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**SHULTZ MEETS WITH SHAMIR, PERES;
URGES ISRAELIS TO PURSUE PEACE**
By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 4 (JTA) -- Secretary of State George Shultz was back in Israel Monday, resolved to overcome objections to the American peace plan, notably by Premier Yitzhak Shamir and his Likud bloc.

Shultz met separately with Shamir and with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres at their respective offices Monday morning. In the afternoon, separate work committees met at the Prime Minister's Office and at the Foreign Ministry in attempts to flesh out points of agreement on the contents of Shultz's initiative.

The secretary hopes to take those areas of agreement with him when he visits Amman, Jordan, on Tuesday.

The working groups did not deal with the thorny issue of an international conference to set the Middle East peace process in motion.

Shamir has left little doubt that he will accept neither the international conference scenario nor the principle implicit in the American plan -- exchange of territory for peace.

Peres, leader of the Labor Party, is amenable to an international forum as the opening framework for direct negotiations and is willing to consider territorial compromise. He said during a visit to Haifa after meeting with Shultz that if the Israeli government can reach an agreement, peace talks could begin in a matter of weeks.

'Move Decisively'

Shultz's determination to achieve this was evident in his carefully crafted arrival statement, delivered after he landed Sunday evening at Ben-Gurion Airport. He urged Israel "to move decisively toward peace" and not quibble over individual elements of his proposals.

The secretary of state emphasized repeatedly that his peace package was indivisible and to accept some parts and reject others would imperil the entire process.

The secretary's method is low-key persuasion with a muted but definite note of warning that time is running out and Israel may miss an historic opportunity for peace if it does not move quickly into negotiations with its Arab neighbors and the Palestinians.

He was interviewed on television Sunday night and briefed editors of major newspapers and leaders of the broadcast media. He sought to convince Israeli opinion that the international conference procedure would in no way interfere with the "authority" of the conflicting parties or their right and ability to negotiate freely.

Few details were released of Shultz's talks Monday with Shamir and Peres, other than that they discussed the substance of the American position with regard to interim and final settle-

ments of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

A spokesman for the prime minister said the conversation also covered an international conference and Shultz's meeting in Washington on March 26 with two Palestinian-born American academicians who are members of the Palestine National Council, the quasi-legislative body of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Shamir sent a stiff protest to Washington over the matter on March 25, a day before Shultz's meeting with Professors Edward Said and Ibrahim Abu-Lughod of Columbia and Northwestern universities respectively.

But Shamir's spokesman said that the premier and Shultz had "not spent much time over differences of opinion" on these matters.

Shultz's current visit to Israel is his third since the end of February. He presented his peace package to Shamir and Peres on March 4 in the form of a letter, requesting a "clear response" from Israel by March 15.

Shamir visited Washington from March 14 to 16, but gave no formal response. Jordan and Syria also have not formally responded to the American initiative, though President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt has backed it conditionally.

Hussein Ready To Compromise

Shultz hinted Sunday night that King Hussein of Jordan is ready to compromise on his position that Israel should return all of the West Bank. Speaking to print and broadcast editors, he said Hussein has stated he "doesn't need an international conference" to recover all of the territory taken by Israel in 1967.

The implication, according to Shultz, is that Jordan would not need international backing if it were able to win back all of the territory, but realizing that is not likely, Hussein needs the legitimacy of an international conference in order to make territorial compromises.

Shultz's timetable calls for an international conference as early as this month to set the stage for negotiations. Talks on interim arrangements for the Palestinians would start shortly afterward "to give the people of the West Bank and Gaza quickly control over their political and economic situation, and build a better environment and atmosphere."

The timetable also calls for talks on the final status of the administered territories to commence by the end of the year, even if no agreements are reached by then on the interim arrangements.

Shultz is expected to remain in the region at least four days. He is addressing himself to a government sharply divided on the peace issue and a nation whose opinions have yet to coalesce.

Analysts and observers here believe that with all of the time, energy and determination he has invested in his mission, Shultz is not likely to break the impasse in Israel.

According to the most recent polls, Shamir's stonewalling against Shultz's proposals is gaining political capital. They show that Likud and its right-wing and religious allies are taking votes away from the moderate bloc led by Peres and the Labor Party.

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PALESTINIANS PROTEST SHULTZ VISIT, AFTER BLOODY WEEKEND OF UNREST

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 4 (JTA) -- The West Bank and Gaza Strip were in the grip of a general strike Monday, called by the Palestinians to protest the latest visit to Israel by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, whom they consider as much an opponent of their cause as Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir.

The strike followed the bloodiest weekend of the Palestinian uprising since it began almost four months ago. Two Palestinians were shot to death Friday and six on Saturday in clashes with Israel Defense Force soldiers in the territories. At least 19 Arabs were wounded.

Rioting broke out in Tulkarm Sunday following the death of a local youth who tried to raise a Palestinian flag. Another Palestinian youth was shot to death Monday in Bani Naim village, near Hebron, where soldiers broke up a demonstration against Shultz.

A local youth was wounded in the legs Monday after he allegedly attacked border police with an axe in the Balata refugee camp, near Nablus. A curfew was imposed on the camp.

There was violence in Israel proper. Haifa police arrested seven Israeli Arab residents of Jisr e-Zarka village, near the Tel Aviv-Haifa highway. They are suspected of having stoned private cars, a bus and a police van Sunday night. Two of the detainees are adults and the others juveniles.

Kahane Supporters Arrested

Police also arrested five members of Rabbi Meir Kahane's extremist Kach movement who attempted Monday to enter the Israeli Arab town of Umm el-Fahm. Local Arabs barricaded the road to the town, and the police descended in force to avert a possibly violent confrontation.

There was trouble again on the Temple Mount in the Old City of Jerusalem, when Jewish zealots known as the "Temple Mount Faithful" tried to enter the site of Islamic shrines for what they called a "Passover pilgrimage."

The Moslem religious authorities, who have jurisdiction over the shrines, feared the police would allow the group to enter. Anwar el-Khatib, deputy chairman of the Supreme Moslem Council, warned they would stop the Jews with their bodies.

Police intervened in strength and 30 of the zealots contented themselves with encircling the area. Later, the Moslem authorities thanked the police for their protection.

Although the general strike was in effect throughout the administered territories Monday, many Arab day-laborers from the Gaza Strip reportedly showed up at their jobs in Israel. Smaller numbers came from the West Bank.

Arabs Critical of Shultz

The local Arabic press and Palestinian leaders were sharply critical of Shultz's mission. They denounced him for publicly accepting the three "no's" spelled out by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. These are no to a Palestinian state, no to the Palestine Liberation Organization and no to an Israeli withdrawal to its pre-1967 borders.

The pro-Jordanian newspaper An-Nahar said Shultz has brought no new proposals and ignores Arab willingness to work for peace and the Soviet role in the peace process. An-Nahar also accused Shultz of trying to dictate who should represent

the Palestinians at a peace conference. In that respect, the American secretary of state speaks "with the voice of Yitzhak Shamir," the newspaper said.

Mayor Elias Freij of Bethlehem, a Palestinian moderate, expressed hope that Shultz would succeed in his mission and not simply pay lip-service to the peace process. Freij told Voice of Israel Radio that he was pleased Shultz has stressed that United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 applies to the West Bank.

But another Palestinian figure, lawyer Fayez Abu-Rahme of Gaza, insisted the Palestinians cannot meet with Shultz as long as he ignores the Palestine Liberation Organization. In his view, there will be no peace until the United States applies pressure on both sides, mainly on Israel.

The violence in the territories that preceded Shultz's arrival in Israel Sunday is not likely to abate while he is in the region. It followed the closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip for three days last week.

Six Killed Saturday

The six Palestinians killed Saturday were the largest number of fatalities in any one day since the disturbances began Dec. 9.

Salim A-Shaar, 23, was shot dead near the Bethlehem marketplace during demonstrations that broke out to protest army orders to close the vegetable market. Four other Palestinians were wounded.

In Beit Likya and Deir Sudan, in the Ramallah area, IDF troops shot to death Hamid Ahmad, 41, and Jihad Assi, 19. Soldiers entered the villages to break up riots.

In Gaza, an IDF patrol killed three Arabs who allegedly attacked them with a kitchen knife, meat cleaver and an iron bar. The dead are Rashid Al-Kurdi, 55; Ahmad Hamis Al-Kurdi, 40; and Ala Ahmad Al-Kurdi, 21, all members of the same family. Two other Arabs were wounded.

On Friday, troops in Idna village, near Hebron, killed two villagers and wounded 13 in riots that broke out after Friday prayers at the local mosque. One of the dead is Jamal Tumaizi, 20. The other was not identified.

A police officer was stabbed on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem Friday as worshippers left the Al-Aksa mosque after noon prayers. He was hospitalized and reported in good condition.

Controversy Over Youth's Death

The fatality that triggered rioting in Tulkarm Sunday was of undetermined cause. Military authorities said the youth was electrocuted while trying to hang a Palestinian flag on top of a utility pole at about 2 a.m. local time Sunday. Local residents refused to accept that version and rumors spread swiftly that he was shot by IDF soldiers.

The high death toll among Palestinians was attributed by military sources to standing orders to the IDF not to withdraw under attack and a recent order permitting soldiers to open fire on individuals who throw gasoline bombs. But soldiers usually cannot tell whether a bottle hurled at them is "innocent" or incendiary.

Gen. Amram Mitzna, commander of the central region, which covers the West Bank, confirmed last week that under new guidelines, soldiers can enter isolated villages in pursuit of rioters. This is a departure from an earlier policy not to intervene in protests unless main roads are blocked.

**PEACE NOW, CELEBRATING 10TH YEAR,
ADVOCATES 'LAND FOR PEACE' FORMULA**
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 4 (JTA) -- The Peace Now movement, which began in 1978 as a counterforce to nationalist demands that Israel permanently retain all of the Arab territories it captured in 1967, is celebrating its 10th anniversary this week, at a time when Israelis are sharply divided over the situation in the territories and their future status.

In 1978, 348 Israel Defense Force reserve officers, the nucleus of the movement, signed a letter to then Premier Menachem Begin warning him that the "Eretz Yisrael" (Greater Israel) movement could not bring peace.

On Sunday, Peace Now presented an updated copy to Premier Yitzhak Shamir, signed by 1,250 reserve officers. The letter urges a political solution to the problem of the administered territories and the region as a whole.

In an advertisement published in Israeli newspapers Monday, Peace Now called for the acceptance of the "land for peace" formula.

U.N. POSTPONES DISCUSSION OF ISRAEL

NEW YORK, April 4 (JTA) -- Following a holiday recess, the United Nations Security Council on Monday did not resume its discussion of the situation in the Israeli-administered territories, begun late Wednesday at the request of Arab countries.

The Arabs were expected to request further condemnation of Israel, a demand that Israel end its rule in the territories, and the appointment of a new U.N. commission to investigate Israel's handling of the current unrest.

No draft resolution has been circulated, and resumption of the discussion awaits "consultation with member countries," according to a U.N. spokesperson.

**TRIP REASSURES AMERICAN PARENTS
THAT TRAVEL TO ISRAEL IS SAFE**

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, April 4 (JTA) -- Only three weeks ago Cal Teich, a businessman from New Jersey, was not sure whether he should send his teen-age daughter to Israel this summer. He was concerned that as a result of the disorders in the territories, Israel might not be a safe place to travel.

But last week, Teich said that his 17-year-old daughter, Andria, is definitely going to Israel this summer.

Teich has just returned from a "fact-finding mission to Israel" with a group of 29 other parents of members of various American Jewish youth groups.

The week-long trip was sponsored by the American Zionist Youth Foundation and El Al Israel Airlines, which provided free airfare. The trip was arranged in response to concerns, fanned by media reports, about safety in Israel in the wake of nearly four months of violence in the West Bank and Gaza.

"To me Israel felt very safe indeed," Teich said in an interview. "It is a whole different feeling when you are there. Now I have no qualms whatsoever with sending my daughter there this summer."

For all but two of the 30 parents, it was

their first visit to Israel. The trip included stops in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and northern Israel, many of the sights their children will visit this summer.

According to Aviva Lavi, a spokeswoman for El Al, the airline has reserved 10,000 seats for American Jewish youth who will be going to Israel this summer. Last year, she said, about 8,000 youth, all members of Jewish youth groups, traveled to Israel with the company.

"All of the Jewish youth groups and agencies that send kids to Israel have three times as many inquiries for 1988 as they did for 1987," Ina Strauss, director of the AZYF's Israel Program Center, said in a telephone interview. "If we could convince the people who are already interested, but hesitant, to sign up their children, we will do better than last year."

Strauss pointed out that the Jewish youth groups do not travel to the West Bank and Gaza Strip, where the disturbances presently are taking place.

"Every child that goes to Israel this summer will be getting the same positive experiences that tens of thousands of Jews have gotten in the past summers," she said.

**PARDON OF TWO UNDERGROUND MEMBERS
RAISES HOPES OTHERS WILL BE FREED**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 4 (JTA) -- President Chaim Herzog's pardon of two Israelis serving prison terms for their role in attacks on Arab civilians in the West Bank has raised hopes in right-wing and religious circles that the five members of a Jewish terrorist underground still in prison also will be freed shortly.

Herzog, acting on recommendations of Justice Minister Avraham Sharir, a member of Likud's Liberal wing, pardoned Yitzhak Ganiram and Ira Rappaport Friday, on the eve of Passover. Ganiram, sentenced in 1985 to seven years in prison, got the news at his home in Moshav Ramat Magshimim in the Golan Heights. He had been furloughed to attend the Passover seder.

Rappaport, a social worker and father of six, was serving a 30-month sentence for membership in a terrorist organization and his involvement in a car-bombing that crippled former Nablus Mayor Bassam Shaka. His sentence was relatively light, because he was in the United States at the time the underground members were put on trial and returned to Israel voluntarily to give himself up.

Altogether 28 Israelis, most of them Orthodox Jews residing in the West Bank, were convicted of terrorist acts from 1980 to 1984. All but five have either completed their sentences or were granted clemency.

The five remaining in prison are Menachem Levy, Chaim Nir and Uzi Sharraf, all convicted of murder and serving life sentences; Yehuda Etzion, sentenced to seven years; and Barak Nir, sentenced to six years.

Sharir has said he would recommend presidential pardons for them, possibly on the anniversary of the 40th year of Israel's independence, to be celebrated later this month. The justice minister stressed, however, that the president has sole authority under law to grant pardons.

The President's Office denied rumors of impending pardons for the five, which Israeli newspapers reported Sunday. "No decision has been made regarding any release. I assure you all the reports are groundless," a presidential spokesman said Sunday.

TRADE BILL AMENDMENT APPROVED TO REDUCE PENALTIES AGAINST ISRAEL

By Howard Rosenberg

WASHINGTON, April 4 (JTA) -- An amendment to the Omnibus Trade Bill that reduces the possibility of Israel being penalized by existing trade regulations was approved by a House-Senate conference committee last week.

The amendment, introduced by Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D-N.Y.), makes it less likely that Israel will incorrectly be hit with tariff penalties aimed at foreign countries that dump products on the U.S. market or take advantage of their own export or manufacturing subsidies to challenge industries in the United States.

The Moynihan amendment is also designed to fill holes in the 1985 Free Trade Area (FTA) agreement between the United States and Israel. The provisions in the amendment are similar to those contained in the pending U.S.-Canadian FTA agreement.

The Omnibus Trade Bill is expected to be approved by Congress within a few weeks, but President Reagan has threatened to veto it as too restrictive of free trade.

Currently, when U.S. companies allege that foreign imports cause injury to their industries, such as by being sold in the United States below their fair market value or by benefiting too much from manufacturing or export subsidies, the International Trade Commission must review the complaints. Those reviews can lead the imposition of anti-dumping duties or countervailing duties against them.

Under the amendment, Israel would receive a "separate injury test" when its U.S. imports account for a small portion of foreign goods alleged to be inhibiting the sale of U.S. products. In considering injury, imports from all countries are lumped together by the Commerce Department.

"Due to a technical trade-law provision, in a number of instances, Israeli imports have been found to injure U.S. industries when the level of Israeli imports has been very small," Moynihan explained.

MAYOR SAYS JEWS WOULD BE 'CRAZY' TO VOTE FOR JESSE JACKSON

By Andrew Silow Carroll

NEW YORK, April 4 (JTA) -- New York City Mayor Edward Koch told reporters last Friday that Jews would be "crazy" to vote for Jesse Jackson, because of the Democratic presidential hopeful's support of Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasir Arafat.

Koch's remarks, coming less than three weeks before the April 19 New York primary, immediately raised concern about their possible impact on black-Jewish and black-white relations in New York City.

Speaking at an impromptu news conference, Koch, who is Jewish and a strong supporter of Israel, complained that Jackson "equates the PLO with the Israeli government, as though they were equal in justice and goals."

"Would he support any candidate who praised (Prime Minister P.W.) Botha in South Africa?" Koch asked. "I wouldn't. But on the other hand, he's praising Arafat, and he thinks maybe Jews and other supporters of Israel should vote for him."

Koch said Jewish supporters of Jackson have "got to be crazy, in the same way that they'd be

crazy if they were black and voted for someone who was praising Botha and the racist supporters of the South African administration."

In addition to criticizing Jackson's foreign policy, Koch said Jackson's proposed domestic programs, which call for increased social spending and cuts in military spending, would put the country "in bankruptcy in three weeks, and then he wants to disarm us."

When informed of Koch's remarks while campaigning in Wisconsin for the state's primary Tuesday, Jackson said, "That's unfortunate, but I should not dignify that statement."

Gerald Austin, Jackson's campaign manager, was quoted by the Associated Press as saying that Koch "had solidified his position in the national exaggeration hall of fame."

Has Praised Gore

Koch is not expected to endorse a candidate, although he has praised Sen. Albert Gore Jr. of Tennessee in recent weeks. Koch has said that he would welcome a movement to draft Gov. Mario Cuomo of New York for the Democratic nomination.

William Rapfogel, executive director of the Metropolitan Region of the American Jewish Congress, acknowledged that Koch's statements do influence New York Democrats, but added, "I don't think he will influence anyone voting for Jesse Jackson."

"Those who demonstrate support for Jesse Jackson are not people who would consider supporting Ed Koch's remarks," said Rapfogel.

David Pollock, assistant executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater New York, said, "As long as any leader sticks to issues and not personalities, it will further the political process in this country."

But while Koch's remarks were aimed at specific policies of Jackson, Pollock said, "we are also concerned about the community relations impact, and hope there's not a fallout."

A PRISON SEDER FOR ACCUSED SPY

By David Kantor

BONN, April 4 (JTA) -- Shimon Or, an Israeli accused of spying for the KGB, spent the first days of Passover in a Duesseldorf prison.

The 49-year-old Hebrew teacher remained there despite appeals by the Jewish community in Aachen and the intervention of a local Catholic priest to release him temporarily so that he could attend the community seder.

Rabbi Abraham Hochwalid of Duesseldorf brought matza, Israeli wine and traditional Passover food to Or's cell Friday. The prisoner also was visited by his wife, Rivka.

Earlier, federal prosecutor Kurt Redmann angrily rejected pleas to allow Or to return home for the holidays from the Jewish community and the Aachen priest, Peter Wiesner, who expressed surprise that Or was arrested.

Or was one of six West German residents taken into custody in Duesseldorf last week for allegedly passing classified information to the KGB, the Soviet secret service, about a Eurojet fighter-plane project.

Redmann insisted he has strong evidence that Or was in contact with Soviet agents.

Before going to Israel some 17 years ago, Or reportedly worked for the state-owned Intourist travel agency in the USSR, which is rumored to be partly controlled by KGB agents.