

## STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS 'MECHANISM' EXISTS BETWEEN ISRAEL, LEBANON FOR DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS ON ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM LEBANON

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (JTA) -- The State Department said today that the "mechanism" already exists between Israel and Lebanon for direct negotiations on Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon and the working out of security arrangements for south Lebanon.

This mechanism, Department spokesman John Hughes explained, is a liaison arrangement between the Lebanese and Israeli military that has existed since the effort began to remove the Palestine Liberation Organization last summer. When talks begin "we will be present" at the request of both countries, the U.S. spokesman said.

Hughes was replying to a question about Israeli expressions of surprise over what a senior State Department official told reporters yesterday on the plane carrying Secretary of State George Shultz back from Canada. The official said Lebanon and Israel have agreed to hold talks which could start by the end of the week.

### The Issue Of Timing

The Israeli surprise may have been due to "timing," Hughes said. He noted that Morris Draper, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs who is the special negotiator for Lebanon, was on his way back to Beirut when he was taken ill in London yesterday and thus things may not have moved "along specifically at the pace that was expected."

Draper may be able to go to Beirut tomorrow or by the end of the week at the latest, Hughes said. He said that Philip Habibi, who had been the special negotiator for Lebanon, was meeting with Shultz and Deputy Secretary Kenneth Dam today but there were no new plans as of now to send Habibi back to the Middle East.

During Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir's visit here, he made it clear that Israel would not withdraw without a written agreement with Lebanon for security arrangements in south Lebanon to protect Israel's northern borders.

However, Lebanese President Amin Gemayel told President Reagan during his visit to the White House last week that while he did not oppose security arrangements, he could not negotiate directly with Israel or sign a formal agreement for fear of jeopardizing his relations with other Arab countries. He also called for Israel to be the first foreign force to withdraw from Lebanon.

### U.S. Seeks Early Withdrawal Of Troops

Hughes said today that positions outlined by Israel and Lebanon were their "first positions." He said the U.S. did not have a first position of its own but would support whatever was agreed to by Lebanon and Israel. Hughes also stressed that the U.S. was seeking the withdrawal of the Syrians and the PLO.

He noted that Shultz had met with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khaddam at the United Nations in New York and last week in Washington when the Syrian official was a member of the Arab League delegation led by King Hassan of Morocco which met with Reagan. "We're working for the speediest possible total withdrawal of foreign forces," Hughes said.

The U.S. has set the end of the year as a target for the withdrawal of Israel, Syria and the PLO. "If we are going to do something by the end of the year, we have to have a plan promptly," the Administration official told reporters on the Shultz plane yesterday. "It takes time to implement, to move troops."

The official indicated that as a first step there might be a partial pull-back of Syrian and Israeli troops with the multinational force, made up of U.S. marines, French and Italian troops, moving into expanded positions, perhaps along the Beirut-Damascus highway, east of Beirut.

Shultz, at a press conference in Ottawa yesterday, said he did not believe it was necessary to increase the multinational force from its present size of 3,400 to the 30,000 Gemayel has called for. The Secretary, however, said there was probably justification "for somewhat expanded forces," although he did not provide any estimates.

### Shultz Sees Movement By Arabs

Meanwhile, at his Ottawa press conference, Shultz said the Arabs have "made a lot of movement" in the Mideast peace effort. He noted that King Hassan, after his meeting with Reagan last Friday, spoke of coexistence in the Mideast and gave equal importance to the communique issued by the Arab League after their summit conference in Fez, Morocco last month and Reagan's September 14 peace initiative.

"So I don't know what other implication you could draw than that the Arabs accept the fact that Israel is there and is a permanent part of the region," Shultz said. "Now the effort is to figure out how to make an arrangement that is peaceful with Israel."

Administration officials said last week that while Hassan's statements were "encouraging," the Arab League group had not met the U.S. request that it agree to recognize Israel and negotiate with it without any pre-conditions. Hassan told a press conference Saturday that this could not happen without Israel withdrawing to its pre-1967 borders.

### EGYPT DEMANDS IMMEDIATE REOPENING OF TALKS WITH ISRAEL OVER STATUS OF DISPUTED TERRITORY OF TABA

By Judith Kohn

CAIRO, Oct. 26 (JTA) -- Egypt has requested the immediate resumption of negotiations with Israel over the status of Taba, it was reported in the press here today.

According to the semi-official news daily Al-Ahram, Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali has asked Washington, in a letter to U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, to play an active role in the negotiations over the disputed territory south of Eilat, whose situation Ali is said to have described as critical.

The message reportedly charged that Israeli measures in Taba violated the provisions of a framework concluded last April for resolving the dispute. Preparations for the opening of a large hotel in the area are currently underway.

All told reporters last Sunday that he had sent a similar letter to Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, setting out the Egyptian position on the territorial dispute.

In related developments, Egypt has warned "Sonesta," the company that will operate the new hotel, that Egypt would consider its operations in Taba a violation of international law, it was reported in the news daily Al-Gomhuriya today. According to the report, the Egyptian Ministry of Tourism has contacted all international tourist companies and the International Tourism Organization, requesting that they stop all dealings in the disputed area.

#### EL AL WORKERS STORM AIRLINE'S HQ By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Oct. 26 (JTA) -- Scores of El Al employees stormed the company's headquarters at Ben Gurion Airport today, accusing the airline's management and the government of refusing to negotiate with them in good faith on the future of the airline. Barricades of burning tires blocked roads approaching the airport, creating traffic chaos.

A number of protestors broke into the fourth floor offices of the El Al president and board chairman. Noisy arguments ensued but there was no violence and the management decided not to call the police. A spokesman for the workers said they would call a strike of those El Al employees who were not sent on forced furloughs when the management suspended operations six weeks ago.

A strike would involve mainly ground hostesses for El Al ticket holders transferred to chartered foreign planes and drivers of El Al buses who transport the passengers of all airlines to and from the airport.

#### Awaiting Fate Of Airline

The fate of the grounded carrier will be decided within the next few weeks. The Cabinet decided last Sunday to put the airline into voluntary liquidation unless its employees agree to far-reaching changes in labor-management relations. A three week deadline was set. The El Al board of directors has scheduled a shareholders meeting for November 17 to take the final step toward voluntary liquidation.

But that would only be a formality inasmuch as the government holds 98 percent of El Al shares. The balance are held by Histadrut and by Zim, the national shipping company which is itself government-owned.

As of yesterday six of the eight El Al workers committees and Histadrut had agreed to continue negotiations on management terms. The Pilots Association held out. It is meeting today to decide whether to accept management principles on which any new work contract would be based.

#### DULZIN: ISRAEL IS CHARACTERIZED BY ITS DUAL MILITARY, MORAL STRENGTH

TORONTO, Oct. 26 (JTA) -- Leon Dulzin, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives, said that Israel as a nation and as a people is characterized by

its dual military and moral strength. He pointed out to some 1,400 delegates and guests attending the B'nai B'rith International convention here last week that, while "following the Yom Kippur War the Israelis protested a failure in security; this time (following the war in Lebanon) they were protesting on a moral issue. As we have witnessed, the passionate intensity of the present protest was far greater than that in regard to their own security."

This proves, Dulzin continued, "that the prophetic heritage and ethos of Israel and its people is alive and well. It proves the vitality and the deep sense of justice in the Jewish State. It proves the fervent regard in Israel for human life and dignity. In these matters, all of Israel is united, as demonstrated by the government's decision to establish its commission of inquiry" to investigate the massacre of Palestinian civilians in two camps in west Beirut by Christian Phalangists.

#### Takes Issue With Bronfman

Dulzin, in his address, took strong issue with a statement made by Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, at an earlier session of the convention. Bronfman, in referring to the need to resolve the Palestinian problem in a way "that clearly provides for Israel's security along with the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people," said that President Reagan's Middle East peace proposals "sought to unlock and enhance the Camp David peace process."

Bronfman followed this up by stating: "Total rejectionism, whether it comes from the Arabs in Fez or the Israelis in Jerusalem, must be regarded as opening bargaining positions in a renewed set of progressive negotiations."

Dulzin rejected Bronfman's equation of Jerusalem's and Fez's rejectionists. He characterized this equation as "not only an offense to Israel, but an insult to the dignity and honor of the Jewish people." Dulzin emphasized: "I can only say he was ill-advised. But this is Mr. Bronfman's right. However, he had no right and no authority to say what he did on behalf of the World Jewish Congress."

#### THEATER GROUP DEFIES OFFICIAL BAN ON PLAY CRITICAL OF ISRAELI LIFE By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Oct. 26 (JTA) -- The Neve Zedek Theater Group, defying a ban imposed by the government-appointed film and theater censorship board, presented the premier performance of Hanoch Levin's new satirical work "The Patriot" here last night and said tonight's performance would go on as planned to a full house despite a police order to cancel it.

Neve Zedek is an experimental fringe theater. "The Patriot," a cabaret style production rather than a play, offended the authorities by its irreverent treatment of such sacred cows in Israeli life as nationalistic feelings, religion and the West Bank settlements. According to Joshua Justman, chairman of the censorship board, a majority of its members felt the work was "gravely offensive to the fundamental values of the State, Jewish tradition and wide segments of the population, Jewish and Arab."

Last night's audience gave "The Patriot" a warm reception. But critics said this was more a demonstration of support for its stand against censorship than a response to its artistic merits. Many said the work would have a short run were it not for the publicity generated by the clash with the censors.

Neve Zedek sources said they decided to defy the ban because the time has come to confront the censors. They said they have the support of many backers of the Likud government as well as more liberal elements of society. One member of the censorship board resigned in protest after it voted 11-7 to ban the play.

## ISRAEL PLEDGES THAT REFUGEES IN LEBANON WILL HAVE ADEQUATE SHELTER THIS WINTER

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 26 (JTA) -- Israel appeared to be emerging as the protector of Palestinian refugees in south Lebanon against efforts by the Lebanese government to get rid of them. Economics Minister Yaacov Meridor told the Knesset yesterday that Israel would see to it that the refugees have adequate shelter this winter, regardless of opposition from the Lebanese authorities.

He said Israel was encouraging the refugees to accept tents provided by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) and would help them build more permanent structures if they wished. These would replace the structures destroyed in the Lebanese war last summer. The Lebanese government is demolishing refugee houses in the Beirut area on grounds they were built illegally.

### Israel Army Will Protect The Refugees

Meridor also pledged that the Israel army would protect the refugees from Lebanese moves against them as long as the army remains in Lebanon. He said he had met with a top Lebanese "personality" last July who had made it clear that the Lebanese government wanted all Palestinians out of the country and therefore refused to approve the building of permanent or semi-permanent shelters for them.

Residents of the Ein Hilwe, refugee camp near Sidon burned down the first UNRWA tents today, demanding permanent shelters. They stoned UNRWA workers erecting the tents but a spokesman for the agency said work would be resumed tomorrow.

Meridor spoke in reply to charges by the Labor Alignment that the government had failed to act last summer to provide the homeless refugees with shelter before the winter cold set in. Mapam MK Yair Tzaban said Israel could have acted then without interference from the Lebanese.

Meridor's solicitude toward the refugees was seen by some observers as an effort to undo the damage caused earlier this year by his alleged comment that the Palestinians should be "pushed eastward." In the Knesset yesterday, the minister accused UNRWA of tardiness in erecting the tents. He said 20 heavy earthmovers made available by Israel were idle. But he cautioned against straining relations with the UN agency because it might pull out altogether, leaving Israel with sole responsibility for the refugees.

### VIOLENCE ON THE WEST BANK

TEL AVIV, Oct. 26 (JTA) -- A 14-year-old Palestinian resident of the Balata refugee camp near Nablus was fatally shot today by an Israeli who opened fire on a group of youngsters stoning his vehicle.

Another Arab youth was wounded by an Israeli ambulance driver whose vehicle was stoned while transporting a sick Jewish settler from the West Bank to a hospital in Israel.

The incident marked the worst flare-up of violence in the territory in recent weeks as enraged West Bank Arabs observed the 40-day mourning period for Palestinian civilians massacred in two west Beirut refugee camps last month. School children left their classrooms, stoned Israeli vehicles, burned tires and flew Palestinian flags from school buildings.

## UN ASSEMBLY VOTES TO APPROVE ISRAEL'S CREDENTIALS

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 26 (JTA) -- The General Assembly this afternoon approved the credentials of Israel and 89 other countries. Its approval followed the adoption of a motion by Finland not to vote on Iran's proposal of last night to reject the credentials of Israel.

The vote in favor of the motion was 74-9 with 31 abstentions. It ended weeks of threats and speculation that Israel would be suspended from participation in the 37th General Assembly currently in session. After adopting the Finnish motion, the Assembly approved the report of the Credentials Committee covering the credentials of 90 member states, including Israel.

In a surprise move last night, Iran decided to challenge Israel's credentials to the Assembly and introduced the issue for a vote despite an earlier decision by Arab and other Moslem countries to drop their campaign against Israel for the time being. The Iranian proposal, introduced by Ambassador Said Rajaie-Khorassani, was offered as an amendment to a report of the Assembly's Credentials Committee which recommended the approval of Israel's credentials along with 89 other member states.

Iran said last night that it decided to press for Israel's suspension because it believed the United States would not carry out its threat to withdraw its financial support of the UN if Israel were expelled. Even if the U.S. halted its payments, Iran said, it would make up the financial loss, together with Libya.

The U.S. warned repeatedly in the last few weeks that it would walk out of the Assembly and suspend payments to the UN if Israel were expelled. The U.S. pays more than 25 percent of the UN budget of \$600 million. A U.S. walkout would be the first step in the disintegration of the UN, diplomats here have been warning. American diplomats reiterated today the U.S. decision to walk out of the Assembly if Israel were suspended.

## JERUSALEM IS SITE FOR NEXT SESSION OF WORLD CONFERENCE ON SOVIET JEWRY

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 26 (JTA) -- The presidium of the World Conference on Soviet Jewry decided unanimously to hold its next international session in Jerusalem. It is tentatively scheduled for March 14-16, 1983, Leon Dulzin, presidium chairman, announced today.

This will be the first time that Israel's capital is the venue for the Conference which was established in Brussels more than 10 years ago. Other sites suggested at the presidium meeting here, including Washington, D.C. were rejected. Dulzin stressed that the selection of Jerusalem was of paramount importance.

"It is both symbolic and important that the message, 'Let My People Go', should come from Jerusalem. The Jewish people will stand united in Jerusalem to wage the struggle for Soviet Jewry," he said.

The presidium issued a declaration to all governments, Jewish communities and organizations throughout the world to demand that the "Soviet authorities cease their persecution and open the gates to those who seek to return to their homeland." But at a press conference after the presidium meeting, Conference leaders conceded that they had come up with "no dramatic new tactics" to advance the emigration of Soviet Jews.

The problem of drop-outs -- Soviet Jews who opt to settle in countries other than Israel after leaving the USSR -- was hardly mentioned at the meeting. "Hardly anyone is leaving so hardly anyone is dropping out," Dulzin observed.

## FOCUS ON ISSUES JEWISH CANDIDATES IN THE U.S. SENATE AND HOUSE ELECTION RACES

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (JTA) -- Eight Jews, including two incumbents, are running for the United States Senate in the November 2 elections. In the unlikely event that they all win, the number of Jews in the Senate will double to 12.

In the House, 24 of the 25 incumbents are seeking re-election. Rep. Marc Marks (R. Pa.) has decided not to run again after six years in the House. There are also 22 Jews seeking election for the first time to the House.

The six Jews now in the Senate, all of them serving their first six-year term, are evenly divided among Democrats and Republicans. The three Democrats include the two seeking re-election: Sens. Howard Metzenbaum of Ohio and Edward Zorinsky of Nebraska; and Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan. The three Republicans are Sens. Rudy Boschwitz of Minnesota, Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania and Warren Rudman of New Hampshire.

However, there is only one Republican among the six Jews seeking to unseat incumbents. He is Chic Hecht, a Las Vegas businessman and former Nevada State Senator, who is trying to deny a fifth term to Sen. Howard Cannon. Hecht, who operates clothing stores, and is considered to be close to Sen. Paul Laxalt (R. Nev.) is being given a chance to win by the experts, although Cannon is considered ahead.

The two incumbents are expected to win easily. Metzenbaum, while technically a freshman in the Senate, was appointed to the Senate in 1974 to fill the unexpired term of William Saxton. But he failed to win the Democratic nomination later that year, losing to John Glenn. The 65-year-old Metzenbaum won a full six-year term in 1976. In the Senate, he has been a leading supporter of Israel and Jewish issues.

The 64-year-old Zorinsky, a former Mayor of Omaha, has not. Although he voted against the sale of AWACS to Saudi Arabia in the Foreign Relations Committee last year, he voted for the sale on the floor of the Senate.

### Three Newcomers Are Looking Good

Three of the other newcomers are also given a chance of defeating incumbents although all of them are behind. One of them is Harriet Woods, a Missouri State Senator, who is running against Sen. John Danforth (R. Mo.), a supporter of Israel as well as a leading Congressional advocate of the cause of Soviet Jewry.

Woods, a former newspaper reporter and television producer, defeated 10 other candidates to win the Democratic primary and has made a close race of what was expected to be a runaway election for Danforth. Should she win, she would be the first Jewish woman to serve in the Senate.

Also given a chance to win in a close race is Julie Michaelson, a former Rhode Island Attorney General and State Senator, who is the Democratic candidate against Sen. John Chafee. Michaelson is also a former general counsel to the Rhode Island branch of the AFL-CIO.

In New Jersey, Frank Lautenberg, a businessman and honorary national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, is, according to the

latest count, making a close race of what was expected to be the sure election of Rep. Millicent Fenwick, his Republican opponent. He was a surprise winner in the Democratic primary and the experts gave him little chance for next week's election until just recently. Fenwick has been a supporter of Israel in the House.

Other Jewish contenders include: Dr. Cyril Wecht, a medical doctor who is an Allegheny County commissioner in Pittsburgh is the Democratic candidate against Sen. John Heinz. Heinz is a supporter of Israel and active in the cause of Soviet Jewry. Wecht is the former chairman of the Pittsburgh Conference on Soviet Jewry. In Delaware, David Levinson, a real estate developer, is given little chance against Republican incumbent William Roth. Roth, like Danforth and Heinz voted against the sale of AWACS.

### Line Up For The House

In the House, only four of the 25 Jewish incumbents are Republicans. Only three of the 22 Jewish challengers are Republicans. Two of them are in races against other Jews. In Florida, Maurice Berkowitz, an attorney, is the Republican candidate against Larry Smith, a Democratic state representative. In Michigan, Jerry Rosen, an attorney, is the Republican candidate against Democrat Sandy Levin, brother of Sen. Carl Levin.

Two Jewish incumbents are in tough races because of redistricting: Reps. Martin Frost (D. Tex.) and Barney Frank (D. Mass.). Frank's contest with Rep. Margaret Heckler (R. Mass.) has drawn national attention.

Incidentally, redistricting cost the seats of two non-Jewish supporters of Israel on the House Foreign Relations Committee. Rep. Edward Derwinski (R. Ill.) was defeated in a primary contest last spring and Rep. Jonathan Bingham (D. NY) decided not to seek re-election. Derwinski has just been named State Department Counselor by President Reagan.

There is only one Jewish woman in the House. Rep. Bobbi Fiedler (R. Calif.). Rep. Gladys Spellman (D. Mo.) was re-elected two years ago despite suffering a stroke but her seat was vacated shortly after the 97th Congress went into session. There are three Jewish women seeking their first terms in the House, all Democrats. They are Barbara Boxer, a San Francisco County Supervisor; Lyn Cutler, vice chairman of the Democratic Party in Iowa, and Beth Bland, a mayor in Washington.

### EEC NIXES EFFORT TO CREATE EUROPEAN COURT TO TRY TERRORISTS

PARIS, Oct. 26 (JTA) -- The European Economic Community (EEC) rejected a proposal by France to create a European court to try terrorists and other international criminals as an alternative to extradition.

The plan was presented by French Minister of Justice Robert Badinter to the Justice Ministers of France's nine EEC partners meeting in Luxembourg yesterday. Badinter intimated that terrorist attacks against Jews and Jewish institutions in France and other Western European countries in recent years was one example for the need for international cooperation to bring terrorists to justice.

But his fellow ministers expressed preference for re-enforced extradition and other judicial procedures contained in a 1977 draft convention agreed on by the 21-member Council of Europe in Strasbourg. The convention has yet to be ratified.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) -- An Israeli soldier sustained slight wounds when a grenade was thrown at an army vehicle on the outskirts of Sidon in south Lebanon Tuesday.