

LIBERIA TO REOPEN ITS EMBASSY IN JERUSALEM; ISRAEL AND LIBERIA ANNOUNCE EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 25 (JTA) -- Liberia will reopen its Embassy here, in the same building it left 10 years ago when it severed its diplomatic ties with Israel, Foreign Minister Ernest Eastman of Liberia told Israel TV today.

At the same time, Israel and Liberia will exchange Ambassadors. The Liberians announced that their Ambassador will be Samuel Pearson, who was formerly Liberia's envoy to Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. Premier Menachem Begin announced at the same time that the Cabinet would be asked Sunday to approve the appointment of Gavriel Gavrieli as Ambassador to Monrovia.

Both announcements were made at a ceremony here where Begin and President Samuel Doe of Liberia signed an agreement of cooperation in the fields of agriculture, economics and military aid. Israeli experts will leave for Liberia after the High Holy Days to provide aid in the areas of farming, tropical medicine, road building, shipping and airline operations. Also mentioned was the possibility of Israeli military aid to Liberia and "intelligence information on Libya."

Both Doe and Begin appeared pleased by the outcome of the four-day state visit by the Black African leader. "This is a good day for both Liberia and Israel," Begin said at the agreement signing ceremony. "We signed a good agreement, which will open a new year in the relations between our two countries of understanding, friendship and cooperation."

Doe promised that at the upcoming convention of pro-western African countries in the Ivory Coast, he would raise the matter of other countries resuming diplomatic relations with Israel.

ISRAEL TO WITHHOLD PART OF ITS YEARLY CONTRIBUTION TO THE UN IN RESPONSE TO ANTI-ISRAELI ACTIVITIES

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 25 (JTA) -- The government of Israel has decided to withhold a certain amount of its yearly contributions to the United Nations in response to the "anti-Israeli activities" by various UN agencies, Ambassador Yehuda Blum of Israel announced at a press conference here today.

He said the amount Israel will withhold will be about one-quarter of one percent of the total amount the UN devotes to anti-Israeli activities. Israel's annual contributions to the UN budget is about \$1.5 million, or about 0.23 percent, Blum said. The amount the UN spends on anti-Israel activities annually is not fixed.

The Israeli envoy said that "we expect right-minded states" to join Israel in its decision. The United States has since 1980 been withholding some 25 percent from the budget of pro-PLO agencies at the UN.

Decision Triggered by Geneva Conference

According to observers, Israel's decision was triggered by the UN Conference on Palestine which begins next Monday in Geneva, and the flood of propaganda material, in the guise of "scholarly

studies" that have been published by the committee preparing the conference.

At a press conference here earlier this week, Lucille Mair of Jamaica, the secretary general of the conference, said that more than 70 countries and some 100 non-governmental organizations have agreed to attend the conference. Israel, the United States, and most West European countries will not be participating.

Discussing some of the UN's anti-Israel activities, Blum said that the Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and the Palestinian unit within the UN Secretariat, two bodies that enjoy generous UN funding, are nothing but the "extensions of the PLO" and have engaged in a "concerted campaign of vilification" against Israel.

The culmination of "this anti-Israeli campaign" at the UN, Blum charged, is the conference in Geneva. He pointed out that the budget of this 10-day conference is \$6 million, an amount that "could feed millions of starving children."

Blum could not provide the amount Israel will finally withhold. But Israeli diplomats explained that the amount will have to be calculated in relation to the total amount the UN appropriates for anti-Israeli and pro-Palestinian activities. One Israeli diplomat said: "We are talking here about tens of thousands of dollars that Israel is going to withhold."

Blum said, in response to a question, that Israel has not withheld funds until now, since it became a UN member in 1949.

KLARSFELDS ACCUSE FRENCH INTELLIGENCE UNITS OF HAVING EMPLOYED NOTORIOUS NAZIS DURING THE POST-WAR YEARS

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Aug. 25 (JTA) -- Nazi-hunters Serge and Beate Klarsfeld accused French intelligence organizations of having employed notorious former gestapo and Nazi officials in the post-war years.

In an interview today with *Le Monde*, the Klarsfelds said that America "was not the only country to have used former Nazis" and said that several French intelligence outfits, including one investigating wartime Nazi crimes, had employed former Nazi officials. The Klarsfelds called on France to follow America's example and appoint an investigating commission to throw all possible light on these practices.

Using secret documents obtained from the files of the D.S.T., a major French intelligence service which was responsible for investigating wartime Nazi crimes, the Klarsfelds named a former high-ranking gestapo officer, Ernst Misselwitz, as one of the war criminals employed by the French. Misselwitz served during the war in the Paris gestapo headquarters and in 1952 was found guilty of having tortured French resistance fighters during interrogation. The court said he probably drove to suicide a prominent resistance leader, Pierre Brosolette. The documents published by the Klarsfelds show that the French secret service spirited Misselwitz out of the country at the time of his trial and hid him in Germany to ensure his protection.

Misselwitz and the other former Nazis were mainly employed in investigating wartime Nazi crimes and preparing court cases against wartime French collaborators.

The Klarsfelds' revelations were front-paged by Le Monde which also called on the government to open postwar intelligence files. The paper said "France can and should do what America has done with Allan Ryan's investigation."

It is not known whether Misselwitz or any of the other unnamed former Nazis employed by the French are still alive. Le Monde called on the authorities to try and investigate this as well.

ISRAEL ARMY MUM ON THE DATE OF THE IDF'S REDEPLOYMENT

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 25 (JTA) -- The army is keeping completely secret all details of the date of its redeployment from the Shouf mountain area of Lebanon to its new line along the Awali River. Gen. Moshe Levy, the Chief of Staff, said last week that the move would begin "within a matter of days" and be completed in one operation, within a short period.

The Israel Defense Force has denied an earlier report from Beirut that the withdrawal would begin next Sunday and be completed by the eve of Rosh Hashanah.

Today the IDF declined any comment on a report this morning that the IDF had agreed to a 72-hour postponement, to allow the Lebanese army more time to arrange to take over from the withdrawing Israelis to avoid a clash between warring Druze and Christian Phalangists in the mountain area where Druze villages are situated close to and alongside Christian villages.

The redeployment is not far off, however. IDF soldiers in the area are no longer living under conditions of any comfort but are back on a "front-line wartime condition" -- sleeping on the ground and eating battle rations -- as everything moveable, including beds and kitchens, are already in their new positions along the Awali River.

STATE DEPT. WON'T SAY IF THE MNF WILL REPLACE IDF IN SHOUF AREA

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (JTA) -- The State Department declined to comment today on whether the existing multi-national force (MNF) will be sent into the Shouf mountains of Lebanon once the Israeli forces redeploy to the Awali River.

Deputy spokesman Alan Romberg also was asked whether Israel has postponed its redeployment for a few days at the request of the United States and Lebanon and whether the Lebanese government had asked the United States and some other countries to move the MNF into the Shouf mountains once Israel moves out.

Romberg replied: "I can't confirm any of that and I wouldn't get into questions of discussions of that sort. Obviously, the issue of the MNF and what it might or might not do in the wake of the Israeli pullback is something that people are thinking about."

He said that, "in the absence of various sorts of information, including specifically what the political situation will be, in the area from which Israeli forces will be pulling back, it really is premature to make decisions or even consider hard recommendations."

Romberg confirmed that Ambassador Robert McFarlane is in Rome today, conferring with Italian officials, but provided no details on their conversations. He stated, however, "we and the Italians share a number of common interests and concerns about what is going on in the region and specifically in Lebanon. They are a contributing member to the MNF and certainly that will be a natural topic for discussion."

B'NAI B'RITH INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL LEADER URGES BOYCOTT OF GENEVA PARLEY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (JTA) -- All nations which believe in the "rule of law" and the founding

principles of the United Nations were urged by B'nai B'rith International to shun the UN Conference on Palestine scheduled to convene in Geneva, under a cloud of controversy, starting next Monday.

Philip Lax, chairman of the B'nai B'rith International Council, made that appeal when he released a report he said indicated the Geneva conference would be used as "a staged attempt to discredit Israel and undermine its right to exist."

Lax stressed that, at a time when Israel is demonstrating its strong desire for peace by its pact with Lebanon and its planned troop withdrawal while the PLO and the other Arab states are "intransigent and hostile," the conference should not get serious attention from the west.

Pro-Israel Groups Excluded

The report, prepared by Dr. Harris Schoenberg, director of the International Council's Geneva office, charged that the conference's preparatory committee already had taken steps to exclude pro-Israel groups and viewpoints and that the committee had formed a "mini-working group" which has censured and rejected more than half of the background papers submitted so far to the conference.

The report indicated that on June 14, the preparatory committee adopted a proposal, demanded by the PLO, requiring that all non-governmental organizations (NGOs) wishing to attend the Geneva conference to submit material documenting their sympathies.

Schoenberg said this decision "excluded any sentiment favorable to Israel." He said the proposal, approved by Madagascar, the Laos Peoples Democratic Republic, Syria and the United Arab Emirates, had been opposed by the Egyptian representative, who argued for open participation.

Schoenberg said 12 papers approved for the conference, after screening of all papers offered for the event, were "rife with anti-Israel themes," portraying Israel as a "dark and evil nation." One paper revives the "Zionism is racism" slander and another claims that the 1948 recommendation by the UN General Assembly, partitioning Palestine into a Jewish and an Arab state, was illegal.

No United Stand By EEC

Meanwhile, it was reported from Geneva yesterday that envoys of the 10-nation European Economic Community failed to reach a common position on the Geneva conference but diplomatic sources said only Greece will participate. The envoys met for several hours in the West German Mission in Geneva and sources said most of them favored sending only observers.

Some, including West Germany, said they favored boycotting the conference. Greece announced some time ago it would participate. The other nine EEC nations agreed to postpone a public announcement of their generally unfavorable attitude for a few days.

Switzerland, the unwilling host to the 10-day conference, said it would send an observer but would not participate. Some EEC diplomats called the \$6 million conference a waste of money.

TWO NEW MILITARY PRODUCTS UNVEILED

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 25 (JTA) -- The Israel military industries, now marking the 50th anniversary of their establishment in the pre-State days, have disclosed two of their latest products, both the result of local Israel research and development.

One is a 60-mm gun mounted on a swivel which can be attached to a standard armored personnel car-

rier or other vehicle. The gun has a high muzzle velocity which its producers say enables it to put out of commission the heavy Soviet-made T-72 tanks now in use by the Syrians.

The other product is a multi-barrel Katyusha-like rocket launcher which can fire either 18 or 36 rockets simultaneously or in close sequence. The 160-mm rockets have a range of 30 kilometers. The multi-barrel launchers are at present intended only for export.

HISTORIAN SAYS JEWS HAVE BEEN THE MOST SUPPORTIVE GROUP IN STRUGGLE OF U.S. BLACKS TO IMPROVE THEIR LOT

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (JTA) -- Jews have been the most supportive group in the struggle of Blacks in America to improve their lot, according to Dr. Hasha Diner, a historian of Black-Jewish relations, who spoke to a luncheon sponsored by the American Jewish Congress.

Diner, an academic director at the American University in Washington, is the author of a recent book on Black-Jewish relations, "In the Almost Promised Land -- American Jews and Blacks," which she discussed at the luncheon Tuesday. Her talk was held in conjunction with the 20th anniversary of the historic March on Washington where Martin Luther King delivered his "I have a dream" speech.

Diner estimated that about 8,000 to 9,000 Jews participated in that march. "The whole spectrum of Jewish organizations was represented," she said. Jews were also involved in the organization of the march, speeches and other facets.

"It was an event of importance to Jews as well as Blacks," she said. "It was significant to them not only as Americans, but it also had a very specific Jewish focus for them Jews represented the only large group in the 1963 march that had no Black constituency," such as various church groups or political organizations.

Traces Jewish Involvement in Civil Rights

Diner traced American Jewish involvement in support of civil rights for Blacks for over half a century. The 1963 March on Washington "was the culmination of 60 years of massive involvement in civil rights . . . and Jews were far out of proportion to their numbers," she said.

Looking back to the early 1900's, she read excerpts from the Yiddish and American Jewish press which compared race riots, such as the brutal one in St. Louis, Mo., in 1916 in which Blacks were burned in their homes, to the Russian pogroms in Kishinev.

Eastern European Jews were able to identify very closely with the plight of the Blacks, Diner said. Race rioters were compared to the "Black Hundred," the feared crack troops of the Russian Czar, which organized and led many pogroms. The site of a race riot was described by Jews as an "auto da fe," the burning of heretics under the Spanish Inquisition. The Jewish newspapers also struck out vehemently against lynchings in the South, Diner said.

She also recalled the early organizers in the Jewish trade unions of the garment industry who helped the few Blacks in their ranks to organize. When a Black was present at a union meeting, it was forbidden to conduct business in Yiddish, Diner noted. It had to be held in English and then translated for the new immigrants. In 1935, the International Ladies Garment Workers Union played a critical role in organizing Black workers in Harlem, she added.

Jews were also among those who signed the original call in 1909 and joined with W.E.B. DuBois to create the National Association for the Advancement of Col-

ored People, Diner recalled, and were also very active in helping A. Philip Randolph organize Pullman car porters.

Allen Dean, executive director of Montgomery County (Md.) Human Relations Commission, told the AJCongress luncheon, "We Blacks would not be where we are today without the support and help of the Jews."

Pre-March Activities

There are no estimates of how many Jews are expected to participate in this Saturday's march. Some who want to attend will not do so because of the Sabbath. The American Jewish Congress and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) have endorsed the march. The New Jewish Agenda (NJA) has indicated that it expects many bus loads of marchers and is actively organizing its membership and friends to participate.

The NJA will sponsor a Friday night service at the American University, with Martin Luther King III as speaker. At another service, at Temple Sinai, Coretta Scott King, wife of the slain civil rights leader, and who is co-chairman of this Saturday's march, UAHC president Rabbi Alexander Schindler, who will deliver the closing prayer at the march, NAACP leader Benjamin Hooks, and Joel Levy, a Washington attorney and co-chairman of the AJCongress' national governing council, will commemorate the 1963 march.

EITAN SEEKING POLITICAL BASE

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 25 (JTA) -- Former Chief of Staff (Res.) Gen. Rafael Eitan, continuing his apparent efforts to build up a political basis for a future political career as a Greater Israel leader, delivered a hard-hitting address to a young audience in Haifa Tuesday.

To the applause of his young audience, Eitan said: "We captured Galilee in the fighting in 1949, and completed the job in 1967. We captured areas and expelled Arabs.

"They started the wars, and must know that when they start a war they lose and get nothing back. When they know, they will think twice about starting a war. Who has ever heard of the loser getting anything back? When you lose, you pay the price. That's the custom in any normal country."

The former Chief of Staff appealed to government leaders and officials to set an example by volunteering a 10 percent reduction in their salaries.

70 JOBLESS GERMAN YOUTH TO GET TRAINING IN ISRAEL

BONN, Aug. 25 (JTA) -- Some 70 unemployed youths from Bremen in north Germany will come to Israel in the near future in the framework of a special program called "Preparation for Jobs." They will stay in moshavim for three months.

The program was initiated by the local authorities and an association for promoting understanding called "Shalom-Salam." The 400,000 Mark project is financed by the Nuremberg-based federal labor office.

Henning Scherf of the Social Democratic Party, who is responsible for youth in the city government of Bremen, said that the project also includes a six-month study and training period before and after the stay in Israel.

This will include theory and practice in such professions as agriculture, gardening, maintenance of vehicles and housekeeping. Studies will also concentrate on German and English as well as on the history of Israel and of the Jewish people.

FOCUS ON ISSUES

A FEELING OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, Aug. 25 (JTA) -- David Kaplan of Stamford, Conn., said his many weeks of work this summer spent plastering, hammering and stripping paint from the side of Margaret Butler's home in Des Moines, Iowa, gave him "a tremendous feeling of accomplishment." Abby Landau of New Brunswick, N.J., who acted as a counsellor for a group which did similar work on homes in McAllen, Texas, said: "I thought it was neat."

Both Kaplan and Landau were part of a group of more than 20 students from the New York metropolitan area who participated in a seven-week summer program of repairing and rebuilding homes of retired senior citizens and economically disadvantaged residents for nothing more than a hand shake or a cold soft drink.

The program is sponsored by the American Jewish Society for Service (AJSS) which for the 33rd consecutive year gathered a group of students, supervised by two counsellors and a couple of directors, who paid a small fee to spend their summer doing manual labor on homes in selected communities. This summer, two groups were sent, one to Des Moines and the other to McAllen, located in southwestern Texas, some 10 miles from the Mexican border.

Speaking at a news conference here at the Roosevelt Hotel, the 17-year-old Kaplan assessed the program on behalf of the 10 students who worked on three separate projects in Des Moines. They were invited to the area by the Neighborhood Housing Assistance of Des Moines, Inc., an independent organization made up of local businessmen and other residents.

Experiences Of The Des Moines Group

The Des Moines group contributed an estimated \$14,000 worth of free labor--plastering, painting and patching homes of three low income Des Moines residents. Five weeks alone were spent working on Butler's home, which she vacated for the duration of the renovation period. The home, originally condemned by local authorities, was restored after the group's work was completed, to a "house you would be proud to call your own," Kaplan said.

The group of 10 co-eds, ranging in age from 16 to 18, were provided residence in a complex called Hawthorne Hill, a Methodist Church operated shelter for battered wives, and other homeless and indigent persons. The group contributed to the Hill by painting the lobby of the complex, which housed perhaps 50 persons besides the AJSS group.

The Activities Of The Texas Group

Meanwhile, the group of 11 youth in Texas worked on nearly 19 projects. One home was owned by a family of an unemployed oil field worker which had sold their car to buy lumber, but were unable to pay carpenters to make the badly needed repairs on their home.

Under the supervision of local residents proficient in the skills involved, AJSS workers constructed a 26-by-24 foot floor, leveled and braced the leaning structures, and nailed up siding on the outside of the house. In discussions with the AJSS group at the press conference, all acknowledged that they had little or no experience in the particular tasks they performed.

The AJSS group in McAllen was hosted by the Hidalgo County Economic Development Agency, a local county agency which distributes funding for housing assistance programs. The group provided labor assistance for the economically disadvantaged who

managed to buy building materials but could not afford the labor.

Denise Brenner of Brooklyn, N.Y., said the majority of homes worked on in McAllen needed weatherizing, including roofing and siding. While she acknowledged that there was not much immediate recognition from the community, she said that at the conclusion of the summer, their efforts were noted by a party thrown by co-workers and other office workers. The group's efforts were also acknowledged by Governor Mark White who presented them with a certificate of honorary citizenship of the state of Texas.

The house that the McAllen group stayed in was owned by a local Jewish builder. There was little if any furniture and no air conditioning. Many days were hot. Temperatures on roofs when work was in progress was said to be over 100 degrees.

The work project directors for the Texas group were Julliane and Jules Hirsch of Brooklyn, who have spent their last 22 summers supervising, guiding and teaching the students the needed skills to perform some tasks. Jules Hirsch said, "If every teenager would spend a summer like this, it would benefit them greatly."

"These kids are broadening their scope by learning to live and work as a closely knit group, and at the same time they are giving of themselves to help others. And I believe a human being gets a great deal of satisfaction from helping another human being," said Hirsch in a statement released at the press conference. He and his wife are travelling back from Texas and could not attend the conference.

No Signs Of Anti-Semitism

There appeared to be a consensus among many of the AJSS students that they encountered no hostility from local residents nor signs of anti-Semitism. In fact, when questioned specifically on the local residents' concerns, the response appeared unanimous that the events in the Middle East with regard to Israel were overshadowed by a greater concern for local developments. In McAllen, it was noted, the dominant concerns were of developments in Central America.

The AJSS is a non-profit charitable organization designed to provide Jewish youths and other individuals the opportunity to perform humanitarian services as a fulfillment of their religious beliefs. Young people are recruited each year to work on one of the two or three projects in areas of the U.S. where lack of money and labor creates a demand for services of groups like the AJSS. The AJSS has had 77 previous work projects in 39 different states and Israel.

NCSJ DESIGNATES SEPTEMBER 15 NATIONAL ANATOLY SHCHARANSKY DAY

NEW YORK, Aug. 25 (JTA) -- The National Conference on Soviet Jewry designated September 15 as National Shcharansky Day in recognition of the half completed sentence served by Soviet Jewish Prisoner of Conscience Anatoly Shcharansky since his arrest in March 1977. Activities around the country will include special programs in support of Shcharansky held by state and local officials, Jewish community groups and supporters.

NCSJ chairman Morris Abram pointed out that Soviet law provides for review and early release of prisoners. Soviet leader Yuri Andropov acknowledged this fact in a letter he wrote last January to French Communist Party head Georges Marchais in response to Marchais' appeal on behalf of Shcharansky.