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GEMAYEL: ISRAEL'S TROOPS REDEPLOYMENT IS 'UNACCEPTABLE'; WARNS SYRIA TO HALT SHELLING ACTIONS OR LEBANON WILL RETALIATE

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, July 21 (JTA) -- Lebanese President Amin Gemayel declared today that Israel's decision to redeploy its troops in Lebanon is "unacceptable" and warned that it could "endanger" the peace process and the May 17 Israeli-Lebanese agreement.

At the same time, Gemayel, answering questions at a breakfast sponsored by the National Press Club, warned Syria that unless it stopped its bombardment of Beirut, Damascus could also be vulnerable.

"I don't know when the Syrians will stop such signs of neo-terrorism," Gemayel said of the shelling that has been going on the past few days. "I know one thing, that if they will not stop such kinds of actions, those bombs and such actions, they will be returned to Damascus itself."

Many observers believe that the shelling by Syrian-backed groups was timed to coincide with Gemayel's visit to Washington. He began today three days of intensive talks with the Reagan Administration to be highlighted by his White House meeting with President Reagan tomorrow.

In his speech to the Press Club, Gemayel did not mention the redeployment issue but noted that Israel signed an agreement to withdraw its troops from Lebanon and had ended the state of war between the two countries. His strongest words were reserved for Syria.

Puzzled By Syria's Position

He said that "nothing" in Lebanon's consultations with Syria during Beirut's negotiations with Israel "led us to believe that Syrian opposition would be so violent We are frankly puzzled by the position of Syria." But, he added, Lebanon will "not hesitate to adopt all appropriate measures to protect in the meantime the lives of our people and the integrity of our country."

Gemayel noted that the efforts to get Syrian withdrawal will be high on the "agenda" in his talks with the Reagan Administration. An Administration official, briefing reporters yesterday, said that the "key problem is Syrian refusal to contemplate withdrawal" of its troops from Lebanon and all other problems, including that of Israeli redeployment, "are symptoms" of the Syrian refusal.

Gemayel stressed in his speech and his response to questions that Lebanon's first priority is the "total complete and immediate withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon" -- Israeli, Syrian and Palestine Liberation Organization forces. He seemed to believe that the PLO would present no problem in leaving once the Syrians agree to withdraw. This is the consensus in Washington where it is felt that the PLO terrorists would pull out once they did not have the protection of the Syrian army.

Gemayel, responding to a question, said that a partial withdrawal by Israel could leave the "impression" that U.S. efforts have failed and it could thus be "exploited" by those opposed to U.S. policy in the Mideast. But above all, he expressed the fear

that partial withdrawal could lead public opinion in Lebanon to believe that the country would be partitioned. At the same time, he stressed "partition will not happen because the Lebanese people will not accept it."

The Administration official yesterday said that the Israelis have "reiterated publicly and privately their opposition to the partition of Lebanon. We hope the Syrians feel the same way." But the official noted that in announcing its decision yesterday, Israel "certainly ensured that the subject is going to be discussed" with Gemayel in Washington. The official stressed that the "urgent" aim of the talks with Gemayel is to keep the "sense of momentum" toward national reconciliation alive in Lebanon.

Gemayel also stressed today that Lebanon is a pluralistic society with a "delicate balance" between the various groups in the country. "If we are left to ourselves, we shall work out our internal problems through consultations and dialogue."

Situation Where Lebanese Army Is In Control

He noted that where the Lebanese army is in control, security is maintained and support of the government is high. He pointed out that the same Druze and Christians who are fighting in the Shouf mountains live together in harmony in Beirut. He said the difference was that in the Shouf the occupying forces are in control.

"Where you have the Lebanese authority, where you have the Lebanese army, you have security and the national consensus is strong," he declared. "Where you have the occupiers, you have subversion, terrorism and fighting."

"Give us our territory; give us the Shouf, the north, the Bekaa and the south and you will see that the security will be complete and the national consensus will be strong," Gemayel pleaded.

On the Palestinians, Gemayel said he supported "the legitimate rights of the Palestinians." But, "We cannot, of course, let Lebanon be destroyed in the process of searching for the resolution of the Palestinian problem," he said. "We shall not allow Lebanon to become a battleground once more. No Palestinian armed forces can henceforth be allowed to operate in Lebanon."

On the lighter side, when Gemayel was presented with a National Press Club jacket by Club president Don Byrne, he asked if it was bulletproof.

ONE ARAB KILLED TWO WOUNDED IN RIOT AT ANSAR DETENTION CAMP

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 21 (JTA) -- Israeli troops fatally shot one Arab and wounded two others in a battle with rioting inmates of the Ansar detention camp in south Lebanon today. Two Israeli soldiers were slightly injured by rocks. The army said the troops opened fire when the riot seemed to be getting out of hand. It is investigating the incident.

Meanwhile, two Katyusha rocket launchers used to fire shells into western Galilee last night were discovered in Lebanon today about 10 kilometers north of the Israeli border. The rockets caused slight damage but no casualties. The launchers were found in the area of south Lebanon patrolled by the Fijian unit of

the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), the army said.

In Beirut, the death toll rose to six in the blast that partially wrecked the Summerland Hotel yesterday. Fifteen persons were injured. Other bodies are believed buried in the ruins. The blast was caused by about 100 kilos of high explosives in a car in the hotel's underground garage.

ARAB GROUPS PLAN TO PICKET GEMAYEL'S APPEARANCE IN DETROIT

DETROIT, July 21 (JTA) -- President Amin Gemayel of Lebanon is expected to conclude his visit to the United States on Sunday in Detroit with an address to Lebanese Americans in the Masonic Temple Auditorium. Nine Arab groups in the area have announced plans to picket his speech because of their opposition to the agreement Lebanon signed with Israel last May.

Detroit attorney Abdeen Jabara, a spokesman for the Arab groups, told the Detroit Free Press that the organizations would boycott Gemayel because the Israel-Lebanon accord "is odious," because of Gemayel's cooperation with the Christian Phalangists, and because of "continued arrests" in Lebanon of Lebanese and Palestinians.

Marcel Hage, a Detroit resident who is president of the American Lebanese League, said his organization is promoting a strong turnout for Gemayel's visit here. "If we can at least show a strong sense of unity," Hage said, "he can take it back and say, 'See, they are supporting my mandate'." The only other public address scheduled for Gemayel is on Saturday, in Houston.

Detroit's Lebanese and Arab communities are said to be the largest in the United States. Spokesmen claim there are 100,000 Lebanese-Americans in the Detroit area. Arab spokesmen claim the total number of Arab Americans in Detroit including the Lebanese, is 200,000.

COALITION DEFEATS ALIGNMENT MOTION CRITICAL OF THE GOVERNMENT By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 21 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin's coalition mustered its Knesset majority today to defeat a Labor Alignment motion critical of the government. The 52-46 vote came after Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres read a long bill of particulars against the Likud-led government. Peres responded in general terms, accusing the opposition of narrow political motives at a time when all Israelis should close ranks.

Peres compared Likud promises with actualities, concentrating on the prolonged Israeli presence in Lebanon. "When Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanon fall in the north," the war in Lebanon has not brought "peace for Galilee" which the government claimed was its purpose, Peres said. He was referring to the two Katyusha rockets that hit western Galilee last night causing slight damage but no casualties.

He quoted Begin as admitting that no one imagined the war in Lebanon would continue for so long. "Did you imagine there would be a war at all?" Peres asked. "Only a few years ago, at the time of the peace treaty with Egypt, you promised that there would be no more war," he reminded Begin.

List Of Particulars

Peres read a list of resolutions adopted at a conference of Begin's Herut party before the treaty with Egypt, which promised that Israel would retain half of Sinai, that the then 35 percent annual

inflation rate would be reduced and that Jewish and non-Jewish investors would be summoned for a conference in Israel to promote investments.

Instead, Peres said, inflation is soaring -- it is now running well over 100 percent -- the national debt is rising, industry and agriculture are "hanging by their finger tips" and because of the government's economic policy there is no immigration.

Peres also questioned Begin's unexpected cancellation of his meeting with President Reagan due to take place in Washington next week. "Have we nothing about which to talk to the Americans?" he asked. He said the Prime Minister's Office's explanation that the cancellation was for "personal reasons" only raised speculation about Begin's health.

Begin Presents His Response

Begin, responding, said: "I admit that we have difficult times. Whereas in times of troubles the people of Israel used to close their ranks, the opposition painted the gloomiest picture out of narrow motives of a self interested opposition." He conceded that there were gaps between expectations and realities but observed that this has always been true, even when the Laborites headed the government.

As for Lebanon, Begin reminded Peres that his fellow Laborite and rival, Yitzhak Rabin, has said that if policies advocated by Peres were implemented, there would be war with Syria. Peres has called for a unilateral withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon regardless of what Syria does.

CJC PROTESTS AWARD-WINNING CARTOON; SAYS IT DEFAMES THE HOLOCAUST By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, July 21 (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) angrily protested today against an award winning cartoon which it charged "is a defamation of the Holocaust."

The cartoon, drawn by Antonio Antunes Moreira of Portugal, shows Israeli soldiers tormenting Lebanese women and children. One segment of the cartoon depicts the soldiers pointing their rifles at a child. It was selected as the \$5,000 Grand Prize winner at the 20th International Salon of Cartoons here Tuesday.

According to the CJC, the drawing is almost identical with the famous photograph of World War II showing Nazi soldiers pointing weapons at a frightened young boy and other Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto.

Erol Araf, the CJC's director of communications, said: "The cartoon is a defamation of the Holocaust by misappropriation of one of its central symbols -- the boy, who is alive and well in New York City today -- for the purposes of political propaganda."

Bernard Finestone, president of the CJC's Quebec region, said "Montreal Jews are hurt and saddened by this cartoon." He observed that "Anyone who would equate the Holocaust with events in the Middle East -- even if the allegations of what happened there are proved true -- is using a steamshovel to kill a fly."

The CJC called the cartoon "artistically dishonest, morally obscene and intellectually indecent." It was defended however by Robert Lapalme, founding director of the annual cartoon contest. "I am very sorry that it hurts the feelings of some Jews -- and I say some -- because it takes a stand against the war in Lebanon," Lapalme said.

He added, "If it takes a stand against Israel that does not mean it is anti-Semitic. If I draw something which is against England that doesn't mean I am against the Anglican Church." Terry Mosher, a cartoonist of the Montreal Gazette, who was one of the four judges in the contest, accused Jews of oversensitivity. "The most sensitive people in the world right now are Israelis and Jews outside of Israel. I think that's because many of

them are embarrassed by what happened in Lebanon," Mosher said.

ISRAELI TEAM WINS EIGHT MEDALS

NEW YORK, July 21 (JTA) -- The first Israeli team ever to participate in the International Summer Special Olympics Games held in Baton Rouge, La., July 12-18 is returning home with eight medals -- four gold, two silver and two bronze. More than 4,000 athletes from all over the world participated in the tournament under the auspices of the Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation.

The Israeli team was sponsored by AKIM, the Association for the Rehabilitation of the Mentally Handicapped in Israel. The first gold medal winner at the Louisiana event was Meir Rahman who broke his own record for the 40-meter softball throw.

Moshe Varsano and Eli Ben Simon both won gold medals for the 50-meter dash; Daphna Wittenberg and Yona Gavra won silver medals; and Ofra Ezra won a bronze medal in the same event. Ben Simon also picked up a bronze medal for the 200-meter race.

The final gold medal was won by the Israel women's relay team consisting of Aliza Twirdin, Yona Gavra, Daphna Wittenberg and Ofra Ezra.

RESOLUTIONS ON FALASHAS INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE AND THE SENATE

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, July 21 (JTA) -- Resolutions have been introduced in the Senate and the House urging the U.S. to express to relevant governments its concern for the Jews in Ethiopia and particularly "their right to emigrate."

A resolution was introduced this week by Sens. Paul Tsongas (D. Mass.) and Charles Percy (R. Ill.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. A similar resolution was introduced in the House by Reps. Stephen Solarz (D. NY) and Barney Frank (D. Mass.). The resolutions express "the concern of the American people for the welfare of the Ethiopian Jewish community."

In addition to the resolutions, Congressmen have been urging the Reagan Administration to increase aid to drought stricken parts of Ethiopia. One of the worst hit areas in Gondar province where most Ethiopian Jews live.

GROUP OF STUDENT POLITICAL LEADERS ISRAEL-BOUND TO LEARN FIRST-HAND ABOUT THE JEWISH STATE

By Rifka Rosenwein

NEW YORK, July 21 (JTA) -- A bi-partisan group of student political leaders from across the country left today on a two-week tour to learn first-hand about Israel.

The five Democrats and five Republicans were "drawn specifically from areas where there are no large Jewish constituencies," said Shabsa Lis, coordinator of the tour and a representative of the North American Jewish Students' Network, which is sponsoring it for the second year in a row.

"We feel that it is a priority of the first rank to sensitize a new generation of American leaders to the true realities in the Middle East," said David Makovsky, president of Network.

Makovsky, who is also accompanying the group, added that "the only information that these people are receiving about the situation is through the media, which has failed repeatedly to empha-

size the strategic and moral importance of the State of Israel as a true friend of the United States."

While in Israel, the students are scheduled to meet with President Chaim Herzog, Labor Party leader Shimon Peres, several members of the Knesset, Director General of the Justice Department Simcha Dinitz, Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij and Israeli student leaders.

Urged To Focus 'Beyond the Headlines'

At a kick-off luncheon sponsored by the American Israel Friendship League today, Uri Bar-Ner, Israeli Deputy Consul General, told the students to focus on the Israel that is "beyond the headlines."

"Pay attention to Israel's democracy," Bar-Ner said, "to how a democracy functions after 35 years of a state siege. If I don't understand the Coca-Cola and jeans, I don't understand you. You will come to understand us by the pita, felafel and humus."

Tim Van Housen, state chairman of the Illinois College Democrats said that he was interested in the trip because he "wanted to see a functional democracy under the pressures that the State of Israel is under."

Derrick Spradley, a sophomore at Howard University and a legislative assistant in the office of Rep. Dan Mica (D. Fla.), admitted that he was not very knowledgeable about the Middle East situation and had no "pre-formed opinion." He will be reporting his findings to his Congressman, who is a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and to Jewish groups in Florida, which financed his trip.

The state chairman of the Mississippi College Republicans, Shane McMuller, voiced the sentiment of many of the students in saying that he looks forward to "not only a political and a cultural experience, but a religious one, as well."

The students, all of whom are visiting Israel for the first time, expressed support for Israel and for the continuation of a strong alliance between it and the United States. The NATO allies sometimes give us the cold shoulder," said Bill Severe, state chairman of the Delaware College Republicans, "but besides some relatively small problems last year, the relationship between (the two countries) is very good."

Message From Reagan

In a message to the students from the White House, President Reagan said: "Since the establishment 35 years ago, Israel has been a bastion of freedom and democracy in a troubled area. It is important for future leaders of both the Democratic and Republican Parties to learn the moral and strategic imperatives that underlie our nation's friendship of that country."

"I hope that through this bi-partisan study mission, you will witness and learn of the deep ties that bind our two democracies and that through your enhanced understanding, you'll educate other young Americans about the strong bonds and cooperation that link the United States with Israel."

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency is expecting some 18,000 new olim during 1983, a significant increase on last year's figure of 13,259. The Agency aliya department chairman, Rafael Klotowitz, gave the prognosis in Jerusalem this week. He said 13,000 of this year's total would come from the West, compared to 8,800 of last year's figure.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA A MEMORABLE CELEBRATION FOR ALIYA

NEW YORK, July 21 (JTA) -- "A dunam here, a dunam there, acre after acre." So goes the popular song of the pioneering yishuv (Jewish community in Palestine before the State of Israel was born) recalling the slow-but-steady process of land reclamation. A similar pattern can be observed in what can be called the reclamation of people -- aliya, for example.

Small yearly trickles -- an annual average of around 2,600 -- over the past 18 years have slowly but steadily added up to a total of 65,000 North American olim to Israel, enough to populate a healthy-sized development town. And those trickles seem to be growing into a stream in the past year and a half.

The number 18 is significant, for just that number of years ago, in 1965, the Israel Aliya Center of North America was founded under the sponsorship of the World Zionist Organization-American Section to promote the concept and assist in the realization of aliya.

Special El Al Flight of Olim July 26

Looking back on these 18 years of steady growth, the Center's officials decided a celebration was definitely in order -- and so it will be. The celebration will take the form of a special El Al flight of olim scheduled to leave New York on July 26. It will carry 120 adults and 117 children going on aliya -- augmented by 80 adults participating in the pre-aliya "Mivtza Elef" (Project 1,000).

The Project's aim was to bring 1,000 people to Israel this summer to work for a month, on a kind of limited dry run. The aim has already been achieved, with 900 from the U.S. alone.

The special El Al flight is also the 3,000th one of olim carried by the airline in 18 years since the Israel Aliya Center was established. El Al has dubbed the flight "Kadima Aliya" (Onwards and Upwards), a slogan it will paint on one side of the plane and which will also appear on the T-shirt to be given to each passenger as a souvenir.

A festive send-off at Kennedy Airport and an equally festive welcome at Ben Gurion Airport has been planned for the El Al flight. Israeli dignitaries are expected at both ends of the line. At the Israeli end, the Youth Orchestra of Lod will serenade the new arrivals, and President Chaim Herzog is expected to deliver greetings.

From All Regions Of North America

The families on the Kadima Aliya 18th Anniversary Flight come from all regions of North America -- with 16 states and two Canadian provinces represented. The professions of the olim include nurses, engineers, artists, social workers, teachers, computer programmers, lawyers, anthropologists, a jeweler and a cabinet maker.

Moshe Schechter, director of the Israel Aliya Center, said that reports from the Center's network of regional offices reveal they are "backlogged with appointments." The number of olim, he continued, are increasing. "There has been a dynamic rebirth of interest in Israel as a homeland where a family can be raised in a complete Jewish atmosphere," he said.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IN TALKS WITH ISRAEL ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF DEPORTING WAR CRIMINALS TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, July 21 (JTA) -- The U.S.

Department of Justice is conducting high level talks in Israel this week about the possibility of deporting or extraditing to Israel Nazi war criminals living in the U.S.

Representing the U.S. in the talks with Israeli Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir are Deputy Assistant Attorney General Mark Richard of the Justice Department's Criminal Division; Neal Sher, acting director of the Department's Office of Special Investigations (OSI) which is responsible for investigating and prosecuting Nazi war criminals in the U.S.; and Murray Stein, of the Criminal Division's Office of International Affairs.

An earlier meeting in Israel was abruptly cut off when U.S. officials refused to meet with Zamir at his office in East Jerusalem. John Russell, a Justice Department spokesman, said he did not know where in Jerusalem the current meetings are being held.

The talks are centered on Valerian Trifa, the Rumanian Orthodox Archbishop in the U.S. who was stripped of his citizenship and ordered deported for having entered the U.S. without disclosing his wartime position and activities with the Fascist and anti-Semitic Rumanian Iron Guard. However, Russell noted, the U.S. is also discussing sending other Nazi war criminals to Israel.

Under a 1950 law, Israeli courts can try persons who committed crimes against the Jewish people or crimes against humanity during the Nazi era. According to the Justice Department, the Israelis will seek to determine in each case, including Trifa's, whether they will be able to prosecute the person under Israeli law. (By David Friedman)

A Possible First:

BLACK JEWISH BAT MITZVAH IN THE SOUTH

NEW YORK, July 21 (JTA) -- A 13-year-old eighth grader at a Greensboro, N.C. school is probably the only Black Jewish Bat Mitzvah in the south, according to a report in the July News Letter of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the association of Reform rabbis.

The News Letter reported that Afriqee Isabel Kilamanjaro recently celebrated "her coming of age by becoming Bat Mitzvah at Temple Emanuel, with Rabbi Arnold Task conducting the religious services."

"More than 150 guests heard Afriqee read the Torah with what experts considered flawless skill and a fine Sephardic accent. Afriqee is perhaps the first Black Jewish Bat Mitzvah in the south and perhaps in the nation, in part because most Black Jews are Orthodox and do not recognize the role of women in conducting religious services," according to the Reform News Letter.

The girl is "the youngest of four children of Dr. John Marshall and Coley Vick Kilamanjaro, editors in local universities and public schools, and publishers of the 'Carolina Peacemaker'."

KNESSET VOTES TO DISCUSS

NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, July 21 (JTA) -- The Knesset voted 52-26 to discuss the issue of a national unity government, raised by Premier Menachem Begin today. Begin said he would support such an initiative by the Labor Alignment but accused the opposition of blocking it.

Begin spoke in response to an agenda motion on the subject by MK Avraham Melamed of the National Religious Party. He said that as long as the Labor Alignment stands by its resolution against a national unity government there was nothing that could be done.

Labor MK Haim Barlev asked that the motion be stricken from the agenda. He argued that a national unity government was feasible only when the electorate has no alternative. Labor, he said, offers an alternative.