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## AIR OF OPTIMISM IN JERUSALEM FOLLOWING SHAMIR-SHULTZ TALKS By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17 (JTA) --- There is an air of optimism in Jerusalem over the situation in Lebanon following the talks between Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz at the end of last week in Washington and following Israel-Lebanon contacts in Beirut.

Officials spoke today, after the weekly cabinet meeting had heard reports on these diplomatic developments, of a "not unfavorable" reception by both the Americans and the Lebanese for Israel's withdrawal-and-security proposals for Lebanon.

The officials said Washington had seemed to accept the Israeli ideas as a "reasonable" basis for discussion. The U.S. would apparently put forward its own proposals only after Lebanese President Amin Gemayel's visit to Washington this week. But, said the Israeli officials, certain key elements of the Israeli proposal appear to have gained American support.

Above all, the officials said, Israel's demand for direct talks between itself and Lebanon on security arrangements in south Lebanon seemed to have won understanding in Washington.

### Direct Talks Already Underway

Such direct talks are already underway, on an unofficial level. Thus, Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche was presenting the Israeli security-and-withdrawal proposals to key officials in Beirut Thursday as his boss, Shamir was presenting them to Shultz at the State Department.

But Israel wants the contacts with Lebanon to be formal and official, just as it wants a formal and official agreement between Jerusalem and Beirut at the end of the process.

Ostensibly, Israel is still aspiring to a full peace treaty, but in practice the immediate Israeli goal is a formal accord on security arrangements, plus, hopefully, practical elements of normalization on the ground. These would be encouraged to evolve with time into broader and more formal peace relations.

### U.S.-Israel Dialogue Restored

Israeli officials said the Shamir-Shultz talks on Thursday had helped restore substantive dialogue between the two countries and gone a long way to easing the tensions that have arisen over recent weeks. The officials firmly denied reports by Israeli correspondents in Washington and in Jerusalem that Shultz hinted, by juxtaposing the two issues, that there could be cuts in U.S. aid if no progress were made on the overall settlement as outlined by President Reagan September 1.

Media reports spoke of some tough talk between Shamir and Shultz over the Reagan plan and West Bank settlements. But Israeli officials are playing down this aspect of the meeting, and are stressing rather the "constructive" dialogue over Lebanon.

They acknowledge, though, that there are still looming differences over Lebanon, too:

\* Israel is flatly opposed to any continued role for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) in policing the southern border zone. The U.S. wants to keep this option open.

\* Israel wants a special role for the Christian militia forces of Maj. Saad Haddad. The U.S. opposes this -- although Israel sources say Shultz did not say so specifically in his talk with Shamir.

\* Israel is calling for the PLO to be removed from all of Lebanon even before the simultaneous Israeli-Syrian withdrawal begins. The U.S. does not see this as a realistic proposition.

Last night, Israel TV showed a film of the Foreign Ministry's permanent office in Baabda, a suburb of east Beirut, terming it an embassy-in-the-making. Israeli officials denied today that the U.S. had urged Israel to withdraw this office. They said the Foreign Ministry was anxious to maintain it even after the IDF pulls out of the area, provided satisfactory security arrangements can be made.

## ARENS: SHULTZ'S WARNING AGAINST ISRAEL'S EXPULSION FROM UN BODIES WAS A 'COURAGEOUS STEP' By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (JTA) -- Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Moshe Arens, praised last night what he called Secretary of State George Shultz's "courageous step" in warning against the expulsion of Israel from any organization of the United Nations.

Shultz issued a statement earlier yesterday saying the U.S. would withdraw and cut off U.S. funds from any UN agency, including the General Assembly, if it expelled Israel. The statement was seen as an effort to prevent a vote by the International Telecommunication Union's Plenipotentiary Conference in Nairobi, Kenya this week to expel Israel, and a similar move led by Libya and Iran to bar Israel from the General Assembly.

The U.S. walked out of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) conference in Vienna last month after Israel's credentials were withdrawn. Shultz said the U.S. is holding up the rest of its 1982 payment to the IAEA -- \$8.5 million.

"If Israel were excluded from the General Assembly, the U.S. would withdraw from participation in the Assembly and would withdraw payments from the UN until Israel's right to participate is restored," Shultz said. While the Arab and Third World nations are reported backing away from an attempt to expel Israel from the General Assembly, Iran has announced that it will go ahead with the attempt regardless.

### Says Expulsion Violates UN Principles

Shultz said the U.S. would also walk out of the Nairobi conference and withdraw money from the International Telecommunications Union if Israel is expelled. "We will take such actions in other UN organizations if there are similar moves," he added.

"The exclusion of Israel from the General Assembly or the International Telecommunications Union in these circumstances would be contrary to the principles of the UN" and in the case of the General Assembly, "a clear cut violation of the UN Charter," Shultz said. He said it would also contradict the pur-

pose of the UN, "creating further conflict and division" rather than settling disputes.

Shultz warned, too, that the exclusion of Israel "would also be a serious setback for progress toward peace in the Middle East" and would be "a tragic irony" if it came "just at a time when there is renewed hope for progress in the Middle East."

#### Cites 'Continued Bond' of Friendship

Arens' praise of the U.S. action, made to nearly 1,000 persons at the third North American Conference of American, Mexican and Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, was cited by him as an example of what he said was the "continued bond" of friendship between the U.S. and Israel, despite "the stresses and strains in U.S.-Israeli relations" during recent weeks. He said this bond has been strengthened.

During the dinner, the highlight of the four-day conference which ended today, Avraham Harman, president of the Hebrew University, presented honorary doctorates to Jeane Kirkpatrick, the U.S. Ambassador to the UN and to Walter Annenberg, former U.S. Ambassador to Britain.

In his speech, Arens stressed the necessity for Israel to remain strong since the Middle East is a "very dangerous place to be weak." He noted that some advise Israel to "compromise, make concessions and give up territory; after all there is no better security than peace, words that are perfectly appropriate from the perspective of the U.S.-Canadian border but may not be that appropriate in the Middle East."

He contrasted Lebanon, which was weak and unable to defend itself and which over the last 7-8 years had been controlled by Syrian troops and the Palestine Liberation Organization with a strong Israel that has been able to "ensure its survival."

#### TRADITIONAL PRO-ISRAEL EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ADOPTS MEASURE CALLING FOR A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Oct. 17 (JTA) -- The European Parliament Assembly, traditionally known for its strong pro-Israel sympathies, has adopted a resolution expressing its "solidarity with the Palestinian people" and calling for the creation of a Palestinian homeland.

The resolution, proposed by the Assembly's four main parties -- the Socialists, Conservatives, Liberals and Christian Democrats -- was adopted last Friday by an overwhelming majority. The resolution also emphasized "the odious nature" of the massacres in the two west Beirut refugee camps and stressed that the Israeli army was "ostensibly there to protect the Palestinian civilians" in the Sabra and Shatila camps.

The European Parliament, which meets in Strasbourg, is directly elected by the populations of its 10 member-states. It has only an advisory capacity but its rulings generally help orient the policies of the 10 governments and the Commission of its united executive body.

A World Jewish Congress delegation, headed by Werner Nachmann, president of the Central Council of Jews in Germany and vice president of the WJC's European section, met on Thursday with the president of the European Parliament, Piet Dankert of Holland. Nachmann explained the position of the European Jewish communities and called for joint European action to combat rising terrorist activities. Dankert reportedly promised

the delegation that the Assembly will consider at its forthcoming session special anti-terrorist legislation.

He also told the delegation that the European Parliament has postponed a scheduled visit by European parliamentarians to Israel as Knesset guests. Dankert said the visit will take place only after Israel's judicial commission of inquiry publishes its conclusions about the massacres at the Shatila and Sabra camps.

#### BEGIN: WAR IN LEBANON HAS ENSURED PEACE FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17 (JTA) -- Israel's "Peace for Galilee" operation strengthened the country's deterrent power and ensured peace for the foreseeable future, Premier Menachem Begin told 1,000 United Jewish Appeal leaders from the United States attending the UJA's Campaign Leadership Gathering in Israel. Syria and Jordan, Begin observed, "would not dare" and were "not capable" of attacking Israel and Egypt was abiding by the peace treaty with Israel.

Begin won rousing applause when he told the UJA leaders at their closing session Thursday night that the war in Lebanon had ensured "children in Galilee can go to school in peace and grow up without fear." Continuing, he declared: "We have nothing to apologize for. We save human lives ... but indeed tragedies happen ... unforeseen ... they mar great events."

The Premier also called for the immediate resumption of the Camp David talks "for full, real autonomy" and once again stressed that Israel would never agree to a Palestinian state.

He confirmed that Israel would now be prepared to share the lessons and information derived from the Lebanon war with the United States in the interests of the "free world of which we are a part and which we want to help strengthen." Begin specifically mentioned in this connection the "discovery" that the Israel Defense Force had put to use in its successful actions against Syrian missiles and planes during the war.

On Thursday afternoon, the UJA group was joined by Project Renewal friends and thousands of ordinary Jerusalemites in a song-and-dance march through the streets of the capital to an assembly at the Western Wall. There Mayor Teddy Kollek proclaimed that the assembly symbolized fundamental Jewish unity that continued as strong as ever despite political differences. Deputy Premier David Levy, of the Herut wing of Likud, also stressed Jewish unity in Israel and abroad during these trying times.

#### ADMINISTRATION WILL NOT RECEIVE PLO REP INCLUDED IN ARAB LEAGUE GROUP TO MEET WITH REAGAN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (JTA) -- The Reagan Administration has made it clear that it will not receive a Palestine Liberation Organization representative included in an Arab League delegation scheduled to arrive here October 22 for a meeting with President Reagan.

The American position was laid down in statements issued by the White House and the State Department yesterday following an announcement in Rabat, Morocco last Friday night that PLO foreign policy spokesman Farouk Kaddoumi would be a member of the delegation.

The announcement, by Moroccan Foreign Minister Mohammed Boucetta, said the decision to include the PLO official was made at a meeting of the Arab League's "special committee on Palestine" chaired by King Hassan of Morocco. Hassan is to head the delegation coming to Washington to explain the Arab peace

plan drafted at the Arab League's summit conference in Fez, Morocco last month.

### Position On PLO Unchanged

The Administration stated: "Our position on the PLO is unchanged. King Hassan is aware of our position. We would not receive any member of the PLO as part of a delegation nor do we expect any member of the PLO to participate in the delegation."

The U.S. position, reiterated by the State Department, is that it will have no contact with the PLO until the latter recognizes Israel's right to exist and accepts United Nations Security Council resolutions 242 and 338.

The Moroccan announcement said the seven-member delegation would consist of King Hassan, representatives of Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, Algeria, Jordan and Kaddoumi of the PLO. The PLO reportedly complained to the Arab League committee that its exclusion from a delegation whose purpose was to negotiate on the future of the Palestinian people would be unnatural and humiliating. The Arab League has never revised its 1974 Rabat summit decision affirming the PLO to be the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

### Confusion Over Number Of Representatives

Morocco radio reported that the U.S. had not yet been informed officially of the decision to include a PLO representative in the delegation. Arab League officials were quoted as saying they hoped Reagan would go ahead with the meeting as planned.

There appeared to be some confusion here as to the number of representatives. State Department spokesperson Susan Pittman said yesterday that the original plan called for the representatives of four Arab countries to meet with Reagan and she knew of no plan to enlarge the delegation to seven, including a PLO member. The four were Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and Syria.

A White House source said yesterday that the U.S. Embassy in Rabat had been informed that there would be no PLO member in the delegation. Arab sources in Rabat were quoted yesterday as saying that a PLO representative would come to Washington with the delegation but would remain at his hotel during the meetings with American officials.

The sources said the delegation would explain the Fez peace plan but would also explore the possibilities offered by Reagan's own peace initiative for the Middle East which he announced last September 1. The Arab League group is scheduled to visit Paris, London, Moscow and Peking after its meetings in Washington.

### SHAMIR URGES U.S. JEWS TO UNITE IN THEIR SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (JTA) -- Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir has urged American Jews not to allow debate over President Reagan's Middle East peace initiative undermine their support for Israel.

Speaking to several hundred members of the Washington area's Jewish community at the Israeli Embassy last Friday, Shamir warned against the creation among Jewish people of "a climate of internal dispute and debate which would undermine the support of world Jewry" for Israel. He said Jews throughout the world have always supported Israel regardless of the policies of whatever particular government was in office at the time.

Shamir said Reagan's initiative has the potential to cause disputes not only within the Jewish community but also within Israel itself, between Israel and the U.S. and within the Arab world. He called for a return to the "step-by-step approach" of the Camp David agreement which, he said, is the best way to reach a solution not only for the West Bank and Gaza but also for Middle East peace.

Asked why Israel continued to build settlements on the West Bank, Shamir replied that if it's stopped, it would be accepting the American position that the territory should be under Arab control.

Shamir spoke at the Embassy just before his second meeting with Secretary of State George Shultz. While they discussed the Reagan peace initiative, most of their talks, called "consultations" by the State Department, centered on the withdrawal of Israeli, Syrian and Palestine Liberation Organization forces from Lebanon.

### U.S. And Israel's Positions

Israel wants security in south Lebanon worked out between itself and the Lebanese government with the Lebanese army eventually having responsibility for security in the area. The Israelis opposed the use of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) which now has some 7,000 troops in the area.

State Department spokesman John Hughes said the U.S. has an "acute interest" in south Lebanon and, like Israel, wants to see that area not used again "as a launching pad for terrorist attacks on Israel." But he refused to give any details of the meetings between Shultz and Shamir.

However, late last week the possibility emerged of a multinational force similar to the one now in Beirut being used to maintain security in south Lebanon. It was not clear whether such a force would have U.S. marines and French and Italian troops, as is the case now in Beirut, or whether it would be made up of troops from other countries.

White House Counsellor Edwin Meese III, appearing on the CBS-TV "Face the Nation" program today, reiterated that the marines are in Lebanon for a "very limited duration" although he would not give a time limit for their withdrawal. He added that there were no plans for U.S. forces to be deployed in south Lebanon.

The situation will get a further airing Tuesday when President Amin Gemayel of Lebanon meets with President Reagan and other Administration officials here.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) -- The cost of living index rose by 7.6 percent in September, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced Friday. During the first nine months of 1982 the index rose by 50 percent. This was the annual rate promised by the Treasury at the end of last year, assuring the public that the Treasury's policies would bring the inflationary rate to "about 90 percent for the year, or well below 100 percent." Last month's increase indicates that inflation this year will total about 135 percent.

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GENEVA (JTA) -- The International Committee of the Red Cross announced here that Israeli authorities have returned to Syria a Syrian soldier who was seriously wounded during the war in Lebanon. After being captured by the IDF he underwent several operations in Israeli hospitals, the Committee reported. He is the third Syrian soldier to be returned. Meanwhile, there are still some 30 Syrian prisoners in Israel and three Israeli soldiers remain prisoners in Syria. The PLO continues to hold eight Israeli soldiers in Lebanon, the Committee said.

# SPECIAL INTERVIEW THE 30th WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS WILL DIFFER FROM ITS PREDECESSORS By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17 (JTA) -- The 30th World Zionist Congress, opening here December 7, will be different from previous Congresses in one immediately noticeable respect: inter-party politics will be almost non-existent. There will be no smoke-filled rooms, no caucuses in the corridors, no marathon last night arguments and the white smoke at dawn on the last morning to announce that the new Zionist Executive has finally been put together.

All this, says Kalman Sultanik, chairman of the World Zionist Organization department organizing the Congress and chief planner of the Congress, will be avoided. It will perhaps mean less press coverage and less of a "sportive" interest in the Congress; but it will mean more time and energy to focus on the real issues that should preoccupy Zionists at their "parliament of the Jewish people" that convenes every four years.

The political horse-trading, Sultanik explains, will all have been done in advance. For instance, the parties have already resolved between themselves that Leon Dulzin of the Liberal Partywing of Likud will remain for another term as chairman of the WZO Executive, and Akiva Levinsky of Labor will remain as treasurer. (See earlier story in October 15 Bulletin). By the time the Congress convenes, the other 16 posts on the WZO Executive will also have been allocated in informal inter-party consultations, Sultanik promises.

Even the political struggles within the parties over who gets what job will be over within three days. On December 10 the new Executive will be elected, leaving a full week free for substantive discussion, such as education and aliya.

But permeating every plenary and committee debate will be the awareness that, as Sultanik put it, the Jewish people in many parts of the diaspora are facing the worst period in decades in terms of anti-Semitism and kindred challenges.

## Political Arguments That Are Bound To Surface

The political arguments that daily tear apart Israel itself and interested Jews abroad are bound to surface at the Congress, too, Sultanik predicts. Addresses and question periods with top ministers and opposition figures will surely provoke lively debate among the 750 delegates and 200 observers from 34 countries.

The WZO leaders are hoping that the Congress will not coincide with publication of the inquiry commission's report into the Beirut massacre, for, in the political storm that is bound to be triggered by that, the Congress would be pretty much submerged from a media point of view.

There had been thoughts of postponement, but, says Sultanik, it was decided to go ahead as scheduled because to postpone would have meant to wait a whole year, inevitably setting back the momentum of processes within the Zionist movement and the Jewish Agency (the "Caesaria process" notably, which provides for a steady drawing-together of the Zionist and non-Zionist halves of the Jewish Agency).

As to the substantive issues facing the Congress, Sultanik says the two major headings under which debates and activities of the gathering will take place are: world Zionism, the Jewish

State and the Jewish people; and a program of action for the next four years.

".... why is it that many Jews, including Zionists, are more influenced by their surroundings than by the Jewish state? Why is it that they usually react as Americans, or Frenchmen, or Argentinians -- even when discussing Zionist or Israeli problems?" Sultanik asked.

He seemed to be hinting here at recent reactions, that have gravely disturbed Zionist and Israeli leaders, to the effect that Mideast policies have resulted in a rise in anti-Semitism and even terrorism against the Jews of the diaspora.

Sultanik continues: "Not enough Jews have visited Israel. Less than 10 percent of American Jews have done so up to now (last year 120,000 American Jews visited, compared to 160,000 non-Jewish Germans).

The Zionist delegates will also be asking themselves, says Sultanik, how to project the WZO in diaspora Jewish consciousness. Often, he finds on his travels among Jewish communities worldwide, WZO activities are welcomed and appreciated -- but people are unaware that these activities are provided by the WZO and attribute them to the Israel government and/or to the local Jewish Federation or community.

## JNF OFFICIAL WAS ONE OF TWO ISRAELIS WOUNDED IN ROME ATTACK

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17 (JTA) -- A Jewish National Fund official was one of the two Israelis who were among the wounded at the Rome synagogue terror attack last week, the JNF here has announced. Max Shangar, 55, until recently served as JNF's emissary in Rome. He returned to Israel to take a position in the JNF's "Council of Teachers" and was visiting Rome briefly on a special JNF assignment when he was wounded. The other Israeli hurt in the attack was Prof. Jacob Sarmonetta, a Hebrew University don.

In a cable to Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff, JNF chairman Moshe Rivlin wrote, in part: "The Jewish National Fund in Israel, whose emissary and whose supporters were among those hurt, sends its wishes of encouragement and consolation to our brothers in Italy. We will work together to uproot the pestilence of anti-Semitism, to consolidate the State of Israel and to strengthen the Jewish people and preserve its existence and honor everywhere...."

## ALIZA BEGIN BACK IN INTENSIVE CARE UNIT OF HADASSAH HOSPITAL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17 (JTA) -- Doctors at Hadassah Medical Center have ordered Aliza Begin back to the intensive care ward of the hospital. The Premier's wife was admitted to the hospital on the eve of Yom Kippur, suffering from severe respiratory problems. She was discharged from the intensive care ward and transferred to the general ward after her condition improved last week. Over the weekend, however, Mrs. Begin's condition deteriorated again. A hospital spokesman described her condition as stable. Premier Menachem Begin has postponed a visit to Zaire because of his wife's illness.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) -- The army spokesman said that an Israeli soldier was killed, together with a Lebanese civilian, when a booby-trapped car exploded in the Lebanese town of Bahadoun on Friday. The vehicle was set to explode near a local gas station at an IDF water supply point. On the eastern sector of the Lebanon front an Israeli soldier was slightly wounded by sniper fire east of the village of Kfar Kuk.