

**ISRAEL GRATIFIED BY TOUGHER
U.S. LINE TOWARD SYRIA**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20 (JTA) — Israeli officials are gratified by the tougher U.S. line toward Syria and what they see as a more realistic assessment by Washington of Syria's destructive role in Lebanon.

President Reagan's sharp warning, at his press conference last night, that the U.S. would not allow Syria "aided and abetted by 7,000 Soviet advisers and technicians" to destroy the chances for stability in Lebanon, dispelled the perception held here in recent weeks that the U.S. was tilting toward Syria in the Lebanese situation. (See related Reagan press conference story.)

U.S. special envoy Richard Fairbanks also took a firm line toward the Syrians when he met with Premier Yitzhak Shamir here this morning. Fairbanks, who was accompanied by U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis, assured Shamir that Washington remained committed to a strong central government in Lebanon and the eventual withdrawal of all foreign forces from that country. He was confident that the national reconciliation talks would start next week.

They were to have begun today, but disagreement among the various parties over a site for the talks forced postponement. Reports from Beirut this morning said that all of the parties have agreed to meet in Geneva.

U.S. Continues To Support May 17 Accord

Fairbanks is, at the moment, the senior U.S. diplomat in the region. He had served as deputy to special envoy Robert McFarlane who became President Reagan's national security adviser this week. He stressed to Shamir that the U.S. continues to support fully the Israel-Lebanon withdrawal and security agreement signed last May 17 but still not ratified by Lebanon.

His assurance in that respect was welcomed here. Israelis had been worried that U.S. policy in Lebanon was veering toward the idea that concessions to Syria by the government of President Amin Gemayel would yield cooperation from Damascus in the reconciliation process. One concession presumably would have been the abrogation of the May 17 accord with Israel.

But Reagan's tough remarks last night indicated to officials here that the U.S. now shares Israel's skepticism about Syrian aims in Lebanon.

**REAGAN DISPLAYS UNDERSTANDING
FOR ISRAEL'S INVASION OF LEBANON**

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 (JTA) — President Reagan displayed again last night understanding, if not support, for Israel's invasion of Lebanon last year.

"With the border of Israel, the northern border, being violated ... by terrorist groups, innocent people there being killed, they had a responsibility to try and defend that border," he said in his nationally televised press conference from the East Room of the White House.

The President's remarks were made as he stressed that "great progress" had been made in Lebanon

toward achieving stability there. Noting that the Israeli army has withdrawn to the Awali River and that Israel has signed an agreement with Lebanon to withdraw completely from that country, Reagan added, "We are doing everything we can to persuade Syria to quit being a roadblock in this process."

Status Of The 1982 Peace Initiative

Reagan stressed that his September 1, 1982 peace initiative hinged on successfully resolving the situation in Lebanon, and reiterated his determination to maintain the U.S. marine force in Lebanon and to continue the diplomatic efforts there. "As long as there is a possibility of making the overall peace plan work we're going to stay there," he said.

Reagan stressed that Lebanon was the "first phase" of his Mideast plan and the U.S. still intends by "working with the more moderate Arab states to bring about the kind of peace with Israel that Anwar Sadat helped bring about. Our process is following the lead that was established in the Camp David talks and the two United Nations (Security Council) Resolutions, 242 and 338."

Says Syrians Are 'Dragging Their Feet'

But Reagan made clear he believes that the Syrians have been "dragging their feet" and "aided and abetted by about 7,000 Soviet advisors and technicians and some pretty sophisticated Soviet weaponry, I think that they are contributing to the disorder and the trouble" in Lebanon.

He suggested that one reason for Syria's behavior was that "they believe much of Jordan and much of Lebanon truly should belong to them" as part of a "Greater Syria."

Reagan stressed that the U.S. would continue its diplomatic efforts in Lebanon but warned Syria not to prevent the effort toward national reconciliation in Lebanon. "I don't think there is any way we should stand by and just let Syria destroy what so many people want, which is peace and order there in that troubled country," he said.

When it was suggested that the Syrian roadblocks might be an effort to wear down his determination so that he will eventually pull out the marines, before Lebanon is unified, Reagan declared, "If they are doing it with the idea of wearing me down, they are going to be disappointed."

**IRAN DEFEATED IN EFFORT TO SUSPEND
ISRAEL'S CREDENTIAL TO UN ASSEMBLY**

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 20 (JTA) — Israel's credentials to the 38th General Assembly were approved today despite an attempt by Iran, backed by 42 other Third World and Arab states and the Soviet Union to suspend Israel from this year's session of the world organization.

At the opening of the General Assembly's meeting this morning, the Iranian Ambassador to the UN, Said Rajaei-Khorassani, introduced an amendment to the report of the Credentials Committee which recommended the approval of the credentials of some 120 delegations, including Israel's.

Charging that Israel ignored UN resolutions and occupied Arab territories, the Iranian amendment read: "The General Assembly approves the first report of the Credentials Committee, except the credentials of Israel."

Norwegian Amendment Wins

Norway, acting on behalf of the Scandinavian states, proposed that no action be taken on the Iranian amendment. Although the legality and validity of the Norwegian motion was challenged by Iran and other nations, it was approved by a vote of 79-43 with 19 abstentions. Egypt supported the Norwegian motion. The Lebanese delegation did not participate in the voting.

This was the second consecutive year that Iran attempted to block approval of Israel's credentials in the General Assembly through an amendment to its Credentials Committee's report. The Iranians were thwarted last year by a no-action motion introduced by Finland.

Before today's Assembly session opened, the 42 countries backing the Iranian amendment circulated a letter to all delegations explaining their opposition to the approval of Israel's credentials. The letter cited Israeli actions in the occupied Arab territories and its refusal to implement UN resolutions.

Blum Denounces Anti-Israel Move

Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Yehuda Blum, circulated a letter of reply denouncing the letter of the 42 countries as a "crude ... attempt" to abuse the credentials procedure for extraneous considerations and as a manifestation of the "obsessive hatred" of certain states for Israel.

Only yesterday, the Reagan Administration warned the General Assembly that any attempt to deny Israel its right to participate as a member of the UN "would have grave consequences for our own continued participation and support" of the General Assembly.

Blum, addressing the General Assembly after the vote sustaining the Credentials Committee's recommendations, said the assault on the UN by the "forces of bigotry and international gangsterism" has been thrown back again. He said the attack on Israel, led by Libya and Iran, was unfounded and the remarks of their delegates were "well worn cliches," frivolous and ironic.

Blum said that if the criteria Israel's enemies sought to apply to Israel were applied to all member states, most of the General Assembly's seats would be empty. He added that the move to suspend Israel also violated the obligation of member states to use the UN to resolve their disputes.

KIRKPATRICK SCORES 'OBSSIVE' ANTI-SEMITIC CAMPAIGN IN THE UN

BALTIMORE, Oct. 20 (JTA) -- Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick defended the United Nations as an important forum for the resolution of conflicts despite a decade-long "obsessive" anti-Semitic campaign in the UN that has "nothing to do with the particular policies of the different Israeli governments."

She said that during the past 10 years, Israel has been "isolated, despised, humiliated and victimized" in what she termed "ritual denunciation." But Mrs. Kirkpatrick asserted that Israel's situation in the UN is now improving.

The envoy made her remarks during an address to 600 delegates at the biennial convention of Pioneer

Women/Na'amat which presented her with its Golda Meir Human Relations Award for "her staunch defense of Israel in the UN" and her "vigorous advocacy" of the emigration rights of Soviet Jews.

In another session, Stephen Solender, executive vice president of the Associated Jewish Charities and Welfare Fund of Baltimore, described the effects of federal budget cuts in social services. "The Jewish community must adapt to a new reality because the program of Reagan cutbacks shows no sign of abating," he said. Solender cited a 35 percent increase in the caseload of his agency in the first five months of this year which, he said, includes many Jewish middle class unemployed.

HIGH COURT DECLINES TO REVIEW A DECISION NOT TO PROSECUTE PELED FOR APPEARING TOGETHER WITH PLO LEADERS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20 (JTA) -- The Supreme Court today declined to review a decision by the Attorney General not to prosecute Gen. (res.) Matityahu Peled for appearing together with leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organization at a press conference during the war in Lebanon in 1982.

The high court ordered Yedidya Be'eri, an attorney who filed the complaint against Peled, to pay 40,000 Shekels in court costs. Justice Yitzhak Kahan, President of the Supreme Court, said the Attorney General's decision not to bring charges against Peled was made in good faith. Peled, a prominent dove, is a long-time critic of the government's policy on West Bank settlements and the Palestinians.

Arab Sentenced For Similar Offense

A similar case had a different outcome in a Haifa magistrate's court today which sentenced an Arab leftist lawyer, Mohammad Miari, to eight days' detention for having met with PLO leaders in Geneva two months ago. Police testified that Miari had "private working meetings" with PLO chief Yasir Arafat and the PLO's foreign adviser, Farouk Kaddumi, during the international convention for Palestine. They submitted classified information to substantiate the charge that Miari was guilty of a "very serious violation of the contacts with enemy agents" law.

FRENCH, U.S. JEWISH LEADERS CALL FOR BEGUN'S RELEASE By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Oct. 20 (JTA) -- Leaders of the American and French Jewish communities called here yesterday for the release of Soviet Jewish activist Isosif Begun who was sentenced by a Soviet court this week to seven years' imprisonment and five years' internal exile.

The appeal was made at a joint press conference held by Julius Berman, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and the leadership of the Representative Council of Major French Jewish Organizations (CRIF).

Observing that Begun's "crime" in the eyes of the Soviet authorities was his demand to be allowed to emigrate to Israel and the fact that he taught the Hebrew language, Berman said: "It is only fitting that the various Jewish communities should cooperate on an issue as essential as the situation of Soviet Jewry and the fate of the Jewish activists."

He stressed that the appeal on behalf of Begun "has nothing to do with East-West relations or tensions. It is based strictly on justice and humanitarian considerations."

Berman met yesterday with CRIF president Theo Klein to consider the possibilities of increased cooperation and coordination between the two representative Jewish organizations. He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency later that he hopes to establish a good working relationship with CRIF.

He cited as an example, the need to consult with French Jewry and be briefed on their needs and views before American Jewish leaders meet with prominent French personalities visiting the U.S.

Berman, who is enroute to Israel, also met yesterday, in his capacity of president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, with representatives of the French Consistory, the Union's French counterpart.

EXTREMIST GROUPS IN FRANCE ACCUSE JEWS OF 'COLONIZING' THE COUNTRY AND CONTROLLING GOVERNMENT POLICY By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Oct. 20 (JTA) -- French Jews were accused of "colonizing" the country, controlling the government's policies and of dual loyalty by representatives of six extreme rightwing organizations at a meeting here this week attended by close to 8,000 people. The gathering was dubbed "Friendship Day" by the organizers and was an effort by the extremist groups to try to unify their forces and strengthen their impact in the political arena.

Several of the speakers at the meeting said that two of the government's Jewish Cabinet members, Transport Minister Charles Fitterman, a Communist, and Justice Minister Robert Badinter, a Socialist, "represent the two traditional poles of Jewish influence: Marxism and capitalism."

Arnoud de Lassus, representing an association of Catholic school parents, said "Badinter is the son-in-law of the king of French advertising and one of the country's richest men, Marcel Blaustein-Blanchet, while Fitterman headed the (Communist) party school for cadres. This is the first time that the two exponents of Jewish colonialism sit in the same government. It is as if Rothschild and (Karl) Marx had been ministers together in their days."

The extreme right has been deeply split since the end of the war and until last month had failed to play an active role in French politics both on the national and local level.

Center-Right And Extreme Right Form Alliance

Last month, the center-right opposition parties for the first time concluded a formal alliance with the extreme right to contest the municipal elections in the city of Dreux. Their joint platform was based on their opposition to the presence in France of immigrant guest workers whose percentage is especially high in industrial Dreux, hard hit by unemployment.

Although many liberals opposed the deal, the opposition won a sweeping victory. Simone Veil, a prominent Gaullist leader and often mentioned as a possible presidential candidate in 1988, said she could not approve this sort of political alliances and stressed that she herself would have abstained had she had to choose between the government coalition and an opposition linked to the extreme right.

Some liberals within the Gaullist and Republican parties, led, respectively, by Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac and former President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, privately continue to echo Veil's warnings.

Most commentators, nonetheless, believe that the center-right parties campaign committees plan to continue, whenever useful, their alliance with the extreme right. Many campaign workers say the extreme right helps to mobilize votes on certain popular issues and yet "is not important enough to influence party lines."

Extreme rightwing spokesmen also generally deny, at least in public, any anti-Semitic policy or intentions and claim that their views are "badly misinterpreted and misrepresented by the media."

Proud Sweep Attacks

At last Sunday's meeting, many of the speakers were not only openly anti-Semitic but also opposed to the Protestant minority and, to what some of the speakers said was "the growing influence of the Masonic lodges." Two non-Jewish ministers were singled out for attack: Agriculture Minister Michel Rocard, a Protestant, and Defense Minister Charles Hernu, a Mason.

The most violent attacks were directed, however, at the Jews and alleged Jewish influence on government decisions. One of the speakers, militant Catholic writer Romain Marie, accused Jews "of putting the interests of Judaism far above the interests of France." He added: "The Jews claim that we are anti-Semitic. We should retort that we are anti-Communist and that Communism is mainly Jewish. Jews still are a majority within the Communist International, an international of murder."

DEVICE TO PROTECT TANKS AGAINST MISSILES IS UNVEILED

By Hugh Orvil

TEL AVIV, Oct. 20 (JTA) -- The Israel Armaments Development Authority (ADA) has unveiled a new device to protect tanks against hollow-charge missiles which caused serious casualties among Israeli tank crews in the Yom Kippur War. According to Zeev Bonnen, director general of the ADA, it was tested with great success during the war in Lebanon.

Hollow-charge missiles are shells or rockets in which the explosive power is concentrated in a nose cone that can puncture a small hole in a tank's armor and propel a deadly spray of shrapnel into the interior of the tank. The defensive device is a series of box-like structures which absorb the penetrating effects before the missile strikes the tank's armor plate. According to Bonnen they add about one ton to the 50-odd tons weight of the average tank.

A lighter version is being produced for armored personnel carriers. Bonnen said the government has given permission to sell the new device abroad.

BONN (JTA) -- Israeli publishers who participated in this year's International Book Fair at Frankfurt reported that they did well from a business point of view and enjoyed a somewhat eased political atmosphere which permitted better contact with publishers from other countries, some of which have no diplomatic or cultural ties with Israel. The Frankfurt Book Fair is the largest in the world. It attracted 6,000 publishers from 77 countries this year and was reported to have been a major commercial success.

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT CONDEMNS COURSE BY PROFESSOR WHICH TAUGHT THAT ZIONISM EQUALS RACISM

By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, Oct. 20 (JTA) -- The president of the State University of New York at Stony Brook, John Marburger, has termed as "morally abhorrent" the teaching of a professor that equated Zionism with racism, and has firmly disassociated the school's administration from the views expressed in the course.

"The Stony Brook administration absolutely divorces itself from any view that links Zionism with racism or Nazism," Marburger said in a statement issued yesterday, a day after he met with 35 representatives of Jewish organizations. "Furthermore, I personally find such linkages morally abhorrent."

Marburger also announced the formation of a committee to "review courses of racial, ethnic, and religious sensitivity to insure the proper balance in presentation between academic freedom and academic responsibility." The committee will be chaired by Nobel Laureate C. N. Yang, according to a university spokesman.

The controversy at the university which erupted three months ago focused on the views of South African-born Prof. Ernest Dube in a summer course on "The Politics of Racism." A faculty investigation was launched into his teachings after Selwyn Troen, a visiting professor from the Ben Gurion University in the Negev, sent a letter to the university asserting that Dube "employed his position for the propagation of personal ideology and racial biases." Troen has since returned to Israel.

Jewish Groups Gratified With Marburger's Response

The Conference of Jewish Organizations of Nassau County (Long Island), an umbrella group composed of virtually the entire organized Jewish community in the area, which helped in arranging the meeting between the Jewish leaders and Marburger, said in a statement that it was "gratified" with Marburger's "candid and statesmanlike response to the community concerns." It added that with Marburger's statement, the university administration "has committed itself to a series of measures that we are hopeful will address and prevent similar situations."

Rabbi Arthur Seltzer, the Long Island regional director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said the ADL was gratified that the university has "forthrightly disassociated itself from Professor Dube's repugnant equation and has committed itself to internal procedures to prevent any future injection of racist and anti-Semitic teachings at Stony Brook."

Phil Baum, associate executive director of the American Jewish Congress, commended Marburger for responding "with sensitivity and understanding" to the Jewish community's concern over Dube's course.

Calls For Closer Ties With Jewish Community

Marburger said the review of the courses taught at the university would be aimed at achieving what he called a "higher degree of understanding of behavior likely to be offensive to one or another of our constituencies." He called for more "positive and closer ties" with members of the Jewish community, according to the ADL.

The university official also rejected claims that a pattern of anti-Semitic behavior has developed on the Stony Brook campus as a result of the Dube case,

the publication of a controversial poem in a student magazine and cuts in funding for the campus Hillel organization. "They are anomalies, not the norm for our campus," he said in the statement.

In August, Governor Mario Cuomo issued a denunciation of the faculty's failure to openly oppose the teaching of Dube, and said his course was "intellectually dishonest and pernicious because it is designed to serve as a justification for genocide in the form of a completion of the 'final solution' through annihilation of the State of Israel."

KLARSFELD SAYS GERMANY TO SEEK EXTRADITION OF AN ALLEGED WAR CRIMINAL NOW LIVING IN DAMASCUS

By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, Oct. 20 (JTA) -- Beate Klarsfeld, who along with her husband Serge, were responsible for tracking down the wartime head of gestapo in Lyon, Klaus Barbie, said today that West Germany is currently preparing to make a formal request to Syria for the extradition of an alleged Nazi war criminal now living in Damascus.

Klarsfeld, the world famous Nazi-hunter, said in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here, that West Germany will seek the extradition of Alois Brunner, who is alleged to have directed gestapo operations in the Nice region. Serge Klarsfeld went to Damascus in June, 1982 to make a formal protest with the Syrian government for harboring Brunner. He was ultimately expelled from Syria.

According to the Klarsfelds, Brunner was responsible for the deportation of Jews from Austria, Salonika and France in 1943-1944. They claim that Brunner was personally responsible with having rounded up 300 children from Jewish centers in the Paris area on July 20, 1944 and deporting them to Auschwitz where they were exterminated.

Mrs. Klarsfeld said that Brunner decided to seek haven in Syria because "he knows the feeling of Syria towards the Jews, and towards Israel" and also knows the way the Syrian government has treated its Jewish population in the past.

Recipients Of ORT Award

The Klarsfelds were in the United States to receive the Women's American ORT Human Rights Award at the organization's 27th biennial convention in Los Angeles at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel. Serge was called back to Paris for personal reasons and Beate was in New York attending to responsibilities at the office here of the Beate Klarsfeld Foundation.

In a speech delivered by Beate on behalf of her husband at the ORT awards dinner last Sunday, Serge promised that he "will do everything in my power to make sure that Brunner pays for his crimes not just out of revenge, but because impunity for a Nazi war criminal like Brunner is intolerable for a Jew, for all Jews."

Serge Klarsfeld's father, Arno, was taken by the Nazis and deported to Auschwitz where he was killed. While conducting research at the YIVO Institute several months ago on the Barbie case, Serge discovered a document written in pencil which bore the name "Arno Klarsfeld." Serge Klarsfeld said: "He had been transferred from Nice to Lyon's Fort Montluc Prison and had probably tried to contact some one with a message for us. It took 40 years for the message to reach me"