

**ARENS ACCUSES EGYPT OF PREPARING TO VIOLATE THE MILITARY TERMS OF THE ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN PEACE TREATY**  
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 8 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Moshe Arens accused Egypt today of preparing to violate the military terms of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty. He claimed in a radio interview that Egypt is building a military infrastructure in Sinai sufficient for an entire field army.

Arens said that while the military annex to the 1979 peace treaty does not define the limits of the infrastructure Egypt can build in Sinai, it limits Egyptian troop deployment on the peninsula to a single division. According to Arens, the Egyptians are building facilities for an army of at least four divisions.

He said Israel feared that Egypt would soon be capable of the rapid deployment of more troops than are allowed in Sinai under the treaty. Arens, who opposed both the Camp David accords and the peace treaty with Egypt when he was, at the time, chairman of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, complained about the state of Egypt's relations with Israel.

Israel did not give up the entire Sinai "merely to have an Egyptian Ambassador in Tel Aviv for only three years, up to when he was withdrawn in 1982," the Defense Minister said. Egypt recalled its Ambassador to Israel during the war in Lebanon and has said it will not return its envoy until Israel withdraws its forces completely from Lebanon and meets other conditions. Israel still has an Ambassador in Cairo.

**REAGAN WARNS THAT IF ISRAEL IS EXPELLED FROM THE UNITED NATIONS 'WE WILL WALK OUT WITH HER'**  
By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, April 8 (JTA) -- President Reagan told a group of some 120 Jewish leaders here that there is an alliance between Israel and the United States and that if Israel is expelled from the United Nations, "We will walk out with her."

Reagan met with members of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of New York in a private meeting at the Plaza Hotel last Thursday. He was in the city to present a posthumous award to Terence Cardinal Cooke.

The President's remarks at the meeting were conveyed later at a press conference by Peggy Tishman, president of the JCRC, and Malcolm Hoenlein, JCRC executive director. According to Tishman, Reagan said that all the "ugliness of anti-Semitism" still exists, pointing out that the "so-called anti-Zionism" in the United Nations "is just another mask for vicious anti-Semitism that the United States will not tolerate."

Tishman said the President stated that he has instructed UN Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick to fight against the 1975 General Assembly resolutions equating Zionism with racism. She said that, in response to a question regarding the moving of the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, Reagan replied that the issue should be "part of the Camp David negotiations." Any attempt to change the status of

Jerusalem will prejudice the issue before negotiations, the President reportedly said. Hoenlein said the President stressed the special relations between the U.S. and Israel and noted that the American commitment to Israel is based not only on moral consideration but on strategic values as well. Hoenlein added that Reagan said that the U.S. is determined to fight terrorism and that terrorism is a form of "warfare" and "a scourge" that should be combatted.

Reagan arrived in New York two days after the State's Democratic primary in which former Vice President Walter Mondale and Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado made the Mideast and the relocation of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem a major issue.

**ISRAELI JETS BOMB TERRORIST BASE**  
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 8 (JTA) -- Israel Air Force jets bombed a Palestinian terrorist base in Lebanon yesterday. A military spokesman said the target was a building in Bhamdoun on the Beirut-Damascus highway which served as a base for the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP).

The DFLP, headquartered in Damascus, claimed responsibility for the April 2 terrorist attack in downtown Jerusalem which wounded 48 persons. It is a Marxist, pro-Soviet group headed by Nayef Hawatmeh. The military spokesman said the Israeli pilots reported direct hits on the target and all planes returned safely to their bases.

But according to reports from Beirut, reporters who said they were taken to view the target after the bombing, the building, a former hotel, no longer houses the DFLP. The reporters said they were told that it is used as a weapons store by a pro-Syrian Lebanese militia.

The militiamen claimed that only the two top floors of the building were destroyed by the Israeli bombers while their weapons and ammunition remained intact in the basement.

**SOON TO BE RELEASED REPORT REVEALS THAT THE JLC WARNED IN 1942 THAT 700,000 JEWS HAD BEEN KILLED BY NAZIS**  
By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, April 8 (JTA) -- A 20-page appendix to the soon to be released report by the American Jewish Commission on the Holocaust will reveal that warnings in 1942 by the Jewish Labor Committee (JLC) from sources within Poland and resistance underground conduits indicated that 700,000 Jews had already been killed by the Nazis and that broader plans were underway for the mass extermination of European Jewry.

The appendix to the report, scheduled for release later this week, will state: "The Jewish Labor Committee tried to awaken American Jewry to this immense tragedy; instead, it encountered lethargy and lack of real interest," according to Jules Kolodny, chairman of the JLC. Kolodny said the Commission's report will indicate that the JLC information received in 1942 was widely reported in the media.

Addressing some 200 delegates at the 50th anniversary convention of the JLC here at the Roosevelt Hotel, Kolodny said the report will note that the JLC conducted some 80 demonstrations and rallies

in an attempt to focus attention on the situation in Nazi occupied Europe. The Holocaust Commission, headed by Arthur Goldberg, a former Supreme Court Justice, is an unofficial group of some 34 prominent American Jews established in September, 1981, to study what the organized Jewish community did or failed to do to save European Jewry during the years 1939-1945.

The Commission was disbanded in August, 1982 in a flurry of controversy over an interim report on the role of the American Jewish community. Samuel Merlin, a researcher and author of the interim report which was highly critical of established Jewish organizations, resigned from the Commission. Jack Eisner, a prominent New York businessman and Holocaust survivor who was the Commission's principal financial backer, withdrew funding for the Commission in August, 1982. Goldberg reconstituted the Commission by guaranteeing its financing.

Seymour Finger, the Commission's director of research, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency last month that the Commission's final report will indicate that American Jewish organizations had "relatively little power" during the Holocaust years, "but they did try to save the Jews. They tried, but they were hampered by a lack of unity. There was not a sustained unified effort on the part of the Jewish organizations to save the Jews in Europe."

#### Elements In The Report Cited

Kolodny, at the JLC convention, revealed that the report will note that "just prior to the American entry into the war, the JLC suggested its program of Emergency Visitor Visas to President Roosevelt. This important program begun in the summer of 1940, ultimately rescued several thousands of people from the Holocaust."

The Commission report will state, "The JLC, as early as 1934 unsuccessfully attempted to prevent the flooding of American loans to Germany," Kolodny told the delegates.

Kolodny said the Commission's report speaks of cooperation between secular JLC and Jewish Orthodox groups during the Holocaust period in rescue attempts and the sublimation of deep philosophical differences in order to maximize cooperation between themselves and all Jewish groups involved in rescue efforts. The report, according to Kolodny, reveals that when differences did surface, the JLC "risked" offending the "trading with the enemy" laws in order to effectuate the rescue of Holocaust victims.

The 200 delegates from the U.S. and Canada attending the convention, which ended today, elected Herb Magidson of North Chatham, New York, as its new national president. He succeeds Donald Slaiman of Washington, D.C. The JLC was founded in 1934 to rescue Jewish and non-Jewish labor and intellectual leaders from Nazi occupied Europe and to combat Nazism.

#### PLO OFFICIAL CREATES ILL-WILL WITH HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE CANADA'S SENATE By Michael Solomon and Ben Kayfetz

OTTAWA, April 8 (JTA) -- Zeid Terzi, the Palestine Liberation Organization representative at the United Nations, may have done the cause of the PLO more harm than good by his appearance before the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee last Thursday.

The feelings of many members of Parliament were summed up by one Senator who had opposed Terzi's

visit. He said that Terzi "was so rigid, so unyielding, that he discouraged even his few supporters among the members of the (Foreign Affairs) Committee."

Another Member of Parliament, Sinclair Stevens of the opposition Conservative Party, a critic of the government's foreign policy, denounced the Administration of Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau for inviting Terzi to testify before the Committee, which was reviewing Canada's policy in the Middle East, by declaring: "Why did you let it happen? Why did you permit this PLO representative to appear before the Senate?"

Liberal Party MPs from Toronto and Montreal, representing constituencies with large numbers of Jewish voters, expressed dissatisfaction over the invitation to Trudeau during a party caucus.

#### Ontario Premier Issues Strong Protest

Ontario Premier William Davis, who ordinarily does not intrude in non-provincial matters, sent a strongly worded protest to Trudeau. He expressed "genuine concern" that the PLO official had been invited. "I would suggest that this scheduled appearance is inappropriate, given PLO involvement in terrorist attacks and other violent activities," Davis stated.

"I regret the fact that, as Prime Minister, you have chosen not to exert your undoubted influence to convince members of the Senate Committee to reconsider this ill-advised appearance." He said he hoped that this incident would not establish a precedent for future invitations being extended to the PLO.

Liberal MPs Jim Peterson and the Rev. Rolande De Corneille also protested the invitation, but Liberal MP Ian Watson said Terzi's appearance was a step forward in the level of consciousness about the eventual role of the PLO in a Mideast settlement.

Jean-Luc Pepin, Secretary of State for External Affairs, answering for the government in the absence of Foreign Affairs Minister Allan McEachen, who is on tour of Central America, said that Terzi was invited "just because we wanted to hear the viewpoints of both parties."

#### First Public Testimony By PLO Official

Terzi, who is officially the PLO's observer at the UN, was the final witness in the two-year review of Canada's policy in the Mideast which focussed primarily on the Arab-Israeli conflict. This was the first time that a PLO representative was asked to testify publicly before a legislative body in Canada.

Ann Gross, president of the Canada-Israel Committee, pointed out that the Committee had already heard from Abdallah Abdallah, the official representative of the Arab League and of the PLO in Ottawa, in closed session, and that several members of the Committee, on a recent visit to the Mideast, met with Khalid Al-Fahum, chairman of the Palestine National Council.

"Obviously, the invitation extended to Terzi is not for getting any additional information but in order to make a political statement," she told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "Now they invite a third representative of the PLO when they failed to invite representatives of Jordan, Syria, Israel and Saudi Arabia."

In his testimony, Terzi repeated the official PLO propaganda by asking Canada to recognize the PLO

and influence Israel to negotiate with the PLO. When a Senator asked him why the PLO refuses to recognize the existence of the State of Israel, Terzi answered that Israel should recognize the PLO first.

Terzi was forced to enter the Parliament through a back door as dozens of Jewish students occupied the main entrance and demonstrated in protest against the invitation extended to him to testify.

**Cabinet Rejects Sharon's Request:  
WON'T RELEASE CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS  
ABOUT CAMPS MASSACRES HE NEEDS  
IN LIBEL SUIT AGAINST TIME MAGAZINE**  
By David Landau

**JERUSALEM, April 8 (JTA) —** The Cabinet, acting on the recommendations of security agencies, refused today former Defense Minister Ariel Sharon's request for release of classified documents relating to the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps massacres which he says he needs to pursue his \$50 million libel suit against Time magazine.

Sharon filed suit against Time last year, charging that the mass circulation American news weekly "heavily damaged" his reputation by alleging that he had secretly urged the Christian Phalangists to massacre Palestinians in the two West Beirut camps in September, 1982, to avenge the assassination of their leader, President-elect Bashir Gemayel of Lebanon.

Time contends that its accusation was based on a secret appendix to the report by the commission of inquiry into the massacre, headed by Supreme Court President Yitzhak Kahan. The Kahan Commission, in its findings published early in 1983, found Sharon indirectly responsible for the massacre because he had ignored the likelihood of Phalangist reprisals when he allowed them to enter the refugee camps in search of terrorists believed hiding there.

**Believes Documents Would Support His Claims**

Sharon believes the documents which the Kahan panel studied but which remains classified for security reasons, would support his claim that he is the victim of libel. Premier Yitzhak Shamir suggested at today's Cabinet meeting that Time magazine authorize an Israeli citizen whom it trusts to review the secret material which the government would put at his disposal.

This selected citizen, Shamir said, would be allowed to prepare an affidavit which would state whether or not the material contains any confirmation of the allegations Time made against Sharon, though the material itself would remain secret. He told the Cabinet that wider disclosure of the material, as requested by Shamir, would be contrary to the national interest.

Sharon apparently was not satisfied with the suggested procedure. According to Cabinet sources, he and Shamir had a vituperative exchange during the meeting today. Sharon reportedly repeated his charge that the Cabinet had "abandoned" him to bear the full brunt of events in Lebanon while other ministers equally responsible were excused.

**Request Leaked To News Media**

Sharon's request for release of the classified documents was made in confidence. It was not intended to be generally known but was in fact leaked to the news media here. Cabinet secretary Dan Meridor said today that a copy of Sharon's request had been sent, apparently without his knowledge, to the lawyers representing Time in New York.

Time informed its Israel Bureau of the request and it swiftly became known to the local media, Meridor said. According to his version, there was no leak from the security agencies which the Cabinet had consulted with respect to the request.

**SUPPORT BY U.S. JEWS FOR ISRAEL  
SAID TO BE GOOD CITIZENSHIP  
FOR AMERICA AND AS AMERICANS**  
By David Friedman

**WASHINGTON, April 8 (JTA) —** Marshall Breger, President Reagan's special assistant for Jewish affairs, said here today that the support by American Jews of Israel "is good citizenship for America and good citizenship as Americans."

For the first time in Jewish history, "the Jewish community does not see the law of the state as something other, something to be suffered, but rather something to be shaped," Breger told the 1,000 persons at the opening session of the 25th anniversary policy conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). He noted that at the White House "we are respectful, not awed, by the extent in which AIPAC and the Jewish community takes up the cudgels of citizenship."

Breger noted that President Reagan told the Jewish Community Relations Council in New York last Thursday, "Let no one tell you that your support for Israel and your effort on behalf of Soviet Jews are special interest politics. All Americans have a right, and indeed the obligation, to speak out on issues important to them." (See story, P. 1.)

Robert Asher, president of the AIPAC, said the organization has grown to 50,000 members. The three-day conference, which ends Tuesday, is scheduled to hear speeches from, among others, Vice President George Bush tomorrow, and Sens. Robert Dole (R. Kan.) and Daniel Inouye (D. HI.).

**ARGENTINE PRESIDENT, FOREIGN MINISTER  
SAY THEIR COUNTRY'S RECENT ANTI-ISRAEL  
VOTE IN THE UN WAS 'A MISTAKE'**

**BUENOS AIRES, April 8 (JTA) —** President Raul Alfonsín and Foreign Minister Dante Caputo told Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, that their country's recent vote at the United Nations meeting in Geneva condemning Israel for human rights violations was "a mistake" and not consistent with Argentina's policy of depoliticizing its votes on human rights issues.

Alfonsín received Perlmutter, Rabbi Morton Rosenthal, director of ADL's Latin American Affairs Department, and Elias Strum, a member of ADL's National Executive Committee, who are leading a 10-member delegation on a mission to Latin America. They were accompanied by Isaac Frankel, vice president of B'nai B'rith International, and leaders of B'nai B'rith in Argentina.

The President told the ADL delegation that his government, with the support of the Argentine people, will hold aloft the banner of morality and ethics and will not vote against its conscience.

After the meeting with Alfonsín, members of the delegation met with Caputo, who elaborated upon the President's statements. Caputo said that the vote "was a mistake and that future votes at the UN will show that." He added that if Israel is guilty of human rights violations, we will say so, but we will not relate our position to political relations between Israel and the Arab nations.

# KOHL: GERMANS BEAR SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ISRAEL'S SECURITY BUT MUST PURSUE EVEN-HANDED POLICY TOWARD ALL STATES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

NEW YORK, April 8 (JTA) -- West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, in a letter to the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, has acknowledged that "we Germans bear a special responsibility for Israel's security" but said it was "essential" for West Germany "to pursue an even-handed policy toward all states in the region," the Presidents Conference reported.

In reply, Julius Berman, chairman of the Presidents Conference, said that the impending massive sale of military weapons and supplies by West Germany to Saudi Arabia could "imperil the very survival of the Jewish State." Berman declared that this danger was underscored "by the threat of jihad -- holy war -- against Israel by King Fahd."

The letter from Kohl was in reply to an earlier cable sent by the Conference of Presidents urging cancellation of the proposed arms sale. In his reply, Kohl said no decision on selling arms to the Saudi regime had yet been taken, but defended the sale on the ground that Saudi Arabia was a "moderate" Arab state, that any sale would be limited to defensive arms, that no Leopard tanks would be included and that "none of the weapons systems that may be supplied to Saudi Arabia would ever be used to attack Israel."

## Berman Cites A Contradiction

Berman responded to Kohl with a letter emphasizing that "Given the fundamental fact that all of Israel's Arab neighbors except Egypt are in a state of active or suspended war with the Jewish State, it is a contradiction to acknowledge 'special responsibility for Israel's security' while pursuing an even-handed policy toward Israel and its enemies."

"In our view," Berman continued, "Germany's fixed and permanent moral responsibility to the country that is now the homeland of so many victims of Nazi persecution far outweighs any need for 'even-handedness' -- and is surely superior to the desire for profits that Germany might gain from selling arms to the Saudi regime."

## Says Jihad Is A Reality

The Presidents Conference chairman said he could not accept Kohl's view that the Saudi threat of jihad was not based on "reality." Berman recalled that "more than half a century ago, when Hitler's infamous 'Mein Kampf' was published in Germany, Jews were urged to disregard the blueprint for destruction it contained. Those who refused to take Hitler seriously learned ... that his words were not an idle threat but a warning of the horror to come."

"In 1984 the Jewish people cannot dismiss King Fahd's warning of jihad and cannot accept any promise that weapons in his hands would never be used to attack Israel. No government that claims to carry a special responsibility for Israel's security should place its trust in such a prince."

Berman rejected Kohl's assertions that any weapons sold to Saudi Arabia would be "defensive in nature" and that the Saudi regime was a "moderate" one. The wide range of weaponry reportedly to be sold to Saudi Arabia, Berman said, "can readily be turned to offensive use against Israel." He added:

"Contrary to your assertion, Saudi Arabia is no 'moderate' state but rather a feudal despotism

notorious for its hatred of the Jewish people .... We know that Saudi Arabia continues to provide an estimated \$1 million a day to support PLO terrorism and additional millions annually to Syria, which was accused by Secretary of State Shultz only this week of being one of the Arab countries whose national policy it is to support and abet terrorism."

The Presidents Conference leader concluded: "For all these reasons, we urge that you and your colleagues in the government consider and act upon the profound sense of anguish and foreboding that millions of people around the world feel at the prospect that German weapons will once again have Jewish targets."

## TEL AVIV BEIT DIN RELEASES IRAQI WOMAN FROM STATUS OF BEING AN 'AGUNA'

JERUSALEM, April 8 (JTA) -- The Tel Aviv Rabbinical Court has released an Iraqi Jewish woman now living in New York from the bonds of being an "aguna," declaring that there is no doubt that her husband was executed by the Baghdad authorities. The decision means, according to the religious daily, *Hatzofe*, that several other Iraqi women whose husbands are now considered dead will be able to re-marry.

"Aguna" is the halachic term for a woman whose husband is missing and presumed dead, but without firm evidence that he is indeed dead. Such a woman may not re-marry under religious law until her husband's death is established without doubt.

The woman involved in the Tel Aviv decision is Rachel Abdul Mazouz, widow of Jacob Abdul Mazouz, a lawyer who was kidnapped in the early 1970's by the Iraqi secret police along with other leading members of the Jewish community. While he was presumed to have been executed, his body was never recovered.

## Futher Evidence Gathered

Mrs. Mazouz appeared before the Tel Aviv Beit Din (Rabbinical Court) to appeal for release from the status of "aguna." The court heard evidence from Iraqi Jews living in Israel, but it proved inconclusive. In a discreet, lengthy process, the three-judge bench approached the London Beit Din and with its help gathered further evidence, some of it from diplomatic sources.

After two years, the Tel Aviv court was convinced without a doubt that Jacob Mazouz and the other kidnapped Jews were indeed executed. His widow, therefore, is free to marry again if she wishes. The court has indicated that it would be ready to issue similar orders in the cases of the other widows if they seek release from the "aguna" status. Several of the widows and families of the deceased now reside in Europe and the U.S.

The Tel Aviv court is composed of the city's Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Yedidya Frenkel, Rabbi Yeshayahu Goldschmidt and Rabbi Menachem Zioni. (By David Landau) \*\*\*

## CORRECTION

A story in the April 5 Bulletin should have stated that the Canadian Parliamentary Spouses Association for Soviet Jewry met twice with the Soviet Ambassador to Canada but that the Soviet Ambassador to the U.S. refused twice to meet with the Congressional Wives for Soviet Jewry.