



**SHULTZ REJECTS CONTACT WITH PLO; IS UPBEAT AFTER MEETING HUSSEIN**

By Edwin Eytan

BRUSSELS, March 3 (JTA) -- Secretary of State George Shultz said Thursday he would like to have "a broader and better dialogue" with the Palestinians, but flatly rejected any contact with the Palestine Liberation Organization until it meets conditions long established by the United States.

Shultz spoke before leaving Brussels to resume his Middle East shuttle diplomacy. He is due in Israel Thursday night. But he stopped off in London for a second meeting with King Hussein of Jordan.

They conferred for two hours. Asked by reporters in the British capital how the talks had gone, the secretary of state replied, "You can all see, I am smiling."

Apparently Shultz is more optimistic than he was after his three-hour meeting with the Jordanian ruler in London on Tuesday, before he came to Brussels.

Shultz is attempting to gain Arab and Israeli acceptance of his peace package, which calls for early implementation of interim autonomy arrangements for Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, to be followed by an international forum of some kind and then Arab-Israeli negotiations over the permanent status of the territories.

**Jordan Is Key Factor**

Jordan is a key factor in this plan, but Hussein appears to have avoided any commitment at his first meeting with Shultz. Whether he was more forthcoming at their second get-together remains to be seen.

Shultz, who joined President Reagan at the two-day NATO summit conference here, briefed the president on the status of his Middle East mission and was directed by Reagan to return to the region for another try.

At a news conference here, Shultz reiterated the U.S. policy of refusing to have any contact with the PLO unless it renounces terrorism, accepts Israel's right to exist and accepts U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338.

**Won't Meet With Palestinians**

He said he favors contacts with non-PLO Palestinians, but "sees no way" to fit in such a meeting during his Middle East efforts this weekend. He will be meeting with Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in Jerusalem Friday before flying to Amman and Cairo. He is due to return to Washington Sunday night.

American sources said Shultz would not be looking for any "grand public gesture" during his second foray into the Middle East in less than a week, but would try to prepare common ground on which the parties to the conflict could work out a solution among themselves.

The sources also said Shultz hopes to obtain approval for a formula, vague at present, that could bring Arabs and Israelis into direct negotiations "within weeks."

(London correspondent Maurice Samuelson contributed to this report.)

**SUCCESS OF SHULTZ'S SECOND ROUND MAY DEPEND ON HUSSEIN AND SHAMIR**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, March 3 (JTA) -- As Secretary of State George Shultz returned to Israel Thursday night to resume his Middle East shuttle diplomacy, questions were being raised here as to whether he will have more success with his peace plan now than he had during the four days he spent in Israel last weekend.

Observers here said much depends on the outcome of Shultz's meeting Thursday with King Hussein of Jordan in London. Their meeting there Tuesday apparently was inconclusive.

Hussein insists on an international conference to serve as the framework for negotiations with Israel, an idea flatly rejected by Premier Yitzhak Shamir and his Likud faction. Some flexibility on the part of the Jordanian ruler could result in some change in Shamir's hard-line position, the observers said.

But so far there is no evidence of any softening on the part of Shamir. He is due to make an official visit to Washington beginning March 14, at which time he will probably be asked for his final response to the American peace plan. If he rejects it, pressure will mount in Israel for early elections.

Shamir already has gone on record in favor of early elections, but no decision is expected until he returns from Washington.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Thursday that he, too, favored advancing the election date, if the alternative was the end of the peace process.

"If we move up the elections, we have to destroy the current government," Peres told the Israel Press Club in Tel Aviv Thursday.

**Peres For Early Elections**

"If the reason for this is to sabotage the peace process, then it's a double evil. If we have reached the point where we have to choose between early elections and giving up the peace process -- I am for early elections," Peres said.

He said he welcomed Shultz's return to the region and expressed regret that the United States had not been more active in the peace process a year ago.

"But then, Yitzhak Shamir sent Moshe Arens to Shultz to tell him not to come," Peres said. Had the peace process begun last spring, "we would have prevented a lot of riots, a lot of trouble," the foreign minister said.

Arens, a Herut minister without portfolio and a former Israeli ambassador to the United States, did visit Washington last year. So did Laborite Simcha Dinitz, also a former ambassador to the United States.

Each explained the positions of their respective parties to Reagan administration officials. Arens urged the Americans not to support an international conference, while Dinitz argued the opposite.

Shultz is expected to spend Friday in Jerusalem in talks with Shamir and Peres and will fly to Amman and Cairo Saturday and Sunday.

He is also expected to make a second visit to Damascus.

**SETTLERS ASSAULT PHOTOGRAPHER  
AFTER JEWISH TEEN STABBED**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, March 3 (JTA) -- Security forces mounted a massive manhunt Thursday for an assailant who stabbed and slightly wounded a 16-year-old Jewish resident of Hebron. No arrests were made.

The victim, Aharon Peretz, suffered slight wounds. He was treated at Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem, where he described his attacker as an Arab man in his middle 20s.

Immediately after the incident, angry Jewish settlers punched a Reuter news agency photographer, Jim Hollander, breaking his glasses. His wife, Rina, was pushed and badly bruised. Her wounds required five stitches.

The settlers contend that news photographers at the scene hindered soldiers in their attempts to seize the attacker. A delegation of settlers met later with Gen. Amram Mitzna, commander of the central region, and reiterated complaints that the government had not ordered the army to act vigorously enough to end the disturbances in the administered territories.

Peretz lives in Beit Hadassah, an enclave established by Orthodox Jews in the heart of Arab Hebron. He was walking with his 13-year-old brother when he was attacked. Several months ago, his brother was stabbed in the stomach by an Arab, but not seriously wounded.

**Unrest Escalates**

Unrest began to escalate in the West Bank after two days of relative quiet. Several incidents were reported in Nazareth, the largest Arab city in Israel, and Kfar Sava, a Jewish town.

Three Arabs were injured in clashes with security forces in Idna village near Hebron and Beita village near Nablus. Riots began in Idna when local residents set fire to a bus that was about to transport Arab laborers to jobs in Israel. Security forces, attempting to arrest the arsonists, were pelted with stones. Border police at the scene opened fire, slightly wounding two Arabs.

In Beta, one Arab was lightly wounded when security forces fired on rioters. A number of Arabs were detained.

Two Molotov cocktails were thrown at an empty Egged bus in downtown Nazareth Thursday afternoon. No one was hurt, but the bus windshield was smashed. The Communist-run municipality condemned the incident, urging residents to demonstrate their solidarity with Palestinians in the territories by peaceful means.

In addition, a bomb exploded in the Kfar Sava central bus station Thursday, but caused no casualties or damage.

Meanwhile, 18 residents of Kabatiya village in the West Bank near Jenin were arrested Thursday in connection with the lynching there on Feb. 24 of Muhammad Ayed A-Ragheb, a 29-year-old employee of the civil administration accused of collaborating with the Israelis.

About 300 right-wing university lecturers and researchers in Israel signed a declaration calling for more support for the security forces. It was scheduled for publication in Friday newspapers and is intended to counter an earlier petition by liberal academics criticizing the way security forces were handling disturbances in the territories. The new declaration demands tougher measures and warns about damaging Israel's morale and encouraging Arab extremists.

**IDF TAKES STEPS TO ENSURE TROOPS  
ARE AWARE OF POLICY ON BEATINGS**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, March 3 (JTA) -- The Israel Defense Force has taken steps to make sure that every soldier in the field is familiar with and fully understands IDF policy on handling confrontations with Palestinian rioters.

Each soldier of the central command, which is responsible for maintaining order in the West Bank, must have with him at all times a booklet containing orders on when to open fire and a letter explaining in detail how to treat Palestinian civilians in disorderly situations.

Each soldier, moreover, on receiving copies of the letter and booklet must sign a statement in the presence of his commanding officer to the effect that he has received the directives and understands them.

The letter was originally issued to IDF officers on Feb. 23 by the chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Dan Shomron. It states in unequivocal terms that beatings are not to be used to punish or humiliate Palestinians, but only to subdue disorder when and where it occurs or while in pursuit of suspects resisting arrest. Under no circumstances is physical force to be used against suspects in custody who are not resisting, the letter states.

The new instructions were prompted by a directive Attorney General Yosef Harish sent last month to Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin after IDF investigators determined that many soldiers interpreted the "iron fist" policy as license to administer beatings to Palestinians at their own discretion.

Al Hamishar quoted a senior military source Thursday as saying: "In every briefing with soldiers, I point out that persons arrested for stone-throwing or disturbances should be treated as prisoners of war, and that all international agreements (relating to POWs) apply to them, and of course, the prisoners should not be beaten."

The IDF has been cracking down on violators. The commander of the southern region, which includes the Gaza Strip, has been personally investigating and dealing with every irregular act by soldiers. A number of officers and soldiers have been dismissed or sent to jail recently for violating the standing orders.

But resentment has been building up in IDF ranks. At meetings senior commanders have held with junior officers and soldiers in the field, it has become apparent the troops feel they are being "examined under a magnifying glass." One soldier was quoted as saying, "I am more afraid of the central command than I am of the stones."

Maariv reported that the IDF has decided to initiate legal proceedings against soldiers only in the worst cases of excessive behavior. Four soldiers and an officer, arrested after burying alive four Palestinians at Salem village, near Nablus, on Feb. 5, have been released pending a decision by the military prosecutor whether to bring them to trial.

**DANES SCRAP BOYCOTT OF ISRAELI FOOD**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, March 3 (JTA) -- Denmark's major supermarket chain, Irma, has backed off from its boycott of Israeli agricultural products initiated earlier in the week "because of events in the occupied territories," the Israeli news media reported Thursday.

**PUBLIC JEWISH CRITICISM OF ISRAEL  
HARMFUL, WARN SHAMIR AND ABRAM**  
By Andrew Silow Carroll

JERUSALEM, March 3 (JTA) -- Premier Yitzhak Shamir warned American Jewish leaders Wednesday that criticism by diaspora Jewish organizations of Israeli policies "does much more harm than any... violent demonstrations in Gaza and elsewhere."

Addressing the closing of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations' four-day mission to Israel, Shamir said, "It is inconceivable that, God forbid, any American Jews would permit themselves to be used in this campaign against us, even if they have criticism or doubts of their own with regard to some of Israel's policies and practices."

Shamir returned twice to the subject during questioning by conference delegates, who hosted him at a reception at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Mount Scopus here.

Describing himself as "a firm believer in unity" and the American Jewish community as "a bastion in Israel's defense," Shamir said that Arab opponents of Israel were using disagreement among Jews in "driving a wedge between Israel and American Jewry and then between Israel and the United States."

Several American Jewish organizations including Presidents Conference members the American Jewish Congress, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Central Conference of American Rabbis have publicly criticized reported indiscriminate beatings of Palestinian protesters by Israel Defense Force troops.

But they and 49 other U.S. Jewish organizations signed a Feb. 4 statement in support of Israel coordinated by the conference.

Shamir made his remarks following a statement in which conference chairman Morris Abram reiterated that "Israel's policy is to exercise restraint in responding to the acts of violence its soldiers face each day."

The conference statement also called the Mideast diplomatic mission of U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz a "highly positive and hopeful new development" and the current situation in Israel "unacceptable" and resolvable only by political means.

**'Talk To The Israelis Directly'**

In an interview Thursday, Abram said, "I reject the idea that Jews don't have a right" to speak out against Israeli policy, "but I strongly suggest that there are better ways, more effective ways and more prudential ways of doing it."

"The best way of doing it is to talk to the Israelis directly," said Abram, maintaining that no American Jewish leader is denied access to the upper levels of Israeli government.

Abram, a lawyer and chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, spoke in glowing terms of a briefing given delegates Wednesday at the IDF central command base in Samaria, north of Jerusalem.

The organization presidents heard Gen. Amram Mitzna and officers and soldiers stationed in the territories describe their roles in controlling the unrest.

Moved by their presentations, Abram said the conference emerged from that briefing with complete "confidence in the overall moral authority of the government in respect to its defense policy."

As he noted in his closing statement, Abram said the protesters in the territories "are not moving in the solid formations to demonstrate. They are not engaging in civil disobedience."

Abram also referred during the interview to the walk Wednesday by mission participants from the Jaffa Gate of the Old City of Jerusalem to the Western Wall inside, passing through the Arab market.

Shops in the usually teeming markets are open only between 3 and 6 p.m. due to a general strike by Arab merchants.

The walk, planned to demonstrate to prospective tourists the safety of East Jerusalem, was uneventful.

**WHITE HOUSE SAID READY  
TO CLOSE PLO'S U.N. MISSION**  
By Howard Rosenberg

WASHINGTON, March 3 (JTA) -- The Reagan administration is expected to order the closing of the Palestine Liberation Organization's Permanent Observer Mission at the United Nations after Secretary of State George Shultz returns from the Middle East this weekend.

The decision for closure was made at a White House meeting last Friday, but the announcement was delayed at Shultz's insistence so as not to interfere with his diplomatic mission, well-placed Washington sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Thursday.

The administration has denied a decision was made. "We have not made our decision," State Department spokesperson Phyllis Oakley said Thursday.

A similar denial was made Wednesday by Herbert Okun, the U.S. deputy ambassador to the United Nations, as the U.N. General Assembly was voting 143-1 to condemn any U.S. closing of the mission as a violation of the 1947 U.N. Headquarters Agreement. The General Assembly also called for international mediation of the issue.

The White House meeting last Friday was attended by Lt. Col. Colin Powell, President Reagan's national security adviser, as well as representatives of the State and Justice departments, according to one of the sources.

At that meeting, the administration decided to seek an injunction soon in the U.S. District Court for New York to stop the office from operating.

The United States traditionally opposes international mediation of domestic issues, a position declared in the so-called reservations clauses added by the Senate during ratification of the 1947 U.N. treaty and to the treaty establishing the International Court of Justice at the Hague in the late 1940s.

The controversy surrounding the PLO mission stems from the State Department's 1988 Authorization Bill, which orders the mission closed by March 21.

While Congress and the administration agreed on the issue of closing the PLO's Washington office, following the State Department's Sept. 15 order that closed the mission Dec. 2, 1987, the State Department opposed closing the U.N. mission because of possible U.S. obligations under the 1947 U.N. Headquarters Agreement.

That treaty provides protection for free entry and transit of foreign officials posted to the United Nations, but the treaty's reservations clause allows the United States to control the flow of "aliens" into this country.

**JEWISH VOTE TO BE A FACTOR  
IN SUPER TUESDAY CONTESTS**

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, March 3 (JTA) -- Jewish voters may make their first real impact on the primary campaigns for the Democratic and Republican nomination for the presidency on Tuesday, when "Super Tuesday" primaries and caucuses are held in 20 states.

This could be particularly true in three states: Florida, with an estimated 518,990 Jews or 4.7 percent of the total population; Maryland, with 203,340 Jews or 4.6 percent of the population; and Massachusetts, with 237,060 Jews or 4.7 percent of the population.

In all of the other states holding contests Tuesday, Jews make up less than 1 percent of the population, except for Georgia, where they amount to 1 percent; Missouri, with 1.3 percent; Nevada, with 2 percent; Rhode Island, with 1.8 percent; and Virginia, with 1.1 percent.

Although even in the states where there is a sizeable Jewish community, Jews are still a small minority, the Jewish vote is nevertheless important, because Jews are usually concentrated in one or two areas of the state.

In Massachusetts, this means the Boston area; in Maryland, the majority of Jews live in the Baltimore area and Montgomery and Prince George's counties, just outside Washington; and in Florida, they are concentrated in the three southeastern counties of Dade (Miami), Broward (Hollywood-Fort Lauderdale) and Palm Beach.

More important, studies over the years have shown that Jews are more likely than others to vote in primaries. That is why the Jewish vote will be key in determining the outcome of the New York primaries on April 19.

But the Jewish vote is expected to be decisive only in the Democratic primaries, since most Jews who register with a party are Democrats.

**Dukakis Has Most Support**

While all of the Democratic candidates, including Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri, Sen. Albert Gore of Tennessee and even the Rev. Jesse Jackson have support in the Jewish community, observers here believe that the candidate who will do best on Super Tuesday is Gov. Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts -- and not just because his wife, Kitty, is Jewish.

Jews in Massachusetts, like most Democrats there, are expected to vote overwhelmingly for their governor.

In Florida, Dukakis also appears to be winning the support of Jews. Sen. Paul Simon of Illinois also has gained some following, but he is counted out of the race for all practical purposes.

Simon is not campaigning in the Super Tuesday states, but is concentrating on his home state, which has a primary on March 15. He is expected to get strong support from the Jewish community.

In Maryland, newspaper reports are predicting a Dukakis victory, although here again there is much sentiment in the Jewish community for Simon, particularly in the Washington suburbs.

On the Republican side, Rep. Jack Kemp of New York is considered to be the favorite among Jewish voters, although most experts believe he will be out of the race after Super Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the two Republican front runners, Vice President George Bush and Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole of Kansas, appear to

be evenly divided in the Jewish community, at least when it comes to raising money. Each has raised about \$2 million in the Jewish community, according to one source.

Although all of the candidates, including Jackson, have voiced support of Israel, they have in the main avoided the Middle East in their campaigns up to now, except when directly asked about the issue.

But Israel and other issues of particular Jewish concern are expected to be stressed after Super Tuesday, when the candidates approach the New York primary on April 19, the Pennsylvania primary on April 26 and the primaries in California and New Jersey on June 7.

**Republican Inroads**

While Jewish voters will be participating overwhelmingly in the Democratic primaries, this does not mean that Jews will necessarily support the Democratic candidate in November. Republicans have been making inroads in the Jewish community since 1976, although not as deeply as Jewish Republicans have hoped.

Much may depend on what happens with the two ministers in the race: Jackson on the Democratic side and the Rev. Pat Robertson, who is seeking the Republican nomination.

While Jackson has toned down his rhetoric since 1984 and has sought to reach out to the Jewish community, many Jews still look at him warily.

Jackson has done well in recent primaries in northern states and is expected to pick up a large number of delegates in the South on Tuesday. He certainly will have influence at the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta in July, although probably mostly on domestic issues.

Robertson also is expected to do well in the South, although this is less certain. But he is expected to be a factor in the Republican National Convention in New Orleans in August, especially in pressing for inclusion in the Republican platform of the positions of the Christian right on such issues as abortion and prayer in the schools.

No one expects either Jackson or Robertson to be candidates of their parties. But how much influence either is seen to have on the candidate who is chosen may decide where the Jewish vote goes in November.

**PARADE, RADIO SPOOFS AND RAIN  
MARK PURIM HOLIDAY IN ISRAEL**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, March 3 (JTA) -- Much of Tel Aviv was closed to traffic Thursday for the annual Adloyada, the Purim parade.

Thousands of marchers, scores of floats and giant helium-filled balloons imported from the Far East wound along Ben Yehuda Street and Allenby Road. A day-long drizzle that made the pavements slick did not dampen the carnival atmosphere.

The news media introduced an April Fools' Day note. Israel Radio broadcast, with no hint of levity, a report that the Tel Aviv Maccabi basketball team had been sold to a Canadian millionaire and would be transferred to the United States, to play in National Basketball Association tournaments as the "Bronx Sabras."

Later, the army radio reported that the Transport Ministry decided to replace all male taxi drivers with women, because male drivers were too aggressive toward tourists.