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## HAIG PRAISES BEGIN FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE SECURITY AND INTERESTS OF ISRAEL AND FREE WORLD

By Gil Sedon

JERUSALEM, Nov. 23 (JTA) -- Former U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig met with Premier Menachem Begin today and told reporters afterwards that they had a fruitful discussion on the Middle East. He praised the Premier for his dedication "to the security and interests of the State of Israel and the free world."

Haig, on a private trip to Israel, was the first official visitor received by Begin after completion of the seven-day (shiva) mourning period for his wife, Aliza, who died September 14. Begin had been in seclusion since then and was consulted by aides only on the most urgent matters. He resumed his full duties today. Haig said he found the Premier "thoughtful and clearheaded, as always."

The former Secretary of State also told reporters that the situation in Lebanon has improved and there is "a unique opportunity" for positive developments there. Haig was guest of honor yesterday at ceremonies in Sde Boker marking the ninth anniversary of the death of former Premier David Ben Gurion. He received an honorary doctorate from Ben Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheba.

### Enemies Of Peace Badly Beaten

In a short speech at the ceremonies, Haig said recent events in Lebanon proved that the enemies of peace in the region have been badly beaten. "Once again the Soviets' inability to suggest real solutions to the crises for which they were responsible has been demonstrated in the open," he said. As a result, it is clear now to peaceful countries that there is no alternative to good relations with the U.S., Haig said.

He said relations between the U.S. and Israel were strong and were based on strategic cooperation and mutual support of the Camp David accords. Those relations cannot be affected by passing "storms", Haig observed. He said the basic goals of U.S. policy were to force restraint upon the Soviet Union and to overcome international terrorism.

Haig resigned as Secretary of State last June, shortly after the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. He explained at the time that he quit because the Reagan Administration had deviated from its original foreign policy positions, but he never specified what those deviations were. Some observers have speculated that Haig was at odds with Reagan for, among other things, taking a tougher stand toward Israel.

### Ceremonies in Sde Boker

At yesterday's ceremonies, President Yitzhak Navon unveiled a plaque bearing the name of the new Ben Gurion Park in Sde Boker. The ceremonies at Ben Gurion's gravesite were attended by Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor and a delegation of Cabinet ministers led by Defense Minister Ariel Sharon. Also present were Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan, other senior military officers, members of the diplomatic corps and Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren.

Shimon Peres, chairman of the Labor Party, the party once headed by Ben Gurion, delivered a brief eulogy. The late Premier's son, Amos Ben Gurion, recited the kaddish.

## FRENCH GOVT. ACCUSED OF FREEZING FRANCO-ISRAELI ECONOMIC RELATIONS

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Nov. 23 (JTA) -- Israel's Ambassador to France, Meir Rosenne, accused the French government last night of bringing Franco-Israeli economic relations to a virtual standstill since the beginning of the war in Lebanon last June. He charged that decisions taken at the meeting of the Franco-Israeli joint economic commission which last met in April, have not been implemented and the French have attempted to slow down all commercial exchanges between the two countries.

Addressing an Israel Bond dinner, Rosenne cited as examples of the economic "freeze" the failure to sign an agreement for mutual investments, failure to carry out joint projects in Africa, failure to follow through on exchanges of scientific delegations and cancellation of a planned visit to Israel by the French Minister of Tourism.

The Israeli envoy said that despite those developments, trade between France and Israel increased by seven percent this year. But it was due to private initiatives, he said.

## SHULTZ INVITES VISITING WEST BANK RESIDENTS TO MEET WITH HIM

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (JTA) -- Secretary of State George Shultz has invited West Bank residents attending a conference here to meet with him at the State Department this evening, a Department spokesman disclosed today.

The group is expected to include two mayors expelled by Israel, Mohammed Milhem of Halhoul and Fahd Kawasme of Hebron, Department spokesman John Hughes said. He rejected a suggestion that members of the Palestine Liberation Organization could be among the group meeting with Shultz, saying, "we are confident that they are not members of the PLO."

At the same time, he noted that he would not know the names of people until they arrive for the meeting with Shultz. The persons meeting with Shultz have been attending a two-day conference called "Palestinians Under Occupation," sponsored by the American University's Center for Mediterranean Studies.

### Proviso For Foreign Workers Under Scrutiny

Meanwhile, Hughes said that Shultz would have to see more information on Israel's new requirement for foreign workers on the West Bank before the Secretary can be assured that his "concern" over the restrictions of academic freedom had been resolved. Shultz said last week that the Israeli requirement that teachers at three West Bank universities sign a pledge that they are not aiding the PLO or other hostile organizations before they receive a renewal of their three-month visas, was a restriction of academic freedom.

Hughes repeated what he said yesterday that the report that a new policy by Israel was "movement" in a "healthy direction." Israel has dropped the three-month visa and is offering foreign workers, including teachers, a one-year working permit which includes a proviso that it will be withdrawn if they aid the PLO or other hostile organizations.

The spokesman said the Department wants more information on "what people are being asked to sign and who is being asked to sign" before making any further judgements. But when asked whether the U.S. would press for admission of the more than 20 foreign professors who have already left the West Bank because they refused to sign the pledge formally required of them, Hughes said that was a decision for Israel to make.

#### U.S. Satellite For Arab Consortium

In other developments, Hughes said the State Department welcomes the announcement yesterday by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) that it signed an \$11 million contract to launch a communications satellite from the space shuttle in 1984 for a 22-member Arab consortium, Arabsat. He said the agreement with Arabsat, which is owned by members of the Arab League, "is important for the space shuttle operation" which went into commercial use last week.

Both Libya and the PLO are members of the consortium, which was the reason it was held up by Congress last year when it was submitted by the State Department. But the State Department has maintained that the contract with the consortium does not represent U.S. recognition of the PLO which, as an Arab League member, owns one-sixth of one percent of Arabsat. Libya owns 18 percent. The Department also argued that it would not provide any military capabilities to Libya or any other country since the satellite basically has one television channel and all the other channels are telephone lines. The U.S. maintains that it will not deal with the PLO unless it recognizes Israel's right to exist. The U.S. also has no diplomatic relations with Libya.

The original proposal to build the satellite caused an uproar in Congress but the Administration persuaded the legislators that the deal did not involve military technology or recognition of the PLO. This was reaffirmed yesterday by Gen. James Abrahamson, associate administrator of NASA, who said that the shuttle is a commercial service and that satellite activities "should not be considered a political activity." The Arabsat's center of operations will be in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

#### SOLOMON FEELS NEW CONGRESS WILL NOT SLASH AID TO ISRAEL

By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, Nov. 23 (JTA) -- Senate Minority Whip Alan Cranston (D. Calif.) said here yesterday that he did not believe the 98th Congress scheduled to take office in January will slash the level of U.S. military and economic aid to Israel. He conceded, however, that there was some concern among congressional members about policies of the government of Premier Menachem Begin following the massacre of Palestinians in west Beirut last September.

Cranston, who is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told some 200 persons attending the first Myron Mayer Lecture sponsored by the Public Programs and Policy Com-

mittee of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies that "there is no diminution ... in the American commitment in the Congress and the country, and in this Administration, to Israel's needs."

According to Cranston, in response to a reporter's question, there is concern about the policies of Begin and his Defense Minister, Ariel Sharon, following the events in west Beirut. "But this should not change the situation or present a problem or cut-back" in aid appropriations to Israel, Cranston said.

Israel received a total of some \$2.2 billion in military and economic aid in the 1982 fiscal year. Some reports have indicated Israel will seek to have this boosted up to \$3 billion to help offset some of the costs incurred from the war in Lebanon. Cranston did not indicate whether this boost in aid would be met with opposition.

#### Will Oppose Arms To Jordan

Cranston, who led the opposition last year against the Administration's AWACS arms package sale to Saudi Arabia, said he was primarily concerned with the prospects of fighting the Administration on another arms package deal, this one to Jordan. He said he would oppose a sale of sophisticated weaponry to Jordan. The Administration had made no formal notification to Congress of any intentions to sell Jordan an arms package, nor has Jordan made an official request for U.S. weaponry.

Cranston's remarks were part of an address that focused on the economic policies of the Administration, the nuclear freeze movement and arms reduction talks, and his aspirations to seek the Democratic presidential nomination. He said he would make a declaration in January whether he will seek the nomination.

#### ISRAEL SEEKING HOMES FOR NON-ARAB PRISONERS IT WANTS TO FREE

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 23 (JTA) -- The Israel Army is looking for somewhere to send about 640 non-Arab prisoners it wants to free from the detention camp at Ansar in southern Lebanon. Of the more than 9,000 people detained and held in the camp for questioning, some 3,000 local residents, both Palestinians and some Lebanese, have been released to their homes.

But the army has found that most of the non-Arabs they hold there and wish to release cannot be sent home as their own countries refuse to accept them. The largest group comprises 423 Bangladesh citizens, whose government refuses to pay for their journey home. The others are 61 Pakistanis, 56 Indians, 25 Turks and between one and 10 each from Senegal, Mauritania, Iran, Mali, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Nigeria, Niger and Somalia.

Many of these, who had volunteered for service with the PLO, say they cannot return home as they fled their countries to escape arrest for various crimes. Only a handful of Western PLO volunteers were detained, and they have all been released.

#### JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL IN NICE

PARIS, Nov. 23 (JTA) -- The international festival of Jewish films has opened in Nice. Some 15 films, depicting various aspects of Jewish life or dealing with Jewish subjects, will be shown during the four-day festival.

Among the films to be shown will be Alia Kazan's 1947 "The invisible Wall," Robert Bober's and Georges Peret's 1980 "Ellis Island" as well as Moshe Mizrachi's new film retracing the creation of the State of Israel. A film portraying the life and work of Dr. Nahum Goldmann by Isidoro Romero will be shown publicly for the first time.

The festival is a private project organized by a number of local Jewish organizations with the help of the Nice Jewish community.

### ISRAEL KAY-OED FROM ASIAN GAMES

NEW DELHI, Nov. 23 (JTA) -- Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, is unhappy with the prohibition of Israel from participation in the Asian Games, now under way here. But he says he understands why the ban was imposed.

"I am not satisfied, but I am aware of the reasons for barring Israel," he said at a press conference here Sunday. "Israel is a full member of the International Olympic Committee and will be invited to the Olympic Games in Los Angeles in 1984 and to the 1988 competition slated for Seoul, South Korea," Samaranch stated. He did not specify what he thought the reasons were for excluding Israel from the present contest.

Officials here responsible for organizing the Asian Games have stated repeatedly that the problem is security. In that connection they cite the massacre of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympics in Munich by Palestinian terrorists. But others have indicated that the real reason for barring Israel is the \$10 million grant given to India by Kuwait to help underwrite the costs of the Asian Games.

Meanwhile, the Olympic flag is flying from Nehru Stadium in acknowledgment of Samaranch's presence in India's capital. This is incongruous because the Olympic Committee which he heads has not recognized or extended patronage to the Asian Games because Israel was excluded, in violation of the Olympic charter. The charter states specifically that the organizers of regional games, such as the Asian Games, must invite every nation in the region involved.

Samaranch indicated that the rule concerning invitations to all nations in a given region for a regional sports event would, in all likelihood, be changed when the International Olympic Committee meets in New Delhi next March.

### ARABS FAIL TO BAR ISRAEL'S PARTICIPATION IN UNESCO

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Nov. 23 (JTA) -- Arab states, led by Syria and Iraq, backed off from an attempt to bar Israel from participating in a special session of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) which opened here today. Syria said the Arab countries would not press the issue after they failed to persuade the credentials committee not to accept the Israeli delegation.

The credentials committee voted overwhelmingly to approve Israel's credentials, including its non-aligned members which had been expected to back the Arabs. The United States warned, before the voting, that it would not pay its share of the UNESCO budget if Israel was excluded.

The U.S. contributes 25 percent of the agency's \$200 million annual budget. Western delegates suggested that most of the Arab countries may have wanted to avoid a showdown while their governments seem to support President Reagan's Middle East initiative.

But the Syrian delegate, who attacked Israel's invasion of Lebanon, said the matter of Israel's participation would be raised at UNESCO's next general conference. The Arab states were successful in their efforts to have Israel's creden-

tials rejected at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) meeting in Vienna last month. As a result, the United States suspended its contributions to the IAEA in protest.

Subsequent Arab attempts to have Israel suspended from the UN General Assembly and from an International Telecommunications Union conference in Nairobi, Kenya were dropped after the U.S. threatened to withdraw from both bodies if Israel were expelled.

### SEMINARY STUDENTS AND THE DRAFT

NEW YORK, Nov. 23 (JTA) -- An advisory letter to officials of Jewish religious schools throughout the United States, urging that they request their students to continue to register for the draft when they become 18, despite a federal court order invalidating the draft registration system, has been distributed by the Orthodox Jewish Coalition on the Selective Service, Rabbi Herman Neuberger, the coalition chairman, disclosed today.

Neuberger said the letter was prompted by the widespread publicity given to the decision of Judge Terry Hatter in Federal District Court in Los Angeles two weeks ago invalidating the draft registration, holding that it was started illegally.

Hatter ruled that the Selective Service Law requires that all regulations and proclamations announced relative to that law must have a 30-day waiting period before implementation. Legal observers noted, however, that in 1980, the effective date of then President Carter's proclamation initiating registration was only 21 days from the date of its issuance.

The coalition letter noted that the federal government has appealed Judge Hatter's decision and that the outcome of the appeal is "impossible to predict." Moreover, the letter said that the Selective Service System has announced it will continue the registration process during the period of the appeal process and will seek to prosecute young men who do not register.

### Steps For Registration

The coalition letter stressed that registration procedures are simple. A registration card is available at all post offices on which to provide information on the registrant's name, telephone number, birthdate, Social Security number, permanent address and mailing address.

Neuberger said that, following registration, all registrants are placed in an unclassified status which will continue until the President declares -- if and when he does -- that an emergency exists requiring mobilization. Should that occur, all registrants would automatically be placed in an eligibility pool and a birthday lottery would then be used to select from those in the pool those who are subject to induction.

Those young men would receive notices to report for induction and instructions on how to file for an exemption deferment. At that point, Neuberger said, the youths would have the opportunity to claim an exemption or a deferment, with such claims required to be filed prior to the date for reporting. Accordingly, the rabbi said, even those young men who would qualify for an exemption or deferment must still register.

This is of particular significance to seminary students, who are exempted by law from military service but the exemption is not automatic. Neuberger said that seminary students must apply for exemption or deferment and cannot do so if they are not registered.

The coalition, an umbrella group of major Orthodox Jewish organizations was established in 1980 to deal with the problems presented to the Orthodox Jewish community by the reintroduction of draft legislation in that year. (By Ben Gallob)

## NJCRAC CHARGES UN 'DECADE FOR WOMEN' ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN 'HIJACKED' BY PLO SUPPORTERS

NEW YORK, Nov. 23 (JTA) -- A charge that the United Nations "Decade for Women" activities have been "hijacked" by PLO supporters and sympathizers was made here in a position paper released by the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC).

The nation-wide coordinating council expressed fear that the Decade's final conference, scheduled for Nairobi in 1985, might be marked by attempts to manipulate the conference "by forces indifferent and even inimical to women's programs" as were the Decade's two previous conferences.

The NJCRAC position paper pointed out that the Decade activities, launched in Mexico City in 1975 to improve the status and condition of women, had become "deeply politicized," and "despite its lofty ideals," have been "in large part subverted as yet another vehicle for the PLO and Soviet bloc propaganda at the expense of women."

### Mexico, Copenhagen Conclaves Recalled

It noted that the 1975 International Women's Year Conference, which launched the Decade, "is remembered, in many quarters, less for its significant achievements on behalf of women, than for the adoption of the Declaration of Mexico which equated Zionism with racism. The Mexico City conference marked the beginning of the intensive assaults against Israel and the democratic Western nations in United Nations conferences. In fact, that conference became a forum for vituperative attacks by those governments which suppress women most against those countries whose freer atmosphere permits women to improve their status."

Continuing, the NJCRAC statement said: "As outrageous as the Declaration of Mexico was, the working document, The World Plan of Action, adopted separately, was not contaminated with the anti-Zionist venom which was contained in the Declaration of Mexico. The World Plan of Action was, therefore, used as a basis for a U.S. National Plan of Action, supported by the women's movement and many in the Jewish community.

"Unfortunately, the 1980 Mid-Decade Conference in Copenhagen began where the Declaration of Mexico left off. From the outset of preparations for Copenhagen, procedural rules were ignored and extraneous political considerations were allowed to dominate. Parliamentary procedure was disregarded when it did not meet the needs of those who had 'hijacked' the conference, namely, the PLO and their Arab and Soviet bloc allies.

"Waiving all the rules, an official conference document rewriting the history of Palestine and Israel and viciously slandering the Jewish people was accepted as a basic reference for the conference. It was prepared by the UN Economic Commission for Western Asia (ECWA) composed primarily of Israel's hostile neighbors who had denied Israel her rightful membership in that body."

In addition, the Copenhagen conference not only equated Zionism with racism, but also provided that "United Nations aid to Palestinian women should be given in consultation and cooperation with the PLO" -- items strongly opposed by the United States, the NJCRAC statement said.

However, it continued, "despite the outrages perpetrated at Copenhagen and, for that matter, in many other United Nations agencies, critical participation remains a part of our own approach to the Women's Decade."

### Fear About Nairobi Conference

But past experience with the Decade's activities "leads us to fear that, at the third and final conference scheduled for Nairobi in 1985, similar attempts to manipulate the conference will be made for their own political purposes by forces indifferent and even inimical to women's programs," the NJCRAC position paper charged.

It noted that during the first stages of planning for Nairobi at the Vienna UN Conference on the Status of Women earlier this year the U.S. "played a more forceful hand and in some cases blunted the most radical initiatives of those antagonistic to both Israel and the United States. However, the Vienna planning conference once again adapted the proposed inclusion of Palestinian women as a major agenda item and included several anti-Zionist resolutions, thereby demonstrating that the planning process for 1985 remains under the control of the same anti-democratic forces."

The NJCRAC's concerns were expressed to Nancy Reynolds, President Reagan's representative to the UN Commission on the Status of Women. The Jewish group called on the U.S. government to "use its excellent resources to overcome disruptive exploitation of women's issues" in future UN Women's Decade activities.

The NJCRAC statement's release was timed to coincide with the fifth anniversary of the U.S. National Women's Year Conference in Houston, Texas -- the American convocation which developed a "Plan for Action for Women" for the United States. The policy paper was prepared by NJCRAC's Ad Hoc Committee on the United Nations, chaired by Shirley Joseph, of Buffalo, New York.

### ANTI-SEMITIC DISTURBANCE

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 23 (JTA) -- An anti-Semitic disturbance marred a football match between the Go Ahead football club of Deventer and the Feyenoord club of Rotterdam in Deventer Saturday afternoon. Supporters of the Feyenoord club carried banners which included the slogan, "Death to all Jews." The Deventer public prosecutor, who was attending the match, ordered the arrest of 14 of the Feyenoord supporters.

A similar disturbance occurred recently in Amsterdam when Feyenoord played against the home team football club, Ajax. There, too, some Feyenoord supporters displayed an anti-Semitic banner.

Ajax is sometimes considered a "Jewish club" because in the past two of its prominent players were Jews although none of the Ajax players is Jewish at this time. The Go Ahead club also has no Jewish players presently and the Jewish community of Deventer in the east of the Netherlands is extremely small.

### IAI BUILDS NEW EXECUTIVE JET

TEL AVIV, Nov. 23 (JTA) -- Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI) hopes to begin test-flying its new executive jet -- the Astra 1125 -- in about six months time. It is described by its designers and manufacturers as the "executive jet of the future" whose "super-critical wing" will give greater range, altitude and speed than the present Westwind executive jet it is to replace.

The Westwind has captured some 26 percent of the American market for executive jets. Over 200 planes have been sold in the four years it has been in production. IAI spokesmen say there is a great interest in the Astra, despite the present slowdown in the world market for executive jet planes.