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## KNESSET VOTES 56-50 TO ENDORSE GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN POLICY

By David Landau and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20 (JTA) -- The Knesset endorsed the government's foreign policy by a comfortable 56-50 majority last night, ending two days of debate during which Premier Menachem Begin repeated his rejection of President Reagan's Mideast peace initiative, made it clear that he will never relinquish the West Bank and Gaza, and excoriated the opposition Labor Alignment for supporting a "Jordanian option."

The Knesset debate and the vote that followed was the first parliamentary referendum on the Begin government's policies since the massacre of Palestinians in west Beirut last month created turmoil in Israel and sparked demands that Begin and Defense Minister Ariel Sharon resign. Its result was an easy vote of confidence in the Premier and his government's position with respect to Lebanon as well as the future of the West Bank.

### Insists Camp David Is The Only Plan

Begin insisted that "there is no other plan today" but the Camp David agreements which call for autonomy for the Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza to be followed by a five-year transition period after which the final status of the territories would be determined.

But he declared Israel would never yield those territories to Jordan or any other Arab sovereignty, would increase rather than freeze Jewish settlement there -- as urged by Reagan -- and would not surrender to international pressure to act otherwise.

Begin told the Knesset that the world would learn in time to accept an undivided "Eretz Israel," meaning a greater Israel embracing the occupied territories which he refers to as Judea, Samaria and the Gaza district.

### Scornful Of Labor Opposition

Begin heaped scorn on the Labor opposition which has expressed willingness to negotiate on the basis of the Reagan positions. Reagan's proposals, which the President announced on September 1, include a Palestinian entity -- though not a Palestinian state -- to be associated in some form with Jordan. The American position hinges on Jordan entering the peace process with Israel, Egypt and the U.S.

Begin, who contends that the Reagan proposals contradict the Camp David accords, said he had urged King Hussein of Jordan to join the autonomy talks to no avail. The only agreed to and workable proposal is the Camp David autonomy plan, Begin said and he called for speedy resumption of negotiations within the Camp David framework. But he offered no hint of compromise to Jordan. Referring to the west Bank and Gaza, he declared: "We'll make sure King Hussein gets neither."

### Mocks Begin's View

The Labor position has been that the Reagan proposals contain some positive and some negative aspects and should not be summarily written off as a basis for negotiations. Replying to the govern-

ment on behalf of the Labor Alignment, former Premier Yitzhak Rabin urged a policy of trading territory for peace.

He mocked Begin's talk of a "range of Katyusha rockets" menacing Israel should it ever give up the West Bank. "Even under your (Likud's) plan, Eilat, Tiberias, Beisan are all within (Jordanian) artillery range," Rabin declared.

"The point is, whom do you make the agreement with," Rabin said. The Labor Party would make an agreement with "the same Jordan that holds Eilat and Tiberias within its gun-range today -- and would continue to do so under your plan -- so don't frighten us with talk of gun-ranges," he said.

Rabin warned that followed to its logical conclusion, Begin's policy would force Israel to rule over two million unwilling Palestinians and that would eventually, inevitably, rob Israel of its character as a Jewish center and a source of inspiration to the Jewish world.

### Dissent Difused For Time Being

Although there has been some dissent among Begin's coalition partners over policy since the Beirut massacre, it has apparently been defused for the time being by the appointment of a judicial commission of inquiry to determine whether Israel was in any way culpable for the slaughter of civilians in the Sabra and Shatilla refugee camps September 16-18. The massacres were carried out by units of the Christian Phalangist militia which has been closely allied to Israel.

The three-man panel, headed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, is expected to decide next week whether to hold open hearings. It was due to call the first witnesses today. (Related Story P. 4).

But the commission's findings and recommendations may not be ready before the beginning of next year. Whatever they are, they are expected to affect the future of the Begin regime.

Begin said in an interview published in Maariv yesterday that he saw no prospect for a change of government and insisted that his coalition partners were "reliable." He said he would make no more offers to the opposition for a national unity government.

But the Premier cast some doubt on his personal political future. Asked if he would serve out his term which expires in 1985, he replied that it depended upon the health of his wife, Aliza, who has been hospitalized for the past few weeks for a respiratory ailment. She suffered a relapse last weekend and was returned to the intensive care unit at Hadassah Hospital where her condition was described today as "stable."

### STRIKE DELAYS FLIGHTS AT BG AIRPORT

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Oct. 20 (JTA) -- A 48-hour strike called by civil aviation and airport workers yesterday has delayed flights at Ben Gurion Airport. Of the 1,400 employees, only 600 returned to their jobs under a back-to-work order issued by a labor court.

The strike was called to protest "foot-dragging" by the government in negotiations over salaries and working conditions. Aircraft arrived and departed on schedule yesterday but prolonged delays were experienced this morning. The airport management distributed light refreshments to waiting passengers along with leaflets explaining the situation and expressing regrets.

Foreign airlines have introduced extra flights and larger aircraft to compensate for the grounding of El Al. The Israeli air carrier suspended service last month following a wildcat strike by flight attendants. While the departure boards indicated El Al flights today, they were by foreign aircraft chartered by the El Al management to cater for passengers who had purchased their tickets before the grounding.

The fate of El Al will be decided at this Sunday's Cabinet meeting. The airline board recommended to the government yesterday that the carrier be placed in voluntary liquidation. The ministers are expected to accept the recommendation. But they will hold further discussions over the next few weeks to decide whether to reorganize El Al as a government-owned carrier or whether to sell it to private interests.

#### ISRAELI DRUZE DEMAND ISRAEL STOP ARMING PHALANGISTS WHO ARE HARASSING THEIR BRETHREN IN LEBANON

By Gil Sedan

**JERUSALEM, Oct. 20 (JTA) —** Several hundred Israeli Druze demonstrated outside the Knesset and the Prime Minister's Office yesterday demanding that Israel stop arming Christian Phalangists who are harassing their Druze brethren in Lebanon.

The demonstration was held despite assurances by Israeli officials Sunday that intervention by the Israel Defense Force had restored calm in the Druze villages in Lebanon. It indicated a split within Israel's Druze community.

The spiritual leader of Israel's 40,000 Druze, Sheikh Amin Tarif, met Sunday with Matityahu Shmeulevitz, director general of the Prime Minister's Office, and received assurances that the IDF would do its utmost to stop the fighting between the Phalangists and the Druze in Lebanon.

Tarif was apparently satisfied and announced that there was no cause for demonstrations at this time. But yesterday's demonstration was organized nevertheless by Zeidan Attche, a leader of the younger generation of Israel's Druze community. Attche, a former Knesset member for the opposition Shinui party, said: "It should be clear if the Druze in Israel are expected to be brothers to the Jews in the IDF, the IDF cannot give arms to the Phalange forces to use it against us."

#### Considering A General Strike

The demonstrators demanded that Israel remove the road blocks manned by Phalangist soldiers which, they charged, are used to harass Druze. One of the demonstrators told reporters, "It's not that we are afraid of the Phalangists. Just remove the IDF from Lebanon and there will be no Phalangists within 24 hours."

Leaders of the Israeli Druze planned to meet today at their holy place at Khader in Galilee to consider a request from Druze in Lebanon that they call a general strike in solidarity with them.

An army spokesman said, meanwhile, that the Lebanese army could take over positions in the Druze villages but it was essential that the Israeli forces do not withdraw before then in order to avoid further bloodshed.

Israeli forces occupy Matta and other Druze villages in the Lebanese mountains. They reportedly turned back a Lebanese army unit which tried to enter the village Sunday. The army spokesman said the unit was too small to separate the warring factions.

#### BELZER REBBE CLAIMS BEGIN'S ATTACKS ON EUROPEAN LEADERS MAY BE AROUSING DORMANT ANTI-SEMITISM

By David Landau

**JERUSALEM, Oct. 20 (JTA) —** Criticism of Premier Menachem Begin by the Belzer rebbe has increased speculation here that the Premier may be in trouble with at least part of his ultra-Orthodox constituency.

Rabbi Yissachar Dov Rokeach, 35-year-old leader of the Hasidic sect that originated in Belz, Galicia, has suggested that Begin's acerbic manner toward foreign statesmen with whom he disagrees is partly responsible for arousing dormant anti-Semitism in many European countries.

The rebbe, addressing a large gathering of his followers here last week, referred to the "tongue-lashings" Begin administered to such leaders as former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of West Germany and former President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing of France because he didn't like their Middle East policies. Anti-Semitic prejudice, though never eliminated, has tended to stir beneath the surface of society in recent years, the rebbe said. Now it is re-emerging and Begin may be partly responsible, he added.

His remarks, conveyed to the media by aides, seemed to reflect Rokeach's well known view that the Agudat Israel party should consider leaving Begin's coalition government. It was expressed in recent days in the Belzer newspaper, Hamachane Hacharedi, which reported that the Aguda Council of Sages was contemplating an alternative alliance, meaning with a Labor-led government.

The report said Orthodox Jews in Europe have complained that Israel's recent policies created a wave of anti-Semitism which made life and business difficult for them.

The Belzer rebbe told his followers that the Aguda's participation in Begin's coalition "should not be seen as an endorsement of Begin's policies of war and provocation." Political observers note that the Belzer Hasidim are not strongly represented in Aguda policy-making forums. But the young rebbe is considered a dynamic leader and his influence cannot be discounted, the observers say.

#### 65 ORTHODOX STUDENTS, RABBI AND A TEACHER ARRESTED FOR HOLDING PRAYER SERVICES AT SOVIET MISSION

By Ben Gallab

**NEW YORK, Oct. 20 (JTA) —** A group of 65 students of the Ramaz high school, an elite Manhattan day school under Orthodox sponsorship, was arrested today, along with school principal Haskell Lookstein, and a Ramaz teacher, in front of the Soviet Mission to the United Nations while they were conducting morning prayers for Soviet Prisoner of Conscience Anatoly Shcharansky who began an indefinite hunger strike three weeks ago.

Lookstein, who is also the spiritual leader of Congregation Kehillath Jeshurun, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the idea of holding the morning prayer service in front of the Soviet Mission came from the students. He said he had suggested that one class of 25 students of the high school make their afternoon prayers at 1 p.m. daily, skipping lunch to hold a daily fast in solidarity with Shcharansky.

Lookstein said the young worshippers were in technical violation of a court order banning demonstrations before 9 a.m. The protest morning services began currently at 7:30 a.m. The students report to class at 8:15 a.m.

Lookstein said the police had given the worshippers time to complete the prayers. Then they marched to the nearby precinct house, the boys still wear-

ing their prayershaws and phylacteries. He said the police treated them with the utmost respect in pointing out why they had made the arrests. Lookstein also said that he, the teacher and the students were detained for 30 minutes, then released without charges being filed.

Lookstein said he hoped to work out an arrangement with the police to permit the prayer demonstration but said both the morning and noon prayers would continue until Shcharansky finished his fast in the prison. The services, which started last Thursday, are held daily, except on Saturday and Sunday. Lookstein said Avital Shcharansky, wife of the POC, joined the group today at the request of the prayer demonstration sponsors.

#### SHAMIR RETURNING TO WASHINGTON FOR ANOTHER MEETING WITH SHULTZ By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 (JTA) -- Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir returns to Washington tomorrow for another meeting with Secretary of State George Shultz, it was learned here today. Shamir, who met with Shultz last week, will be briefed on meetings Lebanese President Amin Gemayel held with President Reagan and other members of the Administration here yesterday.

State Department spokesman John Hughes stressed today that the U.S. basically "listened" during the talks with Shamir and Gemayel the past week on their governments' ideas for the withdrawal of Israeli and Syrian troops and Palestine Liberation Organization forces from Lebanon. He said the U.S. will now be "pulling together, digesting" these ideas for analysis and preparation for the negotiations on withdrawal which will take place in the Middle East.

Morris Draper, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian Affairs, who is the U.S. special envoy for the Lebanese situation, is scheduled to return to the Mideast late this week for the negotiations.

Up to today, State Department officials have stressed that the briefing for Shamir, who is stopping in the U.S. on his way back to Israel from Costa Rica, would be held in New York. Administration spokesmen said that they would be busy with the Arab League delegation which arrived here today for talks with Reagan on Friday. But it was learned that Shamir wanted to talk directly to Shultz and not a lesser Department official.

#### Arab League Delegation Arriving In the Capital

Meanwhile, Shultz was scheduled to welcome King Hassan of Morocco, chairman of the Arab League, when he arrives at nearby Andrews Air Force base this afternoon. Hughes said he was not sure who would be accompanying Hassan, noting that some of the Arab League delegations might be coming to Washington separately.

Whoever arrives with Hassan will be welcomed by the U.S. but not members of the PLO, Hughes said. He said he did not expect a problem to arise because the U.S. had made it "clear" to the Arab League that "we will not talk to the PLO."

The delegation was originally expected to include in addition to Hassan, the Foreign Ministers of Syria, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia. Later there were reports that it would be expanded to include representatives from Jordan and Algeria. One of the members will be Chedli Klibi,

secretary general of the Arab League. Hughes said he did not know if there would be a separate meeting between Shultz and the Syrian Foreign Minister on the Lebanese situation.

The meetings Friday between the Arab League and Reagan and Shultz at the White House and then with Shultz at the State Department will be an "exchange of views" on Reagan's peace initiative and the Arab League's response at its summit conference at Fez, Morocco last month, Hughes stressed. He said there will not be negotiations since negotiations will only come when the parties begin talks in line with the Camp David framework.

#### UJA GATHERING IN ISRAEL GENERATES \$24 MILLION IN 1983 PLEDGES

NEW YORK, Oct. 20 (JTA) -- The first United Jewish Appeal Campaign leadership Gathering In Israel (October 10-14), featuring a buoyant celebration of solidarity with Israel's people and in-depth dialogues with Israel's leaders, generated a total of \$24 million in pledges to the 1983 regular campaign, Israel Special Fund and Project Renewal.

The total was announced in the presence of Premier Menachem Begin by UJA national chairman Robert Loup at the Gathering's final session on October 14. More than 1,000 leaders representing some 70 communities participated in the Gathering, under the co-chairmanship of UJA national vice chairman Bud Levin and H. Paul Rosenberg.

The keynote of the Gathering was sounded by Loup at the opening ceremony at Modi'in, historic home of the Maccabbees. "All roads lead to Jerusalem," he said. In introducing a dramatic and moving pageant of unity, "It is imperative that we come here to be one family. In times of stress and trouble, we must all stand together and demonstrate our unshakable solidarity with the people of Israel."

A massive march of solidarity through the streets of Jerusalem climaxed the intensive four-day program. Singing and dancing, arm-in-arm with thousands of Project Renewal neighborhood residents, the marching groups raised banners proclaiming "We Are One" and "To Life" as they made their way to the Western Wall.

The public demonstration of unity was preceded earlier in the Gathering by a uniquely intimate solidarity program, when hundreds of homes in settlements and development towns in the Galilee were opened to the American Jewish leaders for dinner, late night dialogue and overnight stays.

In another widespread people-to-people happening, dozens of community delegations made partnership visits to their linked Project Renewal neighborhoods to review achievements and ongoing needs, and to plan a continuing year of progress in the vast social rehabilitation program.

Participants in the Gathering had previously visited Lebanon and met with Lebanese civilians in a series of frank and open discussions. They saw the cities of Tyre, Sidon and Nabatiya being reconstructed by residents who had returned after years of PLO-enforced exile; viewed the captured Beaufort Castle, from which PLO artillery fire had raked northern Israel, and visited Israel Defense Forces installations for dialogues with high ranking spokesmen and line soldiers.

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PARIS (JTA) -- President Francois Mitterrand inaugurated Wednesday a museum of modern art in the provincial city of Troyes. The museum, including a priceless collection of modern art, was donated by the Levy Foundation, a fund set up by a French Jewish businessman. Mitterrand flew to Troyes immediately after he concluded his talks in Paris with visiting Lebanese president Amin Gemayel.

EBAN: 'ISRAEL IS NOW IN  
A STATE OF MORAL ANGUISH'

TORONTO, Oct. 20 (JTA) -- "Israel is now in a state of moral anguish. We are trying to weigh the losses and gains of a very dramatic summer. We have to ask: have we really eliminated the PLO? Was it worth the loss of nearly 400 of our young men to move the PLO from Beirut to Damascus?"

This statement was made here by Israel's former Foreign Minister Abba Eban in an address to 2,500 people attending the opening session of the B'nai B'rith International convention. Eban, now a Labor Party member of the Knesset, said there is a division of opinion in Israel about issues arising from the war in Lebanon.

"Diaspora Jews should take pride in the fact that Israel is a pluralist democracy and they (diaspora Jewry) need not be afraid of stating their own views on issues. Diaspora Jews should not be inhibited," Eban said the dissent among Jews is "about really two wars: the war of the Galilee and the war of Beirut. Each stands in its own pattern of justification."

Nature Of The Dissent

He added that there was no real dissent in Israel over the war of the Galilee. "Jews in the north (of Israel) are entitled not only to protection from attack, but also from the threat of attack."

The dissent, Eban asserted, is over the war in Beirut. "Those who favored this war wanted to remove the PLO, stabilize Lebanon, elect a Lebanese President, and have peace from Lebanon to Egypt," he said. But he added that he does not believe that the PLO has been removed as a threat.

Eban criticized world leaders for sympathizing with PLO chief Yasir Arafat when they should be sympathizing with the Palestinian people. Arafat, he charged, "is the author of their suffering."

The Israeli diplomat said there are two questions about the war in Beirut: (1) how not to lose it and (2) how to bring it to a successful conclusion. He said that Lebanon is not stabilizing. "You can trust that Lebanon will disintegrate by the hand of its own people. There is a total lack of national solidarity. Israel's function is not to rebuild or stabilize Lebanon but to insure the stability of Israel," Eban said. "We are learning about the limited ability of war to bring about peaceful objectives."

Criticizes The UN And The Media

Eban called the attempts to exclude Israel from United Nations agencies "monstrous" and "showing complete contempt for the UN Charter." He expressed the hope that Canada would join the United States in opposing this action.

Eban also assailed the news media for applying "double values" in discussing Israel, stating that he would have more respect for press if it had shown equal interest in terrorism and killings in other parts of the world.

The B'nai B'rith convention opened Sunday with a record 1,400 delegates and guests.

**SIEGMUND WARBURG DEAD AT 80**

LONDON, Oct. 20 (JTA) -- Sir Siegmund George Warburg, a member of the Warburg investment banking family, and a governor of the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovot, died here Monday after a brief illness at the age of 80. He had been visiting London from his home near Lausanne, Switzerland, for medical treatment.

At the time of his death, he also was serving as chairman of the European Committee for the Weizmann Institute, which has offices in Zurich and London. He took an active interest in Israeli affairs and recently voiced disagreement publicly with the policies of the Begin government.

Born in 1902 in Westphalia, he attended the Evangelical Seminary in Urach, the first Jewish student in the seminary's 450-year history. In 1920, he became a member of M. M. Warburg and Company, founded by his ancestors in 1798, then working for N.M. Rothschild and Sons in London before going to the United States, where he joined an accounting firm in Boston and later joined the banking house of Kuhn Loeb and Co., in New York City.

In 1930, he returned to Hamburg as a partner in the family bank and set up a branch in Berlin in 1931. He publicly protested to the German Foreign Ministry about random arrests of German citizens, particularly Jews. He fled to Britain in 1934, settling in England as a refugee with his Swedish wife, Eva Maria Philipson. He became a British subject in 1939, but spent the last years of his life in Switzerland.

**TERRORIST GOES ON TRIAL**

By Monika Brenner and Reinhard Engel

VIENNA, Oct. 20 (JTA) -- Bahij Younis, a 29-year-old Palestinian, went on trial here yesterday accused of masterminding the attack on the Jewish community center in the summer of 1981 in which two people were killed and 18 were wounded. He is also charged with plotting the assassination of Heinz Nittel, a Vienna city council member and president of the Austrian-Israeli Friendship Society who was gunned down in May, 1981.

Younis, a former aircraft engineer in Baghdad and a student at Salzburg University, pleaded not guilty to the two terrorist acts but admitted to possession of several handguns, hand grenades, and forged passports, found in his Salzburg apartment. He claimed they were not his but stored there by a person known as Fuad whose true identity he refused to disclose.

Younis was implicated in the 1981 terror wave here by two comrades who were tried and convicted earlier this year. They identified him as a member of Al Asifa, an extremist Palestinian group led by Abu Nidal. Yesterday, Younis claimed he was a member of Harkat Fatah which he said was part of the Palestine Liberation Organization. He contended that Al Asifa, which operates outside PLO umbrella, was trying to discredit his organization.

Observers believe Younis seeks to profit from the respectability accorded the PLO in Western Europe recently by associating himself with Yasir Arafat's Al Fatah. The PLO has repeatedly claimed that Al Asifa was trying to undermine the PLO's diplomatic rapprochement with the West and had in fact assassinated PLO representatives in Europe.

Younis' trial is being conducted under strict security measures. A verdict is expected by the end of this week.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The former head of the Mossad Gen. (res.) Yitzhak Hafi, and two senior officers testified Wednesday before the commission of inquiry on the Beirut massacre. The testimonies were given behind closed doors. Defense Minister Ariel Sharon and Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan are scheduled to appear before the committee at the beginning of next week. It is possible that the press will be allowed to attend that session of the commission, if only part time. The commission held its first official meeting Tuesday, reviewing written material.