

SHAMIR CHARGES PLO-JORDANIAN PACT AIMED NOT AT PEACE TALKS, BUT TO 'CONFUSE AND MISLEAD'

By Michael Solomon

OTTAWA, March 14 (JTA) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said last night that proposals recently made by Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization agreeing on a basis for peace negotiations in the Middle East were "intended to confuse and mislead."

"Israel cannot and will not seek peace at any price as some Arab leaders propose," Shamir said in an address to the government officials, parliamentarians and guests attending the gala dinner of the Canada-Israel Committee. "They aim at a peace not with Israel but to a position in which Israel will not exist."

Shamir arrived in Canada Wednesday for a six-day visit which will include meetings with senior government officials including External Affairs Minister Joe Clark. Shamir is reportedly seeking Canadian participation in the 10-nation peacekeeping force in Sinai.

Syria Blamed For Violence In Lebanon

According to Shamir, who is also Deputy Premier, at the same time the PLO is being resurrected in the peace process, it is also trying to reestablish itself in Lebanon. "We," Shamir said, "have no intention to retain our army in Lebanese territory. We tried hard to secure an agreement with Lebanon, but Syria intervened and forced the Lebanese government to sabotage the accord." He was referring to the May 17, 1983 Israel-Lebanon troop withdrawal and security agreement.

Continuing, Shamir said, "We were left with no choice but to take unilateral measures to defend the Galilee and prevent the recurrence of terrorist attacks on our people. We cannot assume that our abhorrence of violence and dedication to peace are being matched by our neighbors."

Shamir described Israel's unity government as a "partnership between the two major political parties and a real sharing of power." He said that at the present time, there are no major policy differences between the two major partners in the unity government on basic policy regarding steps taken to reduce Israel's economic problems and "certainly not in regard to Lebanon."

The Israeli leader also expressed his appreciation toward Canada and the Canadian people. "We are grateful to you for your solidarity with the plight of our brethren in the Soviet Union and for your efforts on their behalf." He said "Canada has a special place in the hearts of the Jewish people and the people of Israel."

Turner Urged Direct Negotiations

Earlier, former Premier and opposition leader in the House of Commons, John Turner, said "We share with Israel the concept of democracy and when the people of Israel are besieged we must and will come to the support of Israel."

Turner, addressing an afternoon session of the Canada-Israel Committee, said, "We must also support and encourage direct negotiations with the

Arabs on the basis of (UN Security Council) Resolutions 242 and 338. Those who do not recognize the right of the existence of the State of Israel should not be allowed at the table."

Turner also said that every effort must be made by the Canadian delegation to the Nairobi Conference on Women, sponsored by the UN, to discourage Arab and Eastern bloc attempts to isolate Israel.

MUBARAK ARRIVES IN LONDON, SEEKS SUPPORT FOR PEACE PLAN

LONDON, March 14 (JTA) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak started a two-day visit to the United Kingdom during which he hopes to drum up support for his peace plan. Mubarak was Queen Elizabeth's guest at a state lunch at Buckingham Palace and will dine tonight with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher at 10 Downing Street.

Egyptian officials say Mubarak hopes to obtain Britain's backing for his peace plan and a promise of British pressure on the United States, which Mubarak earlier accused of having "a defeatist approach."

The Egyptian President conferred with French President Francois Mitterrand on his way to Washington last week but failed to obtain the full French backing on which he had counted.

Mubarak is due to meet tomorrow once again with Thatcher and other British officials with whom he will also discuss trade relations between the two countries.

2nd-STAGE WITHDRAWAL SPEEDS UP

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, March 14 (JTA) — The second stage of the Israel Defense Force's withdrawal from south Lebanon was speeded up today as four more attacks were reported on IDF units last night and this morning. There were no casualties.

Military sources said non-operational equipment is being moved back from the eastern sector of the front, facing Syrian forces, at an accelerated pace. Convoys of heavy trucks are moving in seemingly endless procession along the roads, hauling prefabricated buildings, barbed wire and other non-combat material back to Israel.

A military spokesman said a rocket-propelled grenade and automatic fire were aimed at an Israeli tank near Adweis village this morning, and an army post near Nabatiya came under automatic fire. A Katyusha rocket was fired last night at an IDF unit near Shabricha village, and an IDF position near Bidyas was attacked with RPGs.

FALWELL APOLOGIZES TO RABBINIC GROUP FOR URGING CHRISTIANIZATION OF AMERICA

MIAMI BEACH, March 14 (JTA) — The Rev. Jerry Falwell, leader of the Moral Majority, last night apologized for calling for the Christianization of America. "We are wrong and we are sorry," Falwell told more than 1,200 Conservative rabbis attending the annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly. "What more can I say."

Marc Tannenbaum, director of international relations for the American Jewish Committee, who shared the platform with Falwell, told reporters later that Falwell's apology appeared "sincere and the way has

been cleared for the genuine dialogue between conservative evangelical Christians and the Jewish community." Tannenbaum told his conservative rabbinical colleagues, who gathered for the 85th annual meeting which concluded yesterday, that "whatever our differences, the Jewish community does not take for granted that 70 million evangelical Christians have given stalwart support in the advocacy and well being of the State of Israel."

Tannenbaum described Jews as being "deeply troubled" during the 1984 presidential elections by comments from both the Republican and Democratic parties. The AJCommittee leader said that President Reagan had the support of 50 to 60 percent of the Jewish vote until he made his remarks regarding the Christianizing of America.

"When you say you need to restore America to being a Christian nation, to return to the conditions of our origins, that kind of mythologizing is nothing more than the revision of American history," Tannenbaum stated.

Doesn't Want 1984 Repeated

Continuing, Tannenbaum declared: "I don't want to see 1984 repeat itself where Jews vote because they feel fear on both sides and a sense of political homelessness with nowhere to go. We have not sunk roots here and enriched this country to wind up at the end of the 20th century feeling marginal to society."

Falwell, in his remarks, praised Israel and spoke of his "love for Israel and the Jewish people." He promised to mobilize conservative Christians on behalf of the Jewish State and to fight anti-Semitism.

Describing Israel as "America's only true friend" in the Middle East, Falwell declared, "Were it not for the Israeli presence the Soviets would now own the oilfields in the Middle East and we would not be here in an economy that is strong and flourishing. We (America) owe more to Israel than Israel owes to us in dollars and cents. Every dollar we spend is the best defense dollar we spend anywhere in the world."

Falwell Urges Honest Relationship

Falwell continued: "Any continuing relationship must be based on honesty, patience -- we have made a commitment not based on ulterior motives, not based on the Jewish gathering in the State of Israel to set the stage for the Second Coming. As I interpret the scripture there is no such necessity nor requirement for Jewish occupation of Israel before we experience the second advent of our society."

Meanwhile, a spokesperson for the RA said today that the two Reform women rabbis admitted to membership this week will not officially become members of the Conservative rabbinic group until July 1. This means that Amy Eilberg, who will be ordained before July, from the Jewish Theological Seminary, will officially become the first woman rabbi admitted to the RA.

HOSPITALS SHORT OF SKIN FOR TRANSPLANT By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, March 14 (JTA) -- The consequences of Orthodox-inspired laws which have left Israeli hospitals woefully short of human skin for emergency burn transplants were dramatized this week by the 14 soldiers who survived Sunday's suicide truck-bomb attack in south Lebanon with severe burns covering large areas of their bodies.

Urgently in need of transplants, it was discovered that the skin banks in Israel's major hospitals were literally bankrupt. Doctors appealed to colleagues in Holland for human skin, which is being flown to Israel.

Many Israelis volunteered to donate skin when the shortage became known. But doctors said the burnt areas were too large -- in some of the soldiers 80 percent of the body surface -- to be covered by skin from living donors.

According to the doctors, the human adult has about two square meters of skin surface and in many cases up to a square meter of skin is required to cover burn areas, to prevent sepsis and to speed the body's production of new skin.

Law Created Problem

The situation was created by the anatomy and pathology laws passed by the Knesset over a year ago under heavy pressure from the religious parties. The medical profession protested in vain. The laws, which have been rigidly applied, bar the removal of organs or skin from a deceased person unless permission was given before death or consent obtained from next of kin after death. Recovered organs may be used only for direct person-to-person transplants. The law forbids storage of organs or skin for use in general emergencies.

The tragedy in Lebanon and the plight of the surviving soldiers has aroused public opinion. Voices have been raised on the political left to have the pathology laws repealed or amended. One religious politician, Zevulun Hammer of the National Religious Party, urged the Chief Rabbinate to review the matter on grounds of "pikuah nefesh" (danger to life).

The Chief Rabbis called a meeting of rabbinical authorities and doctors to draft new regulations for skin transplants in emergencies. The Sephardic Chief Rabbi, Mordechai Elishu, refused to wait. He ordered the Burial Society to allow skin to be removed from bodies before burial because of the emergency, regardless of whether or not relatives consent.

BANK LEUMI ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT

NEW YORK, March 14 (JTA) -- The Bank Leumi announced here today that an agreement was signed on March 1st with the rabbinical authorities in Israel allowing work to proceed on the new Ganai Chamat Hotel near Tiberias, a project of the bank's affiliate, Africa-Israel Investments, Ltd.

The dispute arose when the religious establishment in Israel alleged that a wing of the hotel was being built over the graves of Jewish sages buried centuries ago. The Bank Leumi announcement here said the Grand Rabbis of Gur, Belz, Vishnitz and Boyan, along with 17 other Torah sages, have publicly concurred in the agreement and lifted the boycott of the bank, Israel's oldest and one of its four largest financial institutions.

According to the agreement, construction on the site can now resume without further digging, under the supervision of an inspector appointed by the rabbinical authorities. The Bank said the halachic solution was reached by a professional committee consisting of two rabbis, the project architect, and an engineer appointed by the Chief Rabbinate. It is coordinating its work with a ministerial committee headed by Yosef Burg, Israel's Minister of Religious Affairs.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- A political delegation from Egypt arrived Thursday in Israel, but there was no immediate idea here as to the purpose of the visit.

DULZIN SEES HOPE SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRATION WILL RISE BY YEAR'S END

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 14 (JTA) -- Leon Dulzin has "great hopes" that Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union will increase substantially "by the end of the year." Only 88 Jews were allowed to leave the USSR last month.

Dulzin, who is chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that his hopes are buoyed by the renewal of U.S.-Soviet arms talks and other signs of a thaw between the superpowers.

He said the Russian leadership seems to be anxious to improve relations with the U.S., and a liberalization of their policy on Jewish emigration would seem to be "the cheapest way" to achieve a better atmosphere. According to Dulzin, the Soviets "have been keeping them (the Jews) as hostages" and "now may be the right time for them to cash in this chip."

Kampelman Appointment Seen As Message

Meanwhile, well placed sources in Tel Aviv suggested that the Soviets have taken the appointment of Max Kampelman, a Jew, to head the U.S. delegation to the Geneva arms talks, as a clear message from Washington. The sources said a senior Soviet diplomat was heard to refer to the appointment as a manifestation of "Jewish influence" in the U.S.

Implicit in this, the sources believe, is a possible Soviet assessment that Kampelman's appointment signals Washington's interest in an alleviation of the restrictions imposed on Jewish emigration from the USSR. Whether or not this was intended by the Administration -- and it probably was not -- the sources in Tel Aviv were pleased that the message was being read that way in Moscow. They said they hoped it contributes to a change for the better in Soviet policy toward Jewish emigration under the new leadership of Mikhail Gorbachev.

Dropout Problem To Be Attacked

Of the 88 Jews allowed to leave Russia last month, only 29 chose to go to Israel; the rest opted for immigration to the U.S. and Canada. Dulzin said in this connection that if the Soviets reopen the gates for Jewish emigration, Israel and the Jewish Agency would resume their fight against "neshira" (dropping out).

The majority of Soviet Jews who emigrated in recent years have preferred to go to the U.S. and other Western countries rather than to Israel. Dulzin said "neshira" must be eliminated "because we want them (Russian Jews) to remain Jews." In Dulzin's view they cannot do this in the United States "which is understandable, considering that they have been cut off from the Jewish mainstream and have no Jewish knowledge."

SHARON REGRETS ISRAEL ALLOWED ARAFAT TO LEAVE LEBANON ALIVE

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, March 14 (JTA) -- Ariel Sharon, Israel's former Defense Minister told a French news-magazine that Israel's "only mistake during its war in Lebanon had been to let Yasser Arafat come out alive." Sharon, who now serves as Trade and Industry Minister, told the French weekly "V.S.D.," "Letting (Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser) Arafat leave Tripoli alive was a mistake that never should have happened."

In an interview with the French weekly, Sharon said: "We had the opportunity to kill him in Beirut. We had pledged ourselves to let the PLO leave and we honored our promise. We had no such commitment in Tripoli and we should not have let him out of there alive."

Arafat and his men were besieged by the Syrians in the northern Lebanese harbor of Tripoli and were evacuated by the French with Israel's permission.

Sharon said Israel had achieved its main objectives in the 1982 invasion of Lebanon and he blamed the Israeli Labor Party and the Israeli leftwing movements "for not having achieved even more."

Turning to Israeli-Egyptian relations and President Hosni Mubarak's recent peace initiative, Sharon said "There can be no serious negotiations as long as terrorism continues to exist." He added "Any attempt to consider the PLO as a moderate movement is illogical and cannot be considered."

U.S. WITHDRAWS PEOPLE FROM BEIRUT EMBASSY

By Judith Kohn

WASHINGTON, March 14 (JTA) -- The Reagan Administration confirmed today that U.S. Embassy personnel have been withdrawn from Lebanon in response to the deteriorating situation but it would not specify how many people left or how large a staff remained.

"This is a temporary measure because of the current unsettled situation in the East Beirut area," State Department deputy spokesman Edward Djerejian said. He said the U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon, Reginald Bartholomew, has not been withdrawn.

Observers here said the move appeared to be a precaution stemming from threats against U.S. personnel by hostile Moslem elements over the U.S. veto in the UN Security Council this week of a Lebanese draft resolution condemning Israeli practices in Lebanon and demanding the immediate withdrawal of Israeli forces from that country.

JEWS ENCOURAGED BY URUGUAYAN REGIME

MONTEVIDEO, March 14 (JTA) -- Uruguay's newly elected democratic government, headed by President Julio Maria Sanguinetti, leader of the Colorado Party, is a source of encouragement for Jews in Latin America and elsewhere, according to Manuel Tenenbaum, director of the World Jewish Congress' Latin American branch.

Tenenbaum was the first Jewish leader invited to attend the inauguration ceremonies here last Monday. The new President, in his inaugural address, made two significant references to Jews and Judaism. In speaking of the nation's Western spiritual heritage, Sanguinetti mentioned Judaism as one of its main components, along with Christianity and Greek culture.

When he spoke of the national make-up of Uruguay, he defined it as a pluralist society established through the positive contributions of various ethnic immigrant groups, among which he specifically mentioned the Jews.

The ruling Colorado Party and its leader, contributed much to the establishment of the traditional friendship of Uruguay for the Jewish people and the State of Israel, Tenenbaum said. The newly-elected Vice President, Enrique Tarigo, was, at the time of his election, chairman of the Uruguayan Committee for the Rights of Soviet Jews. Several Jews have been named to executive posts in the new administration, Tenenbaum noted.

**FATHERS OF ISRAEL, GREEK PREMIERS
RESCUED BY EACH OTHER'S COUNTRYMEN
FROM NAZIS DURING WORLD WAR II**
By Jean Cohen

ATHENS, March 14 (JTA) -- Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu of Greece and Prime Minister Shimon Peres of Israel are each indebted to the other's countrymen for little known incidents which occurred in the darkest days of World War II.

It was Palestinian Jews who rescued Papandreu's father, George Papandreu, from the Nazis in German-occupied Greece more than 40 years ago. And it was the Greek underground, of which the elder Papandreu was a member, which rescued Peres' father, Itzhak Persky, from the Gestapo in Greece at about the same time.

The rescue of Papandreu was related to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by a former Haganah officer who was in Greece during the war and later became a high ranking official in the Israeli Foreign Ministry. The rescue of Peres' father has become a family legend which the present Premier has related many times.

'Illegal' Sea-Lift

According to the ex-Haganah officer, a small team of Palestinian Jews was operating an "illegal" sea-lift in the eastern Mediterranean during the war to rescue Jews who managed to reach the Greek island of Evia, not far from Athens. A local Greek shipowner supplied the vessels which transported the escaped Jews from Evia to Izmir, in Turkey, a neutral country.

In Izmir, they were taken care of by Raphael Barkis, a wealthy Greek Jew, until they could be handed over to Aliyah Bet, the underground Jewish immigration organization, for transfer to Palestine or another safe country in the Middle East.

On one occasion, the Master of a Greek rescue ship informed the head of the Jewish escape team on Evia that he had a "very important passenger" to spirit out of Greece who, however, was not Jewish. He was embarked nevertheless. His name was George Papandreu, a prominent anti-Nazi resistance fighter with a price on his head. After his rescue by the Haganah he joined the Free Greek Forces fighting with the British army in North Africa.

Peres' Father Escaped From Germans

Peres' father, Itzhak, was also a volunteer fighter with British forces. He was taken prisoner by the Germans but managed to escape and found his way to Greece. He hid out there, being transferred from one monastery to another to avoid detection by the Gestapo. His benefactors were the Greek underground which set up a special rescue team to help the Jewish soldier from Palestine.

Peres himself told the story to the JTA here. The man in charge was Michaelis Zoustis, now 75, who assigned four underground members to protect his father. They were known only by code names: Babis; Charalambos; Stathis; and Lakis the Lawyer. After a year, they managed his escape from Greece. Peres' father died two years later in Palestine.

Peres Indebted To Greek People

Peres said he would never forget what happened during those years. "I shall feel always indebted to the Greek people for having saved my father's life," he told this correspondent. Unfortunately, Papandreu has never expressed his gratitude to the Palestinian Jews, at least not publicly. Although a Socialist, like Peres, the Greek leader has been cool toward Israel.

Of the Greek rescue team, two have not been heard of since leaving for America after the war and another died a year ago. Zoustis is believed the sole survivor. Speaking to this correspondent, he complained bitterly that the Israel government has failed so far to honor the EAM -- the wartime Greek underground -- which, he said, saved more Jews than any other. It was in fact, the second largest anti-Nazi underground in Europe, exceeded in size only by the Yugoslav partisans headed by the late Marshal Tito.

**5,000 ATTEND TORONTO RALLY
TO STRESS REALITY OF HOLOCAUST**

By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO, March 14 (JTA) -- The furor and controversy that surrounded the just concluded eight week trial of Ernst Zundel, found guilty of deliberately publishing lies about the Holocaust, has not subsided, as evidenced by a huge rally last Sunday at the O'Keefe Center here.

The rally, attended by some 5,000 persons, was to remind Canadians of the realities of the Holocaust. It included a call by David Rotenberg, a Cabinet member of the Ontario government, urging that Zundel be deported for his crimes.

Zundel was found guilty by a 12-person jury of publishing false information likely to cause racial or social intolerance. He published "Did Six Million Really Die?" which claims the Holocaust was a hoax perpetrated by Zionists to extort reparations from West Germany.

Media Coverage Criticized

Irving Abella, professor at York University and co-author of "None Is Too Many," received local cheers when he assailed the media for its coverage of the Zundel trial. He said the media "fell into a trap by emphasizing counter Holocaust testimony and downplaying evidence affirming it" despite the anguish caused to Jews and survivors by the trial. He said Jews were thankful the jury sent a message that "there will be no more free rides for hatemongers."

The rally was organized by the Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith Canada and North American Jewish Students Network and co-sponsored by more than a dozen Christian churches and labor groups.

Messages came from External Affairs Minister Joe Clark and Ontario Premier Frank Miller. The rally was preceded by a candle light parade from Nathan Phillips Square which began with the blowing of the shofar.

Earlier in the day, Hans Gunther Koch, Consul General of West Germany, addressed an outdoor rally at Queens Park sponsored by the Jewish War Veterans and the General Wingate branch of the Canadian Legion. Koch acknowledged the tragic and shameful truth of the Holocaust.

FILM PREMIERE TO BENEFIT AKIM
By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, March 14 (JTA) -- The American premiere of the new film "For Those I Loved," starring Michael York in the role of a Jewish Holocaust survivor, will be a gala benefit on behalf of mentally handicapped children and adults in Israel, it was announced in a press conference here. The gala event is sponsored by Friends of AKIM USA and the Bnai Zion Foundation. AKIM is the association for the rehabilitation of the mentally handicapped in Israel.

The premier of the film will be held at the Ziegfeld Theater in Manhattan on April 16. Michele Bokobza, national director of AKIM-USA, said that the proceeds of the evening are expected to be around \$250,000.