

JEWISH GROUPS PROTEST REMARKS BY CARLUCCI ON ARAB ARMS SALES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- Jewish leaders have taken strong exception to remarks made Friday by U.S. Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci on the sale of sophisticated American weapons to Arab nations.

Seymour Reich, international president of B'nai B'rith, was severely critical of Carlucci on Friday for saying that opposition to U.S. arms sales to Arab countries was costing American workers billions of dollars in jobs.

And on Sunday, Morris Abram, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, added his own words of cautious criticism in response to the defense secretary's remarks. The conference represents 48 national Jewish organizations.

Carlucci spoke Friday at a luncheon meeting of the American-Arab Affairs Council in Huntington, W.Va. He identified opposition to the Arab arms sales as coming from "various interest groups and many in Congress," but mentioned no group or individual by name.

"The notion that U.S. defense cooperation with moderate Arab states poses a danger to Israel is ill-founded and untrue," Carlucci told his audience. "Israel must regard non-American arms in the hands of its neighbors as a higher risk."

The defense secretary said he was "convinced that most Arab states are willing to live in peace with Israel, but are themselves continually threatened by radical forces in the region."

"That is why I believe that moderate states must be strong enough to resist intimidation and take the bold steps to make peace with Israel," he said.

'Mainstream Of American Opinion'

In a statement issued Sunday in New York, Abram noted that Carlucci has been "a strong advocate of the U.S.-Israeli strategic alliance." He said he was therefore "puzzled by the secretary's reference to 'various interest groups' that oppose selling lethal weapons to Arab states."

Abram said it is not "interest groups," but "the broad mainstream of American opinion" that opposes the sale of sophisticated arms to Arab countries, fearing that such weapons could "fall into the hands of terrorists or other anti-American forces."

He added, "Selling arms to Arab states rewards their refusal to make peace and encourages them in the belief that they can wage successful war against Israel."

Reich issued a statement here Friday saying B'nai B'rith was "dismayed to hear reports that Secretary of Defense Carlucci has defined United States arms sales policy in terms of dollars and cents."

According to Reich, "the cornerstone of the U.S. arms sales policy has always been to examine first and foremost the strategic and moral implications of military sales."

The United States rightly has denied sophisticated weaponry to nations that "continue to declare themselves to be in a state of war" with Israel, in defiance of America's foreign policy goals, Reich said.

HUSSEIN BACKS PERES, BUT IS IT A BOOST OR A BLOW FOR LABOR?

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- Little more than a week before the Knesset elections, the big question being asked in Israel is whether Jordan's King Hussein gave a boost or a blow to the Labor Party's chances when he appeared on an American television program Thursday night to virtually endorse Labor's approach to a peace settlement.

The same question also applies to the tripartite Arab summit meeting of Hussein, President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat, timed to coincide, it would seem, with the peak of the political campaign in Israel.

The three met Saturday and Sunday in the Jordanian town of Aqaba on the Red Sea, within hailing distance of the Israeli border. The three apparently agreed to cooperate in the pursuit of peace with Israel, but the details of their talks were not disclosed.

Hussein himself, interviewed on ABC-TV's "Nightline" program Thursday, told host Ted Koppel that the ideas of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and his Labor Party are promising.

But a continuation of the policies of Premier Yitzhak Shamir, leader of the Likud bloc, would be an "absolute disaster," the Jordanian monarch said.

Peres was interviewed on the same show. Likud swiftly fired a counter-barrage. Shamir expressed "regret and displeasure" over what he called "an effort to mix in foreign factors in the Israeli election campaign."

'Causes Damage To Israel'

He said "the enlistment of Hussein is an unprecedented step. It shows a lack of national self-respect... It causes damage to Israel."

It is not clear yet -- and may not be until the election results are in -- whether most Israelis share Shamir's resentment or think Peres is on the right track.

The immediate reaction was not encouraging to Labor. Some commentators, including pro-Labor figures, tended to agree with Shamir, especially after Koppel revealed that some of Peres' aides had helped arrange the Hussein interview.

Laborites claimed that this demonstrated the extent of unofficial contacts between Peres and Hussein, which ought to please intelligent voters.

They also claimed that Hussein's remarks refuted Likud's mocking references to Peres' "Jordanian option" as dead and buried.

In his taped interview, Hussein made clear he was prepared to negotiate with Israel alongside Palestinians in a joint delegation.

He also reiterated his endorsement of the April 1987 agreement he concluded with Peres in London, with American participation, on the modalities of an international conference for Middle East peace.

Those surely were reassuring words for Peres, whose "Jordanian option" lost credibility when Hussein severed Jordan's administrative links with West Bank Palestinians during the summer. The king seemed then to wash his hands of the whole problem.

**ISRAELI DIES OF WOUNDS IN BOMBING;
AIR FORCE RETALIATES IN LEBANON**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- An Israeli soldier injured in last week's suicide car-bomb attack in Lebanon died of his wounds Saturday, becoming the eighth fatality in the bloody attack.

Motti Steier, a 21-year-old Israeli Defense Force captain, succumbed to wounds sustained last Wednesday, when an explosive-laden Toyota blew up in the middle of an IDF convoy patrolling the southern Lebanon security zone, just over the border from Metulla.

Seven other soldiers were instantly killed in the attack, and eight, including Steier, were wounded.

One of the seven surviving soldiers who were wounded was reported in critical condition, and another was reported to be in "very serious" condition.

The IDF has identified the terrorists responsible for the carnage, including the driver of the death car. Authorities are holding one man in custody, who is suspected of being an accomplice.

Steier, who came from Kiryat Ono, died a day after Israel Air Force jets and helicopter gunships carried out wide-ranging reprisal raids on Hezbollah and Palestinian positions in southern Lebanon.

The targets were said to include terrorist bases outside of Sidon, and Mashghara and Aluweza villages in the Bekaa Valley to the east. Some time later, targets were also attacked in the Maidoun area of the Bekaa Valley.

At Least 12 Killed In Raids

At least 12 people were killed in the raids Friday, and the total number of casualties was said to be as high as 36. From the explosions that followed the Sidon region raid, it appeared that an ammunition dump had been hit and blown up.

The Hezbollah or Party of God, an amorphous group of Lebanese Shiite extremists supported by Iran, claimed credit for the car-bombing. The group had warned Israel that any retaliatory operation would endanger Israeli prisoners and other hostages they hold.

The United States also reportedly had asked Israel not to retaliate against the Hezbollah, out of concern for the American hostages. Israeli forces went ahead and attacked Hezbollah positions, but stayed clear of the area around Beirut, where the Americans are said to be held.

Meanwhile, an IDF spokesman announced Saturday night that security forces uncovered the Shiite terrorist squad that planned and executed the car-bombing.

The driver of the suicide car was identified as Abdallah Atwah of Beirut, whose family lives in the security zone.

A man taken into custody from north of the security zone was said by IDF sources to have accompanied Atwah part of the way and instructed him how to hit the convoy. The man was not identified.

According to the IDF, the 300 pounds of explosives used in the blast were probably smuggled into the security zone from outside and transferred to the car at one of the Shiite villages inside the zone.

The Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army helped in the investigation. Since last week, it has detained and questioned 50 Lebanese suspected of aiding Hezbollah.

**SUICIDE OF PALESTINIAN TRIGGERS
NEW ALLEGATIONS OF IDF BRUTALITY**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- The reported suicide of a Palestinian detainee has refueled a public debate over alleged brutality against prisoners incarcerated for rioting.

Ibrahim Matur, 32, from Si'ir village, near Hebron, was found dead in his cell Friday at the Dhahiriya detention camp.

He was the third prisoner since the Palestinian uprising began whose death has been attributed to suicide. But relatives who claimed the body said they saw signs that he was severely beaten.

Matur, a father of four, was arrested July 22. He was accused of setting fire to an Egged passenger bus that strayed into his village. He was ordered held in custody, pending the conclusion of legal proceedings.

The Israel Defense Force said "an initial investigation clarified that the prisoner had committed suicide. A military police investigation into the circumstances of the death has begun."

Only a small group of close relatives was allowed by the IDF to attend Matur's burial. But a large memorial procession was held in Si'ir on Saturday.

Family members insist they saw bruises on the deceased's head, fractures on one hand and both feet, and seven stitches behind one ear.

Meanwhile, allegations of brutality toward Palestinians appeared in the press here over the weekend, and were heard in the Knesset.

Talk Of A 'Hit Squad'

A local weekly claimed an Israeli "hit squad" last week killed two Palestinians on the "wanted list" in the West Bank village of Yatta, near Hebron.

The squad allegedly drove into the village in a car with local license plates to avoid alerting the victims, the article charged.

The IDF denied it resorted to such methods to "settle accounts" with local troublemakers. But it admitted local cars sometimes were commandeered for riot-control purposes.

Knesset member Dedi Zucker of the left-wing Citizens Rights Movement charged over the weekend that the IDF staged a mock execution of three Palestinian prisoners, in order to extract information from them.

According to Zucker, the prisoners were made to stand against a wall while a firing squad took aim as if to shoot them. One prisoner fainted from fright, Zucker said.

COURT BACKS HUSSEINI'S DETENTION

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- The imprisonment without trial of Palestinian activist Faisal Husseini was approved by a Jerusalem district court judge Sunday.

Husseini, jailed three months ago, is serving his fourth term under administrative detention.

He has never been formally charged or brought to trial, but is being held under the emergency regulations of the British Mandate, which Israel retained.

Husseini, 48, heads the Institute of Arab Studies in East Jerusalem, which the Israeli authorities ordered closed for a year when he was arrested.

FRENCHMAN WHO HEADED VICHY REGIME IN BORDEAUX INDICTED FOR WAR CRIMES

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- The man who was governor of the Bordeaux region during the Nazi occupation of France was indicted last week for his role in the mass deportations of French Jews from that area between 1942 and 1944.

Maurice Sabatier, 91, faces charges of "crimes against humanity." His subordinate, Maurice Papon, 79, was similarly charged in June, but his indictment was announced only last week.

They were the No. 1 and No. 2 men respectively of the Vichy regime in Bordeaux. The investigating magistrate is reported to have told Sabatier's lawyers that regardless of his advanced age, his indictment is necessary in order to press charges against Papon.

Both are accused by Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld and many surviving Jews of having helped the Nazis identify and arrest local Jews, who were subsequently deported to death camps in Eastern Europe.

Sabatier has claimed repeatedly that he secretly helped many Jews and resistance fighters escape. When Gen. Charles de Gaulle's Free French forces liberated the Bordeaux region in 1944, Sabatier was suspended from office for four days while his file was examined.

He was subsequently appointed inspector general of the Defense Ministry.

Papon went on to serve as budget minister in the government under former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing. He was Paris' longest serving police chief before that.

Meanwhile, Maurice Duverger, a Sorbonne law professor who taught in Bordeaux during the Sabatier-Papon regime, has filed a libel suit against the left-wing monthly L'Actuel for claiming that he approved of the Vichy government's anti-Jewish legislation during the war.

The periodical said Duverger published an article in 1942 in "a spirit which showed at least acceptance and understanding for those laws."

Duverger, now one of France's best-known jurists, is demanding \$85,000 damages. He admits writing the article, but says its purpose was "to show the victims how to avoid the laws or appeal against them."

EBAN HEADED FOR PRAGUE, BELGRADE

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- Abba Eban has gone abroad on a personal mission for Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in Eastern Europe.

The Laborite chairman of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee left Sunday for Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia.

A former foreign minister of Israel, Eban will be the guest of the foreign ministers of those countries.

While in Prague, he is expected to discuss practical steps toward the resumption of diplomatic relations between Israel and Czechoslovakia, which the Czechs broke in 1967.

Eban is due back in Israel for the Nov. 1 Knesset elections and then will return to Europe for further meetings with officials in Bulgaria, Hungary and Poland.

Eban is not standing for re-election to the Knesset. But his involvement in this sensitive mission is one indication that his vast diplomatic experience is still seen as a valuable commodity.

ISRAELI FAMILY IN BROOKLYN TARGET OF BRUTAL MURDER, RAPE

By Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- Israeli residents of Brooklyn's Starrett City housing project of Brooklyn are outraged and grieving over the brutal murder here of an Israeli immigrant and the subsequent rape of his wife and daughter.

Police have arrested three youths from the Bronx in connection with the murder, which occurred last Tuesday and allegedly was perpetrated by young men who worked for him. The murderers then used the victim's house keys to enter his apartment, where they brutally raped his wife and daughter, according to police accounts.

The three suspects are charged with being part of a gang responsible for the rapes and for the murder, by strangulation with shoelaces and stabbing in a limousine the victim was driving.

Police are looking for two other youths believed to have taken part in the crimes, for which robbery is believed to be the motive.

The wife and daughter allegedly were raped repeatedly for two hours by three masked young men, who reportedly used a hair-curling iron and an umbrella to hurt the women.

A 3-year-old daughter allegedly was forced to observe the rape, and was reportedly threatened that she would be thrown out of the window. Money and jewelry were reported missing from the apartment, which had been ransacked.

A son who attends yeshiva in Baltimore was not present. The mother of the victim had come to visit Tuesday. She returned to Israel with the body. The family lives in Bnei Brak.

Contributions for "Victim Family Relief" are being accepted at the Starrett City Jewish Center, 1540 Van Siclen Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11239.

PROXMIRE HONORED FOR STRUGGLE TO OUTLAW GENOCIDE IN THE U.S.

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.) was honored Thursday night for his long personal struggle to obtain Senate ratification of the U.N. Convention Against Genocide and the adoption by Congress of legislation making genocide a crime in the United States.

Seymour Reich, president of B'nai B'rith International, which sponsored the Capitol Hill reception, noted that Proxmire had "never stopped talking" about the treaty, making more than 3,300 speeches in support of its ratification.

He called this effort "a kind of moral filibuster to inform the Senate and the American people to come to grips with their responsibilities to both the dead and the living."

Proxmire is retiring this year after 30 years in the Senate. Reich suggested that "maybe it was prescience that he stayed just long enough to see" his effort realized.

The 40-year struggle over the treaty ended last Tuesday, when the House approved the implementing legislation, named the Proxmire Act. The Senate approved the bill, which is required by the U.N. treaty, Oct. 14.

The congressional action came more than two years after the Senate ratified the treaty on Feb. 19, 1986. President Reagan, who supported the bill, is expected to sign it shortly.

Representatives of the American Bar Association, Amnesty International and the Armenian Assembly of America participated in the ceremony.

**THE ISRAELI ELECTIONS:
27 PARTIES OF ALL KINDS RUNNING**
[Part 1 Of A Series]
By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- Here is the official list of the 27 parties approved by the Central Elections Committee to run in the Nov. 1 election for the 12th Knesset:

Existing Parties

1. LIKUD -- Hebrew name means "Consolidation." Comprises Herut, the Liberal Party and Ometz. Won 41 seats in 1984.

2. LABOR ALIGNMENT -- No longer technically an alignment, since Mapam is running separately, but Labor nevertheless decided to keep the name, which in Hebrew is Maarach. Together with Mapam, won 44 seats in 1984.

3. MAPAM -- The name is an acronym for Mifleget Poalim Meuhedet, the United Workers Party.

4. TEHIYA -- The Hebrew name means "Renaissance." Together with Tsomet, won five seats in 1984.

5. CITIZENS RIGHTS MOVEMENT -- The Hebrew name forms the acronym Ratz. Won three seats in 1984.

6. NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY -- The Hebrew name is Mafdal, an acronym for Miflaga Datit Leumit, National Religious Party. Won four seats in 1984.

7. SHAS -- Sephardi Torah Guardians. The Hebrew acronym also stands for Shisha Sidrei Mishna, the six series of the Mishna, meaning the entire body of Talmudic literature. Won four seats in 1984.

8. DEMOCRATIC FRONT FOR PEACE AND EQUALITY -- The Israel Communist Party. Known in Hebrew as Hadash, an acronym for Hazit Democratit Leshalom, Democratic Front for Peace. Party is also commonly known by a previous acronym, Rakah. Won four seats in 1984.

9. CENTER-SHINUI MOVEMENT -- This is a merger of the Shinui party, the Independent Liberal Party (now a faction within the Labor Alignment) and the stillborn Center Movement, which arose and virtually collapsed during 1987. Shinui won three seats in 1984.

10. PROGRESSIVE LIST FOR PEACE -- Won two seats in 1984.

11. AGUDAT YISRAEL -- Won two seats in 1984.

12. TSOMET -- Movement For Zionist Renewal. A split-off from Tehiya.

The New Parties

13. AHDUT -- The word means "Unity." But the official name of the party is Victor Tayar for the Knesset. He has run many times and always failed by a long shot. Says this is his last try.

14. ARAB DEMOCRATIC PARTY -- A break-away faction from Labor headed by Arab Knesset member Abdel Wahab Daroushe.

15. DEREKH ERETZ -- Translates as Good Manners.

16. PENSIONERS PARTY -- The Hebrew name is Gimlaim, which means pensioners. Led by Dr. Aba Gefen, onetime ambassador to Romania and longtime fighter for a better economic deal for pensioners.

17. THE QUIET FORCE -- The Hebrew name is Hakoach Hashaket.

18. DEGEL HATORAH -- This is an Agudat Yisrael breakaway party instigated by Bnei Brak

sage Rabbi Eliezer Schach. It comprises the Mitnagged (non-Hasidic) wing of Agudah.

19. LAOR -- Means "To the Light." Headed by well-known writer, thinker and former army officer Yaacov Hisdai.

20. MEIMAD -- A breakaway from NRP that advocates moderation on the territorial issue and on religious legislation. Of all the new lists, Meimad is the likeliest to make it to the next Knesset, according to pundits and pollsters.

21. MOLEDET -- Means "Homeland." This is a far-right party advocating the negotiated transfer of Palestinian Arabs from Israel and the territories to surrounding countries. The party leader is former army Gen. Rehavam Zeevi, present director of the Tel Aviv Museum, who is known by the nickname Gandhi.

22. VETERANS PARTY -- Advocates a better deal for discharged soldiers.

23. MOVEMENT FOR A JUST SOCIETY

24. MOVEMENT FOR MOSHAVIM, DEVELOPMENT TOWNS AND NEIGHBORHOODS

25. TARSHISH

26. YEMENITE ASSOCIATION

27. YISHAI -- Together the Tribes of Israel.

Meimad, Degel Hatorah, Daroushe's party, MoleDET and perhaps the Pensioners stand a chance of winning seats in the Knesset. But none of the other new parties is likely to break through the threshold required for representation in the 120-seat parliament, which is 1 percent of all votes cast. In Israeli politics, however, surprises are the order of the day.

Parties Not Running

Several parties represented in the current Knesset are not running or are running as part of other parties.

KACH, which won one seat in 1984, was barred from running by a majority decision of the Central Knesset Election Committee. The ruling was upheld by the High Court of Justice.

YAHAD, which won three seats in 1984, is now part of the Labor Alignment.

MORASHA, which won two seats, is defunct. Its members have joined various other parties.

TAMI, a one-man party, is now part of the Likud.

OMETZ, an acronym that stands for Courage to Cure the Economy, is part of the Likud. It also won one seat in 1984.

**MUSICIANS FROM SIX NATIONS
MARK TIME AND KRISTALLNACHT**
By Ruth Gruber

ROME, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- Musicians in six different countries united across the airwaves last Thursday night to perform a new tone poem composed to mark the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht.

The musical piece, "Crystal Psalms," was written by composer Alvin Curran. It was performed on radio by violists in Copenhagen, cellists in Amsterdam, trombonists in Frankfurt, saxophonists in Paris, flutists in Vienna and clarinetists in Rome.

Curran sat in a main studio at Italy's RAI state broadcasting company in Rome, where he mixed the incoming sounds and then beamed them out to radio stations across Europe.

Curran initiated the project to reunite Europe for an hour to revive memories of the Nazi atrocities that took place in Berlin and other cities beginning on the night of Nov. 9, 1938.