

## EGYPT, GREECE APPEAR TO AGREE ON NEED TO PROMOTE MIDEAST PEACE PROCESS

By Jean Cohen

ATHENS, Jan. 21 (JTA) — President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt ended a two-day official visit to Greece over the weekend following a 90-minute meeting with Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu. During his stay here he met three times with President Constantine Karamanlis.

The Egyptian leader and his Greek hosts appeared to be in general agreement on the urgent need to promote the peace process in the Middle East and the importance of fresh initiatives by the European Economic Community (EEC), of which Greece is a member, toward that end.

Karamanlis told Mubarak that Greece would do its utmost to contribute to a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict by encouraging the EEC to take a stronger interest in that problem. He said the Middle East issue, with the Palestinian problem as its starting point, has become dangerously complicated with the passage of time because of ideological, economic and religious antagonisms.

The President implied support for the Camp David agreements when he said he recognized the courage and realism with which Egypt tried in the past and is still trying to promote the peace process in the region.

### Views On Palestinian Rights

Mubarak said he was convinced that Egypt and Greece held identical views, including Egypt's support for the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole representative of the Palestinian people and its right to be included in the peace process.

According to Mubarak, the first step toward a comprehensive and just peace must be mutual recognition of and respect for the rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination and to establish a state on their own soil.

The Egyptian leader stressed that a suitable climate was needed for the speedy resumption of peace negotiations between Israel and the Arab countries. He expressed deep regret over the Israeli government's decision to establish new settlements on the West Bank, maintaining that this was contrary to the positive gestures which were expected from Israel and which would have strengthened the moderate and constructive elements in the Arab world.

As a first step in that direction, Mubarak called for radical measures to improve living conditions for the inhabitants of the West Bank and Gaza Strip leading to the gradual return of sovereignty to the Palestinian people who, he said, own both the right and the land.

### Demands Total Withdrawal Of IDF From Lebanon

He also reiterated his demand for complete withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon on the basis of a timetable. Mubarak spoke here before the Israeli Cabinet announced a three-stage withdrawal of the Israel Defense Force from south Lebanon which began yesterday.

Papandreu told reporters after his final meeting with Mubarak that the Egyptian leader had given him

a new perspective on the problems of the Eastern Mediterranean region in general and the Middle East in particular. He did not say what the new perspective was. A spokesman for the Israeli diplomatic mission here declined to comment on Mubarak's visit.

## REPORT ETHIOPIAN JEWS SUFFERED A 'MINI-INQUISITION' IN NEARBY COUNTRIES WHERE THEY SOUGHT ASYLUM

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Jan. 21 (JTA) — The pro-Arab weekly Jeune Afrique reported today that Ethiopian Jews who fled their country to escape famine and persecution suffered a "mini-inquisition" in the nearby countries where they sought asylum—Sudan, Djibouti and North Yemen — because of their religion. The magazine said Ethiopian Christian refugees were subjected to the same treatment.

The Jeune Afrique correspondent in Ethiopia, who visited several refugee camps in Sudan, reported that the people who distributed food to the starving escapees "doled out the supplies according to the recipients' origins. The amount handed out to Moslem, Jewish and Christian refugees was different" despite the claim by the Sudanese Commission for Refugees that all refugees are treated alike. (Related stories, P.3)

(There has been no comment from Israeli authorities on the Jeune Afrique report.)

## DRAFT BUDGET FOR 1985 FISCAL YEAR RUNS INTO BARRAGE OF CRITICISM

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Jan. 21 (JTA) — Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai presented his Cabinet colleagues with a draft budget for the 1985 fiscal year yesterday and ran into a barrage of criticism for not cutting enough.

The proposed budget amounts to \$22.9 billion, about \$59 million below the budget for fiscal 1984. Minister of Science and Development Gideon Patt called it "an exact copy" of the 1984 budget at a time when severe slashes in government expenditures are needed. Modai insisted his budget represented a substantial cut inasmuch as the government overspent last year's budget by about \$1.8 billion.

Israel's request for major increases in U.S. economic aid has been put on "hold" by the Reagan Administration pending evidence that Israel has a detailed economic program of retrenchment.

Secretary of State George Shultz made clear to Premier Shimon Peres in a letter last month that the Administration would not consider Israel's request for an additional \$800 million in economic aid until the Israelis instituted large budget cuts.

Modai's draft budget does call for steep cuts in government price subsidies for basic goods, smaller public expenditures and the elimination of about 4,000 jobs in the public sector. It also prognosticates continued government deficits and reduced living standards.

But none of the ministers had a good word to say for Modai's efforts yesterday. Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who has conceded that cuts in the defense budget are needed, was furious that cuts were made in the draft budget without prior coordination with his ministry. He called that "irresponsible."

Patt asserted that Modai's budget showed a lack of economic policy. He said the proposal covered almost 95 percent of Israel's gross national product (GNP). According to Patt, the government will be spending practically everything that is manufactured, bought and sold in the Israeli economy. The budget debate will be continued later this week.

#### ORTHODOX JEWS BOYCOTTING BANK LEUMI By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Jan. 21 (JTA) — Orthodox Jews have begun a boycott of the Bank Leumi, Israel's largest bank, because a luxury hotel now under construction by an affiliate of the bank, the Africa-Israel Investment Corp., allegedly is located atop an ancient cemetery near Tiberias where Jewish sages were buried centuries ago.

The bank acknowledged today that \$10 million have been withdrawn to date by some 400 Orthodox depositors. Banks officials said this represented a very small portion of its total deposits and turnover.

#### Probing Arson Attacks

The police, meanwhile, are investigating the latest in a series of arson attacks on Bank Leumi branches in Jerusalem. A fire early last Thursday morning did an estimated \$100,000 damage to the bank's branch in the Ramat Eshkol neighborhood, a single story building in the middle of a shopping center. The police are holding a suspect, a resident of the ultra-Orthodox Mea Shearim quarter.

Although they have not officially linked the arson to the dispute over the hotel construction site, the police apparently consider it the most likely motive. The arsonist broke a window in the bank office at about 4:30 a.m. local time Thursday and tossed in burning rags.

An arson attempt was made against a Bank Leumi branch on Saladin Street in Jerusalem last June 5. Late last month, the office of the manager of the Mea Shearim branch was set on fire. According to the fire department, the same arsonist was responsible for all of the fires.

#### Basis For The Boycott

The Orthodox are boycotting the bank on orders from the Agudat Israel party's Council of Sages and other religious elements. The Agudat Israel first complained last year when construction of the hotel, to be called Ganei Hamat, began.

Officials of the bank and the Africa-Israel Corp. negotiated with the Agudat Israel party and agreed to certain structural changes. But a compromise proved impossible because other religious factions convinced the Aguda politicians that they had better demonstrate their zeal over the sanctity of the site.

Bank officials who spent Saturday night in further negotiations with rabbinical authorities said they thought they had reached an agreement. But the boycott order went out when the bank opened Sunday morning. Orthodox spokesmen boasted that their disciples were prepared to lose money to uphold their religious beliefs. They will sustain financial penalties for closing term accounts that have not yet matured.

#### REAGAN BEGINS HIS SECOND TERM WITH CALL FOR GOVERNMENT SPENDING FREEZE By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (JTA) — President Reagan began his second term today with a call for the continuation of his efforts to limit the federal govern-

ment, particularly reducing federal spending as the first step to cutting the large federal deficit. "There are no limits to growth and human progress when men and women are free to follow their dreams," he said after he and Vice President George Bush were sworn into office at the Capitol Rotunda. The ceremony was held indoors because the bitter cold weather in Washington forced cancellation of the ceremony at the West front of the Capitol as well as the traditional inaugural parade from the Capitol to the White House.

Reagan, who said he will ask Congress to freeze all government spending, also pledged that "we will not rest until every American enjoys the fullness of dignity and opportunity as our birthright."

He took this theme of freedom out of the international scene, stressing "America must remain freedom's staunchest friend for freedom is our best ally and it is the world's only hope to conquer poverty and preserve peace."

Reagan said that he will continue to increase U.S. military strength while at the same time seeking to negotiate with the Soviet Union not only to limit nuclear arms but to reduce them and hopefully "the total elimination one day of nuclear weapons from the face of the earth."

#### Rabbis Participate In Ceremonies

Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk, president of Hebrew Union College, the Reform seminary in Cincinnati, was one of four clergymen who participated in today's ceremony which followed the official swearing in of Reagan and Bush at the White House yesterday to meet the constitutional requirement that it be held at noon January 20.

In his prayer, Gottschalk urged that the leaders of the government be guided "in protecting the Constitution of our beloved commonwealth founded in faith which ensures unity without uniformity" and in advancing "the American way which gives to bigotry no sanction, to malevolence no hope."

He also prayed that "this opportunity for renewal will advance reconciliation in the family of nations, guarantee peace in our world and tranquility in the farthest reaches of our universe."

At an ecumenical prayer service at the National Cathedral yesterday, Rabbi Leonard Cahan of Congregation Har Shalom of Potomac, Md., a Conservative congregation, chanted a selection from the Torah and then translated it into English. Cantor Joseph Malovany of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue in New York was scheduled to sing this afternoon at one of the official cocktail parties, this one given by New York lawyer Roy Cohn.

#### SOVIET JEW, WHO WAS BELIEVED TO BE MISSING, IS SERVING A 12-YEAR SENTENCE IN A HARD LABOR CAMP By David Kantor

BONN, Jan. 21 (JTA) — Lasar Rulow-Kagan, a Soviet Jew believed by his family in Leningrad to be missing for the past two years, is serving a 12-year sentence in a Soviet hard labor camp. According to the Frankfurt-based International Association for Human Rights, the Soviet authorities have only just informed the family that the 40-year-old Lasar, a musician, was sentenced in January, 1983.

He is the son of the Jewish pianist and composer Simon Kagan who lives in West Germany. The human rights group said he was sentenced to 12 years' hard labor for alleged black marketeering but the real reason was his efforts to obtain an exit visa to emigrate to Israel. According to the group, he is an inmate of the Burepolom labor camp near Gorki and is being mistreated.

# NO COMMENT AVAILABLE ON REPORTS THAT SOME 2,000 ETHIOPIAN JEWS HAVE DIED IN REFUGEE CAMPS IN EASTERN SUDAN

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (JTA) — Israeli and American Jewish officials active on behalf of Ethiopian Jewry had no comment today on reports over the weekend that at least 2,000 Ethiopian Jews have died in refugee camps in the eastern Sudan since they began to flee their homeland last spring.

The reports, carried in The New York Times, quoted Sudanese officials and relief workers as estimating that beyond the hundreds who have perished in the Sudan, perhaps 2,000 more are stranded in the Sudan since Israel was forced to cease its airlift of thousands of Ethiopian Jews earlier this month after premature disclosure of the operation appeared in the Israeli and international media. Israel confirmed reports of the airlift.

The report in the Times, from Gedaref, the Sudan, said that at one camp, Umm Rekuba, nearly 1,800 of the 7,000 Ethiopian Jews who arrived last year died there, many of measles, according to Sudanese officials and relief workers. They were quoted as saying that in July and August of last year, the camp went without food or water for three weeks.

Relief workers were reported to say the Ethiopian Jews who began to flock into Sudanese camps in large numbers last spring and early summer, were in the "worst state of any of the refugees."

A relief worker said that at his camp in eastern Sudan, the death rate of Ethiopian Jews was the highest of any refugee group — about 15 a day during the summer, according to the Times. The report said some 2,000 Jews are reported to be camped near the Sudanese-Ethiopian border, where the Sudanese officials are preventing entry.

The Times report said that according to records at the Umm Rekuba camp, some 50 miles from the border, 1,191 Ethiopian Jews died between July and November of last year. More than 600 died in the months before July. A nurse from the Sudan Council of Churches told the Times that the Ethiopian Jews, after their arduous trek to the border, arrived with dysentery, malaria, dehydration, typhoid and other ailments.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency has learned independently that the continuing death of Ethiopian Jews in the Sudanese refugee camps had been known to Jewish officials both here and in Israel for several months, and served as a catalyst in Israel's efforts to airlift Ethiopian Jews to the Jewish State.

## HADASSAH ANNOUNCES TWO MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD ABSORPTION OF ETHIOPIAN JEWS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 21 (JTA) — Hadassah, currently holding its midwinter conference here, announced today two major contributions toward the absorption of Ethiopian Jews in Israel.

Ruth Popkin, national president of Hadassah, presented a check for \$200,000 to Uri Gordon, head of Youth Aliya, for special educational projects for Ethiopian youngsters not covered by the Jewish Agency budget.

At the same time, the Hadassah board agreed to a request by Youth Aliya to use the Frieda Lewis Youth Aliya Seminar Center at Hoshaya in Galilee as an absorption center for newly arrived young Ethiopian Jews. The Hadassah-sponsored facility, nearing completion, will be employed in that capacity for the next 2-3 years.

The \$200,000 gift presented by Popkin is outside Hadassah's current budget. The contribution was made after the more than 300 Hadassah leaders attending the midwinter conference visited Youth Aliya projects throughout Israel.

Popkin said, "During this visit to Israel we have been most fortunate to observe first hand a remarkable chapter in Israel's history. Once again an oppressed remnant of the Jewish people (Ethiopian Jews) is returning home and all of our hearts have opened to welcome and accommodate them."

## PROPOSED LAW TO DEFINE DEATH ACCORDING TO RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

By Ben Gallab

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (JTA) — Legislation to provide protection for New York State residents who, according to their religious beliefs, including specifically observant Jews, hold that death occurs when the heart ceases to function, has been introduced in the new session of the State Legislature.

The legislation was introduced by Assemblyman Sheldon Silver (D. Man.), according to Dennis Rapps, executive director of the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA). Rapps said COLPA and Silver cooperated in preparing the planned legislation.

Rapps said the legislation was stimulated by a recent decision of the New York State Court of Appeals, the state's highest court, which held that "brain death" constitutes death under the state's penal law.

Rapps said the proposed legislation was designed to deal with situations in which attending doctors might be involved in decisions on whether or not to prolong the lives of patients by use of such means as life-support systems, a situation becoming increasingly frequent and increasingly controversial as medical technology provides new means of prolonging lives.

The proposed law provides that, in making such decisions, doctors "cannot employ a definition of death that will be contrary to the religious affairs or practices of the individual as earlier announced by the individual, or as attested to by a family member, or friend, or as otherwise indicated."

The legal definition of death in New York State is based on a common law approach that death is determined by cessation of heart function, as observant Jews and others believe as a matter of faith.

Rapps said that the Appeals Court ruling had been viewed in some segments of the legal community as having expanded the legal definition of death in New York State to include brain death.

Rapps said the primary goal of the legislation was to provide reassurance to those who consider ending of heart function as a determinant of death.

He said the measure had been discussed with a number of State Senators who have indicated interest in supporting it and that a Senate sponsor will be named shortly. New York legislative procedures require that identical bills be introduced and passed in each house. He said the measure is being introduced as an amendment to the New York State Public Health Law.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) — Six of Israel's largest banks will be closed Tuesday by a strike of employees who are demanding wage increases they say were promised them before the three-month wage-price freeze went into effect in November. The one-day bank strike will force the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange to close as well.

## U.S. GOVERNMENT URGED TO ACT DECISIVELY TO DEPORT NAZI WAR CRIMINALS TO COUNTRIES WHERE THEY COMMITTED THEIR CRIMES

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (JTA) — A group of Holocaust survivors from the United States and Europe met here to press the American government to act decisively to deport Nazi war criminals back to the countries where they committed their crimes and urged that the expulsion of war criminals from the U.S. "be openly dealt with" and not arranged "behind the cloak of secret diplomacy."

At the same time, Benjamin Mead, chairman of the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, told the meeting that a group of international experts on Nazi war criminals has been named to a special panel that will be part of the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors in Philadelphia in April.

The meeting, at Lincoln Square Synagogue, was attended by representatives of survivor groups from Latvia, Poland, Estonia and Rumania, along with leaders of the younger Second Generation and the Generation After organizations in the U.S.

### Series Of Principles Approved

The participants approved a series of principles advanced last year by the Holocaust Survivors and Friends in Pursuit of Justice, an Albany, N.Y.-based group, at its national conference. The principles are:

\* "Any deportable Nazi war criminal in the U.S. shall be sent back to the soil on which he committed his crimes in order to face justice. Such action is in accord with the precedents of the 1943 Moscow Declaration, the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials, the 1949 Geneva Convention governing war criminals and their extradition, as well as the other declarations and agreements of which the U.S. has been a major leader."

\* "The U.S. government should openly inquire of any nation whose soil was violated by such war criminals if that country does or would want such criminals handed over. All such matters are to be openly dealt with and openly arrived at. No expulsions are to be arranged behind the cloak of 'quiet diplomacy'."

\* "Failing all else, Israel must be approached on a case-by-case basis for probable extradition and trial in Israel of such proven Nazi criminals."

It was pointed out at the Lincoln Square Synagogue meeting that in a special report last year, Rep. Peter Rodino (D. NJ), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, charged that the State Department had not been "aggressive enough" in pursuing Nazi deportations.

Discussing the special panel at the forthcoming Philadelphia gathering, Mead told the meeting that "you should demand" that the principles it had approved "be part of the deliberations of that panel." He said that "I am with you" in the goal of pursuing "aggressive" deportations of Nazis.

### Panelists Named 'Thus Far'

Mead said that "thus far," those named to the panel are Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld of Paris, Brooklyn District Attorney and former Congresswoman Elizabeth Holtzman, former director of the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations Allan Ryan, and historian David Wyman who is the author of the recent widely acclaimed book, "The Abandonment of the Jews: America and the Holocaust 1941-1945."

Mead said that in addition to these panelists, "I promise you that whoever your name, if qualified, will certainly be considered for that panel." In fact, he added, "why don't you tell us, no, demand, that we name whoever you think is qualified." Charles Allen, Jr., generally regarded by the media as an authority on Nazi war criminals in the U.S., was proposed as another panelist by one of the participants at the meeting.

### HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS CALL ON USSR TO PROSECUTE NAZI WAR CRIMINAL

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (JTA) — The Holocaust survivors Association has demanded that the Soviet Union set a date for the trial of Feodor Fedorenko, a former SS guard at the Nazi death camp at Treblinka, Poland.

Fedorenko was deported by the United States to the USSR last month, culminating a seven-year prosecutorial effort by the Department of Justice. In a court decision upheld in 1981 by the U.S. Supreme Court, Fedorenko was found to have participated in the persecution of Jewish inmates confined at the Treblinka camp. Some 900,000 Jews perished there during World War II. Survivors who testified at Fedorenko's trial in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida recounted the Ukrainian guard's commission of numerous atrocities and brutalities.

"A beast like Fedorenko must not be permitted to go free," said John Ranz, president of the Holocaust Survivors Association. Joining Ranz's call for justice was Dr. Harry Faivus, chairman of The Generation After, a New York City-based organization of children of Holocaust survivors.

Noting that the Soviet government and media have thus far been silent about Fedorenko, Faivus called upon the Russians to fulfill their "moral obligation" to bring Nazi war criminals to justice.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Israel Defense Force will reduce the active duty time for most reserve soldiers from 50 to 37 days a year, beginning with the start of the new fiscal year next April 1. Reserve officers who command units will be required to serve 42 days. Deputy Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. David Ivry, who announced the change, said extended army service put a severe strain on the national economy. In 1984, reservists had been required to spend 60 days a year on active duty.

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ATHENS (JTA) — Mordechai Drori, Director General of Israel's Foreign Ministry, arrived here Monday on a one-day visit for talks with Theodoros Pangalos, Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs in charge of relations with the European Economic Community (EEC). An Israel Embassy spokesman said the discussions will focus on Israel's relations with the EEC and Israel's position with respect to the pending admission of Spain and Portugal to the European Common Market.

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MEXICO CITY (JTA) — Mexico will increase its supply of oil to Israel in the near future, it was announced here following a new agreement that was signed between the two countries. The signing took place during a visit here last week by Moshe Shahal, Israel's Minister of Energy and Infrastructure. The agreement also deals with increased trade and commerce between the two nations.