

**ISRAEL ASKS WHY U.S. BACKED
U.N. LANGUAGE ON JERUSALEM****By David Friedman**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (JTA) -- Israel has asked the United States to explain why it backed language in a U.N. Security Council resolution this week that defines Jerusalem as occupied Palestinian territory.

The resolution, adopted unanimously Monday evening with U.S. support, strongly condemned Israel's plan to deport 12 Palestinians from what it called "the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem."

An Israeli Embassy spokeswoman here said Israel "had raised a question" with the State Department about U.S. support for that language.

U.S. officials have tried to play down the significance of the wording, knowing that the subject of Jerusalem is a volatile one in Israel.

John Bolton, assistant secretary of state for international organizational affairs, said Thursday that the phrase "Palestinian territories" was only meant in a demographic sense, not a political one.

He said the term "Palestinian territories" has been used in U.N. resolutions since 1979 and was not meant to "prejudice the political outcome" of the peace negotiations now under way.

Bolton spoke at a luncheon at which he was honored by B'nai B'rith International for his efforts in leading the U.S. campaign to have the U.N. General Assembly repeal its 1975 resolution denigrating Zionism as racism.

Kent Schiner, president of B'nai B'rith, presented him with a serigraph with the biblical injunction, "Justice, Justice Shalt Thou Pursue."

Schiner later told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he was "unhappy" with Bolton's explanation that the "Palestinian territories" phrase had been used by both the Carter and Reagan administrations to refer to Jerusalem. He said the Bush administration should have re-examined the concept.

Danger Of Harsher Measure

Bolton's explanation that the United States has opposed Israel's expulsion of Palestinians since they first began was also not accepted by Schiner.

The resolution was "unbalanced," since it "didn't mention the Jewish settlers being killed or terrorist acts that take place," Schiner said.

He was referring to the fact that four Israeli civilians have been killed in the administered territories since October. The most recent incident occurred on New Year's Day, and the Israeli deportation order was announced less than 24 hours later.

Daniel Mariaschin, B'nai B'rith's director of international and public affairs, said the language used in the resolution prejudged the negotiating process now going on.

But Bolton, in response to questions, said that Secretary of State James Baker had made clear that the U.N. vote was not linked to the peace process.

At the same time, Bolton acknowledged that U.S. support for the resolution helped "minimize damage to the peace process."

He said if the United States had allowed the

issue to "drag out" in the Security Council, "we would have gotten a much harsher resolution, much more critical of Israel."

But Jewish officials pointed out that the U.N. resolution adopted Monday already contained the harshest language used against Israel to date.

Meanwhile, Schiner and Mariaschin said they were not embarrassed to be presenting an award to Bolton on the same week as the U.N. vote.

"You have to separate the issues," Schiner said. He pointed out that if it were not for behind-the-scenes diplomacy orchestrated by Bolton's office, the General Assembly would never have repealed the Zionism resolution by a 111-25 vote on Dec. 16.

"Every once in a while when they (U.S. officials) do something that is good, you have to say 'thank you' and pat them on the back," Schiner said.

Mariaschin added that Bolton, in particular, has been a "good friend" and has worked closely with B'nai B'rith and other Jewish groups.

Also honored for their efforts over the last 16 years in trying to bring about repeal of the U.N. resolution were Dr. Harris Schoenberg, B'nai B'rith's director of U.N. affairs, and Dr. William Korey, the organization's former director of international policy research.

**VISITING U.S. SENATOR WARNS ISRAEL
SETTLEMENTS COULD JEOPARDIZE LOANS**
By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Jan. 9 (JTA) -- A pro-Israel U.S. senator warned the Jewish state this week that if its settlement drive in the administered territories continues, it cannot expect to receive U.S. guarantees for \$10 billion in loans needed to help resettle immigrants.

During a visit here this week, Sen. Phil Gramm (R-Texas) told an army radio interviewer that "if it is clear that the loan guarantees end up in the territories through the fungibility of the Israeli budget, then the loan guarantees will not happen."

By "fungibility" Gramm was referring to government funds freed for settlement activity by the money Israel could borrow from American commercial banks with the U.S. guarantees.

The Texas lawmaker delivered the same message at a private meeting with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and in public and private encounters with some of Israel's leading industrialists during the week.

Israel has gotten similar warnings from some of the most prominent American Jewish leaders, the Israeli daily Ha'aretz reported. It cited especially pointed language in that context from Brian Lurie, the new president of the United Jewish Appeal.

Israel formally requested the loan guarantees last September, despite warnings from the Bush administration that the timing was not propitious.

Concerned that a U.S. commitment to underwrite the loans would jeopardize the Arab-Israeli peace talks the United States was trying to engineer, President Bush persuaded Congress to delay consideration for 120 days, a period that expires this month.

Gramm said Bush was basically favorably

disposed toward the loan guarantees but deeply angered by accelerated settlement activity in disputed territory.

His anger has been intensified by recent decisions of the government and the Knesset, Gramm said.

The senator was fairly optimistic, though, that a deal could be worked out.

But it would have to lay down strict limitations on the use of the funds Israel borrows, to ensure that other monies released by them are not employed in the territories.

The guarantees would make it possible for Israel to borrow up to \$10 billion from commercial sources at moderate interest. They are considered essential to housing and resettling up to 1 million Jewish immigrants from the former Soviet Union expected to arrive in Israel over the next five years.

But Shamir believes firmly that the administered territories are an essential part of what he calls the Land of Israel.

Israel Television quoted him Wednesday as saying, "We cannot accept the claim that there are areas of the Land of Israel in which it is forbidden for Jews to live."

CHINA, WANTING IN ON PEACE TALKS, TO ESTABLISH TIES WITH ISRAEL SOON By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Jan. 9 (JTA) -- The establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Israel is expected before the end of this month, if only because China is anxious to attend the multilateral phase of the Middle East peace process, scheduled to open Jan. 28 in Moscow.

Israel has laid down the condition that it must have diplomatic ties with every non-Middle East state invited to attend the conference, which will deal with broad regional issues.

U Chen Chu, foreign editor of the official New China Times, told Israel Radio in a telephone interview Thursday that although no official announcement has been made in Beijing, one is expected shortly.

Turkey, which is part of the region and would like to host a conference on water utilization, announced recently through its embassy in Washington that relations with Israel have been upgraded from consular to the ambassadorial level.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry declined to comment on that announcement at the time. But it has since been confirmed in Ankara.

The impending relations with China have been kept very low key.

China's deputy foreign minister, Yang Fu Chang, failed to keep his recent visit to Israel secret, although he and his entourage took elaborate measures to evade photographers here.

Yang is known to have met with several Israeli officials.

Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens' apparent trip to China in November has never been acknowledged, despite publication of a photograph of him, ostensibly in Beijing, in an Israeli newspaper.

Given that background, the announcement of diplomatic ties is expected only when Foreign Minister David Levy is in China in two weeks.

He will pay a visit to Beijing starting Jan. 22, according to a report in the Hong Kong-based Far East Economic Review.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry has declined comment.

VOTE ON ELECTORAL REFORM CORRECTED, BUT FATE OF BILL REMAINS IN DOUBT

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Jan. 9 (JTA) -- Israel's controversial electoral reform bill has received a belated reprieve from Knesset Speaker Dov Shilansky, though its fate remains highly doubtful.

Reversing his earlier position, Shilansky on Thursday declared Tuesday night's 57-57 tie vote void, after it was determined that the call by one member was counted twice.

A tie would automatically have killed a key section of the measure that provides for the direct election of the prime minister. The provision is opposed by the Likud leadership and by most of the religious bloc's Knesset members.

Despite the closeness of Tuesday's vote, the forces arrayed against the bill seem strong enough to defeat it when it comes up for its third and final reading in parliament, probably Monday.

That is because the Sephardic Orthodox Shas party has been fiercely pressured by its smaller Ashkenazic counterpart, Degel HaTorah, to fall in line behind Degel's sage, Rabbi Eliezer Schach of Bnei Brak, who supports Likud against the bill.

Degel's newspaper, Yated Ne'eman, published a sharp attack Thursday on two Shas Knesset members, Arye Gamliel and Yair Levy, for absenting themselves from the chamber during Tuesday's roll call.

The newspaper warned of a complete rupture between the Ashkenazic and Sephardic components of the ultra-Orthodox bloc in the coalition government, unless the entire five-member Shas Knesset delegation complies with Schach's wishes on the third reading.

Communications Minister Rafael Pinhasi of Shas predicted Thursday that all five would do so.

Haim Ramon, head of the Labor Party's Knesset faction, which ardently backs electoral reform, admitted supporters face an uphill fight.

FRENCH MAGAZINE REPORTS EVIDENCE MAXWELL WAS VICTIM OF FOUL PLAY By Michel Di Paz

PARIS, Jan. 9 (JTA) -- A second autopsy of Robert Maxwell, performed secretly in Israel, showed signs of blows to the body, indicating he may have been the victim of foul play, according to a weekly French news magazine.

The autopsy was performed by a team of Israeli and British forensic surgeons before the media tycoon was buried in Jerusalem in November and showed strong evidence Maxwell's death was not accidental, Paris Match reported.

The magazine published photographs taken from a videotape of the second autopsy, reportedly performed at the Abu Kabir Forensic Institute in Tel Aviv. The institute had no comment.

The photographs showed bruised and battered features, suggesting he may have been beaten before he mysteriously disappeared from his yacht near the Canary Islands on Nov. 5.

Maxwell's body was recovered from the sea the day following his disappearance. An autopsy performed by Spanish authorities concluded he may have suffered a heart attack before or after he fell or jumped from his yacht.

The Israeli-British team concluded that the 68-year-old Maxwell suffered a brain hemorrhage before he hit the water, and judging from a broken nose and other severe abrasions, could have been the victim of a severe beating.

ARABS OBJECTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JEW AS CANADIAN ENVOY TO ISRAEL

By Bram Eisenthal

MONTREAL, Jan. 9 (JTA) -- A major Canadian Arab organization has expressed concern at Canada's appointment of a Jew as its new ambassador to Israel.

But not all Arabs were alarmed at the appointment of Norman Spector, the prime minister's chief of staff, who assumes the post on Feb. 1, replacing Michael Bell.

This marks the first time that a Jewish Canadian has been appointed ambassador to Israel.

"He's going in with a clear pro-Israeli, anti-Arab bias," said James Kafieh, president of the Canadian Arab Federation, representative of several Arab groups. "This is a patronage appointment, and it's damaging Canadian interests."

Spector, a 42-year-old Montrealer who has been a prominent political adviser to government figures, will be replaced as Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's chief of staff by Hugh Segal, an adviser to the prime minister and principal secretary to Bill Davis, former premier of Ontario.

The Palestine Liberation Organization, which maintains an information office in Ottawa, took a neutral stance, however, saying that Spector's "performance, and not his religion," would dictate the outcome of the move.

Raymond Kneider of the Canadian Arab Coalition of Montreal said that he hoped Spector's attitude toward Palestinians would be a fair one. "He is very capable and very intelligent," Kneider said of Spector.

Arabs were not the only ones to criticize the appointment. The Liberal Party's external affairs critic, Lloyd Axworthy, was quoted as stressing Spector's lack of diplomatic credentials. "Mr. Mulroney is using a sensitive political post as a place to park a political problem for himself," he said.

The Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers protested that a career diplomat was not given the sensitive job, rather than someone with no foreign service experience.

'Very Sensitive' To All Sides

But Canadian External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall said that she found Spector to be "very fair and very well-informed and very sensitive to the issue on all sides."

The Hebrew-speaking Spector has a doctorate in political science, as well as many years of administrative experience in the public sector. He has advised politicians on a broad spectrum of issues, including the recent Persian Gulf War.

John Toogood, deputy director of the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security, said that a Jewish ambassador in Israel could have "special influence" in the country.

"By sending a Canadian Jew to that job, he is going to be better positioned to press the Canadian viewpoint on the Israeli authorities."

Canadian Jewish groups unanimously applauded the move. Canadian Jewish Congress President Les Scheininger congratulated both Spector and Segal on their appointments. "Both individuals bring a wealth of experience to their new assignments at a momentous time in both the Middle East and Canada," he said.

B'nai Brith Canada President Marilyn Wainberg said Spector was "an excellent choice at this critical juncture in the Middle East's recent history."

Ian Kagedan, BBC's director of government relations, said he was surprised by the negative response. "The issue of a person's religion is not important," he said in an interview from Ottawa.

The fact that no Jewish Canadian has ever been appointed ambassador to Israel is also controversial.

Spector could not be reached for comment, but in an interview with Southam News, he said he believed that the External Affairs Department, which is the Canadian equivalent of a foreign ministry, had a policy, either written or unwritten, against appointing Jewish envoys to Israel.

"I'm happy to see this is a policy that has now gone by the boards," he said. "I think it's a policy, frankly, that would now be illegal."

Department spokesman Rodney Moore denied that such a policy existed.

CANADA DEPORTS ISRAELI ARABS, WHO FEAR MOSLEMS WILL KILL THEM

By Gil Kezwer

TORONTO, Jan. 9 (JTA) -- An Israeli family of Christian Arabs denied asylum in Canada was deported Tuesday to Israel, where they fear Moslem extremists will execute them.

Fihmi Matta, 41, formerly a driver with the Egged bus company, arrived in Canada in October 1990 and filed for refugee status. He claimed his life was in danger because he refused to carry out terrorist orders from the Islamic fundamentalist group Hezbollah to blow up a bus depot.

Matta was staying with friends in Edmonton, Alberta, but in July flew back to Israel, where he said his wife, Nawal, was receiving nightly telephone threats and his 18-year-old daughter, Lina, was assaulted.

After raising enough money for his family's airfare, the unemployed bus driver returned to Canada on Nov. 13 together with his wife and sons, Sam, 16, and Alla, 9. They were given temporary visitor's visas on their Israeli passports.

Later that month, adjudicators for Canada's Immigration Department rejected Matta's refugee bid. Also that month, a separate two-man refugee panel turned down his family's application.

Just before those proceedings got under way, a distraught Matta collapsed and was rushed to hospital with chest pains. He was banned from the hearing when it took place.

The immigration authorities found Matta's claims of persecution implausible, demanding to know how, if he was in mortal danger in his homeland, he could safely spend five months there last year. They also questioned why he had not reported the threats against him to Israeli police. Matta claims members of the Muslim Brotherhood beat him twice.

David Kilgour, the member of Parliament for Edmonton-Southeast, where Matta was living, unsuccessfully intervened on Matta's behalf with Immigration Minister Bernard Valcourt.

The Federal Court of Canada refused to grant leave to appeal the case, and a last-minute appeal for a reprieve on humanitarian grounds also failed.

Matta's family was deported with him except for his daughter, who was ordered to be expelled in February after her visitor's visa expires.

CBC Radio reported an emotional scene at the Edmonton airport, as Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers placed the Israelis on an Air Canada flight to Toronto, where they were forced to board an El Al jetliner to Tel Aviv.

**CANADA ASKED TO EXTRADITE
FUGITIVE WHITE SUPREMACIST**

By Gary Pogrow

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Jan. 9 (JTA) -- A fugitive member of the violent Posse Comitatus, an American anti-Semitic, white supremacist group, faces extradition from Canada after being arrested in a suburb of Vancouver, where he was a passenger in a speeding car apprehended by police.

The Rev. Al Waddell, who was a pastor of the Hope Independent Church in Tucson, Ariz., is wanted by the state of Arizona, where he escaped from authorities in 1985 before being sentenced for firearms convictions.

Waddell, who is a native Canadian from London, Ontario, faces up to 65 years in prison for making and selling silencers, for having an unregistered machine gun and for giving false information at his trial. He also faces a maximum of five years for his escape.

While a fugitive, Waddell would sometimes preach at the Lighthouse Baptist Church in Surrey, a Vancouver suburb.

According to The Vancouver Sun, the church's pastor at the time, the Rev. Gord Hagen, knew Waddell was a wanted man and knowingly sheltered him.

Hagen and Waddell were students together at the fundamentalist Bob Jones University Bible School in South Carolina, according to U.S. Marshal Lois Engstrand in Tucson.

Engstrand believes Waddell was also given sanctuary by members of the racist Aryan Nations group, which operates largely from Idaho and the province of Alberta. Posse Comitatus is tied to that and other white supremacist groups and, within that fold, the wildly anti-Semitic pseudo-religion called Christian Identity.

Engstrand said Waddell was arrested in 1988 trying to enter the United States from British Columbia, but U.S. authorities refused him entry because he did not have proper papers.

The Canadian authorities did not extradite him because he had changed his name from Gordon Edward Allen Waddell to Al Waddell, in 1967, when he became a U.S. citizen.

An Extremely Violent Group

The same man was with Waddell each time he was arrested. Both in 1988 and this time, he was accompanied by Anton Blok, owner of MONEY-GARD Security Systems International in Burnaby, British Columbia, and described by Engstrand as "some sort of follower." Blok was driving the car that was speeding when Waddell was arrested this time.

Waddell lived with Blok and did computer and advertising work for him.

The Posse Comitatus, which is Latin for "power of the county," is an extremely violent, heavily armed organization particularly known for its tax protesters, who have engaged in shoot-outs to the death with U.S. law-enforcement officials.

Posse members claim that the federal government has no authority to levy taxes. It was formed in Portland, Ore., in 1969 by a man who during the 1930s was a member of the pro-Nazi Silver Shirts.

The Posse says the local sheriff is the supreme government. Members have plotted to assassinate government officials.

Posse followers have sheltered fugitives in

armed, fortified bunkers throughout the United States.

In another development related to white supremacists, the Canadian Human Rights Commission, has finished its investigation of Canadian Liberty Net, a Vancouver-based telephone line that spreads anti-Semitic, white supremacist messages.

The report is being forwarded to senior commissioners in Ottawa, who will decide whether to hold a hearing on the matter.

**ANTI-SEMITIC TEACHER CANNOT TEACH,
BUT MAY RESUME RACIST PUBLISHING**

By Gil Kezzer

TORONTO, Jan. 9 (JTA) -- Malcolm Ross, a former teacher in Moncton, New Brunswick, has lost an appeal against an order by the province's human rights commission banishing him from the classroom because of his anti-Jewish views.

But in a decision announced last week, Justice Paul Creaghan of the New Brunswick Court of Queen's Bench did lift a gag order against Ross, allowing the former math and remedial reading teacher to resume his anti-Semitic writing and publishing.

The judgment deemed his writings a form of religious expression, protected by Canada's Constitution. Creaghan agreed that Ross' rights to freedom of expression had been limited.

"It's a partial victory," said Ross, 45, who is now in a non-teaching position with the District 15 School Board in Moncton. "It's a personal vindication."

Though an exemplary educator with 23 years experience, Ross was permanently barred from the classroom Aug. 29 by a provincial human rights panel on the basis of his anti-Semitic views.

In four books with titles like "Specter of Hate" and "Web of Deceit," he wrote that a Jewish conspiracy exists to govern the world and undermine Christianity, and that the Holocaust is a hoax. Ross, however, never espoused his views in the classroom.

In 1988, David Attis, the father of a student at the school where Ross taught, filed a complaint with the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission that Ross' school district condoned his views by employing him.

Attis said the school board was using public funding to support a racist role model and to encourage the expression of anti-Jewish sentiment in the school and the community.

The commission appointed Brian Bruce, a Fredericton, New Brunswick, law professor, to investigate the complaint.

Ross' lawyer, Douglas Christie, whose career includes defense of virtually every Canadian charged with anti-Semitic behavior, challenged the jurisdiction of the commission to hear the case. In 1990, the Supreme Court of Canada dismissed the legal challenge, allowing the one-man tribunal to proceed.

Among those to testify against Ross at hearings last year were Attis' daughter, Yona, and two of her classmates.

The New Brunswick Teachers Federation backed Ross' right to freedom of expression.

Bruce's decision was sharply critical of the school board, saying it allowed a "poisoned environment" to develop that led to discrimination against Jewish students.

At Ross' appeal, Christie called his client "a classic example of a scapegoat."