTA) -- The government has begun secret negotiations with groups of Jewish businessmen in Israel and abroad for their possible purchase of El Al, the State-owned national air carrier, it was reported here today.

A meeting of the El Al board of directors was to have taken place here today, reportedly to recommend to the government and stockholders that the airline be placed in voluntary receivership. The meeting was postponed after several score airline employes broke into the board room. El Al management suspended operations last month and has been chartering foreign aircraft to carry ticketholders. The suspension was triggered by a wildcat strike of flight attendants.

But the company has been in serious financial difficulties for years, aggravated by periodic labor strife. It faced further losses when the government yielded to Aguda Israel demands to abandon flights on the Sabbath and Jewish holidays.

#### UAHC'S POLISH JUDAICA AGREEMENT SEEN AS MODEL FOR ACTION BY SOVIET BLOC ON CULTURAL EXCHANGE

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 14 (JTA) -- The Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) launched a \$5 million drive here this week to rescue, restore and reacquire long-lost documents and artifacts representing 1,000 years of Polish-Jewish history.

The funds will go toward the UAHC's Polish Judaica project, initiated last year following the signing of a unique cultural exchange agreement between the Reform Jewish group and the University of Warsaw.

Dr. Armand Hammer, president of Occidental Petroleum Corp., served as chairman of the \$500-a-plate dinner in the Beverly Wilshire Hotel attended by 600 guests Monday night. Hammer called the UAHC-Polish agreement "a breakthrough because for the first time a Communist nation, Poland, has agreed contractually with an American Jewish organization to provide Judaica objects, manuscripts and art, much of which has been inaccessible to Western scholarship," he continued.

"The agreement will serve also as a model to other nations, particularly those within the Communist sphere, hopefully engendering additional religious and cultural exchange and significant humanitarian gestures."

#### 1238 Codes To Be Reproduced

Dr. Maury Leibovitz of New York, president of the Knoedler Galleries and co-chairman of the dinner with Guilford Glazer, announced that the UAHC would issue a limited edition of 300 full-size, full-color facsimile reproductions of the Kalonymus Codex, an illuminated Bible manuscript in Hebrew and Aramaic dating from the year 1238 that is regarded as one of the oldest and most beautiful treasures of Jewish religious art. A limited edition of 300 copies at \$5,000 each will be published.

The Kalonymus Codex was one of 20 works of rare Jewish art from Poland on exhibit at the dinner. It will move to the Skirball Museum of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles, where more than 100 articles of Polish Jewish art, on loan from various Polish institutions to the UAHC, will be on display through December.

Many of the works of Polish Judaica were thought lost or destroyed in the Holocaust. Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the UAHC, told the dinner guests:

"We cannot bring back the martyrs of our people, or restore the burned scrolls and precious manuscripts that have been lost forever. But through this historic agreement we can and will carry out our proud obligation to preserve, for today and for the years to come, the precious fragments of a vanished world. In doing so, we will more vividly remember, more fully comprehend and more nobly honor the vitality and genius of one of the great communities in our people's history."

#### Project Has Been Broadened

Since the agreement was signed, Schindler reported, the project has been broadened to include the restoration and reinterment by the UAHC of Jewish cemeteries in some 400 cities and towns in Poland, as well as the restoration of several synagogues, the furnishing of a new synagogue in Lublin and the construction of a Jewish chapel at the site of the Maidanek concentration camp.

Rabbi Philip Hiat, assistant to the president of the UAHC, negotiated the agreement with Polish church, governmental and university officials during several trips to Poland. He pointed out that while the UAHC is a Reform Jewish group, it has invited Conservative and Orthodox rabbis and scholars to join in the work of "rescuing and restoring the art, artifacts, historic documents and treasures of Polish Jewry for the entire Jewish people."

The exhibition, which goes on view in Los Angeles tomorrow will be returned to Warsaw for the 40th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising next April. Later, the collection will be sent to Israel, where it will be on view at Bet Hatefutot, the Museum of the Diaspora, in Tel Aviv.

#### ROBERT CALMANN-LEVY DEAD AT 83

PARIS, Oct. 14 (JTA) -- Robert Calmann-Levy, one of France's best known publishers who headed the family book empire for over 40 years, died yesterday at the age of 83. He was the third generation owner-manager of the Calmann-Levy publishing empire and the man who brought to French readers the books of Arthur Koestler, Hannah Arendt, Jules Isaac and Jacques Ellul. A combat pilot with the French Air Force during World War I, he was an officer in the Legion of Honor and was awarded the Military Cross for his wartime activities.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) -- The army spokesman said that two IDF soldiers were slightly wounded Thursday by sniper fire near the Lebanese village of Kook on the eastern sector of the Lebanese front. The sniper fire was believed to have come from a Syrian army position. Israeli forces returned the fire.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Dozens of Palestinian refugees who visited Israel under special permission from the IDF refused to return to south Lebanon when their entrance permits expired and hid in Arab villages in Israel, Israel Radio reported today. They said they would rather be jailed in Israel as illegal residents than return home to face Christian threats and violence.

## SHAMIR: U.S., ISRAEL TO SET UP WORKING GROUPS TO DISCUSS EARLY WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS FROM LEBANON

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (JTA) -- Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir emerged from a four-hour meeting with Secretary of State George Shultz this afternoon and announced that Israel and the U.S. would set up a working group to discuss their proposals for the early withdrawal of all foreign troops from Lebanon.

Shamir, who presented Shultz with proposals drafted by the Israeli Cabinet yesterday, would not reveal any details of the Cabinet's positions. He declined to discuss a reported two-tier security plan for south Lebanon that the Cabinet was said to have suggested.

Shamir said his talk with Shultz, which lasted two hours longer than had been scheduled, was held in a "spirit of friendly consultation." He said they were trying to find a common solution to withdrawal and ensuring the security of the Lebanese-Israeli border. Asked if he still believed that the withdrawal of Israeli, Syrian and PLO forces from Lebanon could be accomplished by the end of this year, Shamir replied, "I hope its possible."

He said he and Shultz also discussed the problems of peace in the Middle East in general but gave no details. Shamir did not mention President Reagan's Middle East peace proposals.

### Warns Against By-Passing Camp David

Earlier this week, Shamir warned that "any path other than the Camp David accords" in approaching a solution to the Mideast crisis "is bound to provoke" a division between Israel and the United States as well as "impassioned divisions" within Israel and among the Jewish people.

In an address Monday to the World Affairs Council in Los Angeles, Shamir reiterated his country's opposition to Reagan's Mideast peace proposals, contending that the Camp David accords "contribute the most realistic and promising way to a peaceful solution" of the Mideast conflict.

Shamir declared: "We do not accept the contention that the Camp David accords are dead. For us they are alive, they are viable, and they constitute the only agreement signed together by Israel and an Arab state. They should not be forsaken. New proposals are bound to destroy the existing framework which has been so painstakingly devised."

Shamir told the Council that Reagan's proposals deviated from the Camp David accords because they tried to determine the fate of Judaea and Samaria before the five-year autonomy period agreed to by Egypt, Israel and the U.S. The President's plan ignored this "basic tenet of the Camp David accords," Shamir said.

He contended that "the effort to reach an autonomy agreement must be resumed within the Camp David accords. At this stage, success is predicated upon the need to refrain from dealing with the permanent status of Judaea, Samaria and Gaza."

Before coming to Los Angeles, the Foreign Minister met in New York with 250 leaders of national Jewish student organizations and with the heads of youth movements. In addition to denouncing Reagan's proposals, Shamir stated

that the assassination of President Anwar Sadat of Egypt a year ago "was a big blow to the peace process in the Mideast. We miss Sadat."

He also told the students' meeting, which was sponsored by the North American Jewish Students' Network and the University Services Department of the American Zionist Youth Foundation, that he is "in favor of any plan that would oblige Israeli Cabinet ministers to dedicate a day or more and meet with students. It would be very useful."

David Makovsky, president of Network, commented: "I hope Shamir's statement marks a bold new attitude on behalf of Israeli leaders to go to college campuses. We have advocated this step for a long time. The college campus is a priority. The war of words and pictures is now being fought on the campus. As students, we are on the front line."

### ISRAEL-U.S. FRIENDSHIP TERMED BASIS OF ISRAEL'S FOREIGN POLICY

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 14 (JTA) -- Israel's friendship with the U.S. is "the cornerstone of its foreign policy ... in no circumstances will it allow that friendship to falter." This pledge was voiced here by Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir of the National Religious Party to a group of top American business executives visiting Israel under the auspices of the Israel Bond Organization.

Ben-Meir's remarks were plainly intended to contrast with statements critical of the U.S. recently voiced by Defense Minister Ariel Sharon. Ben-Meir said the U.S. played "a positive role" and made "a constructive contribution" to the pursuit of peace in the region and to the resolution of the Lebanese crisis.

Israel would do "everything in its power," Ben-Meir continued, to maintain and develop its close relationship with the U.S. It knew that it had no better friend and ally than the U.S. -- just as the U.S. should know it had no better friend and ally than Israel.

But Ben-Meir spoke out strongly against President Reagan's peace proposals, saying they "do not bring peace nearer" and were totally at variance with the Camp David accords.

### DULZIN VIRTUALLY ASSURED OF REELECTION AS WZO CHAIRMAN

JERUSALEM, Oct. 14 (JTA) -- Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization Executive, is virtually assured of reelection to the post at the forthcoming Zionist Congress here in December. Lengthy negotiations between the parties have resulted in agreement that both Dulzin, a leader of the Liberal Party wing of Likud, and WZO treasurer Akiva Levinsky who is a Labor movement representative, will keep their respective positions.

Nagging doubts among some political circles here and Zionist circles abroad about whether the Congress should be postponed have finally been swept aside by Premier Menachem Begin himself. At a meeting with Likud leaders, Begin ruled this week, according to a report in Haaretz, that the Congress be held as scheduled.

The inter-party backroom agreements provide for a slight decrease in Likud-affiliated representation (from 168 to 175 delegates) and a slight rise in Labor-affiliated delegates (from 123 to 150). Mizrahi will drop from 77 to 60, reflecting the National Religious Party's savage mauling at the 1981 Knesset elections in Israel. The General Zionist Confederation will go up from 113 to 120.

**SPECIAL INTERVIEW**  
**THE PRESSURE OF THE PRESS**  
 By Yitzhak Rabi

**NEW YORK, Oct. 14 (JTA)** -- Israeli columnist and author Matti Golan believes that the Israeli press influenced two major decisions of the Israeli government in the last few months: not to invade Beirut while the PLO was still in the western sector of the city, and to establish a judicial commission of inquiry to investigate Israel's role, if any, in the massacre of Palestinian civilians by units of the Lebanese Christian Phalangists in west Beirut September 16-18.

Golan, a political columnist for Haaretz and author of the bestseller, "The Secret Conversations of Henry Kissinger," contended in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that due to constant pressure by the Israeli press in the first stages of the Lebanon war, the IDF declined to invade west Beirut and crush the PLO terrorists, a move the press said would have caused many Israeli casualties and further damage Israel's image abroad. But the role of the press and its impact on Israeli politics was sharply and clearly demonstrated by the decision of the government of Premier Menachem Begin to establish a commission of inquiry after first rejecting that idea. "The Israeli press increased the public notion that there was a possibility that something inappropriate was done by Israel regarding the massacre in Beirut, and this notion created the pressure that brought about the establishment of the commission," Golan said.

**Says Israel Has A Free Press**

Golan, who arrived in New York Tuesday to begin a two-week lecture tour and media interviews in the United States and Canada under the sponsorship of the American Zionist Federation, described the Israeli press as "an open, free press and a responsible one." He noted that there are always those who support the government -- any government -- charges that the media is irresponsible. "But this is not surprising," Golan said. "It is in the nature of governments to dislike criticism."

According to Golan, the Labor government in Israel disliked criticism as much as the Likud government. "The difference between the two is style," he observed. "The Begin government uses expressions in regard to the press such as 'blood libel' and 'a knife in the back', which creates a hostile feeling toward the press. The Labor governments did not use this kind of language, although it also used to criticize the press."

Golan said that the Begin government tightened its control of Israel Radio and TV, which are under state authority, and limited its freedom. This caused many journalists and broadcasters to resign, he noted.

"But altogether, Golan said, considering Israel's unique situation, the country enjoys freedom of the press "more than any other country in the world." Israeli journalists have no problem writing about any topic they want and criticize whomever they deem a just target of criticism, including the Premier and his Ministers, Golan said.

He noted, however, that Israel faces security problems and there are certain limitations imposed by the military censorship, as well as self-imposed censorship many journalists assume voluntarily. Golan said that sometimes the press de-

fies the military censorship in cases when the censor tries to blue-pencil an article for political rather than military security reasons.

"In that case a paper can ask the censor to reconsider his decision or to publish the information and risk a heavy fine," Golan said. "My newspaper did it a few times in the past."

But even military censorship in Israel is not now as tight as it used to be. "Until two or three years ago it was impossible to criticize the Chief of Staff," Golan said. "Today, the Chief of Staff and the actions of the IDF are topics for legitimate criticism," he observed. He claimed that Haaretz played a major role in this change.

**Officials Alerted To Massacre**

Golan pointed to the role of two military correspondents, Zeev Schiff of Haaretz and Ron Ben-Yishai of Israel TV, in alerting Israeli government officials that a massacre was taking place in Beirut before the world learned about it. On the morning of Friday, September 17 Schiff told Communications Minister Mordechai Zipori that he heard that a massacre was in progress in west Beirut, as did Ben-Yishai who called Defense Minister Ariel Sharon at his home to tell him what was happening. Sharon reportedly answered that he already knew about it.

"Being an Israeli journalist, your involvement with events goes beyond mere reporting," Golan said. "You become part of the events whether you like it or not."

According to Golan, the Israeli press is a fighting press and fulfills its role as a watchdog of democracy. He said the press is not in any danger of losing its freedom under the Begin government nor any other government in the future "because democracy is imbued in Israeli life and freedom of the press is in our blood."

**5 GERMAN YOUTH GROUPS CANCEL VISITS TO ISRAEL; 3 OTHERS WILL NOT HOST ISRAELI YOUTHS DUE IN GERMANY**  
 By David Kantor

**BONN, Oct. 14 (JTA)** -- Youth exchange visits between West Germany and Israel have apparently suffered because of the war in Lebanon. Five West German youth groups have cancelled visits to Israel and three others announced they would refuse to host Israeli groups due to come here.

The German groups which decided not to go to Israel said their reasons were political. They stressed, however, that their decision did not mean an end to the youth exchange program with Israel. A Knesset member, Adi Amora, who is chairman of the public council for youth exchanges, said here that the number of cancellations or delays this year have been no greater than in any previous year.

Amora told his German counterparts that it was especially important to promote youth exchanges now precisely because of the sharp differences over Israel's actions in Lebanon. He was told that the timing of Israel visits should be carefully weighed.

It is in fact difficult to measure the effect of the war in Lebanon on the wide range of youth exchange programs scheduled for next summer. Of the 120 German youth groups which visited Israel annually, about half are financed by funds earmarked for trips to Israel only. The funds available to the rest can be used for trips to any country in the Middle East.

The new Christian Democratic government of Chancellor Helmut Kohl is reviewing its Middle East policy with the aim of improving relations with all countries in the region. But no major initiatives are expected before the general elections next March 6.