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SHULTZ RETURNING TO U.S. WITHOUT ANY SUBSTANTIVE ACHIEVEMENT OF GETTING SYRIAN TROOPS OUT OF LEBANON

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 7 (JTA) -- Secretary of State George Shultz left Israel today conceding that he could not "claim any substantive achievement by way of withdrawal" of Syrian forces from Lebanon.

He was referring to his five-hour meeting with President Hafez Assad in Damascus yesterday at which the Syrian leader refused to budge from his opposition to the Israel-Lebanon withdrawal agreement or to agree to pull out his own troops. Nevertheless, he told reporters here, the Syrians have been careful "to leave the door open" for further dialogue with the U.S.

Shultz, who is stopping briefly in Jordan and Egypt before returning to Washington tomorrow, had a private meeting with Premier Menachem Begin this morning. They were joined later by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Defense Minister Moshe Arens and senior military officers. The main issue at those talks was Israel's proposed "redeployment" of its forces in Lebanon to shorter, more secure lines.

Shultz expressed Lebanon's grave misgivings over such a move but was non-committal about the American attitude. He implied, however, that Washington was not enthusiastic. "We have to look at our key long-range objectives and then judge any particular proposal in terms of those objectives," he said. The Administration's objective, as reiterated in Washington this week, is the "concurrent" withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon.

Shultz said the Israeli move will have to "reflect timing and setting ... That's the way we have looked at it, but I've listened carefully to the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister and Defense Minister discuss these subjects and I think I have a clear idea of their views as I do the Lebanese views."

Timing Of Redeployment

Israeli sources said later that the U.S. recognized and accepted the redeployment decision and that the "how and when" of it is "an Israeli prerogative." However, Shultz did not directly express the American position and there would be further consultations.

Observers here believe there will be no redeployment of Israeli forces in Lebanon until after Begin meets with President Reagan in Washington on July 27. Shultz said the U.S. was "pleased" that there would be "a continuing pattern of close consultation with all the parties." This was a reference to the creation in Damascus yesterday of a U.S.-Syrian joint committee on "Lebanese sovereignty and independence" which was apparently Shultz's sole agreement with Assad.

The U.S. will be represented on this "working forum" by Nicholas Veliotes, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs. But the first meeting will take place only in September when the United Nations General Assembly convenes in New York. Israeli circles took this to mean that the U.S.-Syrian consultations "will hardly be intensive."

Shultz told reporters before his departure that he had found "universal support for the importance of a strong sovereign central government in Lebanon and it was very good to have that objective reaffirmed."

The Secretary's decision to visit the Middle East was announced unexpectedly when he was in Pakistan last week, the final stop on an extensive tour of the Far East. He visited Saudi Arabia and Syria before coming to Israel last night and is due to meet with King Hussein of Jordan and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt before returning home.

He left the impression here that despite their adamancy, the Syrians have reasons to "leave the door open" and have indicated their desire to maintain some sort of dialogue with Washington, however tenuous, if only to retain some degree of independence from the Soviet Union, their chief ally and military supplier. That in itself saved Shultz's latest mission from total failure, sources here said.

SWISS ARMY TO MAINTAIN SECURITY DURING UN-SPONSORED CONFERENCE ON PALESTINE IN GENEVA NEXT MONTH

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, July 7 (JTA) -- Units of the Swiss army will maintain security during the United Nations-sponsored conference on Palestine opening here next month, the government announced today.

The army was called in because the local authorities said they could not be responsible for security measures, especially at a time when many of their people would be on vacation. But the Geneva police chief said the army was not an adequate substitute because soldiers are not trained for that kind of work. A spokesman for the armed forces seemed to agree. He told a press conference today that "the army is not really enthusiastic about having to perform the task."

Units from the Canton of Turgovi will be assigned to guard the airports, frontiers and foreign missions as well as the UN Palaise des Nations where the conference will be held. A special committee was set up of government officials, army officers and the Geneva Canton authorities to coordinate the measures.

The heavy burden of security around a conference considered likely to attract terrorist elements was the official reason given by the French and Austrian governments for refusing to host the conference.

SHULTZ RENEWS PROMISE TO GAIN RELEASE OF ANATOLY SHCHARANSKY

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 7 (JTA) -- Secretary of State George Shultz renewed his promise to Avital Shcharansky in Jerusalem yesterday that the U.S. government will continue to try to secure the release of her husband, Anatoly Shcharansky, from a Soviet prison.

Mrs. Shcharansky spoke to reporters after a 20-minute meeting with Shultz which she described as "good and friendly." They had met nine months ago in Washington and Shultz took time out from his diplomatic talks to reassure her that the U.S. was still interceding on her husband's behalf.

"The Americans have ways of doing something with the Russians ... I don't have to tell them what to do," Mrs. Shcharansky said. But she expressed concern over her husband's health, particularly the effects of the hunger strike he began at Chistipol prison last Yom Kippur which he ended only last January.

She said she had heard indirectly from her mother-in-law, Ida Milgram, who visited Shcharansky at the prison this week, accompanied by his brother, Leonid Shcharansky. It was the first time in 18 months that he was allowed a visit by his family. "I am waiting to hear from her directly by a personal telephone conversation when I hope to obtain further details of their meeting and how she and Anatoly's brother found him," Mrs. Shcharansky said.

SEPARATED FAMILIES URGE ANDROPOV TO LET LOVED ONES EMIGRATE

NEW YORK, July 7 (JTA) -- Eighty-four Soviet Jewish families now living in Israel sent an open letter to Soviet leader Yuri Andropov urging him to let their loved ones emigrate to Israel, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported.

The letter, from "parents, mothers, fathers, grandfathers and grandmothers," many of whom have been separated from their children and grandchildren for almost a decade, stated that "we are firmly convinced that there is no law in the civil code of your country according to which children have to struggle for dozens of years for the realization of their most elementary right -- to be sources of joy and support for their parents."

Appealing to Andropov on humane grounds and quoting from the Soviet Constitution, the letter listed the signators' addresses in Israel, their relatives in the Soviet Union and the number of years they have been separated. Copies of the letter were sent to Rudolf Kuznetsov, head of the Soviet Office of Visas and Registration, newspaper editors around the world, and "press centers of public and international organizations."

Letter To The UN

A similar letter, refuting claims made by a Soviet Anti-Zionist Committee that no more Jews wish to leave the USSR and signed by nine relatives of long-term refuseniks, was sent to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, and U.S. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick.

The letter, from "relatives of Jews who have been repeatedly refused" permission to emigrate by Soviet authorities, represents "thousands of people who live in Israel and are in a similar position." It stressed that "The agony of separation and the suffering of our relatives are a living testimony to the falseness of the (Anti-Zionist Committee) allegations, which dealt a cruel blow to our hopes."

HEBRON UNDER CURFEW AFTER ARABS FATALLY STAB YESHIVA STUDENT

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 7 (JTA) -- The army clamped a curfew on Hebron today following the fatal stabbing of a 19-year-old yeshiva student by Arab assailants. The victim was identified as Aharon Gross of Kiryat Arba, the Orthodox township adjacent to Hebron.

The killing added to the tension growing between Jews and Arabs in Hebron during the past week and triggered a wave of recriminations by Jewish militants and their political supporters against the army for allegedly being "too soft" on the Arab population.

Gross was reportedly waiting for a lift to Kiryat Arba when he was assaulted by three Arabs who jumped from a passing car, stabbed him in the stomach and seized the Uzi submachinegun he was carrying. Israel Radio said security forces opened fire on the fleeing car whose occupants returned the fire.

According to the radio report, local Arabs rushed the wounded youth to a Hebron hospital where he was pronounced dead. He was transferred later to a Jewish clinic where doctors said they detected a heart beat but could not save him.

Gross was a student at a yeshiva established at the Romano House, a former Arab girls school seized by the Israeli authorities some time ago and turned over to Jewish settlers from Kiryat Arba. The building had belonged to Jews who fled Hebron during the Arab riots in 1929.

Yeshiva Was Attacked Last Week

An explosive was hurled at the Romano House last week and last Friday an explosive was thrown at an Israeli military vehicle on Hebron's main street. The army ordered the street closed but lifted the orde yesterday despite angry protests from Jewish militants that the security of Jews in Hebron was in jeopardy.

Rabbi Moshe Levinger and Yehoyakim Haetzni, Gush Emunim leaders from Kiryat Arba, have been on a sit-down strike for several weeks at the local military headquarters in Hebron demanding harsher measures against the Arab population.

Their demand was echoed today by Minister of Science Yuval Neeman of the ultra-nationalist Tehiy party. He blamed a crackdown on soldiers who shoot indiscriminately on the West Bank for emboldening Arabs to attack Jews. According to Neeman, soldier are now afraid to use their weapons and assailants know this and exploit it.

Gen. Orri Orr, commander of the central region, promptly denied that the army's policy was responsible for today's attack. He said the stabbing was a classic act of terrorism which had to be expected in a situation in which two nations were fighting over the same land.

The Peace Now movement condemned the attac and urged the government not to allow rightwing ele ments to exploit it so that West Bank settlers became "trigger-happy." The army and only the army must keep order in the administered territories, Peace Now said. Both Neeman and Interior Minister Yosef Burg said they would raise today's incident in the Cabinet.

MOTHER SEEKS JUSTIFICATION FOR DEATH OF HER SON IN LEBANON

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 7 (JTA) -- The bereaved mother of a young Israeli soldier killed in the early stages of the war in Lebanon last summer had a lengthy meeting with former Defense Minister Ariel Sharon yesterday. Mrs. Raya Hamik, still mourning her son, Goony, who fell in the battle for the Beaufort Castle, a Palestinian terrorist stronghold in south Lebanon, said she continues to seek a justification for his death.

Sharon asked her to his office after receiving a letter from Mrs. Hamik explaining why the parents of the six soldiers who died in the assault on Beaufort Castle felt bitterness toward him. On the evening following the battle, Sharon had declared on television that there had been no Israeli fatalities. When error was discovered, Sharon should have apologized to the parents, but he never did, Hamik wrote.

Sharon, now a Minister-Without-Portfolio, told Mrs. Hamik during their 2 1/2 hour meeting that he was accupied at a Cabinet meeting at the time and later simply forgot to correct a statement he made to a television crew that he would not apologize to people who called him "murderer."

According to a report in Yediot Achronot, Sharon also told Mrs. Hamik, "Nabody can understand you better. Both of us are bereaved parents." Sharon's young son was killed accidentally while playing with a loaded gun at home.

The Sharon-Hamik meeting ended with a silent handshake. Mrs. Hamik told reporters later, "He did not convince me, neither did I convince him. I am still looking for the justification for Goony's death."

DULZIN: ADOPTION OF JERUSALEM PROGRAM BY JEWISH AGENCY IS CRITICAL TURNING POINT IN AGENCY'S HISTORY
By Rifka Rosenwein

NEW YROK, July 7 (JTA) -- The decision by the just concluded Jewish Agency Assembly to adopt the Jerusalem Program indicates the "Zionizing" of that organization, Leon Dulzin, chaiman of the its Executive, said today at a press conference here.

Dulzin, who is also chaiman of the World Zionist Organization Executive, called the decision "a critical turning point in the history of the Jewish Agency." With it, he said, the Agency moves from "the pragmatic to the ideological."

Dulzin also praised the more than 500 delegates for the passage of the Agency's first balanced budget, of $452 million, and called the Assembly the "most important one" since the reconstitution of the Agency in 1972.

The adoption of the Jerusalem Program resulted from the Caesarea Process, begun two years ago to determine new priorities for the Agency, Dulzin said.

The program calls for: "the reaffimation of the unity of the Jewish people and... the centrality of Israel in Jewish life; the ingathering of Jews in their historic homeland, through aliya; (and) the preservation of the identity of the Jewish people through Jewish and Hebrew education," according to a statement released by the Assembly.

Dulzin explained that the program was first proposed at the 1951 World Zionist Congress, the first held after the establishment of the State of Israel. It was amended in 1968, to affirm that aliya was incumbent upon all Jewish communities, not only those in "distressed countries," Dulzin said.

A Shift In Focus

Now that the Jewish Agency, which historically consisted of "half Zionists, half non-Zionists," has endorsed the Program, the Agency will shift its focus towards "Jewish and Zionist education and aliya," according to Dulzin.

The Agency will be "stepping in in this new era of assimilation" and other threats to the Jewish people and try to expand programs such as the ones currently bringing foreign Jewish students to universities in Israel, Dulzin said.

But the overall implementation of the Jerusalem Program will depend on the cooperation of the world Jewish community, he added. "We would like to see aliya as a responsibility of each community, not just of Jerusalem," he said.

He noted this year's increase in aliya from the free world and "the thousands of yordim (Israelis who have left their homeland) returning" to Israel.

Dulzin deplored the recent freeze of emigration from the Soviet Union, but added that he had "personally warned" world Jewish leaders that the Soviet Union would react this way if they continued to permit "drop-outs" -- Jews who leave the Soviet Union but do not emigrate to Israel.

ORTHODOX GROUP TO STUDY FUTURE RELATIONS WITH REFORM MOVEMENT
By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, July 7 (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Council of America, the largest of the American Orthodox rabbinical organizations, has announced a commission and appointment of a consultant on the problem of whether it should continue its association with the Reform movement.

The Rabbinical Council is the Orthodox rabbinical representative on the Synagogue Council of America (SCA). The Synagogue Council's other rabbinical members are the Reform Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) and the Conservative Rabbinical Assembly.

The Rabbinical Council has for years been under pressure from other Orthodox agencies to withdraw from the SCA, as part of such pressure on all Orthodox rabbis to withdraw from agencies which have Conservatives and Reform membership, such as the New York Board of Rabbis, the Jewish Welfare Board's Chaplaincy Commission, and local boards of rabbis.

However, the appointment of a commission, headed by the Rabbinical Council's past president, Rabbi Sol Roth, and the appointment of Chaim Waxman, a sociologist, as consultant to that commission, is believed to be the first specific response by the Rabbinical Council to such Orthodox pressures.

In announcing the appointment of Waxman, an associate professor of sociology at Rutgers University, Rabbi Gilbert Klapeman, Rabbinical Council president, said the rabbinical group was "finding it more difficult to maintain its relationship with the Reform movement."

Basis For The Action

Klapeman explained that the Rabbinical Council's action was triggered by adoption by the CCAR, at its annaul convention last March in Los Angeles, of a resolution that any child of a mixed marriage, whether or not the mother was Jewish, would be considered a Jew if he or she had carried out "appropriate and timely public and formal acts of identification with the Jewish people."

Klapeman noted that the Rabbinical Council had gone on record as denouncing the CCAR resolution as "destroying the oneness of the Jewish people and publicly inviting and encouraging intermarriages." He added that the appointment of Waxman was "a sign of the vitality of the commission and the fact that its pursuing the matter seriously, objectively and intensively."

He also said the commission will distribute a questionnaire to determine the attitudes of Rabbinical Council members and of Jewish communal leaders about the continued association of Orthodox rabbis with the Reform movement.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Fritz David Frank, a resident of South Africa, was awarded the Israel Goldstein Prize for his work on behalf of Keren Hayesod and Zionism. The award was presented to him at a ceremony hosted by President Chaim Herzog at the presidential residence.

MASSIVE EFFORT TO HELP CHICAGO'S JEWISH POOR

CHICAGO, July 7 (JTA) -- The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago and eight of its social welfare and health care agencies have launched a massive new effort to halt and reverse suffering among this city's economically disadvantaged and vulnerable Jews, it was announced by Herbert Wander, Federation president.

The actions, authorized June 27 by the Federation Board, are budgeted at $715,000. They were called the "first phase" of response to a Federation study which identified some 37,000 economically disadvantaged and vulnerable Jews living in the Chicago area.

The study, known as the "Planning Project on Services to the Economically Disadvantaged," was undertaken by the Professional Review Committee, a group comprising the executives and key staff of the Federation's major health and social welfare agencies in response to a charge from the Federation's Social Welfare Committee. It recommends 66 programs to bridge service gaps and improve programming for the Jewish poor, Wander said.

Services Most Needed

The report noted that the services most needed by the economically disadvantaged include home delivered meals, social service counseling, job skills, nutrition programs, residential treatment, vocational rehabilitation, homemaker and home-health care services and specialized transportation. This marks the first time since the Great Depression that needs for such basic services have been so high, the report stated.

The Board action called for the implementation of 15 additional programs which will be fully operative within six to 12 months. They are primarily designed to assist two populations especially hard hit by economic pressures and reductions in government aid -- families with children and the elderly.

The program will bring total Federation and agency funding of programs for the poor and near-poor to more than $28.7 million in fiscal 1983-84. The bulk of Federation and agency funding is provided by the Jewish United Fund, now in the midst of its 1983 Campaign. Federation also receives substantial funding from the United Way/Crusade of Mercy.

The total cost of adoption of the project's other longer-term recommendations had not yet been fixed, but may require several million dollars. Some of the proposals will take several years to implement, Wander said.

"In our first phase we must deal with the most critical issues -- those of the physical and spiritual survival of our people," Wander said. "It is precisely because these needs are so basic that they can be addressed successfully on a short-term basis."

The Federation agencies are: Council for Jewish Elderly, Jewish Children's Bureau, Jewish Community Centers, Jewish Family and Community Service (JFCS), Jewish Vocational Service, the ARK, Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center and Mount Sinai Hospital Medical Center.

Of the allocation projected for Phase One, $100,000 will be added to the emergency cash assistance funds administered by the Jewish Family and Community Service, the Council for Jewish Elderly, and the ARK. Another $100,000 will help provide interest-free loans to enable individuals or families who fall on difficult times. The Uptown/Lakeview multi-service center scheduled to open late this year will expand needed services to an area with a high concentration of Jewish poor and elderly. The "Crisis Hotline" will direct callers to the appropriate services and provide immediate intervention if required.

The six programs aimed specifically at assisting families will provide day-care subsidies, outreach services to families requiring after-school child care, and create a Job Resource Center to train unemployed householders in job search, resume writing and interview techniques. A program of "survival counseling" stressing financial planning, budgeting and appliance repairs will help families stretch their resources more effectively.

Programs Benefitting The Elderly

The five programs benefitting the elderly include outreach programs to homeless "bag" people and to Jews in private nursing homes and hospitals in isolated areas of the city and in facilities for the handicapped; expansion of sheltered workshop, employment and general social services programs in areas of greatest need; and expansion of in-home services such as those provided by homemakers and health care aides.

In all, Wander said, the programs represent "major undertakings that will effectively change the landscape of service availability in Chicago." He noted that the recommendations stress the need to deliver services in ways which will not destroy a client's dignity.

"Many disadvantaged clients are very proud and would rather suffer more acute poverty than see themselves as accepting charity. Therefore, we have to be particularly careful to provide services in a way that will allow them to keep their dignity and make their own contribution, through nominal payments and volunteering their time, if they wish to," Wander said.

More People Seeking Aid

"People often are so ashamed that they refuse to seek help," added Betty Dayron, JFCS district administrator. "But now that the warm weather is here, people in need of emergency care are coming to us in increasing numbers. Many of them have no home. They need money to get a place to live so that they will have the address required to apply for General Assistance welfare."

"On $144 a month plus food stamps, (the General Assistance grant), a person can't pay for all the necessities," Dayron said. "When we estimate cash needs, we have to include the quarters needed for washing machines so that these people can launder their clothes. They're dirty and they know and hate it."

While most of the project recommendations are directed toward client needs, Michael Mitchel, chairman of Federation's Social Welfare Committee, said that one of its most significant sections goes beyond the remedial and even the preventive.

"It considers government attitudes which impact on the shape and nature of the service environment itself and it recommends allocating resources to carry our concerns to the city, state and federal bodies which determine the situations and the manner in which our agencies will function. While this cannot be an immediate priority, it is of immense long range importance," Mitchel said.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Likud MK Yitzhak Berman proposed in the Knesset Wednesday that Israeli Arab youths be allowed to join the police force under the same conditions that Jewish youths serve in the army.