

RABIN INDICATES THAT ISRAEL IS LOOKING TO THE U.S. TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK IN THE NAKURA TALKS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 11 (JTA) — Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin indicated today that Israel is looking to the United States to break the deadlock in its withdrawal and security negotiations with Lebanon.

Rabin, touring military installations in northern Israel, told reporters Israel has full confidence in the United States and in Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy, presently in the region, to bridge the gap between the Israeli and Lebanese negotiating teams which have been meeting at Nakura for the past two months, with no agreement yet in sight.

Murphy, who conferred with Israeli leaders over the weekend, is presently visiting Beirut and Damascus and is expected back in Jerusalem. Rabin said he hoped that Murphy's reports from the two Arab capitals will serve as a basis for Israel to formulate its positions and its next moves when the talks at Nakura resume in the first week of January.

The talks will recess for the Christmas-New Year period, beginning December 20. Rabin said Israel agreed to the two-week adjournment at the request of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) whose headquarters at Nakura provide the venue for the talks.

The purpose is to allow UNIFIL soldiers who stand guard at the meetings to go on leave for the holidays. It was reported earlier that the Lebanese delegation had requested the Christmas break.

BODY OF YOUNG WOMAN SOLDIER FOUND IN A PICNIC GROUND AT MT. CARMEL

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 11 (JTA) — The body of 20-year-old Hadass Kedmi, an apparent murder victim, was found today in a picnic ground on Mt. Carmel. The young woman soldier had been missing since November 29 when she was last seen near Haifa trying to hitch a ride to her home in Kibbutz Kfar Masaryk.

The remains were discovered by soldiers on a training exercise in the Carmel range. Police said the body bore signs of violence and assume Kedmi was kidnapped and murdered by terrorists. But a general investigation is underway. No details have been released.

Kedmi had been the object of a massive search by soldiers, border and regular police, aided by Jewish and Arab civilian volunteers. She and another woman soldier hitched a ride together from their army base near Tel Aviv 12 days ago to their homes in the Haifa area.

The driver of the car that picked them up told police that he dropped Kedmi off, at her request, on the outskirts of Haifa, and that she walked to a nearby gasoline station to try to find a ride in the direction of Kfar Masaryk on Haifa Bay.

Kedmi's disappearance prompted police to resume their search for another soldier, David Manos, who disappeared in the same vicinity two weeks earlier. They are checking bars in the Tel Aviv area following reports that someone resembling Manos was seen there after he was reported missing.

ANGRY PROTESTORS CONFRONT FALWELL DURING DIALOGUE WITH A LEADING RABBI

By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (JTA) — The Rev. Jerry Falwell confronted a group of angry protestors and dodged eggs and other items hurled at the stage at Town Hall last night to engage with Rabbi William Berkowitz in a wide-ranging discussion on domestic issues and his views on Israel and the Jewish people.

At least 50 persons were forcibly removed from the hall by security officials. Nonetheless, many of those who remained continued to jeer and catcall during the course of the two-hour dialogue. The demonstration at the outset of the forum set back the scheduled starting time by nearly 30 minutes.

Falwell, the leader of the Moral Majority, told the equally partisan crowd of several hundred people that "I became a lover of the Jewish people by becoming a student of the scriptures" while in his second year of college. That remark was greeted by loud catcalls and other signs of displeasure.

Not Seeking Mass Conversion Of Jews

Falwell repeated many of his views enunciated at past forums in the Jewish community asserting his right to preach the gospel, while maintaining that he has not singled out the Jewish people for mass conversion. "Our mission is a universal one," Falwell said.

He said he had no ulterior motives for his friendship with the Jewish people, as some critics have charged, and that his right to preach the gospel should not be misinterpreted or misconstrued as anti-Semitic, just as, he asserted, an Orthodox rabbi's rejection of the theology of Christianity should not be regarded as being anti-Christian.

Berkowitz, who served as moderator of the discussion which comes under the auspices of the "Dialogue Forum Series" he has conducted for 34 years in New York City, introduced Falwell as "a good friend of the State of Israel." Berkowitz called for Jews and evangelicals to work together for "common goals."

Falwell referred briefly to his upbringing in Lynchburg, Virginia, which he described as a small Protestant community where there was no contact with Jewish people. He said, "My father was anti-Semitic," adding that he was also "a racist."

He was quick to note that the conservative evangelical Christians have become strong supporters of the Jewish State while "liberal" groups such as the National Council of Churches have moved away from their support of Israel to support for the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Says Israel Is A Strategic Ally

He described Israel as a strategic ally in the Middle East, without whom the Soviet Union would control the oil fields in the Persian Gulf. He stressed that equally important is the fact that Israel is the only democratic ally of the United States in the Middle East.

"The money we put into the coffers of Israel is the best dollars in military defense we spend anywhere on the face of the earth," he declared. He praised Israel's invasion of Lebanon in June, 1982 and rejected claims of the Palestinian people for a homeland alongside Israel.

Falwell said he supports the moving of the American Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, and affirmed that Israel has the right to settle any part of the West Bank. He lambasted King Hussein of Jordan for not doing more for Palestinian refugees.

Views On Domestic Issues

On several issues of domestic concern, Falwell said he supports the call for voluntary prayer in the nation's public schools, and said he does support the separation of church and state, although he equivocated by saying he did not feel the constitution called for a separation of "God and State."

On the school prayer issue, Falwell rejected calls for compulsory prayer in schools. He said no child should be forced to pray in schools, that no child should be denied the right to pray in public schools and that no prayer should be written by school or government authorities.

He predicted that the greatest contribution made by President Reagan in his second term of office will be restructuring of the Supreme Court and the United States judicial system for "the salvation of the United States." He predicted that in five years, "convenience abortions will be outlawed."

The demonstration outside Town Hall featured speakers denouncing Falwell as "sexist, racist, and anti-Semitic." Jacob Bender of the Manhattan Chapter of the New Jewish Agenda told the demonstrators that Falwell is "no friend of the Jews." The demonstration included the All Peoples Congress and the Workers World Party, both leftwing groups.

U.S., ISRAELI OFFICIALS SAY THE 1975 ZIONISM-RACISM RESOLUTION IS BEING USED AS THE BASIS FOR THE EFFORT TO DELGITIMIZE AND DESTROY ISRAEL
By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (JTA) — Nine years after the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution equating Zionism with racism, American and Israeli officials agreed yesterday that the resolution is being used as the basis for the international effort to deligitimize and destroy the State of Israel.

"We have all been guilty of an egregious act of omission" by ignoring the resolution over the years, Meir Rosenne, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, told an all-day seminar on the UN resolution at the State Department. He said that because UN resolutions are not binding "we simply did not realize what was at stake" since the General Assembly adopted the resolution on November 10, 1975.

The seminar, held in conjunction with International Human Rights Day, was sponsored by the World Zionist Organization, the World Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith International. It is the second of five such seminars to be held around the world in an effort to alert public opinion, according to Uzi Narkiss, chairman of the WZO's information department.

The first was held November 11 at the Presidential residence in Jerusalem and hosted by President Chaim Herzog, who was Israel's Ambassador to the UN when the Zionism is racism resolution was adopted. Narkiss said other seminars will be held in Paris in March, London in May, and Buenos Aires in July.

The speakers outlined the anti-Israeli effects of the resolution. Rosenne noted that the resolution

has been distributed in millions of copies around the world and has found its way into textbooks from the primary schools throughout the universities.

Jeanne Kirkpatrick, the U.S. Ambassador to the UN, stressed the continuing attack on Israel at the UN, and she and others noted that attacks on Israel were used as an indirect means of attacking the U.S.

"Israel would already have been expelled from the United Nations had it not been for the laws on our books making it clear that if the State of Israel is denied participation in any body of the United Nations the United States will withdraw also and will withhold all financial contributions, until Israel's right to participate has been restored," Kirkpatrick declared.

Marshall Breger, special assistant to President Reagan for liaison with the Jewish community, noted the Administration's pledge to leave any body from which Israel is expelled, adding that Reagan made this pledge most recently for the upcoming UN conference on women scheduled for Nairobi in July.

Responsible For Analogy With The Nazis

Elliott Abrams, Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, charged that the gradual impact of the UN resolution was responsible for the analogies with the Nazis used in the world press in describing Israel's invasion of Lebanon.

Abrams declared that "the impact of the Zionism as racism resolution has been enormous, and that, by serving to legitimize anti-Semitism, it continues to pose a major threat to the survival of Israel and the Jewish people."

But he added, the resolution may have a "salutary effect. Its very perversity reminds us that we have real enemies in the world, that their enmity is not the result of some peculiar misunderstanding which can be easily rectified. But is an unyielding fact of life, to be faced and dealt with accordingly."

Calls For Building Bridges

Abrams' conclusion was challenged by Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, vice president of the World Jewish Congress, who said there was a need to "build a bridge" to the Soviet Union, the Arab countries and the Third World despite their support for the Zionism is racism resolution. He called for "patience which will bring understanding to the other side."

When someone in the audience questioned this approach, Hertzberg replied in Yiddish, "If they all hate us for the next 200 years, are we going to be better off?"

But Hertzberg also stressed that if the Soviets want detente it requires "the end of rhetoric and the beginning of decency." He said the Third World challenges of Israel's legitimacy undercuts "their own moral claim upon the world for any special consideration." He said it is "particularly swinish for Zionism is racism to be hurled by forces that know very well that in the forefront of the battle against apartheid ther has been the world Jewish community."

Another View Expressed

Another view came from T.T.B. Koh, Singapore's Ambassador to the United States, who voted against the Zionism is racism resolution. "I do not think that the passage of the resolution by the UN has persuaded the majority of the countries of the Third World to accept the proposition that Zionism is a form of racism or that Israel is an illegitimate State," he said. He added that the resolution "created a certain backlash of sympathy for Israel."

Koh said that most Third World members who voted for the resolution knew nothing about Zionism. He urged an educational campaign.

"The best thing Israel can do to counter the effect of the resolution is to scrupulously practice racial equality at home," he added. "If the Arab minority in Israel were treated on terms of absolute equality with other Israeli citizens this seems to be the most refutation of the charge that Zionism is racism."

Role Of Soviet Union Cited

Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D. N.Y.), who was the U.S. Ambassador to the UN when the resolution was adopted, blamed the resolution on the Soviet Union. "The disastrous showing of the Soviet Union's clients in the 1967 Six-Day War apparently prompted the Soviets to launch the ambitious propaganda campaign that led ultimately to November 10, 1975," he said.

Philip Lax, chairman of the International Council of B'nai B'rith International, said the anti-Zionist resolution has been the "point of departure" for the Soviet Union's anti-Zionism and anti-Semitic campaign which he said is aimed at breaking the resistance movement in the USSR, including the efforts for freedom to emigrate and to "practice Judaism and identify as Jews."

The representatives of Jewish organizations attending the seminar approved a resolution calling "upon people everywhere who are dedicated to democratic values and human rights, and governments of all enlightened countries to resist this insidious campaign of slander of Zionism and of the Jewish people...."

The resolution reaffirmed that "Zionism is the fulfillment of the Jewish people's right to self-determination, of its aspiration to live in freedom and political independence in its ancient homeland...."

TEL AVIV FACING COMPLETE BREAKDOWN OF PUBLIC SERVICES

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 11 (JTA) — Tel Aviv, Israel's largest city, is facing a complete breakdown of public services if striking municipal employees are joined by emergency maintenance personnel tomorrow.

Hospitals may be forced to close, traffic lights will cease operating, water pressure will drop and volunteer bucket brigades will be needed to put out fires. The city's fire fighters in fact, staged a warning strike at noon today, parking their engines and equipment in front of City Hall.

The cause of the near chaos is the failure of the municipality to pay its employees their November wages which were due December 1. The city's coffers are empty and the Treasury, so far, has refused to transfer funds to meet the payroll. Similar situations exist in towns and cities in other parts of Israel, a reflection of the nation's economic crisis.

School Children Told To Stay Home

Meanwhile, the Tel Aviv authorities ordered children to stay away from school today even though striking teachers agreed last night to return to their classrooms while their wage increase demands are adjudicated. The reason for the unscheduled holiday is the accumulation of rubbish in school buildings creating unsanitary conditions. The custodians are among the employees on strike for unpaid wages.

Uncollected garbage is piling up in the streets at the rate of 600 tons a day. A striking sanitation worker told reporters, "It's lucky it's winter. The stench would be unbearable in summer." He added, "It's a great time for the cats."

Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lehat said he sympathized with the plight of the workers and blamed the government for leaving the city without funds. The Finance Ministry, in turn, accused Tel Aviv and other municipalities of mismanagement, contending that they used up their money for non-essentials. Lehat responded by citing the government's huge and growing deficit. "Unlike us, they can print money when they run short," he said.

SOLOMON PROPOSES THAT THE U.S. REFINANCE ISRAEL'S DEBT

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (JTA) — A leading member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee proposed Sunday night that the U.S. refinance Israel's debt, as it has done for other countries in severe economic straits.

Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, the second ranking Democrat on the Committee, said he and Sen. Daniel Inouye (D. Hawaii) would draft a refinancing plan for Israel when the new Senate goes into session next month. Biden spoke at the Annual Metropolitan Dinner of the Zionist Organization of America here.

He noted that the U.S. has been able to refinance the debt service of other economically troubled nations such as Mexico, Nigeria and Argentina. He also chided those who complain that the U.S. provides excessive economic and military aid to Israel. "The U.S. spends over \$100 billion a year on NATO and worries about spending \$2.7 billion on Israel," he said.

'The Consciousness Of Guilt'

Biden, long one of Israel's staunchest friends in Congress, observed "that the consciousness of guilt" over what America left undone to prevent the Holocaust "does not exist for most of the younger generation. America's most articulate spokesmen for Israel are gone, replaced by men and women with no institutional memory," he said.

"The security of every Jew in the world is tied to Israel. If Israel dies, Judaism will be in jeopardy," the Senator said, adding, "but I am confident that Israel and Judaism will survive."

The dinner was highlighted by the presentation of the ZOA's Brandeis Award to Capt. Leo Berger, a shipowner and businessman who was cited for his "outstanding commitment to Judaism, Zionism and the State of Israel."

The award was presented by ZOA president Alleck Resnick. The ZOA announced that over \$200,000 was raised at the dinner, presided over by Milton Shapiro, chairman of the American Zionist Fund. It will be used to expand the ZOA's public affairs program in the U.S. and its cultural and educational institutions in Israel.

Resnick told the dinner guests that the recent denunciation of the Camp David accords by King Hussein of Jordan and the silence by President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt in defending his peace treaty with Israel "testifies to an instability and inconsistency that must trouble all free peoples who put their faith in negotiated agreements."

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Three American Jewish Congress officials who were arrested Monday during an anti-apartheid demonstration, were released after five hours on \$50 bond each and ordered to appear in court for a hearing on December 20. The three — Theodore Mann, AJC president, Henry Siegman, executive director, and Theodore Bikel, senior vice president — were charged with trespass.

RABBIS AMONG WARRIORS

By Albert W. Bloom
(Eighth in an Eight-Part Series)

EDITOR'S NOTE: The dramatic story of Jews in America's armed forces and the dedicated Jewish chaplains who bring religious and spiritual strength to them and their families is largely untold. Albert W. Bloom, retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, former president of the American Jewish Press Association (AJPA) and editor emeritus of the Pittsburgh (Pa.) Jewish Chronicle, was assigned by JWB to tour Western Europe's defenses to search out and to tell this story.

LIVORNO, (Leghorn), Italy, Dec. 11 (JTA)—This is the story of a hypnotic chaplain.

He is Capt. Hillel Smulowitz, of Brooklyn, a product of Ner Israel Yeshiva and St. Ignatius Loyola College, Baltimore. Hypnosis is an extra arrow in his spiritual bow of help to the needy.

Chaplain Smulowitz, a quiet fellow with a wry sense of humor, describes himself as the "longest circuit riding rabbi in Europe." His sector under USAEUR (U.S. Army, Europe) "covers 11 installations and military communities of approximately 600 square miles."

"I Don't Circuit Ride by Horseback"

He noted that "I don't circuit ride by horseback like they did in the olden days." Instead he travels by plane, train and car.

"Sixty percent or more of my time is spent on the move."

"A military chaplain is responsible for ministering to the needs of his people, and for supporting the welfare and morale of all military and related civilian personnel, whatever their faith."

"Among the Jewish military in my extended congregation are about 400 families. More show up as new personnel come on duty."

Like his "military congregations," Chaplain Smulowitz' sons are on an additional "circuit"—son Yitzhak Kevin, 17, lives with him in Tirrenia, a suburb of Pisa (of "leaning tower" fame). Soon Yitzhak will go off to a technical-engineering school. The chaplain's three other sons are Naftali, 18½, in "Hesder," the Israel program that combines yeshiva-religious study with military training; Yonatan, 14, and Shmuel, 12, both in school in Israel.

Col William D. Kutac, 45, of San Antonio, commander of the 8th Support Group at Camp Darby (outside of Livorno), and the related "military community," stressed the need for chaplains.

Chaplains Provide Access to Religious Identity

"Our chaplains are absolutely essential so that soldiers and their families will have access to their religious identity and practices through their respective chaplaincy," Col. Kutac said.

He made these points:

- The "constitutionality of our chaplaincy is founded on the religious right of Americans to have chaplains in the military."
- "Our war reserve mission here is 'ammunition plus'—plus maintenance that rebuilds trucks, jeeps and cars; postal services; hospital services and medical evacuation; legal services; air deliveries; a military community of more than 3,500 individuals."
- "Our public relations with the Italians couldn't be better."
- "For reasons of national sovereignty and local concerns, the host nation (in this case Italy) is responsible for security directly outside U.S. installations."

Pine Trees Border Sprawling Camp Darby

Unique "umbrella pines" set off the Camp Darby training area and the sprawling campsite here which has huge warehouses for U.S.-NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) "support below the Alps." Here BBKs (Bare Base Kits—including Jewish and Christian chaplaincy supplies) are ready with tents, bedding, washers, driers, field kitchen equipment and other human needs to set up "a city of 1,100" at a moment's notice.

Such is the military-social environment in which the chaplain operates as a beacon of "normalcy" in a hectic world striving to preserve the peace of free Europe.

NATO has managed to retain that deterrent-peace for 40 years since World War Two.

"Rabbis among Warriors" is the commitment of the American Jewish community to Jewish identity in the U.S. Armed Forces.

This is accomplished by the JWB Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy (JWB-CJC), the endorsing agency of all Jewish chaplains for the Department of Defense (DOD).

That JWB-Department of Defense relationship for the Jewish chaplaincy is one of the most unusual working associations.

JWB-CJC Brings 3 Wings of Judaism Together

Further, JWB-CJC brings all three wings of Judaism together to work for the benefit of Jewish families in the military.

The "new" Army, Navy and Air Force overseas has thousands of family-civilians "on-station," as it were. This is a new challenge.

JWB-CJC is also an example for Jewish civil society to emulate. JWB-CJC's role in the military has yet to be fully recognized by the American Jewish community.

It is in such varied overseas environments that talented chaplains like Rabbi Smulowitz go about their duties quietly, diligently and unobtrusively. Unlike most Christian chaplains, Jewish chaplains do not have their congregations near at hand and must "seek their brothers" over a wide military diaspora.

Chaplain Smulowitz Known as "Hypnotic Rabbi"

Around Camp Darby and the far-flung 8th Support Group Command of Southern Europe, Chaplain Smulowitz is familiarly known as the "hypnotic rabbi."

He brings a different dimension to his usual duties.

Livorno (Leghorn) was once an illustrious seaport city of Tuscany, with a bustling Jewish population possessing full political rights and imbued with the thrill of learning and full of enterprise. Sir Moses Montefiore was born here. So Livorno is a meaningful setting for a Jewish military chaplain from modern-day America.

Jewish history is all around Chaplain Smulowitz. In nearby Pisa, the famous "leaning tower" casts its shadow over the nearby Hebrew cemetery and synagogue, virtually forgotten today. Few visitors, Jewish or gentile, are aware of them.

Chaplain Smulowitz brings his own special contribution of deep-tradition and help for people in distress through hypnosis.

"Hypnosis is a tool I use in my counseling for families and individuals—an effective tool. Besides, hypnosis gives me a wider exposure to different people."

Hypnosis Helps People Solve Problems

"I have used it as a tremendous aid in helping people to solve their own concerns. For example, people with personality problems, poor self-image or lack of self-confidence, inter-family relationships, weight control, smoking, pain control in a hospital setting."

"I have taught many physicians and dentists to use hypnosis for themselves or on patients. I have even taught people self-hypnosis to relax and to ease the strain of long working days under the heavy responsibility of military duty."

Less well known and talked about is another phase of Chaplain Smulowitz' special talents.

"We use hypnosis to train military intelligence personnel."

Chaplain Smulowitz smiled enigmatically and politely declined to elaborate.

He sees the Jewish chaplain as special to the military service in other ways as well. He cites these specifics:

- "The Jewish chaplain tends to be more isolated as the widespread members of his military congregation and their families are also more isolated."
- "There is a need for more Jewish chaplains to help help those who have to cover such large areas of free Europe."
- "Intermarriage is a problem, but it is no more of a problem than in civilian life."
- "In military life, there is a greater challenge to live Jewishly because you do not have the Jewish support system or facilities you have in civilian life."

Jewish Chaplains Bring 'Yiddishkeit' to Jews

- "Jewish chaplaincy bestows its own rewards because you know you are unique in many ways. You are part of a small group bringing 'Yiddishkeit' to those Jews in the military who are far from home and who need Jewish motivation."

- "I would urge more Jewish men and women to come into the military because it is a learning and maturing experience."

The "hypnotic-rabbi" also has direct spiritual-social advice on "how to handle stress" in modern life, civilian or military. It is replete with Jewish "tachlis":

- "Be aware of the stress" we all must face.
- "Face up to it."

- "Find the things that bring joy to your life, that make you feel good about life and about yourself, and do them."

Rabbis among warriors; both aim at one goal—Shalom . . . Peace.