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# CLARK EXPRESSES CANADIAN SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL, BUT SAYS PALESTINIANS HAVE RIGHT TO HOME ON WEST BANK

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, March 13 (JTA) — External Affairs Minister Joe Clark today reaffirmed Canadian support for Israel's right to live within secure and internationally recognized borders while at the same time indicating support for the right of the Palestinians to a home on the West Bank.

Clark also stressed in an address to the annual conference for members of Parliament in Ottawa that the Canadian government will continue to pursue a policy of strengthening ties with Israel on both political and economic grounds. The conference was organized by the Canada-Israel Committee.

Clark noted that he had conferred this morning with Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir who arrived here for a six day visit. He will hold talks with government officials, including Clark, although he will not hold a meeting with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, who has gone to Moscow to attend the funeral of Soviet President Konstantin Chernenko.

In his speech, Clark noted that Shamir and he had differences on the various aspects of the Middle East. But, he said, Canadian policy supports efforts made by Israel to implement the troop withdrawal from Lebanon and we stress again Israel's right to secure land and the right of the Palestinians for a home on the West Bank.

The Canadian official announced that the government will soon release a "green paper" on foreign policy in which for the first time, he said, Canada will publicly stress Israel's security and well being. He said the paper will specifically underline the international and economic conditions between Canada and Israel.

Next week, Clark noted that a special economic and technological agreement will be signed between Canada and Israel. It will grant for the first time El Al, Israel's national airlines, with landing rights in Toronto. El Al had requested this of the Canadian government for many years, Clark said. El Al has been flying to Montreal for more than a decade.

In June, Clark added, a Canadian delegation will visit Israel to discuss technological and economic issues. He said he had also accepted an invitation from Shamir to visit Israel. He said he accepted the offer and would visit Israel in the framework of a visit to the Middle East.

Shamir, meanwhile, today asked Canada to participate in the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO), the peacekeeping force composed of 10 nations in the Sinai. Canada has 225 troops stationed in the Golan Heights between Israel and Syria, but none in the MFO.

# ISRAEL OFFERS TO SHARE EXPERTISE WITH DROUGHT-STRICKEN AFRICA

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, March 13 (JTA) — Israel has offered to share with drought-stricken African countries its skills in making the maximum use of limited water resources to grow food.

"Israel feels duty-bound to share the fruits of its experience with African friends," David Kimche,

Director General of the Israel Foreign Ministry, told the International Conference on the Emergency Situation in Africa here yesterday. "We do not have enormous budgets," Kimche said. "But we do have a great deal of experience in growing food under difficult conditions. We also have a large reservoir of good will toward the people of Africa."

During the two-day United Nations-sponsored conference which ended yesterday, Kimche met with U.S. Vice President George Bush and with a half dozen African leaders of countries which do not have diplomatic relations with Israel. He refused to identify them.

Apparently not included was Ethiopian Foreign Minister Goshu Wolde. Wolde told a press conference he would not meet with the Israeli official. Answering a question, Wolde claimed that Ethiopian Jews were taken to Israel against their will and called for their return to Ethiopia.

# LEWIS OPTIMISTIC BY 'STIRRINGS OF PEACE' AS POST IN ISRAEL NEARS END

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, March 13 (JTA) — Samuel Lewis, ending an eight year term as U.S. Ambassador to Israel, expressed optimism here last night over the "stirrings of peace" in the region. "The ice floes in the Middle East are beginning to crack," the veteran diplomat told 360 guests attending a farewell dinner given in his honor by the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel (AACI) at Kfar Hamaccabia.

"The rumblings (of peace) in the distance scare some people, but it is the harbinger of summer," Lewis said. The American envoy, who began his tour of duty here in 1977, the year of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's historic visit to Jerusalem, said "the peace process has been the high point of my life."

Reviewing his tenure as Ambassador, he said his greatest satisfaction was to have participated in the peace process between Israel and Egypt and his greatest dismay was failing to prevent the war in Lebanon.

# KNESSET DEBATES SITUATION IN LEBANON, BUT PERES RULES OUT PREEMPTORY WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS

By David Landau and Hugh Orgel

JERUSALEM, March 13 (JTA) — The Knesset began a debate today on the deteriorating situation in south Lebanon where the Israel Defense Force sustained heavy casualties this week.

Urgent agenda motions introduced by leftwing opposition factions, call for the speedy withdrawal of the IDF from south Lebanon in a single operation rather than the three-stage phased pull-out presently underway.

But Premier Shimon Peres, appearing before the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee yesterday, ruled out a preemptory withdrawal of the IDF in the wake of mounting attacks by Shiite Moslem extremists. Political and military sources have also made it clear that there will be no disorderly retirement by the IDF and no decisions to hasten the withdrawal because of Sunday's suicide truck-bomb attack on a convoy in south Lebanon that killed 12 Israeli soldiers and wounded 14. Two more soldiers were killed yesterday and two were wounded in an ambush

east of Tyre. Four Israeli soldiers were wounded today by a roadside bomb that exploded as an IDF patrol passed by near Aramta village. A local resident was also hurt. A fifth Israeli soldier was injured as a result of an attempted car-bomb attack on a convoy south of Jezzine.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin who delivered the government's opening statement before a packed Knesset today, defended the IDF's new "iron fist" policy in south Lebanon against critics who said the recent attacks proved it was counter-productive. The policy calls for raids on Shiite villages suspected of harboring extremists and weapons.

Rabin noted that long before the get-tough measures were initiated, Nebi Berri, leader of the Shiite militia, Amal, and a member of President Amin Gemayel's government in Beirut, threatened stepped-up attacks on the IDF. Rabin also spoke out against a demand by Eliezer Granot of Mapam for a commission of inquiry into the Lebanon war.

The Defense Minister said any postmortem analysis of the war would be futile. The immediate problem, he said, is security. He said the basic guidelines of the Labor-Likud national unity government are to protect Israel's northern border and bring the IDF home. He said it was in that spirit that the government tried but failed to reach an agreement with Lebanon on security measures. It also failed to reach such arrangements with Syria and with the indigenous Shiites in south Lebanon.

#### Second Stage To Follow Plan

Rabin stressed that the second stage of the withdrawal process would be completed according to plan and would not be hastened because of Shiite terrorism. Nevertheless, while visiting troops in Lebanon yesterday, he said the Cabinet might consider some acceleration of the timetable. Well placed military and political sources made it clear that there would be no disorderly retirement of the IDF and no decisions to speed-up the withdrawal because of the suicide attacks on Israeli soldiers.

Government and independent experts have warned that if the Shiites are allowed to believe that their harassment tactics are directly responsible for driving the IDF out of Lebanon, they would be more likely to pursue their war against Israel across the border.

Advocates of a speedier pull-out, among them Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein and Minister-Without-Portfolio Ezer Weizman -- a former Defense Minister -- have urged that stages two and three of the withdrawal plan be combined. This would bring the IDF to the international border without pause at an intermediate line as originally planned.

Voice of Israel Radio's English-language broadcast said yesterday that Rabin spoke of speeding up the third stage. It said that senior military sources have indicated that the army is ready to speed the withdrawal if the government gives the order.

#### Rightwing Opposing Withdrawal

But there is also growing opposition to the withdrawal plan from the rightwing. Herut and other hardliners are demanding that it be scrapped and insist that the IDF remain in Lebanon for the time being. Others want a permanent security zone of considerable depth in south Lebanon to protect Israel's northern border towns. Government officials say the withdrawal will continue according to plan, as approved by the Cabinet, neither faster nor slower.

The IDF stressed meanwhile that its raid Monday on the Shiite town of Al-Azhariya in which 34 terrorists were killed, was not in retaliation for Sunday's truck-bomb attack on the IDF convoy. According to military sources, the search of the town of 12,000 was planned more than a week earlier on the basis of intelligence reports that its residents were involved in recent attacks on the IDF east of Tyre.

The search uncovered "very large" stores of weapons and sabotage equipment, the military sources said. They said most of the terrorists were killed when they tried to escape in trucks loaded with explosives which blew up when fired on. The sources also reported that soldiers of the Lebanese regular army joined villagers in resisting the IDF search. One Lebanese soldier was reportedly killed and 20 were detained but later released, according to the sources.

#### Terrorist Headquarters Bombed

As the Knesset debate opened today, Israel Air Force jets bombed a headquarters of the Syrian-backed Al Saiga faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization near Mar Alias on the Beirut-Damascus highway.

Near Jezzine today, the northernmost point of south Lebanon still under Israeli control, an explosives-laden Mercedes car attempted to ram a two-jeeps IDF convoy. The soldiers, especially alert since Sunday's carnage, leaped from the lead jeep which careened into a ravine, injuring one soldier. The Mercedes exploded without causing further Israeli casualties.

Two booby-trapped cars exploded today in the Rashadiya refugee camp south of Tyre, injuring several local residents and a soldier of the Fijian contingent of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). Israeli sources said the car bombs, intended to attack the IDF, blew up accidentally.

There were no Israeli casualties in three attacks last night and this morning. Katyusha rockets, rocket-propelled grenades and small arms were fired at IDF positions and patrols near Rashaya in the eastern sector, near Nabatiya and at a South Lebanon Army (SLA) unit in Tyre.

#### 2 Casualties Identified

Meanwhile, the two IDF soldiers killed in yesterday's ambush near the Kasmiye bridge east of Tyre were identified today as students at the special Hesder yeshivas which combine religious instruction with military training and service in the IDF.

An army spokesman identified them as Daniel Moshytz of Jerusalem and David Cohen of Haifa, both aged 20. Moshytz, who was born in London, the second of five children of Hannah and Michael Moshytz, had been in Lebanon for two months when he was killed. Cohen, who spent his childhood in South Africa and the U.S., was the son of Aviezer and Rachel Cohen who had been emissaries of the Young Israel, an Orthodox movement.

#### DAVID CAREY DEAD AT 41

NEW YORK, March 13 (JTA) -- David Carey, a Yiddish actor and producer, died Sunday after a brief illness at the age of 41.

Carey and Raymond Ariei founded the Shalom Yiddish Musical Theater here in 1978. Among the productions in which Carey also acted, were "The Roumanian Wedding," "The Girl From Tel Aviv" and "Wish Me Mazel Tov."

Earlier Carey appeared in Yiddish productions with Ben Bonus, Joseph Buloff and Ida Kaminska.

# MUBARAK ENDS WASHINGTON VISIT WITH FINAL APPEAL FOR U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN PEACE PROCESS

By Judith Kohn

WASHINGTON, March 13 (JTA) -- Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak made a final appeal for the revival of United States involvement in the Middle East peace process, as he wound up a visit to Washington today.

At a luncheon address to the National Press Club, the Egyptian President obliquely criticized the Administration's hesitation to meet with a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation, as an initial step toward direct negotiations with Israel.

"Some have suggested that the United States should wait and see how things develop," Mubarak said. "In effect the proponents of this view advocate inaction as a line of policy."

## Praises PLO-Jordanian Pact

Calling such an attitude "almost a defeatist approach," Mubarak again praised the agreement concluded last month between the Palestine Liberation Organization and Jordan as providing "a golden opportunity" upon which the U.S. should act. "It's essence is crystal clear," the Egyptian President said, "a firm commitment to a peaceful solution; the rest of it is a matter of detail."

The PLO-Jordanian agreement calls for a "peaceful and just settlement of the Middle East crisis" on the basis of "United Nations and Security Council Resolutions," and recognition of the "right of self-determination for the Palestinian people." It does not refer explicitly to UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 or recognize Israel's right to exist, which have been U.S. conditions for opening a dialogue with the PLO.

## Wants U.S. To Meet Palestinians

Beyond praising the agreement, Mubarak did not call explicitly for a dialogue between the U.S. and the PLO, but in response to questions following the address, he repeated an earlier suggestion that any joint delegation include PLO members whose direct involvement in the organization is not public knowledge.

"If I brought here 20 Palestinians who of you could tell me that this man is PLO and this man is non-PLO," the President asked journalists at the luncheon. Responding to his own question, he said, "You will never recognize if he is PLO unless he has something on his body (indicating) that he is PLO. He is a human being."

But Mubarak, like the Reagan Administration, was careful to avoid the appearance that nothing had been accomplished by his discussions in Washington and that he was returning to Egypt disappointed. "I came here not seeking decisions now," he said. "I just came to exchange views."

At the same time, the Egyptian President warned that failure to resolve the Palestinian problem soon would lead to a rise in terrorist activity that would not leave the U.S. untouched. "It is no exaggeration to say that the U.S. stands to suffer from that more than any nation outside the region," Mubarak said.

In his response to questions, Mubarak also defended his refusal to return the Egyptian Ambassador to Israel, citing his conditions that Israel first withdraw from Lebanon and resolve the border dispute over Taba, the 800 square meter territory whose status was left unresolved when Israel withdrew from the Sinai in April, 1982. He main-

tained it was Israel that had made a "national issue" out of the dispute. "Let them send it to the arbitration to finish this stupid problem," the Egyptian leader said. An agreement concluded on the eve of Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai stipulates that the dispute will be settled by arbitration if an attempt at negotiations and conciliation fail.

Mubarak has been on the defensive in Congress over the absence of Egypt's Ambassador to Israel. In the past week Congressional leaders have produced a number of letters and a proposed House resolution calling on Egypt to improve its relations with Israel.

Mubarak insisted today that public opinion in Egypt had forced him to remove the Ambassador following the massacre of Palestinians at the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in September, 1982, but that this was no more than a gesture of protest. "The Ambassador is not a relation. It's a symbol," Mubarak said.

## CONSERVATIVE RABBIS URGE GORBACHEV TO RELEASE PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

MIAMI BEACH, March 13 (JTA) -- Mikhail Gorbachev, the new Soviet leader, was urged by leading Conservative rabbis meeting here to engage in a new period of cooperation with the West by releasing Soviet Prisoners of Conscience, permitting increased Jewish emigration, and adhering to the Helsinki accords, of which it is a signatory.

At the 85th annual meeting of the 1,200 member Rabbinical Assembly, the rabbinic body of Conservative Judaism, President Reagan was urged to include the issue of human rights for Soviet Jews as part of all dialogues held between the United States and the USSR, including talks on nuclear arms and trade.

A more direct and personalized plea on behalf of Soviet Jews was issued by a leader of the Black community, the Catholic Church and a Conservative rabbi -- all active in helping the cause of human rights and in particular Jews in the Soviet Union. They spoke at a workshop on Soviet Jewry held Tuesday.

Rabbi Allan Sack Meyerowitz of Spring Valley, N.Y., chairman of the RA's Committee on Soviet Jewry, declared: "True relations and agreements on such issues as trade and nuclear disarmament will never be achieved between the USSR and the United States unless the human rights question is fully and properly addressed by Soviet leaders and new policies adopted."

## Catholic Support Urged

Sister Anne Gillen, executive director of the Chicago-based National Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry, called upon Catholics to continue their support of Soviet Jewry. "There can be no real peace in the world until there is at least basic rights for Jews, Catholics and others in the Soviet Union," she said.

Gillen reported that in 1984, 130 people, all of whom were human rights activists, were arrested and of this group, 41 were brought to trial, many receiving a minimum prison sentence of three years or more. Seven individuals, she said, were put to death.

Meanwhile, Roy Innis, the national chairman of CORE, the Congress of Racial Equality based in New York, said that the time has come for the Soviet leadership to "stop acting like a new fledgling government still in their post-1917 revolutionary era and begin to act like a super power."

Innis called for the USSR to "open up their borders for people to come in and out. There is no need to be afraid of Christians or Jews practicing their religion or people from various ethnic backgrounds to freely practice their own cultural traditions." He added that if the new Kremlin leaders represent "the younger wave," and "if there is validity to their system, then it must stand the open competition in the modern place of ideas."

# ISRAELI SOCIAL WORKER PROPOSES JOB-TRAINING PROGRAM FOR ETHIOPIAN JEWS; PLANS TO START TRAINING IN SAFED

By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, March 13 (JTA) -- An Israeli social worker is proposing a new project to include vocational training and adult Jewish education for recently arrived Ethiopian Jewish emigrants in Israel.

David Bedein, currently touring the United States seeking seed money for the proposed project, The Ethiopian Torah Vocational Institute, said the idea grew out of a realization that emigrants need a long term assistance project in Israel, beyond the absorption process.

Bedein asserted in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that due to economic austerity measures, traditionally government subsidized projects in Israel for emigrants are threatened. He has proposed that the institute be housed in a former hotel in Safed, in Galilee. There are 800 Ethiopian Jews already living in Safed.

Bedein, a native of Philadelphia, went to Israel 14 years ago and is currently chairman of the Ethiopian Jewry department of the Root and Branch Association, a non-denominational American-based group, that seeks to publicize and promote non-Jewish activities in support of Jewish people and Israel, according to its literature.

## Safed Institute To Be Model

Bedein said the Institute, as proposed, would serve as a "model vocational institute for educational training." The project will need some \$250,000 to begin operations. There are two stages involved in the project, according to Bedein who himself visited Jews in Ethiopia last December as a member of the delegation that included Rep. Gary Ackerman (D, NY).

The first stage for the Institute will involve the acquisition and transformation of a Safed hotel facility, along with purchase of equipment and hiring of professionally trained staff for carpentry production for export, Bedein explained.

In order to meet the need of religious education, Bedein has enlisted the services of Rabbi Yosef Adani, Chief Rabbi of Ethiopian Jewry, to create a program of religious instruction which will teach the essentials of Judaism.

Bedein hopes that the second stage of the project will lead to a sufficient influx of capital investments from Jews abroad that will aid in making the Institute self-sufficient. He also called on businesses in Israel to expand to help employ the newly trained emigrants.

Moreover, Bedein seeks to have the Safed project become a model for vocational and educational training that "will spread throughout Israel," and in the long run working not only with Ethiopian Jews, but with all new emigrants to the Jewish State.

## HOLOCAUST VICTIMS TO RECEIVE POSTHUMOUS ISRAEL CITIZENSHIP

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, March 13 (JTA) -- The six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust during World War Two will be granted Israeli citizenship posthumously in a special ceremony during the World Assembly to Commemorate 40 Years Since the Defeat of Nazi Germany and its Satellites, which will be held in Israel May 5-9.

According to MK Dov Shilansky (Likud), chairman of the Assembly, the decision to grant Israeli citizenship to the victims of the Holocaust has been approved by the Knesset. The official signing of the law will be made in a special ceremony during the Assembly, Shilansky said during an interview here with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The Assembly is being organized by the Israeli government and is under the patronage of Premier Shimon Peres.

## More Than 800 Expected

According to Zvi Etzioni of the Premier's Office, who is serving as an assistant to the Assembly chairman, more than 8,000 Holocaust survivors, Nazi fighters and many non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jews from the Nazis, will attend the Assembly.

In addition, Etzioni said, soldiers and officers of the Allied Armies who fought the Nazis will attend the Assembly. He said that a score of well known personalities will also attend, among them New York City Mayor Edward Koch, New York Governor Mario Cuomo, British MP Winston Churchill Jr., Lord Harold Wilson, the former British Prime Minister, and Simone Veil, the French Jewish Holocaust survivor who is the former President of the European Parliament.

Shilansky and Etzioni said that thousands of Israelis will take part in the Assembly which will include various ceremonies, parades and rallies in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and other parts of Israel. The Assembly will open at a special ceremony at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem which will include the unveiling of the Statue of Victory, planting trees for the Righteous of the Nations and a reception shortly thereafter of heads of delegations by President Chaim Herzog.

Etzioni said that the largest delegation is expected to come from the United States with about 3,000 members.

Shilansky and Etzioni, who came to the U.S. in preparation for the Assembly, said that it is important that as many as possible Jews will come and take part in the Assembly.

"In the name of the State of Israel, I call upon the masses of the Jewish people to demonstrate their identification with this historic commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany and its satellites," Shilansky stated. He added: "From Jerusalem, the city of peace, we will loudly proclaim the central message of this assembly, the message of Israel's prophets: 'Nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.'"

## OPPONENT SEES ACTIVE DUTY

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 13 (JTA) -- MK Yossi Sarid of the Citizens Rights Party, one of the foremost and most consistent opponents of the Lebanon war since its outset, is currently serving on reserve duty in south Lebanon at his own request.

A reserve officer, Sarid is accompanying convoys of men and materiel in south Lebanon. "I believe Knesset Members should see and suffer the hell at close quarters," he was quoted as saying.

After Sunday's suicide-car-bomb attack which killed 12 Israeli soldiers, Sarid was among those who called for an immediate and total withdrawal from Lebanon.