

**RABIN REPORTEDLY TELLS UN OFFICIAL  
ISRAEL WILL NOT AGREE TO UNIFIL  
DEPLOYMENT ALONG ISRAELI BORDERS**  
By Hugh Orgel and David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 13 (JTA) — Israel has apparently rejected a United Nations plan to extend UN peacekeeping activities in south Lebanon to the Israeli border.

Defense Ministry sources said tonight that Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin told UN Undersecretary General Brian Urquhart, at a meeting in Rabin's office in Tel Aviv, that Israel would not agree to the deployment of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) in the border zone. He reportedly insisted that UNIFIL confine its activities to the region north of the security belt in south Lebanon.

The security belt is patrolled by the Israel-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) with support by the Israel Defense Force. Military correspondents suggested yesterday that Israel might be willing to agree to a UNIFIL presence close to the international border in the coastal region in exchange for UNIFIL recognition of the SLA.

UNIFIL has consistently refused to recognize the Israel-backed, largely Christian SLA although it recognizes the Shiite Moslem militia, Amal and other non-governmental armed groups in south Lebanon. This has long been a bone of contention between the Israelis and the UN force.

**Israel Receives UN Proposals**

There were reports yesterday and earlier today that Israel was considering a UN plan to expand UNIFIL's peacekeeping role in south Lebanon and allow Amal to play a part, while continuing its support of the SLA.

David Kimche, Director General of the Foreign Ministry, met yesterday with the envoys of countries which contribute troops to UNIFIL, several members of the UN Security Council among them. He reportedly informed the envoys that "various proposals" have been advanced by the UN with respect to security in south Lebanon and indicated they were under consideration.

Defense establishment sources said yesterday that Premier Shimon Peres and Rabin were considering a plan for UNIFIL to recognize the SLA in exchange for which Israel would agree to the gradual deployment of UNIFIL southward to the international border in coordination with Amal. This plan was to be implemented experimentally in an area near the Mediterranean coast not contiguous to the Israel border and, if successful, would be extended southward and eastward.

But the report of Rabin's meeting with Urquhart appeared to negate this. One problem is that Amal is hostile to Israel and until now has refused direct contacts with the Israelis. Amal leaders assert however that they are as much opposed as the Israelis are to the return of Palestine Liberation Organization fighters to south Lebanon where the Shiites comprise the majority of the population.

Israel does not believe Amal has the capability to keep the border zone free of terrorists. It does not control the extremist Shiite group, Hizbollah (Army of God) which was responsible for suicide attacks on the IDF in south Lebanon in recent months.

**Israel Wants SLA Intact**

For that reason, Israel is determined to keep the SLA intact for the foreseeable future and reserves the right to send IDF units into Lebanon should terrorists threaten towns in Galilee.

Kimche also told the envoys that while Israel backs the SLA it cannot dictate to it and therefore is unable to secure the immediate release of 20 Finnish soldiers of UNIFIL who were taken prisoner by the SLA last week. The SLA charges that the Finns disarmed 11 of their men and handed them over to Amal.

Kimche repeated Israel's assurances that no harm would come to the Finnish soldiers. He said Israel was "exerting its influence" for their speedy release.

UNIFIL representatives visited the Finnish troops held by the SLA this week. Today they visited the 11 SLA soldiers held captive by Amal. The committee set up by UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar is trying to unravel the charges and counter-charges to determine who is responsible for the incident.

**IDF Shoots Down Syrian Drone**

Meanwhile, an SLA unit fired seven mortar shells into the Shiite village of Ya'atar on the fringe of the security zone last night, reportedly in response to Katyusha rockets fired at the SLA from the village. One building in Ya'atar was destroyed but there were no casualties, according to reports.

In an unrelated incident today, the IDF shot down an un-manned Syrian observation plane over the Israel-Lebanon border zone. The military spokesman who made the announcement gave no further details.

**IRISH PRO-PALESTINIAN GROUPS READY  
HOSTILE RECEPTION FOR HERZOG**

By Maurice Samuelson

DUBLIN, June 13 (JTA) — Pro-Palestinian groups and Arab students are preparing to give a hostile reception to Israeli President Chaim Herzog who is due to start a state visit here Monday.

Among critics of the visit are the Irish-Arab Parliamentary Group, the Ireland Friends of Palestine, and the recently-formed Friends of Palestine, an umbrella group which includes left-wing students, members of Sinn Fein (political wing of the IRA) and a large number of Arab students who plan a march through Dublin next Wednesday, the third day of the visit.

The activities of these groups have been receiving front page coverage in the Irish Times newspaper, usually alongside reports of events in Lebanon, where Irish troops are serving with the United Nations. However, among Irish government and official opposition circles, the campaign against Herzog's visit is proving counter-productive.

Two weeks ago, Michael Lanigan, the leader in the Senate of Fianna Fail, the main opposition party, called for the withdrawal of the invitation to Herzog because of Israeli policy in south Lebanon.

But Lanigan has been publicly repudiated by his party, and on Tuesday he failed to turn up at a public protest meeting of the Ireland Friends of Palestine.

During Herzog's visit, the same organization intends to lobby the Irish Parliament, and to stage a vigil at the Garden of Remembrance where the Israeli President is to lay a wreath in memory of Ireland's national heroes.

Meanwhile, the Irish police, the Gardai, are planning security precautions similar to those adopted during President Reagan's visit two years ago. This is a fairly low profile visit but it will have a high profile security element, an official told the press.

The Irish Special Branch is said to be monitoring the activities of Dublin's Arab student population and to be in close contact with the British police, who have been particularly watchful of movements by Libyan nationals.

#### QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT TARDY GERMAN EFFORT TO FIND WHEREABOUTS OF MENGELE

By David Kantor

BONN, June 13 (JTA) -- Various explanations are being advanced here as to why the West German authorities have suddenly exerted themselves to establish the truth about the whereabouts and fate of Nazi war criminal Josef Mengele after more than three decades of lethargy and seeming indifference.

It was only this year that West Germany joined with the U.S. and Israel in an international effort to track down the notorious Auschwitz death camp doctor who reportedly found refuge in South America shortly after World War II. Now it is participating vigorously in efforts to determine whether reports that Mengele died six years ago in Brazil are true.

The Mengele family, which owns a prosperous agricultural machinery factory in Guenzburg, Bavaria, insists they are. Mengele's son, Rolf Mengele, a Frieburg lawyer, issued a statement this week saying he had been informed in 1979 of his father's death. He said he had "no doubts whatsoever" that a man who drowned in a swimming accident in 1979 and was buried in a cemetery in Enbu, near Sao Paulo under the name Wolfgang Gerhard, was his father.

#### German Medical Experts Go To Brazil

The body has been exhumed and is undergoing forensic tests to determine identification. Three West German medical experts flew to Brazil yesterday to participate in the tests. Three West German police experts have been there for the past week.

But questions are being raised here as to why this flurry of activity over Mengele has come so late. Commentators note that it was hardly a secret that the Mengele clan for years has been supporting the Auschwitz "angel of death" financially. They ask why the authorities refrained from investigating the matter; what prevented them from observing family members or employees of the Mengele factory to find out just how and where contact was made?

The State Prosecutor in Frankfurt, Hans-Eberhard Klein, who is in charge of the Mengele investigation, said that under German law family members cannot be prosecuted for helping the war criminal. He confirmed however that an investigation has been opened into the activities of Hans Sedlmeier, a former Mengele family employee, who may have been the

courier carrying money from the family to Mengele in his refuge in South America. Sedlmeier may be charged with failure to report Mengele's whereabouts to the police.

But, observers are asking, why have the authorities decided to investigate the alleged courier now although the transfer of money has been going on for years.

#### South American Relations Strained

The leftist newspaper Frankfurter Rundschau suggested that the behavior of the authorities changed under the growing pressure of international public opinion to find Mengele and bring him to justice. That pressure led the Bonn government to seek cooperation with the U.S. and Israel in what became the first serious effort to locate Mengele since the end of World War II.

Diplomatic quarters here offer another explanation. They say that growing public awareness of the Mengele case created friction with a number of South American countries with which Bonn has deep cultural and ethnic ties. This was especially the case with Paraguay whose German-born President, Alfredo Stroessner, cancelled a visit to West Germany because of accusations that he had been sheltering Mengele for years.

Most reports reaching Nazi-hunters over the years placed Mengele in Paraguay where he was said to be living under the protection of Stroessner's rightwing regime.

German experts firmly believe that Mengele did indeed die in Brazil in 1979. But the authorities refuse to make any official declaration until conclusive evidence is produced. That evidence hinges on a positive identification of the remains exhumed in Brazil.

#### WIESEL BELIEVES MENGELE'S FATE SECONDARY TO STORY OF HELP HE GOT

NEW YORK, June 13 (JTA) -- Elie Wiesel, author and chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council believes the fate of Nazi war criminal Josef Mengele--whether he is alive or dead -- is a secondary issue compared to the "shocking" fact that "so many organizations, official and unofficial" helped him and other Nazi war criminals escape justice after World War II.

Wiesel offered his first public comment on reports Mengele died in Brazil six years ago in the course of an address at the American Jewish Congress annual dinner here Tuesday where he received the organization's "Voice of Conscience" award. It was presented by Howard Squadron, honorary chairman of the AJC.

Wiesel noted that "a network of solidarity" was created after the war consisting of social and economic groups and including church organizations which "provided the assistance needed" for Mengele and other war criminals to evade punishment.

"What an irony, what an injustice that the killers managed to get so much help when their victims did not," Wiesel said. He said he was "ashamed" that the intelligence communities in the West and in the Soviet Union sought out Nazi scientists after the war, sheltered them and treated them as "guests of honor." He asked, "How is it possible that all morality disappeared, that conscience vanished in those times?"

#### Reports On Hate Mail

Referring to another matter, Wiesel disclosed that he has received volumes of anti-Semitic hate mail since he made his public appeal to President Reagan at the White House not to visit the military cemetery in Bitburg, West Germany, where members of the notorious Waffen SS are buried among other

German war dead. Reagan laid a wreath at the Bitburg cemetery on May 5. "I have never received so much hate mail as I have received in recent weeks," he told the AJC dinner guests. He suggested that this is a warning that the American Jewish community's rights may be in jeopardy. He also suggested that Jewish concerns are not taken seriously by the Reagan Administration.

Nevertheless, Wiesel observed, "the tragedy of the Jewish people is beginning to be examined and heard." He said the Mengele case has provoked extraordinary interest in the U.S. because it represents deeper issues concerning the Nazi era than the fate of Mengele as an individual.

Wiesel declared he does not believe in "collective" guilt. "Only the killers are guilty. Only their accomplices are guilty. Not their children," he said.

#### ISRAEL CONCERNED U.S. MAY MEET PLO By Gil Sedan

**JERUSALEM, June 13 (JTA) —** A senior security source expressed concern today that current moves for peace negotiations with Jordan may bring the U.S. together with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The source, briefing political correspondents here, said if the U.S., as a result of future negotiations with a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation, agrees to negotiate with the PLO, Israel may find itself in a new relationship with the U.S.

According to the source, Washington believes there are good prospects for negotiations between Israel and King Hussein of Jordan over the future of the West Bank. The Americans also believe PLO chief Yasir Arafat may accept several of their conditions including recognition of Israel's right to exist in return for official U.S. recognition of the PLO, the source said.

#### \$250 Million In Aid To Jordan

In another development today, the Reagan Administration announced a \$250 million economic aid package for Jordan. The package was proposed after the Administration decided to delay a proposal to provide Jordan with \$750 million in arms because of strong Congressional opposition.

#### FOREIGN CURRENCY RESERVES DROPPING By Gil Sedan

**JERUSALEM, June 13 (JTA) —** Israel's foreign currency reserves are dwindling at an average rate of \$115 million per month, Moshe Mandelbaum, Governor of the Bank of Israel, reportedly told a closed meeting of the Knesset's Finance Committee today.

The meeting was closed at the specific request of the Bank of Israel, the country's central bank. Several members of the committee claimed the currency reserves now stand below the "red line", the danger point, although there have been some differences of opinion on what that line is.

According to figures released recently, Israel's foreign currency reserves were slightly over \$2 billion, a cause for concern. At today's meeting some MKs blasted the government's economic policies which they contended contributed to the dangerous foreign currency situation.

#### REAGAN SIGNS FREE TRADE BILL By Theo Stone

**WASHINGTON, June 13 (JTA) —** President

Reagan this week signed the United States-Israel Free Trade Area Implementation Act of 1985. The act liberalizes trade between the U.S. and Israel and is widely seen as a boon to the ailing Israeli economy, virtually opening the door to Israeli products to be freely marketed in the U.S.

In a statement released by the White House, Reagan said, "First, the establishment of the U.S.-Israel Free Trade Area will stand as a model of the close cooperation between the Administration and the Congress that can bring about a result benefitting all Americans."

The President went on to say that, "the new Free Trade Area between the United States and Israel represents an important milestone in this Administration's efforts to liberalize trade ... I believe this new economic relationship with our friends in Israel will further our historic friendship, strengthen both of our economies, and provide for new opportunities between our peoples for communications and commerce."

#### FRENCH TV TO AIR CONTROVERSIAL DOCUMENTARY ON UNDERGROUND UNITY By Edwin Eytan

**PARIS, June 13 (JTA) —** The State-controlled television, reversing an earlier decision, announced today that it will screen a documentary film about an underground resistance network comprised mainly of Jewish refugees from Eastern Europe which fought the Nazis during the occupation of France in World War II until it was "sold out" to the Germans by the French Communist Party.

The Television Authority decided to reschedule the film in face of angry protests that it had given in to Communist Party pressure when it cancelled the screening last month. The Communists, for their part, are denouncing the turn-about, charging it is intended to "make the people forget the economic crisis and unemployment."

The French Communists have always claimed, not without some credibility, that they were the most active resisters to the Nazis. The film is about a resistance network known as the "Manouchian Group" named after its leader, an Armenian refugee. Its members, most of them Jews, carried out daring attacks on German troops in occupied France. They were eventually arrested and most were executed. At the time of their arrest, the group was closely affiliated with the Communist underground.

Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld, one of the many Frenchmen who protested the cancellation of the film, said the documentary was an important lesson in history because it showed "that the Jews did not walk meekly to their death but fought back against the Nazis."

#### FRANCE SELLS SAUDIS ARMORED VEHICLES By Edwin Eytan

**PARIS, June 13 (JTA) —** Saudi Arabia and France have completed negotiations for the sale of 600 French-made armored vehicles which will form the backbone of the Saudi National Guard. The lightweight vehicles are due to replace outdated American models which equip the Saudi ground forces.

The armored vehicles are of two basic types: one serving as a personnel carrier and the other equipped with a sophisticated 90 mm gun. Both are easily airborne and can be carried by most transport planes used by the Saudi Air Force. The French hope that other Gulf states, such as Bahrain, Kuwait and North Yemen, will follow the Saudis and use French material to modernize their forces. The French Defense Ministry refused to estimate the financial value of the contract.

## BEHIND THE HEADLINES ISRAELI, U.S. JEWISH DELEGATES READY TO COMBAT ANTI-ZIONISM AT NAIROBI

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, June 13 (JTA) — More than 250 items are on the agenda for the conference marking the end of the United Nations Decade for Women in Nairobi, Kenya, July 8-16.

But one of the items, Palestinian women, which is number 227 on the list, is threatening to turn the conference into an anti-Israeli forum, dominated by Palestine Liberation Organization propaganda and anti-Zionist slurs, much as was the case in the last Women's Conference in Copenhagen in 1980.

But this time, Israeli diplomats and American Jewish delegates, who plan to attend the Nairobi conference, promise that they are going "to fight back" and not be intimidated by the Arabs' attempt to politicize the meeting and use it in their struggle against the state of Israel and its legitimacy.

### Expect Anti-Israel Resolutions

"There is no doubt in my mind that the PLO will launch a virulent anti-Israeli campaign in Nairobi, and that it will succeed in passing anti-Zionist and anti Israeli resolutions," said an Israeli diplomat at the UN. "But we are not going to let them dominate the conference this time. We hope that we will be able to avoid a public debate on the situation of Palestinian women."

"In Copenhagen the conference was busy for almost three days with Palestinian women. Our argument is: If you discuss the situation of Palestinian women why not discuss the situation of Cambodian women, or Afghan women who are under Russian occupation, or even the situation of Soviet Jewish women," the Israeli diplomat said.

Dr. Harris Schoenberg, director of the UN office of B'nai B'rith International, who attended the Copenhagen Conference, and plans to attend the Nairobi Conference, asserted that the Jewish delegates in Copenhagen were "traumatized" by the "virulent anti-Zionist, anti-Jewish and anti-Israeli" propaganda at the meeting. PLO terrorist Leila Khaled, was an honored guest at the Conference, Schoenberg recalled, and the infamous UN Zionism is racism resolution was adopted by the delegates.

The objectives of the Women's Decade, described as "Equality, Development and Peace," were totally forgotten in Copenhagen, Schoenberg said. Instead the Conference became an anti-Israeli forum resembling almost any other UN meeting, where the Arabs have the majority of votes.

### U.S., Israel Reject Racism Charge

The obsession with anti-Zionism was already manifested at the opening conference of the Women's Decade in Mexico City in 1975. It was there, for the first time in history, that the Zionism equals racism declaration was adopted. This was the seed that produced, a few months later, the November 1975 General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism.

According to diplomats at the UN, thanks to efforts by the United States and Israel, the Nairobi conference will not refer directly to the Zionism is racism resolution in its final declaration. Instead there will be general reference to previous "relevant" UN resolutions without citing their content.

"The status of the PLO at the UN these days is at an ebb," one diplomat explained. "Five years ago they could get away with almost anything. Now they could not fulfill their wish to have the Zionism is racism resolution clearly spelled out in the final declaration of the Women's Decade," he said.

### 10,000 Delegates Expected

In preparation for the Nairobi Conference, delegates of Jewish Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) in Israel and the United States, as well as other countries in the world, explored issues directly relating to women as well as political facts about the status of the Palestinian woman in Israel in relation to her status in other Arab countries, facts that might be needed to challenge false PLO propaganda.

More than 10,000 women representing governments as well as NGOs are scheduled to attend the Nairobi conference. Two separate forums will be held. One for NGOs' delegates and one for official delegations representing the various countries.

The official Israeli government delegation will be headed by Dr. Niza Libai, Premier Shimon Peres' advisor on women's issues. The United States delegation will be headed by Maureen Reagan, President Reagan's daughter. Miss Reagan has already declared that the U.S. delegation will oppose any attempt to politicize the conference by PLO or any other extremist groups.

### Communists, Arabs Plan To Disrupt Conference

Evelyn Sommer, President of the Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO), U.S., and permanent representative of WIZO to the UN, will head the WIZO's delegation to the Nairobi Conference.

In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency she said that in the last two and half years, during the UN's preparatory meetings and seminars toward the conference in Nairobi, the Communist and Arab countries joined forces together to disrupt the End of the Decade Women's Conference.

"A coalition of Communist and Arab countries orchestrated the inclusion of highly divisive issues such as the situation in Central America, disarmament, new economic order, women under apartheid and Palestinian women, hoping in this way to disrupt the proceedings in Nairobi," Sommer said.

She added: "It has become painfully clear that the Soviet-Arab axis is planning to build on the previous women conferences — in Mexico city in 1975 where Zionism was equated with racism and in Copenhagen in 1980 which provided that UN's aid to Palestinian women be given through the PLO — in order to divert and manipulate the Nairobi conference into an anti-American, anti-Israel and anti-Zionist international platform."

Sommer said, however, that the more than 200 Jewish women and men, representing all the major national and international Jewish NGO's at the conference "will bring and share in Nairobi their knowhow in the fields of child care, employment, education and women's health."

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TEL AVIV (JTA) — Gas stations throughout the country — apart from a small number owned directly by the oil companies — were closed Thursday, to press their demand for larger increases in their commissions on their sale of fuel than the "package deal committed" was ready to grant them.