

**'OPERATION PEACE FOR GALILEE' ENDS  
ON THIRD ANNIVERSARY WITHOUT ANY  
ANNOUNCEMENT, SECURITY BELT REMAINS**  
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 6 (JTA) — Israel's three year war in Lebanon ended today without official announcements or declarations. According to government statements more than a month ago, the Israel Defense Force was to be completely out of Lebanese territory by June 6, the third anniversary of its invasion of Lebanon, dubbed at the time "Operation Peace for Galilee."

Israelis generally accept the fact that the war is over. It cost 654 soldiers and other security personnel dead and nearly 6,000 wounded. If it did indeed achieve "peace for Galilee", the settlers in the northern border towns seem hardly less apprehensive over their security now than they were on June 6, 1982 when the IDF plunged into Lebanon.

The last Lebanese soil occupied by the IDF was a security belt several miles deep which roughly parallels the Israel border. The Israel-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) has been given the task of maintaining security there and preventing the infiltration of Palestinian terrorists or hostile guerrillas. A cadre of IDF officers remains to serve as liaison and advisors. The IDF has reserved the right to send fighting units back into Lebanon should a situation develop there threatening Israel's security.

**Lesson Of War Stressed**

But Israel has given up any attempt to project its military power to affect the political situation in Lebanon. Abba Eban, chairman of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, pointed to the folly of such attempts. The Labor MK and former Foreign Minister told a meeting of "Parents Against Silence" today that the most important lesson Israel should have learned from the Lebanon war was provided by the Lebanese Christians when they tried to expand their power into largely Moslem areas. A similar fate could befall Israel, he said.

Another speaker, author Yizhar Smilansky, said there were two possible solutions to Israel's problems: "to slug it out or talk it out." Now that the first option has proven ineffective, he said, Israel should try the second.

"Parents Against Silence" are the parents of IDF soldiers who served in Lebanon, some of who died or were wounded there. They organized originally to protest the extension of the war far beyond its officially stated goal of driving Palestine Liberation Organization terrorists back 25 miles from the Israel border, out of rocket and artillery range of towns in Galilee.

In one of the northernmost towns, Metullah, leaders of the border towns met yesterday to discuss how the final withdrawal of the IDF from Lebanon will affect their lives. They decided to go on strike unless the government comes through with promised funds for defense projects and other security related matters.

Yossi Goldberg, head of the Metullah Regional Council, said the council will no longer be responsible for administering the settlements because it is out of money. Shalom Rubin, chairman of the Hermon area regional council, complained that not a penny of promised aid has been received from the government. "Only a plethora of visits from government ministers."

**MENGELE'S SEARCHERS SKEPTICAL ABOUT  
REPORTS NAZI DROWNED IN BRAZIL IN 1979**  
By Edwin Nayan

PARIS, June 6 (JTA) — Searchers for Josef Mengele, the notorious Auschwitz death camp doctor, have expressed strong skepticism over reports from Brazil today that he died there six years ago accidentally by drowning.

There have been other reports, over the years, that Mengele, known as the "angel of death" because he selected inmates for the gas chambers and performed fatal or crippling medical experiments on others, was dead. This time, however, reports of his demise seem to be taken seriously by officials in Brazil and West Germany. The latter country has been participating in an international search for the wanted Nazi war criminal and has offered a reward for information leading to his capture.

The German newspaper Die Welt reported today that officials of the Federal Criminal Office were in Brazil examining evidence that Mengele drowned in 1979 while swimming off Bertioga, 60 miles northeast of Sao Paulo. Sao Paulo Police Chief Roneu Tuna told reporters he has asked the Justice Ministry for permission to exhume the body of a man buried at Enbu, 20 miles west of the Brazilian metropolis and that he was 90 percent certain that the body was Mengele.

But Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld said here today, "I don't believe Mengele is dead and I don't believe the German judicial system believes it." Klarsfeld's wife, Beate Klarsfeld, returned this week from Paraguay where she tried, unsuccessfully, to obtain Mengele's extradition. Mengele who would be 74, had been reported living for years in Paraguay, under the protection of its German-born President, Alfredo Stroessner and his rightwing military junta. Stroessner's office denied any knowledge of Mengele's whereabouts and denounced the Klarsfelds as "dangerous agitators."

**Family Would Have Known**

Klarsfeld, a lawyer, said he and his wife have numerous reports that "Mengele is in fact alive." He noted also that Mengele's grisly reputation weighs heavily on his family's business in Guenzburg, 100 miles northwest of Munich in Bavaria. Two of his nephews run the family's agricultural machinery factory there.

According to Klarsfeld, "Had Mengele really died, his relatives would have been the first to want to announce it."

(In New York, Abraham Foxman, associate national director and head of the international affairs divi-

ion of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, noted that "This is not the first time there have been reports of the death of Josef Mengele nor it is surprising that they are surfacing today at a time when there is a concerted international effort by the United States, Germany and Israel to find him."

(Foxman, himself a Holocaust survivor, said "What is surprising is why if the body really is Dr. Mengele and he drowned in 1979, that nobody came forward in the last six years to confirm it. Certainly, no lives would have been in danger by making the news of his death public." Foxman added, "If the body in Brazil is indeed that of Dr. Mengele it closes one of the ugliest chapters in the tragedy of the Holocaust.")

#### Holtzman Also Skeptical

(Brooklyn District Attorney Elizabeth Holtzman, who as a member of Congress was instrumental in moving the Justice Department to search for alleged Nazis living in the United States, was also skeptical. "But, it (the report) should be thoroughly examined. U.S. Justice Department officials are doing this right now," she said.

(Holtzman noted the coincidence that "the report of Mengele's supposed death should be made shortly after the start of the most intensive and coordinated international search for Mengele ever mounted." She also noted that if he had died six years ago his family would have made it public.)

Sao Paulo police chief Tuna acknowledged that West German police were in Brazil to help with the investigation. He said three West German agents arrived on Tuesday when Brazilian police interrogated an elderly couple living in Santo Amaro in the southern part of the Sao Paulo district, who appeared to be of German origin.

#### Document Found In House

He said that documents, including a diary found in the couple's home, indicated that Mengele had most certainly lived there for a time. The couple apparently provided the information of Mengele's alleged drowning.

Die Welt reported today that security experts have X-rays of Mengele's teeth which should be able to determine whether or not the body to be exhumed is indeed Mengele.

#### BUSH STRESSES U.S. WANTS DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL, ARABS By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, June 6 (JTA) -- Vice President George Bush said last night that the United States is trying to find an "international context" in which Israel and its Arab neighbors can enter into negotiations for a Middle East peace settlement.

"We believe that negotiations must be between the parties themselves," Bush told an academic convocation of the Bar Ilan University here. "But we recognize the value of proceedings to direct negotiations within a supportive international context, and we'll work with Israel to find one we, Israel and Jordan can support."

King Hussein of Jordan, during his meetings in Washington last week with President Reagan and senior Administration officials, made it clear that he needs the "umbrella" of an international conference to enter into talks with Israel in the form of a joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation. Bush said the U.S. has "real problems" with the concept of an international conference.

Bush's speech to several hundred persons at the Park East Synagogue last night, where he was presented by the University with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree, touched on many aspects of U.S.-Israel relations including the recently concluded Free Trade Agreement and the United States' commitment to leave the United Nations should Israel have its credentials rejected.

#### Repeats Pledge On UN

"Let me repeat one last pledge," Bush declared, "about the most prominent international conference, the United Nations itself. And that's very simply, if Israel is ever voted out of the United Nations, the United States will go out with it." This reaffirmation of Administration policy was greeted with applause.

The Vice President said that there had been "a great deal of anxious speculation" about what Hussein discussed in Washington. But he added that various Middle East developments in recent months provide "an opportunity now to take strides towards peace."

Bush, however, affirmed that the United States, while attempting to "facilitate negotiations ... will never attempt to impose a settlement." He repeated U.S. policy of not negotiating with the Palestine Liberation Organization until it "explicitly" accepts UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and recognizes Israel's right to exist.

#### Affirms Right Of Jews to Criticize

Bush also rejected criticism of the Jewish community "for its vocalness on issues it believes in." He said, "Let no one tell you that support for Israel and its efforts on behalf of Soviet Jews is 'special interest politics.' It is your right and duty as Americans to advocate causes important to you."

George Klein, chairman of the convocation, announced that a chair in international relations has been named for Bush at Bar Ilan University in Israel. It will be associated with the University's Yaacov Herzog Faculty of Law.

#### LEWIS STRESSES SHUTTLE IS GROUNDED By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 6 (JTA) -- The time for shuttle or indirect diplomacy has passed and the only way to achieve peace in the Middle East is through direct negotiations, Samuel Lewis, the departing United States Ambassador to Israel, stressed here this week.

Lewis, who received an honorary doctorate from Hebrew University yesterday, spoke at a luncheon which was part of the university's celebration of its 60th anniversary.

He said the Reagan Administration was totally committed to seeking direct negotiations between Israel and its Arab neighbors. He stressed that despite alarmist reports in the Israeli press, there has been and continues to be the fullest consultations between the U.S. and Israeli governments on the efforts to reach a full and permanent peace in the Mideast.

Lewis will be succeeded as Ambassador to Israel by Thomas Pickering, former Ambassador to El Salvador. The 53-year-old career diplomat was Ambassador to Jordan from 1974 to 1978.

#### PERES SENDS LETTER TO SHULTZ THAT DOESN'T CLOSE ANY DOORS By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 6 (JTA) -- Premier Shimon Peres sent a letter to Secretary of State George Shultz this evening containing Israel's official res-

ponse to Shultz's letter last week on the prospects of peace talks between Israel and a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation. The meticulously drafted letter is the product of close consultation between Peres and Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, the leader of Likud, and is therefore a document of the unity coalition government of Labor and Likud.

Sources close to Peres said tonight that the letter is a "model of compromise", a "national unity paper" and "does not close any doors." Although signed by Peres, it conveys greetings from Shamir who is presently in London. Shamir departed on his European trip Sunday but is known to have been in close contact with Peres on the reply to Shultz. Peres and his aides also worked closely with Moshe Arens, a Likud Minister-Without-Portfolio who is acting Foreign Minister in the absence of Shamir.

### Avoid Rejecting PNC Members

In the letter Peres avoided any explicit rejection of members of the Palestine National Council (PNC) as possible participants in a joint Jordanian-Palestinian negotiating team. But he ruled out "Palestinians belonging to the PLO or any of its institutions."

The letter advises the U.S. not to hold separate talks with a joint Jordanian-Palestinian group prior to talks between such a group and Israel. It proclaims Israel's readiness to negotiate directly with a joint delegation or to negotiate with Jordan alone "as speedily as possible." It stresses Israel's readiness to hold talks without preconditions.

Peres declared himself in favor of "international support" for Middle East peace talks but reiterated Israel's opposition to an international conference, urged by King Hussein of Jordan, in which the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, among them the Soviet Union, would participate as well as Arab rejectionist states, such as Syria.

The letter expressed Israel's hope for continued "close cooperation" with the U.S. on all policy matters affecting the peace process. It spelled out Israel's objections to the sale of sophisticated weapons to Jordan as planned by the Reagan Administration, noting that Jordan maintains a state of belligerency with Israel.

### PERES CONCEDES ISRAELI ECONOMY STILL GRAVE, BLAMES LACKS OF BUDGET CUTS

By David Landau and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 6 (JTA) — Premier Shimon Peres conceded last night that Israel's economic crisis remains grave and blamed it in part on the government's inability to decide where to cut the budget. Though substantial cuts already have been made they fall short of original goals.

Interviewed on television, Peres spoke of the "empty purse—even emptier than I had thought" when he took office last September. But he insisted that he was not seeking to blame anyone. He also said there was a bright side. An overseas task force of major industrialists and entrepreneurs are already achieving substantial success in opening export markets for Israeli goods, Peres said. He noted that a team of American economic experts who came here last month for a meeting of the joint Israel-U.S. economic council were enthusiastic about Israel's high technology industries.

Peres reiterated his belief that Israel's economic infrastructure is solid. He noted that out of a national budget of \$23 billion, \$12 billion went to service the national and international debt. He noted that about \$450 million has been cut from the defense budget, which he called a substantial sum. However, "I will not support the destruction of our defense," Peres, a former Defense Minister, declared. He indicated that no further reductions will be contemplated in the defense budget.

### Bureaucracy Continues To Grow

He said the various ministries have trimmed \$200 million from their budgets and government price support subsidies have been reduced by more than \$900 million. But some of the government's bold decisions have not been implemented and others turned out to be mishaps.

The government was determined to cut down the civil service but instead the vast bureaucracy has continued to grow, according to the latest manpower statistics.

In the last three months, about 20,000 civil service workers were added to the payroll, despite a freeze on hiring and the lay-off of about 15,000 employees. The drop in the unemployment rate from 6.4 percent to 5.8 percent, according to figures released by the Central Bureau of Statistics, is attributable to the rise in civil service manpower. At present, some 416,000 Israelis earn their living in the public sector, a record high since the State was founded 37 years ago.

Confronted with these statistics, economic policymakers said they are reminded of Sisyphus, the legendary King of Corinth who was condemned to roll a heavy stone up a steep hill in Hades only to have it roll down again as it neared the top.

### CANADIAN PM DECLARES PALESTINIANS MUST BE GIVEN LEGITIMATE RIGHTS

By Janice Arnold

MONTREAL, June 6 (JTA) — Prime Minister Brian Mulroney stated Canada's policy toward the Middle East conflict here last night. Realization of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people must form part of any overall peace settlement, between Israel and its Arab neighbors, he told over 1,000 people attending a State of Israel Bonds dinner in honor of Sen. Leo Kolber.

At the same time, Mulroney stressed that his Progressive Conservative government is "unshakably committed to the preservation" of Israel but will work with "all states and all peoples of the region who are genuinely interested in a just and durable peace." He added that any peace negotiations "must deal not only with Israel's recognition by Arab states but also with her legitimate security concerns." That is an "immutable and a non-negotiable" part of Canadian policy, he said.

"We consider it essential that the forces of reasonableness and moderation receive our support."

Mulroney also touched on another issue of great concern to Canadian Jews — bringing to justice Nazi war criminals living in Canada. He called this "a matter of great urgency" and noted that it is being dealt with as such by a one-man commission of inquiry, former Quebec Superior Court Judge Jules Deschenes. Kolber was presented with the Golda Meir Leadership Award by Israeli Ambassador Eliashiv Ben-Horin in recognition of his exemplary service on behalf of Israel and Canada.

**EXHIBIT OF ANNE FRANK'S LIFE, PRESENTING PORTRAIT OF NAZIS IN GERMANY, HOLLAND, OPENS IN NEW YORK, AMSTERDAM, FRANKFURT**  
By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, June 6 (JTA) -- Forty years after the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps where among the millions killed in the Holocaust was a young 16 year old whose diary would later become world renowned, the life of Anne Frank will be recreated as the focal point of an exhibit to open in New York, and simultaneously in Amsterdam and Frankfurt, on June 12.

The exhibit, "Anne Frank in the World: 1929-1945," will attempt to provide through some 800 photographs, some previously unpublished, and other archival documents, a personal history of the young Dutch girl's brief life. It will also seek to present an historical portrait of events leading to the Nazis rise to power and life in Germany and occupied Holland.

Many of the new photographs have been secured from Dutch and German archives through the efforts of the Anne Frank Center in Amsterdam, sponsors of the exhibition, and from private collections, in order to provide a glimpse into the life of the Frank family before and during their hiding from the Nazis in a small, secret annex in Amsterdam.

The annex was discovered after about two years by the Nazis in August, 1944. All the inhabitants, Anne and her family, as well as four friends, and two of the four non-Jewish helpers were brought to the Nazi death camps. Of the inhabitants of the annex, only Anne's father Otto Frank, survived. He died in 1980 in Switzerland.

Max van der Stoep, The Netherlands Ambassador to the United Nations, told a breakfast meeting with reporters this week that Holland has traditionally supported the efforts of the Anne Frank Center and its goals to educate and fight against racial hatred and religious intolerance.

The exhibit, to be viewed in New York at the Union Theological Seminary through the summer, is being hosted here by the American Forum on Religion and Politics, with the cooperation of the American Friends of the Anne Frank Center in New York. A tour of the exhibit through at least six major cities is expected over the next two years.

**Aimed At Alerting Americans To Dangers**

Thomas Osborne, president and co-founder of the American Forum, told the breakfast that he views the exhibit as a means of alerting the American public to the dangers presented by religious and political discrimination and the continued need for "religious institutions to be vigilant against threats of divisiveness due to religion."

"By way of this exhibit," Osborne said, "we wish to teach that the legacy of religious institutions in the U.S. is one which emphasizes inclusiveness and work for the common good of a pluralistic society of many faiths; to direct this concern to all the American people, and in particular to the leaders of the Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faiths, that the mix of religion and politics in the United States, based upon a tradition and respect of religious and cultural pluralism be reaffirmed."

The exhibit will contain along with the 800 photographs which will be silk screened on transparent panels and mounted in specifically designed and constructed modular units, several audio visual units and a model of the secret annex where Frank and her family hid.

Moreover, the exhibition, according to Bauce van der Wal, president of the Anne Frank Center in Amsterdam, will seek to present an understanding of how Nazism began and where Nazism drew its massive and enthusiastic support. "If we are serious about never letting it happen again, there would be a need to understand how it happened," van der Wal declared.

The exhibit will be divided into four parts: Frankfurt, where Frank was born, during the twenties; the rise to power of National-Socialism and the parallel rise to power of Hitler; international reaction to the Nazi regime and events in occupied Holland; and the aftermath of the war including today's re-emergence of neo-Nazism and Holocaust revisionism.

In Washington, Sen. Carl Levin (D. Mich.) and his brother Rep. Sander Levin (D. Mich.) are moving to designate June 12--the 56th anniversary of Ann Frank's birth -- as "Anne Frank Day." As of today, 27 Senators have added their names to the resolution. In the House, Reps. Thomas Daschle (D. S.D.) and Frank Horton (R. NY) have joined Levin in gathering 140 signatures in support of a similar resolution.

**ROSENNE SAYS PLO SAME AS PNC**

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, June 6 (JTA) -- "There is absolutely no difference between the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization) and the PNC (Palestine National Council)" and therefore Israel rejects the participation of any PNC members in a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation to negotiate with Israel, Meir Rosenne, Israeli Ambassador to the United States, declared.

"Israel considers the PNC as a terrorist organization," Rosenne told more than 200 delegates attending the 72nd National Commission Meeting of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith at the Grand Hyatt Hotel here at the opening session yesterday.

Secretary of State George Shultz said last week that the United States is willing to accept non-PLO members of the PNC as participants in a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation to negotiate a Mideast settlement.

Rosenne reiterated Israeli opposition to an international conference on the Mideast, as urged by King Hussein last week during his visit to Washington. An "international conference will put an end to any hope for peace in the Mideast," the Israeli envoy asserted, adding "it is detrimental to the peace process." The only way to achieve peace is through direct negotiation as the peace treaty that was signed in 1979 between Israel and Egypt has proven, he claimed. "Direct negotiations should take place now between Israel and Jordan," he added.

**SUDAN TO TRY EX-VP FOR AIRLIFT**

LONDON, June 6 (JTA) -- Sudan has formally begun a judicial investigation seeking to charge those involved in the clandestine airlift of thousands of Ethiopian Jews to Israel, the World Jewish Congress reported this week. The airlift was halted last January following its public disclosure.

WJC monitoring sources here reported that Radio Khartoum said that "the file of Ethiopian Jews Falashas (sic) case is judicially opened here." The broadcast said that the ousted Vice President, Umar Muhammad al-Tayyib, who directed the state security apparatus during the former regime of President Gaafar al-Nimeiry, is being charged with treason and espionage with the case. An official source in the investigating committee said that separate suits on political and economic corruption will soon be filed against al-Tayyib.