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## HABIB BACK IN JERUSALEM IN MAJOR U.S. EFFORT TO GET TALKS GOING

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Jan. 11 (JTA) — U.S. special Ambassador Philip Habib was back in Jerusalem this evening, joined by his deputy, special envoy Morris Draper, from Beirut, in what appears to observers to be a major new American effort to achieve a breakthrough in the lagging negotiations between Israel and Lebanon. (Related story P. 3.)

Habib, who had been vacationing in Florida, was summoned to Washington last week. He conferred with President Reagan at the White House yesterday and left almost immediately afterwards for the Middle East. He is due to meet with Premier Menachem Begin here Thursday.

Meanwhile, an air of uncertainty hovered over the status of the talks. The Israeli, Lebanese and American delegations held their fifth round of negotiations yesterday at Khalde in Lebanon, reportedly without making progress toward agreement on an agenda. Israeli officials therefore reacted cautiously when asked to comment today on media reports that the Lebanese had accepted the latest American proposals for an agenda, produced by Draper.

According to the reports, the Lebanese rejected proposals submitted by Draper just before the weekend. The U.S. envoy, apparently expecting this, produced a new set of proposals yesterday, typewritten and ready for circulation among the three delegations. Some discussion ensued on points of text, the reports said.

But Israeli officials said they had no formal word from Lebanon as of today as to which version was accepted by the Lebanese. They also reacted tartly to media reports that the U.S. was impatient with the slow pace of the talks. They noted that it was Lebanon, not Israel, which rejected Draper's earlier proposal.

## BOMB EXPLOSION IN THE OLD CITY; VIOLENCE ERUPTS ON THE WEST BANK

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Jan. 11 (JTA) — A bomb explosion injured one man in the Old City of Jerusalem last night. Two Israelis were injured in stone-throwing incidents on the West Bank today and several students at A-Najah University in Nablus were arrested, resulting in a boycott of classes for the day.

The Jerusalem bomb injured a sanitation worker who had picked a suspicious-looking parcel out of a garbage can and was examining it when it exploded. The incident occurred near Zeidekiah's tomb inside the old walled city. A dozen suspects were taken into custody for questioning.

Israelis were injured when stones were hurled at them in Ramallah and at the Daheisha refugee camp south of Bethlehem. Israeli vehicles were stoned in El Bireh near Ramallah. Border police dispersed student demonstrators at the Haj Maazuz Al Masri school in Nablus. Students in A-Najah were arrested for taking part in celebrations at the university commemorating the founding of El Fatah.

The incidents on the West Bank followed a night of slogan daubings in the territory and in East Jerusalem. The slogans, attributed to Arab extremists, denounced the recent meetings between King Hussein of Jordan and PLO chief Yasir Arafat aimed at eventual peace talks with Israel.

## ISRAEL WILL HAVE TO FIGHT TERRORISM FOR 100 YEARS, BEGIN'S ADVISOR ON ANTI-TERRORIST ACTIVITIES PREDICTS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Jan. 11 (JTA) — Premier Menachem Begin's advisor on anti-terrorist activities predicted today that Israel will have to fight Arab terrorism for another hundred years and contended that Lebanon will be a major front.

The Premier's aide, Rafael Eitan, who is not related to Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan, offered his views in a Voice of Israel Radio interview. He said that however long the Israeli army would have to remain in Lebanon, it would be engaged in combat against terrorist acts. The war is over formally but in practice it still goes on, he said.

He said Israel would have to apply the military and intelligence measures that eradicated terrorism from the Gaza Strip 13 years ago. According to Eitan, Israel's defenses against terrorism within its own border are the most efficient in the world. He dismissed the grenade attack that injured 12 bus-riders in the heart of Tel Aviv Saturday night as an "exceptional case" and was confident the perpetrators would be caught soon. (Related story, P. 4.)

Eitan expressed concern over the vulnerability of Jewish institutions overseas to terrorist attack. But he considered Lebanon Israel's biggest problem.

"One cannot solve in one war all the problems of terror," he said. "One could not have foreseen the murder of Bashir Gemayel who was Israel's hope for a stable regime in Lebanon." President-elect Gemayel was killed last September 14. He was replaced by his brother, Amin Gemayel who is currently President of Lebanon.

## MOROCCO ANNOUNCES COMPROMISE SOLUTION REACHED BETWEEN THE ARAB LEAGUE AND BRITAIN

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Jan. 11 (JTA) — Morocco announced today that a compromise solution has been reached between the Fez summit participants and Britain. The Moroccan Foreign Ministry said in Rabat that an Arab League delegation, led by King Hassan of Morocco and including a Palestinian representative, will visit London February 7 and apparently meet Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Foreign Secretary Francis Pym.

The Palestinian representative will be former Hal-houl Mayor Mohamed Milhim who is not a member of the Palestine Liberation Organization and only a PLO sympathizer. Milhim was expelled by Israel from the West Bank two years ago.

An earlier Arab delegation, which was to include PLO spokesman Farouk Kaddumi was told last November that Mrs. Thatcher refused to meet it. The seven-man delegation decided at the time to cancel its planned visit to London.

The Fez summit had appointed the delegation to visit the capitals of the five UN Security Council permanent members to explain the Arab position as defined at Fez. The PLO was represented during the delegation's visits to Paris, Moscow and Peking. America refused to accept a Palestinian representative and London followed suit.

The rift between Britain and the Arab League broke into the open last week when Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Qatar cancelled Pym's forthcoming visit and hinted at economic sanctions. The Saudi Deputy Minister of the Interior, Bandar Ben Abdulah, in a letter to the London Times, urged other Arab countries to follow Saudi's lead "and hit the Westerners where it hurts -- in their pockets."

**SHARON REJECTS ROLE FOR PLO IN MIDEAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS**  
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Jan. 11 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Ariel Sharon today rejected any PLO participation in peace negotiations. In an apparent response to reports from Amman that King Hussein and PLO leader Yasir Arafat were near agreement on the formation of a joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation to take part in Middle East peace talks the United States is trying to set up, the Defense Ministry today issued a special communique in the name of Sharon.

Israel has in the past indicated that it would not examine too closely the past activities of any Palestinian appointed as a member of a Jordanian delegation to any talks Jordan holds with Israel on peace agreements.

But today's statement said that Sharon was willing to negotiate with Palestinians in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip who seek coexistence with Israel. But Sharon rejected talking to any Palestinian emissaries of the PLO.

#### Rejects Statement By Iraq

The Defense Minister also rejected a recent Iraqi statement which indicated recognition of Israel's security needs, regarded by many Israelis as an interesting change in Iraq's previously completely diehard attitude towards anything Israeli.

Sharon said he regarded the Iraqi statement by President Saddam Hussein to U.S. Rep. Stephen Solarz (D, N.Y.) last August 25, which was released only last week by the Iraqi government for publication, merely as a "publicity stunt" to get American support for Iraq in its war with Iran. Sharon recalled that Iraq has participated in all the wars against Israel and that Hussein is concerned about Iraq's security needs, and not those of Israel.

**TWO FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPERTS DIFFER ON HUSSEIN'S PROSPECTIVE ROLE IN THE MIDEAST PEACE PROCESS**  
By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (JTA) -- Two foreign affairs experts differed yesterday on whether the United States can expect King Hussein of Jordan to join the Middle East peace process.

Richard Allen, who was President Reagan's first National Security Advisor, and Edward Luttwak, a senior fellow at Georgetown University's Center for Strategic and International Studies, presented their opposing views during a roundtable discussion on "Looking Ahead in the Middle East," sponsored by the Heritage Foundation at the University Club here.

"I feel that Jordan has come a long way and is moving in the right direction," Allen said. He said Hussein's meetings with Reagan at the White House last month were "productive."

Allen, now a distinguished fellow at the Heritage Foundation and a senior foreign policy counselor for the Republican National Committee, said he believes that Hussein realizes that the U.S. is an "important guarantor" of his and his country's security and continuing supply of arms.

But Luttwak disagreed, saying he admired Hussein because of his "ability to attract the attention of successive foreign suitors without actually ever delivering anything." He listed these suitors as first the British, then the Israel Labor Party and now the U.S.

"I can't be hopeful, I can't see him delivering," he said. "If he does, it will be a real departure of character."

#### Predicts Difficult Reagan-Begin Meeting

As for Israeli Premier Menachem Begin, Allen predicted a "difficult" meeting when the Israeli leader sees Reagan at the White House next month. He said the President should reaffirm the U.S. relationship with Israel and stress that it still considers it a "strategic ally" and an "asset."

Allen said Reagan should also tell Begin that the U.S. will not take any steps to endanger Israeli security. But he also said Begin should be told a freeze on building any new settlements on the West Bank is the best way to achieve progress toward peace.

#### Views Of Situation In Lebanon

On the Lebanese situation, Allen said the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon -- Israeli, Syrian and the Palestine Liberation Organization -- is urgent for the reconstruction of Lebanon. But he noted that the Israeli troops will not leave until the others do and that Lebanon does not want them to do so.

He stressed that Israel should be assured that "we will not exert undue pressure" unless there is a clear indication that the Syrians and PLO are willing to leave and Israel refuses.

Luttwak said Lebanon is correct in trying to regain its sovereignty by asking that the foreign forces leave but it is wrong to be willing to relinquish some of its sovereignty by bending to outside pressure not to normalize its relations with Israel. He warned that if Lebanon waits too long for an agreement with Israel it could lose what has already been achieved by Israel's military action.

Luttwak added he could envision the possibility of a "deal" between Israel and Syria in which the Israelis control southern Lebanon through a surrogate such as Maj. Saad Haddad and Syria controls eastern Lebanon. He said the two countries were capable of making such a deal as they had shown during the fighting in Lebanon.

**EL AL POISED TO FLY AGAIN**  
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Jan. 11 (JTA) -- The first El Al passenger flight in four months will take off tomorrow -- or it may not. The immediate future of the bankrupt national air carrier hung literally in mid-air today while a Jerusalem district court pondered a request by the Israel Pilots Association to rule invalid an agreement signed recently between Histadrut, a court-appointed temporary receiver and the airline management.

The pilots said if the court rules against their request, they will staff the planes tomorrow, though under protest. They have refused to accept Histadrut as their

bargaining agent because their dispute with management involves safety-related work rules, the pilots say. All other El Al employees have accepted the agreement, even though it means dismissal of at least 10 percent of them and the loss of benefits and prerogatives gained over years of union bargaining.

El Al sources appeared confident that the carrier would be back in business tomorrow with a fully booked flight to Johannesburg, South Africa. All seats are booked on the return flight as well, the sources said. There was no mention if or when service would be resumed on El Al's other international routes which include Western Europe and North America.

The Knesset's Finance Committee appropriated only \$46 million of the \$100 million the government requested to resume operations. The sum voted is sufficient only to pay bills immediately due and to resume marketing activities for about two months. The committee said the rest of the money would be made available only on the basis of progress reports which demonstrated that the company's reorganization plan and new efficiency measures were working.

Labor members of the committee said a quarter billion dollars is needed to cover El Al's debts, pay severance to employees slated for dismissal and enable the airline to organize properly to do business. They said the Likud government must make up its mind whether it wants to finance El Al as a national airline or sell it off to private interests. They can't have it both ways, the opposition warned.

#### U.S. SIGNALLING ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS SPEEDILY FROM LEBANON

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (JTA) -- The Reagan Administration appeared to be sending signals to Israel today beyond the dispatch of special envoy Philip Habib to the Middle East, that it wants an agreement on the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon as soon as possible.

There were reports that the date for the White House meeting between Premier Menachem Begin and President Reagan, believed planned for February, may not be scheduled until there is movement on an agreement on troop withdrawal.

State Department spokesman John Hughes denied this today, saying no date has been discussed for the meeting between the two leaders. He said the only mention made of the subject was, after Begin was forced to cancel his scheduled meeting with the President last November because of the death of his wife Aliza, that the meeting would be re-scheduled.

Habib left for the Middle East after meeting with Reagan, Vice President George Bush and Secretary of State George Shultz yesterday. He arrived in Jerusalem today. (Related story, P. 1.)

The envoy said before leaving Washington that he was carrying instructions from Reagan to seek an end to the deadlock over an agenda between Lebanon and Israel. "It is a disappointment to all of us that headway has not been made," Habib said.

No agreement has been reached on an agenda because of Lebanon's insistence on discussing only troop withdrawals and Israel's demand that the agenda include normalization of relations between the two countries.

Meanwhile, Hughes denied that progress on Reagan's Middle East peace initiative, particularly efforts to get King Hussein of Jordan to join the autonomy negotiations, depended upon a resolution of the Lebanese situation.

The State Department spokesman noted that the Administration always said that the two issues were "parallel" but progress on one did not depend on progress on the other. At the same time, he conceded that Lebanon was a "complication" to the peace process. But he said Habib was pursuing with "vigor" efforts to get Arab nations to join the peace process and President Reagan's other special envoy, Morris Draper, was using equal vigor as a mediator in the Lebanon-Israel talks.

An agreement between Lebanon and Israel on troop withdrawal is believed necessary before there can be an agreement on the withdrawal of Syrian and Palestine Liberation Organization forces from Lebanon.

#### HISTADRUT CENTRAL COMMITTEE UPHOLDS DECISION TO CONTINUE CONSTRUCTION WORK ON WEST BANK

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Jan. 11 (JTA) -- The Histadrut central committee has upheld a controversial decision by the management of the Hevrat Ovdim Histadrut holding company to continue the labor federation's construction activities on the West Bank.

Hevrat Ovdim and Histadrut spokesmen say that although they do not like the idea, they cannot afford to reject offers or refrain from entering tenders for such work because private firms would step in and carry out the construction work. This, the spokesmen say, would lead to unemployment among Histadrut members.

When Hevrat Ovdim's decision was announced January 3 it was sharply attacked by the labor federation's three leftwing components -- Mapam, Sheli and the Communist Party. The three groups said that by accepting to construct housing in the occupied areas, the Histadrut and its majority Labor Party component were compromising their ideals.

This week, Labor Party Knesset member Yossi Sarid, a leading member of the party's leftwing, said he will resign from the Histadrut if the federation's Council, at its meeting at the end of this month, ratifies the central committee's decision. He said the trade union should not compromise its principles for economic gain.

The Histadrut's central committee said the labor federation should not itself initiate work on the West Bank nor undertake jobs in areas densely populated by Arabs. Final word on the union's construction work in the territories rests with the Histadrut Council.

#### FRANCE INSISTS THAT ISRAEL GET ITS TROOPS OUT OF LEBANON

PARIS, Jan. 11 (JTA) -- France said today that the resumption of Franco-Israeli negotiations on cultural matters does not imply any change in France's basic policy and its demand for an immediate withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon. This statement was issued as the Franco-Israeli cultural commission met in Jerusalem to negotiate a new cultural agreement between the two states.

The commission was initially scheduled to meet last June but France postponed its session because of the war in Lebanon. The commission is to draw up a new two-year agreement which will provide for cultural and artistic exchanges, academic cooperation and the teaching of French and Hebrew in the two countries.

## CANADIANS SHOCKED BY BOOK WHICH REVEALS CANADA BLOCKED JEWS FROM ENTERING COUNTRY BEFORE, DURING WWII

By Arnold Ages

TORONTO, Jan. 11 (JTA) — Shock waves are still reverberating over Canada in the wake of a book published in Toronto a little over four months ago. The book, "None Is Too Many" (Lester, Orpen and Denys), by historians Irving Abella and Harold Troper, both residents of Toronto, reveals that before and during World War II the Canadian government pursued a policy of actively excluding Jews from entry into the country.

This revelation, the result of monumental archival excavations conducted by the two researchers in Ottawa, has come as a surprise to most Canadian Jews. While there was a perception that the Canadian government between 1933 and 1948 was reluctant to facilitate Jewish immigration to Canada, no one before Abella and Troper ever realized the scope and intensity of Canada's anti-Jewish bias.

Abella and Troper indicate in their book that one man, Charles Blair, was the major executor of Canada's exclusionary immigration policies towards Jews. As a Deputy Minister for Immigration, assigned, for obscure bureaucratic reasons, to the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, Blair had the responsibility to discharge the policies of the government of Prime Minister Mackenzie King.

Blair discharged them with a cruel zeal. Authors Abella and Troper show in their devastating indictment that Blair was an unrepentant anti-Semite who was so secure in his position that he left behind ample documentation filled with scurrilous anti-Semitic remarks. At one point during the early years of the war, Blair described Jews trying to get into Canada as "pigs at the feeding trough."

### Did Not Act Unilaterally

While Blair was the main instrument in blocking Jewish immigration into Canada he was not, according to Abella and Troper, acting unilaterally. In fact, he was expressing the views of the Cabinet and the Canadian people, especially the inhabitants of Quebec, Canada's French-speaking province.

During the 1930s more than 100,000 signatures were collected on a petition organized by a French-Canadian group to protest the prospective immigration of European Jews. Newspapers in the province of Quebec published flagrantly anti-Semitic articles.

In their meticulous research into the period, Abella and Troper have unearthed details about certain Canadian political figures who later rose to great prominence in Canada. The information does not reflect well upon them.

### Role Of Political Figures

Vincent Massey (brother of movie great Raymond Massey), lionized by the Canadian Jewish Congress in the 1950s as "a righteous gentile," emerges in the Abella-Troper document as an eminence grise who, during his days in London, England (as an official Canadian diplomat), sent cables to Prime Minister King aspersing the quality of European Jews in language of an unsavoury tone, and suggesting that Sudeten Germans would make much better immigrants for Aryan Canada.

Charlotte Whitton, now deceased but once the most flamboyant and feisty mayor of Ottawa, worked indefatigably in the early 1940s to prevent the rescue of Jewish children from the European cauldron. Her interests were devoted exclusively to saving British children.

Lester Pearson (later to become Prime Minister), the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1956 for his role in the creation of the United Nations Emergency Force, is portrayed as an ambitious politician who was ready to go along with Mackenzie King's anti-Jewish rulings.

Ernest Lapointe, King's Quebec colleague, is depicted in the Abella-Troper volume as the representative of Quebec's fiercely anti-Jewish public opinion. He warned the Canadian Prime Minister that the entry of Jews would alienate Quebecers, the major supporters of the Liberal Party. King accepted Lapointe's warning.

### Volume Widely Praised

The Abella-Troper volume, written deliberately in a flat prose style without a suggestion of hysteria, has been widely praised by Canadian critics. The torment of European Jews so amply described by the authors has produced a wave of mea culpas among book reviewers all across Canada. The only exception is a recent review in The Canadian Forum in which the reviewer suggests in an unbelievable non sequitur that Canadian soldiers died fighting to save European Jewry.

Abella indicates that his research has already produced three results. Ron Atkey, Minister of Immigration in the short-lived Joe Clark government, said, after being exposed to Abella's revelation, that he did not want to go down in history as "the Charles Blair of the 80s" during discussions about the admittance of Vietnamese "boat people."

Canada's current Minister of Immigration, Lloyd Axworthy, said recently, in a meeting where Abella had spoken, that he wished to apologize for the conduct of his government during the war years. In addition, the Canadian government, as a result of the Abella-Troper book, has removed a sentence in its advertising brochure which boasted about Canada's role in rescuing European Jews during the war.

The Abella-Troper volume is now into its fourth edition, an unprecedented development for Canadian books, and an unusual one for such a scholarly volume.

### POLICE WARN ISRAELIS TO BE ON ALERT FOR TERRORIST ATTEMPTS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Jan. 11 (JTA) — Police have warned the public to be on the alert for terrorist attempts, either in the form of explosive charges left in public places or direct attacks, following the grenade attack on a bus in Tel Aviv which injured 12 people on Saturday night. The extremist Palestinian Abu Nidal group has claimed responsibility for the attack, according to a London Arabic-language newspaper.

Three of the injured remain hospitalized for treatment, but all the others have been released. Police say that 19 Arabs remain under detention and their interrogation continues for possible implication in the attack. All live or work in the vicinity of the attack. Those who live there do so in abandoned or dilapidated buildings and reside in Tel Aviv illegally.

Security forces say the attack was not unexpected, pointing to frequent police appeals for alertness. They say that dozens of terrorist attempts have been made in the Tel Aviv area in recent months. Few were successful, and their occurrence has been played down to avoid panic.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) — An Israeli border policeman was slightly wounded in Lebanon Sunday evening when an explosive charge went off as a border police vehicle passed along a road south of the Rashadiya refugee camp south of Tyre, the army spokesman said. Army sources said the charge had been remotely controlled.