

# **SHULTZ'S LETTER TO PERES DRAWS FIRE FROM A CABINET MINISTER**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 26 (JTA) — A Labor member of the unity Cabinet has reacted sharply to Secretary of State George Shultz's letter to Premier Shimon Peres advising him that he could not agree to Israel's request for more U.S. economic aid unless the government imposed drastic austerity measures to cure the country's economic ills.

Gad Yaacobi, Minister of Economics and Planning, said in a speech to the Jerusalem Economic Club yesterday that "the unity government knew what it faced and what it needed to do and didn't need lectures and new theories."

"I don't remember the United States upbraiding or reprimanding Israel during all the years when the policy which brought us to our present condition was being implemented here," Yaacobi declared in an apparent reference to the policies of the Likud-led governments which held office from 1977 to 1984. He noted that the U.S. provided economic assistance to Egypt and other countries "and one did not hear of such American advice to them."

There was considerable consternation in Treasury circles that the contents of Shultz's letter to Peres was leaked to the local media. Peres confirmed yesterday that he had indeed received a letter from Shultz urging the Israeli government to produce a comprehensive economic recovery plan before the U.S. considered its request for increased economic aid.

## **Shultz's Letter Is Blunter Than Originally Reported**

Follow-up reports in the media today claimed that Shultz's letter had been even more blunt than originally reported. According to those reports, the Secretary of State informed Peres that the Israeli government must cut a further \$1 billion-plus from its national budget, must end the system whereby wages are linked to the cost-of-living index, and must end subsidies for uneconomical businesses and projects. There was no official confirmation of the specific contents of Shultz's letter.

Israel is seeking \$4.1 billion in U.S. military and economic aid for the fiscal year 1986 which begins next October 1, compared to the \$2.6 billion, all in grants, which Israel will receive in fiscal 1985.

So far, except for a three month wage-price freeze instituted last month to curb runaway inflation, the government has moved slowly toward economic reforms for fear of creating mass unemployment. Haaretz quoted an unnamed economist yesterday to the effect that if Shultz's formula was adopted, tens of thousands of Israelis would be thrown out of work.

## **CABINET TO DECIDE IN EARLY 1985 ON PHASED IDF REDEPLOYMENT IN LEBANON**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 26 (JTA) — The Cabinet is expected to decide early next year on a phased redeployment of the Israel Defense Force in south

Lebanon unless there is a breakthrough — considered highly unlikely at this point — in the Israel-Lebanon military security and withdrawal talks at Nakura, informed sources said this week.

The form the redeployment is expected to take, according to the sources, is a partial pullback of the IDF from the Awali River line in the western sector of the front but no immediate corresponding movement in the eastern sector, where the IDF faces Syrian forces.

After the partial redeployment is effected, policymakers will assess the new situation before recommending any further moves southward by the IDF, the sources said.

The Nakura talks, which recessed for two weeks beginning December 20, are due to be resumed on January 7. The Israelis have made it unequivocally clear that if by then the Lebanese persist in rejecting Israel's proposals, there would be "nothing more to talk about" from Israel's point of view.

## **Proposals By Israel**

Israel has proposed that the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) — which is sponsoring the Nakura talks — be made responsible for security in south Lebanon from the Litani River to the Awali River once that region is evacuated by the IDF.

Israel wants the zone south of the Litani and up to its northern borders to be policed by the South Lebanon Army (SLA). The Lebanese have insisted that their regular army is capable of ensuring security in all of south Lebanon and refuse to recognize the SLA, which they brand a puppet of Israel.

The 12 negotiating sessions so far held at Nakura have failed to narrow the gap. Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin told the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee Tuesday that the Cabinet will shortly have to consider unilateral options.

According to Rabin, these are: to maintain the status quo; to redeploy the IDF to shorter lines; or withdraw it entirely from Lebanese soil. Rabin attributed Lebanese intransigence to Syria's strong influence over the Beirut government. He said the Syrian position has in fact hardened in the last two weeks.

Rabin reportedly did not state which of the three options he preferred. Premier Shimon Peres has publicly advocated unilateral withdrawal of the IDF to Israel's borders in a single step. Rabin is said to favor a more cautious pullback. The phased partial withdrawal is seen as a synthesis of their respective views.

## **Steps in Cabinet's Decision**

Informed sources said that once it is clear that no progress can be made at Nakura, the Cabinet would announce its new unilateral policy of phased withdrawal. The decision would be taken first by the 10-member inner Cabinet and then by the full Cabinet.

Political observers suggest that if Peres and Rabin come before the Cabinet united on the issue, they stand a good chance of winning over a solid majority of the ministers. A hard core of Likud ministers is expected to hold out against any withdrawal from Lebanon without ironclad security arrangements in advance.

# POLICE BLOCK KAHANE, FOLLOWERS FROM ENTERING AN ARAB VILLAGE

By David Landau and Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 26 (JTA) — Police today blocked Rabbi Meir Kahane and a band of his Kach Party followers from entering the Arab village of Taibe in central Israel.

They acted in compliance with a motion adopted by the Knesset yesterday limiting the Kach leader's parliamentary immunity to prevent him from visiting Arab villages where his presence would be provocative and likely to cause public disorder.

Kahane, who had vowed to defy the ban, was halted at a police road-block seven miles from Taibe. He did not argue with the police, and returned to his car and drove away. A busload of his cohorts, following his car, was stopped at Kfar Saba, some distance southwest of Taibe. Police found the vehicle's lights were not working properly and ordered the driver to return to Tel Aviv.

Kahane, who was elected to the Knesset last July on a platform calling for the expulsion of all Arabs from Israel and the occupied territories, stated that his purpose in visiting Taibe and other Arab villages was to exhort the residents to emigrate from Israel, and persuade Jewish women married to Arabs to desert their husbands.

His attempt to enter the Arab village of Umm el-Fahm over a month ago was blocked by police although at that time he had full parliamentary immunity which allowed him complete freedom of movement.

## Many MKs Vote Against The Motion

The Knesset voted 58-36 by secret ballot yesterday in favor of the limiting motion which was sent to the plenum with a strong positive recommendation from the Knesset's House Committee after eight public hearings on the issue. Political observers expressed surprise today at the relatively large number of MKs who voted against the motion.

Committee chairman Micha Reiser, of Likud's Herut bloc, declared before the voting that "no political movement from Tehiya (far right) to Rakah (Communist) has concealed its disgust at Kahane." Nevertheless, more than 26 percent of the ballots cast opposed any infringement on his immunity.

The secret ballot, which Knesset rules require in cases involving a member's immunity, allowed MKs to vote their conscience rather than along party lines.

The Labor Party had urged all of its members to support the motion, and the various left-of-center factions are believed to have backed it unanimously. But many Likud and Tehiya MKs and some from the religious parties apparently opposed it.

## Concern Over Dangerous Precedent

Observers noted that during the House Committee hearings some Laborites appeared uncomfortable with the motion, not out of support for Kahane but because it would set a dangerous precedent with respect to Knesset immunity.

The two religious parties in the unity coalition—the National Religious Party and Shas — which hold eight Knesset mandates between them—were absent during the vote.

Kahane was openly backed by three Likud-Herut MKs—Uzi Landau, Gideon Gadot and Meir Cohen—

Avidon—who denounced the motion from the rostrum. Kahane himself, exercising his right to speak in the debate, fulminated against the House Committee and announced he would defy the restrictions and go where he pleased.

The Knesset action means that the police can treat Kahane as they would any other potential trouble-maker and may curtail his freedom of movement if they believe it is in the public interest to do so. Kahane's other rights of immunity, including freedom from prosecution, remain intact.

## SEVENTH SUSPECT HELD IN PLOT TO BLOW UP THE U.S. EMBASSY

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 26 (JTA) — An Arab resident of Rafah in the Gaza Strip was detained by order of a Tel Aviv magistrate yesterday as a suspect in a plot to attack the U.S. Embassy here. He was remanded in custody for three days pending further investigation by police.

He is the seventh suspect in the plot. Six other Gaza Strip residents were detained several weeks ago. News of the arrests and of the alleged plot was barred from the Israeli press by court order until this week, although widely published abroad. The ban was lifted Sunday.

The six men detained earlier are said to have confessed. The latest detainee admitted he had been with the group but denied he was part of any plan to attack the Embassy. Foreign media accounts quoted Police Minister Haim Barlev as saying the plot did not constitute a serious threat, although the Embassy was informed and tighter security measures were instituted, including the construction of a wall around the American compound.

The foreign press reports said Barlev described the suspects as a group of Arab youths who had possession of a grenade and were contemplating targets, one of which was the Embassy.

## SEVERAL HUNDRED SLUM DWELLERS STAGE DEMONSTRATION IN TEL AVIV

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 26 (JTA) — The residence of Mayor Shlomo Lahat and the surrounding neighborhood were under heavy police guard last night after several hundred angry slum-dwellers from the Kfar Shalem quarter threatened violence.

They were protesting the demolition of two houses in Kfar Shalem that had been built on city-owned land without a permit. A riot broke out in Kfar Shalem yesterday morning when local residents tried to prevent municipal workers from bulldozing the buildings. One policeman was injured, a city-owned vehicle was burned and a bus was damaged in the melee. Five residents were arrested.

Early yesterday evening, a convoy of cars from Kfar Shalem converged on the Afeka quarter where the Mayor lives. They ran into a cordon of police and after angry words, eventually dispersed. But police guards patrolled the area throughout the night.

Lahat charged that the people who erected the illegal buildings and led the protesters were trying to lay claim to municipal property. They had been given several warnings to dismantle the structures themselves.

Lahat noted that in the past, people who put up buildings without permits were compensated when the structures were torn down. But the land remains the prop-

erty of the city and cannot be seized or built on without a license, he stressed. The police, meanwhile, have apologized to Likud MK Michael Eitan who took up the cause of the Kfar Shalem slum-dwellers. Eitan said he was summoned to the quarter by telephone before dawn yesterday to try to prevent the demolitions.

He charged that police roughed him up and blocked his way in violation of his immunity as a Knesset member, which allows him complete freedom of movement. The police admitted today that a senior officer had erred in barring Eitan's approach.

### 250-300 JEWISH PROTESTERS RELIEVE CHRISTIAN COLLEAGUES AT RALLY AGAINST APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (JTA) — The demonstration yesterday near the South African Embassy protesting that government's policy of racial separation was described as "eminently successful" by Hyman Bookbinder, Washington representative of the American Jewish Committee.

An estimated 250 to 300 Jewish protesters turned out on Christmas Day to relieve their Christian colleagues so they could spend the holiday with their families and friends. There were no incidents or arrests.

In New York, meanwhile, four protesters were arrested yesterday in a demonstration outside the South African Consulate organized by the New Jewish Agenda. The four were issued summonses and released.

The Washington demonstration was part of the ongoing anti-apartheid protests in front of the Embassy building. The protests have been arranged by TransAfrica, which began the Free South Africa demonstrations November 21.

Jewish groups participating here included the New Jewish Agenda, the American Jewish Committee, the Jewish Labor Committee, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Jewish Community Council.

### Three-Fold Purpose Cited

Bookbinder said Jewish participation in the protest serves a three-fold purpose. First, he said, it served to demonstrate that the Jewish community is opposed to apartheid and "considers it a repugnant system."

Secondly, Bookbinder said, it demonstrated to the Christian community that by giving them a "day off," the Jewish community is not insensitive to the Christmas holiday and its significance to the Christian community, despite continued opposition to the use of public funds for creche and nativity displays.

Finally, he said that while Black-Jewish relations have been strained, the Jewish participation at the demonstration on Christmas shows that Blacks and Jews "are indeed close allies in the struggle for human freedom and social justice."

"If we can make another contribution to Black-Jewish cooperation, it is a day well spent," Bookbinder said. "Our central message today is for the people of South Africa — a message of determination that freedom-loving people around the world will continue to voice our condemnation of apartheid."

The New Jewish Agenda, in a statement issued yesterday, said: "This effort will permit Christian

supporters of the Free South Africa movement the opportunity to spend the day with family and friends while sending the South African government the clear message that the struggle against their racist, apartheid policies will not cease even for a single day."

The demonstrations in New York and Washington included a menorah lighting ceremony, marking the eighth and final day of Chanukah. Similar demonstrations were reportedly held in Seattle and Cleveland.

### KNESSET IN UPROAR OVER VISIT OF GREEN PARTY DELEGATION By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 26 (JTA) — Disorder erupted in the Knesset today as an allegedly anti-Israel six-member delegation representing West Germany's controversial Green Party took their seats in the VIP section of the visitors gallery. Shouting and a shoving match between two MKs threw the chamber into an uproar.

The Greens were escorted to their seats by Uri Avneri, a former MK and now a member of the Progressive List for Peace. As the visitors entered, MKs Geula Cohen and Rafael Eitan of the rightwing Tehiya Party unfurled a paper sign in their direction which read, in Hebrew and German, "Greens-Browns--Raus" (Out). "Browns" was an obvious reference to the Nazis.

Tawfiq Taubi, an Arab member of the Hadash (Communist) Party, rose to snatch at the placard. He was engaged in a sharp verbal conflict with Cohen who, at one point, screamed at the veteran MK, "You too are a guest here." The altercation turned violent when Tehiya Party leader Yuval Neeman sprang from his seat to aid his colleagues. He shoved Taubi who shoved him back until ushers separated the two.

The Green Party delegation, on a tour of the Middle East, is the second to visit Israel this year. The earlier group, who visited before the July Knesset elections, expressed support for the Progressive List, a coalition of Israeli Arabs and Jews who support a Palestinian state. It was considered sympathetic to Israel, however, though at odds with its government's policies.

The group that arrived yesterday, via Jordan, is openly prejudiced against Israel, according to Israeli officials in Bonn. One of its members, Brigitte Heinrich, was refused entry to Israel because she had served a 21-month prison sentence in Germany for aiding German and Palestinian terrorists. She was turned back at the Allenby Bridge and returned to Amman.

Haaretz reported today that the Green Party leadership in Bonn had informed Israeli politicians that the group of six does not represent the party as a whole and is not official.

The Green Party, which developed from a group of West German pacifists and ecologists, has been accused by Jews and non-Jews in Germany of emulating the Nazis in some ways. When the party was elected to the Bundestag for the first time two years ago, several of its officials were found to have had Nazi pasts. Some were dismissed but others retained their positions. The party is anti-Western and its attitude toward Israel generally has been negative, leading to accusations of anti-Semitism.

## BEHIND THE HEADLINES THE NEFARIOUS ROLE OF HENRY STIMSON

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Dec. 26 (JTA) -- Henry Stimson, the American Secretary of War in the Administration of President Roosevelt, tried to prevent Jewish refugees from Europe from reaching Palestine or the United States and opposed the creation of the State of Israel, according to a new study published here by the Institute of Jewish Affairs, the research arm of the World Jewish Congress.

Writing in the Institute's journal, *Patterns of Prejudice*, American Jewish historian Harvey Strum said that Stimson repeatedly urged Roosevelt not to let Jewish war refugees into the U.S., opposed efforts to persuade the British to lift their restrictions on immigration to Palestine, and viewed a Jewish State as a threat to Anglo-American interests in the Middle East.

Under Stimson's leadership, too, the U.S. War Department repeatedly refused during World War II to disrupt the mass extermination of the Jews by bombing the deportation railways leading to Auschwitz or the gas chambers and crematoria at Auschwitz.

Strum, who teaches history at Onondaga State College in Syracuse, New York, and has published other articles on American anti-Semitism, bases his findings on a study of Stimson's diaries and other papers housed in Yale University.

This article reveals the attitudes which, in 1944, prompted Stimson to play a decisive part in dissuading Congress from voting for a Jewish Palestine, even though he had been a long time friend of Zionist leader, Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter.

### War Secretary Was Not A Rabid Anti-Semite

Strum admits that Stimson "was not a rabid anti-Semite," that he did not belong to any of the anti-Semitic groups active in the U.S. and that he was "appalled" by the Nazi persecutions.

Nevertheless, he finds that for over 20 years Stimson had privately opposed Jewish immigration to the U.S., a prospect which he found "just as appalling" as the Nazi persecution.

With the succession of Harry Truman to the Presidency in April, 1945, Stimson also advised Truman about "the problem of our Jewish people here," warning that the "danger was not yet over" of American Jews meddling in the issue of how to deal with post-Hitler Germany.

Stimson was against punishing Nazis for the murder of German Jewry, and was anxious lest a protracted de-Nazification program should drive the Germans into the Soviet camp in the developing cold war.

Strum claims that "throughout the debate over the post-war treatment of Germany, Stimson perceived the American Jewish community as a powerful and nefarious special interest group threatening American national interests in its pursuit of vengeance."

While "blatant anti-Semitism" offended Stimson's conservative sensibilities, his hostility towards Jews reflected the conservative WASP (White Anglo-Saxon Protestant) dislike for Jews common both among the U.S. elite and the general population between 1920 and 1950, Strum concludes.

## OVER 200 ITALIAN CHRISTIANS AND JEWS HOLD FIFTH ANNUAL COLLOQUIUM

By Lisa Palmieri-Billig

ROME, Dec. 26 (JTA) -- Over 200 Italian Christians and Jews, both scholars and non-academics, participated in the fifth annual Jewish-Christian Colloquium held the weekend before Chanukah and Christmas at the Benedictine Monastery of Camaldoli. "The Gift of the Torah" as an integral part of the religious heritage of both Christians and Jews was the theme of this year's gathering.

Dr. Leon Feldman, consultant on inter-religious affairs for the Synagogue Council of America, addressed the colloquium on "Living the Torah -- American Judaism Today." Other speakers at lecture sessions, discussions, and workshops included Jewish and Catholic specialists in and authors of works in Jewish studies.

The long week-end in the monastery tucked in the mountains between Arezzo and Florence also featured the blessing of the Sabbath candles at dinner in a service led by Rabbi Tagliacozzo of Ancona, and strictly kosher food for all the monastery guests. The monks chanted psalms several times a day at Mass in their original medieval melodies.

The annual colloquium was begun in 1980 with the help of the Rome branch of Service International de Documentation Judeo-Christienne (SIDIC) of the Sisters of Zion and the Florence Jewish-Christian Friendship Association. Previous year's themes included "Jesus the Jew" and "Martin Buber and Aspects of Jewish Mysticism."

Father Innocenzo Gargano, who organized the colloquium with the assistance of an advisory committee, was asked by JTA for his thoughts on the reason for the growth of the annual event from an original participation of 15 enthusiasts to this year's attendance of over 200.

He said: "Perhaps we now realize more and more clearly that Auschwitz can never be forgotten, that we must learn from the Holocaust in order to prevent other genocides, that we must work together to 'shalomize' the world" -- a word coined by Milan's Cardinal Martini at last July's meeting of the International Council for Christians and Jews.

He continued: "If I may venture a theory, perhaps we feel that relations between Christians and Jews touch upon the heart of that primordial conflict that lies at the base of every other ethnic, cultural and religious division in Western history."

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TEL AVIV (JTA) -- The Golda Meir Cultural Center was dedicated here last week at a ceremony at the Tel Aviv Museum. The center, akin to the Lincoln Center in New York City, will be built on a 35-acre plot of land next to the museum and will be an addition to the museum-municipal library complex. The Meir Center will contain separate auditoriums for opera, theater and musical performances. It will be the largest cultural center in the country, according to the municipal plans.

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