

**LABOR MIGHT CONSIDER FORMING  
NARROW-BASED GOVERNMENT IF UNITY  
TALKS WITH LIKUD REMAIN DEADLOCKED**  
By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 19 (JTA) — With Labor Party leader Shimon Peres's 21-day period as Premier-designate now in its final week, party sources have let it be known that they might consider forming a narrow-based coalition government if the unity talks with Likud remain deadlocked.

These sources spoke of a government embracing Labor (44 seats), Shinui (3), Citizens Rights Movement (3), Yahad (3), Courage to Cure the Economy (1), Tami (1) and perhaps Aguda Israel (2). In addition, such a government would benefit from the "passive support" of Hadash (4 seats) and the Progressive List for Peace (2).

Labor would form the government, according to these sources, in the anticipation that soon afterwards Aguda and the National Religious Party (4 seats) would join it, thereby giving such a government a solid majority of 61 seats in the 120-member Knesset, plus the passive support of six MKs representing Hadash and the Progressive List.

**Rationale Behind Labor's Move**

The rationale behind what appeared to be a deliberate leak from the Labor Party this weekend seemed to be two-fold: to bring psychological pressure to bear upon Likud in the unity talks; and to encourage Yahad leader Ezer Weizman and Courage to Cure the Economy leader Yigael Hurvitz to consider a Labor-led government, even though until now both have rejected such a scenario out of hand on the grounds that it requires Communist backing for such a government to survive.

Labor's rationale in appealing to Weizman and Hurvitz is that the deteriorating state of the economy can no longer tolerate the ongoing delay in the creation of a government.

**Likud's Tactics Cited**

Likud, for its part, is energetically propagating media stories that it intends to press President Chaim Herzog not to give Peres a 21-day extension when his first period expires next Sunday on the grounds that his efforts seem unpromising. Instead, Likud will propose that Premier Yitzhak Shamir be given the mandate to form a government.

Likud sources making public this account of their party's tactics say they are confident that Weizman, Hurvitz and the NRP leadership can be wooed into a narrow-based Likud government once Peres has "wasted three weeks" in fruitless efforts to form a Labor-led administration.

There have been no indications so far from Weizman that he is prepared to consider either Labor's or Likud's scenarios. Both Yahad and the NRP, in all their public statements, are standing firm in their demand for a unity government. Herzog, himself, said, when he named Peres as Premier-designate, that the nation desires a unity government.

Meanwhile, Labor and Likud negotiators were to meet in Jerusalem today for another session of the foreign policy working committee, following exchanges of angry recriminations last Thursday and Friday.

The two substantive issues dividing the two parties continue to be the Jewish settlements in the West Bank and terms for peace talks with Jordan.

**2 LEADING NIGERIANS VISITING ISRAEL**  
By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 19 (JTA) — The visit here of two leading Nigerian personalities is viewed by Israeli officials as a "positive development." However, the same officials expressed caution about reading too much into the political significance of the event.

Alhagi Ado Abdulhai Bayero, the emir of the Kanu Moslems of northern Nigeria, and Alaieluwa Oba Okunze Jijuwadop, king of the 12 million-member Christian Uruba tribe, are officially here on a tour of Moslem holy places, but they were scheduled to see President Chaim Herzog, Premier Yitzhak Shamir and director general of the Foreign Ministry, David Kimche.

This marks the first time leading Nigerian personalities have visited Israel since Nigeria severed diplomatic ties with Israel in 1973. Neither man holds a government post but both are prominent tribal leaders and businessmen.

Kimche said today that although there was no immediate political significance to the visit, it was an expression of the friendship of many of the African countries to Israel. He said it was "hard for him to believe that they would have come to Israel had it been contrary to the wish of the Nigerian authorities."

**FINANCE MINISTER AND HISTADRUT  
APPEAR TO BE ON COLLISION COURSE**  
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19 (JTA) — Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad and the Histadrut, Israel's powerful labor federation, appeared today to be on a collision course after the Finance Minister rejected a Histadrut request to consider amending present income tax brackets for more protection for workers against inflation and increasing children's allowances.

Yisrael Kessar, Histadrut secretary-general, told a meeting of the Histadrut central committee today that he was demanding a special meeting of the Knesset to discuss Cohen-Orgad's refusal.

Kessar argued that retaining present tax brackets would mean that the 9.9 percent cost-of-living increase, due to be paid with August salaries on September 1, following the 12.5 percent July price index rise, would be almost completely eroded before the workers received it.

**Foreign Currency Reserves Drop**

Cohen-Orgad appeared to be in an angry mood this weekend when questioned on a television interview program about disclosures that a \$351 million drop in July in Israel's foreign currency reserves, leaving those reserves at what economists called a critical level, had been made to appear, by a bookkeeping maneuver, as half the actual drop.

The difference, disclosed by Israel Radio's examination of Bank of Israel monthly returns, was caused by temporary transfer of foreign currency funds owed by foreign residents to the government, a transfer which Cohen-Orgad had explained was merely making use of a less expensive source of foreign currency than applying to banks overseas.

Histadrut spokesmen said this "maneuver," coupled with Cohen-Orgad's refusal to amend the tax brackets, had cost the Finance Minister whatever credibility he had enjoyed with the public.

Cohen-Orgad said today that, if the tax brackets were adjusted, there would be a consequent decline in income tax receipts and he would have to print more money, adding still more to Israel's ram-paging inflation.

He repeated his charges that Israel's economic situation was not improving because of Histadrut's refusal to discuss with him a wage package or a social contract agreement, the latter presumably linking costs, wages and prices in some form.

The Histadrut reiterated its response that a proposal for such wide-reaching basic economic changes could not be negotiated with a temporary caretaker government, but must await the outcome of talks for a new government.

#### Media Comes Under Attack

The Finance Minister has angered not only the Histadrut, but also the press, particularly radio and TV, by a sharp attack on the media in his TV appearance in which he accused radio and TV of causing despair by questioning him about the "approaching bankruptcy" of Israel. He said TV reporting on the country's financial situation had caused panic in July and contributed to the large drop in foreign currency reserves.

Radio and TV journalists responded with a demand for an apology from Cohen-Orgad, threatening to boycott him if he refused.

#### ARENS HINTS ABOUT CIRCUMSCRIBING FREEDOM OF ISRAELI JOURNALISTS TO REPORT FROM LEBANON

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Moshe Arens hinted that the Israel government might take steps, similar to those taken by the United States in Grenada and by Britain in the Falklands campaigns, to circumscribe journalists' freedom to report from Lebanon and interview Israel Defense Force troops there.

Arens last night launched a sharp attack on the Israeli print and electronic media for allegedly distorting the news about Israel's activities in Lebanon. Addressing the 11th graduating class of officers and senior civil servants from the National Defense College, the Defense Minister said the media distortions were making it more difficult for Israel to conduct the war in Lebanon.

He rejected some media comparisons between Israel's actions in Lebanon and those of the U.S. in Vietnam. Arens pointed out that Vietnam was thousands of miles away from America's shores and that withdrawal by the U.S. was possible without any danger to the U.S., whereas only a borderline separated Israel from Lebanon.

Arens said he had been misquoted on a number of occasions and journalists had continued writing untruths even after army spokesmen had corrected their statements.

In response, the military correspondents' section of the Israel Journalists Association criticized Arens for utilizing the forum of the college, usually used for philosophical discussions at graduating exercises, to attack the media.

The flap came in the midst of accusations by Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Karami yesterday that Israel was using "inhumane" practices in south Lebanon and that he would complain about them to the

United Nations. Israel rejected the accusations and blamed Syria and Lebanon for difficulties in the area.

At issue is the Israeli announcement that it will close the Batei crossing point in the Shouf mountains for three days starting tomorrow, cutting off the south from the north in an effort to halt terrorist infiltration and daily attacks on Israeli forces. A military source said Israeli guards at Batei discovered booby-trapped cars and other explosives coming into south Lebanon.

Meanwhile, three Israeli soldiers were slightly wounded yesterday when a roadside bomb exploded as their convoy passed on the road south of Jezzine. There were several other attacks on IDF units during the past 24 hours, but there were no casualties.

Shots were fired today at an IDF patrol two kilometers north of Nabatiya from a passing car. Soldiers returned fire, but the car sped away before it could be stopped. A grenade was thrown at another patrol in the Nabatiya area, but a search for the assailants was unsuccessful.

#### ISRAEL EXPORTING TWO UNUSUAL ITEMS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19 (JTA) -- Israel is developing two unusual export items -- electronic fences, and alligators.

According to a spokesman for the Israel Aircraft Industries, part owner of Magal, a local company manufacturing electronic fences, over 600 miles of Israeli-made electronic fences have been sold to foreign governments for installation along borders and around airports, nuclear reactors, parliaments and royal castles.

One of the most recent deals was with the organizers of the Olympic Games in Los Angeles, where some six miles of fences with devices to signal penetrations, were installed around the Olympic villages.

Although the other clients have not been named, they are understood to include Britain, where fences have been installed around royal residences. Israel developed the electronic fence system to safeguard its borders.

Native crocodiles disappeared from Israel nearly 50 years ago, but alligators were reintroduced from Florida when a special alligator zoo was established near Lake Tiberias three years ago, when about 20 alligators were flown in.

First attempts to breed them were unsuccessful, when of several dozen eggs laid in the first year only one baby alligator was hatched -- and named Rishon LeZion (First in Zion).

Last year 180 "sabra alligators" were hatched, and the keepers at the nature preserve hope that this year over 250 of the eggs so far laid will hatch. The preserve authorities are now offering the Israeli alligators for sale to zoos and interested persons abroad.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Interior Minister Yosef Burg rejected a proposal by King Hussein of Jordan to convene an international conference on the Middle East. Speaking on Israel Radio Sunday, Burg, who chaired Israel's team in the now moribund Palestinian autonomy negotiations, charged that Hussein was actually striving to include Palestinian extremists and the Soviet Union in the peace talks. The United States and Britain have also rejected the proposal for an international conference.

## HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR AND SISTER OF MAN WHO SAVED HIM MEET FOR FIRST TIME

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 19 (JTA) -- Dr. Samuel Pizar, world renowned international lawyer, best-selling author, and a Holocaust survivor, and Valerie Crowley, sister of the late William Ellington -- a Black G.I. who saved Pizar's life during World War II -- came together for the first time during an emotional ceremony at the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

It was only through an incredible series of events, which special guest Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley termed "a miracle," that Crowley learned the identity of the young man her brother had disobeyed orders and risked court martial to save.

Pizar, a Paris resident, who as chief counsel for the International Olympic Committee, was in Los Angeles for the 23rd Olympiad, has written in his widely-acclaimed autobiographical work, "Of Blood and Hope," how as a teenager in the final days of World War II, he escaped from the Dachau concentration camp and was rescued by a Black American soldier as he fled his Nazi pursuers.

Crowley, who saw Pizar and heard the rescue story during a television interview in 1983, recognized the story as that told to her by her brother prior to his death, and set about looking for Pizar. Through subsequent contact with the Wiesenthal Center, Crowley ultimately was able to contact Pizar.

Wiesenthal Center dean Rabbi Marvin Hier called the event a "celebration of hope and life" and reiterated the hope that this event and knowledge of the late Bill Ellington's actions would help mend ill feelings which have recently grown between the Black and Jewish communities.

### An Example Of Man's Humanity

Bradley called the courageous deed of Ellington "an example of the fundamental and basic principle of man's humanity which bubbles to the surface no matter how hard we try to suppress it. This story is of one man who, without question, rescued another in need, is an example for young people today to emulate so that some day we will find a world of peace without hatred, bigotry and discrimination."

Wiesenthal Center trustee William Belzberg joined Bradley in presenting the Center's scroll of honor to Crowley, a posthumous tribute to the brave deeds of her late brother. In accepting the scroll, Crowley spoke of her brother and his brave deeds that day in the spring of 1945:

"His daring disposition inspired him (Ellington) to go against his commanding officer as the U.S. Army rumbled across forests and fields in pursuit of the enemy of all times, Hitler's henchmen. Had Bill obeyed the orders of his superior officer, he most certainly would have run over a frightened, pathetic figure of a boy who ran out with upraised arms straight into the path of the American armada ....

"The world would have been deprived of a boy (Samuel Pizar) who grew up from the shadow of the death camps to tell how it was in those dark days in Europe, and one who is doing his utmost to help cure the ills of the world, to bring about peace among nations and above all, understanding."

Pizar captivated those witnessing the ceremony as he recounted "that moment where I was pulled by a tall, Black G.I. into the hatch of freedom forever ... so that I may work toward a better world in which such things (the Holocaust) would never happen again."

Crowley concluded her remarks by conveying the important message for all to learn: "To myself say, yes

Valerie, miracles do happen. And to Dr. Pizar I say, may you live a long and happy life and keep the memory of the Holocaust ever before the world. For if it happened once, it can happen again."

## ANTI-RACIST LEGISLATION TO COUNTER KAHANE IS OFFERED TO ISRAEL'S ATTORNEY GENERAL

LONDON, Aug. 19 (JTA) -- Israel's attorney general has been offered a compilation of all legal provisions in Europe against incitement to racial hatred, to be used as a guide for drafting similar Israeli legislation made necessary by the election of Rabbi Meir Kahane to the Knesset, the World Jewish Congress reported today.

The offer by the WJC research arm, the Institute of Jewish Affairs, was "warmly welcomed" by Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir who was asked by Justice Minister Moshe Nissim to draft anti-racist legislation urgently to meet the situation created by the activities of Kahane's Kach Party.

The Institute of Jewish Affairs had collected the legislative material for some time as one of its major research projects. In offering it to Zamir, Dr. Stephen Roth, the director of the Institute, explained that it was collected for the purpose of improving legislation for the protection of the Jewish communities against anti-Semitism but the provisions are equally applicable for the protections of any other minority in Israel or elsewhere.

The collection also covers other subjects related to racial incitement, such as incitement to genocide and legislation banning racist associations or propaganda.

## SALUTE TO ISRAEL AT BIRMINGHAM'S FESTIVAL OF ARTS NEXT YEAR

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 19 (JTA) -- The Birmingham Festival of Arts will salute the culture and arts of Israel next year from April 25 to May 5, it was announced here. Founded in 1951 the Festival of Arts is the oldest continuing arts festival in the world today. Recently the Birmingham Jewish Federation made it possible for a group of Festival officials to travel to Israel to make preparations and contacts for the 35th annual event.

An archaeological exhibit will be housed at the Birmingham Museum of Art that will provide viewers a better understanding of the methods and techniques used in ancient Israel, the announcement said. Visitors will see a variety of objects used over several centuries and will see how archeologists excavate these objects, identify and interpret them. Other exhibits will be featured at local colleges, universities and shopping malls.

The Alabama Symphony Orchestra will feature an Israeli guest artist, the Jewish Community Center will host the Broadway musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," there will be a fashion show, a book and author luncheon with nationally acclaimed writers, films, lectures, food fests, music, dance and workshops, according to the announcement. One of the highlights of the Festival is the 10-day International Fair, "Building Bridges," at Boutwell Auditorium, April 25 to May 4.

In February, Mayor Richard Arrington of Birmingham will lead a group of people on a nine-day Mission Tour to Israel. Joining him will be the president of the Festival, Edward Friend, III, Sheila Blair, chairperson, and co-chairperson Bunny Rotenstreich.

## FOCUS ON ISSUES BEYOND THE NEGATIVE STEREOTYPES

By Gerald Regan

HADERA, Aug. 19 (JTA) -- Israeli Jews and Arabs are working together to help the country's youths see beyond the negative stereotypes which inhibit contact and understanding between its Arab and Jewish citizens.

Here, on the campus of the Givat Haviva Center for Advanced Studies, surrounded by kibbutzim and Arab villages, young, trained adult guides lead mixed groups of Arab and Jewish teenagers along the path to discovery about each other.

Givat Haviva workshops for Jewish and Arab youth began in October, 1983, according to Froike Oren, who leads the workshop program. In less than a year, Oren, who has a degree in Middle Eastern history, said the workshops have brought together, in groups of 20, more than 500 young Israeli Jews and Arabs for four-day periods during which they share a classroom, dining room, dormitories and recreational facilities.

The site for the workshops is the Givat Haviva Educational Center, located in the Sharon valley about 10 miles from the Mediterranean, midway between Haifa and Tel Aviv. It is situated in Israel's "triangle," an area with a heavy concentration of Israel's 700,000 Arabs -- and close to the West Bank where some 800,000 Arabs live.

The Center was founded by Hashomer Hatzair, the 71-year-old Socialist Zionist movement, and its Kibbutz Artzi Federation, which represents 83 of Israel's 230 kibbutzim.

### Encouraged To Recognize Each Other

"In normal Israeli life, there is no integration between Arabs and Jews," the 45-year-old Oren said, during an interview in Givat Haviva's Jewish-Arab Institute, where he is a faculty member. During the four days which the teenagers share with each other, Oren said they are encouraged to "recognize each other" as individuals and as Arabs and Jews.

"For a Jew," the Tel Aviv-born Oren said, "Arab means a sometime enemy who may want to kill him. For an Arab, Jew means ruler who sometimes wants to remove him from his home."

The program brings the teens together in groups of about 10 Jewish and 10 Arab youths. Each group is led by both an Arab and a Jewish guide.

There are currently 10 guides for the workshop groups, five Arabs and five Jews, whose average age is 23 years. They are usually, but not always, university graduates. Leading the program's year-long guide training is Abed Abu Wasal, a 40-year-old youthful looking Israeli Arab from the nearby village of Kfar Qara. Wasal, like most of the guides he helps train, is a teacher, having been at his own village's elementary school for 20 years.

### One Of The Challenges

One of the first challenges faced by guides, Oren said, is getting the youths to address each other by their names. Oren, who lives on a kibbutz near the Lebanese border, said this is a big hurdle to overcome, often requiring a pained and deliberate effort on the part of students and guides to accomplish.

By the second day of the four day-long sessions, Oren said the teens have usually shared with the group their feelings about what it means to be Jewish, Moslem, Arab or Christian Arab teenagers living in Israel.

On the final day, the guides are expected to lead the group in a discussion about the political problems presented by Jewish-Arab relations in the Jewish State, within an Arab Middle East.

The program costs \$20 per day per student to maintain the participants in the workshop, Oren noted. It costs about \$1,000 for the 50 weekly training sessions for guides. He said that the guides are not charged for their training while students are asked to pay only what they can afford.

Oren said the workshops receive no money from the Ministry of Education. The non-profit Givat Haviva Educational Foundation has provided most of the workshops' funding, with some help from the Tel Aviv-based International Center for Peace in the Middle East.

Jewish schools and kibbutzim which send their students to the workshops provide some money, while Arab villages partially subsidize Arab students.

### Seeks Wider Sensitivity Training

Oren said that there is a need to educate teachers in Israel to be sensitive to stereotypes hindering Jewish-Arab relations. He said he wants Givat Haviva's workshop program to evolve into the teaching of that sensitivity on a much larger scale.

The rewards for the guides in Givat Haviva's workshops are not financial, with guides paid only \$150 per year for their part-time work at the center.

Why do Oren, Abu Wasal and the others labor against massive odds, reaching only hundreds of Israel's hundreds of thousands of youths who grow up deprived of the opportunity to see that Arabs and Jews do not have to view each other as enemies?

Oren mentioned watching Jewish and Arab girls weeping at the end of a moving session or witnessing Jewish and Arab students exchanging addresses. According to Oren: "This program is our very small, very moderate, answer to the political problems of Israel."

### ADL RAPS BRAZIL FOR ALLOWING PLO TO OPEN OFFICE IN BRASILIA

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (JTA) -- The Brazilian government's decision to allow an international terrorist organization to open an office in its capital was denounced by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Abraham Foxman, ADL's associate national director and head of the agency's International Affairs Division, said the opening of an office by the Palestine Liberation Organization in Brasilia serves "only to legitimize and aid international terrorism."

Deploing the Brazilian government's "giving in" to political and economic pressures by Arab states, he called it "particularly disturbing, considering the PLO's avowed role in supporting subversive and terrorist groups in Latin America."

The office opening followed shortly after a three-day PLO sponsored conference in Sao Paulo, attended by several hundred Palestinian representatives from 18 Latin American countries.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Only 2,500 Arabs are scheduled to leave this summer on the annual pilgrimage to Mecca and Medina, the holy places of Islam in Saudi Arabia, compared to more than 6,000 in previous years. The reasons for the decrease -- a levy of about \$400 imposed by the Saudi authorities on each visitor, the limit of the Jordanian authorities on the entry of men younger than 26, and a fare of about \$1,000.