

REAGAN EXPRESSES U.S. COMMITMENT TO PEACE BY SUPPORTING EFFORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 26 (JTA) -- President Reagan referred only briefly to Middle East matters in his speech to the 38th UN General Assembly this morning which was devoted mainly to the issue of arms control.

He did not mention the Middle East peace initiative he announced on September 1, 1982 nor did he go into details of the cease-fire just achieved in Lebanon. He expressed America's support of international peace-keeping efforts.

Reagan declared that he came to the UN to re-new "My nation's commitment to peace" by supporting collective efforts by the international community. "We give our unwavering support," he said, "to the peace-keeping efforts of this body (the UN) as well as other multinational peace-keeping efforts around the world. The UN has a proud history of promoting conciliation and helping keep the peace. Today, peace-keeping forces or observers are present in Cyprus and Kashmir, on the Golan Heights and in Lebanon."

The President stressed that the U.S. has a long tradition of mediating conflicts and presenting peaceful solutions. "In Lebanon, we, along with France, Italy and the United Kingdom, have worked for a cease-fire, for the withdrawal of all external forces and for the restoration of Lebanon's sovereignty and territorial integrity," Reagan said.

ISRAEL WELCOMES LEBANON CEASE-FIRE; DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS ISRAEL IS READY AND WAITING TO LEAVE LEBANON
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Sept. 26 (JTA) -- Israel welcomed the cease-fire that went into effect in Lebanon today, expressed hope that it would last and indicated that Israel had contributed more toward achieving it than could be disclosed at this time.

Commenting on behalf of the government, Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir stressed that the key to a lasting solution in Lebanon was "the withdrawal of all foreign forces" from that country. He said that "Israel is ready and waiting to leave, and let us hope that Syria will see that her occupation of Lebanon has led only to bloodshed and nothing else; and that she will be ready to get her troops out of Lebanon."

Ben-Meir said that Israel "fully supported the efforts of the United States, of President Reagan and of his special emissary, Ambassador (Robert) McFarlane, in trying to bring about the cease-fire. Israel has been working behind the scenes. We have contributed throughout the time -- an important contribution. But I think that for the future it would be best not to give this any great publicity."

The Deputy Foreign Minister did disclose, however, that "Israel has made efforts in coordinating with the U.S. in places where we can, where we have influence, to try to facilitate such a cease-fire. Let us all hope that it will work and that it will be a

first step in solving the overall problem in Lebanon, the basis of which will be, of course, the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon."

Report 806 Lebanese Killed In Last 3 Weeks

According to reports from Beirut today, the Lebanese police estimate that 806 Lebanese were killed and 1,725 wounded in the three weeks of fierce fighting in the Shouf mountains area and around Beirut since the Israeli army withdrew to the Awali River line.

Observers here, as well as Lebanese officials and Druze leader Walid Jumblatt qualified their optimism over the cease-fire by noting that there have been many previous cease-fires in Lebanon which held for a time and then broke down.

Peace Now Delegation Meets With Arens

Meanwhile, a delegation representing the Peace Now movement met with Defense Minister Moshe Arens today to discuss the situations in Lebanon and on the West Bank. Peace Now leader Sali Reshef told reporters after the 90-minute meeting that "We expressed our deep concern about our long stay in Lebanon ... Minister Arens unfortunately is picturing a situation in which it will take us years to get out of Lebanon."

Reshef said the delegation told Arens of their concern over the morale of Israeli troops in Lebanon and of the Israeli public "if indeed we have to stay there."

The delegation undertook to provide Arens with details, based on the reports of reserve soldiers, of exactly what took place when Jewish settlers allegedly sacked and burned the Hebron market place after a Yeshiva student was fatally stabbed there last July.

"We told him we have the testimony of people who were on reserve duty on the night of the burning and we are going to submit to the Minister a document about it," Reshef said. "The Minister promised us he would investigate our complaints and that if people are found to be guilty they will be tried."

The Peace Now group also protested against the government's intention to build a Jewish quarter in the heart of Arab Hebron. They charged "illegal behavior in trying to enforce the will of the Israeli authorities by nominating an Israeli mayor which is in effect carrying out the will of non-inhabitants of Hebron but of the Israeli authorities."

MUBARAK CONCERNED THAT THE U.S. IS UNABLE TO INFLUENCE ISRAEL

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Sept. 26 (JTA) -- President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt expressed concern to President Francois Mitterrand here today over America's apparent inability to influence the Israelis. Egyptian officials accompanying Mubarak indicated, however, that Egypt is still pursuing a strong pro-American line while improving relations with the Soviet Union.

Mubarak is scheduled to leave for New York tomorrow for the 38th UN General Assembly and will meet with President Reagan at the White House this Friday, Egyptian sources said.

The sources said Egypt's relations with the U.S. remain strong and that the two countries have further expanded their economic and military cooperation. But Mubarak wants to improve his ties with the Soviet Union

and steer Egypt on a more non-aligned course, they said. Cairo's relations with Moscow have improved dramatically since the late President Anwar Sadat expelled the Soviet Ambassador, Nicolas Polyakov, from Egypt in September, 1981. In recent months a number of Soviet technical experts have visited Egypt and the chief of the Middle East bureau at the Foreign Ministry in Moscow, Oleg Grivensky, visited Egypt last week for a series of meetings with senior aides to Mubarak.

The Egyptian President is considered by the French to be a "privileged ally" in the Middle East. He was welcomed at Orly Airport today by a company of the Republican Guard, an honor reserved for the most prestigious guests on official visits. Justice Minister Robert Badinter -- who is Jewish -- welcomed him on behalf of President Mitterrand.

Mitterrand himself will leave for New York tomorrow to attend the General Assembly and to meet with President Reagan.

EBAN: ISRAEL FAILED TO ACHIEVE ANY OF ITS OBJECTIVES IN LEBANON

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, Sept. 26 (JTA) -- Former Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban said here that Israel failed to achieve any of the objectives of its war in Lebanon. But he forcefully denied that Israel can be blamed for the bitter fighting between warring factions in that country.

Eban, a prominent Labor member of the Knesset, spoke to an audience of 1,500 at the Beth El Synagogue last Saturday night. For Israel, he said, the war in Lebanon should have been a three-day affair, limited to driving the PLO terrorists to a distance "from which no Israeli man, woman, child or home would be in range" of their rockets and artillery.

But the objectives of the war, he explained, became a stable Lebanon under the leadership of the Christian Phalangists, that would make peace with Israel, the expulsion of Syrian forces, the weakening of Soviet influence and the removal of Palestinian terrorists from Israel's borders.

"None of these objectives were achieved," the Israeli diplomat said, "and it is questionable whether they were achievable at all. Syria now strides across the Lebanese arena as the great victor, whereas Israel, whose arms won a speedy and total victory, is now considering how to eliminate its presence from the very arena of its victory."

Israel Can't Be Blamed For the Fighting in Lebanon

Eban insisted that "Israel can't be blamed for the fighting in Lebanon. We made a serious effort before we left to bring about an agreement between the Druze and Phalangists. It is absolute nonsense to accuse us of having left behind a vacuum. Is the United States a vacuum?" he asked.

He said that to compare Lebanon to Vietnam is an "exaggeration." In Eban's opinion the situation is closer to that in northern Ireland where Protestants and Catholics have been battling each other for more than 100 years. "To ask us to solve hatreds in the Lebanese mountains is not a legitimate charge," Eban said. "The only difference of opinion in Israel is concerning the pace of withdrawal. The government wants the withdrawal to take place in two phases, while the opposition wants a swifter withdrawal in two months."

CONVICTED NAZI WAR CRIMINAL 'RETIRES' EARLY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 26 (JTA) -- Officials of the Simon Wiesenthal Center announced that convicted Dutch Nazi war criminal Jacob Luitjens has prematurely "retired" from the University of British Columbia (UBC) science faculty.

The announcement came after a phone conversation by Wiesenthal Center officials with Dr. Robert Scagel, head of UBC's botany department, where Luitjens has served as an instructor for nearly 20 years.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Wiesenthal Center, which has been actively pursuing the Luitjens case for the past six months, said he was "pleased" by the news. However, he added, the Center was still "disappointed that UBC's president, K. George Pedersen, had earlier refused the Wiesenthal Center's demand that Luitjens be fired.

"UBC was obviously more interested in protecting a man (Luitjens), convicted by a sister democracy (Holland) than for his crimes against humanity," Hier said. He also said that the Center is continuing discussions with Dutch officials about this case to press the Canadian government to find a way to expel Luitjens "so that he will pay his debt to society."

Says Retirement Was Luitjens' Decision

Scagel told the Wiesenthal Center that "Luitjens' retirement was his own personal decision." He refused to elaborate on whether or not Luitjens' unexpected decision was based on pressure to have him resign his post because of public revelations made by the Wiesenthal Center six months ago about his Nazi past and his conviction by a Dutch court in 1948 for crimes against humanity.

Scagel also refused to offer any comment on Luitjens' retirement, other than to say, "It's between me and my conscience." Then, in a display of anger, he reportedly told Wiesenthal Center officials, "If you would just mind your own business it would be better and I refuse to say anything more about the matter!"

In the fall of 1981 the government of Holland asked the Canadian government for Luitjens' extradition. A few months ago, the Canadians declined the extradition request because they ruled it did not fall within the parameter of an 1899 treaty between the two nations.

WOMEN SOLDIERS IN THE IDF WILL BE GIVEN TEAR GAS CANNISTERS TO REPEL RAPISTS AND ASSAILANTS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Sept. 26 (JTA) -- Women soldiers in the Israel Defense Force will be issued tear gas in small aerosol spray cans to repel would-be rapists and others who might attack them when they hitch-hike to and from military bases.

The incidence of sexual assaults on women soldiers has increased recently. Recent statistics show that rape cases involving women soldiers which are reported to the police rose from 192 in 1980 to 277 in 1981.

General Headquarters decided to issue the "personal protection" devices in response to a question raised in the Knesset as to why the aerosol spray cans now in stock at army depots have not been issued.

An army spokesman said that initially 10 percent of the women in the IDF would receive the tear gas canisters on an experimental basis. If used successfully, they will be distributed to all women soldiers.

Women in the IDF are employed in administrative positions and are not armed. The army encourages hitchhiking and uniformed personnel are almost always given a ride.

LABOR, LIKUD LEADERS TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES OF FORMING A NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Sept. 26 (JTA) -- The leaders of the Labor Alignment and Likud were to hold their first meeting tonight to discuss the possibilities of forming a national unity government. But the opposing parties seem hopelessly divided over key policy issues, as spokesmen for each made clear even before the meeting was held.

One of the most sensitive issues is the Likud's government's massive settlement drive on the West Bank. Deputy Premier David Levy told a crowd of 50,000 Orthodox Jews at the new West Bank township of Emanuel today that "We will not allow our desire for a unity government to bring us to forsake our line on settlements."

But Labor Party leader Yitzhak Rabin declared on a radio interview that Labor's participation in a unity government was absolutely conditional on a modification of settlement policies that adhered, in effect, to the "Allon Plan" for the West Bank.

The plan, first outlined by the late Labor Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, would allow no new settlements in the heavily Arab-populated areas of the territory. Likud is intent on planting Jewish settlements in the midst of the Arab population.

Labor will be represented at tonight's meeting by party chairman Shimon Peres, Rabin, Haim Bar-Lev, Moshe Shahal and Haim Zadok. The Likud negotiators are Premier-designate Yitzhak Shamir, Levy, Defense Minister Moshe Arens and Justice Minister Moshe Nissim.

In his formal letter accepting Shamir's invitation to talk, Peres wrote last night that his party rejected the notion of joining the "present" government but was prepared to discuss the idea of joining Likud, under Shamir, in a government with a new policy platform.

Shamir, in his reply, suggested that the two sides end their public arguments and get down to private discussions to see if a common platform could be worked out. The media quoted Shamir today as saying that it would become apparent within a day whether an agreement can be reached. He thought the chances were "slender" but they have to be exhausted, the reports said.

A number of Likud MKs have already accused Labor of entering the talks "with ultimatums" and "without clean hands." Similar accusations are likely to be hurled back from the opposition camp. Most observers believe the prospects that a unity government will emerge from the talks are very poor. The only certainty, they say, is that each side will attempt to blame the other for failure.

GERMAN COURT DECISION ON NEO-NAZI BEING APPEALED BY STATE PROSECUTOR

By David Kantor

BONN, Sept. 26 (JTA) -- The State Prosecutor has appealed a decision by a Nuremberg court not to try Karl-Heinz Hoffmann, a neo-Nazi activist, for the murder of Jewish publisher Shlomo Levin on December 19, 1980 for lack of evidence. The Prosecutor promised to collect additional evidence

implicating Hoffmann in the crime. Hoffmann, 43, headed an extreme rightwing organization, Werksportsgruppe Hoffmann, which masqueraded as a sports club while engaging in acts of violence and anti-Semitic incitement. It has been officially outlawed.

According to Prosecutor Rudolph Brunner, Hoffmann and a female companion, Franziska Birkmann, ordered Levin's murder and actively participated in it. The actual shooting was attributed to one Uwe Behrendt who committed suicide in his jail cell in the summer of 1981.

Hoffmann and Behrendt both took military training at a Palestine Liberation Organization camp in Beirut in 1981 and were arrested at Frankfurt airport when they returned from Lebanon. Hoffmann remains in custody because he was found guilty of several minor crimes in other cases.

SOVIET JEWISH ARMY COLONEL, HOLDER OF HERO OF THE SOVIET UNION MEDAL, ARRIVES IN ISRAEL

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Sept. 26 (JTA) -- Col. Wolf Vilenski, holder of the Hero of the Soviet Union Medal -- the Soviet's highest award -- and other high Soviet honors, arrived in Israel with his wife yesterday. They had been trying to obtain exit visas from the Soviet Union for the past 10 years.

They received their papers last week and took the train from Vilna, where they had been living since Vilenski had served as a senior officer in the Lithuanian division in World War II, to Vienna.

The couple were met in Vienna by their daughter, Dr. Lila Singer, who had flown from her home in Israel to meet them, and by Maj. Arye Vilenski, their son, who, as an officer in the IDF is continuing his father's military career.

Col. Vilenski was among the 144 Jews who received the Hero of the Soviet Union Medal during the war, and the second of four Jews in the Lithuanian division so awarded to come to Israel. Sgt. Kalman Shorr arrived in Israel in 1979.

CAIRO DENIES PREVENTING EGYPTIAN TOURISTS FROM VISITING ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 26 (JTA) -- Egyptian officials have angrily denied that the authorities in Cairo are preventing Egyptian tourists from visiting Israel. A senior official at the Egyptian Ministry of Tourism conceded, however, to Moris Kassouto, the tourism attaché at the Israel Embassy in Cairo that the authorities do not permit Egyptian tour groups to visit Israel "for security reasons." He insisted that individual Egyptians are free to visit Israel.

The official expressed anger over a report published in Israel that Egyptian authorities prevented an Egyptian travel agent from conducting a tour to Israel. He said the agent in question did not hold a tourism license. The official charged that the report was published in Israel in order to tarnish President Hosni Mubarak's visit to the U.S. this week.

BONN (JTA) -- Economic cooperation and the situation in Lebanon will be the focus of talks between Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany in Cairo October 5-11.

There will be no Bulletin dated September 30, Simchat Torah.

**AN IDF RESERVIST TO COORDINATE
JDL MEMBERS PATROLLING YESHIVA
UNIVERSITY IN RESPONSE TO SNIPER
ATTACKS ON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**
By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, Sept. 26 (JTA) -- A reservist in the Israel Defense Force will coordinate the more than 25 members of the Jewish Defense League who today began armed patrols of the four-block campus of Yeshiva University in response to a series of attacks on university students. Andy Barry, who identified himself as chief of security for the JDL and said he had served in the IDF in Lebanon and is trained in hand-to-hand combat and weaponry, said the patrols around the Manhattan upper West Side campus will be designed to act as "decoy units" in an effort to flush out the assailant. "The objective is to catch him and turn him over to authorities," Barry said.

A JDL spokesperson said Barry was American and in his late 20's, but would provide no details regarding his status in the IDF. Nor would the spokesperson specify the type of weapons the members of the JDL patrol will carry.

Reactions To JDL's Actions

The university dissociated itself from the JDL actions at the campus, saying the JDL was not invited and that the university has no connection with the JDL. "The university believes that the best way to protect our students and to investigate the case is to rely on the manpower of the New York City Police Department," a university source said.

The American Jewish Committee today called on the JDL to "remove its personnel from the area immediately and to cease its unwanted intrusion" into the campus vicinity. "The intrusion of the Jewish Defense League into the investigation ... is an unwarranted interference with proper police procedure and could result in further injury to innocent residents" of the upper West Side area, said James Greilshimer, president of the New York City chapter of the AJCommittee.

The police authorities said yesterday they had not been informed of the JDL patrols. "We think it's vigilantism and do not believe it will accomplish anything. There's always the possibility of someone getting hurt," Alice McGillion the department's Deputy Commissioner of Public Information, was quoted as saying.

But the university source said Yeshiva University "is not a closed campus. Members of the JDL like everyone else are free to walk the city streets around the buildings. If members of the JDL cause problems, in any way, it is a police matter."

JDL Convinced Assailant Will Return

Barry said today that the JDL is convinced that the assailant will return to the campus area and may mistake a JDL member as a student. He said the JDL members will maintain a low profile and will seek the participation of the student body when classes resume on October 1.

The JDL patrols are in response to a series of shootings apparently targeting Yeshiva University students, with all four incidents recently linked to each other. The latest shooting incident occurred on the Bronx-Whitestone Expressway where one student was shot in the knee and a woman passenger in a car in front of the student's, was killed by the bullet fired from a high velocity rifle.

The City has offered a reward of \$10,000 and the American Jewish Committee has added \$5,000 to the fund for information leading to the apprehension and indictment of those responsible for the shootings. The university is expected to announce tomorrow the offering of a substantial reward for the capture of those responsible.

**CONSERVATIVE, REFORM JUDAISM LEADERS
URGE SHAMIR TO REJECT EFFORTS BY
RABBINATE TO AMEND LAW OF RETURN**

NEW YORK, Sept. 26 (JTA) -- Representatives of Conservative and Reform Judaism called on Israel's Knesset and the government of Prime Minister-designate Yitzhak Shamir to reject efforts by the country's Orthodox rabbinate to amend Israel's Law of Return, asserting that such a change was "contrary to the interests and welfare of world Jewry."

At a news conference in the headquarters of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), leaders of the rabbinical and congregational branches of Conservative and Reform Judaism in the United States and Canada joined in a statement assailing current attempts to change the Law of Return that would hold invalid all conversions to the Jewish faith performed by non-Orthodox rabbis.

"The change in the Law of Return would do violence to the principle of Jewish unity and jeopardize the sense of solidarity that binds the Jewish people everywhere to the State of Israel," the joint statement declared.

"In deciding whether a conversion performed in the diaspora is or is not authentic -- basing their opinion not on how the conversion was performed, but on who performed it -- the Israeli rabbinate and, if they achieve their purpose, the State, would arrogate to themselves authority over the religious lives of Jews throughout the world."

Warn Of Danger To Israel

Continuing, the statement said: "By explicitly rejecting the legitimacy and authenticity of non-Orthodox movements, the Knesset would be taking a judgmental action totally beyond its competence. This would damage the capacity of the State to call upon every Jew equally for economic, political and moral support, and weaken the appeal for aliyah. The State of Israel, the major unifying force in Jewish life, would thus become a force for injecting divisiveness."

The six religious leaders, who said they spoke on behalf of the Reform and Conservative Jewish communities of the U.S. and Canada, with combined constituencies of more than three million Jews, declared that their presence together at the news conference "is an earnest manifestation of our recognition of the vital symbiotic relationship through which diaspora Jewry supports Israel and is in turn nourished by it."

The six religious leaders signing the statement were: Rabbi Joseph Glaser, executive vice president, Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR); Rabbi Wolf Kelman, executive vice president, Rabbinical Assembly; Rabbi Morton Leifman, vice president, Jewish Theological Seminary of America (JTS); Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president, UAHC; Prof. Gordon Tucker, director, Institute for Religious and Social Studies, JTS; and Rabbi Eric Yoffie, executive director, ARZA (Association of Reform Zionists of America.)