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SHULTZ HOLDS MARATHON TALKS WITH SYRIANS IN EFFORT TO BRIDGE GAP IN DISPUTE BETWEEN ISRAEL, LEBANON

By David Landau and Hugh Orgel

JERUSALEM, May 2 (JTA) -- Secretary of State George Shultz was locked in round-the-clock discussions with Israeli officials last night and today following his return from meetings with Lebanese leaders in Beirut yesterday.

Shultz apparently is trying to bridge the gap between various points in dispute between Israel and Lebanon. He and Israeli leaders were said to be slowly and exhaustively examining the texts of an evolving agreement, line by line before Shultz returns to Beirut for further talks, probably tomorrow.

He is also expected to visit Damascus on Thursday to test the Syrian position which is said to be hardening and which could derail any Israeli-Lebanese agreement by Syrian refusal to pull its forces out of Lebanon.

Against that background, Israeli officials refrained from expressing optimism. Some issues have been resolved but "many problems" remained, they said today.

More Meetings Slated

Shultz met with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defense Minister Moshe Arens for over an hour this morning. That meeting was followed by six hours of non-stop talks with the two ministers and teams of civilian and military aides. After a short break, the Secretary of State met with Premier Menachem Begin, with both Shamir and Arens present. He is scheduled for another round of meetings at the Foreign Ministry tonight.

Shultz had meetings with Shamir and Arens immediately after his return from Beirut yesterday and met privately with Begin last night. No aides were present. Israeli officials said Shultz discussed his talks in Beirut with the team of Israeli negotiators who, along with Lebanese and American delegates have been engaged in tripartite talks for the past four months without resolving the major outstanding differences.

'New Formulations' From Beirut

According to the officials, Shultz briefed the negotiators on some of the "new formulations" he brought back from Beirut. These were said to deal with arrangements for joint Israeli-Lebanese inspection teams in the security zone north of Israel's border after Israeli forces withdraw from Lebanon.

But Shultz declined to discuss with the lower echelon negotiators some of the more sensitive issues such as the future status of Israel's ally, Maj. Saad Haddad or the implications of the Soviet-backed Syrian arms build-up and its influence on Lebanon.

Presumably, those issues were taken up today with Begin, Shamir and Arens. But there was no indication that Shultz succeeded in resolving the differences between Lebanon and Israel over Haddad whom Israel wants placed in supreme command of security forces in south Lebanon after it pulls its army out.

The Syrian attitude is also a source of serious concern here, especially after President Hafez Assad's tough statement today following his meeting with the Lebanese Foreign Minister, Elie Salem. Israeli sources said Syria was clearly applying pressure on Lebanon to hold out against Israeli demands and this was a major problem in bringing the negotiations to a successful conclusion.

Friendly Atmosphere Marks Talks

Israeli officials stressed that the talks with Shultz were being conducted in a "very warm atmosphere, as between friends and allies." They were less enthusiastic in their assessment of the progress achieved to date. But sources close to Begin were said to be confident that a basic accord will be reached before Shultz leaves the region.

The Secretary of State told reporters over the weekend that he would like to be in Paris next Monday, May 9, to attend a NATO meeting. This would give him barely a week to wrap up an agreement between Israel and Lebanon and assess Syria's intentions.

U.S. INDICATES IT HAS NOT RENEGED ON PROMISE TO ISRAEL TO PROVIDE IT WITH PARTS FOR ITS NEW WAR PLANE

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, May 2 (JTA) -- The Reagan Administration maintained today that the changes it made last week in the export licenses for components needed by Israel to build the Lavie, its new jet fighter, met Israel's request while safeguarding U.S. technological security.

"The licenses were amended to reflect the greatest specificity and define more accurately what was contained in the license applications," State Department spokesman Alan Romberg said in reading a prepared statement. "We believe we have now met the request put to us by the Israelis. At the same time, we have safeguarded critical U.S. technology."

But in Israel today, Defense Ministry spokesman Nachman Shai charged that the Administration had reneged on its promise to Israel. Shai charged that the Pentagon has raised obstacles to the transfer of the information on the components needed to build the Israeli plane.

Romberg said seven export licenses were issued last week and they included five licenses for the wing and tail composite design, one for fly-by-wire computer control system, and one for the servo-actuator system that controls the flight control surfaces.

"These are highly technical matters, and we have had subsequent discussions with the companies and Israeli officials further on the defining and clarifying the items to be included," Romberg said. He added that "subsequently" the licenses were changed to provide "greater specificity." When asked to explain the changes, Romberg said he couldn't, adding they were highly technical.

Some unnamed Israeli officials today blamed the changes on Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger who is believed still opposed to allow Israel to

have the American technology it needs for the planes. It is no secret here that President Reagan overruled Weinberger and supported Secretary of State George Shultz in approving the export licenses long sought by Israel.

Israel's Defense Minister Moshe Arens alluded to this when he revealed the U.S. decision on the export licenses during an appearance on "This Week with David Brinkley" on ABC-TV April 17. Arens said he was "grateful" to Reagan for the decision and "particularly grateful" to Shultz "who I know has worked hard to bring about this release." He did not mention Weinberger.

Romberg said today he did not see that the issue over the licenses would have "any impact" on Shultz's present mission in the Middle East in which he is trying to obtain agreement on Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon.

But questions have been raised again in Washington on whether the Administration still lacks cohesion in foreign policy as demonstrated by Weinberger once again bringing up an issue that rattles the Israelis at the very time that Shultz is trying to win their support for an agreement in Lebanon.

2 ISRAELI SOLDIERS CAPTURED BY RADICAL TERRORIST GROUP IN LEBANON REPORTED ALIVE AND WELL

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, May 2 (JTA) -- The families of two Israeli soldiers captured by a radical terrorist group in Lebanon last summer will soon have proof that they are alive and well. Army sources confirmed today that video-tape interviews with the missing men are on their way to Israel from Vienna, apparently as a result of intervention by the Austrian government.

Representatives of the International Red Cross (IRC) reportedly will visit the prisoners tomorrow, for the first time since they were captured nine months ago by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, a break-away faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization, headed by Ahmed Jibril.

Bruno Kreisky, who resigned last week as Chancellor of Austria, had sent a personal envoy, Herbert Amry, to Lebanon to negotiate with the PLO and with Jibril's group for the release of the eight Israeli soldiers they hold prisoner between them. The six who are held by El Fatah, the main faction of the PLO, have been visited regularly by the IRC and films of them have been shown on Jordan television which is also seen in Israel.

The two soldiers held by Jibril, both 21 years of age, have not been seen or heard from since their capture. But Jibril finally agreed to hand over the first video-tape interviews to the Austrian emissary. One of the soldiers spoke in English and the other in Hebrew. Both said they were being "properly treated."

Meanwhile, Secretary of State George Shultz disclosed last night that he has met with the families of four Israeli prisoners held by the PLO who asked him to intervene for their release as part of a POW exchange with Israel. Premier Menachem Begin thanked Shultz for meeting the families.

TIMERMAN'S SON SENTENCED

TEL AVIV, May 2 (JTA) -- Daniel Timerman, 31-year-old son of the former Argentine publisher and human rights activist Jacobo Timerman, was sentenced by a military court to 35 days in jail for refusing to serve with the Israeli army in Lebanon for reasons of conscience.

A military spokesman confirmed the sentence yesterday but declined to comment further. It was the younger Timerman's second jail sentence in seven months for refusing military duty in Lebanon. He was jailed for 28 days last October. More than 35 other Israeli soldiers have been sentenced to jail terms for the same reason since Israel invaded Lebanon last June.

Jacobo Timerman, once editor and publisher of a leading Buenos Aires daily, La Opinion, was arrested in 1977 and imprisoned for 29 months for opposing the military junta that ruled Argentina and exposing the "disappearances" of thousands of other political opponents. He was released in 1979, stripped of citizenship and deported after his property, including the newspaper, was confiscated by the government.

Daniel Timerman immigrated to Israel with his father that year. Both strongly opposed the war in Lebanon.

LAG B'OMER, MAY DAY CELEBRATED

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, May 2 (JTA) -- Religious Jews celebrated Lag B'Omer in their traditional manner in northern Israel and trade unionists paraded through the center of Tel Aviv in honor of May Day, the traditional workers' holiday, yesterday.

The dual holiday caused mammoth traffic jams on the roads of Galilee and in and around the country's largest city. Orthodox Jews gathered at the tomb of Rabbi Shimon Bar-Yochai in Meron, near Safad. Organizers of the festivities said that "well over 100,000" were on hand.

The May Day parade, organized by Histadrut and the Labor Alignment, drew an estimated 70,000-100,000 prompting cynics to remark that "Rabbi Shimon appeared to have beaten Rabbi Karl Marx" this year.

The Lag B'Omer celebrations began Saturday night with bon fires all over the countryside, a tradition practiced mainly by teen-agers who hold parties around the flames and create headaches for local fire brigades.

The daylight gathering at Meron has been observed in its present form for about 150 years. It draws black-garbed ultra-Orthodox Jews and conventionally dressed Sephardim. Food booths set up in recent years have added a carnival atmosphere.

The May Day parade and rally in Tel Aviv departed from the low key with which the workers holiday has been marked in Israel for the last 10 years. It was designed to rally the populace behind Labor and in opposition to the Likud government. Massed red banners led the procession. The celebration culminated last night with official opening of the Hapoel International Labor Sports Club games which have drawn athletes from all over the world.

BEGUN MIGHT GO ON TRIAL NEXT WEEK

NEW YORK, May 2 (JTA) -- Thrice arrested Moscow Hebrew teacher and Jewish emigration activist Isosif Begun might go on trial next week, it was reported today by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. Begun, 56, has been assigned a lawyer by the authorities and his case is expected to be given to the local prosecutor this week. The assignment of a lawyer came after a friend of Begun's was unable to find one for him.

Charged with "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda," Begun is threatened with a possible seven years in a labor camp and five years in internal exile. A mathematician and holder of a Candidate of Sciences degree, he has been waiting for permission to emigrate to Israel for more than a decade. He has served two years in prison and in exile in Siberia.

In another development, the National Conference said it has received reports of additional measures which further jeopardize the lives of those who have applied to leave. Vulnerable to dismissal from their jobs once

they have submitted their documents to the visa office. Jews are now threatened by a Redundancy Law: those people holding managerial positions will be fired or demoted to blue collar jobs in an effort to streamline what is viewed as a "top heavy bureaucracy." If fired, their chances of being imprisoned are greater than before. Meanwhile, the Parasite Law was also tightened so that a person who is without work for two months, rather than four months, as the law previously stipulated, can be tried as a "parasite." Obtaining work will also be harder. Reports suggest that the greater Moscow Region is being extended beyond the suburban village of Strunino, thus forcing those not allowed to reside within Moscow city limits to live further away from the center.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES THE NEW FACE OF TOURISM By Cindy Kaye

TIBERIAS, May 2 (JTA) — The return of Sinai to Egypt last year produced profound changes in the tourist industry in Israel. Tourism did not decline; it naturally relocated from Sinai to other centers, thus changing the character of some of these areas.

Tiberias, a major drawing force due to its location on Lake Kinneret and its famous hot springs became even more popular than it previously had been. Though the war in Lebanon affected the overall tourist numbers last summer, it is felt that the decrease was temporary.

Since 1973, when the hot springs were rebuilt and several hotels and shops were added, Tiberias became an all year round tourist attraction rather than merely a winter resort. Israelis, the largest source of income for the town, visit Tiberias' hot springs, the Kinneret beaches and attend the summer dance festivals which are held in July and August.

Drawn To Holy Christian Places

The majority of tourists who visit from abroad are drawn to the holy Christian places, such as Tabgha, Capernaum and bordering regions along the Jordan River, as well as Nazareth and Mt. Hermon. The religious significance of these areas tends to attract many more Christian than Jewish tourists. Thus Tiberias' largest income providers are Israelis and foreign Christian tourists.

In order to accommodate the increasing numbers of visitors, the town municipality of Tiberias has approved the building of ten new hotels over the next twenty years. In addition an efficiency hotel for private renters is also being built. People pay an initial flat rate and reserve an apartment for one-two weeks each year for an indefinite period.

Two new parking lots for tourists' use have been built to ease the parking crunch caused by the constant influx of people. Two huge supermarkets are scheduled to open within the next two months. Within the next year the hot springs will be enlarged. Additional tennis courts, a marina, and a mashbir (department store) provided by the Histadrut, and a new concert hall are all in the works.

"People in Tiberias are glad to have all the tourists. Hotels are our industry," said Eli Entebbe, town Secretariat. "The government wants Tiberias to be a strong tourist town." The government provides loans for the private hotel builders and in general has been pushing Tiberias to develop its tourist industry.

The hotels employ many Tiverianis, but as Entebbe explained, this industry doesn't attract the young to return to live in Tiberias after they've finished the army and their university studies. There just isn't enough work for them. Consequently Tiberias is losing the younger population, many of whom come from families who are sixth and seventh generation Tiverianis. As the industry grows, more and more leave.

This employment problem is not unique to Tiberias, it also exists in the adjoining areas of Beit Shean, Migdal Haemek, Nazareth, and Safed. The municipalities of these areas have suggested to the government that industry could be developed at Golani Junction, a central spot for all five towns. This would employ the youth of these towns and allow them to remain in the north.

As of now, the government has not attempted to foster industry at Golani Junction. Instead, Entebbe commented, "the government is continuing to put millions of dollars into the West Bank."

ISRAEL, ZAIRE SIGN AIR TRAFFIC ACCORD

TEL AVIV, May 2 (JTA) — Israel and Zaïre signed an air traffic agreement last week allowing the air lines of both countries to maintain regularly scheduled flights between them. Sources at El Al, Israel's national air line, said the pact which was signed in Zaïre would allow the company to extend its services to central Africa and to open new routes to Latin America via Africa.

COURT ACTS ON CHILD CARE ALLOWANCES FOR ARAB ISRAELI FAMILIES

JERUSALEM, May 2 (JTA) — The Supreme Court ordered Finance Minister Yoram Aridor yesterday to show cause why Israeli Arab families should not receive the same child care allowances as the rest of the population. He has 45 days to reply. The court acted on a petition filed by two Arab Knesset members, Mohammad Wattad and Hammad Halaili, both of the Labor Alignment.

They were appealing against a recent decision by the Knesset Finance Committee to increase the allowances to families with three or more children. The decision was discriminatory, the complainants said, because the increase is to apply only for children of yeshiva students or army veterans. There are no Arabs in either category. Wattad is the father of seven children and Halaili of 10 children.

LABOR SAYS IT DOES NOT FULLY SUPPORT BEGIN'S POLICY IN LEBANON

TEL AVIV, May 2 (JTA) — The Labor Party said today that Premier Menachem Begin erred when he claimed last week that the opposition fully supported the Likud government's policies in Lebanon. Labor Party Secretary General Haim Barlev observed, "On ten things we do not agree and there is maybe one or half a thing on which we do agree, and around this to build it up as a national consensus is out of proportion."

According to Barlev, "The only thing which is really vital for Israel in the whole Lebanese affair is not to let the PLO come back into southern Lebanon and the area adjacent to Israel. And in this matter, we feel that the forces of Maj. (Saad) Haddad are an important element."

Begin told a closed meeting of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee that the Labor opposition backed the government's position that there must be no concessions over the role Haddad is to play in south Lebanon. Barlev charged that "The government has maneuvered itself and with it all of Israel, into a real blunder" in Lebanon.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA THE FOLKS-SZTYME CARRIES ON By Milton Jacoby

WARSAW, May 2 (JTA) — The new editor of the Yiddish weekly, *Folks-Sztyme*, is Abraham Kvaterko, a native of Warsaw, and affiliated with the paper since its beginnings in 1947. During that period he had reported on Jewish life in Poland. He replaced Shmuel Tennenblatt, the editor and driving force of the *Folks-Sztyme* for many years, until his untimely death last September.

When the paper first was published it consisted of eight pages and came out four times a week. For the past several years it has been a weekly, comprising nine pages in Yiddish and three in Polish.

Kvaterko, in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, said his paper has a good relationship with the government, which subsidizes the journal to the extent of 5 million Zlotys (\$58,824) annually. He also noted that the government dispenses another 8 million Zlotys for the Yiddish Kultur Farband (with 15 clubs in various towns and cities); and that the Jewish Historical Institute is also a recipient of government funds.

Jewish Presence Was Helpful

During his interview with the JTA, Kvaterko focused on the 40th anniversary observance of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, noting that he believed strongly in the coming together of Jews from all parts of the world to commemorate the event. In an apparent criticism of those who counseled Jews not to participate, because the observance was government-sponsored, he said:

"If someone wants to make politics, that's his privilege, but I don't believe in it. I feel, very simply, that on a Yahrzeit one goes to the cemetery to mourn one's dead. I feel very pleased that much of the Jewish world was represented here in Warsaw for the celebration."

Kvaterko revealed that there had been telephone warnings some weeks prior to the observance that there might be an attack on visitors. The Jewish community asked the government for extra protection and the request received an immediate positive response.

Emphasizing again that "We feel very heartened that there was such a turnout of Jews," he pointed out that "all we need now is a rabbi for our beautiful synagogue. We have a shochet who comes in from Budapest to take care of kashrut, but if we had a permanent rabbi, we would feel really blessed."

Kvaterko said he looks forward to the future with renewed vigor and confidence after the stimulus of the Jews who came here from all parts of the diaspora for a week-long visit. Several hundred Jews, both young and old, religious and secular, including 300 from Israel, expressed a common resolve during their stay — to honor the Warsaw Jews who just four decades ago died in an epic struggle against the Nazi barbarians between April 19-May 16, 1943.

MARC TURKOW DEAD AT 79

NEW YORK, May 2 (JTA) — Marc Turkow, former Secretary General of the Latin American Jewish Congress and an architect of the World Jewish Congress constituency in Latin America, died in Buenos Aires on April 28 at the age of

79, it was reported here today by the World Jewish Congress. Born in Warsaw, Turkow was a prominent Yiddish editor and journalist in that city. He was co-editor of the distinguished Yiddish daily, *Moment*, and played a leading role in the fight against anti-Semitism in Poland and against Nazism. He was the general secretary of the Anti-Hitler Committee in Poland. In 1933 he attended the Second Preparatory Conference of the WJC Congress in Geneva as a representative of the United Committee of Jewish Delegations in Poland.

Turkow escaped from Poland before the Nazi occupation and settled in Argentina in 1939. In 1946 he became director of HIAS in Argentina and in 1954 he became the Latin American representative of the WJC Congress. In 1959 he became the director of the South American branch of the WJC Congress.

He helped considerably to build the whole network of WJC Congress affiliated communities in Latin America and was for many years the embodiment of the Congress there. He made a major contribution to all fields of WJC Congress endeavor. Turkow was the creator of the Popular Jewish Library and of OJI, a Latin American Jewish Congress Spanish-language information bulletin which has become a vital link between the Jewish communities of Latin America. He was active in the Zionist movement and an extremely popular speaker.

SENATE UNIT OKAYS MORE AID FOR ISRAEL THAN ADMINISTRATION PROPOSED

WASHINGTON, May 2 (JTA) — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has increased aid for Israel over what the Reagan Administration has proposed. The committee last Thursday approved providing Israel with \$910 million in economic aid, compared to \$750 million recommended by the Administration and the \$850 million approved by a House subcommittee earlier this month for fiscal 1984.

The Senate committee resolution, which was introduced by Charles Percy (R. Ill.), the committee chairman, and Claiborne Pell (D. R.I.), its ranking Democrat, also provided as a grant \$850 million in economic aid and \$850 million of the \$1.2 billion in military aid, the same as the House did. The Administration had recommended only \$425 million of military aid and all of its proposed \$750 million in economic aid as a grant.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The 11th International Book Fair which closed here Saturday drew about 60,000 people who browsed among the 100,000 books exhibited by 1,000 publishers from 36 countries. There were plenty of buyers too, according to the Fair's organizers. The most expensive book was a photocopy of a rare Passover Haggadah which survived in Germany after World War II. Ten copies were sold at \$1,500 each. Several expensive books were stolen from the Japanese exhibit on the opening night of the Fair. The thieves have not been traced.

GENEVA (JTA) — Tourism from Switzerland to Israel has increased by one-third since January, compared to the same period a year ago, according to Swissair. The airline said Israel now ranks third, after the U.S. and Japan, as the favorite destination of Swiss tourists outside Europe.

El Al also expects good business when it resumes direct flights from Geneva to Tel Aviv next July. El Al's Zurich manager, Mordechai Turel, estimated that 30,000 Swiss tourists will fly to Israel this year. El Al will offer a flight every Sunday.